

The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

Any movement to aid farmers never fails to substantially benefit the merchant.

A well tilled farm is more valuable to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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New York Editor and Writer Visits His Spur Farm Property

Edwin J. Clapp, editor of the New York American, noted economist and writer, who recently purchased a considerable tract of Spur Farm Lands near Spur, arrived in the city Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Clapp and to view the progress made in the improvement of his farm properties.

Mrs. Clapp has been here several weeks superintending the work of improving the farm, having a residence constructed, lands cleared and prepared for planting, and supervising the many other necessary improvements for extensive farm operations.

Mr. Clapp came to Texas as a writer for the Hearst newspapers, with the object of "boosting" West Texas and persuading the Easterner to buy a home and help settle the West. No doubt, in acquiring knowledge and facts concerning this great Western Empire to impart to skeptical Easterners, he himself was the first to become a "believer" and realize the possibilities here offered, and at once invested in Spur Farm Lands. Not being in position to at once assume the responsibilities of improvement work in establishing a farm home, Mrs. Clapp volunteered to come out and manage the pioneer work.

We understand that in managing and operating the Clapp farm, an accurate record will be kept of all expenditures as well as the incomes from every source, including the amount produced from varied crops, poultry and livestock of all kinds. These records will be used in telling the outside world what can be and is actually done in agricultural pursuits of West Texas.

Trade at Home

BURL HIGHT BUILDING A NEW RESIDENCE IN SPUR

Burl Hight is having a new four or five room residence constructed on his lots in the east part of Spur, near the Adams addition. The frame of the building is already up and it will soon be completed and ready for occupancy.

The building progress of Spur is gaining such headway at this time, that it is almost impossible to keep in touch with the new buildings. One can drive over the city and day and see new foundations laid and new buildings going up in every section, both business and residence.

At the present rate of building Spur will soon be a city of five thousand population.

Trade at Home

LOST—30x3 1-2 casing and tube recently between Christian church and my home.—J. J. Albin.

A Two Million Dollar Water Project For Western Texas

AUSTIN, April 28.—A \$2,000,000 federal water power project for West Texas became a possibility today with the announcement by A. H. Dunlap of the Texas Board of Water Engineers of two proposed reservoir sites for this big undertaking on the Pecos River, 17 miles from the New Mexico boundary. The government had planned a large reservoir in New Mexico to be known as the Red Bluff reservoir, but it was discovered the project would force removal of about 20 miles of track of the Santa Fe Railroad. Other obstacles also arose.

The Texas Board of Water Engineers through Dunlap thereupon located two possible sites on the Texas side of the line. These sites, according to Dunlap, will suit the purpose of the government much better than the New Mexico locations.

The proposed reservoir would supply water for the farmers' independent project at Cedarville, the Porterville project, the Barstow project, the Big Valley and Grandfalls projects and the Imperial and Zimmerman projects, all in Crane, Ward, Pecos and Reeves counties.

Trade at Home

REV. J. PAT HORTON TO PREACH BECCA LAUREATE SERMON

FLOYDADA, April 5.—Rev. J. Pat Horton, pastor of the local First Baptist Church, has accepted an invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Spur. The Spur High School commencement exercises will be held during the week of May 12 to 18.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Happiness like gold is where you find it, and you find it not in wealth or power, but in duty well performed. You see people going east and west seeking that unexplainable something they want to call happiness, and to them it is like the gold at the end of the rainbow, ever just ahead. Some dream of childhood days and say they were carefree and happy. Others look forward to their place in life when they may amass a fortune and build a fine home and live in ease and luxury, and think that will mean happiness. Happiness should not be a condition to look back to or forward for, but an experience that is now. Happiness may be in Maine or California, but no richer mines of Happiness exist in my country than in all Texas. It's the way we live, not what we have, that causes Happiness. If we would live by the following creed, Happiness would be the inevitable result:

Creed—One of Moment
To live as gentle as I can,
To be no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill,
To cling to faith and honor still,
To do my best and let that stand,
The record of my brain and hand;
And, then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory;
To have no secret place wherein
To stoop unseen to shame or sin,
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known,
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretence or sham,
Exactly what men think I am.

Unknown.



Lee Play Suits and Unionalls, just what the Kiddies all want. We have a good stock of sizes. The children don't just want play suits, they want Lee's, America's Greatest Line.



BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Remember Bryant-Link Company, the home of Lee Play Suits.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Now, laugh and forget your imaginary troubles. The most of them are imaginary. Just think "His eyes are on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

And Then They Got Worse

The boss caught the office boy telling falsehoods.

"I'm surprised at you!" he said. "Do you know what they do with little boys who tell lies?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "When they get big enough the firm sends them out as traveling salesmen."

Timely Death

Pat—"Mike was drowned last night."

Jake—"Couldn't he swim?"

Pat—"Yes, but he was a union man; he swam for eight hours and then he quit."

Pure Seed Demonstrations By County Agen Through Courtesy Swenson Firm

S. M. Swenson and Sons, through Clifford B. Jones, has given to the County Agent a fund to be expended for the purchase of pure grain-sorghum seed for variety tests to be conducted throughout the county.

Mr. Johnson has selected twenty farmers, some in every community in the county, and these farmers will grow these improved varieties under as favorable circumstances as possible, keeping the varieties pure by separating them from other grain-sorghums.

Lucky for Johnnie

Teacher asked her class if they could compose a rhyme using the word "Nellie." Johnnie Jones, being called on, arose much embarrassed: "There was a pretty little girl named Nellie, who fell in the water and wet her little feet."

"Why, Johnnie, that don't rhyme."

"I know it doesn't. The water wasn't deep enough."—Ke-Nash-A Club News.

Couldn't Afford It

Squeezed into a corner by a fat man who sat beside him in a street car, the thin man piped: "They ought to charge by weight in these cars." "If they did, sonny," said the fat man, "you'd have to walk; they couldn't afford to stop for you."

A Close Decision

After purchasing a quart I found it corroded my zinc-lined interior, so I gave it to Al, our saddle-colored janitor. Later I asked him how he found it. He replied, "Jes right, Cap'n, jes right." "What do you mean, 'jes right'?" said I. "Well, suh, Cap'n, if it had been any better you wouldn't have given it to me, and if it had been any wusser I'd 'a' died. It was jes right."—Exchange.

Well, Where

Wife (returning home from a trip)—George, where did all those empty bottles in the cellar come from?

George—I don't know, dear. I never bought an empty bottle in my life.

Come on with the crowds, buy a new dress for \$1.00, a sack of Fanta Fany Flour made exclusively for Bryant-Link Company. You will be pleased, so will we. We like you folks.

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OLD TIME DINNER ALL DAY; PREACHING ON THE GROUND

An "old time dinner all day and preaching on the ground" will be had at Red Top school house, ten miles west of Spur, next Sunday, May 4th, preaching by M. M. Young and singing led by W. R. Lewis at eleven a. m. and at three p. m. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy this feast.

We can remember when occasions of this kind were frequent, but it has been many years since we enjoyed an old time camp meeting, where the people of the country congregated together as one big family to talk of religion, shout, sing praises and feast. We would like once more to attend a regular, old time religious camp meeting, where no formalities exist, every one entertains an inspiration of true Christian religion and gives voice and expression to his feelings. We never hear sung an old time religious song, given the old time melody, but that a feeling of exhilaration wells up within us—and like the old Confederate Soldier when he hears the old time war song—we feel like jumping up and giving the Rebel Yell.

Evolution in religion as well as in all creation may be a fact in our advancement and development, but there comes a time when we like to review and speculate on the days of Christ and His associations with men—and possibly go back to earlier days and ponder the possibilities of man in primeval forests—but like George S. Link in his weekly dissertations, we have never been able to understand why it was not as practical in the beginning to create man as monkey.

However, we know that mankind as well as the great universe, is under the direction and supervision of a Supreme Architect to whom we owe life and its possibilities, and it is meet that we should come together

on occasions and enjoy feasts temporarily and spiritually.

Trade at Home

SPUR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ATTEND STATE TRACK MEET

Roy Edmonds and Dick Davis, two of the Spur High School boys who won places in the District Track Meet recently held at Lubbock, left Spur Wednesday for Austin to enter the contests in the State Track Meet beginning May first.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds accompanied the boys to Post Wednesday where they will join other groups of boys from the plains who will also attend the state meet having won places in the various athletic contests at the recent district meet.

We are hoping that Dick Davis and Roy Edmonds will be winners in the state contest—and we believe it is in them to do it.

Trade at Home

PERRY FITE LOSES AGAIN IN FIRE AT ALBANY

News came to Spur Thursday that Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fite had again lost everything they had by fire destroying their home in Albany.

This is the fourth time they have suffered the loss of home and contents by fire, and their many friends in Spur sympathize with them in these misfortunes.

Trade at Home

MRS. LAVERTY DROPS DEAD AT HOME IN CARLSBAD, N. M.

Mrs. Laverty, mother of Frank Laverty and Mrs. L. H. Perry, of Spur, dropped dead Tuesday of last week at her home in Carlsbad, N. M. Mrs. Laverty had not been ill and her death was very unexpected, being caused by heart trouble.

Frank Laverty and L. H. Perry and daughter, Mrs. Roy Harkey, left Spur Tuesday evening for Carlsbad to attend the funeral. They will be met in Carlsbad by Mrs. Perry who is now in California with James Hill through a school term.

Will Dickens County Attend The Big Convention at Brownwood in May

It is now time for the people of Spur and Dickens county to decide whether or not we will attend the big convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Brownwood May 13, 14, and 15, participate in its proceedings and deliberations and take advantage of the opportunity offered in bringing our section of the great West before the people of other sections. Thousands of people from every section of Texas and other states will be in Brownwood on this occasion. Publicity is the greatest factor in promoting the progressive development of any town or country, and aside from the material interest we may have in the every-day work of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, an opportunity thus offered in its big annual convention should not be overlooked in bringing our own town and country into notice, further impressing the claim of being the "Biggest Little City in the World," and at least maintaining our position as a part of this great organized commercial body of West Texas.

The regular scheduled program of the convention in offering means of publicity to towns and counties includes the recognition and entertainment of a Duchess and Maid or Honor representatives of the several sections embraced in the West Texas territory; the opportunity to have a decorated float in an illuminated parade and a "Delegation Parade" in which those in attendance from each individual section are urged to participate.

