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Spur to The Front As An Oil Center

THE DAVIS TEST WELL FOR OIL IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION AND MAY BE DRILLED TO COMPLETION

Since the interruption of drilling operations on the Davis test well for oil by an accident at a most critical period in the operations, there have been a number of oil men and operators who have kept an eye on this location, and a number of oil scouts have been here to get the log of the well and keep in touch with movements concerning the test. During the past few weeks some four or five drillers from the oil fields of Texas and Oklahoma have been investigating the possibilities of this incomplete test, and are now arranging to again start drilling operations to complete the test for oil at this point.

The last measurement taken, just before the tools were lost by the drillers on the Davis well, the hole was exactly 2,300 feet deep. The bit had just gone through a lime-rock and shale, touching an oil bearing sand. The last run of the slush bucket brought up enough oil to cover the slush pool, and the sand touched was sufficiently saturated that oil could be squeezed from it with your hands. Both the sand and the oil were sent away for analysis, proving to be a true sand, and the oil therein testing thirty-eight gravity.

At the time the bit touched this sand, the drillers were using an old, worn and patched drill-line, and had intended to stop operations awaiting a new drill line which had been ordered. However, the excitement in hitting this sand with such good showing of oil on the top of it, was too great to resist the temptation of sending the bit back into the hole in order to drill just one foot deeper into the sand with the expectation of hitting a big flow of oil. This temptation to go deeper without waiting for the new line, proved fatal to the test. The line snapped, the tools were lost, and after receiving the new line all efforts failed in removing the lost strings of tools.

Following is the actual "log" of the Davis well as was made by the drillers:

First: 1,000 feet of a clayish gumbo formation, with two stratas of quicksand, first at about 225 feet to 300 feet, quicksand-salt water; then hard gumbo clay to 325 feet, about same quicksand to 360 ft.

Second: 1,000 to 1,225 feet red shale.

Third: 1,225 to 1,438 blue shale and gray limestone; 30 to 50 feet

brakes.
Fourth: 1,438 to 1,830 gray lime stone.
Fifth: 1,830 to 1,900 feet gray lime and blue shale, with some gumbo 5 to 10 feet brakes.
Sixth: 1,900 to 2,150 feet blue shale and gray lime, some gumbo; 30 to 50 ft. brakes.

Seventh: 2,150 to 2,285 feet hard brown shale.
Eighth: 2,285 to 2,305 ft. hard white gumbo or chalky granite.
Ninth: 2,305 ft. black sand and oil.

This is the exact status of the Davis well. We all know that a true oil sand was touched at 2,300 feet; that the top of this sand is saturated with 38 gravity oil; but none of us will know how much oil this sand will produce in great abundance, down into it. By merely scratching the top of the sand the indications are that when drilled into it will produce in great abundance, and since gas in small quantity was also encountered higher up, it is very probable that the gas in this 2300 foot sand will be sufficient to at least make a flowing well. There is no question or speculation as to there being oil in the Davis well. The only question or speculation is in how much oil the sand will produce when drilled into. There is but one reason some of the oil concerns would not take this well over and drill out this sand, and that is that the oil is not needed and it is not desired at this time to develop another oil field.

The "spudding in" last week of the oil test well on the Pitchfork Ranch, twenty-five miles northwest of Spur, may encourage other drilling activity in this and other sections, but no real, wild excitement will be developed until producing wells are brought in. We already know that oil is underground in this territory, but the home people and resident citizens not being in the oil business, the development of this fields in entirely dependent upon members of the oil fraternity and oil developments their business.

No more inviting or more promising field could be found than is here offered, and the interest being evidenced by the oil fraternity at this time is assurance that this territory will be given a thorough test in the immediate future.

Construction of New Church Edifice in Spur Will Begin Immediately in East Part of City

Financial arrangements were completed this week, and construction work will begin immediately on the new church structure for the Church of Christ. The new structure will be of brick, located on lots in the east part of Spur. The building will be modern in every detail, handsomely finished and sufficiently large to meet the requirement of the denominational congregations for years to come.

When this building is completed, Spur can boast of three of the finest and most handsome church structures of any other city in all of Western Texas.

SPUR DRUG STORE CONVERTED INTO SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

The Spur Drug Store which was recently sold and is now under the ownership and management of Jim Edd Hall and Dr. B. F. Hale, has been remodeled and rearranged in appearance and converted into a "department store." In fact the Spur Drug Store is the only drug business of the country in which the prescription department is entirely separated from the general line of drugs and other departments. The prescription department has been moved up into the balcony under the supervision of Jas. F. Williams who will remain with the new management indefinitely. New linoleum will be placed on the floors, new additional fountain lights, fans and other fixtures are being added, making the place one of the handsomest and most attractive in the town and country.

Help Spur Grow—BUICK ROADSTER BURNED IN SPUR TUESDAY NIGHT

A Buick roadster, owned by E. L. Caraway, was almost completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night while it was being driven on the highway just east of Spur. A short in the wiring is supposed to have caused the fire.

Help Spur Grow—Joe Ericson was in the first of the week from the West Pasture. He reports cattle doing very well. However, they are feeding much of the time now.

7-PASSENGER BUICK BURNED ON SPUR-AFTON ROAD

Saturday afternoon the big seven passenger Buick automobile owned by A. M. Guthrie, of Afton, was totally destroyed by fire on the road from Spur to Afton. Mr. Guthrie had sent his car to Spur to have the top repaired. In driving the car home, it caught fire either from the exhaust or a shorted wire, with the result that the car was completely wrecked.

A. RILEY COPELAND CONVICTED ON 1 OF 11 CHARGES OF LIBEL

C. D. Copeland returned Saturday from Waco where he had been attending the trial of his brother, A. Riley Copeland, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Waco, charging certain officials of misconduct counts growing out of public utterances and circulated literature charging certain officials of misconduct and non-enforcement of prohibition laws.

The jury in the first case returned a verdict of guilty, the court assessing a fine of one thousand dollars. The case was appealed and will be carried as rapidly as possible to the supreme court. Other trials have been set for March, and probably the trial of these cases will depend upon the decision of the higher courts with reference to the trial of the first case.

During the progress of the trial every individual entering the court room was searched for fire arms, and the cases are attracting universal interest and attention on the part of Waco and vicinity. Not nearly all the people present for the trial were able to get in the court house.

Help Spur Grow—CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our numerous friends for their kindness and help during the illness of our son and also for their help and sympathy during the illness and death of our daughter and sister, Isabel.—William J. Elliot, wife and family.

Baptist Ladies Aid Observes 15th Anniversary

Members of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society observed and celebrated the 15th anniversary since its organization, Thursday night. A banquet was had in the basement of the Baptist church, there being a large membership present and enjoying the occasion, some of whom participated in the organization of the society fifteen years ago.

The Ladies Aid Society has been of real service to the church and to individuals of the community, and its members have ever been active in church work since the organization.

Methodist Revival Meeting Will be Held in Spur Beginning the Last Sunday in March

Rev. Smith, pastor of the Methodist Church of Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office one day this week, requesting us to announce that the date for the revival meeting for this year had been set for the last Sunday in March.

BRINGING NEW YORK TO SPUR BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

We are really bringing New York and even Paris to Spur. In this way the newest creations in Ladies Coats, Dresses and Ensemble, made by the leading makers of the great style centers, Paris and New York are coming into our Ladies Wear Department.

We could say as most merchants do that ours is the best that the markets of the world offer, and we feel this way about our merchandise, but we could be mistaken, so we want you to decide. We know this, we are showing a lot of real imported French Gowns, something we have never attempted before and have culled the best styles and values from dozens of New York's best lines and we just simply want you to see our showing. They are now coming and will be arriving daily from now on. So just come and see and be your own judge.

As we came back from the crowded, smoky market centers, we are glad that our lot has been cast in the windy West, where the air may be sometimes filled with sand, but never with dirty smoke and we are constrained to say that, "It is a Good Old World" and we are satisfied where our tents have been pitched. Yes, it is dry alright, but it will rain. Mighty few years have any of you seen in West Texas when we didn't have a drought at sometime during the year, so we had better have one now than later in the year.

Big car of Furniture unloaded last week. When you need Furniture see us. Remember we have the Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, not just a good but better. Florence Oil Stove, not just as good as New Perfection, but better and we stand behind what we say. The Florence is cheaper too. Don't make the mistake of just buying an oil cook stove, buy a Florence, save money and get the best.

Big car of J. I. Case Implements

Cotton Ginned by Surrounding Counties

The ginners report gives the number of bales of cotton ginned up to January 16th in Dickens and surrounding counties, as follows:

Counties	1924	1923
Dickens	26,287	15,730
Kent	9,162	9,019
Crosby	89,848	21,896
Garza	17,492	9,570
Stonewall	10,025	11,032
Floyd	20,817	9,116
Motley	17,114	8,551

The counties of Ellis, McLennan and Williamson are the only three counties in the state which ginned over 100,000 bales of cotton each for the year.

Methodist Revival Meeting Will be Held in Spur Beginning the Last Sunday in March

Rev. J. O. Haymes, former pastor of the Methodist Church of Spur, has been secured to assist the pastor in the meeting which will probably continue ten days or two weeks.

Get your cell drop planter now. When it rains everybody will want one and they will soon be gone. Yes, it's going to rain, the creeks will roar, the lakes be filled, the grass be green, the flowers bloom, the birds sing, the fields of cotton and cane flourish, for behind it all is God doing his part well. All we have to do is trust Him and do our part. The writer has lived more years in the West than he likes to tell, and has seen many drouths. Most as many as the years for sometime during most every year there comes a time when it looks like failure from dry weather, but in the end the harvest is sufficient for our real needs. The man that just keeps on, wet or dry, is happiest and most successful.

We have bought goods just as though the rain had already come. Come with the crowds and bring the children.

We are bringing Paris and New York to Spur.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY DICKENS COUNTY VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT FEB. 28TH

The Dickens County Volley Ball Tournament will be held in Dickens, Saturday, February 28th. The games will begin at one o'clock promptly, and teams from each section of the county are invited and urged to be present on time and participate in the contests.

People from every part of the county are also invited to be present and witness the contests, and an interesting and enthusiastic occasion is assured.

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DRY GOODS-----SHOES

THE PITCHFORK TEST WELL FOR OIL IS NOW GOING DOWN WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR GOLDEN FLUID

Information comes from the site of operations that the bit is now going down without let or hindrance on the Pitchfork test well for oil, spudded in last week and being drilled by Mike Mikels and associates of Los Angeles, California.

No definite announcement has been made of the progress, but it is presumed that the hole is now approximately two hundred feet deep, no water having yet been encountered nor unknown formations uncovered.

Mr. Mikels has stated that the contract depth of 3250 feet can probably be made within ninety days, barring unforeseen delays. In his opinion, based on structures, general lay of the land and the producing depths of the nearest oil fields, Mr. Mikels thinks that the pay sand will be reached at 2400 feet. However, the rig and other equipments are adequate to drill four or five thousand feet if necessary, and although the contract only calls for 3250 ft., should oil not be encountered before reaching that depth and indications warrant, the bit will be sent on down so long as formations encourage further drilling.

This test for oil will be watched by the entire country, not only the home people, but by the bigger oil concerns of the country and men engaged in oil developments in Texas and other states.

