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The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

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

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Spot Cash Grocery

Spur has one of the best cotton crops in years. That means that we are going to have lots of cotton pickers. They are going to buy groceries, and we are going to make it to their interest and to your interest to trade with us. We believe that we can sell as cheap as any store in Spur, and that will be our motto.

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Everyone should use the best flour. Our flour, Amaryllis, made by the Great West Mill & Elevator Company of Amarillo, is as good as can be bought anywhere. Try one sack and if it is not as good as the best, bring it back to us and we will refund your money and not ask one question. Ask anyone who has used Amaryllis flour and they will tell you that it is as good as the best.

We are going to make every effort to fill your bill and make you a price that will bring you back to us. We see no reason why we can't sell you goods as cheap as anyone, as we own our building, and this does away with a large expense.

OUR GROCERY STOCK

It shall be our aim to keep as complete a stock of groceries as can be found anywhere in the West. Our fall goods are now arriving, and fresh shipments will be coming weekly throughout the fall and winter. We had the most of our stock bought before the recent advance in price, and we see no reason why groceries should advance in the near future, with the exception of flour, coffee and syrup. These three items are likely to advance a little.

Yours For Business

SPOT CASH GROCERY

Beautiful Shower Is Given Mrs. Roy Moses Friday Eve

A shower was given for Mrs. Roy Moses, formerly Miss Lola Stamey, Friday afternoon, August 29, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Foster.

A beautiful program was rendered, consisting of, Reading by Miss Willie Richbourg; toast to bride, Mrs. Manning; toast to bridegroom, Mrs. Jack Rector; Reading, Mrs. McMeans.

After the program Master Sam Clemmons and Arlon Sculler brought in the gifts as express packages.

Many beautiful gifts were received by the honoree. After the gifts were delivered, a dainty ice course was served to the following guests besides the hostes and honoree:

Mesdames D. H. Zaehry, Webber Williams, E. L. Brown, Billy Bryant, W. S. Campbell, E. L. Caraway, Sam Clemmons McAlpine, E. J. Cowan, E. C. Edmonds, C. R. Edwards, W. F. Godfrey, B. F. Hale, Roy Harkey, R. B. Johnston, Edgar McGee, M. A. Lea, G. S. Link, Tom Morrison, J. E. Hall, Tracy Gorham, C. L. Love, M. E. Manning, Oran McClure, J. W. Meadows, J. E. Morris, P. C. Nichols, J. A. Smith, Rob Davis, Riley Hull, McMeans, W. C. Presley, Bill Putman, W. H. Putman, J. B. Reed, W. W. Sample, T. A. Johnston, T. W. Verner, J. B. Whitener, Jack Rector, G. M. Williams, Sneed Twaddell, Dewitt Twaddell; Miss Willie Richbourg and Arlene Scutter and Master Sam Clemmons.

Trade at Home

GRANDPA CLAY DIED TUESDAY AT HIS HOME NEAR SPUR

George Washington Clay died Tuesday of this week at his home five miles southwest of Spur, the remains being interred in the Dickens cemetery Wednesday.

Grandpa Clay was seventy-two years of age, having been born February 5th, 1852. He had been suffering some time from paralysis which was the immediate cause of death. Grandpa Clay was the father of W. T. Clay with whom he was living at the time of death, and who is well known in the Spur country.

Attend the Fair

L. C. Ponder and wife returned last week from Hopkins county where they spent some time visiting with relatives and old time friends.

Attend the Fair

R. L. Rasham, of the Afton country, was here this week trading with Spur merchants and again meeting with friends of this section.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR BIGGEST AND BEST FAIR EVER HELD

The various committeemen under the direction of President W. E. Lee of the Northwest Texas Fair Association, are now completing their work in arranging for the biggest and best fair on September 18, 19, and 20th, that has ever been held since the organization of the fair association.

More than twenty communities will contest for premiums on community farm exhibits, and this showing alone will surpass the entire showings of other country fairs, in quality and variety of products as well as in number competing. Aside from this the individual farm and livestock showings and exhibits will be greater in numbers competing and in quality and variety of showings. Kent county will also join in the showing of products, thus extending the territory heretofore covered in showing the products of Northwest Texas.

The fact is that the Northwest Texas Fair at Spur is making most substantial growth and progress in its endeavors to promote and benefit agricultural and livestock interests not only in Dickens county, but adjoining counties, and from year to year will become more and more recognized and accepted as a factor in pushing and promoting such interests throughout the entire territory embraced in Northwest Texas.

Aside from the agricultural and livestock and various other exhibits, which are the main features of a fair, the amusement committee is endeavoring to afford a varied entertaining program of races, wild cow milking contests, games, balloon ascension, parachute leaps, airplane stunts and other free acts and performances common to fair events.

The greatest and most entertaining feature of the fair will be the grand parade of decorated floats and vehicles on the first day of the fair. In this procession there will be twenty or more decorated floats representing the various communities throughout the country, also including individual floats representing the business firms of Spur, Dickens, Afton, McAdoo and other towns. Much time and expense will go into the work of preparing for this grand parade by the various communities and individuals, and this feature alone will be worth coming a hundred miles to see.

Of course, the merry-go-round,

ferris wheel, rides and varied novelty stands around the "midway" will be there to amuse and entertain the kiddies, and quench the thirst and appease the appetites of the older people. However, in line with all other country fairs in maintaining moral standing and reputation, the raw games of chance and gambling devices common in most fairs in past years, will not be permitted on the grounds, this having been decided by the directors.

The Texas Kid Carnival Company has been contracted with to be at the fair. This is said to be one of the biggest and best carnivals now in the field. In fact, the fair this year as has been said, will be bigger and better and cleaner than all other annual fair events, and by reason of the better showings a much larger attendance is expected.

Attend the Fair

Mesdames Foster and Putman Joint Hostesses To Clubs Friday Night

Mrs. Bill Putman and Mrs. J. M. Foster were joint hostesses to the Friday evening and the Entre Nous Clubs, with their husbands and families, at the home of the latter on the north side, Friday evening, August 29.

Progressive forty-two was the chief entertaining feature, after which a dainty ice course was served to the following members and guests of the two clubs:

Messrs. and Mesdames W. D. Wilson, Horace Gibson, E. C. Edmonds, M. E. Manning, F. W. Jennings, W. W. Samples, G. S. Link, Roy Moses, S. H. Twaddell, M. A. Lea, W. T. Andrews, Rob Davis, J. B. Reed, Joe Grace, W. E. Lessing, R. E. Dickson, Mesdames Caraway, Lucas, V. C. Smart, Senning, W. H. Putman, Billie Bryant, Riley Huie, Mrs. B. C. Ashby, and R. R. Wooten.

Attend the Fair

CARD OF THANKS

Although unsuccessful in my efforts to obtain the nomination for tax assessor in the run-off primary, I want to extend my heartiest thanks to the many who supported and voted for me. I also extend congratulations to W. F. McCarty in obtaining the nomination, and assure all of my good will and hearty cooperation.—T. S. Lambert.

C. A. Jones, President
W. B. Lee, Active Vice-President

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

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

Capital and Surplus \$125,000.00
SPUR, TEXAS

Subject: Winter Pasture

FARMER FRIENDS:

In response to inquiries from a number of our good friends we have been trying for the past ten days, to get some seed rye and seed wheat for fall and winter pasture. We are glad to advise you that Mr. Hazel, of the Spur Grain & Coal Company, has purchased, and has in transit, 300 bushels of seed rye which will arrive within the next few days. Seed wheat can be obtained from the feed and grain companies here or from the wheat farmers in the McAdoo country.

It is a mighty fine time to sow wheat now, just before the busy cotton season starts in, and too, if you should get rain within the next few weeks it will enable you to get early pasturage which will mean a great saving on that winter feed bill.

If you want to figure just how much saving this would mean to you on a feed bill, under favorable circumstances, you may estimate the cost of feed for the number of work stock and milch cows that you have for about three months. Many of our good friends have told us that they saved from \$200.00 to \$400.00 by sowing from five to fifteen acres of wheat and rye last fall. If it should remain dry and you do not get a good stand the cost, of course, would be very light, in dollars and cents.

We are with you first, last and all of the time and shall be very glad to assist you provided you need financial assistance in sowing at this time.

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IS THE RURAL PRESS PROPERLY BALANCED

School will soon begin and we are going to suggest a new textbook in every school in Texas this year. No, it won't cost the state anything and it should not cost the home anything extra, because this textbook we will suggest should already be in every home in every school district in Texas. However, it may not be. That is one of the first things we want every school boy and girl to discover. How many homes in your school district take the home paper, for this is the new textbook we want to see installed in every school.

Now, there is nothing strange or even funny about this notion. It is just plain common sense. Don't you study a lot of things at school every day that are not half as interesting as the home paper? What is history? It is a record of human events for the past two or three thousand years. Isn't it? Not one school boy in a thousand ever reads anything in history that has happened since he was born. They never were and never will be a part of his life. Yet, we expect this live boy of today to be virtually interested in the things that happened a hundred years ago and a thousand miles away. But we seldom ever think of trying to interest him in the history that he and his playmates and his father and mother are making every day of the year.

What is the home paper? It is a record of the events of the home community for the past week. It is the history of the home community as it is made and recorded day by day and if this boy looks sharp he may find even his own name recorded in this history. To write our names into history is one of the ambitions of every generation of men and women. And any school boy or girl is no exception to this human rule. And this new history comes to you every week, fresh and clean through the mail. Yes, fresh and clean! As a rule there is not a cleaner sheet printed than the home paper. Some times it is so clean there is almost nothing on it. But even then it is well worth its cost. 52 copies in a year, giving all the principal events of the home communities for \$1.50 to \$2.00. It is the cheapest textbook printed in the state. And if there were not one word printed on a single sheet during the entire year, the blank paper would be worth the \$1.50 to use about the house, for we can not understand how any woman can keep house without newspapers.

But why use them in the public school this year? Because the agricultural writers of Texas and the A. & M. College of Texas are going to study the Texas Rural Press this year. That means the home papers of the state, to try and find out whether or not the rural press of Texas is a balanced institution and they want the school boys and school girls of Texas to help them. By that we want you to take the home paper to school with you at least once a week and study the front page. Study the advertising. Notice how much of it is city and town advertising and how much of it is rural advertising. Study the editorial page. Find out where your editor stands on the vital questions of the day. Study the news columns. Find out how many subscribers your paper has and what per cent are town folks. See if he divides his space equally with his support or whether

the editor gives most of his space to the news of the town; and if he does, find out who is to blame, the editor or the people? How much space and attention does he give to the boys and girls club work? May be you don't have any boys and girls clubs in the country? Does he use his paper to help you get them? How much space does he give to the school, the church, sports, society, politics, crime and scandal? Do you find the things in your home paper that you need most to help you with home problems? This is a part of what is meant by a balanced rural press. There is nothing that would so pep up the home editor as to know every school in his territory was using his paper as a textbook in English, history and social science.

Then there is another reason for this study. The rural press and the rural school are the two greatest educational forces in America and they ought to work together.—Quannah Times.

Attend the Fair—
CLASSIFICATION OF VOTE
An analysis of the vote in last Saturday's primary seems to disclose an interesting and peculiar political turn of affairs. It appears to have been a negative vote. Mrs. Ferguson apparently was elected by the anti-klan vote. Robertson was defeated because of the Ku Klux Klan, who were striving for his election. There were approximately 800,000 votes cast Saturday. From returns received at this time Mrs. Ferguson gets approximately 450,000 votes and Robertson 350,000. The following classification of the vote is probably very nearly correct:

Ferguson vote150,000
Anti-Ferguson vote200,000
Ku Klux vote150,000
Anti-Ku Klux vote300,000

In studying the vote we are impressed that the Ferguson and Ku Klux strength is about equal and each has a little less than 20 per cent of the total voting strength of the state. Neither could win on their strength. It was the rule during the campaign to lambast the opposition instead of presenting the merits of their own candidates. Consequently Mrs. Ferguson won by the vote that was opposed to the Klan, and if Robertson had won it would have been by the anti-Ferguson vote. Neither could have won on their own merits.—Rotan Advance.