Last year, while no elaborate preparations were made, Spur attracted some notice and consideration by distributing small cupey dolls with the declaration that "Spur is the Biggest Little City in the World." There is no necessity to incur a burdensome expense for an occasion of this kind. Anything out of the ordinary to attract, please and cause people to remember Spur is sufficient. We suggest having a novelty manufacturing concern make small stick pins of a "spur" bearing the inscription "Spur, the Biggest Little City of the West," and if we have a float have it decorated here at home to avoid exorbitant expenses, while probably a rated as a big Spur to conform to couple of thousand stick-pins could stick-pin mementoes. This work can be had for less than a hundred dollars. At any rate, let's be doing something at the big convention.

Trade at Home

FRESH JERSEY Milk Cow for Sale; three gallons and a pound of butter per day. Priced Right—See W. G. Johnson, the section foreman. 27-3t

Meeting To Be Held For The Proposed Panhandle and Gulf Railway

The last preliminary step in the proposed organization of the Texas, Panhandle and Gulf Railroad is to be taken Tuesday night at a meeting at Tulia, according to an announcement by Ireland Hampton, Chamber of Commerce manager.

The meeting is to be attended by members of the proposed line of the railroad from Seymour to Tucumcari. C. H. Powell, president of the railroad, formerly of Chicago and now living at Tulia, will preside. Edward J. Noonan, engineer who prepared surveys and plans for the railroad, also will be present.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Hampton, is to determine definitely what part of the preferred stock of the railroad each community will absorb.

July G. Smith, president of the Ft. Worth Elevators Company, and John N. Sparks, head of the Agricultural and Livestock Finance Corporation, and Ireland Hampton are Fort Worth citizens who will be at the meeting.

If the meeting is successful, the last step will have been taken before the final hearing to be held before the Interstate Commerce Commission. By agreement, the hearing has been postponed until October to permit the working out of financial matters, Hampton said.

Trade at Home

Eric Owsley is now walking on crutches, the result of having his knee cap knocked out of place in a match game of baseball one day the past week.

JOHN SOUTHWORTH FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

For some time it has been pretty generally known and expected on the part of his friends and the general public that John Southworth, (or "Big John" as he is more familiarly known) would be in the race for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county, and this week we are authorized to make his formal announcement for the office, subject of course to the majority vote in the Democratic primary election to be held July 26.

John Southworth is one of the "old time Westerners," in his earlier days being a cowboy on the big ranches now giving place to farmers. He knows the West and is a true Westerner. For a number of years he has been employed by the Cattle Raisers Association in looking after the cattle interests of this and other sections, and in his capacity as a special officer has performed the duties not only satisfactorily to the cattle interests but to the general public. In fact his official work has been so efficient and thorough that the "cattle rustling" of earlier days has been transferred to greener pastures.

John Southworth is qualified and fitted in every respect for a peace officer. His experience in ferreting out law violators and running down cattle thefts specially fits him for the place. He performs his duty without fear or favor, and in such manner as to be commendable and abiding on the part of the law abiding citizenship, and yet with dread on the part of the "rustler." If elected John Southworth will make Dickens county one of the best and most efficient peace officers she has ever had. He respectfully solicits the favorable consideration of every voter in the primary election, and should he be given the nomination will be on the job at all times to the end that peace, law and order shall reign supreme throughout Dickens county.

Trade at Home

Mrs. M. B. Haile, who has been making her home with Lucien Haile and family at Clarendon the past year of two, is now in Spur and will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile. Mrs. Haile has resided in Dickens county since the very early days of its settlement, and we are glad to see her return home.

Trade at Home

J. H. Hopkins suffered a stroke of paralysis last week, since which time he has been in a very critical condition, and at this time is not expected to survive.

MARRIED

Henry Simmons and Miss Rachel Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barrett, of south of Spur, were married Thursday, driving over to Dickens where the ceremony was performed without the knowledge of friends.

Mr. Simmons was formerly one of the proprietors of the Spur Auto Wrecking Company, and is a young man of business ability and integrity. The bride is from one of the very best families of the country, and a young lady of lovely character and charming personality.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending congratulations.

Farms & Ranches Get A Home Now

The O—O Ranch of Kent County is being cut up and sub-divided into farms and small ranches

COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE

See our Agent for particulars

J. H. Fulcher
SPUR, TEXAS

Facts of What Can Be Done With Cotton Mill In West Texas

During the last few years, West Texas as a whole, and some of the towns in particular, have shown a lively interest in Textile Manufacturing. The subject has been extensively discussed at several of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meetings, and has created considerable interest at meetings of Chamber of Commerce, Commercial and Luncheon Clubs throughout the entire territory from Fort Worth to the New Mexico line.

The different speakers have been very generous with their advice and information as to what can and what cannot be done. The optimist sets us on fire when he unfolds what he considers the wonderful possibilities, and just as we are beginning to visualize a long string of Textile plants scattered over these broad acres, along comes the pessimist and throws cold water on the whole proposition.

In the midst of all this discussion and debate, it is interesting to note that at Post, Garza county, there has been for twelve years and is now operating a modern, up-to-date plant, doing all that the idealist could hope for. The plant of the Postex Cotton Mills, which is the one referred to has earned an enviable reputation for high grade of its Garza bleached sheets and pillow cases, and it is worthy of note that the above Company are at the present time installing additional machinery in order to more satisfactorily take care of their customers wants.

The pioneer always has had the hardest struggle, and is the one who has to discover the safe paths and mark the trail for those who come later. The Postex Cotton Mills were the pioneers of the West Texas textile development. The first few years were hard and it took considerable courage on the part of the owners to continue the fight until such time as the business was self-supporting. Those days however have passed, Postex products today are meeting the products of some of the oldest manufacturing concerns in the East on an equal basis and are not suffering through comparison.

From the above it will be seen that not only can West Texas hold its own on the manufacturing end, but can also create a demand which forces increased schedules. The skeptical are invited to Garza county to see with their own eyes the work which is being done.

There are possibilities for Textile manufacturing in our territory. The larger the city the greater the possibilities, but even a small city can make a success of textile manufacturing if they follow the ordinary plain common sense, business rules. We have suffered somewhat from too many cooks in this textile agitation, and cooks who were inefficient. Not many of our leaders would hire a lawyer to fix a broken down automobile, or a garage man to draw up a will, but so many of our people are ready to be influenced by some one who knows little or nothing about textile manufacturing.

There are available to any community which can finance a plant, sources of information, which have had long and varied experiences in this textile game. They may not always give you the advice you would like to receive, but they will, at least give you the plain unvarnished truth, and I believe that we need a guardian for our bank accounts more than we need one for our vanity. There are dangers, yes, but not more so than in any other business enterprise. Capable, honest men given sufficient capital, and putting into a proposition the real hard work which any success calls for will guarantee results.

If our West Texas communities desire to follow the line of least resistance they had better forget cotton mills, if however, they can set their eyes on their objective and be indifferent to the wails of the crepe hangers, and move forward with grim determination to achieve results, then we say go ahead and build your mills and if your faith needs reviving come to Post and see what has been done.—Herbert Jones, mgr. Postex Mills.

Trade at Home— COTTON SEED FOR SALE

Pure Half and Half at \$2.00 per bushel, delivered in Spur, Girard, Roaring Springs, Jayton or Peacock. Am now making up orders. Send me your order at once.

Also another shipment of pure Kasch seed stored in Bryant-Link Implement building. See me. Phone 187, or Mr. W. R. Lewis, at Bryant-Link's. These seed are \$2.65 per bushel.—M. M. Young, Spur. tf

Trade at Home—
I have a complete list of all poll tax payers of Dickens county for sale at \$7.50.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 24tf

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Lonnie Hoagland by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the 1st Monday in June, A. D. 1924, the same being the 2nd day of June A. D. 1924, to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of October, A. D., 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 799, wherein Minnie Hoagland is Plaintiff, and Lonnie Hoagland is Defendant, and said petition alleging cruel treatment, imputing to plaintiff a want of chastity, being familiar with other men and being untrue to him, the said defendant, without any justification or reason, that such excesses, cruel treatment and outrages toward her are of such a nature as to render their further living together insupportable. That one child, by the name of H. L. Hoagland, aged about three years old, was born of the marriage relations existing between them.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the Court for judgment dissolving the marriage relations existing between her, the said plaintiff, and the said defendant, Lonnie Hoagland, and for the care, custody and education of said Child, the said H. L. Hoagland, for costs of court and for general relief.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, 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 26th day of April, A. D., 1924.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk District Court, Dickens County, Texas. 27-4t

Trade at Home— TAX EXEMPTION CURSE OF GOVERNMENT

In commenting on the necessity for doing away with the tax-exempt bond, the Commercial Appeal of Memphis says: "All over the country there has been a demand that no more tax-free bonds be issued. The rea-

son is plain. It is a privilege. Practically, it invites capital to seek inactive harbors.

"The country grows through industrialism. The country is great because railroads cut all through it and because there are mines, steel mills, lumber mills, factories, automobile plants, furniture factories, cotton mills and packing plants.

"Now, if these industries issue bonds they are taxed, and being taxed, they must pay a high rate of interest. The public must, therefore, pay bigger money for the products of these industries because their taxes are high.

"The public pays the taxes on the so-called untaxed bonds. The government needs money to run. The holder of an untaxed bond pays nothing. A producer who pays an income tax makes up the deficit along with buyers using taxed products.

"Under the present system certain securities are escaping taxation. This thing has cursed governments from the beginning. It is the first start of privilege."

It is remarkable the length of time Congress can resist this tax reform which is so necessary to equalize present day tax burdens.

—Plant Less Cotton—
LOST—30x3 1-2 casing and tube recently between Christian church and my home.—J. J. Albin.

BANKING PUBLICITY

This paper has long maintained that advertising for banks is as important to them as it is to any other business. The correctness of this view seems to be established in the advertising campaign now being formulated by Texas bankers in an effort to bring about a better relationship between our farmers and our banking institutions.

We know of no movement inaugurated by the bankers of Texas, within their history, that will have such a far-reaching effect as this campaign. There is no disposition among banks not to advertise, but it seems that their efforts have not been concerted.