The Pitchfork test differs from other tests made heretofore in this section, in that the drillers are fully financed in the beginning to carry out the drilling contract regardless of lease or stock sales. The drillers are experienced and the rig is fully equipped with tools and everything necessary to complete the test.

Mr. Mikels is very optimistic of getting results from this test, and is confident of striking the pay sand within the contract depth. However, former failures and incomplete tests of the country may probably preclude undue excitement during the progress of drilling operations, but should a "gusher" be drilled in then things would "pop open" in and around Spur, and real "plunging" be in evidence for miles around.

Here is hoping.

Material Arriving and Work to Begin Soon on Sewer System and Watrworks Improvement

The funds from the sewer and water bonds recently issued will be available this week, and actual work on the sewer system and waterworks improvements will begin about the first of March and completed within sixty or ninety days.

Thirty three thousand dollars of the fund will be devoted to installing the sewer system, while twenty five thousand dollars will be used in improving and enlarging the waterworks system.

The work of installing the sewers will be so arranged that, as rapidly as the mains are laid connections may be made and that part completed may be used while work progresses on the remainder of the uncompleted system. When completely installed the sewage will be accessible to every business and

1837 Poll Taxes and 12 Exemptions in the County

Sheriff and Tax Collector M. L. Jones informs us that up to February 1st, the time limit for the payment of taxes, there had been a total of 1837 poll taxes paid and 12 exemptions issued.

There were between 2200 and 2800 poll taxes paid last year, and this year the total voting strength of the county should have been around 2500 and the decrease in poll tax payments is accounted for in the fact that this is not a general election year.

Help Spur Grow—THE DELPHIAN CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Tuesday, February 3rd, the Delphian Club met at the home of Mrs. Oran McClure. In the absence of Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Lagnston was leader and heard the lesson for the occasion. Mrs. Perry also conducted a parliamentary drill.

A called meeting was also held Wednesday of this week at the home of Mrs. W. D. Wilson, for the purpose of considering and making arrangements to entertain the T. C. U. Glee Club which will give a concert in Spur at a later date under the auspices of the Delphian Club.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 17th, at the home of Mrs. P. C. Nichols.

Help Spur Grow—H. T. GARNER BUYS 20-ACRE BLOCK AND IMPROVING

H. T. Garner recently purchased a twenty acre block adjoining the townsite to the north, and on which he is now making improvements. At this time Mr. Garner will only have the fenced and put under cultivation, but at some future date he contemplates building a fine residence on the property where he and Mrs. Garner will make their home.

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET TO GIVE PURCHASES WEEKLY

Lonnie Harris, of the Central Meat Market, as will be noted from an advertisement appearing elsewhere is proposing to give purchases to customers made between five and seven o'clock each Saturday afternoon, at a designated fifteen minute period between the hours. In other words the purchases made, however small or large, within this fifteen minute period between five and seven o'clock, will be given absolutely free to those fortunate customers making the purchases.

Lonnie Harris is one of the most progressive young business men of West Texas. He recently made the largest and most varied purchase of meats of any other meat market man within the United States. He conducts the most up-to-date and finest market place in Texas. He is ever doing something to attract commendable comment. Now he proposes to give away purchases made at certain hours, and the probability is that next Saturday between the hours of five and seven o'clock, one visiting the Central Market will note customers buying large hams and other market products, in the knowledge that the products are worth the money, and in the hope that such purchases will come within the fifteen minute period in which all purchases will be given away free of cost.

HOWZE BUYS 20-ACRE BLOCKS AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

J. M. Howze recently purchased five twenty acre blocks of land adjoining the town of Spur from L. W. Bilberry, and is now making good substantial improvements on his purchase. Among other things, Mr. Howze is putting out a number of paper shell pecan trees, apples and other fruit trees, grapes, and berries.

The twenty acre blocks are in a body, located near the city water pumping station to the northeast of Spur, and is of rich sandy soil specially adapted for growing fruits of all kinds. This section is sub-irrigated, there being an unlimited sheaf of water fifteen feet from the surface. Mr. Howze is arranging to install pumps for irrigating his entire acreage and will engage in the truck and fruit growing business on a substantial and sure basis.

Help Spur Grow—CLUB MEETING

The Friday Afternoon Club met with Mrs. W. J. Bryant, Friday, February 6th. A short business session was held, President Bryant presiding after which several games of "42" were enjoyed.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by the following guests: Mesdames Reed, Russell, Whitner, Manning, Morris, Hight, Dickson, McClure, Stovall, Gorham, Sample, Barrett, Huie and Miss Black of Oklahoma.—Reporter.

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A TOWN IS JUDGED BY ITS NEWSPAPER IN CITY BUILDING

There is hardly a town in Texas whose citizens do not want to build into a city.

There is not a town in Texas but has means at hand to increase its size to double or treble what it is today.

How can this be done? It is the question that is asked every day—and that is just what the publisher of the Commercial World wants told in this article.

If you want to see your town grow, there is just one way to accomplish it, and that is by advertising its advantages in your local paper.

Whether you believe in it or not, advertising does pay—and it pays the city in a greater measure even than it does the individual business man.

Of course there is advertising and advertising. It is not meant to suggest that you have the city government or the Chamber of Commerce run display advertising in your local paper. That probably would be a paying investment, but there are other ways of advertising a city block—that is, for a city.

In the first place, let me emphasize that people judge every town by the newspaper published there. Your newspaper is just like your letter that you write to a stranger. He will judge you by the paper the letter is written on, the handwriting or the typing, the spelling and the way you sign your name. When I get a letter from a stranger and read it through I have a pretty good index of that man. And I certainly can tell a lot by the time I finish reading the weekly or daily newspaper published there.

In judging your town by its newspapers, the first thing to look at is the amount of advertising carried. If the ads are few, ill arranged, and the copy not up to date, you know the town is behind times, and that it must not be a very attractive place in which to live. That is the fault of the merchants—and proves that they need waking up.

The second thing is judging a town by its newspaper is the reading matter and the spirit of optimism—or maybe depression—manifested by its editor. If the paper is full of local news, written in a breezy manner, and printed readable, you can always bet that the town is a good place in which to live. If there is plenty of good school news and the teachers are mentioned in friendly ways, you can be assured that the town has good schools and the children reared there will have a chance to grow up into good citizens. If the churches and pastors get their share of publicity that is another credit for the town.

The third thing is the mechanical excellence thereof as a piece of printing. A poorly printed paper is some times the fault of the editor and publisher; it is the fault of the advertisers and subscribers. It always proves that the town and the section in which the town is located are mighty poor patrons of the local paper—and you give such a town a black mark.

You can always estimate that the paper is better than the town in

which it is published, and you will never go wrong. Editors are built that way—they always sell a better product than they get paid for. This is truer of Texas than of any other state, mainly because Texas editors have been in the business for so long for glory instead of money that they think nothing of the latter, but spend 24 hours of day figuring how to get out a better paper.

Right here let me say that many Texas towns have better newspapers as a rule than the small towns of any other state in the Union—and they deserve far better financial support than they have ever received.

But this is no brief for the country editor. He needs none.

In the first place, go to the local newspaper man—or both of them if you have two—and get all the information you can about the newspaper problems of the town. Find out how many subscribers are reached out of your town and where they live. Above all things find out whether the newspapers are making or losing money.

Having this information, the important thing is to see that he newspaper man has a pocket and some advertising in his paper, you can afford to take up the matter of a better paper—if it is needed, through it probably will not be.

Then get some advertising in his paper, and get it there at paying rates. Don't see how cheaply you can trade with him. The man who would jew a country editor down on advertising rates is a traitor to his own town. Having put some money in the editor's pocket and some advertising in his paper, you can afford to take up the matter of a better paper—if it is needed, through it probably will not be.

Having gotten your town in fair way to have a good paper that will be a good advertisement, you can afford to look after the circulation. Remember that the paper that reaches no one is a liability to any town no matter how good it is. So the thing to do is build the circulation—and it's up to you to do it.

But you say, that the editor's business!

Sure it is—but it's your business, too, and if you are going to build your small town into a city, that is the way to go about it.

Remember that every time you give a dollar and a half or two dollars subscription to your local paper, you are doing your town and the merchants in it ten dollars worth of good.

When the writer was a boy with his first newspaper, John L. Spurlin was the biggest merchant in Hamilton and perhaps the biggest merchant in any adjoining county. He always had a big ad, usually a page, in the Hamilton Herald. Hearing one day of a paper—probably the old Dublin Progress in the palmy days of Populism and Jim Daly—which had 2,200 subscribers, Spurlin said:

"If my town had a newspaper with 2,200 subscribers, I'd do twice the business I can do now, and I'd take a double-page ad every week at a dollar an inch.

Spurlin had the right idea about the value of newspaper circulation to a town.

Yet there are many good papers which go along year after year boosting their towns printing all the news chronicling all the deaths and births, and never have a thousand paid up subscribers.—Ex.

E. H. Blakley, of the Afton country, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week, spending several hours here trading with merchants and meeting with friends. Mr. Blakley has been in ill health for some time, and we are glad to note that he is now apparently in very much better health.

Oliver House, has rooms to rent. 14-5tp

WEEKLY SERMON

By Robt. C. Jones

THE FREE AGENCY OF MAN

1. Is Man Free to Select His Own Way Through Life?

If man is not free to act as he pleases, God cannot hold him responsible for his conduct. If he is not free, he is only a machine, and moves only when God acts upon him, and then only in the way that God moves him to act. When God created Adam and placed him in the garden of Eden, he made him a free agent. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2: 16, 17).

2. God Addresses Man as a Free Agent.

"Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse, a blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and a curse if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God" (Deut. 11:26-28). "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24:15).

3. God Gives Over the Obscurity of Sinners.

"Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments; then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea" (Isa. 48:18). "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathered her brood under her wings, and ye would not" (Luke 13:34). "And ye will not come to me that ye might have life" (Jno. 5:40).

4. God Has No Pleasure in the Death of the Wicked.

"Cast away from you all your transgressions whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die. O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 18:31).

5. Men May Be Saved if They Will

"And he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (Jno. 6:37). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "And the Spirit and the bride say come and let him that heareth say come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Help Spur Grow

T. M. Maples made a business trip to Afton and to east of Afton. During the past several weeks Mr. Maples has been engaged in drilling wells for the people of that section who have recently purchased lands from the Matadors and are now building homes and making improvements. Quite a number of new homes have been built in that section, and among the number are some handsome farm homes. The country is rapidly settling, and within a few years the entire country will probably be diverted to agricultural pursuits.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. S. Williamson, of the Afton country, passed through Spur Tuesday on her way to Midland where she will spend several days on business and visiting with relatives. While in the city Mrs. Williamson called in and had her name placed on the Texas Spur subscription, for which she has our thanks.

Help Spur Grow

Bringing Paris to Spur, see the new real imported French Gowns.—Bryant-Link Company.

Help Spur Grow

D. H. Sullivan returned this week from the Eastern part of the state where he has been spending the past week or two buying new stocks of goods and also visiting with relatives. Mr. Sullivan is now making preparations to open up the first "Drive-in Grocery" business in all of Western Texas, and on this trip made selections of furniture and fixtures as well as stocks of goods. He will lay the foundation of the new building next week, and probably have the building completed and ready for business within the next month.