Trade at Home—
Don't divorce your wife because she can't cook. Take your meals at the Western Hotel. 42-1f

Attend the Fair—
A. V. Womack, an all-round good citizen, successful farmer and astute politician of the McAdoo country, was transacting business affairs in Spur Tuesday of this week. He assures us that they will soon be in the midst of an abundant harvest, politics will soon be laid on the shelf or buried and the ship of state steered safely and sanely until another campaign is inaugurated.

Attend the Fair—
Mrs. Boney Scott and children are in Jones county this week visiting with her parents and other relatives and friends.

Attend the Fair—
Mr. Foresithe and family, of near Spur, are visiting with relatives in Bowie and other counties to the east.

Attend the Fair—
Bob Gholston and wife are this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Albin at their suburban home.

BOB RUSHING KILLS SELF AT ROTAN SUNDAY NIGHT

Bob Rushing, a man about 35 years of age, committed suicide at the home of Pat Murphee, in the County Line community, Monday night by blowing the top of his head off with a shot gun.

The family were away from home and from the appearance of things he came to the house Monday evening or night. It appears he at first decided to kill himself with a razor he found in the house, but found the shot gun before he had sharpened the razor to his satisfaction.

His body was found by young Jim Murphee early Monday morning lying between the house and the barn. He had pulled off the shoe from his right foot, took the string from the shoe and tied one end to his big toe and the other end to the trigger of the gun. His fingers were powder burned, indicating that he had held the muzzle of the gun to his head.

The charge of shot struck him between the eyes and blew off the top part of his head.

Mr. Murphee notified neighbors and authorities here and at Roby were notified and Justice Beauchamp and some other men from this place and County Judge J. S. Connel and others went to the scene and held an inquest, returning a verdict of suicide.

The body was brought to the Barrow undertaking parlors and prepared for burial, and Tuesday the body was laid to rest in Cottonwood cemetery in the County Line community.

The deceased has spent some time in the community where he killed himself, and was well known there. It is understood he has a mother at Clairmont, but had no other relatives in this section.

He had been previously adjudged insane and some thought he was at this time in an asylum. He had had violent spells before, but they would be followed by periods when he was in his right mind.—Rotan Advance.

Attend the Fair—

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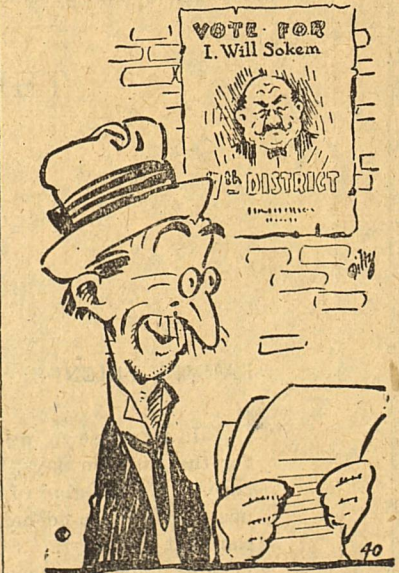
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GOOD ROADS FOR KENT

Quite a number of the Jayton business men attended the good roads meeting at Rotan Tuesday afternoon. The completion of a state and national highway through Kent county from Fort Worth to the plains now waits only on Fisher county bond election. All the other counties from Fort Worth this way, including Kent, have their money on the barrel head. Jayton precinct is planning to hold an election to build connecting links that will tie the highway to the Dickens county system and give the traveling public two outlets when they cross the county line, as well as giving our own county people a good road from every direction to the Jayton markets.—Jayton Chronicle.

Trade at Home—

W. T. Lovell, of Ddaper, was in town Tuesday. He came in especially on fair business, stating that he and others of the Draper and Wichita communities realizing that their aid is necessary in putting on a complete fair, they are now laying plans and preparing to render unstinted aid in exhibits on the 18, 19 and 20th. A community meeting, he said, would be held Friday for the purpose of getting together and systematizing their efforts and activities in securing, planning and arranging the community exhibit at the fair. In this connection he inadvertently added that he, personally, intended to have the biggest and best watermelon of the county on hand for the especial benefit of W. B. Lee—intimating the conclusion that such consideration might pave the way more readily for loan eventualities later on.

Attend the Fair—

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Wau-nita, and Mrs. Sanders and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. Biggs at their suburban home to the north of Spur, Thursday of the past week.

Attend the Fair—

W. W. Pickens and family returned this week to their home near Spur from an extended visit with relatives and friends in East Texas. From actual observation of conditions elsewhere, Mr. Pickens states that the Spur country is the best place in which to live and that crops here far surpass anything growing in the Eastern sections.

Attend the Fair—

John Luce and family, John Carlisle and family, Mrs. Prichard and Grandma Luce, were the guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. A. Biggs (at a sumptuous dinner prepared for the occasion.

Attend the Fair—

Mr. Seatherman, spent a short time in Spur this week on business in passing through from New Mexico to his home in Abilene.

Attend the Fair—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and little son, Tom Griffin, were visiting and shopping in Spur Saturday from their farm and ranch home over in Kent county.

Attend the Fair—

C. C. Cornelius was in the city Tuesday from his ranch over in Kent county. Of the abundance of rain in other sections of the country not a drop has fallen in that part of Kent county since the second of June. It is getting dry as a powder house in that part of the country, and yet cotton crops, and even feed, is holding up remarkably well. In fact it is estimated that at least a third of a bale of cotton to the acre will be made whether it rains or not, but with a good rain at this time much more cotton would be picked.

Attend the Fair—

S. L. Davis and family returned last week from an extended visit and vacation spent at Corpus Christi and other points on the coast.

Attend the Fair—

W. J. Wheatley and wife, of the Midway community, were shopping in Spur Saturday. While here Mr. Wheatley called in and had his name enrolled as a regular reader of the Texas Spur. Mr. Wheatley will be superintendent of the Midway school, which will begin the term Monday, September 8th. The Midway school is recognized as one of the very best schools of the county, and under the superintendency of Mr. Wheatley, the educational interests will not only be maintained but substantially advanced during the 1924-25 terms.

STRAYED—Black Mare Mule, branded U. S. (bar underneath) on left shoulder. Strayed on A. W. Van Leer place, 12 miles northwest Spur. Owner pay for this ad and get the mule. 45-1f

Trade at Home—

FOR SALE—A splendid home on Hill street; five rooms and bath. If interested see J. O. Colberg at Major & Hall Motor Co. 43-2f

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General Agent for the Spearman Lands, 18 Santa Fe Bldg., Seagraves, Gaines County, Texas, for descriptive literature, giving prices of land, terms, etc. 42-1f

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Sheriff Jones Uncover a "Still" And Runs in Three Theft Suspects

Sheriff Jones is demonstrating not only superior ability as a detective in tracing thefts, but also recognized as a menace to bootlegging and illicit manufacture of distilled corn juice. This week, in following the trail of parties who broke into a house and stole a set of harness from John Law in the north part of Dickens county, Sheriff Jones uncovered a "still" and several barrels of mash ready for the run. This manufacturing plant being over in Floyd county, he called on the sheriff of that county and together they went out and took charge of the outfit. Three parties were arrested, one of

the number now being in the Dickens jail and the other two in jail elsewhere. A confession of guilt of both the theft and whiskey charge was made by one of the number, and the stolen harness restored to the owner.

It is reported that a large oil tank was a part of the "still" and in which the mash was to be cooked and transformed into the fiery fluid. All will recognize that the manufacturing of whiskey in such a dangerous manner should be a violation of the law with severe penalty attached, and Sheriff Jones is to be congratulated in running them down.

South Plains Real Estate Dealer Invests in Spur Country Property

That even expert land men and real estate dealers recognize superior advantages in the Spur country is evidenced in the fact that they are personally investing in lands in this section.

This week I. R. Wells, who is dealing in lands and real estate in and around Lamesa and the South Plains country, purchased farm property near Spur, paying \$110.00 per acre for forty acres to the north of Spur and owned by Leonard Westfall. Mr. Westfall had just recently

purchased this property of Roy Bowman at a price of \$100.00 per acre. Mr. Wells, we understand, will cut up a portion of this property into one acre blocks to be sold for suburban home building purposes. Two blocks have already been sold and two suburban homes are going up on the property now.

Spur and the Spur country is permanently and substantially developing, progressing and advancing into its place as a leader and factor in this great Western Empire.

The Cotton Season is Open in Spur Highest Priced Market in the West

The cotton season is now open in the Spur country, the cotton is beginning to roll in and the hum of the gins is a familiar sound. Some fifty or seventy five bales have been ginned and marketed here during the week.

The cotton market in Spur opened up at 29.50 and notwithstanding a drop in the bigger markets of the country at the close of the week the Spur buyers were paying an average price of twenty four to twenty five cents a pound. Throughout the buying season a number of buyers will

be in the Spur market, therefore farmers of the country are assured of sharp competition and the very highest market prices. In fact, as has been the case heretofore, buyers here will probably pay above the general market prices. It will pay farmers from miles around, and even nearer other markets, to give consideration to Spur this year, because we are going to fight for the staple in meeting demands of the country and in establishing here a market point second to none in our territory. Come to Spur.

L. H. Perry and C. C. Cooner Sustain Accidental Wounds From Shot Gun

L. H. Perry and C. C. Cooner, of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co. Tuesday evening sustained gun shot wounds from a shot gun in the hands of Tracy Gorham. However, it was an accident, followed by the age-old statement "I didn't know it was loaded." Tracy Gorham was walking

down the street with his shot gun, the muzzle pointing down to the sidewalk at an angle which scattered shot which struck both L. H. Perry and C. C. Cooner who were standing near the edge of the sidewalk. Fortunately the injuries were not serious.

I. S. Putman, of Afton, was trading in Spur Wednesday. While here he dropped around and had his name enrolled as a reader of the Texas Spur. During the past two weeks more than a dozen new subscribers have been added to our list of two thousand regular subscribers, and for which we are very appreciative.

Attend the Fair—
A. J. Richie, of west of Dickens, dropped in Thursday. He was here to get lumber to build a new farm home on one of his places in the Croton country. The building progress throughout Dickens county continues uninterrupted and most substantially.

Attend the Fair—
C. Earyl Senning and family, of Amarillo, are in Spur this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Kate Senning and family. Earyl is now district manager for the Chevrolet Motor Company, this being a part of his territory.

Attend the Fair—
G. W. Dodson, of Midway, was here Thursday. He and wife and son, K. L. Dodson, Bill Dodson and wife and Lon Kizziah and family returned last week from a visit to their old homes in Tennessee. They made the trip through in cars, driving through Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, covering some four or five thousand miles. Mr. Dodson said that from Wichita Falls on into Tennessee crops were short from drought and insect pests, and he could not see where the thirteen million bales of cotton predicted would come from, unless the greater portion came from West Texas and the Spur country in particular.

Attend the Fair—
Ike Cox, of southwest of Spur, was trading in the city Tuesday.

Attend the Fair—
Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was here Wednesday meeting with his friends and trading with the merchants.

A. B. Stuckey was a pleasant caller at the Spur office Thursday. Mr. Stuckey moved out to this country several months ago and has decided to remain here and farm another year provided he can get a place. Mr. Stuckey came from the oil fields of Pioneer in Eastland county.

Trade at Home—
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Reed and children returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends in Westminster, Collin county, where they spent ten days very pleasantly. Mr. Reed said that on his rounds he saw no better crops than in the Spur country.

Trade at Home—
The play, "The Beantown Choir," given by the Eastern Star at the school auditorium Wednesday night was largely attended and hugely enjoyed by every one present. The play was directed by Mrs. Tom Teague, and the characters made up of home talent played their parts to perfection. We enjoyed it and got our money's worth.

