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The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

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

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SPUR TO PLAINVIEW RAIL LINE NOW ASSURED; WORK TO START IN NEAR FUTURE

Railroad building in West Texas—construction that consists of more than mere plans and projects—is picking up with such zeal that West Texas after a 30-year wait are now confident that a road from Fort Worth into the Plains will be built without delay.

For on the heels of the announcement in the Star-Telegram recently by F. E. Clarity, vice president of and general manager of the Fort Worth and Denver that a line would be laid from Fort Worth to Stamford and from Spur to Plainview, work to begin within two or three months if the Interstate Commerce Commission adjusts grouping, comes another announcement that the Santa Fe already is busy surveying from Tullia to Benjamin.

On June 2 a corps of Santa Fe surveyors pitched camp at Tullia and immediately began running lines east to Silverton. The crew went over this route three times, finally putting in grade stakes for construction. On June 12 headquarters of the Santa Fe camp were transferred to Silverton and gave out that the surveyors were under orders to lay lines as far as Benjamin in Knox county half way between Tullia and Fort Worth. After that, according to reports at different towns along the proposed route, the survey will run to Fort Worth.

This move on the part of the Santa Fe might be defined as both surprising and not surprising, for the Santa Fe officials have announced no plans, but their construction policy always has been non-committal anyway. With the Plains and Panhandle already well served by the Santa Fe, its new move is taken to mean that it will fight to protect its territory. Tullia is on the branch of the Santa Fe running from Amarillo to Sweetwater and is about 70 miles south of Amarillo.

The Santa Fe survey somewhat parallels the proposed route of the Texas Panhandle and Gulf, Tullia Silverton and part of Knox county being on the line. C. H. Powell, promoter of the project, is now visiting points along his route, seeking pledges from farmers and merchants to raise sufficient funds for the road. The Interstate Commerce Commission is to decide in October whether Powell shall be given a certificate to build. When the Texas Panhandle and Gulf application was heard by the Texas Railroad Commission last winter, the road had no financial plan to offer, one of the requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Fort Worth and Denver, through Clarity, declares that it will seek no bonuses or stock subscriptions from citizens along the route, and the policy of the Santa Fe is the same.

The Denver line from Fort Worth to Plainview, and the Santa Fe line from Fort Worth to Tullia, apparently would not be nearly so parallel as the Texas Panhandle and Gulf and the Denver's line running to Amarillo.

For the Denver proposes to build directly west to Stamford, passing through Throckmorton, while the

Santa Fe would be about 75 miles north, and more than that at some points.

The Swenson some years ago surveyed from Stamford to Fort Worth and this is one of the routes the Denver is considering. Right-of-way is the least worry, Clarity said.

Fort Worth-to-the-Plains railroad brings information from Graham that the right-of-way of this proposed line from Stamford through Throckmorton to Eliasville is already signed up for and awaiting actual operations.

The news has occasion more than passing interest in Throckmorton county and lower Young county. The confines of Throckmorton county have never been touched by steel rails, and this is remarkable in view of the fact that the county is not only the richest undeveloped county in Texas, but one of the most fertile counties as well.

The movement for a railroad in Throckmorton county is about 15 years old. The Swensons, of Stamford and New York, are fathers of the movement. Plans went so far as to throw up several miles of railroad dump between Stamford and Throckmorton at the time.

Within the past year, when the present Fort Worth and Denver-Burlington project got under way, the right-of-way from Stamford west to Eliasville was signed up. A survey of this route, the most feasible of any in crossing difficult terrain of this part of West Texas had previously been made.

It was exactly a year ago when C. E. Clarity, general manager of the Denver; W. F. Sterley, traffic manager of the Denver; one of the Swensons of New York, and other bankers and railroad officials of the interested concern, made an automobile trip over the projected route. They toured the Stamford and Northwestern, already owned by the Denver line, then made the cross country ride from Stamford to Throckmorton, to Eliasville, to Mineral Wells and thence into Fort Worth.

They made a thorough survey of the agricultural and mineral resources of the country en route, taking samples of the coal deposits and other natural products which abound in parts of the district.

Right-of-way activities have not extended east of Eliasville, and it is generally understood that whatever plans are finally decided on will include trackage rights over the Wichita Falls and Southern from Eliasville to Graham.

Although it is the home of the big ranches, Throckmorton county is one of the agricultural wonders of West Texas. When some nearby county averages a third of a bale of cotton to the acre, it is almost certain that Throckmorton's average will be a

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Central Market Keeping in The Progress Parade

That the Central Market of Spur is keeping in the progressive procession of the town and country is evidenced in the fact that it is preparing soon to move into a new brick building specially prepared and equipped for service to patrons.

The market has just installed one of the latest improved, largest and handsomest counter refrigerators and meat containers west of Fort Worth. This refrigerator is specially equipped as a container for the varied meats and supplies prepared for customers, most conveniently arranged and accessible for quick service to patrons direct from refrigerator compartments. This addition was made at great expense, and the improvements thus made are in advance of the developments of the town, and placing the Central Market not even second in equipments to markets in the largest cities of the state.

C. P. Harris and Son, Lonnie, who has charge of the business, are giving Spur an unexcelled service, and the Central Market will be not only the best equipped but the neatest, cleanest, most sanitary market place in Texas.

Plant Less Cotton
JUDGE J. H. MILAM FOR RE-ELECTION AS DISTRICT JUDGE

Judge J. H. Milam authorized us this week to announce his candidacy for re-election for judge, 50th Judicial District.

Judge Milam is now serving his second term, and during his administration has handled the affairs of this office in a business like manner.

Judge Milam needs no introduction to the people of Dickens county. He is widely known as an able man and if again favored with the nomination by the voters of this district will continue to render service in keeping with his past record.

Spur Chamber of Commerce Meets; Elects New Officers and Directors

At the regular annual meeting of the Spur Chamber of Commerce held Monday at the directors room of the Spur National Bank, the following officers and directors were elected to serve the ensuing term of one year:

C. L. Love, president; W. B. Lee, vice-president; Miss Hickman, secretary; Faust Collier, treasurer.

In the election of new officers and directors, a resolution was unanimously adopted, commending the retiring president, W. F. Godfrey, for his active, efficient and effective services, since many things have been accomplished for the good of the town and country during his administration. W. F. Godfrey is full of pep, is always ready to go and do anything for the best interests of community interests, and is one of the most active and successful business men of the country.

BANK GETS SUPER-SAFETY INSURED CHECKS

The Spur National Bank has just received an additional supply of the World's safest Bank Checks—Super-Safety Insured. These insured checks are the last word in safety and provide the only positive protection against check raisers.

Most people do not realize that last year more than \$50,000,000 was lost through check frauds alone—that every three and one-half minutes there was a check fraud loss. Ordinary unsafe bank checks are an irresistible temptation to check raisers.

These Super-Safety Checks are made on a special safety paper and should an attempt be made to alter one of these checks, either by erasure, knife or acid, the paper fairly shrieks the crime.

Each check is marked "Insured" and "Protected by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc.," which acts as an effective "keep off" notice to both amateur and professional check artists.

Besides, each depositor is insured up to the amount of \$1,000.00 against fraudulent alteration of his checks written on these Super-Safety Insured Checks, with the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company.

Girard Depot Was Destroyed By Fire On Last Sunday

The freight and passenger depot of the Stamford & Northwestern Railway was destroyed Sunday week by fire of unknown origin. Two freight cars are now being used as a depot in handling freight.

The fire occurred during the day, and is supposed to have caught from a cigarette stub carelessly thrown down, the winds blowing it underneath the building where trash was ignited therefrom.

It is presumed that a new building will be constructed at an early date to care for the passenger and freight business of the town and country.

Trade at Home
PROMINENT CITIZENS FROM CROSBYTON HERE SUNDAY

Judge Harrison and wife were Spur visitors Sunday. Coming down from Crosbyton to spend the day at the writer's home. Unfortunately we were away, and we regret very much we were not in to extend to them a hearty welcome so deserving of a friendship of long standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison are among the old pioneer developers of the West, devoted youth, time and money to make the road less rugged for those who were to follow.

Judge Harrison is serving Crosby county in the capacity of county attorney and is making an efficient officer, as only a thoroughly qualified man could, and we understand that he is in the race for re-election to this office, and no doubt the voters of Crosby county, in the coming primary election, will demonstrate their conviction at the polls by nominating for office a man whose qualifications are unquestioned, and who in the past has made the people a conscientious and fair minded officer, dealing justice to all and impartiality to none.

For United States Senators:
JOHN F. MADDOX, Harris County.
MORRIS SHEPPARD, Bowie County.
E. L. LAVIS, Travis County.
For Governor:
W. E. FOPE, Nueces County.
WILLIAM B. FERGUSON, Bell County.
MIRIAM M. FERGUSON, Bell County.
V. A. COLLINS, Dallas County.
GEORGE W. DIXON, Harris County.
EDLIX D. ROBERTSON, Dallas County.
T. W. (WHIT) DAVIDSON, Harrison Co.
THOMAS D. HARTON, Polk County.
LEWIS DAVIDSON, Harris County.
For Lieutenant Governor:
WALLACE MALONE, Tarrant County.
EDWARD B. WARD, Nueces County.
JOHN D. McCALL, Jefferson County.
BARRY MILLER, Dallas County.
For Attorney General:
DAN MOODY, Williamson County.
JOHN C. WALL, Grayson County.
E. T. ROBINSON, Morris County.
J. M. MELSON, Hopkins County.
For Comptroller:
JOE BURKETT, Eastland County.
TOM BELL, Bowie County.
S. H. TERRELL, McLennan County.
DON F. SMITH, Galveston County.
O. D. BAKER, Milam County.
PAT MOULDER, Collin County.
LEWIS DAVIDSON, Harris County.
C. V. TERRELL, Wise County.
For State Superintendent:
S. M. N. MARRS, Travis County.
For Commissioner of Agriculture:
ED. C. BUCKMAN, Ellis County.
GEORGE B. TERRELL, Cherokee County.
For Land Commissioner:
T. L. SARGENT, Tarrant County.
J. E. BINKLEY, Young County.
For Railroad Commissioner:
CLARENCE E. GILMORE, Van Zandt Co.
ED. E. WEAVER, Bowie County.
For Railroad Commissioner:
LON A. SMITH, Unexpired Term)
J. M. WEST, Harris County.
R. T. CURETON, Bosque County.
ROBT. E. SPEER, Tarrant County.
For Railroad Commissioner:
WALTER M. W. SPLAWN, Bell County.
For Chief Justice Supreme Court:
E. H. CURETON, Tarrant County.
C. M. CURETON, Bosque County.
WILLIAM CLAYTON WEAR, Hill County.
For Associate Justice Court of Criminal Appeals:
O. S. LATTIMORE, Travis County.
For Judge, 50th Judicial District:
JAS. STEPHENS.
J. H. MILAM.

C. L. Lovt has been in Spur since the beginning of the town, and is also one of the most successful business men of the country. As head of the commercial interests no better man could have been selected. C. L. Love is a man who takes an active interest in any undertaking of public moment and community welfare. He is progressive, has ability and succeeds in his undertakings. Again we say that the commercial and community interests of the town and country could not have been placed in better or more competent hands than under the leadership of C. L. Love.

The Spur Chamber of Commerce is an important factor in the commercial, industrial and agricultural progress of the country, and with cooperation on the part of the large membership will accomplish more good and greater things the coming year than in the past.

