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A GREAT MEETING IN FULL SWING AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Charles A. Chasteen, who is conducting the evangelistic campaign at the Christian church, is doing some of the finest preaching ever enjoyed by an audience in Spur. Due to the fine spirit of cooperation for which Spur is noted the evangelist has been heard by unusually large audiences. This too in spite of the wind and cold.

When one takes into account that the meeting has only been in progress for five nights this unusual interest is prophetic of a great awakening in Christian thinking. Mr. Chasteen's discourses are masterful lessons delivered with his great force of energy and character and in the power of the spirit. His sermons demand the standard of living set by God Himself and leaves no place in the life of a Christian for sin. However, he is not abusive toward the sinner.

On Monday night he dealt at length with the sinful woman referred to in John's gospel, fourth chapter. He did not abuse woman for her sins and mistakes but called to a strict accounting men who contributed to her sin. He attacked the double standard in society for men and women with such force that the impact seemed to jar his audience. It was a masterful arraignment of sin with a portrayal of God's mercy and kindness to any sinner.

The cooperation of the Christian forces of the town in the special meetings of different churches of Spur is the finest manifestation we have ever witnessed. The united church is going to the task with a resolution that is heartening. The membership of the Christian church is very appreciative of this cooperation and invites every one, church or unchurched, believer or unbeliever to every service.

At the ten o'clock hour the evangelist handles some lesson that is of primary importance to every believer in Jesus Christ and at the evening hour, 8:30, he delivers one of his intensely practical and very interesting sermons.

Form the habit of being present at every service.

ONE OF THE LEADING EDUCATORS OF COUNTRY

H. P. Bell, of Afton, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week, meeting with friends and acquaintances. Mr. Bell is one of the foremost teachers and educators of this section of the country. We understand that next year he will be employed to superintend and teach in the Dry Lake schools. During his summer vacation Mr. Bell is helping our representative, Nathan C. Purcell, in making a general educational and industrial survey of the county. Mr. Purcell will visit every school district and community in the county, soliciting new readers to Texas Spur and giving readers a write-up each week, his articles dealing with community progress and advancement as well as individual mention of men and women who make their communities what they are.

Trade at Home

LESLIE WILLIAMS DIED IN PETROLIA; BURIED SUNDAY

Leslie E. Williams died Saturday morning at the home of his mother in Petrolia, Texas, his remains being shipped to Spur for burial. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the home of Mrs. P. C. Ellis, interment following at the Spur cemetery.

Leslie E. Williams formerly lived in Spur, and in its earlier days was married here to Miss Lula Ellis. The Great White Plague came to him and after leaving Spur he moved from place to place in an effort to check its ravages. For three weeks before death he was confined to his bed at the home of his mother at Petrolia where Saturday morning he gave up the fight and crossed the Great Divide.

Leslie Williams was a close personal friend of ours. He was a good citizen, a clean man, and but for health affliction would have developed into a great usefulness to the world.

Trade at Home

THE BASE BALL SEASON NOW OPEN; THREE TEAMS ORGANIZED IN SPUR

The base ball season is now open and in full swing in Spur. Three teams, the Hebrews, Firemen, and Ironmen crossed bats and the games are scheduled for each week.

Tuesday of this week the Hebrews and Ironmen crossed bats and the interesting game resulted in a score of three to one in favor of the Hebrews.

Monday the Firemen and the Hebrews played a score of seven to four with the Firemen in the lead. On account of rain other games scheduled were called off.

The standing of the teams in various games played to date is as follows:

	P	W	L	Pct.
Firemen	9	6	3	.667
Hebrews	11	7	4	.633
Ironmen	10	2	8	.200

The general public is cordially invited to attend the games which are scheduled for four o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

Trade at Home

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Daniels returned last week from a six weeks vacation spent at Iredell and other points visiting with relatives and friends.

Farms & Ranches Get A Home Now

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

COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE

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J. H. Fulcher

SPUR, TEXAS

BEST CROPS THIS YEAR EVER KNOWN IN COUNTRY

Robert Nickel, of McAdoo, was in Spur last week. He is harvesting his wheat crop and averaging thirty-five bushels to the acre. He told us that laying all boosting, booming and hot air talk aside, that the Plains section of Dickens county had this year the finest crops of all kinds ever before known to the country. Unless some calamity, hail, grasshoppers or washouts occur, the Spur country will this fall harvest the biggest crops ever before known. Farmers all over the country are farming intensively and scientifically, many of them having entered the state and county contests for the best production of both feed and cotton on a stated acreage. These contests encourage better farming as well as better crops, but big harvests are assured regardless of contests this year.

Trade at Home

A. George and family departed Monday for Sweetwater and other points to visit a brother, Silas George and wife's brother, W. C. Jones, Blackwell, and J. J. George at Decker. They will be gone about 10 days.

SPUR COUNTRY RECOGNIZED IN PRODUCING PLANTING SEED

Vernon Powell, of Dockum Valley, was mixing with the crowds in Spur Saturday. Mr. Powell is one of the best farmers of the country and he tells that this year he has the best crops he has ever had. Several years ago Vernon Powell produced on his farm seeds with which to supply the agricultural departments in distributing planting seed over the country. This fact speaks volumes not alone to Mr. Powell's knowledge and ability in farming, but for the soil and its productive qualities, in that the government recognized and preferred the Spur country soil in producing seed for distribution over the entire country.

Trade at Home

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mowlin, who have been visiting the home of Mrs. A. T. Ballard, returned to their home at Abilene Sunday. Mrs. Mowlin is a sister of Mrs. Ballard.

Trade at Home

Mrs. Cady, of Abilene, formerly of Spur but now of Abilene, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Powell and other relatives and friends of the city.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AGAIN POURING IN THROUGH FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

The Texas Spur subscription list, which is already the largest of any country newspaper in all of Western Texas, is now being greatly increased and subscriptions are veritably "pouring in" again through our field representative, Nathan C. Purcell who is now touring the county and making every community and school district for the purpose of making an educational and industrial survey, and through the columns of the Texas Spur each week giving readers a detailed account of the community progress together with personal mention of individuals who do things and make their respective communities what they are.

Up to date the Afton and Croton communities have been visited by Mr. Purcell. This week he was in the Duncan Flat community. McAdoo will be the next community to cover, and then other sections until each community and school district in the county is visited.

We ask that the citizenship of each community be prepared to meet

Mr. Purcell, give him all the information possible concerning the history, the progress and the hopes, ideals and expectations of the community and its people.

In the communities already visited many new names have been added to the Texas Spur subscription list. In fact, there are but few left, some of whom it was impossible for Mr. Purcell to see, who are not now regular readers of the Texas Spur. We want the Texas Spur to go to every home in the county. We want it to be a truly representative newspaper of every community, and to this end we are going to considerable expense in employing Nathan C. Purcell as a field representative to solicit subscriptions, write up the communities and encourage further cooperation and progress.

Watch for the Texas Spur field representative. He will be in your community soon. Give him your subscription. Help him in his work and we will all feel better and do better.

COW THIEVES ARRESTED

John Southworth, in his official capacity, this week made a good haul near Childress, having arrested more than one man charged with cow theft. The arrests were smoothly engineered, the parties being caught immediately after the act of beefing a cow, the calf which was tied off to one side being recovered. John Southworth has an "eagle eye" for cow thieves, and those given to illegal beef hunger had better keep out of the territory looked after by Big John—because he will get you.

Trade at Home

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, of Iredell, are in Spur visiting their son, Duke Daniels and wife.

While in the city the other day B. F. Simmons, of Dry Lake, had us send the paper to Claud Costlow, of Reklaw, Texas, and for which he has our thanks. The Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow at a rapid rate now, we having added some twenty-five or thirty new names to the list the past week, averaging some four or five new readers each day. We want the Texas Spur to go into every home of this entire country.

Trade at Home

Miss Beth Addington, of Fort Worth, is in Spur and will be with the Spur National Bank, taking the place of Mrs. Weldon Williams who is taking a summer vacation.

THE FATTED CALF IS KILLED HONORING UNCLE BILL HYATT

Uncle Bill Hyatt and wife are back in their old home at Paris, after an absence of forty-seven years spent out here in Dickens county and the great West. The following clippings from papers give evidence of the gladness with which Uncle Bill is being received "back home." He is being feted, the fatted calf is really killed, and he is all but "wined and dined."

PARIS, June 27.—A reunion was held at the tourist park in West Paris Thursday over 100 relatives and special friends of the family in honor of W. L. (Billy) Hyatt of Spur, Dickens county, who left Lamar county when he was 14 years old and is back on his first visit in forty-seven years. Some of the relatives living on Red River brought a lot of fish and there was an old-fashioned fish fry. Singing and Scripture reading formed part of the program of the reunion.

A picturesque reunion was held at the tourist park for W. L. Hyatt, who left this county 47 years ago, and made his first visit here since that time. He was guest of honor of eight different families of Lamar county, all boyhood friends. A fish fry was one of the features of the occasion.

Hyatt's home is at Spur, Dickens county, he being one of the first settlers of that part of Texas.

W. L. Hyatt, of Dickens county is in our county visiting old friends at Caviness and other parts of the county.

He is a son of Lawson Hyatt, one of Lamar county's oldest settlers, and was well known here in early days.

Mr. W. L. Hyatt is an uncle of Sid Caviness of Chicota, and Mrs. Nat Thompson of Chicota.