The messages to be run in this campaign will surely give a better understanding of the banks functions, their true relations to the community, and will give a clearer idea of their usefulness in the promotion of better agricultural conditions, as well as a more orderly marketing of crops.

Finally this method of advertising will coordinate and strengthen all local advertising done by the banks. We consider this movement another step forward.

—Trade at Home—
WANTED—to rent two nice furnished rooms, for light house keeping. Three in family. Call B. C. Ashby, at The Texas Spur Office.

Chas. McLaughlin, of McAdoo, was among the visitors in Spur Monday of this week. Since retiring from the head of county governmental affairs Judge McLaughlin has become a prosperous and extensive agriculturist on the plains of Dickens county. We consider the position of producer of the world's needs one of the greatest callings of men today.

Trade at Home—

R. C. Forbis came down from his Afton ranch, spending Sunday and Monday in Spur with his family. He has a number of cattle on the ranch at this time, reporting grass fine and cattle fattening in a most satisfactory manner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones left last week after spending several days in Spur with their son, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones. There is no man of the country more generally loved and respected than Chas. A. Jones. He is a man of the highest qualifications in business and social life; one who has endured hardships and "hard-tack" but kept climbing—and yet he is big enough and broad enough to greet those of obscure place or those of high position, on the same ground. Chas. A. Jones is a real man anywhere you meet him—and Clifford B. Jones is a "chip off the old block."

—Plant Less Cotton—
BUY AND BUILD IN SPUR

Mother's Day

SUNDAY
May 11th



MOTHER'S Day awakens fond memories and sweet sentiments. Prompts the desire to give expression by some token, of your love for HER who was ever your counselor and guide. Gladden the heart of MOTHER with a box of



CHOCOLATES
FOR AMERICAN QUEENS

Nothing more appropriate or appreciated than King's Chocolates. These candies are delicious. And they are packed in such beautiful boxes, with decorations which reflect the sentiment of Mother's Day.

Drop in and place your advance orders NOW. Candy sent by Parcel Post to any address.

SPUR DRUG COMPANY
SPUR, TEXAS



A REDUCTION SALE

—there's only one price for real protection. However, if you will come in and have a talk with us, we may be able to recommend changes or improvements which will reduce your rate and save you Money—No Obligations.

Clemmons Insurance Agency
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.

Industrial Salvation Depends On Establishing Cotton Mills In Texas

DALLAS, April 24.—The industrial salvation of the Southwest lies in the development of cotton goods mills in Texas—such is the conclusion reached by the Industrial Relations committee of the Dallas Manufacturers Association after a careful survey of Textile fabrication possibilities in the State. Furthermore, Texas can become the foremost cotton goods manufacturing center in the world, the committee believes, if her citizens will take advantage of present opportunity.

A report submitted to the association discloses that there are now twenty-three mills in the state operating approximately 200,000 spindles and consuming 120,000 bales of cotton annually. These factories furnish employment to 4500 operatives and, at present machinery cost, represent a capital investment of \$15,000,000.

An accurate estimate of the value in dollars and cents of the cotton piece goods produced is impossible, the report continues, but it may be said that the cloth is worth approximately double the worth of the staple cotton, when cotton sells at from 25 to 30 cents per pound. One interesting feature of the price analysis is that fully 65 per cent of the increase goes for labor, and, therefore, a mill is a factor in strengthening the buying power of any community.

Outside capital has built only one cotton mill in Texas, and all the plants now operating, with this exception, have been made possible by the faith of Texans.

There is hardly a community in the Southwest that could not profitably organize a cotton mill. Texas towns, however, should look with disfavor upon any plan of organization where 10 cents out of every dollar does not go into machinery, buildings or material.

An interesting comparison of production is that existing between Texas and North Carolina, the South's leading cotton goods state. North Carolina has 425 mills with 5,281,000 spindles and consumes at least 200,000 more bales of cotton annually than the entire state produces. Texas on the other hand, fabricates only 3 per cent of her staple.

Textile fabrication began in Texas in a very small way more than a quarter of a century ago. Growth has been slow but substantial. At the beginning of 1924 plants were in operation in the following Texas cities: Belton, making hosiery yarn; Bonham, sheetings; Brenham, duck; Corsicana, duck; Cuero, duck; Dallas, duck and osnaburgs; Denison, duck; Gonzales, duck; Hillsboro, duck; Houston, camel-hair cloth; Itasca, ratines; Kingsville, yarns; McKinney, cottonades; New Braunfels, gingham; Post, sheetings; San Antonio, osnaburgs and wide duck; Sherman, duck; Waco, denims and twine; Waxahatchie, duck; West, duck.

In addition to these, El Paso is now building a mill of 5,000 spindles. Dallas has a new \$1,000,000 plant that has just begun operation with 10,000 spindles. Mexia is organizing a mill with 5,000 spindles. Houston reports a large blanket mill under way.

The Dallas Manufacturers Association is ready to cooperate with every city and town in the state in a campaign for more mills. Dallas plants are now operating 26,000 spindles. Houston has the largest single plant in the state. The cotton mill, however, is not necessarily a city institution. In the Southwestern states scores of towns of from 1500 to 2000 people owe their very existence to a cotton mill. How much more favorable, then, is the situation in the Southwest where we grow nearly one-half of the American supply of cotton.

Every village, town or city in this state will do well to investigate its local possibilities. In the train of the cotton mill perhaps fifty smaller allied industries. These manufacturing plants will spring up of their own accord when the textile mill has arrived.

One of the crying needs of Texas today, according to mill operators, is a dying and finishing plant. Virtually all Southwestern mills make only the coarser grades of cloth. With a well pointed finishing plant in operation their field of activity can be quadrupled at small cost.

If Texans will put their shoulder to the wheel the next decade will see this state supplying all grades of cotton cloth to the entire world.

The Dallas Manufacturers Association maintains a service bureau for the benefit of the people of Texas. Information as to where any article made in the Southwest can be purchased will be supplied on request.

Trade at Home
BUY AND BUILD IN SPUR

HAPHAZARD FARMING OUT OF DATE

An Iowa County Agent described the real cause of most of the agricultural distress as follows:

Most of us have been so busy watching the up grade movement of high prices of land that we have forgotten almost all the fundamental principles that underlie farm value. While we want and hope that our land will be high priced, we do not want it to be so high priced that it will not bring fair returns. The value of produce from our land is the thing of supreme importance to every farmer and every land owner. A very considerable bit of serious thought must be given to carrying on of production in the business of farming. Haphazard methods of farming, waste land, poor seed, inferior stock, all must go by the board if we are going to succeed in this new and large venture of high priced land. The methods of our fathers and grandfathers can not possibly be used for successful results. We must use our most modern methods and must discover and plan new things if our success is to be maintained. The scrub must be relegated to the scrap heap the same as the horse-power threshing machine and old reaper. This is no idea that has been hatched in a pipe dream or in idealism but in cold facts that stare us in the face. It is for us to go to work and plan out for ourselves the things that are going to put the best stock and best equipment on our farms and to make them produce interest on their valuation.

Plant Less Cotton
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. King, who have been spending the past year visiting with their daughter in Dallas and other relatives at Childress, returned this week to Spur where they will again make their home with their son, A. L. King.

Plant Less Cotton
FOR SALE—Residence at a bargain. See Brazelton Lumber Company, Spur. Trade at Home. 25tf

PONY LOST—On April 7th left my place in Spur, one bay pony branded L—D on left shoulder, coming four years old, weight about 700 pounds, was kept on Cannon ranch last year, but was raised on West Pasture of Spur Ranch. Any information leading to the recovery of this pony will be gladly received and promptly paid for.—M. M. Young, Spur, Texas. 25 2t

PEDDY-MAYFIELD ELECTION TRIAL SET FOR MAY 8TH

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Public investigation of the Texas senatorial election of November, 1922, will be started May 8 by the Senate Election Subcommittee under a decision reached today after preliminary arguments had been made by counsel for Senator Mayfield and George E. B. Paddy, the contestant.

Counsel for Paddy had asked that the hearings be opened next Monday, but the committee decided that witnesses could not be brought here by that time.

In deciding to conduct public hearings, the committee rejected a proposal by W. F. Zumburn of Kansas City, counsel for Mayfield, that the case be decided on the law with respect to the ballots which Paddy contends were illegal.

Preliminary arguments were heard today by the subcommittee. Zumburn expressed a willingness to submit the question of the legality of the contested ballots.

Luther Nickels of Dallas, counsel for Paddy, said the position of the contestant was that the contested ballots would have to be counted out under the Texas election law. He added that the main defects were the stamping, typewriting and the writing in of Mayfield's name on the ballots by persons other than the voters themselves.

Nickels also contended that if illegal and excessive expenditures in the primary contest in Texas were established, Mayfield could not be entitled to his seat, as his name could not legally have been placed on the ballot in the general election.

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HAMLIN WILL VOTE ON HIGHWAY BONDS

HAMLIN, April 28.—Much interest is being manifested over the road bond election to be held here May 3. If the voters cast a favorable ticket \$500,000 will be available for the construction of good roads over the northern side of the county. The indications now are that the bonds will carry.

SISTER CITY ALSO BUILDING AND ENJOYING PROSPERITY

A press dispatch from Crosbyton states that the city council has let a contract for the paving of 11 blocks of brick paving to Valliant & Toomey of Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$50,000. Clayton Carter, mayor of Crosbyton, states that work will begin in the next 30 days.

People are optimistic, looking forward to a bumper crop. The merchants of the town are prosperous. Contractors are swamped with contracts for residence and business buildings.

All of the boundless West, and especially that portion surrounding the Great Spur territory, is blossoming, blooming and prospering, and her towns building, progressing and developing into real cities. The day is rapidly approaching when West Texas will be recognized as an Empire within itself.