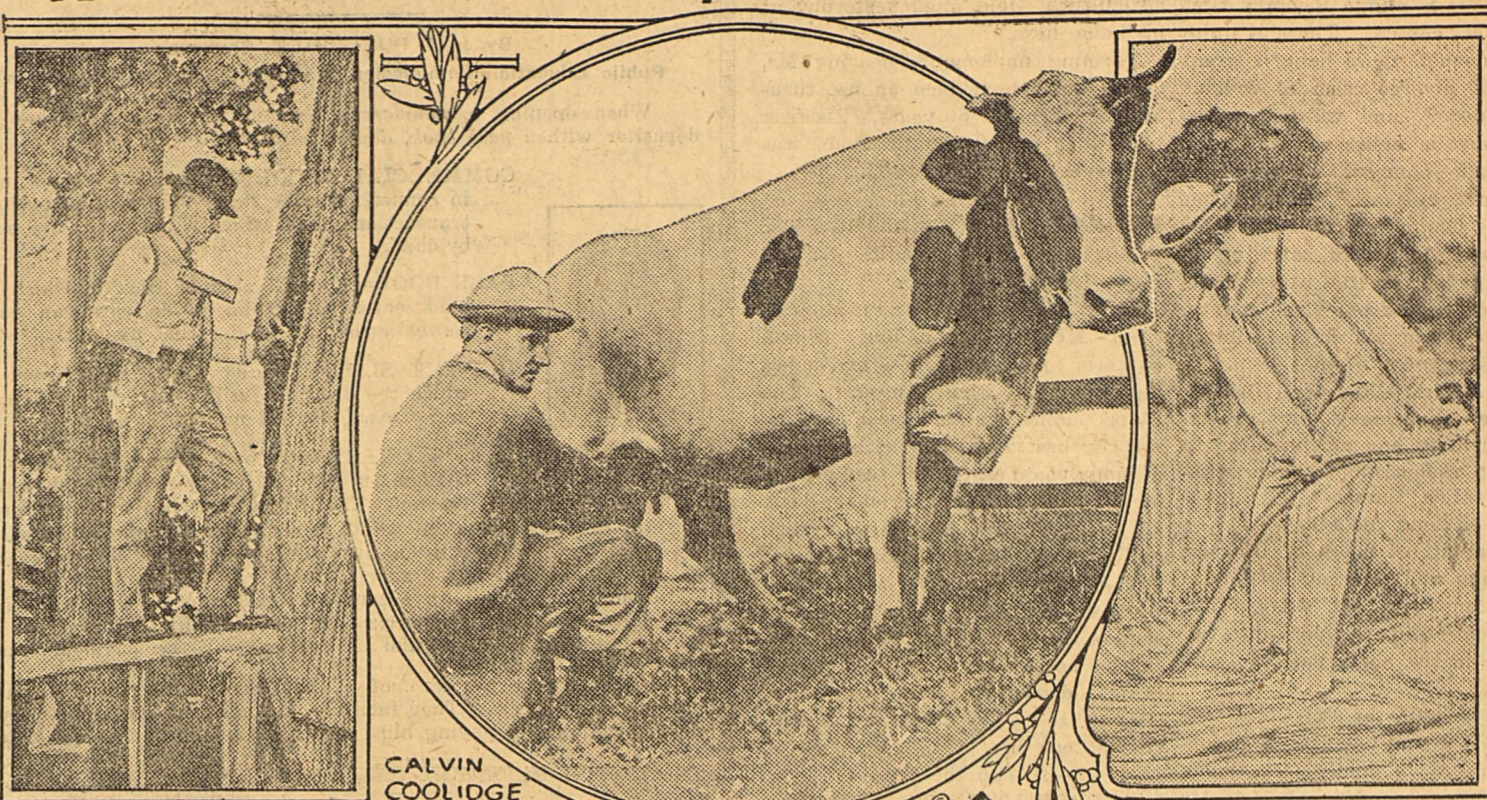
Attend the Fair—
W. C. Suitt, of the Wichita community and a good citizen, was transacting business affairs in Spur Wednesday.

Attend the Fair—
W. D. Wilson and C. D. Copeland returned Thursday from the big democratic convention at Austin. They said the steam roller worked without a hitch and all klansmen were buried so deep they will never again arise in a political campaign. A more extended account of the convention will be given next week.

Attend the Fair—
L. P. Hale, of Greenville, spent several days of this week in Spur visiting his brother, B. F. Hale and family.

Attend the Fair—
R. J. Bateman, of Afton, was here Thursday. He had just returned from a trip out on the plains, reporting good rains.

President Coolidge, Son of Farmer, Knows Problems And Arduous Duties Imposed on Nation's Soil Tillers



3 PRESERVING A FAVORITE OLD TREE AT PLYMOUTH

Perennially, aspirants to public office, mindful of the farmer vote, become converts to the cause of agriculture and the farmer and demand justice for the tillers of the soil.

To them there is no significance in the fact that they have been little concerned with this great division of the citizenry during the off-campaign season. The vote's the thing, and one may look from now until November for a veritable deluge of oratory and pictorial evidence that all candidates are for "justice for the farmer." More often than not it is an artificial sponsorship calculated to mislead the Man With the Hoe.

An exception to the rule is refreshing.

CALVIN COOLIDGE DID A LITTLE MILKING

Calvin Coolidge early took his place upon the farm. Born in Plymouth, Vermont, twelve miles from the nearest railroad depot, he is the son of a dirt farmer and has experienced all the hardships, reverses and arduous labors that fall to the lot of the farmer boy. One biographer has said of him: "While many of the boys of today are feverishly putting on the golf green, Cal was happy in pursuing to its native lair the sportive potato. He early and always has been an artist in mowing and he early became an adept in divorcing the lowing herd which winds slowly o'er the lea from the raw material which makes for butter and cheese."

He took the oath of office in the Coolidge farm house.

And, as the biographer has pointed out, the bovines of Plymouth, Vermont, have enjoyed a rare distinction. It is not every cow that can be milked by a President of the United States, any more than it is every President of the United States that can milk a cow. President Coolidge not only is "at home" on a farm. A farm is home to the Chief Magistrate of the land.

HAYING ON HIS FATHER'S FARM

highest office in the land. It was during a vacation on his father's farm that the photographer snapped him as he raked the new-mown hay, started for the cow pen at milking time and essayed a bit of surgery on one of his favorite old shade trees. The same farm smock and boots he wore when the pictures were taken still repose in the hall closet of the old family home and await his pleasure. He knows how to wear them, and what is of more interest to his fellow farmers, what to do after he puts them on. "He has always adorned a hay rake with as much facility as a reviewing stand," the afore-quoted biographer declared. That would appear to make him eligible, at least, for consideration by the farmer.

C. HOGAN & COMPANY HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR NEW BRICK BUILDING

C. Hogan & Company this week moved into their new brick building just completed on the corner of Burlington avenue and Harris street. The building was constructed at a cost of approximately thirty thousand dollars and is one of the handsomest business structures in all of Western Texas. The new furniture and fixtures are of the very finest materials and latest patterns, and the whole is so arranged as to give the store the appearance and attractiveness of the most modern department stores of the larger cities. The dry goods department is on Burlington, while the grocery department faces Harris street, and this department is also arranged attractively and conveniently in conformity with real city progress. The several departments, with ladies' rest room, offices and other conveniences for customers and the public makes C. Hogan & Company one of the leading stores of the town and all of Western Texas.

FEED CONTEST JUDGES MAKE REPORT ON CROPS IN COUNTY

For the benefit of those who were contestants in the feed contest, wish to advise that after a visit to the various sections of Dickens, that the better conditions exist in the Crosby, and Kent counties, we find sections known as the Prairie Chapel, Afton, and a portion of the Croton country. We noted with interest the excellent farming condition in many sections and especially in the Prairie Chapel section. The committee will meet Saturday for its final report. For the benefit of those of you who were in this contest, it will be well to pursue your usual course in cutting, it ready for work at this time, as the contestants in this final decision will be notified of our course this week by letter. In the watermelon eating contest held at Mr. Potter's place in the Croton section was easily won by R. B. Johnston. Ask Middleton about the contest in the hog pen.—Respectfully Yours, W. F. Godfrey, O. G. Arthur, J. P. Middleton, Committee. C. L. Love, Chairman Chamber of Commerce, R. B. Johnston, County Agent.

SPUR SOIL MAKES ACTUAL SHOWING OF WONDERFUL TRUCK PRODUCTION

That the Spur soil will produce in abundance and even surpass more noted section even in truck farming has been demonstrated by W. S. Hunter in his truck patch in Spur. In Mr. Hunter's truck patch are twenty-eight hills of cucumbers from which he has already marketed \$68 worth of cucumbers. Aside from this Mrs. Hunter has pickled thirty gallons of cucumbers and the family table has been daily provided and fresh cucumbers continue to come on the vines at this time. This is sufficient without further oration. If East Texas or even Arkansas can beat this, we would like to know of it.

Spur Schools Will Begin the Session Monday With Program for Patrons

The 1924-25 session of the Spur schools will begin Monday morning, September 8th. The corps of teachers with J. E. Watson as superintendent, is the best to be obtained in West Texas, and the school this year promises substantial advancement. J. E. Watson comes highly recommended as an educator and school builder, and under his superintendency and direction we are assured of recognition for affiliation with colleges and state universities. An opening program is being arranged for nine o'clock Monday morning in which the pastors and ministers of the city will be asked to take part, and to which the general public and especially school patrons are invited. An art exhibit at the school auditorium will also be a part of the program.

Mrs. L. A. Hindman and children returned Friday from Abilene where they spent several days in the home of Mrs. J. D. Powell.

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DISTRICT COURT IN ROBY OPENS MONDAY

ROBY, Sept. 2.—District court opened here Monday morning with Judge Bruce W. Bryant on the bench. This is Judge Bryant's first term in this county. There is quite a heavy docket, there being a great number of divorce cases as well as several forgery and whiskey cases.

The court is being waited on by Mrs. Maggie Lambert, widow of A. B. Lambert, ex-sheriff, through her deputies. There are to be two or three murder cases to come up in this term, the Myrtle Styles case, transferred here from Kent county, as well as one or two in this county.

—Trade at Home—

I HAVE a First Class Well Drilling Outfit, have had many years experience in drilling and am prepared to drill your well promptly and satisfactorily.—Lee Harrison. 37-tf

—Attend the Fair—
Tud Arthur, of north of Dickens, was trading and greeting friends in Spur Tuesday of this week. Tud reports everything in the very finest shape in the north part of Dickens county.

—Attend the Fair—
WANTED—Furnished House Keeping Rooms, 3 in family. — Phone 11. 45-1tc

—Attend the Fair—
L. H. Hisey and wife and Mrs. Cannon, of Oklahoma, brother and sister of Uncle Dan Hisey, returned home Friday of last week after spending ten days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Hisey. They are all three around eighty years of age. Fred Hisey accompanied them as far as Amarillo on their way home.

—Trade at Home—
Mr. and Mrs. John Harkey, of Kamecy, are in Spur visiting their sons, Newt and Roy Harkey, and also his brother, Uncle Tom Harkey.

—Attend the Fair—
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cameron, who have been spending the summer in Abilene and other points in East Texas, returned this week to their home in Spur. Mr. Cameron, we understand, will be engaged in the insurance business.

—Attend the Fair—
WANTED—Maize headers at once. —W. M. Hunter, 4 miles east of Spur. 45-1tc

—Attend the Fair—
ARE YOU INTERESTED?—Look! We want to dispose of some bargains in dry goods, shoes and notions, etc. during this sale we will also give 10 per cent off on furniture, for cash. —See J. P. Wilkes & Son. 40-tfc

INVENTOR OF HARVESTING MACHINERY DIES MONDAY

POUGHKEEPSIE, Sept. 2.—Henry J. Case, 85, inventor of harvesting machinery and pioneer in the agricultural field, died yesterday at his home here.

Farming implements bearing Mr. Case's name have been in use throughout the world for 50 years. His first invention, the automatic rake, was put on the market in 1865.

—Attend the Fair—
PLAINS COUNTRY MAKING FINE COTTON AND FEED CROPS

R. R. Wooten came down Monday from McAdoo, spending several hours in Spur on business and meeting with his friends here. The Plains country is this year producing the best feed as well as cotton of many years past. The feed around McAdoo has never suffered the least for moisture, and is today as green and promising of abundant yields as any year in the history of farming in that section. Farmers of that section this year cut much of the acreage heretofore given to small grain, devoting nearly the entire acreage to row crops which are as fine as can be.