Also Mrs. W. A. Martin, Moses

Mrs. Aline Flynn is in Fort Worth, the guest of Mrs. Fred Mickle of that city.

Caviness of Chicota. Mr. Hyatt came to see other friends as well.

He is a special friend of J. A. McEwin of Caviness and many other old friends.

He sees a great change for good in this county. He went all over the county and failed to recognize a single building.

He asks The Echo to state that he was a very happy man to see old friends.

Mr. Hyatt has his family with him and they are enjoying the visit very much.

An interesting reunion and picnic was held in the tourist park in West Paris Thursday which was attended by about a hundred persons, mostly from Emberson and Caviness, who represented the relatives and special friends of W. L. (Billy) Hyatt, in whose honor it was given.

Mr. Hyatt left Lamar county forty-seven years ago, when he was a boy 14 years old, and he and his family are here on a visit for the first time since he left. They are living at Spur, Dickens county, and his family have never been here before, he having grown up and married after leaving Lamar county.

The kinfolks in attendance at the reunion included the families of R. L. and E. G. Caviness, both deceased, who married sisters of Mr. Hyatt, all of the members of the Dodston family and others. Among the special friends present was J. A. McEwin, a boyhood playmate of Mr. Hyatt, who said that Mr. McEwin was the only one he could recognize.

Lee Caviness of Chicota brought about 150 pounds of fish to the reunion and an old-fashioned fish fry was enjoyed. The reunion lasted until late in the afternoon and part of the day was spent in singing and scripture reading.

Mr. Lee and family, of Rochester, are in Spur this week visiting his sister, Mrs. W. B. Lee and family.

COTTON CONTEST LAND MUST BE MEASURED BY AUGUST FIRST

All entrants in the Dallas News Cotton Contest who want their land measured so that they will be eligible for premiums offered must send in their names at once, as committees are being appointed to see to the measuring of their land.

All land must be measured by a committee composed of two farmers and one business man, not later than July 31st, and in order that these committees may get all contestants land measured, their names must be sent in at once.

This applies to both boys club members and men, and to those whose land has already been measured by committees, individuals, or myself, as this committee must measure all land entered in the State Contest.

Please send in these names at once.—R. B. Johnston, County Agricultural Agent.

Trade at Home

IVA McMAHAN WINS THE STUDEBAKER LIGHT SIX

Iva McMahan, of three or four miles northeast of Spur, drew the number which won the Light Studebaker Six Automobile given away Saturday afternoon at three thirty o'clock by the Sunshine Service Station. Number 3,859 was the number drawn, Mr. McMahan holding the duplicate number given on a one dollar purchase at the station.

All the numbers to be drawn were placed in a barrel, the barrel was then rolled up and down the streets in order to well mix the numbers. The seal on the barrel was then broken and a little child drew the number.

Immediately after awarding the car, Mr. McMahan was placed on the hood and radiator of the premium car and driven down the street.

Trade at Home

W. A. Smith, who has been taking a vacation, fishing and visiting with friends elsewhere, returned last week and is again on the job at the Sunshine Service Station. He reports a most enjoyable time, but refused to relate to us any fish stories.

BOTH CANDIDATES WILL BE IN RACE TO THE FINISH

County Commission G. A. Sloan, of west of Spur, was on the streets Saturday meeting with friends and voters in furthering his campaign for reelection to the commissioner's office from this precinct. For some unaccountable reason the Texas Spur has been making "breaks" with both candidates, J. L. Karr and G. A. Sloan, for the office of commissioner from this precinct. For several weeks Mr. Karr's name was inadvertently left out of the announcement column. Last week it was called to our attention by several voters that the name of G. A. Sloan had been dropped from the announcement column. We can't account for these happenings. However, we want to assure voters of this precinct that both Mr. Sloan and Mr. Karr are still in the race for county commissioner and will remain in the race until one or the other is voted out in the primary election, July 26.

G. A. Sloan is now serving his first term in the office and wants to serve a second term, while J. L. Karr also wants to serve the public on the board of county commissioners. They are both good men and it is up to the voters to express a preference. But we want to impress readers and voters that both are in the race and neither has any intention of dropping out before the primary election.

Trade at Home

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us during the sad bereavement in the loss of our Son, Husband and Brother, Leslie Elvin Williams.—Mrs. L. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allday, Wood Williams, Mrs. P. C. Ellis and Family.

Trade at Home

J. F. Lawler, traveling representative of R. G. Dun & Co., of Fort Worth, was in Spur and Dickens Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, obtaining the financial standing and rating of the various businessmen of the county.

NOTICE, CAR OWNERS

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Spur, Texas

SIDELIGHTS ON BIG CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION IN NEW YORK

(Cleaned from The Daily Press by Special Correspondents)

The presidential nomination aspirants and the States offering them are:

William Gibbs McAdoo, by California.

Senator Oscar W. Underwood, by Alabama.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson, by Arkansas.

Gov. Alfred E. Smith, by New York.

David F. Houston of New York, by Iowa.

Willard Saulsbury, by Delaware.

Samuel M. Ralston, by Indiana.

Gov. Jonathan M. Davis, by Kansas.

Gov. Albert C. Ritchie, by Maryland.

Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, by Michigan.

Gov. James M. Cox, by Ohio.

Gov. Charles W. Bryan, by Nebraska.

Gov. Fred H. Brown, by New Hampshire.

John W. Davis, by West Virginia.

Gov. George S. Silzer, by New Jersey.

Senator Carter Glass, by Virginia.

The nominations closed Friday.

In the prelude to the party platform high tribute is paid to Woodrow Wilson, Democracy is defined and the Republican party is assailed.

The first and principal plank, as reported by the subcommittee and approved, deals with Republican "inefficiency and corruption," charging the present administration with failure and accusing it if "attempting to impede and stop" the Senate investigations.

Reference is made specifically to the Teapot Dome, Daugherty and Veterans' Bureau investigations and to the charges against Republican members of Congress which followed the Chicago grand jury inquiry into the Veterans' Bureau case.

For relief of agriculture, the committee would pledge the party to foster the creation of national co-operation marketing associations and a corporation or commission to increase exports of farm products; to take steps to bring agriculture to a parity with other industries; to seek reduction of transportation costs on products through development of internal waterways and to move for revision of the tariff and of rail and water transportation rates. It also calls for an international policy of co-operation designed to revive American exports to Europe, asserting that Republican policy has had an opposite effect by retarding economic rehabilitation.

The subcommittee's law enforcement declaration was revised by the committee to make the pledge apply specifically to prohibition. It also assails the Republican administration's enforcement record, but avoids definite mention of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act.

Other planks approved by the committee favor:

Readjustment of rail tariff schedules; abolition of Railroad Labor Board, and repeal of the rate section of the transportation act.

Further reduction of Federal taxes.

Revision of the Fordney-McCumber tariff law.

Public control and conservation of all oil reserves.

Provision for the drafting of material resources as well as man-power in event of war.

Independence for the Philippines.

Development of Muscle Shoals to reduce the cost of fertilizer.

Exclusion of Japanese immigrants.

Government operation of the merchant marine until the ships can be sold to American citizens.

Government aid in reclamation.

Mississippi flood control.

Regulation of the anthracite industry.

Removal of restrictions that retard prosperity in the mining industry.

Recovery of the naval oil reserves and all other public resources, "leased or put under control of private interests."

Federal aid in the development of Hawaii.

Development of highways through Federal aid.

Compulsory publicity for campaign contributions and expenditures.

Employment of existing Federal agencies to advance public education.

Amendment of the Constitution through popular referendum.

Generous rehabilitation of wounded and sick former service men.

Co-operation with foreign government for suppression of traffic in narcotic drugs.

The Lausant treaty with Turkey not yet ratified by the Senate is denounced with particular reference to its disposal of the Armenian Nation.

The injection of the klan issue into the problems before the national Democratic convention is certain to

cause the party trouble in November, according to the leaders, who have been laboring to reach a compromise between the two factions. The refusal of the platform committee, by a large majority, to include an anti-klan plank, by name, created such resentment among the anti-klan faction that by the hour of adjournment late Friday the lines for a test of convention floor strength were being tightly drawn.

The fear of the platform committee being out voted in the convention is freely expressed by the supporters of the klan and others who do not see the value of the party taking a stand which would continue the split throughout the campaign. The imperial palace of the order, temporarily transferred from Atlanta to New York is said to be in a state of grave concern over the outcome of the issue.

It all grows out of the anti-klan demonstration when Senator Underwood was being nominated by Alabama. From that hour any opinion that the klan would not be made an issue here was removed. Since the resolutions committee, controlled by McAdoo forces, according to the common charge in the convention throng, refused, first, in the subcommittee and then the full committee, to take the hide off the klan, the anti element has been making a poll of the delegations to reveal what strength they would have on a test. They are claiming more than 100 majority for anti-klan expression.

The value of this poll as revealing the actual situation is somewhat in doubt, since they have included some delegations for anti-klan that are known to be solidly against making it an issue. Late Friday members of the national committee also began polling the delegations with the same purpose in view and to afford a basis for missionary work in the hope of averting a convention situation of far-reaching consequence to the party.

The outstanding question before the delegates other than the nomination of a candidate is the attitude on the klan, and, in a more restricted sense, is whether the klan shall or shall not be mentioned by name. The other verbiage of the resolution could be so framed as not to cause a great amount of trouble were it not for the insistence of those who want the order denounced as indicated.