Sideache Backache

"I have been taking Cardui," says Mrs. Lillie Bolton, of Lake Providence, La. "I got down in bad health and lost in weight until I only weighed 120 pounds. I had bad pains in my sides and back and my legs hurt me until I couldn't walk. I stayed in bed half the time. I tried all kinds of medicine, but it did me no good. Finally I tried

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W. B. COMBEST, Cottle County

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ROBT. REYNOLDS
S. L. DAVIS
O. C. ARTHUR (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
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M. L. JONES
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JOHN SOUTHWORTH

For Tax Assessor:
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W. S. LEACH
T. J. HARRISON

For County Treasurer:
C. H. PERRY (Re-election)
MRS. H. P. COLE
JOHN Q. TERRY

For County Judge:
H. A. C. BRUMMETT (Re-election)

For County Attorney:
B. G. WORSWICK (Re-election)
W. E. LESSING

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3:
G. W. RASH

For Public Weigher, Precinct 2:
W. O. FORNEY
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W. H. NICHOLS

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3:
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R. E. SLOUGH

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O. C. NEWBERRY (Re-election)
W. F. HAMMACK

For County Commissioner, Precinct 3:
G. A. SLOAN (Re-election)

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For Constable, Precinct 1:
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For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1:
E. L. HARKEY

KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
WILL H. SMITH
Trade at Home

E. F. HALL DIED TUESDAY
AFTER PROLONGED ILLNESS

E. F. Hall died Tuesday morning, April 29th, after an illness of several weeks, his remains being interred Wednesday in the Spur cemetery. Mr. Hall suffered of a throat trouble, with other complications. He was carried to Lubbock to a specialist, remaining under his treatment a week or more, but without material benefit. After coming home, and under the treatment of home physicians, he became very much improved. In fact, on the day of his death, he apparently had greatly improved; his heart action being better than usual and was thought to be almost normal. It is thought that the cause of death at the time was from the bursting of an abscess which had formed.

The funeral procession was one of the largest that has ever been had in Spur. The funeral services were held at the home. The room was filled with flowers, and at the cemetery the grave was banked with floral offerings. E. F. Hall was universally liked. He had no enemies. He had been in business in Spur a number of years, and in paying a last tribute the business houses were closed during the funeral hour.

We join the many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Trade at Home

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our good friends of the Spur Country for their kind deeds and tender sympathy during the recent illness and death of our father, Wheeler Lee. Specially we thank from the depths of our hearts those of our good friends, who left their places of business and came to Rochester to pay their last respects to the deceased. And for their beautiful floral offerings.

Time alone can heal our wounds—but if it were not for the sympathy and consolation of real friends in sad hours like this, it would be a cold world, indeed.

Our heart's desire and prayer to God is that you may be blest with such friends in your hour of grief. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee.

Plant Less Cotton

Miss Bernice Tidwell is spending this week with relatives and friends at Rul and other points.

Plant Less Cotton

C. A. Jones, of the Duncan Flat community, was in Spur Friday of this week, greeting friends. He reports the country in fine shape in his section.

Trade at Home

BUY AND BUILD IN SPUR

PLANTING TIME IS HERE

We still have a few P & O Lister Planters left, better get one before they are all gone. We also have a complete stock of Cultivators, Go-Deviils and all kinds of Farm Implements and Hardware. We also have a complete stock of Furniture, Coffins and Undertakers Supplies.

SEE US FOR SPECIAL CASH PRICES ON FURNITURE

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Many New Brick Business Houses
Now Under Construction in Spur

We have been in Spur since its creation. In the beginning we knew that it was destined to become not only a mere commercial center of a small trade territory, but a real city and trade center and supply point for a vast and rich territory.

The substantial building progress now in evidence confirms more than words these first speculations and impressions. In fact it is a realization of the early convictions of many.

At the present time there are nine new brick business houses under construction. The largest and most elaborate and expensive of these is the C. Hogan and Dr. Hale buildings covering two entire lots and which will be divided into five separate business places. The C. Hogan business establishment will be one of the most modern of the entire country in a structure for a department store, containing a basement, ladies' rest room and departments for the varied stocks. The front will have specially designed show windows of plate glass and hardwood finishings. The furnishings will be of the latest type and the outside structure will be of faced brick. The several stores will be occupied by the Spur Drug Store, the Central Market, a grocery store and barber shop. This single structure of store buildings would be a credit to Fort Worth or Dallas.

L. N. Riter is having two bricks constructed, one of which is two story the upper story being constructed by the Knights of Pythias Lodge. The lower floors will be occupied by the C. A. Love grocery, and by the Riter Hardware Company.

J. E. Keller is making an extension of sixty or seventy feet to his brick building now occupied by the Riter Hardware Company, which will continue to be used by the company in addition to the new building going up on Harris street.

D. H. Sullivan is having a brick constructed adjoining his grocery business, and which we understand, will be occupied by a bakery to be put in by Mr. Farmer of Ralls.

E. L. Caraway is having a brick addition constructed to his filling station on the corner of Fifth street and Burlington avenue.

Other buildings for which plans are already being made, and which will be under construction before the fall months, is a Ford Service Station to be constructed by Godfrey & Smart, to cover two entire lots on the corner of Sixth street and Burlington avenue.

Love Dry Goods Company contemplate a brick on lots between the Wendell building and Nichols Sanitarium.

Bryant-Link Company have already made plans and will let the contract at an early date for two bricks facing on Harris street to take care of their big stocks, one of which will be occupied by their furniture department to be added, and the other to relieve the congestion of the three buildings already occupied.

William Calvin Ramsey, is maturing plans and employing an architect to superintend the construction of a drive in filling station and garage to cover three lots on the north side of Harris street. His plans, when carried out, will give Spur one of the finest stations and garages west of Fort Worth.

The Texas Spur, seeing all of this building and knowing of the contemplated buildings, can not stay behind the improvement progress, therefore we, too, are endeavoring to make the necessary arrangements to build us a brick on the lot where the bakery was recently burned. Because of recent additions to our printing equipments more room is necessary. And then, too, we want to be in position

to add double-deck presses and be prepared to issue a daily paper in a short time at the present rate of building progress.

Trade at Home

DAN HOGAN IS DEAD

Sunday, April 20th, Dan Hogan died in Ralls where he had been making his home the past several years. Dan made his home in Spur in the earlier days, and is well known throughout the country.

Dan Hogan was an Irishman, and had no relatives in this country. He came to America when a young man. Over in Ireland the old custom still prevails wherein the eldest son becomes the head of the family and heirs all the property. Dan was accidentally a younger son in his family, and upon the death of his father, an older brother inherited the estate. His sister-in-law, it is said was disposed to be hard on the younger boys. As a consequence Dan decided to get out from under the unsatisfactory relations, and took passage on a steamer bound for America. After stowing his worldly possessions on board the ship, Dan decided to get a little revenge for the manner in which he had been treated, for his satisfaction in America, therefore just before the ship sailed he quietly slipped out and gave his sister-in-law a few jolts in return for those received by him, leaving old Ireland for Free America.

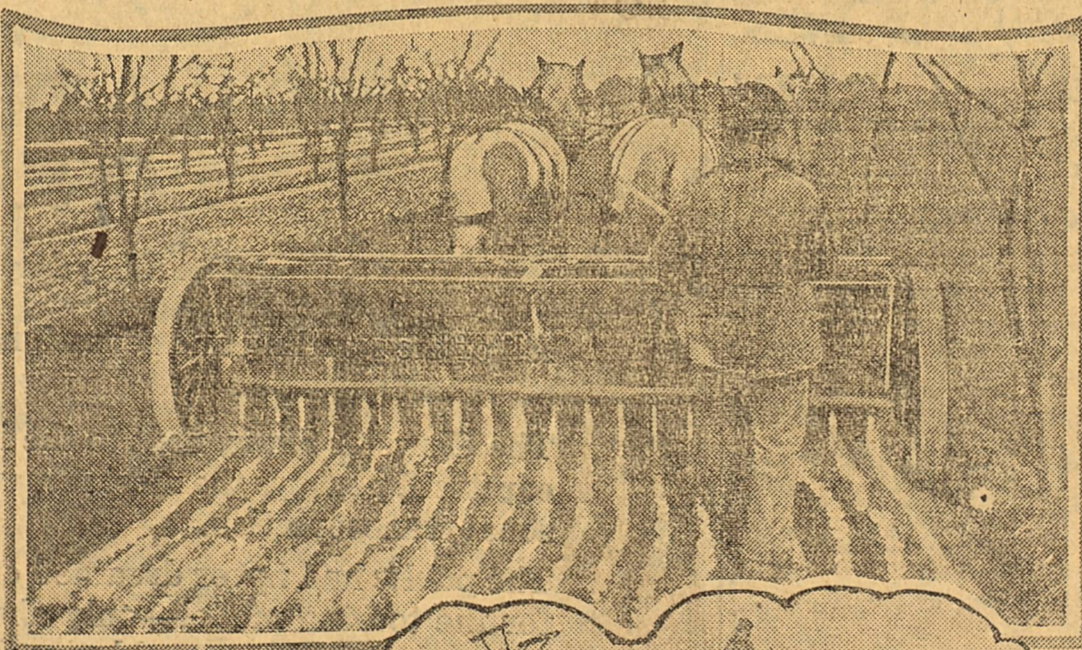
Dan may have had his faults and weaknesses, but he had a heart of gold, and was a "man for all that."

Trade at Home

The Cash Variety Store is giving away a \$6.50 cast aluminum tea kettle each Saturday at 4 p. m., a \$1.00 purchase gets a chance at it. If you can't be in the store Saturday afternoon, watch next week's paper and see who the lucky customer is. As soon as the tea kettle is given away we will begin to give chances for one that is to be given next Saturday.

We have one of the best stocks of Variety Goods in West Texas. And our prices are right. J. T. McCULLOCH, Proprietor.

Farmers Are Good Pay, Extensive
Holder of Farm Mortgages Says,
Citing Infrequent Foreclosures

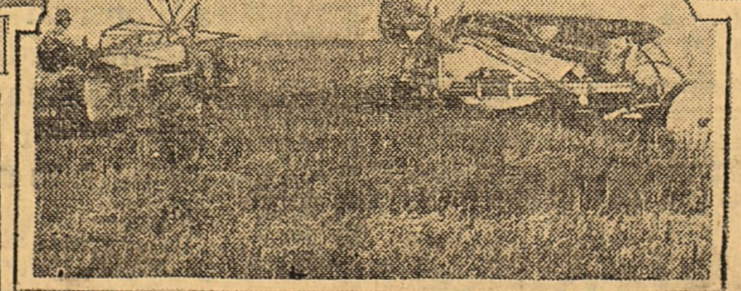


FERTILIZING
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The farmers who have made use of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's farm loan division represent twenty-five states, and the total area on which mortgages are held (approximately 3,750,000 acres), would constitute a plot of land the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

These farm investments on December 31, 1923, totaled \$142,344,374.97. Of this amount \$45,313,000 was loaned last year, according to a statement recently issued by Robert Lynn Cox, Second Vice-President, and head of the Metropolitan's farm loan division.