—Attend the Fair—

APPRECIATION TO VOTERS

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to voters and friends for their support and confidence in giving me the nomination in the run-off primary election for sheriff and tax collector of Dickens county. I will endeavor to render the very best official service to all, and again extend thanks for the favor and honor in being permitted to continue official service.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

—Attend the Fair—
R. I. Wallace, postmaster and druggist of McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday of this week on business and meeting with his friends.

—Attend the Fair—
Mrs. E. A. Russell entertained the Friday Afternoon Club and other friends with forty-two at her home Wednesday. At the conclusion of several interesting games the hostess served delightful refreshments to the large number of guests present.

—Attend the Fair—
Mrs. E. J. Cowan was hostess to a number of guests Saturday afternoon, progressive forty-two being the entertaining feature, after which delightful refreshments were served to the number of guests favored on this occasion.

—Attend the Fair—

WHY BANKS?

LESSON X

By J. H. PUELICHER, Chairman
Public Education Commission, American Bankers Association.

When opening a commercial account the bank furnishes the depositor with a pass book, deposit slips and blank checks.

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT—Account in bank used in connection with funds employed in business transactions, from which withdrawals are made by checks.

PASS BOOK—A small account book in which the bank enters a customer's deposits; an entry serves as his receipt for that amount.

DEPOSIT SLIPS—Printed blanks with spaces in which the depositor writes the amount of cash and of each check deposited.

BLANK CHECKS—Printed forms for orders on the bank to pay out money from the depositor's account. The depositor writes in the name of the person to whom he wants money paid, the amount he wishes paid, and then signs his own name. When the check comes to the bank it pays the sum of money as indicated, deducting it from the depositor's account, and keeps the check which it cancels. Cancelled checks are each month returned to the depositor and serve him as receipts for the payments made.

About ninety per cent. of all business transactions are finally paid by bank checks. They facilitate business and are a safe way to transmit funds in paying bills, wages or meeting other obligations.

—Attend the Fair—

FOR SALE OR TRADE—105 acres of land, 85 acres in cultivation, 2 1/2 miles n. w. of Spur. Would like to trade for larger place. What have you to offer?—T. H. Roberts. 43-4tp

—Attend the Fair—
O. C. Henry, of the Afton country, was down one day this week. While here he called in and placed an advertisement in the Spur for the sale or trade of his place. Several years ago Mr. Henry quit the Spur country, moving to the Afton country where he has prospered even beyond his expectations. Now, it is very probable that he has accumulated sufficient finances and property to retire, or at least move to where more conveniences and "city airs" are in evidence. We suspect that a man desiring a good farm home could make a good deal with Mr. Henry under the circumstances.

—Attend the Fair—
FARM SALE—160 acres, 140 in cultivation, well improved, in the famous Afton Country. Fine water, good orchard and other conveniences. Splendid crop. Buyer can get crop and possession if desired. Priced right and terms.—W. M. Pool, Box 143, Afton, Texas. 44-2t

—Attend the Fair—
Wayne Van Leer, of twelve miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday. He has put up a stray mule on his place and wants the owner to know about it through the Texas Spur.

—Trade at Home—
Dave Tallent, of the New Western Hotel, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis Monday at the hands of Dr. Nichols at the Nichols Sanitarium. At this time we are glad to note that Mr. Tallent is doing nicely and will soon be able to be removed to his home.

—Attend the Fair—
Mrs. W. R. Stafford and daughters are moving the latter part of this week to Fort Worth where they will make their home for a year. Uncle Bill Stafford will remain in Spur to look after his farming and ranching interests, and, as he says, "look after and attend to some unfinished business."

—Attend the Fair—
J. I. Greer was on the streets Saturday meeting with his friends and acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Greer have been enjoying a vacation the past year, spending the time in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado and other resorts to the west of us.

—Attend the Fair—
Mrs. Post and children, Faye and Troy, returned last week after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hisey.

—Attend the Fair—
Mr. and Mrs. Newt Harkey and children returned last week from Kamecy where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harkey.

—Trade at Home—
O. D. Blanton and wife visited friends at McAdoo Sunday. He said it almost made him sick to see such fine feed crops on the plains while in places under the cap rock it was burning up.

—Attend the Fair—
WANTED—A furnished house by September 1st.—Lee Garrett, watch maker. 38-tf

—Trade at Home—

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UNDECIDED ON DATE FOR LAUNCHING HIS CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin is still undecided as to when he will launch his active campaign as an independent presidential candidate.

It was said today he might remain off the stump until a month before election day, although it is more probable that he will route his speech-making itinerary so that he can be out stumping for six weeks. The present plan is to have Senator La Follette deliver his first address in New York City—a suggestion that meets with his approval. To what extent he will tour the country remains to be determined.

Until he becomes campaigning, the senator will remain in Washington and probably will deliver several speeches by radio.

—Attend the Fair—

M. E. Tree came in Tuesday from farm home in the Highway community, spending a short time here meeting with his friends and sizing up the political situation. He may be one of those who is meeting with encouragement politically, but we can only believe that this satisfaction will exist only prior to the general election. However, we have always thought that Texas would be better governed with two strong opposing parties in the field, and if the present political situation results in making the two great parties more equal in power, there will have resulted some good to the country in the end.

—Trade at Home—

Mrs. Dulaney Suttles, of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Kent county, was a visitor and shopper in the city Saturday afternoon.

—Attend the Fair—

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

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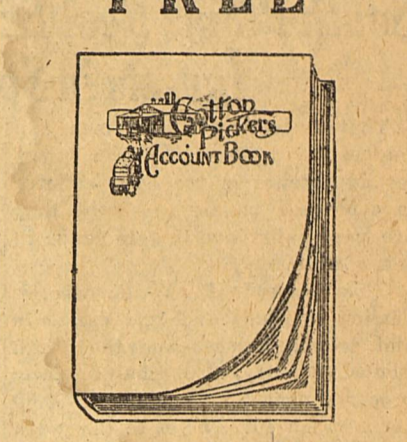
Newton, the little two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Weaver, died Tuesday of last week at their home west of Spur, of typhoid fever, the little body being interred Wednesday in the Spur cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have the sympathy of friends in this bereavement.

—Attend the Fair—

C. A. Jones, of Duncan Flat, was here Tuesday. He had just returned with his family from a visit to relatives and friends in Wichita Falls, Electra and other places. Like all others who have an opportunity to get out and see other sections, he reports that crops nowhere compare with the great Spur country.

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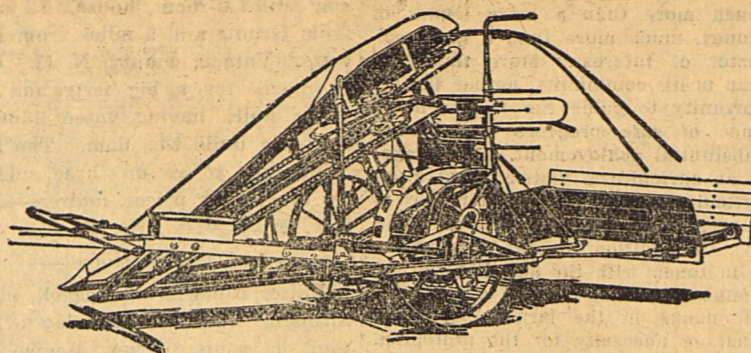
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BI-COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IS IN SESSION THIS WEEK IN SPUR

The counties of Kent and Dickens are now holding a joint institute at Spur, conducted by J. E. Watson, superintendent of Spur schools. Miss Ernestine Faver of McAdoo is secretary. Departmental conductors are: High School, A. C. Hull, Spur; Intermediate, Frank Speer, Dickens; Primary, Miss Fannie Kelley, Dickens.

There is lots of interest manifested in these different divisions, which shows that each teacher is interested and is trying to make the institute worth while.

By having an institute of this kind, each teacher may take a part and feel like they are at home, and when they have made a speech, they feel better and also more like they are accomplishing something.

We were indeed glad to have with us Mr. Miller from the Department of Education. He stated that he had spoken at another institute elsewhere which had 900 teachers in session, and that he admired the Dickens County Institute for he had more courtesy shown toward him while he was in Spur. He also stated that at the other institute it was so crowded that very little interest was shown. Another thing Mr. Miller stated that he admired the little town of Spur and the people.

We wish to thank the following for entertaining us in the open exercises: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, Miss Neitha Snider, Mrs. D. H. Zachry, Miss Nell Higgins, the different pastors of the churches, and also others that we have not mentioned.

We are very sorry that Judge Brummett is not able to be with us. Last year Judge Brummett also was ill and we have been looking forward to this institute when he would be with us to discuss various problems. However, his business is not entirely neglected for H. P. Bell and Fred Arrington are looking after it, which we are glad to note.

We wish to call attention to the little motto on the first page of the program, which reads like this: "The primary requisite for the success of any institute is hard work on the part of each teacher composing the institute." This has more meaning than we really think it has until we give it a thought. It does not only apply to the institute, but to our school work or any thing that we might undertake. When we teachers go away from this institute we want to remember this and say it over when we want to shirk on any hard task.

We wish to thank the good people of Spur for their hospitality shown toward us while we are in your city, and these kind deeds will always be praised.

Below are the names and schools of the different teachers who are attending:

Addie, Mrs. J. H., Floyd County; Arrington, Fred, McAdoo; Bell, H. P., Dry Lake; Brannen, Mrs. M. H., Twin Wells; Bennett, G. W., Wolf Creek; Bell, Mrs. H. P., Dry Lake; Berry, Mrs. J. E., Wilson Draw; Cobb, Goss D., Spur; Conatser, Mrs. Katie, Kent County; Doss, Vernon, Spur; Doss, Mrs. Vernon, Spur; Elliott, Margaret A., Spur; Eagan, Katherine, Kent County; Elliott, Elizabeth, Croton; Forbis, Mrs. Clark, Wolf Creek; Faver, Miss Ernestine, McAdoo; Gentry, C. B., Croton; Gilpin, Mrs. Bessie, Prairie Chapel; Gilpin, George, Prairie Chap-

el; Guthrie, Lee, Afton; Guthrie, Mrs. Lee, Afton; Guthrie, Lavena, Afton; Gentry, Mrs. C. B., Croton; Graves, Johnnie, Espuela; Graves, Fannie, Espuela; Hull, A. C., Spur; Hardie, Mrs. S. C., Spur; Hull, Lucy Mae, Spur; Hughes, Viola, Kent County; Johnston, Mrs. R. B., Spur; Jones, A. P., Croton; Kennon, C. M., Kent County; Kennon, Mrs. Ella, Kent County; Kelly, Fannie, Dickens; Keene, Myrna, Peaceful Hill; Lacy, W. G., Duck Creek; Littlefield, Mrs. R. C., Dickens; Millsap, Katie, Highway; Moore, Ruby, Red Hill; Martin, Opal, Kent County; Patterson, J. W., Dickens; Patterson, Mrs. J. W., Dickens; Powell, Alla, Dry Lake; Phifer, Ollie, McAdoo; Robinson, Mrs. F. M., Spur; Payne, Erma, Crosby County; Payne, Gladys, Crosby County; Rudolph, J. C., Kent County; Reynolds, Mrs. Robt., Croton; Skeridan, Beulah, Spur; Smith, Leach, Spur; Speer, Frank, Dickens; Speer, J. L., Dickens; Sparks, Virgie, Afton; Sims, Mrs. George, Midway; Twaddell, Madge, Spur; Tune, Edna, Spur; Thomas, Geo. H., Midway; Terry, Blanche, Duck Creek; Watson, J. E., Spur; Williamson, Mrs. Ethel, Spur; Wheatley, W. J., Midway; Wilkerson, Mabel, Kent Co.; Whitaker, Mrs. W. T., Wolf Creek; Zachry, Mrs. D. H., Spur; Edwards, J. M., Chandler; Murdock, Eva, Kent County; Forbis, Miss Virgilia, Hall County; Guthrie, Loyd, Motley County.