If anything, the probable nominee of the convention is becoming of almost secondary importance, since the klan issue has been wedged into the campaign operations of practically every candidate in the field, with the heavy attack leveled at Mr. McAdoo, who is charged as holding the backing of the so-called klan delegations. The anti demonstration referred to is said to have created consternation in the McAdoo camp, causing realization that his opposition was better organized than was presumed. As a result, word has gone forth from the McAdoo headquarters that the candidate is attempting to control no delegate upon the religious issue, so termed because it is nothing more or less as being staged here.

Some McAdoo people frankly admit that any candidate tying up with the issue is courting a vast amount of trouble.

Members of the Texas delegation declared Friday night that they had heard nothing or the so-called "release" of delegates on the klan issue by Mr. McAdoo. The word, however, has gone to other delegations and they have accepted it as a favorable omen for the candidate. The position of the Texas delegation on the issue is said to be defined by the unit rule instructions, that is, the forty votes of the delegation are to be cast as the majority of the delegation decides, and the delegation contains more than a majority against a harsh anti-klan plank. Six, and possibly eight, of the delegation are known to be anti-klan and would so vote if the opportunity were offered. Some of these members of the delegation propose to have the delegation publicly polled in the convention, if possible, for placing the individuals on record down in the state.

The possibility of the convention tampering with the unit rule binding delegations, where it is possible, in furtherance of this fight, is being freely discussed. The convention would not have power over the voting policies of delegations which accepted the unit rule instructions from their State conventions or by operation of State law; on the other hand, it could remove the unit rule where it is established by a vote of the delegation by caucus action. Texas, for instance, is tied to the anti rule by action of the Waco con-

vention, and this can not be disturbed by convention action here. There are many delegations situated otherwise, however, and it is this vote that would be involved in the procedure discussed Friday, the purpose of which is to remove the self-imposed instructions.

Somewhere in the fight which all delegates are anticipating, William J. Bryan, a member of the resolutions committee, is expected to assume an active position before the convention. He will put forward, the statement is, to support the report of the committee which he will have helped to frame and may be asked by the McAdoo people to lead the fight against removal of the self-imposed unit rule of delegations. Success of the movement of the anti-klan backers would have a material bearing upon many delegations now under the unit rule for McAdoo. It is declared that it would cost him an appreciable percentage of votes.

Mr. McAdoo's leaders have let it be known that he could run on a platform whether silent on the klan issue or carrying a denunciation.

Indeed, what is said to have been uppermost in the so-called release of delegates to follow their own inclination on the matter, is the fact that he has always maintained that the making of the platform was a function of the delegates and not the candidates, that he had never taken a position one way or the other on the issue, therefore, was not tied to either element.

On the other hand, the McAdoo opposition meets the position by declaring that a man is always known by his following, and, inspired by the force of the anti-klan showing in the convention, are contending for the nomination of a man in sympathy with what the convention may be pleased to adopt in the shape of a platform.

It should be remembered that it will require only a majority vote, or 550 to adopt the platform, whereas, it will require two-thirds, or 732 to nominate a candidate.

The position of the opposition toward Mr. McAdoo on this issue can be classed as entirely fair, if, indeed, that virtue can be given a place in politics. He was nominated before the convention by a member of the Catholic church, and on his Western delegations there are quite a number of that faith.

There were several anti-klan demonstrations in the convention Friday as nominating and seconding speakers made references to the order in terms which permitted no mistaking and some made bold to denounce the klan by name.

The incidents acted as a bolster to the anti-klan forces and depressed delegations known to be the other way.

Trade at Home

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Trade at Home

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

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of W. A. Conaster, Deceased: E. C. Edmonds has filed in the County Court of Dickens County an application for the probate of the last will and testament of the said W. A. Conaster, deceased, with the said application, and for letters of administration on the estate of said W. A. Conaster, deceased, with the will annexed, which will be filed at the next term of said County Court, commencing on the third Monday in April, A. D. 1924, at the Court House of said county, in Dickens, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may, and are hereby cited to, appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office, in Dickens, Texas, this 1st day of April, A. D. 1924.—O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County, Texas. 36-4t

Plant Less Cotton

E. L. Caraway made a business trip the past week to Peacock and other points in Stonewall county.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS REJECTED KU KLUX KLAN STIRS CONVENTION

Climaxing two hours of fervid debate, in which charges and counter-charges of "deserting Woodrow Wilson" were hurled heatedly from the speakers' platform and just as heatedly denied, the Democratic National Convention voted down, 742 to 353, in Madison Square Garden Saturday night a platform plank which would have pledged the party to carry the United States into the League of Nations, and forecast the adoption of a plank which puts the party on record as favoring a referendum to the American people as to America's entrance in the League.

The uncompromising league plank was fathered and fought for by Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War under Wilson, who made one of the most dramatic speeches ever heard in a political convention in its favor, and then worn out by days of fighting collapsed exhausted as he finished his oratorical effort.

The referendum plan was favored by most of the members of the resolutions committee and was supported by Homer S. Cummings and all the Democratic Senators on the resolutions committee.

Reading of the party's platform was concluded at 5:30 this afternoon. Chairman Cummings then moved the adoption of the platform "without change or amendment."

Baker came forward to present a minority report on the league plank, asserting he and his colleagues were unable to subscribe to the majority report which indorsed the League of Nations, but proposed a national referendum on the question of American adherence.

"We believe," said Baker, "that the plank should be stricken out."

Baker then read his league plank. It committed the United States, in unequivocal terms, to entering the league along the lines suggested in 1920 by Woodrow Wilson.

When he had finished he moved that it be adopted.

William Pattangall of Maine, who said he represented the 14 members of the resolutions committee, was recognized.

He presented his anti-klan plank. It paralleled the plank already brought in by the majority with reference to religious liberty and then added:

"We condemn political secret societies of all kinds as opposed to the exercise of free government and contrary to the spirit of the Declaration

of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. We pledge the Democratic party to oppose any effort on the part of the Ku Klux Klan or any other organization to interfere with the religious liberty or political freedom of any citizen, or to limit the civic rights of any citizen or body of citizens because of religion or birthplace or racial origin."

The report was signed by only 13 delegates, although 16 had voted against the majority report at the last session of the resolutions committee. Those who signed were:

Frederick I. Thompson, Alabama; W. U. Pattangall, Maine; David I. Walsh, Massachusetts; P. H. Quinn, Rhode Island; C. Y. Cartin, District of Columbia; John H. McCann, Pennsylvania; Francis B. Bush, Illinois; Joseph E. Kellogg, New York; Harry Hefner, New Jersey; James A. Newell, Minnesota; James P. Leamy, E. B. Brookslee, Maryland, and John W. Troy, Alaska.

At the mention of the klan the convention was thrown into an uproar which shook the rafters. The galleries went wild. Flags were waved and feet stamped. The cheering was deafening.

Walsh pounded madly for order. Cries of "clear the galleries," came from the Oklahoma and Kansas delegations.

Debate on the League of Nations plank in the platform was then begun.

The police detail in Madison Square Garden was doubled Saturday afternoon as the Democratic delegates prepared to take up the party platform with its fighting issue of the K. K. K. on the convention floor.

Both sides, the klan supporters and the anti-klanmen, were planning demonstration, it was learned.

Acting on these reports, Deputy Police Commissioner John Daly ordered the convention hall detail of 500 patrolmen augmented by the night force of the same number.

In addition a "flying squad" of 100 men was held in reserve in the police headquarters near Madison Square Garden.

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KLAN PLANK IS REJECTED AMID RITOUS SCENES

Amid scenes unprecedented in national political gatherings, the Democratic National Convention early Sunday morning adopted its platform, escaped the inclusion of a national klan plank by the narrow margin of one vote, and then adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Monday.

It will then meet to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. No Democratic convention ever saw more ritous scenes than were enacted in the Garden Saturday night over the Ku Klux Klan issue. Fights were started, police reserves were called and the convention was in an uproar for nearly two hours while the voting was in progress.

Votes were changed and challenged, accusations were hurled and denied and in the end the convention voted down a plank for its 1924 platform that would specifically denounce the Ku Klux Klan by name, by the unusual total of 542 3-20 to 541 3-20.

This result was obtained after not less than a dozen corrections had been made in the voting and to a lone woman delegate of Georgia, Miss Marion Cooley, goes the responsibility of deciding the momentous party would go before the country issue of whether the Democratic denouncing the klan.

She was one of the few Georgians who originally voted in favor of denouncing the klan, but members of her delegation brought pressure to bear on her to change her vote and in the end she yielded to their entreaties and while announcing she was "opposed to the klan," she said she wished to be recorded in the negative.

The vote by which the klan plank was beaten may yet be challenged. The results were announced from the platform by the tellers after a dozen changes. Where the fractional figures of "three-twentieth" came from was not apparent to a hundred unofficial tabulators that were keeping a check on the voting.

Some of those who fought for a klan plank left the Garden at 2 o'clock this morning vowing that it would be changed, but whether they cool off over the week-end only the future can determine.

The vote came after several hours of oratory in which William Jennings Bryan made an eloquent and passionate speech against naming the klan split the party and fan the fires of on the ground that to do so would religious controversy.

The issue swung in a very narrow circle of a few votes. Nevada challenged the accuracy of the six votes cast "no" from that state and a poll was ordered.

Vote in the Philippines was challenged.