For this added protection and safety the bank makes no charge whatever. It simply is doing its best among those who are losing about one million dollars each week through having their checks tampered with by criminals. You may be next, if you use unsafe, uninsured checks.

The bank also has a private edition of a book by Detective William J. Burns entitled "Stories of Check Raisers—and How to Protect Yourself" which he has written from his vast experience, and in it offers timely advice telling how you can save your bank account from being raided by the check raiser some day. If you will call at the bank you can have a copy of this valuable book, free, with the bank's compliments whether you are a customer or not. There is no obligation whatever as long as the limited supply lasts.

The Spur National Bank is doing this education work to make it safer and more convenient to pay by check because this you always have a receipt for your payment; you never make a mistake in amount; you can operate your own "budget" more intelligently, and you always know just what your bank balance is.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK
Spur, Texas

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETS, MAKES UP TICKETS AND ASSESSES CANDIDATES

The Dickens County Democratic Executive Committee met Monday in Dickens for the purpose of making up the ticket, assessing candidates and arranging for the primary elections to be held July 26th and August 23rd.

In this meeting County Chairman Jas. F. Williams was present and presiding, with precinct committeemen C. Hogan, J. B. McNeerlin, F. C. Gipson, present and participating in the proceedings.

In carrying out the democratic custom and principles of majority rule in all matters, it was arranged for two primary elections to be held in determining the will of the majority of voters in selecting officers to serve for the ensuing term, and in doing so the cost of holding two elections, providing ballots and other supplies was estimated at \$50.00. To provide funds to meet this expense the following amounts were assessed against candidates:

All candidates for County and District Clerk, Sheriff and Tax Collector, County Judge, and Tax Assessor, were assessed \$27.50 each. All candidates for County Treasurer, \$20.00 each. County Commissioners \$10.00 each. Public Weighers of Precincts 1, 2 and 4, \$7.50 each. Public Weigher, Precinct 3, \$15.00. Constable \$5.00 each. Justice of the Peace \$5.00 each. The assessments were based upon the estimated pay of each of the offices.

The names of candidates were drawn for places on the ticket, and the names will appear as follows on the official ballot to be voted July 26th:

For United States Senators:
JOHN F. MADDOX, Harris County.
MORRIS SHEPPARD, Bowie County.
E. L. LAVIS, Travis County.
For Governor:
W. E. FOPE, Nueces County.
WILLIAM B. FERGUSON, Bell County.
MIRIAM M. FERGUSON, Bell County.
V. A. COLLINS, Dallas County.
GEORGE W. DIXON, Harris County.
EDLIX D. ROBERTSON, Dallas County.
T. W. (WHIT) DAVIDSON, Harrison Co.
THOMAS D. HARTON, Polk County.
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For Lieutenant Governor:
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EDWARD B. WARD, Nueces County.
JOHN D. McCALL, Jefferson County.
BARRY MILLER, Dallas County.
For Attorney General:
DAN MOODY, Williamson County.
JOHN C. WALL, Grayson County.
E. T. ROBINSON, Morris County.
J. M. MELSON, Hopkins County.
For Comptroller:
JOE BURKETT, Eastland County.
TOM BELL, Bowie County.
S. H. TERRELL, McLennan County.
DON F. SMITH, Galveston County.
O. D. BAKER, Milam County.
PAT MOULDER, Collin County.
LEWIS DAVIDSON, Harris County.
C. V. TERRELL, Wise County.
For State Superintendent:
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For Associate Justice Court of Criminal Appeals:
O. S. LATTIMORE, Travis County.
For Judge, 50th Judicial District:
JAS. STEPHENS.
J. H. MILAM.

For Attorney, 50th Judicial District:
W. B. COMBEST.
C. B. WHITTEN.
For State Senator:
R. A. BALDWIN.
W. H. BLEDSOE.
For County and District Clerk:
S. L. DAVIS.
ROBT. REYNOLDS.
C. C. COBB.
For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
B. E. MORGAN.
C. H. LOVELLACE.
M. L. JONES.
JOHN SOUTHWORTH.
G. L. HARKER.
For County Judge:
H. A. C. BRUMMETT.
For Tax Assessor:
W. B. BENNETT.
W. F. MCARTY.
T. S. LAMBERT.
T. H. HARRISON.
For County Treasurer:
C. H. PERRY.
MRS. H. P. COLE.
JOHN Q. TERRY.
For County Attorney:
W. E. LESSING.
B. G. WORSWICK.
For County Commissioner, Precinct 1:
A. G. BRYEY.
R. R. WOOTEN.
R. E. SLOUGH.
S. T. JOHNSON.
For County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
B. F. MIDDLETON.
O. C. NEWBERRY.
For County Commissioner, Precinct 3:
J. L. KARR.
G. A. SLOAN.
For County Commissioner, Precinct 4:
CHAS. PERRIN.
For Public Weigher, Precinct 1:
A. J. RICHEY.
W. A. HICKS.
For Public Weigher, Precinct 2:
D. O. BLASINGAME.
DUD JONES.
W. O. FORNEY.
W. H. NICHOLS.
W. E. GATES.
For Public Weigher, Precinct 3:
C. W. BASH.
For Constable, Precinct 1:
W. J. STREET.
FORREST L. EDWARDS.
For Constable, Precinct 2:
J. F. CURTIS.
W. L. NICHOLS.
M. S. HUNTER.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1:
E. L. HARKER.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3:
D. A. YOUNG.

The following Election Judges were appointed to hold the primary elections in both primaries, July 26th and August 23rd, in their respective voting precincts at the regular polling places:

Dickens, Precinct 1, D. J. Harkey.
Midway, Precinct 2, O. C. Henry.
Afton, Precinct 3, Norman Lawson.
Dry Lake, Precinct 4, C. N. Kidd.
Red Mud, Precinct 5, J. R. McArthur.
Duck Creek, Precinct 6, D. G. Simmons.
Wichita, Precinct 7, W. T. Lovell.
Buford, Precinct 8, Tom Johnson.
Croton, Precinct 9, L. G. Crabtree.
Spur, Precinct 10, J. B. Richbourg.
McAdoo, Precinct 11, W. M. Phifer.
Duncan Flat, Precinct 12, W. M. Vaughn.
Highway, Precinct 13, J. V. Powell.

The judges appointed to hold the elections in their respective precincts are presumed to select clerks and assistants to help in the election work.

The amounts assessed against each candidate must be paid in to County Chairman, Jas. F. Williams, Spur Texas, not later than Monday, June 23rd, to insure the printing of names on the official ballot.

Everybody Cordially Invited to the Big Picnic, Barbecue and Rodeo

June 19 and 20

ROARING SPRINGS, TEXAS

A Big Program, Consisting of:

Brone Riding, Calf Roping, Wild Cow Milking, Wild Mule Race, Steer Riding, Break-Away Roping, Ball Games Public Speaking

Prominent Speakers, both District and State, will address the visitors

TWO BIG DAYS FOR EVERYBODY

Hardware Is Getting Cheaper

10 inch Hoes	\$1.00
9 inch Hoes	90c
8 inch Hoes	80c
Star Hames, 61 Concord, pair	\$1.25
Trace Chains, 71 inch, pair	\$1.25
Breast Chains, pair	\$1.25
Hame Strings	25c
Cloth Back Bands, with buckles, 2 for	35c
Hame Hoops, 2 for	15c
10 inch Files	25c
8 inch Files	20c
No. 3 Tubs	75c
No. 2 Tubs	60c
No. 1 Tubs	50c
12 quart Buckets, 3 gallon	25c
3 quarts Hose Bib	75c

This is just a few articles—have more coming.

Groceries Just as Cheap in Proportion

Two reasons why I sell cheaper: First, I believe in Live and Let Live; Second, I don't need the money.

D. H. SULLIVAN
"The Anti Ku Klux Store"

QUIT TAMPERING WITH BUSINESS

Tampering with business by politicians is due to extreme partisanship seeking votes and party advantage. We must quit tampering.

Most of the tampering with which we are afflicted is in part the general tendency toward over-regulation by government of business and of the affairs of individual citizens.

It is estimated that the grand total of laws and ordinances, now effective in the United States, exceeds two million. Railroads are subject to the orders of fifty commissions.

Farmers are subject to regulation by potato inspectors, by dairy, hog-cholera, cattle, seed, sheep, stallion and bee inspectors.

Forty thousand elective officials, federal, state and country, are the apex of our vast organization of reg-

town elective officials—statulatory officials besides city and town elective officials and the vast number of appointed officials and employes of all branches government.

All told, one in twenty of our wage-earners are upon a government payroll. Out of six days that we labor, one day's labor—the average—goes to pay the cost of government.

The laborer and business man must pay the expenses of hundreds of thousands of government officials and employes whose labor is not productive.

Tampering does not end with countless additions to our laws and to the payroll of government employes. At periodical intervals we are besought to tamper with the Constitution of the United States. The particular change now being advocated is an amendment which would restrict the power of the United States Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional a law passed by Congress.

One Senator demands that the vote of seven out of nine judges be required to give effect to such a decision; another senator would go further and authorize Congress to override the court's decision by the simple expedient of re-enacting the voided law.—The Manufacturer.

Plant Less Cotton—SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, on the 27th day of Feb., 1922, by A. F. Kerr, District Clerk of said Wichita County, for the sum of seven thousand one hundred eighty-eight and 91/100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Joyce Land & Cattle Co. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 11-940-c and styled Joyce Land & Cattle Co. vs. J. B. Sneed and his sureties, Bert N. Brown and I. B. Brown, placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 27th day of May, 1924, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: Being the North East Quarter of I. & G. survey certificate No. 527, in said County of Dickens, said tract being located about six miles Northeast of Dickens. Abstract 263, and levied upon as the property of J. B. Sneed and that on the first Tuesday in July, 1924, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. B. Sneed.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of May, 1924.—M. L. JONES, Sheriff, Dickens County, Texas. 32-3

Plant Less Cotton—

SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club met with Mrs. C. A. Denson, at her home northwest of Spur, Thursday, June 12.

We enjoyed a delicious dinner, and quilted a quilt, after the business session to the following members: Mesdames G. R. Woods, J. J. Lilly, R. McMahan, A. C. Hindman, L. R. Denson, Roy Patton. Visitors present were, Mrs. M. Patton, Jack Denson and H. G. Gray.

The club will meet Thursday, June 19, with Mrs. J. R. McMahan.

Trade at Home—

An interesting advertisement which appeared in a college paper:

"If the gentleman who took my psycholork notes from the cloak rack will return them before exams no questions will go unanswered."—Colorado Dodo.

Ajax Tires U S L Batteries

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

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MOTOR HOSPITAL

AFTON, THE BUSY CENTER OF NORTH DICKENS COUNTY

Many people know already about Afton's cotton market, its busy gin season—where they operate day and night during rush seasons. In short, it is one of the busiest little centers in Texas, considering size and all.

Many improvements have been added in the past few months. W. A. Cowan and S. W. Phillips have established a new grocery business on the property of Mr. Phillips. This firm is known as the Afton Grocery Company.

Eugene Goets and W. D. Wilson are just now rounding up the rough edges of a overhauled building in which they expect to conduct an auto repair business. We are informed also that those people will have a filling station in connection.

Elmer Lloyd and sister, Mrs. J. W. Lanier, are now installing one of the best equipped confectionaries in the county. This, too, occupies a new building on the West Texas Gin Company's lot.

Lee and Jessie Powell have moved into new quarters of their own, where they are securing a just share of the barber trade of this section.

It was learned that Afton handled between five and seven thousand bales of cotton during last gin season.