You will note that there are a few teachers who are not in either Dickens or Kent counties, therefore, we are glad to have them with us and hope that they are enjoying the institute as well as the benefits derived.—Fred Arrington, Reporter.

Attend the Fair—

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Saturday for another operation, he having suffered a very severe and sudden attack of illness necessitating an immediate operation to save his life. The operation was successfully performed by Dr. Nichols and we are glad to inform his many friends that Judge Brummett is now doing nicely and recovering. The Judge has had a hard time, this being about the third operation he has had in the past year or two.

Attend the Fair—

DISCONTENT
Content is degeneration if anything is. If there be divinity in this world at all it is found in discontent. Discontent is growth.

Just as much as the wiggling of the bird in the nest and the twisting of the tiny roots in the soil are manifestations of growth.

Stand still, frown at every new thing, every new change, every radical thought or suggestion, and you will not only be considered a "back number" but you will ere long be a "dead one."

Progress and the betterment of this world can come about in no other way than through the divine agency of discontent.

It is the thing that make youth triumphant nad brave, and which hardens the muscles of the worker.

But in our discontent our eyes must be fixed upon something better than at which we work and strive.

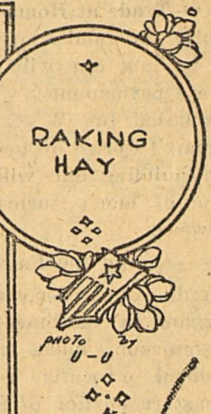
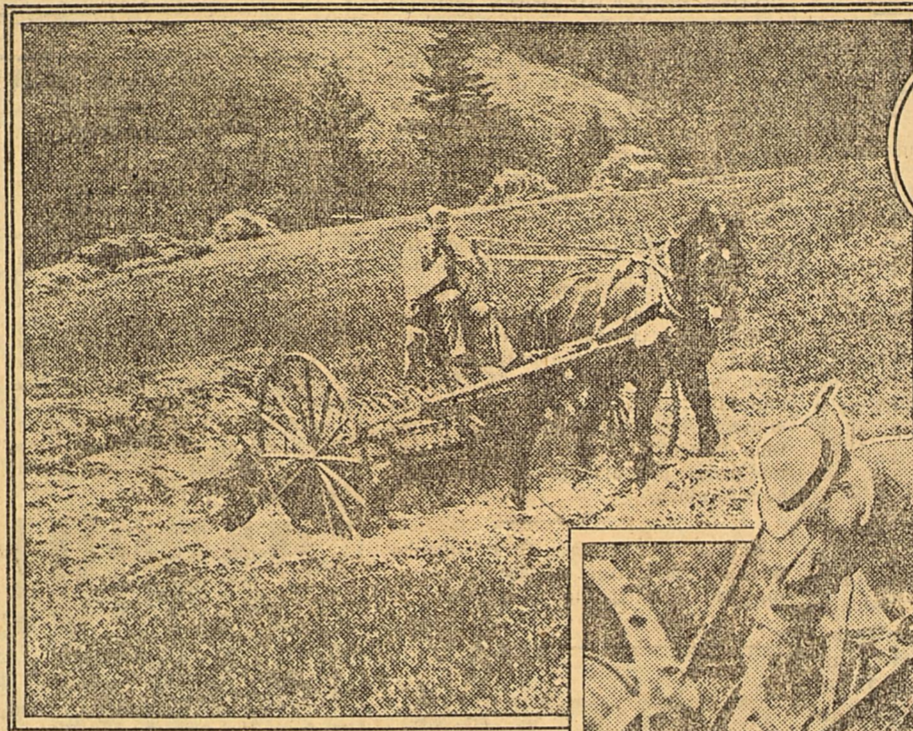
We must more and more enter upon living as a business, not merely a vocation.

There is, however the discontent of tearing down and the discontent of building up. Every thing great in this world comes from those who strap this latter idealism to their breast.

Sweet content is all right in its place, but its place must be after the day's work is done nad some useful task performed. It is not enough merely to do the thing at hand because it is at hand.

Discontent is looking ahead—that is the divine sort of discontent. That is what makes all great men

Nation's Farmers Turn to Coolidge, Real Son of Soil, For Sympathetic Understanding of Their Problems



No history of the farming folk of Vermont would be complete without reference to the Coolidge family.

Not only was the President's boyhood spent on the farm at Plymouth, his birthplace, but since and before that time his father has been a tiller of the soil—a practical dirt farmer.

The early environment of Calvin Coolidge has asserted itself annually ever since his rise to high places in the public service. Each year he has visited the old home, donned the smock and cowhide boots of the calling and gone about doing the hundred and one chores that fall to the lot of the farmer. There is no job on a farm with which he is not thoroughly familiar or which he hesitates about carrying out. As one biographer has aptly said: "He always adorned a hayrake with as much facility as a reviewing stand."

The upper photograph would appear to bear out this statement. There have been few dirt farmer Presidents, so that in recent years the photographs of Calvin



Coolidge showing him in the smock and boots handed down to him by a worthy grandsire who served in the Vermont Legislature, have aroused more or less comment. The more sordid have been quick to suspect and have looked upon this raiment as a costume affected for its effect on the voters. "These suspicious ones do not know Cal," this same biographer says, "for his essence is simplicity and sincerity. He is as much himself at work in a smock frock and boots as the sometimes effete children of Beacon Street are when they lol in dinner jackets, or de-collete and lapis lazuli."

In his boy hood young Coolidge was not, in the vernacular, a "mixer." He was overly shy and diffident, but when he did form an attachment for a man, woman or child it was an affection as lasting as the years. He has never forgotten the devoted aunt who nursed him as a baby. Each time he visits Plymouth, no matter what the press of official business, he finds ample time to sit with her and chat of his boyhood.

The lower photograph shows him preparing for a session on the business seat of a mowing machine, an art with which he is just as familiar as he is with his official duties.

George Harris, of McAdoo, was in the city Saturday meeting with his friends, and smiling as usual. George Harris is a gentleman and a scholar, even though he might have been on the wrong side in the recent campaign in breaking the klan backbone in Texas.

Trade at Home—

JOI DE VOI CLUB MEETS

Mrs. E. L. Brown entertained the Joi de Voi Club Wednesday afternoon at her home. Bridge was the diversification of the afternoon, after which a delightful lunch was served. Club members were present and the following guests: Mesdames Rob Davis, Alger, Schrimphser, Bull Putman.

Attend the Fair—

W. S. and W. B. Barclay, who last year moved to near Plains, this week returned to Dickens county and again located at Afton. Mr. Barclay said he would advise no man to leave this country. He said they farmed two hundred and fifty acres of land this year, making a complete failure. They are now back in Dickens county to stay. They are good citizens and we are glad to have them back.

Attend the Fair—

Joe Gaines and family returned this week from Clarksville in Red River county this week where he spent several days visiting with his parents and other relatives. Mr. Gaines says that no where along the route did he see as good crops as are now maturing in the Spur country. The people of the Spur country should certainly be thankful for the good conditions which now prevail throughout the country. We have the best crops of any part of Texas, the bottom lands not excepted.

Trade at Home—

Mrs. C. L. Edwards, children and sister, Miss Minnie Kenedy of Dallas are visiting parents her.

W. J. Young, of Afton, was trading in Spur Wednesday, spending some time here with Hugh Squires and family and other friends of the town.

Trade at Home—

J. V. McCormick, who has been suffering of a diseased head or ear, was carried to Lubobck Wednesday for examination and treatment at the hands of a specialist.

Attend the Fair—

J. J. Thompson, of the Espuela community, is having a residence built in Dickens and he and wife will move there as soon as the building is complete.

Trade at Home—

W. C. Williams, son of Frank Williams and formerly of Spur but who is now traveling for Radford Grocery Company, passed through Spur Thursday. He said that he covered a territory from Amarillo to Wichita Falls and El Paso, and in this vast territory he visited only one town, Winters, which could compare in rapid and substantial growth to Spur. Everybody recognizes Spur as the best town and fastest developing little city in Texas.

Attend the Fair—

BUILDINGS NEAR COMPLETION

Among the number of business buildings now under construction and nearing completion is the Ramsey Garage which will be one of the handsomest and most commodious garage structures of the country. The Scott and Morgan brick grocery is also nearing completion and will soon be ready to move into. Also the new brick building for the Spur Cream & Bottling Works. Not the least of the buildings nearing completion is the Spur Inn which will soon be ready for guests.

Trade at Home—

Mrs. Henry Edwards, of Dickens, was a visitor and shopper in Spur Thursday.

Mrs. J. P. Middleton is here this week from their home in Abilene. Mr. Middleton, who is staying here, needs some one to look after him, and we suspect that Mrs. Middleton also realizes this need.

Trade at Home—

C. H. Perry and family returned this week from a week's visit with relatives at his old home at Paris and Greenville. This was Mr. Perry's first visit back to the old home community in eighteen years. He says they are in bad shape compared with the Spur country with respect to crops and general conditions.

Attend the Fair—

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Kennedy, of Dickens, are visiting in Spur.

Attend the Fair—

Mr. Foresithe and family, of near Spur, are visiting with relatives in

BILL PROPOSED TO REPEAL NEW TEXAS MOTOR TAX LAW

AUSTIN, Sept. 2.—A bill will be proposed at the next session of the legislature which meets in January to repeal the new motor tax law passed at the last session of the legislature, it was learned here. It is believed that with the passage of a law making the gasoline tax sufficiently high it will produce sufficient revenue for the support and maintenance of the highways without the imposition of the present tax.

It was pointed out that the present one-cent per gallon gasoline tax now in operation is producing approximately \$4,000,000 a year and by making the tax three cents per gallon, it would yield \$12,000,000 annually which would meet all the requirements of the state highway department and its program of highway construction and maintenance.

Claim is also made that the gasoline tax system would be more equitable as it would fall directly on the people who use the automobiles on the Texas highways. At the present time the motor tax law does not reach those tourists who pass through Texas by the thousands annually. The motor tax law only applies to persons who reside in the state and register their cars with the tax collectors in the various counties in Texas. Under a three-cent gasoline tax every person who drives a car in this state would be contributing to the support of the highways.

Several attacks were made on the new motor tax law since it became effective January 1, 1924, but most of the counties attacking the law have dismissed their case, but this will not preclude the introduction of the proposed bill when the lawmakers gather here next January.

The producers of gasoline and the wholesalers are willingly paying the one-cent gallon tax on gasoline. Under the law as at present in force, three-fourths of the revenue derived from the sale of gasoline goes to the credit of the highway department and one-fourth to the available school fund.

Attend the Fair—

E. H. Blakely, a good citizen of the north part of the county, was among the traders and business visitors in Spur during the week.

Attend the Fair—

J. J. Noland, of north of Dickens, was here during the week trading with merchants and meeting with his friends.

Attend the Fair—

R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, had business in Spur Tuesday of this week, spending a short time here also meeting with his friends.

Attend the Fair—

R. L. Overstreet, of north of Dickens, was among the number in Spur trading this week. He reports everything in the finest shape in his section of the county.

WHY BANKS?

LESSON XI

By J. H. PUELICHER, Chairman
Public Education Commission, American Bankers Association.

To be favorably known at a bank is a business advantage. Banks aim to deal with honest people only. How does one become known at a bank for purposes of doing business with it? "One must be identified," says the banker.



J. H. Puelicher

IDENTIFICATION—More than presenting oneself at a bank and saying "I am John Smith." Some one known to the banker must say, for instance, "This is John Smith. He is honest and dependable." Then the bank will do business with him.

Why cannot a bank do business with an unidentified person? Because, if an unknown man gets money from a banker on a check payable to "John Smith" and he be not the particular "John Smith" entitled to cash that check, the bank would probably lose the money. To be known at a bank is a business necessity.

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Condensed Austin News

All departments in the State Capitol were closed Saturday on account of the run-off primary election. Gov. Neff was among the State officials who went home to vote.

Temperature of 107 1/2 degrees was registered in Austin on Aug. 25, the highest since 1917. No rain of consequence has fallen in this section since the middle of June.