Just when it appeared that the klan plank was beaten by a few votes the poll of the Nevada delegation and a challenge of the Philippines vote threw the issue in doubt.

As the realization grew on the floor of how close the vote was confusion grew apace. Nevada was polled and cast two votes aye and four no, but the chairman of the delegation produced a unit rule which put Nevada's six votes in the "no" column.

Three of Georgia's votes "aye" Miss Marion Cooley of the Eighth Georgia District, Howard B. Payne of the Eighth District and P. A. Stovall, delegate-at-large, then changed their votes from aye to no and this further confused the result.

Some of the absent Georgians came into the hall and voted "no" and heightened the turmoil.

People were clamoring from the floor all over the house.

Seeing that the vote was so close that it was a matter of a few votes either way, George E. Brengart, of Indiana sought enough votes out of the Indiana delegation to put the antiklan plank over.

Miss Marion Cooley of Georgia, who changed her vote, said she did so at the request of her delegation, "because it was close."

Half a dozen voices challenged the vote of the Philippines. A poll was ordered.

The Philippine delegation got into a heated argument and charges of trickery and voting under other names were hurled toward the platform.

Time was taken while Chairman Walsh tried to unravel the Philippine mess by looking up the credentials. A fight was then started in the Philippine delegation when the vote was changed from one aye and five noes to two ayes and three noes, and a squad of police was rushed to the spot and restored order.

Twelve cops stood around the Philippine delegation while T. I. Ansberry demanded a renewed poll of the klan plank. He was

demand and another poll of the Island was ordered.

The Philippines were recorded anew at two and two.

To add to the confusion, a demand was made that the Canal Zone be polled and a poll was ordered.

Senator David L. Walsh and Joseph P. Tumulty were busy on the floor while the confusion reigned. Walsh went over and conferred with Taggart.

The Philippine poll showed no change.

The vote of New Hampshire was then challenged by Lawrence F. Quigley of Massachusetts, but he was ruled out of order, Chairman Walsh stating that a delegate in one state of another state. This was after the had no right to challenge the vote chairman of the New Hampshire delegation had come to the platform and denounced the challenge.

Quigley appealed from the ruling of the chair and Walsh ordered a sergeant-at-arms to remove Quigley from the hall.

As the turmoil increased more police were rushed into the Garden and soon they were lining every aisle.

Quigley was surrounded by four uniformed policemen but he stuck to his post.

T. T. Ansberry go the floor and yelled a motion to adjourn.

Cries of "clear the aisles" came from all parts of the house.

Walsh ruled Ansberry out of order and Ansberry appealed from the decision of the chair.

"Put him out," came the cries.

The scene was an unprecedented one in modern, major political conventions.

Unofficial tabulations showed the total to be ayes and notes 544 and the extreme closeness was reflected by the frantic efforts of both sides to get votes changed.

Senator David L. Walsh advised Ansberry against appealing from the ruling of the chair and he withdrew it.

Ansberry renewed his adjournment motion but Walsh ruled him out of order.

George White of Ohio came into the hall and voted aye. This made the result even closer.

A challenge of the Missouri vote was withdrawn after its members had verified it.

Quigley of Massachusetts questioned the vote of Georgia after Miss Cooley had changed her vote from aye to no, which resulted in renewed cries for his being put out.

The confusion at this time was becoming so great that Walsh was unable to obtain any order at all, and the floor was a bedlam of delegates demanding this and that.

North Dakota's chairman changed the vote of that delegation from nine aye and one no to 10 ayes, making the result still tighter and the issue more in doubt.

Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma was the first speaker for the resolutions committee. He declared at the outset that this was no question of the Ku Klux Klan winning or losing.

"It is a difference of opinion between a majority and a minority of your committee," he said and then explained that the majority simply favored a plank calling for freedom of religious worship while the minority favored "stigmatizing the Ku Klux Klan by name as being guilty of interfering with religious equality and the political rights of their fellow citizens."

"I assume it is true," he continued, "that in some cases members of the order wearing a mask have been guilty of depredations on their neighbors and sometimes the basest of criminals have worn the mask in order to indulge themselves in some criminal act."

"But it is also true there are other lunatics who do not wear the shroud."

Owen said he was amazed that the issue had arisen in a Democratic convention and he accused the press of misrepresenting the issue as "a victory or defeat for the klan."

"As God is my judge, I would never deny any man the right to worship God in his own way. I come from Episcopalian stock, but my father died attended by Catholic sisters and received the last sacrament of the Catholic church. I have been served by negroes all my life and would despise myself if I hurt the feelings of the humblest negro in the land."

"I voted for Brandeis, Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, because of my admiration of his high character and great brain."

"Our Christian churches are founded upon the doctrine of a Jew."

"And when the terrible strain of battle came and our sons went to war, we didn't ask whether they were Protestant or Catholic."

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or white or negro. "They lie in their graves blessed by the love of tender memories of the mothers and fathers of America."

"Shall we now allow the Democratic party, which has the greatest opportunity in history, to be divided on this question of Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic?"

Cries of "No, No," were heard in all parts of the Garden.

"Are we not marching to battle now to defend the liberties of this country?"

"Shall this question directly or indirectly promote or demote any candidates whatever?"

More cries of "No, No," came from the floor.

"Let us be careful. This is no question of courage. I've got the courage to name the Ku Klux Klan. I'm not afraid of the Ku Klux Klan living or dead."

"There weren't any Kluxers in your committee on resolutions."

"The Ku Klux Klan was accused of killing some people in Mer Rouge, La., but it was never proved. But Louisiana passed a law requiring members wearing the masks registering their names with the Secretary of State. That's what we have laws for."

"Down in Oklahoma we know how to control the klan. They put up a man for office recently and we licked him. We are not afraid of them politically or otherwise. The only question before this convention is whether you will say to the members of the Ku Klux Klan they are guilty of violation of the Constitution."

Cries of "Yes," came from the galleries. "Before you pass condemnation on a criminal, he must be accorded a hearing, else you break the Constitution, yourself."

"I don't defend the Ku Klux Klan. I know there are rascals among them, but I know there are good people in it who joined in the belief they were doing so to protect the Constitution."

This was greeted with boos and hisses, most of which appeared to come from the galleries.

Senator Owen then concluded and was succeeded by W. F. Pattangall, author of the plank specifically denouncing the klan.

Pattangall disavowed any intention of appealing to passion or prejudice. He said the minority approved every word of the majority report, but that it went further and thought the Ku Klux Klan should be named.

He then read his amendment. "Shall we condemn all secret bodies? Anybody object to that?"

Cries of "No, No," came from the floor and galleries.

"The question is whether or not our plank is wise. If it is unwise to name the klan, then it is unwise to put something in our platform which means the klan. There is more in this fight than the mere naming of a certain organization."

"Something has crept into our life in America, an influence so strong that United States Senators told me last night that if they opposed the klan they couldn't be re-elected to the Senate."

"When some influence like that creeps into this country, it is time to do something about it. Our party is the only one that will do it."

A tremendous roar of applause greeted Pattangall.

Pattangall waved it down. Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller of Pittsburgh followed Pattangall on the same side for five minutes.

Bainbridge Colby then took the platform to speak for naming the klan. He received a great ovation.

Colby began by characterizing defense of the majority plank as "affrontery."

"When I heard Homer Cummings tell this morning how they prayed in the resolutions committee I thought they must have been in some terrible predicament. Yet I find it was the Ku Klux Klan. They were all in favor of condemning the klan."

"But the majority report describes it without naming it. It is against the klan and doesn't say so."

"The minority report contains all they have said in the majority report, only they tag on a postscript in which they have the courage to name the klan."

The klan, he said, "is abhorrent to every American, conflicting with every American institution."

"The klan is a case for the ministers not a matter of governmental action, until they violate the law and then the police power should act with the swiftness of lightning."

"The majority report is a stuttering stammering, faltering thing. It doesn't satisfy. It doesn't do credit to the committee or to this convention. I advocate the minority report because it is simple, lucid, true and expressive of the sentiment of this convention."

"It would be a desertion of Democracy if we adopted this plank."

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came from the floor and galleries as Colby concluded.

Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts then arose to speak on the same side. The Massachusetts delegation gave him a great cheer as did the galleries.

Senator Walsh is a Catholic.

"Here is a case," he said, "where silence might be interpreted as timidity, so I rise as a Christian, as a Democrat and as an American."

He came, he said, at the mandate of his people in Massachusetts, where the issue is not sectional. "It is not North against South. It is not a religious issue. It is an issue between American citizens and those who would deny them their inalienable rights." Walsh concluded.

Gov. Cameron Morrison of North Carolina, was then recognized to oppose the klan.

Ed. H. Moore of Ohio, followed Senator Walsh. The klan, he said, is "a political question founded on religious bigotry."

There were cries of "time, time," from the floor as Moore continued and finally Chairman Walsh cut him off.

Andrew C. Erwin of Athens, Ga., followed Moore. He also denounced the klan. "I'm from Georgia and proud of it," said Erwin. "I think the klan is the most vital issue before this convention. By adopting the report of the majority you can evade the issue and in effect give approval to this organization. And you can prepare for an ignominious defeat in November, if you do so. If you adopt this minority report you will be victorious."

Searchlights were thrown on the Georgia delegation as Erwin returned to his seat and a great demonstration broke out.

Scores of delegates from other states rushed over to the Georgia section to shake hands with the young Georgian and he was forced to stand on a chair and shake the hands thrust at him.