Trade at Home—

A big wholesale house at San Antonio has seen the light at last and is now calling on retail merchants throughout Texas to put on a consistent and aggressive campaign in their local newspapers in order to combat the growing mail order evil. The weekly press has been preaching this doctrine for many years and advocating the fact that the only way to fight the mail order houses was to do it with the same weapon employed by the mail order houses—advertising. The big mail order houses flood this community, as well as all other communities with their catalogs and other advertising matter at each season of the year and we all must admit that they get the business. The editor has always contended that a larger portion of the business from Franklin to the mail order houses could be kept at home and there is only one thing to do—let every local merchant consistently use printer's ink. Buy a specified space in each and every edition of your local newspaper and in this space give the people your weekly message. Tell them what goods you have to offer and what prices you are asking for same. We again make the assertion that the time has passed when any business house can sit still and say "Oh, everybody knows I'm here," and expect people to trade with them.

Trade at Home—

FOR SALE—1000 bales of Fresh Alfalfa Hay at \$1.00 per bale on my farm.—W. T. Wilson. 30-tf

Trade at Home—

In his book, "The Southland of Siva," Mr. A. Buterworth tells the following:

An Assistant Commissioner had his office management severely criticized by the Commission, who closed his sport with these words: "This young man seems a past-master in doing nothing." The report was sent to the young man for his explanation. Against the above remark he wrote: "Far be it from me to dispute the opinion of an expert in the art."—Patler (London).

Trade at Home—

FIGHTING FLIES OF BROWN COUNTY KILL HOPPERS

It is reported on good authority that a species of fly has made its appearance in Brown County by the millions and that this fly is paying no attention to anything except the grasshoppers that are attacking the crops of this county.

One farmer reported recently that the ground on his farm was literally covered with millions of grasshoppers that had been stung to death by this new fly.

The fly attacks the grasshopper by lighting on the insect and depositing an egg in the joint that connects the head and body of the insect. The insect is stupefied and the egg soon hatches a larvae which proceeds to devour the comatose grasshopper.

It is said that the flies are present by the billions, and are not pretending to do anything but sting grasshoppers.

Trade at Home—

UPHOLD MAYFIELD IN SEAT CONTEST

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Senate committee investigating the election contest against Senator Mayfield (Dem.), Texas, Saturday upheld his right to a seat in the Senate.

The evidence presented by his Republican opponent, George E. B. Paddy, was held to be insufficient to support charges that excessive campaign funds had been spent in his behalf by the Ku Klux Klan or any other organization or individual in 1922.

The decision was announced after counsel for Paddy, who have been presenting testimony for several weeks, had argued in an executive session of the committee for a continuation of the hearings during the recess of Congress. Senator Mayfield's attorneys had urged action, declaring sufficient evidence already had been produced to enable the committee to decide.

Chairman Spencer, in announcing the view of the committee, explained still must act on the contest and that it would be necessary then to obtain action by the Senate itself.

At the request of counsel for Paddy the committee agreed to make a further examination before it drafts its report into the charges of intimidation and unfair practices in the election. Briefs will be filed by counsel on those two phases of the case.

Trade at Home—

"I'm sorry, my boy, but I only punish you because I love you."

"I'm s-sorry, dad, that I'm n-not s-big enough to return your l-love."

—Passing Show.

Trade at Home—

J. C. Miller made a trip the latter part of the past week to Afton and other points in the north part of the county. He reports everything in fine shape and the people of the northern part of the county most optimistic of bumper crops this year. We have a "premonition" that this year will be not only a "bumper" in crop production, but that good prices will be maintained.

Trade at Home—

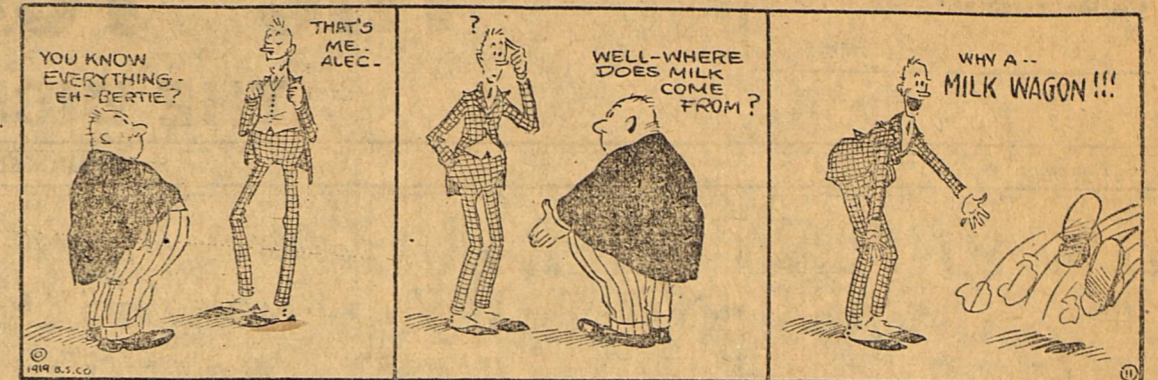
John Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur Tuesday. He reports cotton growing, but grass hoppers working.

In other parts of the country, a species of fly has appeared in millions to relieve men of the work of killing grass hoppers. It is said that this fly attacks and injures nothing but grass hoppers. However, in this section paris green and arsenic will be employed until the flies migrate this way.

Trade at Home—

Mr. Wiley, a representative of the Veterans' Bureau, spent Sunday and Monday of this week in Spur with B. C. Ashby who is in training and under the supervision of the bureau.

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Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gruben, of Royston, removed the past week back to Spur where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Gruben will be associated with his brother, W. C. Gruben, in the jewelry and watch repairing business. We are very glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gruben back to Spur.

Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter left this week for El Paso where they will spend some time with their son, and also enjoying a summer vacation further out in Cool Colorado and the Davis Mountains. It is just possible that before returning that Mr. Riter will cross over the line into Old Mexico, view the scenes of that country, and prechance again experience the sensations of brass railings and cooling beverages.

Trade at Home—

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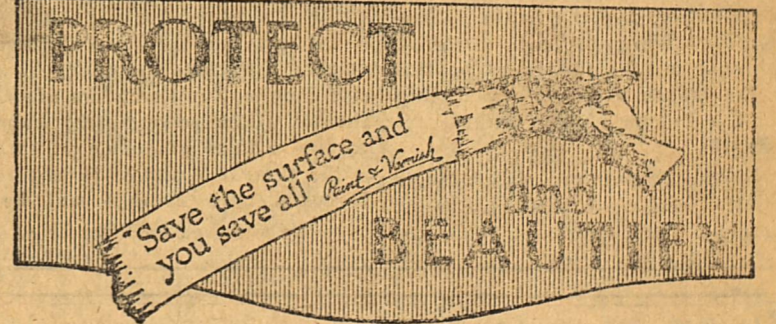
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**Great Newspaper
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Robert Quillen, famous newspaper writer, is the author of a book on religious subjects, "One Man's Religion," from which the Literary Digest quotes as follows:

"To many persons religion means no more than the foot of a rabbit meant to the plantation negro of an earlier generation. It is something to keep away bad luck. And to these folk God is a whimsical being who may at any time visit misfortune upon them unless they mind their p's and q's and make servile the flattering effort to keep Him in good humor. They attend church regularly, not because they feel a desire to worship God, but because He may cut their profits in half next week if they don't. They give a small portion of their earnings to the church, not because they love God and wish to do His work, but for the same reason that subdued people pays tribute to the conqueror. They think a worse fate might befall them if they refuse to part with their money. When one of their loved ones dies, they find comfort in the thought that God alone is to blame; that He was determined to take away the loved one's life, though physicians did their utmost to defeat His will; and that too bitter complaint may stir His wrath to demand even greater sacrifice. When, in process of getting a profit, either private or national they come to blows with the enemy and begin to fear death, they appeal to their God for assistance. They forget that He is also the God of the enemy, and that the enemy may be no less devout than themselves; to them God is a private possession and a convenience who may be called upon for any necessary service when all other means of carry-

ing a point have failed. "I cannot permit these people to interpret God for me. I cannot see what they see. I would not disturb their faith, for it may be that no other would serve them as well; but it is their faith, fashioned to fit their needs and their capacity, and I have no part in it. Nor can I worship in sympathy with the man whose God is forever bringing war upon this and that nation to rebuke their wickedness; sending earthquakes, storms, flood and fire to cause suffering and death in wicked cities, and snuffing out the lives of men who long have turned their backs on Him. If his God should deal with me and mine in accordance with a system of justice so harsh and unmerciful, we should die quickly; for not one in the lot is perfect, and none has other hope of heaven than His mercy.

"My God is a God of Love. His mercy endures forever. If I am sufficiently decent to treat my child with patience and kindness, His patience and kindness are infinite. If my heart is sufficiently tender to years for the trust and affection of my child, His heart yearns infinitely more for my trust and love."

Miracles puzzle many people, but not Mr. Quillen. What he asks, is all this talk concerning the origin of man, that once he was a thing that crawled on the ground and some time a mere germ of life in a drop of ditch water? "Does this tardy explanation of his existence seem reasonable?" Do we comprehend the power of God more easily if we say that man was millions of years in the making and was not formed of the dust between the rising and the setting of the sun? To the writer:

"Men whose mental reach is limited to an understanding of things that seem commonplace because they are usual, doubt the immaculate conception that gave the world its Savior. Can they not see the miraculous in every conception? If man is endowed by his creator with an ability

to give the world another germ of life that will in its turn become man and walk and speak and do great works, is it reasonable to suppose that God has less power than this creature of His?—One conception is no more miraculous than another. Nay; I find it easier to believe in God's power than Man's. The miraculous conception I can in some measure comprehend. It does not offend my intelligence, for I have unlimited faith in the power of God. But before the fact of the millions of coexistence, I stand amazed and incredulous.

"I can believe that Christ turned water into wine; that He healed the sick and raised the dead; that He was crucified and buried and rose again. These are simple matters, and not beyond my understanding.

"But I cannot understand sleep that takes me into oblivion for a little while and brings me back to life refreshed; I cannot understand the grass that blossoms and forms seed and then dies and gives itself to enrich the soil upon which its seed must live; I cannot understand the winds, the tides, heat, light, gravity, death. I can explain them but I cannot understand them. They are visible manifestations of a something that is beyond my comprehension.

"To express a want of faith in miracles is to confess to a want of vision. Each detail of the universe is a miracle, despised because it is so frequently seen. Each hour of life is a miracle; the ability to think is miraculous. Those who scoff at the miraculous are themselves miracles, and there own existence is no more easily comprehended than the peculiar works of God that men call supernatural.

From millions of bed-sides people nightly carry their woes to God. The very act is a relief, and the resulting sense of peace is in itself an answer. "I do not know," says Mr. Quillen, "that God answers prayers." But he is sure that God does not answer the prayers of those who sit with folded hands and beseech Him to violate the laws of economics and common justice and fill his pockets with unearned wealth. Nor does he answer the prayers of those whose folly and violation of physical laws have brought upon them a punishment they would escape at the price of a miracle. "God is not a wishing-rug nor yet an Aladdin's lamp." But says Mr. Quillen:

"This I believe: that the reasonable petitions of those who love Him are granted, and that those who approach Him in faith are not turned away empty-handed. "I have asked Him for many things and in every instance, save one, He has given the thing I asked of Him. In that instance I asked for the preservation of a life that was forfeit by reason of my own folly, and even while I prayed I knew that my prayer was futile. My little faith made my prayer a mere mouthful of words.