Appeals have been filed in the Court of Criminal Appeals in the cases of E. D. Pohlka, Caldwell County, keeping premises to store liquor, two years, and Joe Silva, Wharton County, manufacturing liquor, one year.

S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said that he will not be an applicant for the presidency of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, to succeed the late President F. M. Bralley.

The State Fire Insurance Commission has mailed books containing specific schedules for four towns which had the effect of changing the key rate in three, San Saba was raised 69c to 84c, Gouldbusk from 99c to \$1, Goldthwaite from 55c to 66c and Greenville remains the same at 29c.

Passenger motor vehicle registrations in Texas now number 645,289, according to figures compiled by the State Highway Department. Registrations of commercial motor vehicles number 52,217, motor busses 1,159, tractor 1,946, trailers 107, dealers 2,641, chauffeurs 10,341, transfers 126,028.

District Judge Carl T. Harper at Huntsville refused to hold that a State and Federal sentence ran concurrent and remanded Ralph Lawson, alias Larsen, to the State penitentiary, where he has been a convict for two years and two months on a conviction in El Paso County of jobbery by firearms. Notice of appeal was given.

Miss Margaret Bracher of Fredericksburg has been awarded the Home Economics Club scholarship of \$300 in the University of Texas for the 1924-25 session. The scholarship is offered annually to a young woman student of not less than junior standing who is majoring in home economics and who has an average grade of at least B in her courses.

Boy Scout leadership training is to be introduced in the State teacher colleges under a plan discussed recently with the regents of those institutions by J. P. Fitch of Houston, regional director of the Boy Scout movement and who has funds to supplement the State funds for this training. Mr. Fitch is director for four States.

Hearing of the proposed Missouri Pacific Coast Line merger has been set for hearing on Oct. 3 before the interstate Commerce Commission, the Attorney General's Department has been advised. On the same date is set hearing of the application of the Gulf Coast Lines to purchase stock of the International Great Northern Railroad.

The four magnificent bronze statues now reporing in the American National Bank of this city will be placed in the rotunda of the State Capitol to remain until they become part of the colossal Southern memorial at the University of Texas, made possible by a \$250,000 bequest by the late Major George W. Littlefield. Announcement to that effect was made by H. A. Wroe, president of the bank and an administrator of the Littlefield will.

Nothing short of consternation was created in official circles when the Mrs. Ferguson interview was read saying she will not appoint kluxers to office and will clean the departments of them where she has appointive power. The State departments are honeycombed with members of the klan and most of them were most active in the recent campaign against Mrs. Ferguson and the anti-klan ticket. Most of them can expect to go.

The gold star mothers of the soldiers who have gone west are to be given the places of honor when the entire Nation gathers on National Defense Day, Sept. 12. It is suggested by the Adjutant General of Texas in his letters to the Mayors of the various cities, asking their co-operation in plans for National Defense Day, that the mothers of the boys who gave their all during the World War be given the place of honor at all celebrations on the day designated by President Coolidge.

Contract for general construction of the new South Texas State Teachers' College at Kingsville awarded by the board of regents of the State teacher colleges to H. N. Jones Construction Company, San Antonio, at \$222,143; plumbing and heating to John L. Martin, Austin, at \$28,178, and electrical work to A. H. Shafer, San Antonio, for \$6,086, a grand total of \$256,407. The total appropriation is \$330,000. The unexpended portion will be used for furnishings and equipment.

RAINFALL AT SPUR EXPERIMENT STATION

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Feb.	.09	.23
March	1.88	.55
April	.81	.97
May	1.98	2.40
June	.65	3.11
July	2.01	2.68
August	.87	1.44
TOTAL	8.29	2.44

Trade at Home—
TO TRADE—Set of farming implements and a row binder to trade for light truck.—J. M. Howze. 44-2tp

Attend the Fair—
Lanoy Hazel, Jack Hindman, J. I. Mecom, Pike Nichols, J. L. Bell, Billy Parker, Deal Hindman, Frank Crump, and Little Miss Billie Powell and Martha Jean Hindman.

Trade at Home—
FOR SALE—Residence in Spur, 5 rooms and bath, close in. For price and terms, see Mrs. Carrie Allen. 44-2t

Trade at Home—
I. Wolfe and family, of Dallas, are moving to Spur and will make their home here permanently. Mr. Wolfe has purchased the W. C. Chapman & Company stocks of goods in the Wendell building and will put in a new line of men's furnishings and ladies' wear.

Attend the Fair—
FOR SALE—Cheap for cash. Splendid bargain in residence property. One seven-room house near Spur High School, or a five room house in the eastern portion of Spur.—See J. P. Wilkes. 40-tfc

Attend the Fair—
SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
Monday evening of this week Mrs. Henry Gruben carried her Sunday school class on a picnic. After a number of different games the boys roasted weenies and Mrs. Gruben assisted by Mrs. Luther Powell and Mrs. Luther Hindman served iced lemonade and lunch to the following class and friends:

Attend the Fair—
Ed Fuqua, of the Red Mud country, was in town Wednesday, trading some and feeling of the cotton and merchandise markets here. Spur is this year offering exceptional inducements in both buying and selling markets. There is no town which offers better inducements to the trade than Spur, Texas.

Trade at Home—
WANTED—To rent a piano for the school term for the use of Dickens school.—F. S. Hale, Dickens. 44-4tp

THE REWARD

The individual banker should be much more than a mere lender of money, much more than a mere collector of interest. More than any man in his community, he has the opportunity to guide the farmer along lines of safe progress and toward substantial achievement. The banker in an agricultural district must know agriculture if he is to loan money to farmers and upon agricultural security. In addition to that, the banker is in touch with the activities of the business world. He has correspondents in the larger cities; he must, of necessity for the protection of his own business, look beyond the horizon of his immediate vicinity in order to foresee imminent changes in business conditions. The banker has the opportunity to be the point of contact between the farmer and these many other activities of the business world with which the farmer's business is so closely connected. The field is wide, the opportunity is great, the reward of confidence of one's patrons and neighbors—gained by service in their behalf—is worth the effort.—Walter W. Head, President American Bankers Association.

CO-OPS SELL A BILLION'S WORTH

According to the 1920 census figures, \$721,983,639 worth of farm products was sold through co-operative marketing associations. The greatest growth in co-operative marketing has come since that time, so that it is safe to assume that much more than a billion dollars worth of products are sold co-operatively at the present time. A general survey shows that the larger co-operatives in fruit are handling nearly \$200,000,000 worth of business annually. The large scale milk co-operatives do a total business of about \$150,000,000 annually, while the tobacco group is doing a combined business of more than \$100,000,000 annually. The cotton group has also passed the \$100,000,000 mark.

Four Warren County, Illinois, banks have offered a total of \$200 in prizes for the beef cattle club in that county.

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Trade at Home—
Editor Roberts, of Haskell, passed through Spur Wednesday of this week en route to New Mexico on a summer's vacation. While in Spur he paid the Texas Spur a fraternal call.

Attend the Fair—
Miss Lee Ella Beaver, of Girard, was in Spur Tuesday and while in the city was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Miss Beaver is a charming and accomplished young lady, at the present time being identified with the business interests and publication of the Girard newspaper.

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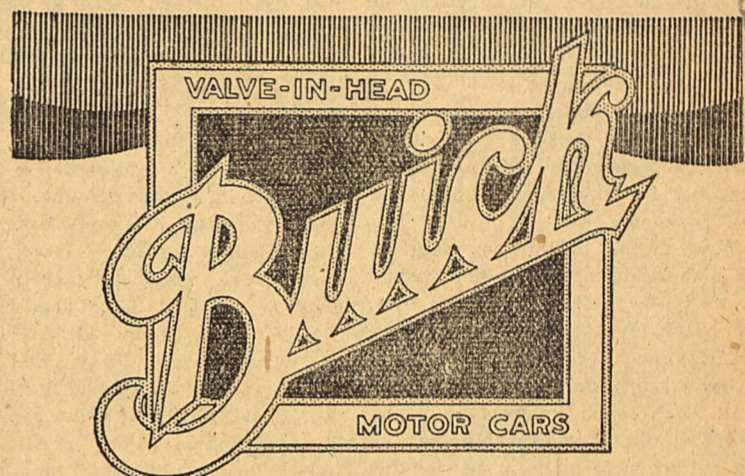
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THE DOOM OF EMPIRES
By Robert G. Ingersol

The traveler amid the ruins of ancient cities and empires, seeing on every side the fallen pillars and the prostrate walls, asks why did these cities fall? Why did these empires crumble? And the Ghost of the Past, the wisdom of ages, answers: These temples, these places, these cities, the ruins of which you stand upon, were built by avarice and injustice. The hands that built them were unpaid. The backs that bore the burdens also bore the marks of the lash. They were built by slaves to satisfy the vanity and ambition of thieves and robbers. For these reasons they are dust.

Their civilization was a lie. Their laws merely regulated robbery and established theft. They bought and sold the bodies of men, and the mournful wind of desolation, sighing amid their crumbling ruins is a voice of prophetic warning to those who would repeat the infamous experiment, uttering the great truth that no nation founded upon slavery, either of body or mind can stand.

—Trade at Home—

Carl Hail and wife, of Rising Star, and Mrs. Perry Fite, of Albany, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Teague from Thursday to Sunday, last, and also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hail. Carl Hail is now in the garage and gasoline filling station business at Rising Star. Their many friends in Spur were again glad to see them and to know they are prospering in their new home down in the oil belt.

—Attend the Fair—

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FOR SALE—160 acre farm with or without crop, good water and fairly well improved. Price right.—O. C. Henry, 6 miles northwest of Dickens. 44-4tp

—Attend the Fair—
STRAYED OR STOLEN—One brown or black mare mule, red nose, knot on right fore ankle, 16 hands high. Will pay reward for mule or information of her.—R. W. Moore, Phone 9005. 45-1tp

—Attend the Fair—
CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to those that so earnestly assisted us in the illness and death of our dear little boy, Newton, also for the floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you, is our prayer.—N. E. Weaver, Wife and Children.

—Attend the Fair—
R. C. Forbis came down Wednesday from his farm and ranch home to the north of Afton. He informed us that everything is now in the finest shape in that part of the county and big crops of both feed and cotton will be harvested. Mr. and Mrs. Forbis will move back to town the latter part of the week for the beginning of school.

—Attend the Fair—
E. F. Shugart, of east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday, having some advertising done for one of his work mules which has strayed away or been stolen. In the early days of Spur the straying away of stock was a common occurrence. We remember once having a buggy horse to stray away. Parties came around to see how much reward we would stand, and upon further investigation the horse was discovered tied in the mesquite some distance from town. However, such practices are now not in order, and stock are more likely to be taken clean out of the country or really stray into an out of the way place. If there are those who have seen or heard of a stray mule, it would be a favor to let Mr. Shugart know of it.

—Attend the Fair—
Messrs. George Simms and W. G. Thomas, leading citizens of the Midway community, were among the business visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week. They report everything promising and everybody prospering in the Midway section of the country.

—Attend the Fair—
Mr. Spert and family have gone to San Angelo to visit parents and other relatives and also to fish in the noted streams of that part of the great state.

—Attend the Fair—
Howard Reed, of the Watson community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday. Mr. Reed is now operating a grocery business at Watson, having established the business several weeks ago.

—Attend the Fair—
C. P. Marlow, of Houston, is in Spur assisting in the Tri-County Lumber Company business, in the absence of J. V. McCormick who is ill and confined to his bed.

TOM LOVE QUITS AS DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMAN

WILL SUPPORT INDEPENDENT DEMOCRAT FOR GOVERNOR, FORMER LEADER DECLARES

IS OPPOSED TO THE KLAN
Cites His Record as Party Leader, Indorses Davis and Flays 'Fergusonism.'

Dallas, Texas.—Announcement that he would not support the candidacy of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson of Temple for the governorship of Texas, and that he had forwarded his resignation as Democratic National Committeeman for Texas to Clem L. Shaver, National chairman, has been made by Thomas B. Love of Dallas.