Help Spur Grow

C. C. Cornelius, of Girard, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of this week. Mr. Cornelius and family moved the first of the year from their ranch home southwest of Spur to Girard for the advantages of the school at that place, Girard having one of the best schools of the entire country.

Help Spur Grow

Bob Goodall, of near Girard, was greeting his friends in Spur Monday of this week. Bob is this year engaging extensively in farming operations, having several hundred acres from which he intends to market bumper crops this fall.

Help Spur Grow

FOR YOUR HEALTH MILK SOUP

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A milk vegetable soup is one of the best foods you can give your family for dinner or for supper. Every child 16 and under should, if possible, have a quart of milk a day; adults need a pint. But many children do not like milk to drink. Milk soups offer one of the best ways to help your child get enough of this most valuable food. They also afford a way to use more vegetables; children will often eat a cream soup when they would refuse the same vegetables served in any other way.

To make a milk soup almost any vegetable can be used, such as tomatoes, carrots, spinach, celery, corn potatoes, dried peas or dried beans. Cook any of these vegetables until soft, rub thru a strainer and put the strained vegetable and juice into white sauce or thickened milk.

Soak dried peas or beans over night before cooking them. Add a few slices of onion to give more flavor, if desired.

In making soda into the hot tomato juice, and add juice slowly to thickened milk so it will not curdle.

It is best to make the white sauce in a double boiler. If you have no double boiler, use a pan set into a larger pan or frying pan, containing water. If it is not cooked over water, it must be watched constantly to prevent scorching.

To make the white sauce or thickened milk, melt 2 tablespoonful butter (or oleomargarine,) add 2 tablespoons flour, and stir until well mixed. Gradually add 2 cups of milk, stirring until smooth and thick, then add 1 cup strained vegetable and enough salt to season.

A cream vegetable soup, bread and butter (whole wheat or graham bread is best), and perhaps a cookie, make a splendid supper for a child. If the grownups of the family desire more, they can have a smaller serving of soup, and add other dishes to this menu.—Red Cross Nutrition Worker.

Help Spur Grow

Dr. Earnest and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alkin, of Ranger, came up to Spur last week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baughman. For some time Mrs. Baughman had been suffering of a throat trouble, and upon the advice of her father, Dr. Earnest, Mrs. Baughman returned to Ranger with them where a throat operation will be performed to relieve her condition. It is hoped that the operation will give Mrs. Baughman permanent relief. During her absence Mr. Baughman and son are keeping "batchelor's hall," and he says that it is already becoming old to them.

Help Spur Grow

Sim Moss, of north of Dickens, was in Spur the first of the week after medicine for members of his family who are sick. Except for illness, he reports everything in good shape throughout his section.

Help Spur Grow

Will Mitchell has been hauling in maize this week to the Spur market. Maize on the Spur market is now bringing thirty odd dollars.

Help Spur Grow

F. I. Hale, of the Afton country, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday of this week. He reports every thing looking good in his part of the country at this time.

Help Spur Grow

FOR SALE—Pure Mebane and Katch cotton seed for planting, at \$1.50 per bushel.—Ed Lisenby. 15tf

Help Spur Grow

Tol Merriman, of south of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city the past week.

Help Spur Grow

Tom McArthur was here the first of the week meeting with his many friends of the city and country.

Help Spur Grow

R. L. English, of the Doekum Valley section of country, was greeting friends on the streets of Spur the latter part of last week.

Help Spur Grow

C. J. Smith, of west of Spur, was meeting his friends on the streets of Spur one day the past week.

Help Spur Grow

L. N. Harrison, of the Dry Lake country, came in Tuesday with his well drilling outfit, having just completed the drilling of three new wells in other sections of the country.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Ned Hogan, who has been in the Nichols Sanitarium recovering from a recent operation, was removed this week to her home.

Help Spur Grow

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A used Ford touring, a roadster and a coupe. A bargain will be offered in either of these cars.—Roy Harkey, the Hudson-Essex agency. 15tf

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Help Spur Grow

Number of Americans who died in 1924 was 30,000 less than the year before, leading insurance experts report. The death rate of nearly all leading diseases is decreasing. Insurance statistics show that only two forms of death claimed more victims in 1924 than in 1923. These two are suicides and auto deaths. The auto, they estimate, killed 17,750 during the year compared with 16,450 in 1923.

Help Spur Grow

Henry Elkins has distinguished himself at T. C. U. in that he is the only student in the history of the institution who has made perfect grades, he having made a grade of one hundred on each of his studies. Henry will finish his courses this year, securing his degrees with highest honors.

Help Spur Grow

R. C. Forbis came down the first of the week from his farm and ranch home north of Afton, spending some time with his family in Spur, and also looking after business matters. Mr. Forbis is now buying a few calves and placing them on grass in his pastures for later shipment to markets.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Geo. M. Williams returned this week from Fort Worth where she has been the guest of her sister and niece.

Help Spur Grow

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch to the west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week, meeting with his friends.

W. W. Greenwade, of Rochester, spent Monday and Tuesday in Spur with Manager Flournoy of the Lyric Theatre, going ready to equip and open the new theatre building on Harris Street. New machines, opera seats and other furnishings and equipments have been purchased to be installed, and it is presumed that the new picture show will be opened to the public some time during the month.

Help Spur Grow

John Jackson, field representative of the Hudson-Essex agency of this district, was here this week from Amarillo, spending Monday and Tuesday here with Roy Harkey and helping him to boost the sales of these cars.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hogan, and Mesdames G. R. Elkins and E. C. Edmonds returned the first of the week from the Eastern markets where they spent several days buying spring goods for the C. Hogan & Company.

Help Spur Grow

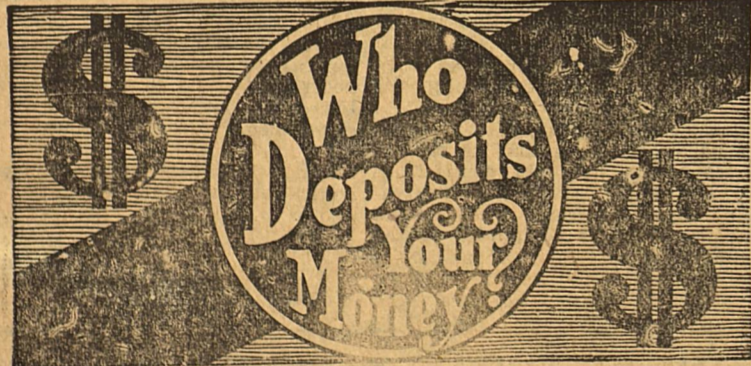
J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday of this week. He was optimistic at the prevailing winds and weather stating that was certainly a forerunner of bumper crops for the fall months.

Help Spur Grow

Ben Murray Hale recently returned to Kemmer Military School at Boonville, Mo., where he will remain through another term.

Help Spur Grow

FOR SALE—Avery Gang Plow, 14 inch. See me at "Motor Inn". J. O. Colberg. 14-tf



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JOPLIN & GIBSON, SPUR

W. W. Stegall, of north of Spur, four or five miles, was trading and meeting friends here Wednesday. Mr. Stegall last year bought a half section where he is now living and making improvements. He also owns a fine farm near Afton, one of the earliest, settled places of the county.

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Help Spur Grow
C. R. Edwards left this week for Eastern markets to purchase spring stocks for the C. R. Edwards Company. Mr. Edwards states that since establishing the company business in Spur in December they have enjoyed a most liberal and extensive trade from every section regardless of the drawbacks encountered during this season. Mr. Edwards has been identified with business interests in Spur for a number of years, is a business man of ability, and live and progressive in every sense of the word. In making purchases at this time in the Eastern markets, Mr. Edwards is familiar with the needs and demands of the trade and the country, and states that extra care will be taken in making selections to meet every requirement of the trade.

Help Spur Grow
D. A. Davis, who is now operating a garage and auto sales business at Roaring Springs, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time in and around Roaring Springs.

Help Spur Grow
Mace Hunter, of east of Spur, came in Saturday and spent a few hours here meeting with his friends.

Pine-Tar and Honey Still Best for Chest Colds and Coughs

Our mothers and grandmothers would never be without pine tar syrup in the house for coughs, chest colds, etc. This was many years ago, but modern medicine has never been able to improve on this time-tested remedy. Doctors say the pine tar is hard to beat for quickly loosening and removing the phlegm and congestion that are the actual cause of the cough. At the same time pine tar and honey soothe and heal all irritation and soreness.

The kind that has been used with never-failing success in thousands of families for years is that known as Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. This is scientifically compounded of just the right proportions of pine-tar, honey and other quick-acting, healing ingredients which the best doctors have found to aid in quick relief. It contains absolutely no opiates, narcotics or harmful drugs, so can be given to young children—fine for spasmodic croup. It tastes good, too. If you want the best, a medicine that often stops the severest cough overnight, be sure you get Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. It costs only 50c at any good drugstore.

DR. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY FOR COUGHS

Little Prospect For Legislation To Aid Farmer's At This Session

Washington, D. C., February 6.—President Coolidge takes the position that the farming regions of the United States are officially represented by certain senators and representatives; that some of these representatives of farming states have been given the official responsibility toward agriculture that goes with membership in the senate and house committees on agriculture; and that these representatives know, or ought to know, whether conditions in the farming regions they represent are such as to call for immediate farm legislation. In short, Coolidge puts the matter of farm legislation at this session up to congress in general, and to the farm members of congress in particular. He takes the ground that they have access to the facts in their own communities, and should know the degree of need. This is the outcome of the failure of the steering committees of the house and senate, when they acted on Monday, to include legislation in their list of measures having priority of right-of-way for the brief remainder of this session. Coolidge has recommended that farm legislation be passed at this session. He appointed an agricultural commission, and that commission reported certain roughly definite recommendations. These recommendations, in turn, have been submitted to congress.

But the real reason why farm legislation during the next 23 days is unlikely, is that some of the farm representatives in congress, including some who have official power as members of the agricultural committees, while they want farm legislation do not want the same kind of farm legislation, that President Coolidge's commission recommends. Some farm senators and congressmen on the committee believe the best way for the government to help the farmer is to authorize and participate in an institution for buying some of the farmer's crops, selling the surplus aboard, at a loss if necessary. That plan, with many intricate ramifications, was embodied in a bill last year, which had formidable support from many of the farm leaders in congress, but failed to pass. President Coolidge's agricultural commission on the other hand, recommends an entirely different kind of legislation, pointing away from government paternalism, except to the extent that the protective tariff call paternalism by those who don't believe in it. Increased protection for the farmer, was among the agricultural commission's recommendations. When the recommendations of Coolidge's commission arrived in congress some of the farm congressmen jeered at it as "lullaby and alibi." This controversy over the kind of farm legislation to pass is what makes it almost certainly impracticable to put the legislation through at this session. It would be certain to involve many days of strenuous debate.