Pandemonium was breaking out. The uproar was deafening. A parade was started while the floor and galleries turned themselves into individual howling demonstrations.

The whole convention was within two minutes riding high on the crest of an anti-klan demonstration, despite frantic efforts from the platform to stop it.

In the Indiana delegation there was a fight. An unidentified man wearing an assistant sergeant-at-arms badge attempted to seize the Indiana standard, which has done no parading in this convention, and half a dozen hands were stretched out to prevent its removal. In a twinkling there was a battle and the Indiana standard went to the floor. It was soon up again, however, and held in place by the Indiana delegation.

In the parade were Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Minnesota, Maine, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, Iowa, Maryland, Kentucky, Arizona, Utah, Alabama, Wyoming, South Dakota, District of Columbia—far more states than heretofore have paraded in the antiklan demonstrations.

After the convention officers had tried for five minutes to quell the

demonstration uniformed cops went through the aisles and attempted to turn back the marchers. Scrambles ensued and the aisles became avenues of milling, excited people and stern cops, who didn't relish their task, but obeyed the mandate from platform.

Finally as the police were making little headway, Chairman Walsh signalled the band leader and the band went into the National Anthem. The marchers stopped, pointed their standards toward the band, ceased struggling with the police and with the officers stood at attention until the last strains of music died away.

When quiet was restored, Jared Y. Sanders of Louisiana took the platform and also spoke against the klan and for the plank that would condemn it by name.

Then there was a fight on the platform itself.

E. A. O'Conner, wearing a sergeant-at-arms badge, offended J. Bruce Kremer of Montana, one of the McAdoo leaders, and Kremer resented it. They made a couple of passes at each other and police interfered. Later O'Conner attempted to apologize for his offense, whatever it was, and Kremer again tried to strike him, with the result the police again had to interfere. Sanders, meanwhile, was engaging the attention of the delegates with his argument in favor of "naming the klan."

The majority report, he said, was secretive "just like the klan."

"You can't fight the devil with fire," he said, "for the devil is a master at it. And you can't fight the klan with silence."

Sanders also made a plea for Democratic unity and no division over this controversy and issue.

G. M. Bryan of Memphis, succeeded Sanders and spoke in favor of the minority plank.

There was another incipient demand for William Jennings Bryan.

William Jennings looked on and smiled.

Francis X. Bush, the Illinois member of the resolutions committee followed and spoke for the antiklan minority.

"This is a political question," he said, "a question of adherence to our fundamental principles so there will be no religious issue or question."

Bush concluded by declaring the klan drew its membership from the unthinking and the feeble-minded, and sought to deny religious freedom and freedom of political opportunity.

"Then that reverend Democrat," as Chairman Walsh called him, William Jennings Bryan, was recognized for 25 minutes, and he got a great ovation.

All except New York and a few other states stood and cheered the Commoner as he took the rostrum.

His bell-like voice boomed above the din of his greeting. "I have spoken to you on many themes, but never on one more important than today," he began.

"We are about to lay out the lines of our campaign. We may affect larger things than parties here."

"Let us eliminate the things that are not in this issue and come down and take out the three words that

you would exalt above all else in this campaign.

"We offered to take every part of this report except the three words, but they would not. The three words were more to them than the welfare of the party."

"We have given you the best Democratic platform ever written. The noblest principles we have are there."

"None of our pleas, none of our principles stirred these men like the words, Ku Klux Klan."

"Let me give you the five reasons why these three words are not necessary," began Bryan, but there was an interruption from the galleries.

The Commoner paid high tribute to the Catholic church.

"It is too great," he said, "to need protection of a political party."

"The Jews do not need this protection. They have Moses. They have Elijah and Elisha."

"It isn't necessary, and next, my friends, the Ku Klux Klan doesn't deserve the advertising."

"The minority, the 14 members of our committee in a report that would not leave out these three words, have raised the Ku Klux Klan to a higher altitude than the klan itself ever raised its fiery cross."

"My third objection is that we have no moral right to divert ourselves from the greatest obligation we ever had. It requires more courage to fight the Republican party than to fight the Ku Klux Klan."

All of the old Bryan fervor and magic voice came back to him as he edged he warmed up to his subject. He stamped his feet, waved his arms and drove his points home with a fist to the palm.

"I have left for the last what I regard as the greatest argument. If the Democratic party is diverted from its duty some other party will take up its task."

"My last and strongest objection—and let the galleries jeer if they dare—I'm not willing to divide the Christian church when we ought to stand together."

"My father taught me I could afford to be in a minority, but I could not afford to be wrong."

"Religion is more important than politics. The world needs not so much now to get into a fight as it does to get back to God."

"There's one thing can bring peace to this world, and that is the Prince of Peace."

"Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, stand for God. It is possible in this great time we are to have a religious warfare? Are you going to have a world conflagration based on religious prejudice?"

"I call you back in the name of our party. I call you back in the name of God. I call you back in the name of His Son, and I say Christians, get together."

Applause from the floor, mixed with boos and hisses from the galleries, greeted the Commoner, as he finished.

He was panting with the fervor of an evangelist. Beads of perspiration rolled down his face.

The band played "America" and the audience stood.

Walsh ordered a vote on the amendment, or minority report, a vote, "aye" being a vote for naming the klan, and a vote "no" being against thus specifying.

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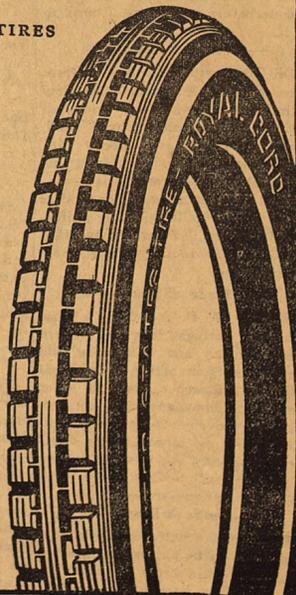
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KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sim Moss, of the Afton country, was in Spur last week trading and transacting business affairs. He informed us that evidently the ku klux organization of another nearby county was seeking wider fields of followers and revenue producers because he had received a card and at least an inferred invitation to come over and join them. However, he was not the least encouraged to pay a fee and take an oath to stand by the grand wizard in either political, religious or governmental mandates. We out here in the great Spur country expect to maintain our freedom of thought and actions in all matters, so long as such action does not interfere with the rights of others, and the time will never come when we will pay tribute to kaisers or wizards of invisible governments. We always expect to vote for our individual preference, and if there is a "job" needing our attention we will do it out in the open or let it go undone before putting on a mask to do it.

—Trade at Home—

Dr. Grace returned this week from Hico, where he has been some time with his brother-in-law through a critical illness which proved fatal, death occurring last week. Dr. Grace also continues to suffer of his ear troubles. However, he is resuming his practice of medicine and is answering all calls upon his professional services. We are hoping that Dr. Grace can soon get relief from his suffering.

—Trade at Home—

Editor W. D. Starcher, of the Roaring Springs Review, was in Spur Saturday and while here paid the Texas Spur office a fraternal call. Mr. Starcher, like all other West Texas newspaper men, contemplates improvements and the addition of new machinery to his printing equipment. All newspaper men have a hard pull, but are always foremost in the progressive procession.

—Trade at Home—

A two and a half pound girl was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor at their home in the city. The infant has been in a very delicate condition since birth, but at this time is making some improvement and it is hoped that she may survive and soon gain strength and normal health. Mrs. John Dunn, a sister of Mr. Taylor, is here with the family.

DICKENS COUNTY TO SEND STOCK-JUDGING TEAM TO SHORT COURSE

A stock-judging team, composed of the boys making highest scores in stock-judging in the county contests, will represent Dickens county at a state contest to be held at College Station during the short course the last week in July.

The clubs of Dickens county under the supervision of County Agent R. B. Johnston, have made a splendid

showing, capturing first place at the state contest last year, and Mr. Johnston is giving the boys intensive training for this contest.

Dickens county has the greatest proportion of eligible boys enrolled in club work of any county in the state, and it is certain that they will make the best showing this year that they have yet made.

A FINE RAIN FALLS THURSDAY OVER NORTH PART OF COUNTY

A fine rain, amounting to from one to two inches, fell Thursday morning of this week over the north part of Dickens county and to the east of Spur.

The rain extended from half way between Spur and Dickens to Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs and Matador. To the east of Spur C. D.

Copeland, H. E. Grabener, W. F. Shugart and others of the Red Hill country had a fine shower.

While the country was not in the least suffering for moisture, this rain is of great benefit to crops and especially feed, and gives farmers in general further assurance of bountiful harvests.

RABBIT DRIVE INTERRUPTED BY RAIN ON THURSDAY

The rabbit drive inaugurated by C. D. Copeland for Thursday was interrupted by the rain Thursday morning. A large crowd had congregated to drive and shoot the rabbits. Only about seventy-five rabbits had been killed when the rains descended and the crowd was forced to hunt cover.

Mr. Copeland announced that later at a more propitious time, he would kill a fatted calf, invite the sportsmen again and have a pleasant time as well as kill the rabbits which are depreating on the crops of that section.