Mr. Love, though denying his support to Mrs. Ferguson, "earnestly and wholeheartedly" indorses the national candidacy of John W. Davis and Governor Charles W. Bryan for President and Vice President. He asserts also that he will support each and every candidate upon the Democratic State Congressional and local tickets, except the candidacy of Mrs. Ferguson. "As a matter of law, I do not believe the Democratic nominee (Mrs. Ferguson) is eligible under our Constitution, but regardless of that, I cannot escape the conviction that it is the duty of every good citizen, regardless of all considerations of party regularity and of all other considerations, to leave nothing undone that legitimately may be done to prevent the restoration of Fergusonism to power in the State Capitol at Austin," the statement declares.

For thirty-five years I have served the Democratic party and so far as receiving or seeking material gain is concerned, I have served it unselfishly," he declares, and continues, "In all that time I have never placed a pencil mark upon a Democratic ballot that I have never hesitated to make any sacrifices within my power to promote party success."

I have always put country above party. . . . But if I placed party welfare above the public good, even from that viewpoint, I would not hesitate for a moment to follow the course I have determined upon in this campaign, for I am sure that Texas Democrats can render no more effective party service than by fighting Fergusonism to the death, even as our National standard bearer is fighting Fallism to the death.

For Governor I earnestly hope to be able to support an independent Democrat whose character and known capacities and disposition for public service will attract the support of each citizen of Texas, who is opposed to all that Fergusonism stands for, regardless of party or creed, and whose opposition to the Ku Klux Klan is wholly beyond question, so that that issue will no longer complicate the situation.

While I have outspokenly opposed the Klan from the beginning, my own belief has been that Fergusonism was ten times a greater menace than Ku Kluxism.

No man or woman is bound to support any party nominee whose election he believes would endanger the public welfare. The precedents supporting this proposition are too numerous to leave room for doubt as to its soundness. It is only necessary to mention the fact that thousands of those who supported the Ferguson candidacy in last Saturday's primaries, including many of the leaders for Ferguson in the fight, in 1922 refused to support the Democratic nominee for United States Senator chosen by the primaries in which they participated as notoriously did Jim Ferguson himself because they believed that his election would endanger the public welfare. I thought then and think now that in their premises they were wrong, but I never found fault with them or criticized them for voting against a candidate whose election they believed would be dangerous to the public welfare without regard to considerations of party regularity and the party pledges they had made. Believing as they did, they were undoubtedly right in the position they took as were the great newspapers of the State which followed the same course.

During the last few days it has been suggested that I ought to resign as Democratic national committeeman from Texas and in view of the course which, as an honest man, existing conditions compel me to follow, I am constrained to agree with the propriety of this suggestion. I believe it to be my duty to vacate the position in view of my inability to support the Democratic nominee for Governor of the State, and I have done so by forwarding my resignation to Chairman Shaver of the Democratic National Committee.

THOMAS B. LOPE.

Hines Improving Bureau
Washington.—Delay, waste and incompetency was charged against the Forbes' administration of the Veterans' Bureau in a supplemental report of the Senate Investigating Committee, made public by Senator David I. Walsh, Massachusetts, Democrat. The present administration of the bureau under Director General Hines has been "correcting many defects of the earlier days through his own initiative, but perfection has not yet been reached and much improvement is still possible."

Texas News

A big barrel factory fire occurred in Houston a few nights ago, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000.

The San Benito merchants have formed a state retail merchants' association.

Texas has shipped 40,000 carloads of watermelons this season.

Texas commercial executives are coming to the state fair of Texas in Dallas Saturday, October 18, this year. That's their "special day" at the "all new" fair, October 11-26.

With the appointment of a new committee and the selling of \$3,000 worth of stock at Palestine for the erection of permanent buildings the 1924 East Texas Fruit Palace to be held in Anderson County has become an assured fact.

The Texas truck growers won a victory a few days ago when the interstate commerce commission cancelled proposed increased rates on beets, carrots and parsnips from Texas points to Eastern destinations.

The Flatonia Cotton Oil Mill opened this week for the season with several new pieces of machinery. Record truckloads of seed are being hauled to the mill from the adjoining territory. The mill is paying \$38 a ton for cotton seed.

High school teachers in Texas must be required to have more training "if satisfactory work is to be expected," according to recommendations filed by the high school branch of the Texas educational survey, with Director George A. Works, of Austin.

Galveston will be the principal gulf terminal of the Missouri Pacific railway system in event the proposed consolidation of the International-Great Northern and the Gulf Coast lines is effected, thus making the island the outlet for one of the greatest rail organizations in the world.

Demonstrating the fact that it pays well to raise pure, bred live stock, Hub Kirby, Smith County farmer, has sold to a Victoria County ranchman for \$100 a 9-month-old Shorthorn Durham calf. Kirby claims that he has often sold steers 4 years old unregistered for less than the amount received for this calf.

More than 30 arrests for violation of the state fish and game laws have been made in the vicinity of Palestine in the past few weeks. More than 60 confiscated fish traps have been sent to Austin and scores have been destroyed. Seventeen men have been arrested for dynamiting fish. One man pleaded guilty to killing a deer and paid a fine of \$33.70. Fines assessed run from \$25 to \$50.

Insurance companies writing fire and miscellaneous insurance in Texas were advised several days ago by Commissioner of Insurance John M. Scott "that all or no part of any commission in consideration or no account of any policy covering property, person or persons, within the State of Texas is to be paid any non-resident agent or broker either directly or indirectly."

The extremely dry, hot weather continues in Brazos County with no indications of rain. It is the hottest weather and among the severest drouths ever known here. The thermometer registered above 100 in the shade a day or so ago. The upland cotton crop is estimated by farmers to be about one-half of what it was last year. The sweet potato crop is cut very short.

The new crop of Texas rice, about seven days later than last year, has begun to reach the market in quantities. The first consignments were received last week at Bay City, where deliveries of 34,000 bags from Matagorda county plantations were made. The growers were given premiums, in addition to receiving "wartime" prices for their product. The best price was paid Tom Morehead, who delivered 1000 bags of Edith at \$6.03 1/2 per bag, or about \$1 more than was paid last year. This grade is considered the best of the long grain varieties.

An event of great importance for Grimes County was enacted at the offices of the H. C. Burt Company recently when its county judge, clerk and treasurer signed "good roads" bonds aggregating \$1,549,500. The bonds were issued following an election in Grimes County August 9, when the people there decided to discard the district road system and adopt a countywide plan of road building.

At Brownsville a mass meeting of cotton planters, ginners and land owners and others interested in checking cotton smuggling across the Rio Grande because of the pink boll worm menace to the cotton industry in South Texas was held at Mission recently, the call for the meeting having been issued by a number of leading cotton growers and ginners who are working in co-operation with the customs officials and peace officers of the lower border.

Miss Hodges DuBree of Canton has been selected as Princess of Canton to represent her home town at the East Texas Cotton Palace to be held at Athens from September 29 to October 4.

N. H. Hardeman of the Neal community near San Saba has produced a record crop of Tom Watson watermelons on half an acre of ground this season. He has received over \$100 for his melons. The melon crop has been exceptionally large. A co-operative plan of marketing melons is being considered for next season by the farmers.

\$350,000 ROAD BONDS ARE VOTED IN KENT COUNTY

CLAIREMONT, Aug. 2.—The road bond election held here carried by an overwhelming majority, and guarantees a million dollar road program for the central portion of the county along the Fort Worth-Roswell highway. Every county between Fort Worth and the South Plains region at Post City has now built or voted bonds for a paved highway connecting Fort Worth and the South Plains, except Fisher county, where action is now shortly to be taken.

The paved road leaving Fort Worth passes through Tarrant, Parker, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Kent and Garza counties. This is the first highway in running east and west through Fort Worth that has practically completed financing and it is expected that as a result a large travel will use the road as the principal highway between East Texas, Dallas, Fort Worth, North Texas, and Post, Lubbock and the South Plains, and Plainview, Amarillo, the North Plains and East New Mexico.

—Trade at Home—

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank the voters of Dickens county for their support in my campaign for the office of County and District Clerk. I have no ill feeling toward any one for my defeat.—Robt. Reynolds.

—Attend the Fair—
FOR SALE or TRADE—100-acre farm, well improved, 1 mile north of Spur.—A. BIGGS. 45-4tp

—Attend the Fair—

AN ORDINANCE
Be it ordained by the board of commissioners of the City of Spur:

Section 1. There shall be levied on and collected from every person, firm, company or association of persons pursuing any of the occupations named in Article 7355, and the numbered subdivisions of said article, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas now in force, an annual tax on each occupation named therein, equal to one-half the amount levied by the State of Texas on any such occupation, which tax shall be payable to the City of Spur on each or any of said occupations in the same manner as provided in the said Article and subdivisions thereof for the payment of the State tax on any given occupation shown therein.

Section 2. Any person, firm, or company or association of persons, who may violate the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than Ten (\$10.00) nor more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

Passed, September 2, 1924.
Attest: E. J. Cowan, City Secretary.
Approved, J. L. King, Mayor.

—Attend the Fair—
R. L. Overstreet, of north of Dickens, was among the number in Spur trading this week. He reports everything in the finest shape in his section of the county.

—Attend the Fair—
CROSBYTON MAN G. O. P. NOMINEE FOR CONGRESS

A. B. Spencer of Crosbyton, former resident of Amarillo and former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was selected as candidate on the Republican ticket at the 18th congressional district convention held here yesterday afternoon at the court house.

Mr. Spencer declined to be a candidate, but his friends insisted that he be a candidate. In accepting the nomination Mr. Spencer said that he did not consider it an "empty honor" and would do his best to make a worthy candidate.

Resolutions passed included endorsement of the Republican platform and the administration. The management of the party affairs in Texas was also endorsed. One resolution denounced the Ku Klux Klan indirectly, although it was not named.

Hugh E. Exum of Amarillo was reelected chairman for the 18th congressional district. Dr. J. H. Spencer of Quannah called the district convention to order and H. O. Ward, newspaper man of Matador and candidate for congress two years ago, was named permanent chairman. John L. Vaughn of Lubbock was named secretary.

—Attend the Fair—

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Spur:

Section 1. That the making, causing, or permitting to be made of any unnecessary noise in any section of the city of Spur in such a manner as to disturb the peace and comfort of the people in that vicinity, by the honking of a horn, ringing of a bell, sounding of a whistle, racing of a gasoline engine of any kind, or by means of any instrument, machinery or device, or any connection with the operation or repair of an automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.

Section 2. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Corporation Court shall be fined in any sum not more than \$100.

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E. H. Blakely, a good citizen of the north part of the county, was among the traders and business visitors in Spur during the week.

—Attend the Fair—
J. J. Noland, of north of Dickens, was here during the week trading with merchants and meeting with his friends.

—Attend the Fair—
R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, had business in Spur Tuesday of this week, spending a short time here also meeting with his friends.

DAN SMITH
Plumbing
Headquarters at Spur Hardware and Riter Hardware Company

SOUTH PLAINS COTTON LAND

226,000 acres of the famous C ranch, lying southwest of Lamesa on the South Plains, above the boll weevil line where cotton has plenty of time to mature and open, now open to farmers, 160 acre tracts and up. No blow sand, no shinnery, abundance of shallow water, schools and gins will be provided; hundreds of good families will buy homes on this land this year.

We are agents for these lands and will be glad to take you out any time. Board and lodging free while out there. The best choice land priced at \$25.00 per acre. Ten years time, 7 per cent interest. It will go fast. You can't afford to miss this opportunity.

Parties wishing to go with the intention of purchasing, if suited. Those having no cars will be furnished free transportation. I will leave Fletcher & McCombs Filling Station at Spur, for Lamesa at 9 a. m., Tuesday, August 19, and Tuesday of each week thereafter.

Make your arrangements to go with us. We will show you some of the best cotton land on the South Plains of Texas and guarantee that you will enjoy the trip. Crops out there are very fine and a great deal of land is being sold daily. The country is full of land buyers, people buying good homes. Our lands have not been advanced in price and you can still buy at last year's prices.

I. R. WELLS, Salesman

What is Success?

Success is the lodestar of every man's life.