Back of this is a bit of by-play. Some though not all, of the farm senators want an extra session of congress, immediately after March 4. Coolidge does not want one. When this session ends without farm legislation the farm senators will say the lack of farm legislation is Coolidge's fault and demand a special session. Coolidge by forehandedly putting it up to congress now enables his friends to place the blame on congress. It can be taken as practically certain that Coolidge won't call a special session. Through the whole situation runs a thread of subdued truculence on the part of the Republican majority in congress as to the extent that Coolidge's authority shall be recognized. That is going to turn up also in the bill raising the wages of postal workers and the rates of postage. Coolidge has announced the principle that the increases in postal rates should be approximately high enough to raise the roughly a hundred million dollars, which the increases in postal wages will amount to ultimately. Congress is most willing to raise the wages of the politically powerful postal workers but "hates like sin," as one of them expressed it, to incur the opposition inherent in any increases in postal rates. Some of the leaders in congress think they can "get by" with Coolidge by increasing the postal rates just enough, as one of them says, to save Coolidge's face. Coolidge on the other hand is quite capable of putting his arithmetical mind on the bill and finding out whether the increases in revenue meet his requirement that they shall be approximately enough to take care of the increase in wages.

There is an interesting evolution under way in the direction of determining the boundaries of the recognition of Coolidge's leadership by the Republican majority in congress.

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CUT DOWN THE PLANCO CANYON ROAD

Geo. A. Liden, District Highway Engineer, was here last week and with local men inspected the road coming up out of the canyon east of town with a view of cutting it down. Mr. Liden says this road can be cut down and is of the opinion that the state will go fifty-fifty on a proposition of this kind. Everyone admits that the canyon road is a dread to the East Plains trade territory of Crosbyton. They want to come to Crosbyton but on account of the steep canyon, numbers of the East Plains people go to other trading points. The suggestion of "Cutting Down the Canyon" should be taken seriously by our people. If there is a way to do it, and there is, and though it will cost some money, this would be one of the most advantageous pieces of work that our people could do.—Crosbyton Review.

DICKENS ITEMS

Miss Jimmie Beebe, presented a recital Friday night, February 6th., at the Dickens Hi School Auditorium. The house was well lighted with the new Delco lighting system. Miss Kelly's pupils entertained Monday morning with a good program, which every one enjoyed very much. The 9th, 10th and 11th grades will give a program next Monday morning.

The Dickens basket ball girls went to McAdoo Friday, January 30th, and played the McAdoo girls, the scores were 18 and 22 in favor of McAdoo. This game was the first one the Dickens girls had played this year, and we hope to do better next time.

Miss Ollie Belle Slaton has been absent from school several days on account of illness.

Miss May Roberts was absent from school Monday.—Reporter.

TAXES MAY EVENTUALLY BECOME CONFISCATORY

Washington.—Agricultural corporations and allied industries in 1922 paid 86 per cent of their profits as local, state and federal taxes. An analysis by department of agriculture economists disclosed that the taxes paid by these industries were higher than those of any other type of corporate enterprise. Taxes on mining and quarrying corporations amounted to 62 per cent of their profits; on professional corporations, hotels and theaters, 40 per cent; transportation and public utilities 37 per cent, and finance banking, and insurance, 32 per cent.

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Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chapman, of Roaring Springs, spent several days the first of the week visiting with relatives and friends in Spur. Mr. Chapman is now interested with Bush Mayfield in the drug business at Roaring Springs, and reports business good.

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PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT

Now that the proponents of a state zoning law have thrust that undesirable and destructive bit of legislation into the spotlight of public opinion again, apparently dissatisfied with the verdict which held it to be unconstitutional, the time has arrived to once more stress the principles of government.

To begin with, there is this general difference between constitution and statute: The constitution protects a minority from the unreasoning whims and fancies of a self-interested majority, while the statute, up to the point of interference with constitutional limitations, is expressive of the will of a majority over a minority.

The majority needs no protection. It has nothing to fear under our scheme of government.

But the minority needs protection, therefore, the constitution.

And, on the truths contained in our constitution, written in the light of the history which tells of the rise and fall of nations, has America been built.

We, as a nation, have recognized the fundamental value of the family as the first and most necessary element of government, and we have spared for the family—for the individual—certain rights, among which are property rights.

Our courts have recognized the sanctity of the home, and our citizens, in appreciation of this recognition, have adhered to a belief in a representative democracy—with limitations.

In family groups they have set up their abode in certain localities. Others joined them, and still others, until the sparse acre became populated and a community was built—a grouping of families, of individuals.

These families then, by their effort and the unrestricted and unimpairment of their property, eventually constituted a city, which, without them, would cease to exist.

And now there are among these families some who would take away the individual property rights. There are those who would delegate to a city government, theoretical representing a majority, the power to do away with the rights preserved in the constitution to protect a minority from just such an undertaking. There are those who would make

political subdivision of a government the great dictator of the use to which property shall be placed, authorizing a certain use in one case, and prohibiting a certain use in another.

But they do not realize that in making the government strong they are making the government weak.

They do not realize that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and that the family, the individual citizen, is the link which makes the chain of government.

Let property rights alone!—Dallas Times Herald.

MAYFIELD WINS HIS SEAT IN U. S. SENATE

Washington, February 3.—The Senate today seated Senator Mayfield, Democrat, Texas, dismissing the contest brought by George E. E. Paddy, defeated candidate in the 1922 election.

Acting on the unanimous report of the elections committee, when found no basis in the charges of excessive expenditures or conspiracy between Mayfield and the Ku Klux Klan, the Senate ended the two-year fight without a word of debate.

No record vote was taken. When the question was put for a viva voce vote, no dissenting voice was raised.

Chairman Spencer called up the committee report and after merely pointing out that it was unanimous, volunteered to answer questions. None was asked. The chamber was well filled, a roll call having taken place just previously.

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The Next Best Thing

By JAY HEMINGWAY

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IF YOU believe that that implacable old lady Fate doesn't give her chessmen a little shove sometimes, one way or another, after they are in place for the game of life, just listen to the story of little Mary Ellen O'Hagen and her bronze slippers.

For a whole year Mary Ellen's behavior had been simply incomprehensible. Mrs. O'Hagen was exasperated. Not that she wanted her beloved daughter to marry and leave her, of course not! But whatever did she expect with all those nice fellows who came assailing and asking her out to parties and things, and her acting so off-likelike. Did she think that the prince of Wales, perhaps, would be coming back to ask her to share his throne? It looked that way, it did indeed.

But at last the pressure had been too much for her, and this evening Mary Ellen had promised to go to the party Caroline Murphy was giving for her mother's sister's boy who was visiting them, and Carrie had invited Tom Eldridge especially for her, knowing how crazy Tom had been about her.

As Mary Ellen was getting into her beaded georgette with the sleeveless blouse and buttoning up the little bronze slippers that she hadn't worn for so long, she sat thinking.

No one but herself knew the beginning of the romance that Mary Ellen had put in her heart when she put on those little bronze slippers and tripped off to the party with solid, dependable Tom Eldridge.

It was almost a year since Mary Ellen had donned those same slippers for the first time and started out to spend the afternoon with Sue Parker. She went through the park as usual, and in crossing over to the bench where the squirrels played, she caught one of the very high heels that had had scolded so about, between two stones and off it came. Picking it up she hobbled over to the bench. As she sat down on one end a big bronzed chap in a uniform rose from the other. "Beg pardon, Miss, but did ye turn your ankle? I have a sister who is always doing that very thing."

It was then that Mary Ellen knew romance had come into her life. She didn't say a word, but held out the wooden travesty of a heel in explanation and the boy took it gingerly between his big thumb and forefinger.

"Such a thing for a girl to be a-wearing of," he scolded, for all the world as though he had known her years. "It's no wonder you tripped on it. It's stiffs you might as well be wearing, instead of shoes."

"Dad made a great old fuss when I brought them home. But they are pretty," and she tipped her head over on one side and smiled shyly.

"Here, let me have your shoe," he demanded masterfully, and when she had taken it off and tucked her stocking foot up under her, he went over to the gravelled path and pounded the heel into place with a flat stone.

Of course one can't run right off when a young man has been so very kind. So Mary Ellen lingered on her end of the bench and discovered that the soldier was in town to attend a Legion meeting, and that he hadn't cared much about girls since he had gotten home from France, and that it did seem good to him to find that there were some of his kind left. And he didn't discover a single thing. He asked if a squirrel couldn't introduce them. He said he would be on the very self-same bench at the very same time the very next afternoon.

Then they said good-by and Mary Ellen went on to Sue's. There she found a phone message telling her to come straight home, Aunt Ellen Hilton who lived out west had died, and the whole family were to leave at seven the next morning for the funeral. Of course the adventure was over.

For a whole year Mary Ellen had waited, hoping against hope. And now she had stopped hoping, and was on her way to the party with Tom Eldridge.

When they got to Caroline's the girls were herded into the parlor and the boys told to smoke on the porch until summoned. When they came in they found a curtain stretched across one end of the room and all that could be seen of the girls were twenty pairs of pretty slippers of every sort and description. Each boy, in turn, according to a number he had drawn was to choose his partner for the evening—Cinderella fashion from the feet under the curtain. Of course it was thrilling. Everyone's heart was beating high. Then imagine the consternation when a deep Irish voice began to speak. "No sirc, Cousin arrie—I am not going to wait my turn. You said I was the guest of honor at this slindig, and I'm going to claim a guest of honor's privileges. I take the girl with the bronze shoes." And to the amazement of everyone, retiring little Mary Ellen O'Hagen stepped out from behind the improvised curtain, and went straight into the guest of honor's arms.

"I sat on that bench every afternoon for a week," he whispered "and you didn't come. But I felt it in my bones we would meet sometime. I wasn't discouraged but it did seem a long time a-coming."

Of course he took her home from the party. Tom manfully giving up his prerogative, in his favor, and when he was introduced to the O'Hagens the next day Mary Ellen put her arms around her mother's neck and whispered: "He's so much nicer than the prince of Wales, mummy, I don't think I will wait for his majesty after all."

C. A. Jonse returned this week from Mineral Wells, where he has been several weeks under treatment. He will return next week to Mineral Wells to remain another week at and also undergoing an operation, which time he thinks he will be on his feet again. Mr. Jones rented his farm in the Ducan Flat community to other parties, and will take a rest for the year and endeavor to recuperate his health. We are hoping that Mr. Jones will completely regain good health.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. E. L. Caraway returned this week from Dallas and Sherman where she visited with friends and relatives, spending much of the time with her daughter, Miss Thelma, who is attending Car-Bordite College.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Jud Boyd and Miss Wille Lee Gilbert are in Sweetwater for the week, the guests of friends of that city.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. King and two sons, of South Texas, have been visiting John King and family of Spur this week.

C. Earyl Senning, of Amarillo, spent a day the past week in Spur visiting his mother, Mrs. Kate Senning and family. Earyl is now district field manager for the Star Motor Company, and while here also visited with Tracy Gorham, local dealer in Star and Durant cars.

—Help Spur Grow—
Grady Mageors has re-christened his garage business, the name now being "Motor Inn." He is also changing up, rearranging the business into departments and making it one of the most attractive garages of the country. He has lately added a complete top and curtain department separate from that of the mechanical department and sales department. Grady Mageors is a live-wire and will get his part of the business.

—Help Spur Grow—
W. N. Norris and W. J. Wilson, of the Afton country, were in Spur Thursday morning of this week, and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They report everything progressing nicely in the north part of the county, but little farm work in progress at this time.

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What! Are you reading our weekly talks? Some will read part of it; others will not; but the more thrifty will read hem regular. This store was founded and established with the object of supplying the trade of this territory with the best merchandise obtainable. Honest Values being our motto from the birth of this business. Let us have a visit from you as we feel sure you will come again.