The extent of the crop production of 3,750,000 acres (covered under mortgages to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company) is indicated by the fact that if only 30 per cent. of the acreage were put in corn, the annual production, figuring 35 bushels to the acre, at an average price of 65 cents, would make a return of \$25,593,750.00.



RICE GROWING IN ARKANSAS

Loans are made in the best agricultural sections of Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other states, chiefly in the central, northwestern and southwestern territory. Despite widely current reports of the serious situation facing farmers, it is a noticeable fact that Mr. Cox reports only 45 foreclosures pending out of 18,648 mortgages. Only eight farms have been placed in foreclosure in Min-

nesota and four of these were subsequently reclaimed. According to Mr. Cox, a realization of the economic hope of the American farmer, long deferred, is now in sight. "The farmer," he said, "is getting at last his chance to share largely in bringing about better economic conditions in the world, and I am sure he will not disappoint those who believe we can look to rural surroundings for the development of our best citizenship."

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COURT UPHOLDS PATENT SALE

U. S. Suit Against Chemical Foundation Dismissed by Judge Morris.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE FAILS

Conduct of Chemical Foundation Praised in Use of Former German Patents for Benefit of American People.

Wilmington, Del.—In a sixty-two page decision which swept away every one of the Government's major contentions as being without basis in fact or law, Federal Judge Hugh M. Morris dismissed its suit to set aside the sale of seized chemical and dye patents by the Allen Property Custodian to the Chemical Foundation, Inc.

The decision rebuked the Government for including in the bill of complaint a series of conspiracy charges unsupported by evidence at the trial and refuted by the defense as well as by documents filed by the Government.

In declining to compel the Foundation to restore the disputed patents, numbering some 4,700 and bought for \$271,000, from the Government, Judge Morris held there was no evidence bearing out allegation of a conspiracy by American manufacturers to effect a monopoly through the Foundation. The court ruled that there was no evidence of fraud or deceit practiced on President Wilson, Mr. Polk, Under Secretary of State, Attorney General Palmer and other high officials of that Administration.

Garvan's Course Upheld
The opinion praised Francis P. Garvan, president of the Foundation, and its trustees, as having met the most severe of tests in their conduct of the Foundation—"the test of actual trial." They were declared by the court to afford, through their high integrity and unquestioned patriotism, a thorough assurance of loyalty to their trust. "It has kept the faith," said the court of the Foundation's work.

Judge Morris found without merit the Government's contention that the criminal laws were violated in that Mr. Garvan, as Allen Property Custodian and thereby a public trustee, sold to himself as president or the Foundation the patents in question. He had acted by direction of President Wilson and his acts, supervised by the President under the latter's wide war powers granted by Congress, could not be brought to court. Congress had not delegated legislative powers to President Wilson, as maintained by the plaintiff, and the courts could not pass judgment on the wisdom or lack of wisdom of Presidential war acts.

Judge Morris recited that although Colonel Thomas R. Miller, present Custodian, who had approved two of the sales involved, verified the complaint, in his testimony he admitted that he could not enumerate any of the facts alleged to have been withheld and suppressed from him.

"In view of this testimony and the obvious fact that the power to charge persons with fraud and conspiracy is a weapon with which serious remedial injury may be done to innocent persons if such charges are lightly made, it is difficult to understand why the specific charges to which the foregoing testimony relates were made," wrote the court. "Yet the remaining like charges were equally lacking in evidential support. In fact, at the argument, the plaintiff seemed no longer to press these charges against the persons alleged to be conspirators, but it sought to have the charges sustained as against the officers of the Government who formulated and carried out in the public interest the plan of sale. . . . While I know of no case where by implication of law the duty of clearing itself from imputed fraud rests upon the defendant, yet the defendant has met even this burden."

Holds Wilson Had Full Power
While the Trading With the Enemy Act at first merely authorized custodianship of German properties in this country, it was later amended, recalled the Court, to give power of sale under such conditions as the President, in the public interest, should determine upon. In effect, this made the President, as agent of the nation, possessed of powers as broad as though he were absolute owner of the seized properties. Under the provisions of the act, the President was empowered to make any conditions of sale he considered necessary in the circumstances.

The sales in dispute were not made by the Custodian in his capacity as a common-law trustee, but under the extraordinary powers devolving upon him as the President's representative, under the additional sections of the act. "Because a trustee with only the usual powers may not ordinarily sell trust property at private sale for less than its fair monetary value, it by no means follows that the Custodian, acting under supervision and direction of the President, may not do so," held the Court. "Obviously, the primary purpose of the act was the protection of the nation, not the benefit of the enemy. The trust was for the benefit of the nation—a public, not a private trust. The statute re-

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J. P. WILKES & SON, SPUR, TEXAS

R. M. Hamby and wife, of Dickens, returned the first of the week from Marlin where they have been spending the past several weeks. While in Spur Friday, Mr. Hamby came in to thank us for being so nice to him by mailing him the paper while away. This mailing business is becoming of much greater consideration since adding hundreds of new names recently. However, we hope soon to get all the names properly placed and the paper going to each.

Newt Cravey was in town Friday, and in conversation with him he stated that this fall he intended to use both his shot gun and rifle in keeping up with the hunters on his way. He stated that for several years he had been petting and preserving the birds on his place, but that those who passed his way, picked them off without proper regard, therefore he would also disregard the proprieties and do some shooting also. The fact is that it is not right to "slay" birds, nor to go on one's place who objects and kill them. The quail is of great value to a place, and they should not be destroyed.

Mrs. J. E. Renfroe and Mrs. M. P. Renfroe were in from their ranch homes Wednesday, informing us that they were going out to Sonora where summer breezes are already blowing and where plenty wild game may be

seen from every mountain top. They will be gone several weeks. We envy them the trip, but it may be possible for us to get away this summer and enjoy one week down on the creek or out in the mountains.

H. C. Cravey was in the city the latter part of this week from his home over on Red Mud. Mr. Cravey is one of the very first settlers of this country. He is one of the very best men not only of the West but of the world. He is a man who cherishes no animosities, is strictly honest, will walk miles to accommodate a friend or pay a debt. He never betrays a friend or fails to meet an obligation.

Messrs. Chisom and Jackson, of Amarillo, and district distributors of Hudson-Essex cars, were in Spur one day this week conferring with the local agency and helping to introduce these cars in this territory.

Mrs. Roy Harkey and father, L. H. Perry, returned the first of the week from Carlsbad, New Mexico, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Perry's mother, Mrs. Laverty, who died suddenly of heart trouble last week.

D. C. Hubbard returned this week with relatives and friends. He has

from Aurora, Missouri, where he has been spending the past several weeks been undecided as to whether or not he would continue his position as manager of Spur Produce Company. Mr. Hubbard is recognized as one of the best produce men of this Western country, and we would like to see him continue at the head of the business here and help in maintaining a produce market in Spur second to none in all of Western Texas.

In making the announcement last week of the death of Miss Willie Mae Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young, the Texas Spur erred in stating that blood poison was the cause of death. Her death resulted from gangrene and not blood poison infection, caused by a clot forming in one of the large blood vessels in the upper part of the limb, thus stopping circulation of sufficient blood to preserve the life of the limb. Had the obstruction formed lower down instead of at the base of the limb, amputation would have been possible in an effort to save her life. The broken bones at the ankle, sustained in an automobile accident, had been properly set and treated by Dr. Nichols at the Nichols Sanitarium, and no infection whatever developed from the wounds. It is not known what formed the clot or obstruction in the artery above the wounds, but it is possible that it, too, was caused by other injuries sustained in the accident.

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The Great Boundless West Is Now Building, Blooming and Prospering

A press dispatch from Crosbyton states that the city council has let a contract for the paving of 11 blocks of brick paving to Vallient & Toomey of Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$50,000. Clayton Carter, mayor of Crosbyton, states that work will begin in the next 30 days.

People are optimistic, looking forward to a bumper crop. The merchants of the town are prosperous. Contractors are swamped with contracts for residence and business buildings.

All of the boundless West, and especially that portion surrounding the Great Spur territory, is blossoming, blooming and prospering, and her towns building, progressing and developing into real cities. The day is rapidly approaching when West Texas will be recognized as an Empire within itself.

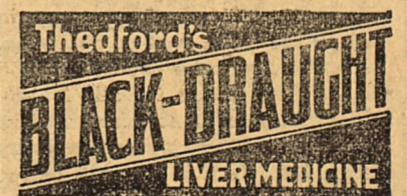
Putting It Up to Mother.
George is in the habit of excusing all his faults by putting up a good argument to mother. But he is not quite so lucky with dad, who has to be away from home much of the time.

Dad sentenced him to an afternoon in the house for some misdemeanor. After he had gone, George put his arms around mother's neck and said: "Mother, won't you explain to daddy that boys like me need a lot of fresh air?"

HAMLIN WILL VOTE ON HIGHWAY BONDS

HAMLIN, April 28.—Much interest is being manifested over the road bond election to be held here May 3. If the voters cast a favorable ticket \$500,000 will be available for the construction of good roads over the northern side of the county. The indications now are that the bonds will carry.

Trade at Home
Plant Less Cotton



THE TEXAS SPUR IS THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF SPUR WITH HIGH GRADE COMMERCIAL RINTING; WITH QUICK SERVICE—PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

WEST TEXAS C. OF C. TO MEET IN BROWNWOOD MAY 13, 14, 15

The sixth annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be held in Brownwood, May 13, 14 and 15.

A big auditorium is being built specially for this occasion, and the convention is expected to be the biggest ever yet held.

For local entertainment, a letter to Mr. C. H. Jones states, there will be opportunities for dancing, even one large platform where followers of the old time "square dance" will be in their glory; and for young people who want something more modern "that'll be there" too. There will be base ball games, fine races, both horses and automobiles, swimming, trap-shooting, wrestling bouts, and an entire fleet of airplanes to thrill the most dormant. At least fifty bands will be there, and a concert will be given by them en-masse. The usual parades and decorated vehicles will be in evidence.