Everybody wants to succeed, yet comparatively few lay the right foundation. To establish yourself in business requires capital and credit. The only way to have money when it is needed is by steadily saving a part of one's income. The proper handling of your affairs assures credit. Every man in Spur who has need of financial assistance should learn the advantages of a banking connection with

THE NATIONAL BANK
CITY BANK
SPUR, TEXAS

TRADE IN SPUR BANK WITH US

Texas Women Painters Find Much to Admire in Dickens and Lubbock Counties

Undaunted by a torrid West Texas August sun and unmindful of the dangers of rattlesnakes in the rough "breaks" country of Blanco and Catfish canyons, three intrepid Texas women painters are painting the West and incidentally experiencing thrills such as only the daring know. Unaccompanied, the trio of feminine colorists have invaded the solitudes of the semi-arid region of Dickens and Lubbock counties, finding inspiration among the sunlit crags and gloom-locked canyons of the old-time cow country below the "caprock." Mrs. McNeill Davidson of Houston, painter of outdoor life and sister of Jim McNeill, owner of the McNeill ranch, near Spur; Ruth Pershing Uhler, formerly of Texas and now established in a Philadelphia studio, and Mary Ellen Bute of Houston and New York have spent July and August tramping and camping in the rough country that few ever visit. Among the white-faced

herds, deep down in the dry water courses, where nature's gaudiest colors run riot, they have sought to catch the dancing lights and the purple shadows and fix them on canvas. When interrupted in their work by a visitor they admitted that during the last six weeks they had encountered and slain eighteen rattlesnakes. To prove it they exhibited strings of rattler buttons and tanned skins of deadly black diamonds, all killed by Miss Bate, who is adept in skinning and tanning the hides. The three young women wore the skins wound around their sombreros or as belts. No, they were not afraid! They had come to paint West Texas and would let nothing stop them. Before the close of the summer they intend to paint the "Croton breaks" on the Matador ranch. Their pictures will be exhibited during the winter probably in Houston and Dallas.—Dallas News

Premiums Will Be Awarded Saturday To Contestants For Best Feed Crops

W. F. Godfrey, O. C. Arthur, J. P. Middleton, C. L. Love and R. B. Johnston this week completed their rounds of Dickens county acting as judges of the crops entered in the contest for premiums offered by the Spur Chamber of Commerce for the three best crops of twenty acres of feed and five acres of roughage produced from this year's crops in Dickens county. The judges will conclude their work this week and award the premiums Saturday, September 6th, to the three farmers who in their opinion had the best crops. Out of the 635 farmers who entered this contest at the beginning of the season only 31 of the number remained in the contest to the end and meeting the requirements as outlined by the Chamber of Commerce. The first premium to the winner

in this contest will be a \$250.00 registered Jersey cow and \$50 in cash. The second prize is a \$150.00 registered springer Jersey cow. The third prize is a \$100.00 registered Jersey heifer calf. The 635 farmers entering this feed contest also entered a state contest for the best feed and cotton crops of five acres each, and of the thirty one who remained in the county contest to the end probably a dozen or more will be recognized in the state contest, and we are informed that a number of these will stand a good chance of winning in the state contest. Dickens county this year has exceptionally fine crops with prospects of the greatest harvest yields in the history of farming in this section.

DICKENS AND SPUR VACATIONISTS HAVE REUNION IN COOL COLORADO

During the long, hot, summer days numbers of Spur and Dickens county people have hied themselves to cooler climates for refreshing breezes and the enjoyment of pleasure resorts and the grandeur of towering white-capped mountains, as well as Grand Canyons and National Parks. Among the number of vacationists who met out in Yellowstone Park the Gand Canyon or in the mountains of former Cliff Dwellers and experienced also the pleasures of a reunion, were J. C. Keller and wife, Dr. Grace and wife, Joe Grace and wife, R. E. Dickson and family, Miss

Nina Grace, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller, Miss Jennie Shields, John Aston and family, Clay Aston, G. H. Snider and family, all of Spur; Geo. Harris and family and J. M. Brownloe and family of McAdoo; Sanders Taylor and family formerly of Spur but now of Amarillo; and possibly others whose names we failed to get. They have all returned now to their respective homes, each reporting a most pleasant and profitable, even though expensive, trip. We are abiding the time when we, too, can enjoy such a trip and vacation.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY MOVING GOODS IN NEW STORE BUILDINGS

The two new brick store buildings adjoining the present Bryant-Link Company buildings on the west and facing north on Harris street, have been completed and the stocks of goods are this week being moved in and the several departments being rearranged. The furniture and grocery departments will occupy the new buildings, while the dry goods department has been extended to cover the building formerly occupied by groceries, the hardware department remaining the same. Balconies and upper decks are arranged for offices, millinery and ladies' wear

departments, etc. The addition of new furniture and fixtures and rearrangement of the entire store into convenient departments places Bryant-Link Company with the leading stores of West Texas in attractiveness, convenience to patrons and in service to the public with large and varied stocks of goods. Spur is surely and steadily advancing into the city class, not alone in store arrangement and appearance, but also in large and varied stocks of goods to meet every requirement of a vast trade territory.

DICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL BEGIN SESSIONS NEXT MONDAY

Among the several schools of Dickens county which will begin the 1924-25 sessions Monday, September 8th, are Dickens with Frank Speer as superintendent, McAdoo with Fred Arrington as principal, Croton with C. B. Gentry as superintendent, Midway with George H. Thomas as superintendent, and Spur with J. E. Watson as superintendent. Other rural schools will begin at later dates, some of which will dismiss for a short time for the cotton picking season. —Trade at Home— Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Estes and children, of Plainview, spent a few days visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoyle, last week.

Mrs. M. S. Thacker and Mrs. E. E. Mors and children, of Roaring Springs, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoyle. —Trade at Home— WE are again in the market for all kinds of second hand goods, paying cash for same. See us when you have anything to sell.—J. P. Wilkes & Son. 40-tfc —Trade at Home— Mrs. Sallie Dennis and brother, T. J. Campbell, of Floydada, and her mother, Mrs. Walt Campbell, visited their niece and cousin, Mrs. W. J. Hoyle and family Saturday. —Attend the Fair— J. M. Hahn came in Monday from his place to the west of Spur.

TWO CLUBS JOINTLY ENTERTAINED FRIDAY EVENING

Mesdames J. M. Foster and Bill Putman entertained the members of the Friday Afternoon and Entre Nous clubs, with their husbands and the following guests: Mrs. B. C. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Grace of Dallas, R. R. Wooten, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lessing. Ten games of progressive "42" were played, after which delightful refreshments of lemon sherbert and cocoanut macaroons were served.—Reporter.

Attend the Fair— THE STAYING QUALITY MAKES WEST TEXAS GREAT

J. C. Weir and family, of near Brownfield, are here this week visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. Weir this year prepared and planted five hundred acres of land to cotton and feed stuff. The rains failed to fall over his section and as a result he has made an absolute failure, and we presume that he is back here now to get a job of cotton picking to help farmers of the Spur country in harvesting an abundance. However, Mr. Weir, we understand, will not quit that section of country, having arranged to farm another place. It is the "staying qualities" which has made West Texas. It is very probable that next year Mr. Weir will harvest big crops—even to the extent of paying for a place with the one crop. Crop failures occur in the East the same as in the West. This year, we are told, the crops in the Eastern part of the state are almost a complete failure in many parts. Texas is a great state. It takes the East, the West, and the North and the South parts combined to make it great. —Trade at Home—

Judge Chapman and wife, of Breckenridge, visited several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin. Judge Chapman was formerly district judge of the Kent county district, later accepting an appointment as Chief Justice of the Civil Court of Appeals in the Breckenridge district where he now resides over that court. Judge Chapman is well known throughout the country and generally recognized as among the most able jurists of the country. He is a brother of Mrs. H. O. Albin of Spur. —Trade at Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Mike M. Young returned Wednesday from Hope, New Mexico, where they have been visiting with relatives and friends, and where Mr. Young conducted a revival meeting lasting ten days or two weeks. Mr. Young reports great interest in the meeting and evidently some good result. This year, he says, that country has not had its usual abundance of mountain rains or showers, therefore conditions are not as good as might have been. —Trade at Home—

Miss Allia Powell, of Abilene, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Hindman. Miss Powell will teach this year in the Dry Lake school which will begin at an early date. —Trade at Home—

H. P. Bell, of Afton, is this week moving to Dry Lake where he has accepted a position as superintendent of the school for the coming terms. The Dry Lake school will begin its first term next Monday. —Trade at Home—

L. L. Arnold, of the Duck Creek community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Tuesday of this week. Mr. Arnold states that crops are very promising notwithstanding the fact that the abundance of rain in other sections has overlooked that portion of the great Spur country. Throughout the year the rains have extended only to near Spur from the north, leaving the territory to the south somewhat handicapped but crops continuing to come right along. —Attend the Fair—

Farms & Ranches Get A Home Now

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

COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE

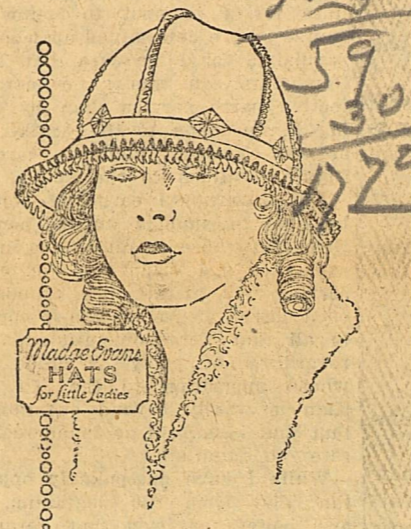
See our Agent for particulars

J. H. Fulcher SPUR, TEXAS



BETTER STYLES

The question with the average woman is: newness of the article she wishes to purchase. She wants style along with the grade. We combine these in each and every article sold. We wish to announce the arrival this week of many additional items in our ready to wear. With the group of well known lines of Applebaum & Stern, Peggy Paige, and Palmer garments you have the best known lines in America for your selection. We want your early inspection of these garments. They will interest you as the purchaser. We also have the cheaper garments, in Sport Clothes.



CLASSY STYLES IN HATS

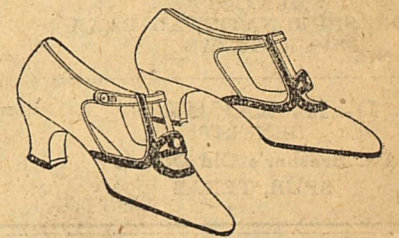
Ladies hats are here in a group of prices from \$3.75 and up, classy styles.

NOVELTIES

This store is featuring a great collection of Novelties. Note our show window for an idea of the new.

THE NEW IN OXFORDS

John Kelly Oxfords and straps are here in a wide range of styles, featuring black, other styles and prices in cheaper grades in a wide range.



CLOTHES FOR THE YOUNG MAN

We have some very classy styles in clothes for the young man, two pants suits, new cut pants, clever shades, and cloths; price range from \$27.50 and up. Hats and caps are also shown to meet your approval in the dominating new shades, Stetson, and cheaper hats are carried, with an endless showing of new effects in caps. Bring the boy to us for his hat or cap. We have just the collection and price range. The stock of shirts for men, boys, and the kiddies in the new shades and range of prices will meet your every demand. Just arrived, the new College Cap for boys, short bill and nifty shades. In connection with the above mentioned lines, we are unable to specify the many new items that are arriving daily. Keep us on your want list and visit the store often, we will appreciate your service, and try our best to give you the proper service.

HOSIERY IN THE NEW EFFECTS

This week brought to us many new effects in Pigeon Hosiery, also Vanity Fair, price range \$1.50 and up, Cadet, in Vandyke styles. We have arranged to give our patrons a flat price, regardless of size on all Cadet Hosiery for Misses and boys for 50c. Special 50 dozen ladies' Cadet hose, black and white, on sale for 25c. 50 dozen men's 1-2 hose, 35c grade, seamless, for 25c.

OTHER SPECIALS

Cow Boy Duck, hard twist, and will wear, for 25c yard; Men's apron overalls, heavy full cut, \$2.00 grade to move at \$1.50 doz. Men's work shirts at 75c. Come out for values, we have them.

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