"The cynic will say that the things for which I prayed would have come to me without God's assistance, and to that I have no answer. In each case I did my best to answer my own prayer. I did not throw the responsibility on God and refuse to collaborate with Him. It may be that my success would have been no less if I had gone about my business without consulting God. I do not know. But of this I can testify: that whereas I have failed in many undertakings in which God had no part, the undertakings in which He was invited to share have been uniformly successful."

—Trade at Home—
**HENRY G. ELKINS WINS
HONORS GALORE AT T. C. U.**

FORT WORTH, June 13.—A Spur boy, Henry G. Elkins, was the most talented student violinist in Texas Christian University during the year just closed. He also held that honor year before last while he was in his freshman year in the Fort Worth institution.

Elkins' playing won him great favor not only with the student body and his teacher, Miss Bernice Carleton, but with civic organizations and church groups before which he appeared. During the West Texas Chamber of Commerce gathering at Brownwood a few weeks ago he was one of the main musical attractions on the program.

Elkins is also a popular participant in all the student activities. He was fine arts editor of the Skiff, T. C. U.'s student publication and was recently appointed by President Waits as press agent for the university. During his freshman year he was a member of the Honor Council.

—Trade at Home—
T. S. Lambert was in town Tuesday. He is not now in position to continue his campaign on account of the critical illness of J. H. Sparks, but is putting in some of the time every day talking politics and soliciting votes.

J. C. Davis was in the city Monday, requesting Mayor King to issue a capias for L. N. Riter, returnable immediately, in that he stole away to the land of the Montezumas when there were others who were willing, ready and waiting to become his body guard while in a strange land unknown to Volstead and his followers. There are others who would become process servers and take up the trail at once.

—Trade at Home—

J. H. Sparks, one of the few remaining old ex-Confederate veterans of Dickens county, is reported critically ill at the home of his son, J. E. Sparks of west of Spur. Mr. Sparks is partially paralyzed and has been confined to his bed several days, in a semi-conscious condition. J. H. Sparks has fought faithfully and well the battle of life and for his country. In this last battle of life, though frail and weakened with age he maintains the characteristic spirit of true manhood, the valor of righteousness and the knowledge and satisfaction of a life well spent and years of usefulness to country and mankind. In crossing the threshold of the Great Beyond these old Veterans will march along with firm tread and the assurance of recognition and greater reward hereafter.

T. J. Harrison, old timer of Dickens county and candidate in this campaign for tax assessor, was meeting voters in Spur Monday of this week. Uncle Tom Harrison served one term as tax assessor, and should be favored with the office again at this time will be in position to carry on the work without extra effort in learning the ins and outs of the official work.

—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

—Trade at Home—

Sim Moss, of the Midway Community to the north of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

—Trade at Home—

Mrs. W. H. Bryant and daughter, Miss Ruth, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were guests of friends in the city Sunday and Monday.

—Trade at Home—

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Lon Kizziah, of north of Dickens, was trading in Spur Tuesday of this week. Mr. Kizziah right recently lost his farm home and all of his household goods by fire, he having insurance to only partially cover the financial loss. Lon Kizziah, like all West Texans, is not the least discouraged nor disgruntled in this big loss to himself and family, but is carrying on with an optimistic smile of assurance that these things can be replaced in time and the inconvenience will be only temporary.

J. L. Karr, of Espuela, was in town Saturday trading and incidentally pushing his campaign for commissioner. For some time after he made his announcement for the office, we failed to get his name in the regular announcement column. We are sorry for this, but want every voter in the precinct to know that Mr. Karr has no intention of withdrawing, has been in the race continuously and will be in the running till July 26th.

—Trade at Home—

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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following announcements for candidates seeking public offices, subject to the action of Democratic Primary elections in July:

For District Judge, 50th Judicial District: JAMES A. STEPHENS For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District: C. B. WHITTEN, Matagorda County W. B. COMBEST, Cottle County

For County and District Clerk: C. C. COBB ROBT. REYNOLDS S. L. DAVIS O. C. ARTHUR (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: CLIF LOVELACE M. L. JONES G. L. BARBER E. E. MORGAN JOHN SOUTHWORTH

For Tax Assessor: W. B. BENNETT W. F. McCARTY T. S. LAMBERT J. V. McCORMICK 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. FORMBY W. E. GATES W. H. NICHOLS DUD JONES D. O. BLASINGAME

For Public Weigher, Precinct 1: A. J. RICHES

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3: D. A. YOUNG

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

For County Commissioner, Precinct 1: A. C. GENTRY THOMP. JOHNSON R. E. SLOUGH R. R. WOOTEN

For County Commissioner, Precinct 2: O. C. NEWBERRY (Re-election) W. F. HAMMACK B. F. MIDDLETON

For County Commissioner, Precinct 3: J. L. KARR

For County Commissioner, Precinct 4: CHAS. PERRIN

For Constable, Precinct 1: FORREST L. EDWARDS

For Constable, Precinct 3: Dr. M. L. NICHOLS J. F. CRUMP

KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner, Precinct 2: WILL H. SMITH

Trade at Home

R. R. WOOTEN ANNOUNCES FOR COMMISSIONER, PRE. 1

Trade at Home

At the eleventh hour, following the withdrawal of Rush McLaughlin of the plains country from the race for County Commissioner of Precinct 1, R. R. Wooten was prevailed upon by friends and voters of the McAdoo section to make his announcement for the place.

The people of the Plain section of Dickens county feel like they are entitled to have a representative on the Board of County Commissioners, not because of the fear that a representative below the Cap Rock would not give them due consideration in all matters, but with the idea and conviction that a man of the Plains understands better the conditions and needs of that section which vary greatly from all other sections of the county, therefore they were desirous of having a man from the Plains enter the race for County Commissioner.

R. R. Wooten is safe, sane and conservative. He has conducted his own business of farming and stock raising successfully and profitably, and if placed on the Board of County Commissioners will look after the public business as closely and conscientiously as that of his own personal affairs.

The Texas Spur asks voters of Precinct One to give the candidacy of R. R. Wooten a due and deserved consideration for the office of county commissioner.

Trade at Home

METHODIST MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in their regular Bible study, learning of Christ's love for his people and of His righteous indignation toward their sins and hypocrisy.

Our next Bible study will be the first Monday in July, chapter 19, 20 and 21.

Next Monday will be our social service program, conducted by the social service committee.

Ladies, even though the weather is hot let us keep up our attendance at our meetings.

Remember the regular bakery sale and sale of ice cream on the fourth Saturday.—Supt. of Publicity.

Trade at Home

FOR SALE—1000 bales of Fresh Alfalfa Hay at \$1.00 per bale on my farm.—W. T. Wilson.

DISTRICT COURT IS TO MEET AGAIN THURSDAY AT DICKENS

District court will again convene in Dickens Thursday of this week to take up the case of Bob Hext charged with poisoning his father, P. J. Hext, and indicted by the grand jury for this term of court.

Seventy or eighty men have been summoned as a special venire in this case, and it is very probable that the case will go to trial and not be continued, since both Judge Milam and

Attorney Bell are desirous of trying the case and will not grant a continuance without legal and just cause. W. D. Wilson and Hamilton of Matador will represent the defendant.

It is also stated that a number of other cases on the docket may either be tried or dismissed from the docket, since Attorney Bell who is not a candidate for reelection desires to leave a clean docket to his successor in office.

STORAGE OF WATER BIG PROPOSITION TO COUNTRY

M. E. Tree, of Highway, was in town Tuesday talking up the proposition of organizing a stock company or corporation for the purpose of obtaining the necessary funds in building and maintaining a "fish pond" at some convenient point near Spur, where fishermen may go for an hour or two of sport, rest and recreation any day. This is a good proposition and we hereby subscribe to the limit of our capacity, if it be no more than the amount of a year's subscription. We have long maintained that the storage of water in the country is one of the most important propositions confronting

West Texas—and this work had as well begin by the creation of "fish ponds." We have suggested and again make the suggestion that when bridges are built by county officials, that the be constructed of solid concrete, thus answering two purposes: that of creek crossings and also of storing up waters. By converting bridges into dams, and manufacturing lakes and tanks throughout the country, within a few years we could hold at home all the surplus water which now flows on down toward the Gulf to enrich other sections of the country.

West Texas Chamber Commerce Favors Strict Enforcement of Prohibition Law

We desire to call your attention to the resolution passed by the Executive Board at Sweetwater in connection with the enforcement of the prohibition laws at the conventions of this and all other organizations. The board went on record unanimously as favoring a strict enforcement of this law and regretted very much that there were some few persons at

the last convention at Brownwood who took advantage of the convention in order to load up on booze. Of course we realize that there are some persons who cannot be controlled but it is the sincere desire of the Executive Board that this law be enforced.—Porter A. Whaley, Manager.

6,000 Acres Cotton Destroyed By Hail Monday at Roaring Spring

A destructive hail storm at Roaring Springs Monday afternoon is reported to have destroyed six thousand acres of cotton in that territory.

Hail also reached into the Spur territory in the northeastern part of Dickens county, destroying the crops of N. E. Porter, Chas. Brinnell, Alec Winkler and Robt. Reynolds, of the Croton country.

While this hail destruction is a real calamity, yet it can be overcome in that it is generally recognized that June plantings of cotton have always come out and made the best crops in past years.

The people of this country are never disheartened, and will begin immediately replanting with the promise of harvesting big yields.

SUNDAY THE HOTTEST DAY KNOWN IN OUR HISTORY

Sunday the thermometer at the experiment station registered 113, while in town it went to 114. Near Dickens it is reported to have stood at 117 degrees for a few minutes.

This is the hottest weather known since records have been kept. Hot winds are also blowing. However, up to this time the weather has been beneficial to crops, rather than an

injury, in that pests have been destroyed and prevented from operating and multiplying.

Crop conditions throughout the Spur country and all of West Texas could not be better or more promising of bountiful harvests and yields. If favorable conditions continue West Texas will produce the biggest crops of its history.

B. F. MIDDLETON FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce B. F. Middleton as a candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct 2, including the Afton and Duncan Flat Community voting boxes.

B. F. Middleton is considered one of the best and most conservative and progressive men of the country. Is competent and qualified in every particular to render the very best public service, and should be favored with the office of Commissioner will make not only his precinct but the county as a whole one of the best officers who has ever served in the place.

We ask voters of Precinct 2 to give the candidacy of B. F. Middleton a deserved consideration before casting a ballot in the July primary.

Trade at Home

CARD OF THANKS

In this public manner we desire to express our heart felt thanks and sincere appreciation to neighbors and friends who assisted and sympathized with us in the illness and death of wife, mother and daughter, Mrs. Lilly Kinman. We especially thank Dr. Nichols and nurses for their kindness and professional services so ably and generously extended. These kindnesses will ever be remembered by us.—E. R. Kinman, Mrs. M. C. Hobson and Children.

Trade at Home

Among those elected to the new French Chamber is an Alsatian Communist who does not know a word of French and who proposes to speak in German from the tribune of the ant in the Prussian artillery, but in French Chamber. He was a sergeant November, 1919, he publicly accepted French nationality.

The bald eagle of Alaska has a price of one dollar on its head, but fur farmers are confronted by the golden eagle which is not specified in the Bounty Act. The golden eagles will, it is feared, do much destruction among the foxes raised there.

Mrs. I. A. Smith will leave Spur Saturday for Wichita, Kan., where she will join her mother for a trip to Orange, California, where they will visit six weeks with a sister and daughter at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, of near Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday shopping and greeting friends.