Brownwood announces that the "latch-string" hangs outside, and the town will be wide open for all—and we all intend to be there.

\$13 PROBABLE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT NEXT YEAR

AUSTIN, April 5.—County school depositories and city and county superintendents were advised Saturday by Prof. S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, of the final apportionment of \$3 per capita of the school fund for this scholastic year has been made and thereby breaking all previous records for the past 10 years.

This completes the \$12 per capita apportionment for this scholastic year.

The present condition of the school fund indicates that the per capita apportionment for 1924-1925 should not be less than \$13 and that at least \$2 of this per capita may be paid to the schools during the first week of September. This will be the first time in the history of the State when the schools will be able to open with a cash balance in the depositories.

"This satisfactory condition is largely due to the fact that no part of the income of the present year has been used for the purchase of free textbooks. The schools have been supplied during 1923-1924 by the transfer of surplus books and the use of the balance on hand to the credit of the textbook fund Sept. 1, 1923."

THE FREIGHT DIFFERENTIAL STILL UNSETTLED

The following letter from Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to Judge F. N. Oliver, is self explanatory with reference to freight differentials still maintained by the railways:

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 21st and have carefully noted what you say with reference to the continued charging, by the Wichita Valley Railway Company, of differentials on freight shipped between points on its line west of Sagerton, on the one hand, and points outside of the State, on the other hand."

"Replying regret to say that the situation is the same now as it was when I last wrote you, on August 21 last year; that is, that the company has never abolished the differentials on interstate traffic, as it did on state traffic in pursuance of our order."

"I do not know that your people would make any headway towards getting these differentials abolished on interstate traffic, by filing a suit in the Federal Court, but, as I stated to you in my last letter, the proper tribunal for you to appeal to, as we see it, would be the Interstate Commerce Commission. In view of the earnings of the railway company, the Texas Commission felt justified in abolishing the differentials on state shipments, but the Interstate Commerce Commission alone would have authority to remove them on Interstate commerce."

"You, of course, understand that the Texas Commission's authority in no way extends to interstate shipments. I would be glad if there was some way I could assist you."

With best wishes, I am
Very truly yours,
CLARENCE E. GILMORE,
Chairman."

BUY GIN IN SPUR

Early Long, an experienced gin man of Balis, this week purchased the Milligan gin in Spur, and will move with his family to Spur at an early date and take charge of the business and have it in readiness for operation this fall.

Homer Shrimpsheer, barber for the Simpskin shop, underwent an operation Tuesday for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium.

G. H. Snider is making a considerable addition to his home in the north part of the city.

W. W. Sample, of Spur, and J. H. Sample, of Matador, were called to Temple this week on account of the death of a relative.

We solicit heavy quilts, blankets, rugs, etc., to launder. Nothing too big or too little for us to take care of.—Haskell Laundry.

W. F. Hammack, of Afton, returned this week from Anson where he attended the funeral of B. C. Bartley who died suddenly of heart trouble.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. Robt. Nickles, of near McAdoo, was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Friday of last week where she underwent an operation. Mr. Nickles has been spending the week here with Mrs. Nickles and reports her doing nicely and recovering at this time.

Trade at Home—
W. M. Stovall, now of Canadian, was recently greeting friends in Spur. He reports conditions good in the Canadian country, especially with respect to cattle interests.

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When in Need of Anything for Your Car, Call on

MOTOR HOSPITAL

You Will Receive Courteous and Dependable Service. We are Equipped to Recondition any Motor. We know Enough About Welding to Guarantee it. Batteries Charged—Tires Changed—Cars Washed

Free Road Service Within Ten Mile Radius of Spur

PHONE 191
MOTOR HOSPITAL

Grandma Jenkins has been sick of measles the past several days, but we are glad to note that she is now improving after a prolonged illness. Grandma had almost recovered from the measles when she suffered a relapse.

Trade at Home—

W. R. Ferrell, who is now living near Brownsfield, was in Spur last week meeting with his friends here. Mr. Ferrell moved out to the Brownsfield section the first of the year, having purchased a tract of land and which he is now improving and putting into cultivation. However, his move to the Brownsfield country is only temporary, since he owns a fine farm home here and which he has no desire to dispose of at this time. There are a number of Dickens county citizens who have purchased lands and moved out on the West Plains, and from all accounts they are well pleased with the country.

Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cobb, of Dickens, were in Spur Monday. Mrs. Cobb was shopping while Clifford was meeting friends and interviewing voters in furthering his candidacy for clerk.

Trade at Home—

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday of this week on business, spending several hours here.

Trade at Home—

Robt. Reynolds, of Croton, was among the number of candidates campaigning in Spur Monday. Mr. Reynolds is after the clerk's office and is working on the job.

Trade at Home—

Dr. T. H. Blackwell was over one day the first of the week from Dickens, spending some time here meeting with friends.

Trade at Home—

L. H. Perry, Frank Laverty and Mrs. Roy Harkey left Wednesday of last week for Carlsbad, New Mexico, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Laverty who died suddenly at her home in Carlsbad.

Trade at Home—

Girl babies were born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Witt and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinett at the Nichols Sanitarium. Both couples were married at the same date, and the babies were born within a few hours of each other, these being their first born.

Trade at Home—

W. S. Campbell, S. J. Ousley, Tracy Gorham, E. L. Caraway and others returned the first of the week from business trip to Dallas and other points. All these gentlemen are automobile salesmen except W. S. Campbell, who stated he intended to attend a convention of furniture dealers, but whom we suspect made the trip more especially to view and select a limousine in which to enjoy the summer vacation months. All the salesmen represent standard, high-grade cars, therefore the victim was in good hands and couldn't go wrong.

Trade at Home—

A. Lollar, of east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week. He reports fine rains over his section and an ideal season for all planting and farming needs at this time. The prospects prevailing now in every section indicate that this will be the most productive year the Spur country has ever known.

Trade at Home—

BUY AND BUILD IN SPUR

ALUMNI BANQUET

The fourth annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Dickens High School was held at the Hotel Dickens the evening of April 26th.

A white and orchid color scheme made an appropriate and lovely motif for the rooms and table, the plans being supervised by Mrs. W. G. Crego and Miss Edelle Harkey. A program was given by Mrs. R. C. Littlefield and Messrs. Frank Speer, H. A. C. Brummett, Fred Arrington and Woola Street.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames, W. G. Crego, H. A. C. Brummett, R. C. Littlefield, Bryan Speer; Misses Pauline Harris, Helen Meadors, Mildred Crabtree, Alla B. Goen, Bessie Wayne Jackson, Ouida Middleton, Anna Lusk, Kate and Zelma Blair, Ollie Phifer, Zada Gunn, Virginia Worswick, Beryl and Edelle Harkey, Ermal and Gladys Payne, Messrs. Frank and Pat Speer, Raleigh Middleton, Sam Koonsman, Cullen Payne, Guy Goen, Victor Crabtree, L. D. Bilberry, Conley Smith, Fred Arrington, Woola Street, and Frances Jackson.—Reporter.

Trade at Home—

W. B. Bennett passed through Spur Monday in returning home from his regular preaching appointment at Midway. Brother Bennett, stated that while he never campaigned in connection with his preaching, but that he intended soon to start out in real earnest on his campaign to become the next tax assessor of Dickens county. Since the announcement by G. B. Jopling that he would not be in the campaign for re-election, the tax assessor's office is attracting a number of applicants for the place, there now being six in the race with the possibility of one or two others yet to come in.

Trade at Home—

Mrs. Lucas, who is attending a business college in Abilene, is spending this week at her home in Spur. She informed us that her business course would be completed by the first of next month at which time she would return home permanently.

Trade at Home—

F. D. Joiner, manager of the Layne-Yates Company in Spur, underwent an operation Saturday for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium. The operation was a success and it is reported that Mr. Joiner is now rapidly recovering. During his confinement in the sanitarium, Harry Yates is here managing the company business.

Trade at Home—

T. A. Spencer, a prominent citizen of the Midway community to the north of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Spencer recently added his name to the list of Texas Spur readers and registered a kick for not getting it regularly.

Trade at Home—

Little Miss Zefferine Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens, was last week removed home from the Nichols Sanitarium where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her grandfather and uncle, J. F. Speck and Palo Speck and wife of Rochester, visited Zefferine and the family last week. Also W. A. Stephens of the Highway community came in to visit with them.

READ THIS!

We make this town twice a week. We have the only Water Softener in Central West Texas.

Prices are the same here as in Haskell. No express charges added.

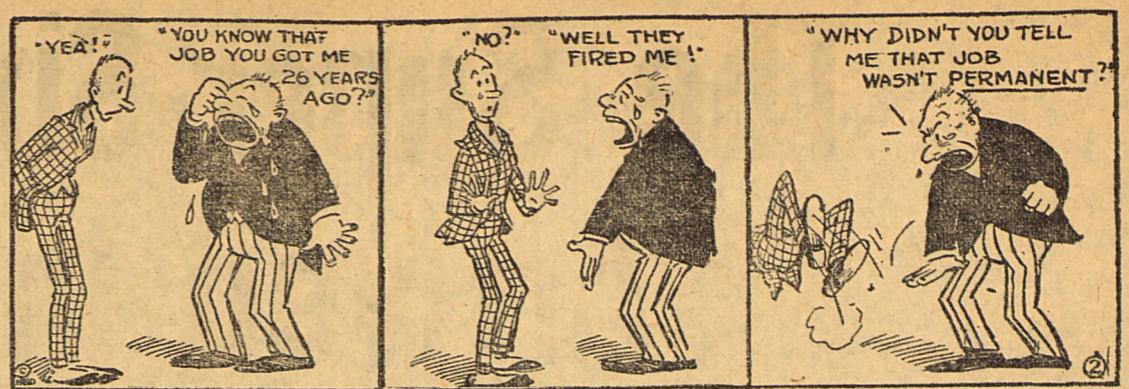
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Throw Away That Old Fe'll Hat, and Buy a New Straw—We Have all Shapes in Straws and Panamas, at Very Low Prices.

FOR THE BOYS—

We hav' just received a Complete Line of Tom-Boy Gai'derdine Suits, with the Belted Backs and the Make-Up is perfect.