No Choice in National Convention For President After Forty Ballots

After balloting since Monday morning the National Convention in session in New York has failed to select a presidential nominee for the Democratic party. Up to Wednesday night thirty-nine ballots had been taken with the two leading nominees, McAdoo and Smith, standing nearly where they were in the beginning. In the 39th ballot McAdoo had 499 votes, Smith 320.5, John W. Davis 71, Underwood 38.5, Ralston 32, Robinson 23, Ritchie 18.5, Cox 55, Glass 25, Davis of Kansas 3, Robinson 23, with other scattering votes.

This has been the hottest convention, it is said, since the Civil War times. As a result of the ku klux fight hundreds of policemen were

stationed in and around the convention hall, and special detailed officers were placed around the Texas delegation for protection.

The probability is that neither McAdoo nor Smith will be given the nomination. Since the McAdoo delegates will not go to Smith, nor the Smith delegates to McAdoo, therefore a compromise must be effected for some one of the other candidates before the convention or for a "dark horse" not yet nominated for president.

The total convention vote is 1088. A two-thirds majority is required to nominate, or a total of 732 votes must be had by any one candidate to become the nominee.

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S. L. Porter, of the Dickens country, was in Spur Wednesday, and while here called in and showed his subscription up a year ahead of time. Mr. Porter was in the hail belt recently and informed us that his crops are now coming up nicely since the last replantings. He does not anticipate a short crop on account of its lateness, and the possibility is that he will make as much as any others.

Clark Forbis and wife, of Afton, were in Spur, spending the week end here with her father, Frank Goff, and other friends of the city.

—Trade at Home—

Frank Forbis came in Saturday from the Forbis ranch north of Afton, spending Saturday and Sunday here with friends. Frank and Clark are this year farming and have the finest crop prospects at this time. The fact is the farming now promises a much greater profit than the cattle business has in the past.

—Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell returned Friday of last week from Denver, Col. where they have been spending a vacation of several days. Mrs. Lee Cathey and little son, Loyd Fry, returned with them and will spend some time in Spur and Jayton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deaver.

—Trade at Home—

Rev. W. B. Bennett came to town the first of the week to meet the women voters of the city, making a house-to-house campaign so far as was possible during the day. Brother Bennett informed us that he had had little opportunity to campaign up to this time, but that hereafter he intends to stay in the political field except Saturdays and Sundays when he will fill his appointments and lay aside politics.

—Trade at Home—

Mrs. Jessie Jenkins left this week for Fort Worth where she will spend ten days with relatives and friends.

W. F. McCarty was in town during the week, pushing his campaign for tax assessor.

J. J. Thompson, of Espuela, was in the city Tuesday of this week. He informed us that his crops are most promising at this time and everything gives evidence of prosperity ahead. However, he was mad because he could not get the Texas Spur regularly. We are going to try to get the paper to him every week on time hereafter.

—Trade at Home—
Get your Ford Battery from Godfrey & Smart, priced \$10 to \$16.50 each. 36-11

—Trade at Home—
Mrs. John Dunn, of Hasse, Texas, is in Spur with her brother, Dave Taylor and family, and will probably remain here through the summer.

—Trade at Home—
Miss Arline Scudder, of Houston, is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. Webber Williams.

—Trade at Home—
Buick Batteries are sold for \$14 to \$17, by Godfrey & Smart, local Ford Dealers. 36-11

—Trade at Home—
FOR SALE—Two corner residence lots, desirable location, some improvements, priced right.—Call at White Swan Cafe. 35-21

—Trade at Home—
The Best Dodge Batteries for \$16 to \$19 at the Ford Service Station—Godfrey & Smart. 36-11

—Trade at Home—
FOR SALE OR RENT—One iron clad Warehouse, size 26x30, located back of Wendell Bldg., Spur, Texas.—Otho L. Hale. 28-11

—Trade at Home—
W. S. Leach, of Dry Lake, was among the number of business visitors in the city the past week.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

RELATING TO GRANTING OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS
Senate Joint Resolution No. 10

Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purposes, fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendment and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

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

Section 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever, provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to their widows, in indigent circumstances and who have been bona fide residents of this State since January 1, 1910, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under the special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the States served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the States and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" in the preceding lines of this Section shall not apply to women born since the year 1861, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws here after passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives, widows and women who aided in the Confederacy under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law, provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together, in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100) dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate herein levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1924, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For amendment of Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910." and "Against amendment to Section 51 of Article 3, of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers and their widows."

Sec. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State and otherwise appropriated for ex-

penses of publications and elections thereunder.

Approved, March 20, 1923.
S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State. 36-4t

Trade at Home—

DAILY DOZEN THOUGHTS

I know that happiness comes from health, not from wealth.

I know that envy, jealousy and wrath will ruin any digestion.

I know that the only thing I really own is my body and that it is worth good care.

I know that imagination, courage and concentration will conquer most obstacles.

I know that my nose and not my mouth was given me to breathe thru.

I know that nature will not stand for constant overdrafts any more than a bank.

I know that worry is the most unhealthful thing in the world.

I know that anger poisons the system.

I know that I have a birthright of health and will not exchange it for a mess of disease.

I know that if I increase my exercise for every addition to my salary that I shall be better able to enjoy my salary.

Trade at Home—

IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Pastors' Association of a town not a thousand miles from here, recently passed a resolution protesting against the employment of teachers in the public schools who were not members of one of the local churches, or who would not place their membership in same before entering upon their duties as teachers.

This resolution was put up to the school board in the form of a demand.

If the school board should adopt this practice and require teachers to become church members before being given employment, it would be a religious test, and would therefore be a violation of our constitution, which provides that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust; nor shall anyone be excluded of office on account of his religious sentiment, provided he acknowledges the existence of a supreme being." (Constitution of Texas, Art. 1, Section 4) Section 6 provides among other things: "No human authority ought in any case whatever to control or interfere with the rights of conscience in matter of religion, and no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious society or mode of worship." Section 7 of the same article provides: "No money shall ever be appropriated or drawn from

the Treasury for the benefit of any sect, or religious society, etc.

The first amendment to the constitution of the United States provides: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

A teacher in our public schools, if not holding an office as contemplated by the Constitution of Texas, he is at least holding a public trust. He is employed in this trust by constituted authority and paid with money drawn from the public trust, appropriated for that purpose. The money in the public treasury is collected from Protestants, Jews, Catholics, Mohammedans, agnostics and infidels alike, and it would be a violation of both the spirit and letter of our basic law, as well as an injustice to those who are forced by law to contribute this money to the employees of the state government whose religious views must coincide with those of the Pastors' Association.

The average pastor is a jolly good fellow and we love and esteem him for his goodness of heart; but the ignorant, bigoted and over zealous preacher, who tries to throttle the God-given rights of others is not our ideal servant of God. For the peace and general welfare of the community, one good preacher is worth more than a regiment of constables; but one bad preacher can raise more unshirred shool than forty polecats and an old time populist meeting mixed together.

Religion and membership in some church is commendable and even desirable in a teacher, but to make it a test of fitness to teach is an insult to his intelligence, a presumption on the school board, and a slur on the calling of a minister as well as an impediment to the churches. It is an attempt to unite church and state; and as we understand it, hell is only another name for church and state united.

Trade at Home—

FOR SALE—A Sewing Machine and Remington Typewriter, both practically new. Will sell at a bargain.—

Frank Laverty. 35-1t

MORE TAX FREE PEOPLE— FEWER TAX FREE BONDS

Congress at its next session will consider an amendment to the federal constitution which provides for taxing the income from future issues of state and municipal bonds by the federal government. It also provides that states may tax the incomes from future issues of government bonds that are owned within their borders. In plain English, this means that the income derived from tax-exempt securities, instead of being tax-free as in the past, would hereafter be subject taxation in the same manner as income earned in any other manner whatsoever.

More than a billion dollars is now diverted every year from agriculture and business to tax-free bonds. This is a knife that cuts both ways. It deprives industry of the needed capital and it shifts heavier taxes upon agriculture and business. If that leak is stopped by the passage of the amendment, agriculture and business will thrive as never before.

Trade at Home—

VOLUMES OF NEW LAWS

Americans are a unit in agreeing that the country is being burdened to death with useless laws. No one denies that all departments of government have hundreds of unnecessary employees. No one could possibly doubt that taxation is exorbitant and mounting higher every day.

Practically every candidate for public office denounces extravagance in government, demands early relief, and pledges his services to a policy of reduction. Every election is a paper victory for the forces of economy and retrenchment.

Yet, in spite of it all, the public sees each succeeding administration spend more money than its predecessor, create more offices and bureaus, enact more statutes (an average of 10,000 new laws annually), and lead the country deeper into the wilderness of confusion and profligacy.

Only those men holding public office who, when casting their votes, oppose extravagance, should be re-elected. Unless the people pick men whose record for honesty and sincerity is unimpeachable, unless they elect the best men to serve them, we shall have more and more extravagance and bureaucratic government.

Trade at Home—

FERGUSON IS FINALLY BARRED FROM RACE

AUSTIN, June 27.—This was the last day under the rules of the Supreme Court that a motion for rehearing could be filed in the Ferguson case, and as none was filed, the judgment of that tribunal became final holding that James E. Ferguson was legally impeached and that

the judgment of the Senate court of impeachment is valid and binding, both as to removal from office and holding Ferguson ineligible to hold public office.

This judgment was rendered on Thursday, June 12, by a special court consisting of Alex S. Coke of Dallas, Chief Justice Howard Templeton of San Antonio, Associate Justice, and Regular Associate Justice William Pierson.