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Valentine Favorites
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P. H. Miller returned the first of the week from Stonewall county where he had been several days. He reports that oil well excitement is running pretty high in that county. It is reported that the well which has been drilling a year or two in Stonewall has now struck the pay sand. Work is suspended, at least temporarily.

—Help Spur Grow—
W. L. Pullen, who recently moved from the north part of the county to the Steel Hill community, was in the city Wednesday. He has a sick child and was here after medicine. His child was sick at the time of his move, but he did not anticipate the seriousness of the illness. We hope that the child of Mr. Pullen will soon be completely recovered.

C. D. Byrd, of Matador, was in Spur Wednesday of this week to buy a bunch of steers. The market on steers and cattle is now "looking up," and the possibility is that cattle interests will again become recognized as a safe investment if not a speculative proposition. The cow men have hit it hard the past several years, b.4. "their day" is coming again.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilkes and son and Miss Miller, are spending this week in the Eastern markets purchasing new stocks for the J. P. Wilkes & Son business. They will probably be gone a week or 10 days and during their absence Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecom will have charge of the business.

—Help Spur Grow—
I. D. Gamble, of Floydada, has been spending several days of this week in Spur on business and meeting with friends. In the early days of Spur Mr. Gamble was in the dry goods business here, and has many friends here who are always glad to meet him. He is now engaged in the real state business at Floydada.

Mr. Shirley, who has been president of the City Drug Store, moved this week with his family to Littlefield where he has a similar position. Lawrence King, of Hamlin, will take the place of Mr. Shirley as prescription druggist at the City Drug Store.

—Help Spur Grow—
Johnson Hunter is here this wtek from his place on near Brownsfield. He says it's dry out there as well as here.

W. L. Thanisch, of Draper, was here Wednesday transacting business.

—Help Spur Grow—
S. E. Lee, formerly assistant cashier of the Girard Bank, is now in Spur with the Spur National Bank.

Miss Beth Harkey left this week for Kately where she will spend a month with her grandparents and other relatives and friends.

—Help Spur Grow—
Miss Brown, who has been with Mrs. Sol Davis in the Spur Beauty Parlor, is leaving this week for Oklahoma.

—Help Spur Grow—
Miss Beavers, of Girard, returned this week from a visit with relatives and friends at Lubbock and Brownsfield where she spent two weeks.

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FAMOUS DETECTIVE CASES

By Cleveland Moffett

Story of a Dishonest Bank Messenger Whose Theft of Currency Led to a Series of Unusual Adventure

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LATE in the afternoon of Friday, May 4, 1888, two messengers left the American Exchange National bank, at the northeast corner of Cedar street and Broadway, New York city, and started down the busy thoroughfare for the office of the Adams Express company, a few blocks distant. They carried between them, each holding one of the handles, a valise made of canvas and leather, in which had just been placed, in the presence of the paying-teller, a package containing forty-one thousand dollars in greenbacks, to be transmitted to the United States treasury in Washington for redemption.

Although the messengers—Edward B. Crawford and old "Domine" Earle—were among the bank's most trusted employees, their honesty being considered above suspicion, they were nevertheless followed at a short distance by Bank Detective McDougal, an old-time police detective, whose snow-white beard and ancient style of dress had long made him a personage of note on Broadway. Detective McDougal followed the messengers, not because he had any fear that they were planning a robbery, but because it is an imperative rule of all great banking institutions that the transfer of large sums of money, even for very short distances, shall be watched over with the most scrupulous care. Each messenger was supposed to act as a check on his fellow, while the detective walking in the rear was a check on both. In such cases all three men would be armed, and would use their weapons without hesitation should an attack be made upon them.

The messengers walked on through the hurrying crowd, keeping on the east sidewalk as far as Wall street, where they turned across, and continued their way on the west sidewalk as far as the Adams Express company's building, which stood at 59 Broadway. Having seen them safely inside the building, the detective turned back to the bank, where his services were required in other matters.

Passing down the large room strewn with boxes and packages ready for shipment, the two messengers turned to the right, and ascended the winding stairs that in those days led to the money department, on the second floor. No one paid much attention to them, as at this busy hour bank messengers were arriving and departing every few minutes. Still, some of the clerks remembered afterward, or thought they did, that the old man, Earle, ascended the stairs more slowly than his more active companion, who went ahead, carrying the valise alone. Both messengers, however, were present at the receiving window of the money department when the package was taken from the valise and handed to the clerk, who gave a receipt for it in the usual form: "Received from the American Exchange bank one package marked 'A' containing forty-one thousand dollars. (or transfer to Washington); or, at least, so far as has ever been proved, both messengers were present when the package was handed in.

The two messengers, having performed their duty, went away, Earle hurrying to the ferry to catch a train out into New Jersey, where he lived, and Crawford returning to the bank with the empty valise. The valuable package had meantime been ranged behind the heavily wired grating along with dozens of others, some of them containing much larger sums. The clerks in the money department of the express companies become so accustomed to handling gold, silver and bank-notes, fortunes done up in bags, boxes or bundles, that they think little more of this precious merchandise than they might of so much coal or bricks. A quick glance, a touch of the hand, satisfies them that the seals, the wrappings, the labels, the general appearance of the packages are correct; and having entered them duly on the way-bills and turned them over to the express messenger who is to forward them to their destination, they think no more about them.

In this instance the forty-one-thousand-dollar package, after a brief delay, was locked in one of the small portable safes, a score of which were always lying about in readiness, and was lowered to the basement, where it was loaded on one of the company's wagons. The wagon was then driven to Jersey City, guarded by the messenger in charge, his assistant, and the driver, all three men being armed, and was safely placed aboard the night express for Washington.

The next morning, when the package from the American Exchange bank was delivered in Washington, the experienced treasury clerk who received it perceived at once, from the condition of the package, that something was wrong. Employees of the Treasury department seem to gain a new sense, and to be able to distinguish bank-notes from ordinary paper merely by the "feel," even when done up in bundles. Looking at the label mark of forty-one thousand dollars, the clerk shook his head, and called the

United States treasurer, James W. Hyatt, who also saw something suspicious in the package. Mr. Blanchard, the Washington agent of the Adams Express company, was summoned, and in his presence the package was opened. It was found to contain nothing more valuable than slips of brown straw paper, the coarse variety then used by butchers in wrapping up meat, neatly cut to the size of bank-notes. The forty-one thousand dollars was missing.

It was evident that at some point between the bank and the treasury a bogus package had been substituted for the genuine one. The question was, Where and by whom had the substitution been made?

The robbery was discovered at the Treasury in Washington on Saturday morning. The news was telegraphed to New York immediately, and on Saturday afternoon anxious councils were held by the officials of the American Exchange bank and the Adams Express company. Inspector Byrnes was notified; the Pinkerton agency was notified; and urgent dispatches were sent to Mr. John Hoey, president of the express company, and to Robert Pinkerton, who were both out of town, that their presence was required immediately in New York.

Three theories were at once suggested: The bogus package might have been substituted for the genuine one either at the bank, between the bank and the express office, or between the express office and the Treasury. The first assumption threw suspicion on some of the bank employees, the second upon the two bank messengers, the third upon some one in the service of the express company. Both the bank and the express company stoutly maintained the integrity of its own employees.

An examination of the bogus package disclosed some points of significance. Ordinarily, when bank-notes are done up for shipment by an experienced clerk, the bills are pressed together as tightly as possible in small bundles, which are secured with elastic bands, and then wrapped snugly in strong paper, until the whole makes a package almost as hard as a board. Around this package the clerk knots strong twine, melts a drop of sealing-wax over each knot, and stamps it with the bank's seal. The finished package thus presents a neat and trim appearance. But in the present instance the package received at the Treasury was loosely and slovenly wrapped, and the seals seemed to have been put on either in great haste or by an inexperienced hand. Moreover, the label must have been cut from the stolen package and pasted on the other, for the brown paper of a previous wrapping showed plainly in a margin running around the label. The address on the package read:

"United States Treasurer,
Washington, D. C."

All this was printed, except the figures "41,000," even the dollar-sign. The figures were in the writing of Mr. Watson, the paying-teller of the bank, whose business it was to oversee the sending of the money. His initials were also marked on the label, with the date of the sending; so that on examining the label Mr. Watson himself was positive that it was genuine.

Earle and Crawford, the bank messengers, were submitted to repeated examinations; but their statements threw no light upon the mystery.

Finally came the theory that the money package had been stolen while in the care of the express company.

One important fact stood out plain and uncontrovertible: That a responsible clerk in the money department of the Adams Express company had received for a package supposed to contain forty-one thousand dollars intrusted to the company by the bank. This threw the responsibility on the company, at least until it could be shown that the package as delivered contained brown paper, and not bank-notes. In accordance with their usual policy, the Adams people paid over to the American Exchange bank the sum of forty-one thousand dollars, and said no more about it. Put their silence did not mean inactivity.

Hastening to New York in response to the telegram sent him, Robert Pinkerton examined the evidence already collected by his representative, and then himself questioned all persons in any way concerned in the handling of the money. Mr. Pinkerton, after his investigation, was not so sure as some persons were that the package had been stolen by employees of the express company. He inclined rather to the opinion that, in the rush of business in the express office, the false package, badly made up though it was, might have been passed by one of the clerks. This conclusion turned his suspicions first toward the two bank messengers. Of these he was not long in deciding Domine Earle to be, in all probability, innocent. While he had known of instances where old men, after years of unimpeachable life, had suddenly turned to crime, he knew such cases to be infrequent, and he decided that Earle's was not one of them. Of the innocence of the other messenger,

Crawford, he was not so sure. He began a careful study of his record.

Edward Sturgis Crawford at this time was about twenty-seven years old, a man of medium height, a decided blond, with large blue eyes, and of a rather effeminate type. He went scrupulously dressed, had white hands with carefully manicured nails, parted his hair in the middle, and altogether was somewhat of a dandy. He had entered the bank on the recommendation of a wealthy New Yorker, a young man about town, who, strange to say, had made Crawford's acquaintance, and indeed struck up quite a friendship with him, while the latter was serving in the humble capacity of conductor on a Broadway car. This was about a year before the time of the robbery. Thus far Crawford had attended to his work satisfactorily, doing nothing to arouse suspicion, unless it was indulging a tendency to extravagance in dress. His salary was but forty-two dollars a month, and yet he permitted himself such luxuries as silk underclothes, fine patent-leather shoes, and other apparel to correspond. Pushing back further into Crawford's record, Mr. Pinkerton learned that he had grown up in the town of Hancock, New York, where he had been accused of stealing sixty dollars from his employer and afterward of perpetrating a fraud upon an insurance company. Putting all these facts together, Mr. Pinkerton decided that, in spite of a perfectly self-possessed manner and the good opinion of his employers, Crawford would stand further watching.

Thus three months went by with no result; then four, five, six months; and, finally, all but a year. Then, suddenly, in April, 1889, Crawford took his departure for Central America giving out to his friends that he was going there to assume the management of a banana plantation of sixty thousand acres, owned by his wealthy friend and benefactor.