Solon S. Caple, pharmacist mate first class, U. S. Navy, returned to Los Angeles Sunday after a 30 days leave of absence, visiting relatives and friends here. Solon, who is one of our home boys, is now doing dental laboratory work on board the U. S. S. Pennsylvania.

Trade at Home

JAMES A. STEPHENS FOR JUDGE 50th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

James A. Stephens, of Benjamin, Knox county, was in Spur this week and authorized the Texas Spur to make his announcement for the office of District Judge of this the 50th Judicial District of Texas, subject, of course, to the majority vote in the Democratic primary election.

James A. Stephens has been a practicing lawyer in Knox and other surrounding counties for the past thirty years. He is one of the most successful lawyers of the country, as is evidenced in the fact that out of five hundred civil cases represented in the courts only five of this number were given an adverse verdict. Mr. Stephens is not only successful in the practice of law, but is well versed and has a well grounded knowledge of the law.

If favored with the office of District Judge of this district James A. Stephens proposes to conduct the courts of the district in a business-like manner, overcoming all unnecessary delays in procedure, rendering decisions and verdicts strictly in accord with the law and without fear or favor to high and low, rich and poor alike.

He further proposes in selecting and appointing Jury Commissions to go without the bounds of the favored few and get men who have never before served on such commissions in the various counties of the district, thus obviating the probability of following along an "old rut" in obtaining or drawing a limited number of names for grand jury and petit jury who may have become considered almost professional jury and court servers by reason of being selected for these places from term to term, and in some instances consecutively from term to term.

His thirty years practice in the profession of law gives James A. Stephens a superior practical knowledge of law and court procedure, and proposes to conduct courts with the least delays and cost to the public, with fairness and impartiality, rendering decisions strictly in accord with the law. He does not hesitate to express his ideas and conviction on public matters and question. His knowledge of the law fits him for a judicial position, and his courage and back-bone qualifies him to render fair and just decisions.

We ask voters to give James A. Stephens' candidacy for District Judge a deserved consideration throughout the 50th Judicial District composed of the counties of Dickens, Motley, Baylor, Cottle and Knox.

The Stamford Leader editor does not pose as a model of modesty, a charm of character or a law-giver, but he does love decency and order and will stand for it as long as the presses run and the ink will print. To that end we wish to place our stamp of disapproval on the habit some few rough-necks have of getting out on the public highways and insulting decent people with vile epithets which they fling with their viller tongues.

No longer than a few night ago a gentleman of this city was driving with his family out on one of the main roads leading out of town. Two ruffians who were evidently born in a barn, raised in a horse lot and will continue to bray as long as they can breathe, followed that man and his family for several miles. When the man would slow up thinking they wanted to pass, they would slow up. When the man would speed up they would speed up and stay right behind him. At last growing tired of such condition, the man drove into a by-lane to let them pass, which they did, as they were going too fast to stop and run into the lane too. Just as they passed, they yelled some very ugly language to the man and his family, then drove on. Good women sometimes are compelled to call such brutes as those sons, but we will wager anything that they are ashamed of the day they gave birth to them. Decent people always act decently, no matter where they are. A rough-neck is a rough-neck the world over.—Stamford Leader.

Deep-water sailing ships in the old days were often beached to have their hulls cleared of barnacles and weeds. This was called careening. It was done by scraping and burning; the fires kindled underneath a ship for this purpose were called greaming fires.

Tradesmen's employes in Japan wear their employers' trademark on the backs of their coats.

The late Marie Corelli on being asked why she never married said: "There is no need, for I have three pets at home which answer the purpose as a husband—a dog which growls every morning, a parrot which swears all the afternoon, and a cat which comes home late at night."

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BAPTIST REVIVAL MEETING CONTINUED OVER SUNDAY

The revival meeting being conducted by Dr. Riley A. Copeland, of Waco, assisted by Mr. Dickson as singer, is creating much interest on the part of all the people, the services both day and night being largely attended. All denominations are co-operating in the meeting which will continue over Sunday.

Dr. Copeland is an interesting, forceful speaker, and his series of sermons will be of great and lasting good to Spur people.

Everybody in the country is invited and urged to attend the services with the assurance of hearing something elevating and beneficial to all.

Ned Hogan and family are spending a summer vacation visiting with relatives and friends in the Eastern part of the state.

C. Hogan returned last week from a visit to relatives at Sherman and other points, where he spent several days, going over from Waco where he attended the state convention as a Dickens county delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gruben and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey, and children, left Spur the first of the week for a trip through the country to San Antonio and other points in South and West Texas.

Live fish and shellfish, similar to those inhabiting the lakes of Palestine, have been found by artesian well borers at depths of 200 feet and 300 feet beneath the burning sands of the Sahara desert.

A clock which was twenty-one years of age when George Washington was born is still keeping perfect time in Omaha, and besides recording the hours gives the days of the month, the phases of the moon, and the rise and fall of the tides. It is of the grandfather type.

Sold on terms to suit. If your Singer is not sewing good we fix it. See or write K. Coombes, Spur, Texas.

Mike Yocham and Jim Barkley were business visitors in Spur Wednesday. They are among Jayton's leading citizens and report things in general moving along nicely in that city.

Smokestacks from old battleships are being used in Philadelphia for garages.

Station-to-Station Calls Cost Less
When you ask Long Distance to get a certain telephone number in a distant city and, when connected, you speak to any one at that number, you have made what is described as a Station-to-Station Call.
That is, on a Station-to-Station call do not specify a particular person to be reached, but only give the number of the telephone or the name or address under which the telephone is listed.
A Station-to-Station call costs less than a call for a particular persons because less operating labor and less circuit time are required than if a particular person has to be located and brought to the telephone.
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

D. O. BLASINGAME FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER PRE. 2

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce D. O. Blasingame as a candidate for the office of Public Weigher of Precinct 2, including the Afton voting box, subject to the action of the Democratic primary elections.

D. O. Blasingame is one of the very best citizens of the Afton country, competent in every respect to serve the public in the capacity of public weigher, and if favored with the place will give honest and accurate weights, prompt and accomodate service to all.

Mr. Blasingame is the fifth candidate to announce for public weigher of the Afton precinct, all of whom are good men, and it is going to be a hard proposition for voters to express a preference and determine the best man for the place.

Trade at Home

About 312 B. C., Caesar Appius Claudius built the Appian Way. This great three hundred and fifty mile thoroughfare stretches out almost in a direct line from the walls or Rome in a southerly direction to Brundisium. Today, as in the days of ancient Rome, heavy oxen draw great loads of produce along this ancient road.

Trade at Home

The old Mansion House at Greenville, South Carolina, is being razed to make room for a million-dollar twelve-story hotel. It is a landmark of the last century and was the scene in the seventies of a great celebration when Wade Hampton was finally elected Governor of South Carolina, ending "carpet-bag" rule in that state.

Trade at Home

Scientists place the possible posterity of a female fly at nearly four and a half heptillions, and if all lived to adult age, there would be no room for any other animate creation. Luckily flies die young.

Trade at Home

Sixty varieties of mosquito are bred in New York. They thrive best in old cans and receptacles where water will remain until stagnant. The season is near.

Trade at Home

In Latavia motion pictures may not be viewed by children under eighteen years of age unless there is a special picture show for children.

Trade at Home

On the village green at Tilford, where Mr. Snowden, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer lives, there is a tree called the King's Oak, which is mentioned as a landmark in the royal charter establishing Waverly Abbey in 1129.

Trade at Home

The walls of Babylon resisted "the gnawing tooth of time" and the battering rams of Cyrus, because the mortar used was mixed with bitumen. This bitumen is the "slime" mentioned in the Bible as being used for the Tower of Babel.

Trade at Home

Rare and beautiful jewels and other Hawaiian relics, which belonged to the late Queen Liliuokalani, are to be sold by public auction in Honolulu.

Trade at Home

A campaign is on foot at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona to improve the living conditions of the Apache. Of all the American Indians he is most primitive. It is probable that a number of modern houses will be erected in the coming summer.

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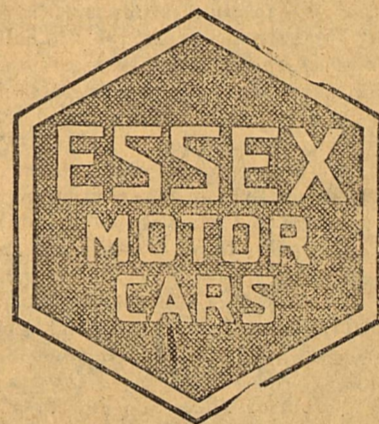
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Last week some thirty or forty interested people witnessed a demonstration of the Power and Possibilities of the little Essex Car, a six-cylinder of the Hudson Super-Six Type.

The Car Was driven down the Duck Creek bottom, over bottomless sand, through sand blown against the creek banks at an angle of 45 degrees, and at last driven up this bank where a man would bog to his knees in the sand.

The demonstration proved conclusively that the Essex car has the power and the capacity to pull through any sand in the world.

In leaving the demonstration point the Essex, loaded with nine passengers within, and five or six men standing on the running boards, plowed back through the loose sands, pulling in high gear and without a stop.

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ROY HARKEY, Salesman

FARM FEATURES FOR FARM FOLK

By PHEBE K. WARNER

July 28 to August 2, is the date set for the 1924 Farmers' Short Course at Texas A. & M. College. The business of the Texas A. & M. College is to build up Texas. The college is doing this in three ways. First, by educating a generation of better trained citizens to work for Texas. Second, by building up Texas institutions; and third, by building up Texas soil, saving her resources and multiplying their power and value.

Every year the Texas A. & M. College tries to do one more thing through the Farmers' Short Course to build up all the people. The Boys' Agricultural Clubs, the Girls' Home Making Clubs, the Women's Home Demonstration Clubs, the County Home Demonstrator's work, the County Farm Agent's work, all are out-growths of our own Agricultural and Mechanical College. To SERVE the people who make its service possible is the motive of our Texas A. & M. College. And when its mission and its services are better understood Texas will be a better state.

The agricultural writers of Texas to attend the Farmers' Short Course for the purpose of studying the relation of the Texas press to the FARM PEOPLE of the state. Last year the A. & M. College invited the Rural Ministers of Texas to attend the Farmers' Short Course to study the relation of the rural church to the life and happiness of the farm people. A meeting of two weeks was devoted to the study of the spiritual side of farm life and the best methods of service for the rural minister to the State of Texas.

As a result of that two weeks school in the interests of the rural church, the A. & M. College is this year making a survey of the rural church in Texas. Going to find out what all the rural church and their doctor in the most intelligent and Christ-like way. Is that not a Christian service to the state? How many of us know about it.

There is another thing going on in Texas this year. It is the School Survey. How many of the people are keeping up with that? How can we country folks keep up with all the big things that are going on in Texas? There is only ONE way to reach all the people with all the GOOD THINGS and that is through the PRESS. ARE WE DOING IT? That is the question the agricultural writers want to settle this year at their annual meeting during the Short Course.

What is the Texas press doing for the farm folks? Is the Texas press doing as much for the farmer and all his interests as the farmer and his family are doing for the Texas press, is it giving as much time and thought and space to the rural community and its interests as it is to the city community and its interests? Is the agricultural side of the life of our state receiving from the state press its share of recognition and publicity as compared to the service it renders the state?