Plant Less Cotton

FOR SALE—Residence at a bargain. See Brazelton Lumber Company, Spur. 25-1t

Trade at Home—

Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons and children returned this week from Dallas and Marshall where they spent some time visiting with relatives and friends.

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ANNUAL TRI-COUNTY CLUB MEETING

The boys and girls of Dickens, Crosby and Lubbock counties held their annual meeting at Silver Falls on June 19, 20 and 21. From what can be gathered this was an educational even of some note.

Thursday, the 19th, was given over to arrangements for the two succeeding days. On Friday, the 20th, stock judging was held, Saturday, 21st, was a day of general diversions.

The meeting was ably represented by the best of speakers for the occasion. Among the speakers were Clifford B. Jones, W. B. Lee of Spur, Pat Williams, A. B. Spencer, president West Texas Chamber of Commerce; W. W. Cooper, president Citizens National Bank of Crosbyton.

Those visiting were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Lam Baxter of Afton, Mr. Hinsley of Duncan Flat, M. E. Free of Highway, T. A. Bingham, R. E. Afton of Espuela, and many others.

It was learned that Mr. and Mrs. Bell have never missed an encampment of this kind.

The Cap-Rock Stock Farm was visited for the judging demonstrations.

Special thanks go to Mr. Nabors, who looks after the swimming at Silver Falls, for his whole-souled courtesy to the younger set.

Dickens county had by far the largest number of club members present, there being about sixty-eight present.

County Agent R. B. Johnston is a live-wire, and Dickens county should be proud of his untiring labors for the cause of a better county industrially.

Trade at Home—
**LAST CONTRACT LET ON
TECH COLLEGE BUILDINGS**

The final contract in connection with the construction of the administration building and the president's residence at the Texas Technological College at Lubbock, was let Saturday to the Acme Brick Company, of Fort Worth. The brick to be used will be of variegated gray colors of Rugg texture. Approximately 150,000 brick will be used in "facing" the two buildings at a cost of \$46 per thousand.

The board of directors authorized Amon G. Carter, chairman, and C. W. Meadows, secretary, to sign all contracts let Friday and Saturday. The board contracted Friday for most of the work to be done on the two buildings.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held here August 27, at which time the contract for the livestock judging building will be let.

Letting of the contract for the construction of the administration building to Ramey Brothers of El Paso for \$371,383, carries with it the proviso that the building shall be completed by July 1, 1925, or a penalty of \$500 for each day's delay, shall be charged against the contractors.—Star-Telegram.

Trade at Home—
**HOME ECONOMICS CLUB MEETS
IN PRAIRIE CHAPEL SECTION**

The Home Economics Club met on scheduled time Tuesday, June 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hospitality was shown to all present in the Prairie Chapel section.

ent in the extreme manner. The ladies demonstrated bean loaf and angel food cake. The effort was a success indeed as the ladies had experts to sample the demonstration to the fullest, namely, Albert Powers, D. O. Blasingame, H. P. Bell and N. C. Purcell. These know just exactly what culinary art is. They passed satisfactorily on the samples that were given them, so that it should be sufficient to convince the most skeptical that the cooking on this particular occasion was all that could be asked or expected.

Those attending the club meeting were: Mesdames Jim Haney, May French, J. M. French, D. P. Morgan, Paul Braddock, Burnett Haney, J. N. Haney, Basham Chastin, Ft. Smith, Ark., D. O. Blasingame, H. P. Bell,

N. C. Purcell, Misses Ouida Bell, Jewel Christopher, Minnie Harvey, Eunie Hale, Helen Powers, Estelle Morgan, Mary Cook, Gladys Robinson, Mollie Basham, Master Parks Weyland Bell, Dorr Blasingame, Ralph Taze Bell and Bill D. Powers.

Next meeting will be held in the school building at the above place. The demonstration in question will be the best method of preserving eggs.

Trade at Home—
WHAT'S INSIDE?

Every buyer of summer eggs wants to know what's inside. This is true of the country produce buyer, the wholesale buyer, the grocer and the consumer. The question always arises in the buyer's mind because he is, from experience, suspicious. Summer eggs have not been dependable, therefore everybody is doubtful about their quality.

Nobody wants bad eggs on the place, much less does he want to buy them. This doubtful feeling causes a reduced consumption of eggs in summer and a reduced price. Of course no one will give as much for a doubtful product as he will for a dependable product. And all these doubts about what's inside the egg causes the farmer or producer to get a poor price which in turn discourages the development of larger farm poultry keeping.

This discouragement is what the writer is trying to correct. Much progress has been made this year in getting producers, buyers and consumers to realize the profitableness of infertile eggs. The infertile egg is good inside. There is no blood ring in it. There is no chick in it. There is not even the germ of a chick present. It therefore does not incubate.

All eggs that are infertile are good, but if they are fertile no one knows what's inside until the egg is broken. Furthermore even though a fertile egg is good today it is not likely to be good tomorrow. So every day we have infertile eggs on hand the question arises—What's Inside?

Trade at Home—
**DICKENS COUNTY GETS NOTICE
IN SOUTHWESTERN MACHINERY**

The following is an article appearing in Southwestern Machinery, a magazine published by the Briggs-Weaver Machinery Company, of Dallas. The article was furnished them by D. J. Harkey of Dickens.

"Dickens county, long in the center of the bald prairie country where the land was only fit for grazing, has lately become known as 'Eden' revived. For it is here that the broad, lonesome expanses, which were for years only broken by scattered herds of cattle are being summarily divided into luxuriant farms of unbelievable richness.

Dickens county is located along the east edge of the Great Staked Plains and in a part of the East Plains. It is practically in the center of West Texas, about three hundred miles west of Dallas. The population of the county is approximately 10,000, which is well distributed throughout the 881 square miles included within the county limits. The town of Dickens is the county-seat and is located in the center of the county on the south side of what is known as the Matador Ranch, nestling close to the foot hills of the great Staked Plains. Spur, the terminus of the Wichita Valley Railway, supplies the southern portion of the county. Afton, either Dickens or Spur, are without a ton and McAdoo, though smaller than doubt in the richer and more fertile location. In the short period that agriculture has been undertaken in this territory, this northern plain of the county has become known for the high productiveness of the soil.

There is no better soil in West Texas for producing cotton, grain, sorghums, alfalfa, fruit, melons, and garden truck. The cotton average is exceptionally high, maintaining an average since the introduction of cotton into the West of from one-half to one bale per acre. The boll weevil cannot survive in the climate and cotton that was produced here

has never been affected either with boll worms or other insects.

At the prevailing prices of cotton alone, it is easy to quickly pay for a farm and have it paying a regular annual revenue; for land values are normal, ranging in price for raw agricultural land, from \$10.00 to \$30.00 per acre, improved farm lands from \$30.00 to \$100.00 per acre, according to the amount of improvements and location; grazing lands from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per acre. Dickens county is well improved, having and maintaining the best roads of any county in West Texas. The main highways leading east, west, south and north from Dickens, the county-seat, are now hard surfaced with gravel, with some few exceptions, and they are now being hard surfaced by the State and Federal assistance.

The county is well supplied with water, which is easily obtained in abundance. The climate is all that could be desired. Schools worthy of the pride of the people of Dickens have been provided, and the cities are well supplied with churches.

Dickens is a part of the West, the great community, united in spirit of freedom, hospitality and purpose. Here there is an offer to life and happiness to the farmer, ranchman, manufacturer, and industrial promoter, with the best opportunities to be a pioneer and reap the benefits of those that have vision to be first. For among the counties of the West, Dickens is probably as little developed in relation to the resources of the land and community as any county with the territory. Dickens is still in its infancy.

Trade at Home—
**OLD CITIZEN HERE AGAIN
PIONEERING IN NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Spur,
Spur, Texas.

Will you give me space in your paper to get this information before the brethren, which is this: We have just closed a meeting held by the Baptist people here, had with us three Baptist preachers, able men, at the close of which we went into the organization of a Baptist church (which is a new thing in these

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parts), which meets at the Floy school house every fourth Sunday and is known as the Shiner Lake Baptist church; charter members, 5; three joined by baptism. Now there is no use for me to go into details about this country and situation here as I know of only one man there who could appreciate a situation like this, and that man is L. G. Crabtree. Well do I remember, about 25 years ago of riding up to a little school house on Croton and he and old brother W. L. Law with the missionary D. James were taken care of a situation about like we have here, and I remember that old brother James took us down through the valley of dry bones at that time. Talk about your old pioneers such as Daniel Boone, Kit Carson and such making a country worth while to live in. I don't think there is anybody under the sun who deserves a monument more than those I have just mentioned, who laid the foundation for

others to build on. Now we have a church, a deacon and a clerk but no pastor and I am hoping that Texas might wake up and that some of her sons might break loose and come this way. A hard time, yes, about the hardest I ever saw in every way. In fact, it is a fight from start to finish, but that is what makes life worth while to many of us not wanting an easy place. What we need here in a religious way (and that is what I am writing about) is a young man with health, energy, zeal and knowledge, who is really wanting to get into a battle worth while. Well, Mc, I will close, have already made this longer than I intended to, but when I get to writing to the Texas Spur it is like writing a letter back home, so wishing you and all my friends the best, I am, yours very truly, G. W. Jackson.