C. HOGAN & COMPANY, Spur, Texas
Phone 139, Grocery Phone 139, Dry Goods

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Send for price list on Trees, Shrubbery, Flower Plants, Bulbs, etc. Cut flowers for all occasions.—Cisco Floral Co., Cisco, Texas. 22-6t

Trade at Home—

Miss Kerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kerley, of several miles east of Spur, underwent an operation last week at the Nichols Sanitarium. We are glad to note that she is reported doing well and recovering nicely at this time.

Trade at Home—

B. F. Simons, of Route A out of Spur, was a recent business visitor in Spur, reporting everything now in the finest shape in his section.

Trade at Home—

W. W. Sample of Spur and J. H. Sample, of Matador, returned the latter part of last week from Temple where they attended the funeral of a brother-in-law, E. W. Sherrill who died Tuesday at his home in Temple.

Trade at Home—

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Commissioners Court of Dickens County up to 2 o'clock p. m., Monday the 12th day of May, 1924, for the sale to Dickens County of one 5-ton "Caterpillar" Tractor, with regular equipment, to be used for County purposes. Bidders shall be required to bid on condition that such tractor shall be demonstrated to be workable and in first class condition prior to the date of awarding the contract, and all bids shall be addressed to the County Judge of said county and shall be marked "SEALED BIDS", and bids not so marked shall not be considered. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

H. A. C. BRUMMETT,
County Judge Dickens County, Texas. 25 4t

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DENTIST
In Offices formerly occupied by Dr. Brasher, Spur, Texas.

FOR SALE or Trade—Two residences, one 7 room and one 5 room, in north and east parts Spur.—J. P. Wilkes. 24tf

Trade at Home—

County Attorney Worswick and Sheriff Jones were in Spur Monday from Dickens, spending some time here on official business, and incidentally doing a little campaigning on the side.

Trade at Home—

J. M. Hahn, of west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here paid us a pleasant call.

Trade at Home—

R. C. Alexander, of near Spur, and a valued reader of the Texas Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here paid us a pleasant call.

Trade at Home—

J. M. Hahn, of west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday. He reports that his son, who has been critically ill of pneumonia, is now out of danger and rapidly recovering.

Trade at Home—

BILBERRY & BILBERRY, Drayman

Hauling of All Kinds
PHONE 198
SPUR, TEXAS

FORD BATTERIES
\$14.00

BUICK BATTERIES
\$17.00

DODGE BATTERIES
\$19.00

One Year Guarantee on All Batteries

GODFREY & SMART
SPUR, TEXAS

Put a new uniform on the "old bus!"



Is the hood sporting a weather-worn dull finish? Are the fenders decorated with rust spots and scraped places? Are the wheels the color of ground-in mud? Then it is time for a spick and span new uniform of

ACME QUALITY MOTOR CAR FINISH

Easy to apply. Full directions on every can. Puts your car up only for a day or two. We carry a full line of colors. We have some attractive color combinations to suggest. And the Acme label tells you the "quality" is right.

We also carry Acme Quality Hood and Fender Enamel, Auto Polish, Top Dressing and Engine Enamel

Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.

ADVERTISING REVEALED

Fourth Estate: The opinions of Cyrus K. Curtis on the modern newspaper business are seldom quoted. Edward W. Bok, his son-in-law, quotes Curtis on advertising in his book, "A Man From Maine." What Curtis had to say in answer to the question "What is the secret of good advertisement?" should prove of interest to ad men:

"You have to start with the fact that nobody is interested in your business or what you have to say about it. Now, then, how can you gain such a person's interest or excite his curiosity as to what you have to say and to sell? You must realize that fact and then project yourself into his position and mental attitude.

"You are determined to sell him your goods. He is not a particle interested. So, you must first of all write in such a way as to awaken him to the fact that you are in the world and have something he ought to buy. You have to take his position toward you, not your position toward him, and write to him, clearly, briefly and readably, from his angle.

"You must say to yourself: 'If I were in that man's place, knowing nothing of what I have to sell him, thinking what he does think that he doesn't want it, would this advertisement awaken his interest and get his eye and mind turned toward me?'"

"If you can convince yourself of that point, the advertisement is good; otherwise, it represents money wasted. To catch the eye, you must, of course, present the advertisement in an attractive dress.

White Space Valuable
"I believe in white space, with plenty of white space, which so many advertisers look upon as waste space. I don't. To me it makes an advertisement stand out—and that it must do to attract attention.

"I know there is another side to the question; the many-worded and closely set advertisements, advertisers tell me are read and bring results. It may be true. I have always gotten larger returns with the advertisement that says little, says it well, set in a striking way, with plenty of air around it. But my opinion in this respect, despite my own success with it, is discounted, because it is felt that I have white space to sell. But my conviction would be exactly the same if I hadn't; only fools won't believe me."

—Trade at Home—

FUTURE FARM CONVENIENCES

Wm. A. Baehr, vice-president and general manager of the Illinois Power and Light Corporation of Chicago, in discussing the electrification of American farms and the problems involved in getting cheap power to thinly settled rural districts, said:

"There is no question that the farmer, when supplied with electric power and instructed how to use it, will use more of it than the ordinary family or small business in the city. He will not only use it in his home for lighting purposes, percolator, toaster, vacuum cleaner, washer and kitchen range, but will light his barns, barnyard, run his water pump sawmill, feed grinders, milking machine, churn, etc.

"In the field of electric uses, potentially, he is a heavy consumer of electric power. But he and his neighbors are widely separated, especially in the agricultural sections west of the Mississippi river, in the Northwest and the far Southwest, making it expensive to reach him.

"Farm electrification is not the idea of dreamers and in time we shall see farms lighted and their machinery turned by a purring motor supplied with power from transmission lines. Yes, and country roads, too, will sometime be lighted up at night.

—Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes were in the city Monday from the Paddle Ranch, coming in with their little daughter for treatment of after-effects of the measles.

—Trade at Home—

J. R. Allen, of the plains country, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week.

—Trade at Home—

24
111 "ONE ELEVEN"
cigarettes
for 15¢

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by

City Drug Store

COUNTY POLITICS

By Phebe K. Warner

A lot of folks seem to think that county politics do not amount to much. Just anybody will do for the county office. And it makes very little difference whether I vote or not. Somebody will vote. There are always a lot of people who want to vote. Strange, isn't it? Strange that a person with good, common sense as most of us think we have, whether we have or not, should want to have anything to say about the officers who are to direct the affairs of their county and school and the roads they travel every day and the use of their tax money and the management of their home town or city.

Let's take a look for just a minute at the political meaning of a county. How many things in your county are decided by the ballot? First of all the man who weighs your grain when you haul it to market will be selected by the ballot. Should you be interested in whether he is an honest man or not? The justice of the peace will be selected by the ballot and strange as it may seem he will have power to marry your daughter or your son to anybody in the county or nation if he is asked to do so. Of all the ridiculous laws in our nation we believe this caps the climax. That anybody who happens to be elected justice of the peace in the precinct of a county inherits with his office the power to seal the sacred fate of a young man and woman for life. But since our country gives him this power which has led to more run-away marriages than anything else in the nation should not the mothers be interested enough in the character of such officer to pay our poll tax and cast our vote for a decent man for the job?

Next our county commissioners are selected by the ballot. On them devolve the duties of keeping our roads, of building all our county buildings, such as a new court house, a county hospital, hiring the county's work done, employing the county farm agent or the county home demonstrator and a hundred and one other things that have to be done in every county. It is essential to have honest men in such positions. Is it essential to have public spirited men in such positions—men who will think first of the good and safety and advancement of the county? Do you women who have been paying taxes for the last 50 years or less want a home demonstrator in your county to help you with your problem of living? Do you want a county nurse to look after the health of your children and save money on doctor bills and suffering and lost time and expense in general? Do you want the mud hole dried up forever on your road to town? If you do then pay your poll tax and vote for men for county commissioners who will think more of the safety of you and your children than

of the pigs and calves and other material things. And the safety of the lower animals have had a lot more attention in the past in most of our counties than the safety of the higher animals.

And there are the school trustees in every district in your county. Every one of them and the county trustees also selected by the ballot. Every new school house depends on them. Every teacher in the county is selected by those trustees. The progress of your school depends on them. And your child's life for all the future will be molded by the teachers those trustees select and the course of study and the educational equipment they provide for that child. Should a mother be interested in anything that means so much to her home? And not only your district school, but unless you pay your poll tax, you can not have one word to say as to who is selected for your county superintendent of schools. Our whole educational system is at the mercy of the ballot. Yet it is not a political institution at all.

The county judge, the tax assessor, the county clerk and the sheriff and every other officer is selected by the ballot. And every one of these officers have to deal with problems of vital interest to every home in the county. It is the sheriff's business to keep your county clean morally and socially just the same as it is your business to keep a clean home for your children, prepare clean food for them to eat and a clean bed for them to sleep in. Is it of any concern to the mothers of the county whether that man has a reputation for being clean himself, socially and morally? Or should we vote for anybody because he needs the salary? Are county offices where the safety and welfare of the whole county is at stake mere Christmas gifts to be

distributed among to most needy? We believe of all the county offices that that of the sheriff calls for the most self-sacrifice. It involves the greatest risk, the most daring work and the strongest test of honesty. It is upon the multiplied work of every sheriff in the state that the enforcement of all our laws depends. What kind of a man are you going to select to protect your home and your community from the vandals of society? Should the mothers of Texas be interested in the character of the man who is selected as sheriff? It is not a political question at all. It is a social and moral duty you owe your home which will cost you \$1.75 to perform. And your poll tax receipt is not a political document at all. It is simply a permit to prove that you are old enough and have sense enough to help to select the people who are to direct the use of your taxes, your children's education and the protection of your home and property.

But county politics do not end

with county. It is our home county where select every state and national officer. The governor of our state will depend on your vote in your county. As the counties vote the state officials will be chosen. And the same is true of even the president of the United States. He will be elected in the county elections. There is no such thing as a state election or a national election. All the voting in the state or nation is done in the county and by the people of the county. So if you would have a voice in state or national affairs you need only pay your poll tax of \$1.75 and you have a permit to every election of county, state or national interest.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded to summon M. D. Lott by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the 1st Monday in June, A. D. 1924, the same being the 2nd day of June A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court No. 824, wherein L. M. Lott is Plaintiff, and the said M. D. Lott is Defendant, and said petition alleging cruel treatment, adulterous association with lewd women and other acts of cruelty, and that defendant's actions and conduct toward her, she being the wife of the said defendant, generally are of such nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable and of such degree as to endanger plaintiff's health. Wherefore plaintiff prays to the court for judgment dissolving the marriage relations existing between her and the said defendant, and for costs of suit, and for general relief.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, 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 26th day of April, A. D. 1924.