What is the biggest and most essential business in Texas? It is Texas agriculture with all its varied commercial, economic, industrial, educational, social, spiritual and other human interests. Isn't it? Now the thing the agricultural writers of Texas want to know is just how much the Texas press is doing for all these interests. Does the Texas press give as much time and space to the agricultural interests of Texas as it does to society, athletics, oil, automobiles, war, foreign affairs, gossip, scandal, crime, politics, fashions, entertainments and funny page? Does the Texas press work as faithfully to reveal the advantages of the country as the city? Is the press in any way responsible for the drift of youth from the country to the over-crowded city? Does the city daily give as much back to the farmer for his subscription that is helpful and inspirational as it gives back to the city subscriber? Where do most of the big papers as well as the smaller newspaper subscription come from? Is the Texas press in any way responsible for the restlessness and discontent on the Texas farm?

The farmers of Texas and their families produced last year more than ONE BILLION DOLLARS of wealth for this state. They produced almost one-eleventh of all the agricultural wealth that was produced in the United States last year. What did the Texas press do for the farmers in proportion to what the farmers did for Texas? The agricultural writers of Texas want to know. They want to see what is being done for the farm people through the press. They want to learn how to better servants of the state through their work. For this reason the Agricultural Writers' Association of Texas is planning to hold a Press Exhibit at their next session which will convene the same

week at the Farmers' Short Course at A. & M. College.

Who are the agricultural writers? They are everybody who sends a newspaper or a magazine out to the farm people. Every paper that goes regularly to the country people should carry to them something of special interest to them and their life work. Something that would help with their work on the farm, their home work, their community, their school, their church, their roads, their life in the country. How many of the editors in Texas give a column a week or a page a week to this cause? How are you interesting the rural people in patronizing and reading your publication?

The A. & M. College will give \$50 in prizes to the best country weekly newspapers that are exhibited at the A. & M. Press Exhibit. The college is planning with the railroads for your transportation to the Farmers' Short Course. The Agricultural Writers' Association invites every editor in Texas to send in one copy of his paper to A. D. Jackson, College Station, Texas, some time before July 15, 1924. This invitation is to every paper and magazine—daily, weekly or monthly. Prizes are offered on County Weekly and Semi-Weekly papers only. We want the others to study. If you have a good feature, send it in. Give the state a chance to know it. And last but not most important of all COME YOURSELF and tell us how you managed to put over such a fine plan. In this way you can render a service to your state and to your profession. Most of us never see more than a half-dozen different newspapers. We do not know what the Texas press is doing for Texas. There are 1,180 newspapers published in Texas. We want a copy of every one of them in the Texas Exhibit. And we want a copy of every magazine in the state that carries farm features of any kind.

The A. & M. College invites every EDITOR in Texas to attend this meeting. And let us all study together how to better serve the farm folk of Texas and how to better tell the true story of Texas agriculture to the WORLD.

Trade at Home—
Bellhop—(after guest had rung for ten minutes)—"Did you ring, sir?"

Guest—"Heck, no! I was telling. I thought you were dead."—Washington Cougar's Paw.

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

ANOTHER THEORY AS TO THE LOCATION OF EDEN

No one seems to know exactly where the Garden of Eden is located. Many sites are mentioned. One of the most plausible theories is that it was on the plain between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in what is now Mesopotamia. Prof. A. T. Clay, professor of Semitics and Assyriology at Yale, thinks this plain was once part of the bed of a great sea. Arabs, he believes, first settled there about 6,000 B. C.

"Even then," he said, "the settlers had to build dikes to keep out the water." He points out the drop in the land is so little and the rivers make so many tortuous windings to the sea that certain places can be reached quicker by walking than by boat. Professor Clay has examined the locality at first hand. In one trip two autos containing his party dropped into a gully and an Arab guide was killed.

Trade at Home—
The fire alarm again sounded Saturday, the fire boys and wagon responding promptly, but the fire which was in Bell Bros. grocery had been put out before it had time to get a start.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. T. L. Denson, of near Spur, was shopping in the city Tuesday.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. H. P. BELL GO TO DRY LAKE

The Independent District of the Dry Lake community has employed the services of Prof. Bell and wife, for the school term of 1924-1925.

These efficient teachers were at Dry Lake for two years some three years ago. Since that time they have been at Prairie Chapel. In the latter place they have pleased all patrons and it has been stated by those who have been in that community longest, that Prof. and Mrs. Bell have done more for that district than any predecessor.

One of the best rural school buildings and school homes for teachers have been erected since Mr. and Mrs. Bell's sojourn in that section.

Under the leadership of these able instructors, the Dry Lake people

may look forward to one of the best schools in its history.

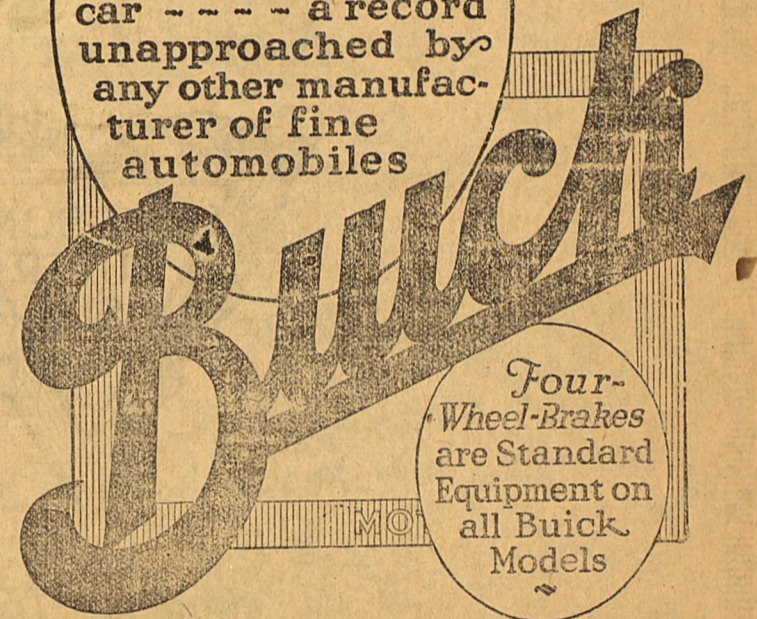
Trade at Home—
A motorist speeding through a country neighborhood killed a hen. He stopped and pressed a two-dollar bill into the hand of little Edna, who was on her way to neighbor Reed's. Edna ran and told her mama of her good fortune.

"Well," said the thrifty mother, "put the money in your bank and I will cut the hen's head off so we can eat her."

"Perhaps, mama," said Edna thoughtfully, "as long as we have the money we had better let the Reeds eat the hen. It was their hen."—Boston Transcript.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. M. L. Jones and children, of Dickens, were in Spur Monday shopping and visiting with relatives.

The Buick Motor Company is now well on its way to the manufacture of its two millionth motor car - - - a record unapproached by any other manufacturer of fine automobiles



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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

SEVEN STORE BUILDINGS DESTROYED LAMESA FIRE; DAMAGE PLACED \$500,000

LAMESA, Tex., June 7.—Fire originating in the southside Cicero Smith Lumber Yard this afternoon spread quickly and engulfed this company's property and thence spread to the Higginbotham-Barless Lumber company, both yards being levelled.

The fire then attacked the entire row of bricks on the south side, levelling seven of them and damaging the Majestic Theater to the extent of \$1,000.

The Worth Corner Drug store escaped with little damage.

The firms entirely burned out are Simpson-Bennett Motor Co.; The Economy Store; Tourist Cafe; Payne Grocery Co.; A. G. Gray Saddle Shop; Bodzen Dry Goods Co.; Rix Furniture and Undertaking Co.; Caldwell Tailor Shop; Wilson Barber Shop; Bobs Candy Kitchen.

These firms were entirely destroyed except for the few articles which were carried out by hand.

The Tahoka fire department and the Slaton department responded to the appeals for help by driving equipment through the country. Lubbock also sent her fire department by a special train donated by the Santa Fe, headed personally by Supt. J. F. Anton.

The loss is over \$500,000.

Lamesa is considered one of the fastest growing cities on the Plains, claiming a population of around 5,000. The population in 1920 was 1,188. The development of the Dawson county land has been rapid, however, and many new business structures have been erected during the past year. The scholastic census of the town jumped from 584 in 1923 to 1,000 during the present year.

The difficulty encountered in fighting the fire was insufficient water, according to reports. An ample supply was at hand to bring the flames under control, however.

TEXAS HIGHWAY BULLETIN TO BROADCAST ROAD REPORTS

As additional evidence that the State Highway Department is striving to serve the people of Texas to the fullest extent is the announcement that beginning with Monday, June 16th, the Texas Highway Bulletin, the official organ of the department, will conduct a road condition report bureau in order to inform those who use the state highways, of the exact condition of the roads over the state.

This service will be rendered in two separate forms. First, the report on the highways will be broadcasted every day from the broadcasting station of the Texas Highway Bulletin at Austin; second, inquiries by mail will be answered.

The report will be broadcasted twice each day. In the morning the report will be sent out in code; in the afternoon, between the hours of six and seven it will be given by voice. The report will be relayed to all sections of the state by amateur radio stations in different cities within the range of the of the Bulletin broadcasting station at Austin. In answering inquiries by mail the best routes and the condition of the highway to and from various places over the state will be given. Maps of the state highways, with the best routes marked will be enclosed in each reply sent out.

There are one hundred and three state highways in Texas, and answers to inquiries will give the best routes over any of these roads, but for the present, at least, the report of only the following highways will be broadcasted:

- Highway No. 1, Texarkana to El Paso, 871 miles.
- Highway No. 2, Laredo to Oklahoma Line, 550 miles.
- Highway No. 3, Louisiana Line to San Antonio, 340 miles.
- Highway No. 5, Texarkana to New Mexico Line, 556 miles.
- Highway No. 6, Galveston to Oklahoma Line, 340 miles.
- Highway No. 8, Port Arthur to Arkansas Line, through New Boston, 268 miles.
- Highway No. 9, Amarillo to San Antonio, 500 miles.
- Highway No. 12, Beeville to Rosenberg, 150 miles.
- Highway No. 15, Dallas to Louisiana Line, through Marshall, 157 miles.
- Highway No. 16 and 13, San Antonio to Brownsville, 330 miles.
- Highway No. 19 and 40, Houston to Dallas, 253 miles.
- Highway No. 36, Paris to Greenville, 50 miles.

The Texas Highway Bulletin, the official organ of the State Highway Department, is published without expense to the department. The publi-

cation of this bulletin is not a commercial enterprise and it is not conducted for profit. The money received from the advertisements is used to defray the expense of publication and the broadcasting of the road condition report has been made a part of this publication's service to the people of this state in the interest of good roads.

With the touring season for this year now in its final stage the bulletin believes that this service which it will render will serve a long felt need for those who use the highways.

WHY NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALLOTMENT

By Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer.

Newspapers and county officials have asked the question recently, why the Highway Commission does not have funds to aid every county of the state in the construction of their roads. Some of the county officials have intimated that there is something wrong, because the Highway Commission has issued a statement to the effect that no more aid will be allotted until additional funds, either State or Federal, are in sight. But they say to the Highway Commission: "You should have funds. The Legislature has increased the license fee and imposed a gasoline tax. You also receive several millions a year from the Federal government. Why can't we get aid when we ask for it?"

We will all admit that is a sound business policy to refrain from promising money to a county when the money is not in sight. In other words, the Highway Commission has a definite sum of money to use in aiding counties to build State highway within their respective borders. When this definite sum has been allotted and there are no additional funds in sight then certainly the Highway Commission, in fairness to the counties which have already received allotments of aid, should not make additional allotments until they are sure that the funds will be forthcoming when these allotments come due. If this definite sum is over-allotted, then some counties will not receive the full amount which they have been promised.