Before Crawford sailed, however, the shadows had informed Mr. Pinkerton of Crawford's intention, and asked instructions. Should they arrest the man before he took flight, or should they let him go? Mr. Pinkerton realized that he was dealing with a man who, if guilty, was a criminal of unusual cleverness and cunning. His arrest would probably accomplish nothing, and might spoil everything. There was little likelihood that the stolen money would be found on Crawford's person; he would probably arrange some safer way for its transmission. Perhaps it had gone ahead of him to Central America weeks before.

"We'll let him go," said Mr. Pinkerton, with a grim smile; "only we'll have some one go with him."

The Pinkerton representative employed to shadow Crawford on the voyage sent word, by the first mail after their arrival in Central America, that the young man had rarely left his stateroom, and that whenever forced to do so had employed a colored servant to stand on guard so that no one could go inside.

Nothing more occurred, however, to justify the suspicion against Crawford until the early part of 1890, when the persistent efforts of the detectives were rewarded by an important discovery. It was then that Robert Pinkerton learned that Crawford had told a deliberate lie when examined before the bank officials in regard to his family relations in New York. He had stated that his only relative in New York was a brother, Marvin Crawford, who was then driving a street car on the Bleecker street line. Now it came to the knowledge of Mr. Pinkerton that Crawford had in the city three married aunts and several cousins. The reason for Crawford's having concealed this fact was presently brought to light through the testimony of one of the aunts, who, having been induced to speak, not without difficulty, stated that on Sunday, May 6, 1888, two days after the robbery, her nephew had called at her house, and given her a package which he said contained gloves, and which he wished her to keep for him. It was about this time that the papers contained the first news of the robbery, and her suspicions having been aroused, she picked a hole in the paper covering of the package large enough to let her see that there was money inside. Somewhat disturbed, she took the package to her husband, who opened it and found that it contained two thousand dollars in bank notes. Realizing the importance of this discovery, the husband told his wife that when Crawford came back to claim the package she should send Crawford to him, which she did.

Some days later, on learning from his aunt that she had spoken to her husband about the package, Crawford became greatly excited, and told her she had made a dreadful mistake. A stormy scene followed with his uncle, in which the latter positively refused to render him the money until he was satisfied that Crawford was its rightful possessor. A few days later Crawford's young friend, the man about town, called on the uncle, and stated that the money in the package belonged to him and must be surrendered. The uncle was still obdurate; and when Crawford and his friend became violent in manner, he remarked meaningfully that if they made any more trouble he would deliver the package of money to the Adams Express company and let the company decide to whom it belonged. This brought the angry claimants to their senses, and Crawford's friend left the house and never returned. Finally Crawford's uncle compromised the contention by giving his nephew five hundred dollars out of the two thousand, and retaining the balance himself, in payment, one must suppose, for his silence. At any rate, he kept fifteen hundred dollars, and also a receipt in Crawford's hand.

(Continued Next Week)

W. G. Mayfield, of Mayfield Brothers, general merchants of Girard, was in Spur Wednesday on business. Since the failure of the Girard Bank recently Mr. Mayfield states that the town and country is in a critical condition financially. The closing of the bank tied up all the cash of the town and country, most of the business now being conducted on credit basis. The bank had ninety odd thousand dollars on deposit. At a recent meeting of the depositors and officers of the bank, the business was placed in the hands of a collector under the direction of an appointed board of directors. Approximately twenty percent of the deposits can be paid with funds on hand, and should collections come in the larger per centage of the depositors, it is said, can be paid. The country is certainly handicapped, but it is hoped that the handicap will be only temporary and that in the end depositors may not lose any of their hard-earned cash.

Frank Watson recently resigned his position with the Red Front, going to Brownwood where he has accepted a position with another drug firm.

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C. B. Jones made a business trip this week to Austin. We note that Mr. Jones was honored by the Ferguson administration with the appointment as one of the board of regents for the West Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

Help Spur Grow—
Wilbur Perry and Tom Cooner, of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, are on a trip this week to Dublin, Stephenville and other points in this part of the state.

Help Spur Grow—
John D. Hufstader was in the city last week from his Dockum Valley farm, spending some time here trading and meeting with friends and acquaintances.

G. C. Pass and son, Bill, of Ralls, were in Spur Wednesday of this week. In the early days of Spur Mr. Pass was a resident of Spur, and together we have encountered thrilling episodes and experiences. For the past several years he has been engaged in buying cotton at Ralls, and also farming on the side. It was a pleasure to again meet him and talk over old times.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Rosamond, who have been spending the fall in Spur, he being employed at the Rosamond gin, left this week for Quitaque where he will become manager of a Ford Service Station under the ownership of E. L. Caraway of Spur.

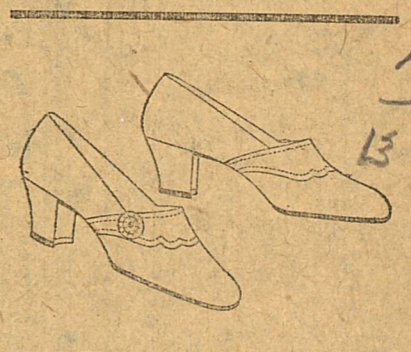
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This Week Opens the Showing of New Footwear



John Kelly and other good makes of up to now Pumps are on display in a large collection of combinations of Patent and various other classy leathers, and awaits your inspection.

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THE DRUG TRADE AND LIQUOR PRESCRIPTIONS

The druggist's attitude toward the prescription liquor business is set forth by W. H. Cousins, former Wichita Falls druggist, in the current issue of the Southern Pharmaceutical Journal.

Mr. Cousins takes the position that the filling of liquor prescriptions is a duty unloaded on the druggists which they would be glad to see abolished altogether but if the legislature does not do this there should be no further restrictions placed upon the druggists who are strictly accountable for every drop of liquor they take into their possession.

The responsibility in the matter of the issuance and filling of prescriptions for liquor be placed strictly up to the doctors.

As the regulation of the sale of liquor for medicinal purposes is a matter that is up for public discussion the attitude the druggists as presented by Mr. Collins is of timely interest. He says:

"From press reports it is indicated that the legislature will take some action regarding the sale of whiskey in drug stores. We do not want any of our readers to lose sight of the fact that organized pharmacy, not only in Texas but throughout the nation fought, bitterly, the proposition of unloading the whiskey business on the drug stores.

"It is generally hoped that if the legislature does anything with drug store whiskey that it will out-law it completely and make it a felony for drug stores to operate a whiskey business. It won't make any difference to the drug trade what the legislature does with whiskey. We do not believe the drug trade will say one word either way in the matter.

"The good or evil that comes from whiskey in drug stores is a matter that is up to the physicians. The druggist is under heavy bond to the state and to the federal government to track the liquor laws to the letter. He has no chance to violate the liquor laws without being caught. His orders for whiskey are in the hands of state and federal officers, they know exactly how much he buys, when an inspector calls at his store he must produce every pint of whiskey or show a physician's prescription for each one that he cannot produce.

"It sounds foolish when people speak of 'Saloon Drug Stores', if there are saloon drug stores it is easy enough to punish them under the stringent liquor laws of the state and nation. It would take not more than 30 minutes to check any drug store in the state and the liquor on hand plus the physician's prescriptions on file must equal the amount of whiskey authorized by the officials. These must balance or the druggist stands convicted by evidence that is in black and white, which cannot be refuted. If the leg-

islature surrounds the druggist with more red tape in the way of records to keep and reports to make it is simply making more work for the druggist without changing the situation one bit.

"If a drug store should be permitted to buy a ship load of whiskey it could not sell one bottle of it without a physician's prescription. The druggist is as much bound to fill a physician's prescription for whiskey as he is to fill his prescription for diphtheria antitoxin or quinine. He has no volition in the matter whatever. The privilege of saying who shall have whiskey and who shall not have whiskey is delegated exclusively to the physician. He is the court of last resort, made so by this government.

"It is not for the druggist to say whether or not whiskey is a therapeutic agent, that belongs alone to the domain of medicine. In this instance the druggist, merely obeys the orders of a superior and why the legislature wants to bring the druggist into liquor legislation is more than we can understand.

"The position taken by both the state and the federal government regarding whiskey in drug stores is a faulty one. Druggists are cited to appear and show why their quotas of whiskey should not be reduced. It seems to us that quotas of whiskey should be based entirely on the number of physicians prescriptions that come to the store. The physician's patient who sends a whiskey prescription to the drug store after the druggist's quota is exhausted is as much entitled to have it filled as the patient who got the first bottle out of his quota. We have never heard of a physician being summoned to appear and show why his quota of prescription blanks should be reduced. The government says to the druggist: 'I am going to allow you to dispense whiskey for the sick on physician's prescriptions until you have dispensed sixty pints after that you cannot dispense any more until the end of the three month's period, the rest of the sick can just die or get well as suits their taste, you cannot have any more this quarter.'

If the legislature wants to do something with the whiskey situation and we were to presume to suggest to it we would say 'Either leave it alone or kick it out of Texas for all time to come.'—Wichita Daily Times.

Help Spur Grow—
J. H. Boothe, of just east of Spur, was meeting with friends and transacting business in Spur Wednesday.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sampson, of Kent county, were shopping in Spur Wednesday of this week.

G. A. Howsley and A. C. Burgess returned the first of the week from a trip to Lubbock and Brownfield where they spent several days visiting with relatives and friends. In Lubbock Uncle Al states that things are booming and building, there being lots of prospectors and speculators in evidence. Since the location of the Tech College in Lubbock, prices of lands and lots have advanced considerably, and much much paving, building and improvements are under way. Lubbock is going to make a city.

Help Spur Grow—
M. E. Tree and J. H. Fulcher left Thursday morning for the southwest part of the state for a fishing trip. They are going down in a country where there is plenty big game as well as fish, and although the season may be closed, it is just possible that they will venture out in the mountains if for nothing else but to sav that they saw a big buck or a gobbler.

Help Spur Grow—
Bill Johnson, of Ralls, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week.

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Help Spur Grow—
L. B. McMeans, of near Spur, was trading in the city Wednesday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—
Walker Jordan, of Duck Creek, was among the traders and business visitors in the city Wednesday.

Help Spur Grow—
LOST—Between Spur and Crosbyton highway and Cone, via McAdoo and Wake, black suit case with hole in one end, containing ladies, gents and childrens clothing. Finder please notify H. B. Brannen, Baileyboro, Texas and receive reward. 15-2t.

Help Spur Grow—
A big, bouncing boy was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Edwards at their home in Dickens. The Texas Spur extends congratulations, and may young Mr. Edwards grow and develop into one of the biggest and best men of this great Western country.

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Luther Powell, who is carrier on both rural mail routes out of Spur, and who is recognized by patrons of the lines as most accurate and accommodating, handed us the following "commandments" for publication in the hope that both himself and mail customers would profit and be convenience by observing them:

1. Thou shalt not have loose change in the box for postage, for it means much discomfort and delay. Place the change in a cup or envelope, or, better yet, provide yourself with a modest supply of stamps.

2. Blessed is he who keeps a supply of stamps on hand, for he shall bring much happiness unto the carrier, and shall be rewarded by more efficient service.

3. Thou shalt keep thy mail box closed, for rain and snow cometh like a thief in the night and filleteth it up to the brim.

4. Thou shalt keep the approach to the box free from snow and other obstructions, and the box in such a position that it can be reached from the vehicle, with your name and number thereon; for, behold, I say unto you: wet feet, cold hands and delay are an abomination unto the carrier.