O. C. AUTHUR, Clerk District Court, Dickens County, Texas. 27-4t

—Trade at Home—

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was here Tuesday afternoon transacting business affairs.

—Trade at Home—

J. L. Hutton, of near Spur, came in Tuesday. He is again living at home since his wife has returned from the hospital where she underwent a very critical and serious operation.

R. N. James, of Brownsfield, returned last week to Spur to attend county court in a suit filed by B. E. Morgan for commission in the sale of the James farm. The suit was decided favorably to Mr. James. Mr. James had G. E. Lockhart, a noted lawyer of the plains country to represent him in the suit. It will be remembered that Mr. Lockhart was one of the lawyers employed in the Ross-Good murder trials recently in Lubbock and Abilene.

Plant Less Cotton
Mrs. D. H. Dunn, of Croton, was one among the shoppers and visitors in Spur Monday.

DO YOU EAT?
Of Course You Do!

THEN LADIES LET US ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING YOUR DINNERS FOR LESS THAN YOU CAN COOK IT!

Its Steaming Hot Roast With Plenty Gravey

Our Regular Dinners are unexcelled—Hot Biscuits on the side, Pies that will make you come again. We can please you in our Short Order Department. Pies at wholesale Price—Try Us!

THE HIGHWAY CAFE
WHEN WANTING LIGHT BREAD SEE US

CREAM

EGGS

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PRODUCE WANTED

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Political Conventions To Be Held In County Saturday, May The Third

County Chairman Jas. F. Williams, of the Democratic Executive Committee, in accord with the political program, has issued a call for precinct conventions to be held Saturday, May 3rd, in each of the voting precincts of Dickens county, appointing chairmen to hold the conventions in the various precincts as will be noted elsewhere in this issue of the paper, the sealed official returns of the proceedings had to be returned to him not later than Tuesday, May 6th, at which time a county convention will be held in Spur.

These precinct and county conventions are for the purpose of selecting delegates to a state convention to be held in Waco where delegates will be selected to attend the national convention which selects a nominee for president of the United States.

Through these conventions is given the rank and file of the democratic party their only opportunity in selecting a nominee for president of the United States, therefore it behooves every voter who desires to have a hand in selecting a president to attend the conventions.

The main issue to be decided at the state convention will be whether or not the national delegation shall be instructed to vote for any one of the candidates, or be sent to the convention uninstructed to cast their votes as the delegation may see fit.

Personally, this Texas Spur writer, because of varied observations and intimate knowledge of political maneuvers in the past in places where politics were played in real earnest, we have never since had the confidence possibly that we should have in political conventions or professional politicians, therefore, if we were personally interested in any one candidate or any one measure to be determined, we would insist upon having instructions issued as to just what we desired and preferred for a party representative to do. However, upon the other hand, in playing politics to win it may be better to not have the hands of delegates or representatives tied—and in that case the proper thing is to select men in whom you have confidence and whom you consider will act and vote on every proposition to the best interests of the majority of the people rather than for selfish, individual interests or the interests of any one candidate in the field.

The democratic fight in Texas will probably be between Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, and William G. McAdoe, former secretary of the treasury under the Wilson administration, for presidential nomination. While in the national convention there will be other candidates already racing for the place and the possibility that "dark horses" will also be presented.

The democratic voters of Dickens county who desire to express a voice in the matter of selecting a democratic candidate for president or to have a voice in adopting a party platform, should attend the precinct conventions to be held next Saturday.

WALTER CURRY BUYS THE CROSBYTON REVIEW

Mr. W. M. Curry has purchased the Crosbyton Review and he will leave Saturday preparatory to take charge Monday. He has sold his home in Snyder to Mr. N. M. Harpole. His family will go later.

Mr. Curry was formerly connected with the newspaper business in Snyder, and is one of the best known and successful newspaper men in this section of West Texas. He has acquired a fine piece of newspaper property and is going among a splendid citizenship. The Times-Signal wishes for him much success in his new field of endeavor. We also congratulate Crosbyton in the citizen it is getting in the person of Mr. Curry.—Scurry County Times.

Trade at Home—
W. H. Nichols and wife, of Dumont were shopping and visiting in Spur the first of this week.

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MAN KILLED NEAR ALBANY BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE RIFLE

ALBANY, April 28.—A. L. Jones, of Santa Anna, Coleman county, was shot accidentally and almost instantly killed near the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ben Dillingham, eight miles north of Albany, at noon Sunday.

Accompanied by a negro farm hand, he had started on a hunt in an automobile, but had gone but a short distance when they stopped to repair a flat tire. In reaching for proper tools a rifle in the car was accidentally discharged, the bullet grazing the right forearm and entering the body slightly under the heart, ranging upward. Death came almost instantaneously.

Trade at Home—
AUSTIN, April 5.—Exemption certificates for persons residing in

Cities Join In Health Crusade Through Clean-up Activities



"Brighten the corner where you are!"

This is the message being broadcast by cities and towns in the United States and Canada, in an effort to have dirt attacked as a community problem to promote health.

Sanitarians declare a city is only as clean as its homes, and that mothers should remember that the immaculateness of their nurseries may be made dangerous for their babies by vagrant dirt from that disease bred in dirt are no respectors of persons.

Revival of the venerable, but slightly obsolete, custom of spring house-cleaning, and the extension of the ancient rite outside the walls of the house to back alleys and vacant lots, until there is a vast succession of Spotless Towns, is no mean undertaking.

Municipalities, women's clubs, civic and industrial organizations everywhere are preparing for clean-up activities. The Mayor of St. Louis once summarized the lasting benefits of such efforts by saying: "Paint a neglected back yard or vacant lot with the green of grass or shubbery or a thrifty garden or publicly commit to any other useful purpose and it will not revert to its former disorderliness. Otherwise it inevitably and speedily will do so."

In urging every municipality to proclaim its annual Clean-up week, the Welfare Division of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is instructing its twenty-thousand agents and its visiting nurses in 3955 cities and towns to lend a hand. It is educating its policyholders which comprise one-seventh of the combined populations of the United States and Canada just how they can help to

towns of less than 10,000 population are not required for voting in any Texas election, and the issuance of such certificates is neither required nor authorized, the Attorney General's department held in an opinion Saturday.

The opinion was in answer to the question propounded by H. Grady Chandler, county attorney of Collin county.

PROMINENT TERRY COUNTY RANCHER KILLED BY COWBOY FANATIC

Monday night of last week Dr. S. H. Windham, a prominent Terry county ranchman was shot and killed at his ranch home near Tahoka. After twelve hours a posse of men captured Will Ward, a cowboy, following a battle in which many shots were exchanged and three of the posse were wounded. Ward was placed jail at Lubbock, confessing to the killing of Windham, giving as his reason that Windham was an I. W. W., and that he had contemplated shooting others in like manner.

CALL FOR PRECINCT CONVENTIONS FOR MAY 3RD

A Precinct Primary Convention is hereby called to be held in each voting Precinct of Dickens county between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m., Saturday, May 3rd, 1924, for the purpose of selecting delegates to a county convention to be held in Spur, Texas, Tuesday, May 6th, 1924.

The following are hereby appointed Chairman of the conventions in their respective Precincts:

- Spur, C. Hogan.
- Highway, J. E. Sparks.
- Dickens, F. C. Gipson.
- Croton, Robt. Reynolds.
- McAdeo, Robt. Nickles.
- Red Mud, T. S. Lambert.
- Dry Lake, W. L. Powell.
- Duck Creek, J. B. McNeerlin.
- Afton, M. K. Lawson.
- Wichita, W. D. Thacker.
- Duncan Fla, F. F. Henry.
- Midway, J. B. Yantis.
- Duncan Flat, F. F. Henry.

The Chairman should keep a written and sealed record of the convention proceedings, including the names of delegates selected, officially signed and sealed and returned to the County Chairman not later than Tuesday, May 6th, 1924.

JAS. F. WILLIAMS,
County Chairman.
ORAN McCLURE,
Secretary.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS WITH MRS. FOSTER

Missionary Society met Monday afternoon, the President being away at the annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference at Vernon, Mrs. Manning conducted the business session. Miss Fite was leader of an interesting missionary program. Next Monday will be the regular Bible study and we will meet with Mrs. Campbell.—Supt. of Publicity.

OWNERS MAY PAY A POLL TAX OR PART PROPERTY

Recent Ruling of Supreme Court Settles Question of Long Dispute in State of Texas.

In denying an appeal in the mandamus case of Hoffman vs. Mood from Washington county, the State Supreme Court has in effect held that a taxpayer may pay the tax on one particular tract of land, whether such tax is delinquent on that tract or not without being compelled to pay the tax on any other tracts of land that may be owned by such taxpayer, also without being compelled to pay personal or poll taxes.

This holding is considered important, in the opinion of Assistant Attorney General W. W. Caves, as he pointed out that this decision is contrary to rulings of the Attorney General's department.

Previous to this holding by the Supreme Court, it has been the general custom by tax collectors throughout

the state to uniformly decline to accept from the taxpayer the taxes on any special or particular tract of land unless the taxes due on all tracts and also that the poll tax is paid at the same time. Many taxpayers desire to pay their poll taxes but defer payment on their property tax and under this ruling they would be enabled to do so, it is stated.

Hoffman is tax collector of Washington county, and refused to accept payment on taxes on one tract of land unless the taxes on all were paid. Wood obtained a writ of mandamus compelling the collector to accept the tax on one tract, this being

Civil Appeals at Galveston affirmed the action of the District Court and now the Supreme Court denies an appeal from the decision of the District and Appellate Courts.

"The action of the Supreme Court has settled in Texas," said Assistant Attorney General Caves, "a very important proposition."

Trade at Home—
E. L. Spivey, of Rotan, moved this week with his family to Spur and the future. Mr. Spivey has purchased land which he will manage and operate hereafter, already having taken charge of the business.

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