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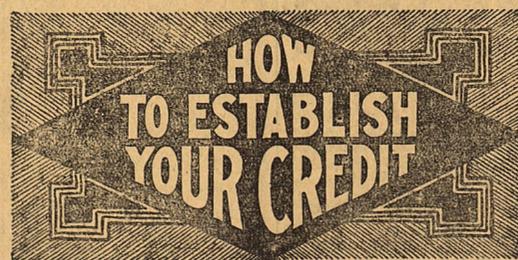
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J. H. SPARKS DIED MONDAY AT HOME ON RED MUD

J. H. Sparks died Monday, June 30th, at ten o'clock, his remains being interred Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in the Red Mud cemetery, by the side of his wife who preceded him in death several years.

J. H. Sparks was born July 24th, 1842, lacking only twenty-four days of being eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. He was active and able to get around until about three weeks before death when he suffered a partial paralytic stroke and was confined to bed until relief came in death. He was one of the few remaining old ex-Confederate Soldiers and members of the John A. Green Camp of Dickens county, there now being left only five members of the Camp. Only three of the members of the Camp, J. Carlisle, L. T. Cochran and H. C. Peters were able to attend the funeral through the aid of the Camp Sponsor, Mrs. Lillian Dickson, who rounded them up and carried them out in her car.

J. H. Sparks met this last battle of life with the same calm fortitude, bravery and assurance which characterized him in earlier battles of life. His comrades are now standing by in the knowledge that it will be only a short time until the last bugle call will sound for them. These old Soldiers fought for home, for country and for us. We love them and will ever reverence their memory and deeds. We know a bigger, brighter world awaits them in the Great Beyond.

**Trade at Home—
SOCIAL CLUB**

Mrs. Roy Patton was hostess to the Social Club, Thursday, June 26.

Quilting was the order of the day, there being two quilts quilted.

Those present enjoyed a delicious dinner and a pleasant day. After the business hour, the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. W. Loe and Miss Nora Speck, served punch and cake to the following members and visitors:

Mrs. A. C. Hindman, J. J. Lilly, G. R. Woods, J. R. McMahan, Roy Patton, C. A. Denson, D. R. Cypert, A. T. Ballard and Beulah Hindman. Visitors were Mrs. M. Patton, Mrs. J. W. Loe, Mrs. H. J. Gray, Miss Nora Speck of Lubbock, and Mrs. R. H. Nowlin of Abilene.

New members added were, Mrs. M. Patton and Mrs. J. W. Loe.

The club meets Thursday, July 3, with Mrs. J. J. Lilly.

Trade at Home—

S. L. Davis was in Spur this week meeting voters in furthering his campaign for county and district clerk. Mr. Davis has worked in the clerk's office, served a year or two as deputy county clerk and as a result is familiar with every detail of the work. There is no question as to his ability and qualifications to fill the office, and if elected he promises to not only "keep the records straight" but extend every courtesy and consideration possible to the public having business with his department of county affairs.

**Trade at Home—
ENTERTAINMENT AND ICE
CREAM SUPPER TO BE HELD
AT FOREMAN'S CHAPEL**

An ice cream supper and "womanless wedding" will be held at Foreman's Chapel the night of Friday, July 11, under the auspices of the Espuela Community Club and the County and Home Demonstration Agents. The public is invited.

Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller and Miss Jennie Shields left Thursday of this week for Colorado where they will spend the summer, taking a real vacation and rest, they having recently sold their lumber business. Mrs. Miller stated that she intended to forget business cares and all worries while in Colorado and enjoy the first real, genuine rest in years.

In the recent advertisement of C. A. Love, gloves were quoted at \$1.90 a pair, when it should have been work shoes for \$1.90. When the price of shoes have dropped back down to \$1.90 we can afford to quit going bare-foot.

We keep on hand the best batteries for all cars, and make the best prices. See us when your batteries play out—Godfrey & Smart, Spur, Texas. -1t

Trade at Home—

E. J. Lassetter, of Route A out of Spur, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in his part of the great Spur country, with prospects of making biggest crops since the war.

Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Habel and children left Spur Wednesday morning on a vacation trip and visit to Corpus Christi and San Antonio, and will be gone several weeks.

Trade at Home—

Be sure to see us on Friday of this week to Lubbock.

B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Thursday trading and attending to business.

Trade at Home—

J. V. McCormick returned last week from Lamesa where he had been with Mrs. McCormick who underwent a complicated operation recently at the Standifer Sanitarium. He reports that Mrs. McCormick stood the operation well and is now doing nicely with the expectation of being able to return home next week.

Trade at Home—

**IN MEMORY OF
WILLIE MAE YOUNG**

Gone, but not forgotten,
Her face no more we see,
Her laughing voice is stilled,
God took and made her free.

We miss her from our meeting
And in our homes as well,
And all the lovely things she did
Let God the story tell.

We'll ever love her memory,
By the things we do each day,
They must be very right,
Can't be any other way.

Young folks, do not forget,
That you'll be called some day,
Can you go as Willie did?
Have you prepared the way?

Your going, too, has made us think
Death comes to one and all.
It comes to us in Springtime,
It comes to us in Fall.

In the hearts of Red Hill people
We must live, love and forgive,
So we'll not forget you, Willie,
The things you did shall live.

**Plan: Less Cotton—
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

There has come to the officers of both City and County a great many complaints about persons who violate the law regulating the operation of automobiles, with the request that these laws be more rigidly enforced. Especially as to the violation of the speed limit within the City limits and the operation with the muffler cut out.

The officers are inclined to be lenient but the present disregard, by a great many people, of all the laws regarding the operation of autos, has become a menace to the peace and safety of the citizens and a strict enforcement is necessary.

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the officers of both City and County to enforce these laws and all persons are requested to aid them to the extent of abiding by the laws regulating the driving and operation of autos.—Signed, D. A. YOUNG, Justice of the Peace. 36-1t

Trade at Home—

L. Hope, leading citizen of Motley county and commissioner from his precinct, was one among the business visitors in Spur Saturday of last week.

Trade at Home—

B. F. Simmons, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Saturday greeting his friends and trading with merchants. Mr. Simmons reports everything flourishing in his community, and the very best crops ever known. The prospect is that the Spur country will this year make the biggest crops and greatest production in the history of farming in this section.

Trade at Home—

M. C. Reynolds was in town this week. He is farming near Spur, but reports that hail and grasshoppers have greatly damaged his crops.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider, Miss Netha and Crate returned last week from East Texas where they spent a week or ten days visiting with relatives and friends and also looking after business interests.

Trade at Home—

Joe Jenkins returned Thursday of last week from California where he had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bessie Jenkins who died at their home unexpectedly following an operation for appendicitis. He accompanied Grandma Jenkins who will remain in California to be with her son and children in their bereavement of wife and mother.

Trade at Home—

A large number of townspeople went out Thursday to the C. D. Copeland farm to participate in a rabbit drive. Mr. Copeland informs us that the rabbits are so numerous around his place that they have become a real menace to his crops.

Trade at Home—

Miss Ruth Maples, who has been linotype operator on the Ralls Banner the past several months, returned this week to Spur to spend the summer months at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples.

Trade at Home—

W. T. Andrews returned this week after an absence of several weeks. Mr. Andrews has been with his father, traveling with him over practically all of Texas from the west line to the south. Mr. Andrews, Sr., is in poor health, and the trip over Texas is reported to have greatly benefited his condition.

Trade at Home—

County Commissioner O. C. Newberry, of Afton, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week. We presume his visit to Spur was strictly on business and did not pertain to his candidacy for reelection to the office, since we are out of his campaign precinct. However, we presume he is looking after his corners in the Afton precinct, since he has two opponents in the race. Mr. Newberry is a business man, given the county a business administration and will continue to do so if favored with the place again.

Trade at Home—

Roy Harkey made trips this week to Roaring Springs and Matador, showing the people of those sections the advantages of the Essex Coach, and laying the foundation for numerous sales this fall when the crops will be converted into money.

Trade at Home—

NOTICE—I make a specialty of repairing furniture, making window and door frames, or anything in wood work. Headquarters at P. H. Miller's Lumber Yard. W. S. Hunter. 29-tf

Reports from Lamesa are to the effect that Bill Simpson is doing nicely notwithstanding the fact that he thought in the beginning he would surely die. Bill went to Lamesa to have Dr. Standifer perform an operation, thinking possibly he would avoid any ill effects. However, it is said the doctor had to rub him the wrong way and make him mad before he began to make improvements.

Trade at Home—

Fred Clay, who has been in California and Colorado the past year or two, working with oil derrick building crews, returned this week to Spur and is spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay.

Trade at Home—

Oran Hall, who is engaged in the insurance business with headquarters in Dallas, spent several days of this week in Spur visiting Jim Edd Hall and family and also in the interest of his business. Oran covers the greater part of West Texas with his insurance business.

Trade at Home—

Miss Stamey left this week for Cool Colorado where she will spend her summer vacation. She will go by way of Higgins, Texas, where Miss Millhollon who formerly taught in Spur schools, will join her on the vacation trip. Miss Stamey has been teaching in Spur schools several terms and has been employed by the school board for another term.

Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Shugart, of east of Spur, left Monday for Dallas where Mrs. Shugart will be under the treatment of an eye specialist. Mrs. Shugart has been suffering a severe attack of sore eyes and all treatments up to this time have proved ineffective. We sincerely hope that Mrs. Shugart will get relief from the treatment of the specialist.

Trade at Home—

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Men's Work Shoes	1.90
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Large Bucket Blue Brer Rabbit	1.00
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