5. Thou shalt have all mail ready upon the arrival of the carrier, for delay cripples the whole service.

6. Thou shalt address each letter or package plainly, and upon the top left-hand corner place thy name and address; for, verily I say unto thee, the pieces of mail lost through neglect in addressing are numbered as the sands of the sea.

7. Blessed are they who insure their packages and register important letters, for by so doing loss is impossible, saith the Postmaster General.

8. Thou shalt wrap all packages securely. Verily, verily I say unto you, many valuable articles are lost through careless wrapping and few there be who recover them, saith our Postmaster General.

9. Blessed are they who open a road through the snow for the carrier, for they shall have their daily mail. And if thou canst not travel the road for a mile or two, how can the carrier travel it for thirty? Blessed are they also who drag the roads as soon as possible after a rain, for thus only can they do the will of our boss who is in Washington.

10. Blessed are they who, when mistakes are made, give the carrier the benefit of the doubt, for I say unto you that many perplexing difficulties are met by the carrier each day, and those who are slow to anger and of generous spirit, shall be called great.—A Carrier in the Akron News.

Help Spur Grow—
While in the city Saturday G. R. Woods, of north of Spur, handed us three big silver dollars to keep the Texas Spur coming to his address. Such acts as this makes it possible for us to keep "spurring."

Help Spur Grow—
Tommie Salem returned this week from Amarillo where he spent several days with relatives and friends.

Help Spur Grow—
Lee Gilbert and family, who recently moved to Idalou on the plains, removed this week to their home back in Spur.

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G. F. Stephens, secretary of the Roaring Springs Chamber of Commerce, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week. Mr. Stephens states that the Chamber of Commerce is active at this time and alert in movements for the betterment of the town and progress of the country. However, at this time Roaring Springs is somewhat handicapped in newspaper publication in that a newspaper is not now published in the town. But as secretary of a live Chamber of Commerce Mr. Stephens will no doubt endeavor at an early date to have this handicap overcome. Roaring Springs is not only a thriving little city but is located in the heart of a very rich and most productive agricultural territory, and with such men as Mr. Stephens and other live boosters will not long suffer the inconveniences of lack of facilities for publishing to the world the advantages of town and country.

Help Spur Grow—
A. W. Jordan was in the city Tuesday. He is now making things ready for another good crop year. Notwithstanding the dry weather, there are a number of farmers of the country plowing right along and getting ready for the planting season.

J. I. Hays returned the past week from a business trip to the Eastern part of the state. In speaking of ginning, Mr. Hays says he thinks another week will see the end of the cotton season here, ginnings now running only a few bales each day. Much more cotton was ginned here this year than was anticipated, there having been ginned more than sixteen thousand bales in Spur this date.

Help Spur Grow—
We met W. G. Martin on the streets Wednesday. He recently moved to Spur from Titus county, out near the Texas-Arkansas line. He is well pleased with West Texas, and is not the least excited because of the temporary dry season at this time. He permitted us to place his name on the ever growing Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Martin will farm the G. A. Howsley place this year. We are glad to welcome him to the Spur country, and also as a reader of the paper.

Help Spur Grow—
We met W. C. Messer, of near the city, was here the first of the week trading with merchants and greeting friends.

Help Spur Grow—
W. S. Leach, of the Dry Lake community, was in town Wednesday of this week.

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**IT PAYS TO KEEP PLOWING
REGARDES OF RAIN**

J. H. Hooper, of the Twin Wells community, came in Tuesday after a new plow point, stating that the ground is not too dry to turn on his place. He is one of the farmers of the country who believes in plowing constantly to make crops regardless of rains. It was evidenced the past year that big crop production could be had with out rain, in that one of the state contestants for the best acreage of cotton won the prize by producing two bales of cotton to the acre in West Texas without rain. This contestant stated that he continued to plow over and over his crop without rain, plowing at a time when the ground was so dry that it could not be distinguished where the plow had been running. Nevertheless, as a result of continued dry plowing two bales to the acre was produced. Mr. Hooper also says it pays to keep plowing.

Big car of Furniture unloaded this week. Sellers Kitchen Cabinets not just as good but better.—Bryant Link Company.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, were visiting and shopping in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Faver reports everything looking good in the Afton country.

R. J. Bateman, of Afton, was a pleasant caller Saturday at the Texas Spur office. He had just recently returned from a visit back to his old home in Arkansas, his first visit back to the old place in forty-four years. Nothing, of course, looked natural, but occasionally a familiar object of earlier days could be noted. Also an acquaintance of these earlier days could be recognized among the few remaining "old timers". While gone Mr. Bateman also visited among friends and relatives in other parts of Texas, stating that his trip and visit was very enjoyable, bringing back as it did memories of days gone by. Mr. Bateman stated that other sections of the country had been having rains, which does not indicate a "general drought" as some may have been fearing. The old timers of this section are not in the least alarmed at the continued dry weather, but are confident that rains will come to every section in plenty time to mature crops.

**QUALITIES THAT MAKE
FOR HAPPY MARRIAGE**

If you ask half a dozen friends which quality is most likely to make for happiness in marriage you will probably receive half a dozen different replies. And all will be illuminating.

The man much occupied with business may regard common sense as an extremely important. An imaginative woman will tell you that sympathy is the first essential, while a less sensitive minded woman suggests good temper. The grace of cheerfulness, the benediction of that "ordinary" kindness which, because so rare is so extraordinary, the sunshine of a merry nature, the tender appeal of usefulness—all these qualities make for happiness in marriage.

But what is the final test? Which of all the varied characteristics of human nature, is, if developed and cherished, most likely to bring enduring happiness in marriage? The answer is to be found in an observation not of new marriages, but of those which have known years of sterms, of disappointments, of disillusion, says Jane Travernor in the London Mail. In happy marriages, which might so easily have been unhappy, is it not the power of being companionable which has kept husband and wife together?

Marriages have often come to a tragic end because the man and the woman have not learned to be friends. In a marriage where the joys of companionship have been completely realized a disappointment, there is inspiration and refuge to permanent estrangement. But where there is real friendship, a happy companionship, a joy in doing things together, the desire to continue a great comradeship may prove stronger than the wish to end a disappointing marriage.

Modern women expect much more from life than their mothers expected. I am always surprised to find a little envious when, reading the novels of the later Victorian days, I find how contented women were a little happiness. They made a little joy go a long way.

The women of today might take a lesson from those unconscious heroines. If marriage as a romantic relationship has proved a disappointment, there is inspiration and refuge in the knowledge that friendship between husband and wife may be the most beautiful relationship in the world, becoming a more lasting bond than the marriage tie itself.

GRATITUDE
CLUB MEETING

We wish to express our appreciation to the persons in Spur, who befriended and encouraged our son and brother, Hal Runnels, while he was sick in your town. Especially are we grateful to the garage man, whose name we do not know, who made possible Hal's trip home to his mother, brother and sister.—Mrs. Julia Runnels, Maxey Runnels, Louise Runnels, Pearl Runnels, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Ford.

The Improvement Club of Espuela, met with Mrs. J. L. Davis, Wednesday afternoon, at the usual time, with a very interesting demonstration on sewing, given by Mrs. Hellingwoh. There were four members two new members, and three new visitors, Mrs. Minnie Mitchell of Fort Worth; Miss Gillette, the Red Cross Nutrition worker, and Mrs. Brinnell. After the adjournment the club enjoyed a social hour, being served with chicken salad sandwiches, cake with whip cream and coffee. We hope for an interesting, progressive club year.—Reporter.

The Spur Drug Store is waiting and watching for you and are ready to serve you in the drug line, as well as toilet articles or drinks.
L. L. Arnold, of Duck Creek, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday trading and mingling with friends.
J. R. McArthur, of west of Spur, came in Saturday to greet friends.
Mrs. W. A. Harris, of near Dickens, was shopping in Spur Saturday and also marketing home products.

**MUST GIVE MORE ATTENTION
TO POULTRY HOUSES**

Texas poultrymen often overcrowd their poultry because they wish to keep as many birds as possible throughout the winter, regardless of lack of proper housing facilities and of the results that follow such overcrowding. Often as much profit is made on a flock of 100 birds properly managed as on one of 200 birds which is crowded into a small house. The most successful poultry raisers suggest four square feet of floor space for each bird. With the improved, open-front house less space per bird is needed. However, in the average Texas hen house, which is usually some other building converted into a poultry house, four square feet of space is the minimum. Without the proper amount of floor space for each bird, the litter becomes damp and dirty quickly, and if it is not removed frequently, one can expect a drop in the egg production.

The idea of the average farmer is that chickens should rustle for them selves. Farmers who have been fortunate enough to have kept records on their farm enterprises have found that such a method is not satisfactory.

Hens give off more moisture and heat per one hundred pounds of live weight than any other farm animal; therefore, if the poultry house is to stay dry, it is essential that the damp air be carried off. Many West Texas farmers permits air drafts to strike the bird while they are on the roosts. This condition can be prevented by use of the open-front house. There is plenty of straw on the average farm, but the writer has found few farmers who take time to place this straw in their hen houses.

Poultry raisers in West Texas have complained to this department that their birds became too fat. When these people placed their grains under a straw litter and forced the birds to work for their feed, this condition was remedied, and the egg production in their flocks rose to satisfactory level.

A count should be made of the birds that are to be kept through the winter, and if there are more than can be housed satisfactorily, the surplus ones should be culled out of the flock. If one does not understand how to cull birds for utility purposes, he should secure the services of his county agent. The work of the county agents of Texas including both men and women, has been of much value to the poultrymen of this state because of the excellent results the agents have obtained in culling poultry.

One poultryman has said: "The essentials of a good poultry house are cleanliness, dryness, freedom from drafts, plenty of room, and plenty of sun light." I would like to add that the house should be a comfortable hen home.—Frank R. Phillips, Director of Agriculture, West Texas State Teachers College.

CAR STOLEN AT ASPERMONT

One of the boldest robberies known to the people of Aspermont was committed last Friday evening in front of W. P. Guest's store. Mrs. Guest had bought a new Coupe about the first of the year and had, as she expresses it, "all kinds of pretty fixings and balloon tires." She had used it only a few times. Mr. W. P. made a trip to Rule Friday and when he returned, parked the car directly in front of the door. They missed it in about fifteen minutes but though their son was using it and did not raise the alarm. The thief had something like one and one half hours the advantage. Sheriff Bingham got on the job when notified, but up to present writing, no clue has been given.—Aspermont Star.

Lee Rice, of Jayton, was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

Early Long, of Ralls, was in Spur Monday meeting with friends and attending to business.

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**HAL RUNNELS DIED RECENTLY
AT RIVIERA, TEXAS**

After several weeks of severe illness, Hal Runnels died at his home here Friday, January 30th, at 8:30 A. M. He arrived at home a few days after Christmas, exhausted from a three days trip of continuous driving in a Ford from Spur, Texas, where he had been for the past several months.

He was buried in the Riviera cemetery at the side of his father, Hal Runnels, Sr., who died ten years ago.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Julia Runnels, one brother, Maxey Runnels, and three sister, Misses Louise and Pearl Runnels and Mrs. Ernest A. Ford, all of Riviera.

DIED

A girl baby born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Purnell, died February 10th at their home near Afton, the little body being interred in the Afton cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Purnell have the sympathy of neighbors and friends in this misfortune and bereavement.