I suppose the newspapers and county officials that have asked "why are no funds available?" desire to know where the funds have gone and to whom these funds have been paid.

All right, let's talk cold facts and figures; but first, in order to thoroughly understand I will define a few of the common terms used.

State Aid is the monies derived from the motor vehicle registration fees, and the gasoline tax. This fund can be used to aid counties in the construction of any state highway.

Federal Aid is an appropriation made by Congress from the Federal Treasury to be used in assisting the states in the construction of a system of cardinal highways. This aid is apportioned to the state, one-third according to population, one-third according to area and one-third according to total road mileage, and can be used on any state highway designated by the State Highway Commission, and approved by the Bureau of Public Roads as eligible for Federal aid.

An Allotment of Aid is a promise by the commission to pay a certain percentage or a certain amount of state or federal aid, toward the cost of constructing a definite section of road of a suitable type. In making these allotments it is necessary for the county to take the initiative by voting bonds and making applications for aid.

Texas has been allotted, including the 1925 appropriation, \$21,724,897.44 federal aid. \$11,847,111.81 state aid, total of \$32,319,009.25 state and federal aid actually paid to the counties. In addition there has been paid \$1,193,448.38 for maintenance of state highways since January 1st, making a total of \$33,512,447.00 paid out as aid and for maintenance. There is in the federal treasury a balance of \$11,252,314.80 to our credit, a balance of \$4,658,339.33 in the state treasury to date, and an estimated amount of \$2,557,429.00 to be collected from 1924 registration fees, making a total balance of \$18,468,083.13 state and federal aid. Against this

total there are allotments to counties totaling \$17,927,657.15, leaving a balance of \$540,424.98 which has not been paid out and is not covered by allotments. However there was set aside at the beginning of the year \$3,900,000.00 for the maintenance of state highways for 1924, adding the \$1,193,448.00 which already has been paid for maintenance and the \$540,424.96 not covered by allotments we get \$1,733,873.00. Therefore, it will be seen that after the maintenance budget has been taken from the total funds available that the Highway Commission has already over-allotted approximately \$1,000,000.

This over-allotment can be cared for out of 1924 registration fees as many of the counties will not demand payment of their allotment until next year. It is necessary to make allotments in advance so that counties can prepare plans and estimates and in order that there will be no delay. However, the Commission feels that it is unwise to make any further allotments until pending litigation involving the highway and has been settled or until additional funds from other sources are in sight.

In order to give the citizens of the State Highway Commission by this state some ideas as to what the demands that are being made upon the counties of Texas, we give the following list of counties which have voted bond issues for the purpose of building state highways:

Archer, Austin, Baylor, Bowie, Brazoria, Brooks, Callahan, Cameron, Clay, DeWitt, Fayette, Ft. Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Gonzales, Grimes, Harris, Erath, Houston, Jack, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Jones, Karnes, Madison, Milam, Shackelford, Taylor, Travis, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson. These bond issues total \$15,310,000.00 and are being help up until state or federal aid can be obtained, and application from these counties for the sum of \$14,975,950.00 is now pending.

These bonds were voted for the purpose of constructing links in important state highways and the Highway Commission is anxious to see these roads completed. The commission realizes the importance of the highways in all the counties that have voted bonds and would like very much to assist them with state or federal aid, but without funds the commission feels that it would be poor business to over-allot the funds in sight to any greater extent than has already been done.

The question will probably be asked, why funds were not reserved for the larger counties that had not received their maximum. The reason is this, that the commission desired to complete the system of state highways as rapidly as possible and as there were many important links in the system which counties had voted bonds to build, the commission thought it best to allot aid to these sections in order that construction would be started as soon as possible. A further reason is that the commission, though required to build these roads through county commissioners courts, have tried to disregard county lines, and to look upon the state system of highways from a statewide standpoint, taking into consideration their relative importance to the state as a whole.

This is our explanation of, "why there are no funds available," and if

Old Folks' Ailments

"I began taking Black-Draught over fifty years ago and my experience with it stretches over a good long time," says Mr. Joe A. Blake, more, a Civil War veteran and former Virginian, who is now a prominent citizen of Floyd, Texas. "It is the best laxative I know of for old people. . . A good many years ago, in Virginia, I used to get bilious and I found that

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was the best and quickest relief I could get. Since I came to Texas I have these bilious attacks every now and then—a man will get bilious anywhere, you know—and I find that a little Black-Draught soon straightens me out. After a few doses, in little or no time I'm all right again." Theford's Black-Draught is a purely vegetable liver medicine, used in America for over eighty years. It acts on the stomach, liver and bowels in a gentle, natural way, assisting digestion and relieving constipation. Sold everywhere.

not satisfactory to those who asked this question, we would like to ask, "what would you have done, had you been the Highway Commission?"

Trade at Home— We noted W. T. Lovell, of Wichita, driving in to Spur and returning home almost immediately Monday of this week. He was driving at a rapid rate. We concluded that he had discovered grass hoppers roaming over his cotton field and was coming in after medicine. In following up the prescriptions offered by John Smith we suggest that Lovell may have a more convenient means of meeting the situation in that the poisoned syrup may be sprinkled on the weeds surrounding his crop, thus saving the expense and labor of sowing strips of cotton for that purpose. Lovell has always been recognized as the most forward looking farmer of the country. He is one of the few farmers who have terraced farms—and in meeting the labor situation he knows how to cut corners and profits by natural advantages and opportunities.

Trade at Home— Last week we stated that Colonel Owsley and family had returned from a visit to Anson. As a matter of fact he had been down to that noted health and pleasure resort drinking mineral waters and recuperating. Colonel Owsley is now arranging to also visit the famous Hot Springs of New Mexico.

Trade at Home— Miss Lera Albin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin, returned last week from Denton where she has been attending C. I. A., and will spend the summer vacation here with her parents.

Trade at Home— LOST—A small gold, open face wrist watch, Saturday somewhere on streets of Spur. Finder please return to Texas Spur office. 34-1t

Trade at Home— Mrs. J. E. Morris and little Miss Francis returned Sunday from a visit to relatives and friends at Haskell.

Trade at Home— Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider, daughter and son, Miss Netha and Crate, left last week for Gunter, Sherman and other points in East Texas, visiting with friends and enjoying a summer vacation.

Trade at Home— M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Morris and children visited with relatives and friends up on the plains near Rails Sunday. Because of a car break down Mr. Morris returned Monday alone, leaving his family for a more extended visit.

Trade at Home— Miss Beachamp, of Crosbyton, and Miss Afton Morris, of Ralls, were visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

W. M. Pool and three sons, of Afton, were Spur visitors Monday of this week. They report crop conditions most promising regardless of the extremely hot weather, winds and grass hoppers. Mart Pool, who has been employed in Dallas, is now at home for a summer vacation, but will return soon to resume his employment.

Trade at Home—
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The body, like any other machine, will work normally when all its parts are in place, so the energy will apply. In the human body the energy is called vital force. It is transmitted through the nerves to the cells of the body, and so long as the nerve channels are free the vital force will pass to the place of function and normal activity will result. Normal function means HEALTH.

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DICKENS COUNTY IS SECOND IN STATE-WIDE COTTON CONTEST

Bowie County finished in first place, barely nosing out Dickens County by two names in the entries to the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest conducted by The Dallas Morning News and The Semi-Weekly Farm News in cooperation with the extension service of Texas A. & M. College.

A final count gave Bowie county 189 cotton growers entered and Dickens 187. This shows the keen rivalry which characterized the cotton contest in East and West Texas. Bowie is in the northeastern corner of Texas and Dickens is in the "breaks" country of West Texas.

Third place went to Rusk county with 142 entrants; fourth place to Dallas county with 136; fifth place to Smith county with 123; sixth place to Titus county with 95; seventh place to Jasper county with 91; eighth place to Montague county with 84; ninth place to Cherokee with 78; and tenth place to Fannin county with 75.

The final count showed 2,711 Texas cotton growers entered in the State-wide contest, representing 165 counties. Their combined five-acre projects totals 13,555 acres. Should the average production for each of these tracts be a bale an acre it would mean just 13,555 bales added to the size of the Texas cotton crop. Should the average, by any possibility, be two bales an acre, it would add just 27,110 acres to the sum total of next fall's cotton crop.

On the whole the results to date are highly gratifying. The number of entrants is of sufficient volume to enable a fairly accurate test to be made of the productive capacity of Texas soils under intensive methods in the various climatic divisions. The big job ahead is for those who have entered in the contest to show what they can do, whether favored or handicapped by local conditions. In this way the campaign will result in great good in that it will prove of real educational value to all who have entered and to those who will profit from the lessons learned.

Those in charge of the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest are indebted for its success to the untiring efforts of enterprising county agricultural agents, energetic secretaries of Chambers of Commerce and far-sighted and public-spirited business men and bankers all over Texas, who gave their time and services to secure large representation.

A complete list, as far as possible, to compile for publication, follows, with counties arranged alphabetically and localities accordingly. In some instances a man's postoffice happens to be in an adjoining county, but he is credited to the county in which he is raising his cotton.

Afton—S. M. Thomas Jr., Johnnie Baxter, Paul P. Baxter, Earl Jones, Lee Pool, Harvie Pool, Ernest Dillard Jones, Horace Henley, William Middleton, Ewel Middleton, Albert Towers, W. A. Cowan, M. S.

Favor. Leonard Middleton, B. F. Middleton, W. M. Pool, Ray Pool, Myron Pool, M. M. Fretwell and L. K. Pettigrew.

Dickens—Chlora T. Lewis, Willie Lovell, Arthur Dean, Jack Blackwell, Fred Crabtree, Byron Crego, Clyde Henry, Bess Jackson, Thurman Lewis, Arvil W. Lee, Raleigh Middleton, Lawson Morgan, J. C. Porter, Tom Porter, Clema Rogers, Jack Thanisch and Herman Thacker.

Gilpin—Lofton Bennett, Aubrey Bennett and Ribert Bilberry.

McAdoo—Bradford Bass, Dan Bass, Hontas Bradshaw, Swroy Bradshaw, Chester Clark Tom Elridge, Buel Fox, Laurance Fox, Cloris Harris, Buster Hogan, Loyd McLaughlin, Claude McLaughlin, Joe McLaughlin, Darliss Neighbors, Johnnie Woods, John Richardson, Ella Mae Miller, Frank Macon, Grover Dickinson, Dudley Wooten, Austin Rose, W. P. Cybert and J. M. Brownlow.

Roaring Springs—Cullen Hulsey, Earl Frazier, Vancil Hughes, Chester Henry, and Artie Vaughn.