DIED

A boy baby was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller at their home in the city, dying soon after birth, the remains being interred Sunday in Spur cemetery. The Texas Spur joins friends in extending sympathy and condolence to Mr. and Mrs. Miller in this bereavement and misfortune.

Tom Cross came in Tuesday of this week from his farm and ranch over in Kent county, spending some time in Spur on business. Tom is now clearing more land for cultivation another year, and eventually will put in every available acre of agricultural land on the ranch.

DIED

W. D. Lang and Johnnie Jones, of Jayton, were attending to business in Spur Monday.

**ROCK ISLAND PLANS
NEW LINE IN TEXAS**

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 27.—The most recent hope of a railroad from Fort Worth westward across the rich new farming section of the Plains country into New Mexico has come from the Rock Island system, with information Monday from the office of the general superintendent of the Texas division to the effect that a survey of the proposed route was made recently by representatives of the freight traffic department and the engineering department from Chicago.

J. M. Brown of Chicago, engineer in charge of the survey, led the party of Rock Island representatives across the plains gathering data on the prospective tonnage of the line. The report of the surveying party in regard to the construction of the line was favorable, it is understood.

Under the plans, as considered the line would utilize the Rock Island tracks from Fort Worth to Graham, thence using the Wichita Falls & Southern to Eliasville, and crossing the Plains by actual construction to connect with the north and south line of the Rock Island in New Mexico, it is estimated. The line across the Plains would practically bisect the territory lying between the Fort Worth & Denver City and the Santa Fe system railroads and would afford rail facilities to a large scope of country now without such a convenience.

Just drive up to the curb and "squawk"—The Spur Drug Store will give you what you want.

Don't delay or hesitate, but call on Spur Drug Store for anything wanted.

Geo. W. Grubbs, a leading citizen of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday transacting business affairs, trading with merchants and meeting with his friends.

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REFORMS IN STATE SUPERVISION OF BANKS AS ADVOCATED BY BANKERS

By FRANK W. SIMMONDS
 American Bankers Association

ALTHOUGH many states have unexcelled systems of bank supervision by public authority, in some instances political entanglements have resulted in lax methods and dangerous practices. Public opinion today demands that bank supervision be as free from partisan interference as the judiciary itself.



Frank W. Simmonds

State banking laws are increasing in number and diversity. Much thought and study has been given by the State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association to uniformly efficient supervision. It is on record as urging that the office of Bank Commissioner be freed from entangling politics and divorced from all other functions of state government; that the tenure of office be made more secure and lasting, with sufficient compensation and discretionary power to attract men of outstanding executive ability and successful banking experience, and that bank examiners be selected from those having the requisite qualifications.

A careful study and survey of state bank supervision has been made with the cooperation of State Bank Commissioners and state bankers to bring out the high lights of successful supervision, and at the same time indicate remediable weaknesses, as the basis for formulating a model code of law dealing with bank supervision, and also for developing public opinion in favor of its general adoption.

This survey shows that in forty-one states Bank Commissioners are appointed by the governors and generally hold office "during their pleasure." In two states they are chosen by popular election, in others they are chosen by a banking board, but in only a few is the advice of organized banking considered. In Mississippi the selection is made by a convention of delegates from the state chartered banks.

Long Terms Make Bureaucrats

The term of office was found to range from two years to six. The majority of recommendations favor a five-year term, reasoning that a long term of life tenure tended toward bureaucracy in office, while a short term was condemned on the grounds that the Bank Commissioner would scarcely have time to become thoroughly conversant with his field of work before the expiration of his term of service and the public would lose the fruits of his experience. A five year term is long enough to permit his rendering useful service through capitalizing his experience and then if he is found capable the chances of his reappointment would be strong.

It was found that duties other than bank supervision are frequently imposed on the banking department, ranging from insurance matters to irrigation projects and even state rail insurance. The almost unanimous expression of opinion is that the position of bank commissioner is a task of such outstanding importance as to demand that he devote all his time and attention strictly to problems of bank supervision and regulation.

Some states impose no statutory qualifications whatever for Bank Commissioner. A number merely require that he have nominal qualifications, in many cases purely negative.

Only twenty states require actual banking experience varying from one to five years.

Powers of Bank Commissioners

In the majority of states, the Bank Commissioner is given more or less power to approve or deny applications for charters of state banks. Clearly this authority should be exercised chiefly with a view to supplying each community with safe, adequate banking facilities. Hence the importance of carefully weighing all factors involved such as the character and responsibility of the organizers and the community's needs for banking facilities. In the very nature of things no one is so well qualified to pass on charter questions as the Bank Commissioner. Comments from all states favor granting the banking department large if not absolute jurisdiction in granting bank charters.

A number of states now confer more or less complete authority on the state banking department to act as receiver in liquidating failed banks, usually providing that the Bank Commissioner must file a report with the court for approval. In other states the court names a receiver and the Bank Commissioner thereafter has no jurisdiction or authority. The almost unanimous opinion of bankers and the Bank Commissioners is that authority should be placed in the banking department as it permits the employment of experienced bank administrators in winding up the affairs of a bank, is more expedient, economical and altogether more satisfactory.

Changes Needed

The consensus as to changes needed to strengthen the work of the state banking departments is summarized in the following recommendations:

1. Provide adequate salaries.
 2. Give Bank Commissioner large discretionary power in granting charters and enforcing bank regulations.
 3. Remove the office from partisan politics by providing for election or nomination of the Commissioners by the bankers.
 4. Provide for a sufficient number of examiners, with adequate pay, and free their appointment from politics.
 5. Give the Banking Department full authority to act as receiver in the case of failed banks.
 6. Make Bank Commissioners' terms five years.
 7. Make requirements for Bank Commissioner eligibility not less than five years of successful banking experience and well recognized executive ability.
- Bank supervision, when wisely and impartially administered, is capable of rendering one of the highest types of service a state can give its people.

Proposed Amendment Pertaining to Highways Will Not be Submitted to Vote of People

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 12.—A proposed constitutional amendment to define the State's powers in highway construction and maintenance will NOT be sought by the Texas Highway Association, as was previously contemplated.

Announcement to this effect is contained in a statement issued following conference of officers of the association after the Supreme Court had rendered its decision in the Limestone County case.

The statement, which follows, was authorized by W. E. Lea of Orange, president; W. T. Wheeler of Fort Worth, Secretary; Leonard Tillotson of Sealy, chairman and Judge O. C. Dancy of Brownsville of the legislative committee:

"The decision of the Supreme Court in the case appealed from Limestone Co. disposes of a question of ownership of highways in the state in terms so specific that all points thus far raised against the authority of the State to establish a system of highways have been brushed aside.

"The authority to control roads built, even in part by county or local funds, the authority to provide

for maintaining such roads under immediate State supervision, is affirmatively determined in behalf of the decision. The opinion likewise specifically upholds the right of the legislature to create a highway department to effect the establishment and maintenance of a system of State Highways.

"The Legislature is further declared to have acted within its constitutional powers in enacting the present state highway law, and there is at this time, under the decision, nothing in the way of the full and undisputed right of the State to carry out the plans of the Highway Department.

"Under this authority no additional constitutional authority would seem to be required to vest the Legislature with the authority to enact all necessary laws to equip the highway department for carrying on the State's road building plans, as laid out in the Highway Act.

"This association will not therefore, suggest the submission of the constitutional amendment defining the state's powers in highway construction and maintenance, as was contemplated."

CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT OF LIVESTOCK NEXT TUESDAY

County Agent Johnston requests the Texas Spur to announce that another cooperative shipment of hogs and cattle will be made next Tuesday, February 17th. Those desiring to participate in this shipment are requested to list the number animals with ether bank or the county agent before date of shipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moses are this week moving to Ralls where Mr. Moses will be with the Bryant-Link Company of that city. E. W. Winkles, a prominent citizen of Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur this week.

Cash Purchases to be Given Away!

Saturday, Between 5 and 7 O'Clock

For a period of fifteen minutes between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock each Saturday afternoon, we are going to make no charges whatever for purchases by any and all customers.

All that will be required is for each customer to write down their names, the exact time of purchase, and the amount of purchase. The money paid for all purchases thus made within the 'fifteen minute' period, will be refunded to each and every customer.

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THE FRIENDLINESS OF MODERN BANKING

By WILLIAM E. KNOX
 President American Bankers Association

Until a few years ago savings banks were extremely austere institutions. They were founded to do the kindest thing in the world, that is, to take care of the savings of poor people, but they did it in a most repellent way. They did not extend to their banking business any of the courtesies or any of the amenities of life whatever. They simply took the money, did the depositor the favor of taking it, and gave it back to him when he wanted it. And then they considered their full duty done.

The tellers and clerks treated the depositors as though they were entirely beneath them. I, myself, heard a depositor, an old Irishwoman, say to a teller who had been snappish with her: "Then you better keep a civil tongue in your head. It is the likes of me that keeps the likes of you in your place." In that brief and caustic and well-deserved comment she had summed up the whole situation in a nutshell.

There was nothing warm, nothing cordial, but as the years went by those who worked at the windows got on friendly and kindly relations with the people coming to the windows. Here and there some man got so close to the people that they began to ask him their personal affairs and tell him his advice, and of late years the banks, too, have been stressing the human element. They have struck a better way of approaching people.

They have taken steps, for instance, to try to get as close as they can to the foreign element. That is one of the great problems in all the large

manufacturing and business centers. A great mass of foreigners come here and get together in groups, but they do not get any real touch of Americanism. They are just as Jewish and just as Italian ten or twenty years after they come here as they were the day they came, because nobody appears to take any particular interest in them. But when an institution like a savings bank begins to take an interest in the problems of the people, to let them feel that here is a group of people engaged in a business that is willing to listen to them, their troubles, their trials, is willing to advise them, willing to steer them straight, willing to be sort of Big Brother to them, I do not think there is any better Americanization work than that being done.

That is the kind of work the progressive savings bank is starting on,—telling people that if they will come to them with their troubles they will be glad to give them the best disinterested advice, to do things for them free, that otherwise they would be charged for by somebody. They are willing to advise them when they get a little more money than the savings bank can take care of, what they can invest in, or in some cases what not to invest in.

If the savings and commercial banks all over the country adopt that particular attitude toward our foreign fellow-citizens, it will give them an entirely different view of Americanism. It is this changed attitude that has resulted in the tremendous growth of deposits that have taken place in the savings banks since the war. There has been a different spirit breathed into the relations between the depositors and the men on the other side of the counter.

MORE BACKBONE, LESS WISHBONE

Why not think on the matter of wishbones and backbones and decide to take the power out of our wish bones and put it in our backbones? That's the place we need it if we are to accomplish things worth while.

Banker-Farmer.

John Randall, of south of Spur, was among the number trading in the city Wednesday. He reports everything lovely.

Help Spur Grow—
 The Spur Light and Ice Company contracted with Maxwell & Harrison this week to build a 40x50 brick for a power and ice house. Spur Keeps on building.

Godfrey & Smart will start their new brick building next month, the building to cover two entire lots on Burlington and 4th street.

Help Spur Grow—
 S. J. Derr, of McAdoo, was among the visitors here during the past week.

Help Spur Grow—
 J. M. Hahn came in Wednesday from his home to the West of Spur.