Spur—Raymond V. Powell, Eldon Rawlings, Elzie Tunnell, Joe Murphy, Justice McMahan, Charlie McMahan, A. W. Van Leer, Jr., John Jackson Payne, Andrew Blair, Boyd Brown, Newton Bingham, Wallace Bingham, Oliver Brinnell, Raymond Bilberry, Elmer Bilberry, Delma Baker, Archie Brawley, Helbun Carleton, Lowry Carleton, Alvin Duncan, Elmer Duncan, Horace Denson, Carl Denson, Marvin English, Murl Foreman, Alton Lee Foreman, Milton Foreman, L. D. Foreman, Henry Gregory, John Hallaway, Allie Hairgrove, George Harrison, J. C. Johnson, Sam Jennings, Wilfred King, Aubrey King, Harold Karr, Guy Karr, Hubert Karr, Ray Karr, Clarence Martin, Oscar Nally, Virgil Parks, Martin Parks, Lafayette Robinson, Don Squires, Jack Simmons, Conley Smith, Wilbur Tree, A. W. Van Leer, A. M. Miller, W. F. Foreman, J. L. Karr, A. B. Morgan, T. W. Morgan, W. L. Gragson, R. L. Emert, Mrs. J. E. Clapp, E. M. Rawlings, A. M. Shepherd, J. A. Stayton, H. C. Allen, N. M. Leach, R. J. Hairgrove, W. L. Powell, C. N. Kidd, R. F. Rogers, J. W. Baze, T. L. Denson, B. M. Blackmon, H. J. Parks, W. F. Shugart, Elmer Shugart, Penn Shugart, C. D. Copeland, H. E. Grabner, J. R. Cozby, W. A. Stearns, Will Watson, A. Frazier, J. A. Kerley, R. F. Harrell, G. Brown, A. Biggs, S. R. Bowman, I. E. Abernathy, D. Y. Twaddell, J. W. Davise, Dan Pritchett, W. D. Spraberry, H. O. Albin, George Sloan, D. J. Gilbert, Seals Ernest, A. V. Lester, D. G. Simmons, P. E. Hagins, Dalton Johnston, L. L. Arnold, J. B. McNeilin, W. B. Bennett, C. R. Bennett, W. T. Wilson, W. P. Marshall, J. W. Carlisle, J. B. Carlisle, G. B. Erath, W. M. Randall, L. M. Randall, J. J. Randall, E. A. Bailey, W. D. Blair, J. H. Boothe, W. M. Hunter, Walter Jordan, J. V. Powell, J. D. Hufstедler, F. E. Walker, and Dewey Johnson.

Japs Not To Be Taken Seriously Says Hornaday

AUSTIN, June 19.—"Recent Japanese demonstrations in Tokyo, protesting against the action of the United States Congress in enacting a law excluding Japanese from this country should not be taken too seriously by Americans," suggested W. D. Hornaday of Austin, who has just returned from a year's stay in the Orient and Hawaiian Islands. "The masses of Japanese are living in filth, poverty and ignorance and know nothing and care less about what the United States has done or may do in the matter of keeping them out of this country. In such a city as Tokyo it is easy to arouse the mob spirit on almost any question and it is done frequently when only domestic matters are involved. The ruling element of Japan must know that the United States was amply justified, from economic and racial considerations, in putting up the bars against their nationals. Japan itself excludes the Chinese and no foreigner can own land in that country. For twenty years or more Australia has enforced exclusion regulations, by means of the literacy test, against the Japanese and I understand the same is true as to South Africa. Still, strange to say, Japan, so far as I know never made any protest to Great Britain against such action of these colonies.

"Except in her navy Japan has nothing to qualify her for classification as a first class power. Many well informed people think the efficiency of that country's navy is greatly overrated in the eyes of the world. Economically Japan was in desperate condition before the disastrous earthquake and her industrial and business interests are now facing a crisis. The country is largely dependent upon foreign trade for prosperity at home, and during the last two years much of this trade has for various reasons been lost to her. A deluge of bank and business failures occurred last year and business embarrasments are still taking place with much frequency. Japan is the greatest press-agented country in the world. Even the so-called beauties of the islands are not what they are pictured. The winter and summer climates are miserable and almost unbearable."

Mr. Hornaday described China and the Chinese in a favorable light. He asserted that despite the lack of a real central government of China and the general unsettled conditions, due to revolutions and banditry, business everywhere was going on about as usual when he was there. The Chinese are a great and liberal people, he declared. With thousands of years of history behind them the Chinese view with complacency the present period of political chaos. They take the view that everything will be righted in time. What are a few years of trouble in the thousands of years that make up the life of the nation? So, the average citizen of China smiles and goes on about his business. They are worried more about the eternal mixing in of their affairs by Americans and other foreigners than about their own domestic difficulties."

Mr. Hornaday spent the winter and spring in Honolulu. He was joined there by his family last January and they returned with him to Austin.

"The Hawaiian Islands are very properly called the Paradise of the Pacific," he said. "In no part of the world is there to be found a more delightful all-the-year-around climate than that of Honolulu. It is never too warm or too cool there. The beauties of the city and islands are indescribable. Flowering trees, shrubs and plants abound everywhere. The city of Honolulu, with its 100,000 population, is modern in every respect. Some idea of the agricultural wealth of the islands may be had when it is stated that the 250,000 acres in cultivation produce, on an average, cane and other crops to the value of \$160,000 to every 640 acres each year.

"There are many Texans in Hawaii. They are found scattered all through the 15,000 soldiers and several thousand marines stationed there, as well as among the civilian population."

"About 45 per cent of the population of the islands are Japanese," Mr. Hornaday said. "There are also thousands of Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans, Porto Ricans, Portuguese, and native Hawaiians there. They all get along harmoniously together," he declared.

Mr. Hornaday is director of publicity in the University of Texas. He was actively employed in newspaper work in the state for many years before he became connected with that institution. On his recent

trip to the Orient and Hawaii he represented as correspondent a syndicate of Northern and Eastern newspapers for which he wrote a series of about one hundred articles.

Trade at Home—
DIED

Mrs. Lilly Kinman, of near Spur, died very unexpectedly Monday night of heart failure while at the Nichols Sanitarium convalescing from an operation for appendicitis Sunday morning. She was doing well in every particular until Monday night she suddenly and without warning suffered an attack of heart failure and died within a few minutes. Her remains were interred Tuesday in the Dickens cemetery. She leaves a husband, E. R. Kinman, and two children, a mother, Mrs. M. C. Hobson, and several brothers and sisters. Her brothers and sisters from Breckenridge, arrived here Tuesday night, too late to attend the funeral. The Texas Spur joins friends in extending sincere sympathy to the family in this great and unexpected bereavement.

Trade at Home—
W. S. LEACH WITHDRAWS FROM ASSESSORS' RACE

W. S. Leach, of Dry Lake, requested the Texas Spur to announce his withdrawal from the race for tax assessor of Dickens county, and express his thanks and appreciation to friends for their support, encouragement and loyalty to him during the time he remained in the campaign. Mr. Leach stated that he could not consistently employ the time necessary in making a campaign for the office, therefore he decided to withdraw from the race at this time, leaving the field to his opponents.

There is not a better man in Dickens county than W. S. Leach, and his many friends will regret to hear of his withdrawal from the race for tax assessor.

Trade at Home—

W. L. Thanisch, of the Draper county, was a recent business visitor in Spur. He has several hundred acres of cotton this year, and is preparing to combat the grass hopper pest before they have an opportunity to greatly damage crops. The old saying that "a stitch in time saves nine" may be a good rule to follow in the protection of crops from threatened pests.

Trade at Home—

Billy Bryant, wife and child, G. R. Elkins, wife and son, Henry, left Spur Thursday for Colorado Springs where they will spend some time seeing the sights and enjoying the cooler climate.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. S. T. Loyd, of Afton, was a visitor and shopper in Spur Tuesday of this week.

CO-OPERATION THE WATCH WORD OF SPUR COUNTRY

John McCrackin, a prominent citizen, stockman and farmer of the plains country, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week. He was here to obtain help in harvesting his wheat crop, making application for such help from the president of the Spur Chamber of Commerce. In this connection the Spur Chamber of Commerce can save the country thousands of dollars this fall in securing labor for the harvest and cotton picking season by cooperating with farmers. Heretofore individual farmers have been going back to Eastern counties for cotton pickers, each spending possibly an hundred or more dollars in obtaining help. By cooperating with the Spur Chamber of Commerce, and each paying a small fee and listing the number of cotton pickers desired, one or two men could be employed to obtain the number of laborers required for the entire country, thus saving the farmers of the entire country thousands of dollars of otherwise unnecessary expense. Cooperation is the watchword of the country. Let us all work together and profit thereby.

Trade at Home—

Mrs. Paul Douglass and little son, Jack, of Iowa Park, arrived in Spur Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Douglass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

MRS. BESS JENKINS DIED SATURDAY AT COLTON, CAL.

A telegram received here Saturday from Colton, Calif., stated that Mrs. Bess Jenkins died there Saturday from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins formerly operated the White Swan Cafe in our city, and were well known and liked, and their many friends were shocked to know of her death.

Grand Ma Jenkins, accompanied by her son Joe departed Sunday for that city, but will be unable to reach their destination in time to attend the funeral.

The Texas Spur joins with their many friends in extending sincere sympathy in this time of sorrow to the bereaved.

Trade at Home—

Mrs. Caple went to Lubbock Sunday to see the doctor whose care she has been under for treatment for the past three months.

Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews are now in Alpine, Brewster county, where they are enjoying the cooling breezes. Judge Andrews, of Stamford, is with them for the benefit of his health, and a card from them informs us that since his health is very much improved they will soon return home.

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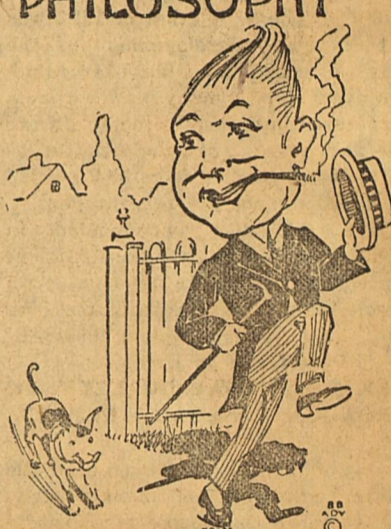
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The Texas Spur Has A Man In Field Making Industrial Survey

The Texas Spur has employed and arranged with N. C. Purcell, superintendent of the Afton schools the past term, to cover the entire country in making an industrial survey and write up of every section and community of the great Spur country. In his rounds he will solicit subscriptions and accept back pay from all who desire to and are in a position to help us along in this way.

The Texas Spur has long had in mind to visit every community, giving a detailed write-up of its progress, development and possibilities, together with a brief sketch of the individuals making up the community and doing the things worth while in an agricultural, commercial and social way. Mr. Purcell has had years of experience in newspaper work, is a good writer, close observer and booster for West Texas, and can do justice in carrying out this project. We ask readers and the general public of each community visited to give Mr. Purcell all the information and help possible in this undertaking, and also assist him in placing the name of every individual of your section on the regular Texas Spur mailing list. We want the entire country, and every county extended to Mr. Purcell in his rounds of the country will be appreciated by us. If he should happen to miss any one while in your community, make it a point to look him up, and tell him something of interest for publication and have your name placed on our subscription list. We will be pleased, we will appreciate and you will be repaid in the end.

RAILROAD ASSURED

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half. Likewise a 15-bushel wheat average elsewhere means 18 or 20 bushels in Throckmorton county. Lack of transportation has kept down agricultural development to a minimum. No effort has been made to cut up the big ranches into farming tracts, for this reason, but the penetration of a railroad into the county will see thousands of acres of fine land surveyed off and opened up for farmers.

Giving additional strength to the Burlington's building plans is the possibility of an oil field being opened up soon in Throckmorton county. Wildcat are drilling in ever part of the county and two gassers and two small producers have thus far been uncovered. An oil field here would mean tremendous tonnage for a railroad.

The ability of railroads in this western country to make money has been demonstrated by the new Wichita Falls and Southern extension. Although it is a short haul line, the road is hauling two heavily loaded freight trains per day between Breckenridge and Wichita Falls. Travel is sufficient to maintain two trains per day in each direction. Two-thirds of this business has originated since the building of the road, and the new extension was not even called in an agricultural country.

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