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Texas Gulf and Freeport Sulphur Co's. Sued for Million Dollars Taxes

Austin, Texas—Litigation involving an amount rivaling the Waters Pierce fine loomed as a probability this week when Comptroller Sam H. Terrell demanded a showdown upon his contention that the Texas Gulf Sulphur company and the Freeport Sulphur company owe the State of Texas \$1,401,894.89 in past due gross production taxes. Of this amount \$889,767.96 is claimed from the Texas Gulf and \$512,126.93 of the Freeport Sulphur Company.

The two companies involved in the dispute control three-fourths of the world's sulphur production. They are the only companies in Texas, or in the United States.

Since the gross production tax on sulphur became effective, on June 13, 1923, the sulphur companies have uniformly based their tax remittance on a valuation of \$10 per long ton for crude sulphur. Figures obtained by the Comptroller through the U. S. Bureau of mines show that the average actual market prices have ranged from \$15 to \$19 per ton. Thus, according to the Comptroller "the State has received, every quarter since the tax was imposed, thousands of dollars less than it should have received."

So far as can be judged from correspondence on file in the Comptroller's office, the defense of the companies is that they have regarded the gross production tax as a severance tax and have considered \$10 a ton a fair basis for such taxation. This defense was noticed by the Comptroller in a statement announcing the return of the sulphur Co. reports and remittances. "There is no merit in the argument," he said. "The law declares itself an occupation tax law, and similar laws have been held to be occupation tax laws by the courts."

The law provides for a tax equal to two percent of the sulphur produced "at the average market value thereof." One fourth of the tax goes to the school fund.

"There is no economic, and certainly no legal reason," said the Comptroller in his statement, "why these big corporations should not pay their just taxes. Patience has ceased to be a virtue in the dispute between the companies and this office, and they will not be permitted to deprive our school children of benefits rightfully theirs while exploiting the natural resources of this state."

BARBER BEING SOLICITED AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE RACE FOR SHERIFF OF DICKENS

G. L. Barber and wife last week moved back to their home in Spur, from the Plains section of country where they have been living the past year or two, and where Mr. Barber has been engaged in both railway and highway building. Mr. Barber is being solicited to make the race for sheriff in the coming campaign, but as yet has made no definite statement as to whether or not he would make the race. At any rate, since moving back to Spur and Dickens county at this time, he will be eligible and not barred from participation in political activities.

LITTLE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. HOUSTON CARR DIED AT THEIR HOME NEAR GIRARD

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Carr, six years of age, died Sunday morning at their home in the Lost Lake community, following an illness of diphtheria. The body was interred Sunday afternoon in the Girard cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sorrow and bereavement.

C. W. Roberts, of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday. He last week advertised for a lost auto tire, and had heard of one being found, and was trailing it up.

W. E. Gates, formerly in business at Afton, but who is now retired and taking life easy, was meeting with his friends in Spur Monday. Mr. Gates recently sold his Afton Garage business. He has not yet decided what he will do, but will probably get back into some kind of business by the beginning of activities of the approaching New Year.

The new Peoples Gin, recently built in Dickens, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night of last week, at about eleven or twelve o'clock, and of unknown origin.

The gin had been completed late in the fall season, having ginned only about twelve hundred bales of cotton since beginning operations. The gin was built by a stock company of five or six local citizens, at a cost of twenty five or thirty thousand dollars. Among the stockholders were Otho L. Hale, C. A. Gladdish, W. L. McAttee, and others. We understand that the gin will be rebuilt immediately, or at least in plenty of time for the next ginning season.

J. U. Underwood, of Callahan county, with his family, is now on the Sim Moss place north of Dickens. Mr. Underwood and family arrived here some three weeks ago, driving through the country and camping along the way. A big fine baby was born to them the night of their arrival at the Moss place—the youngster being unexpected at the time. Mr. Underwood desires to remain here and make a crop another year provided a farm can be leased.

John Callahan, of Wake, was doing banking and other business in Spur Saturday. John has been on the plains a number of years, and states that he has learned long since to farm row crops rather than small grain which he thinks will break any of them who stay with small grain exclusively—since only about one good crop of five is harvested.

Al Sullivan, who is now with a big ranch outfit away down in southwest Texas, near Rankin, was in Spur and Post last week, meeting with his friends and looking after business interests here. Al was suffering from a broken collar bone, sustained in being thrown from a horse. Notwithstanding the fact that Pecos and Crockett counties, wherein the big ranch is located, Al states that the fine and unexcelled ranges are being spoiled by oil derricks, adding that West Texas' biggest oil field is there being developed. Here is hoping that Al Sullivan may enjoy not only the income of a cow-hand, but get in on some of the easy oil money which is said to exist within a new and developing oil field.

SPUR FARMER INSURES COTTON TO HOLD FOR BETTER PRICE EXPECTED IN FUTURE

W. P. T. Smith was in the city last Tuesday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community. He was re-insuring his cotton with the intention of holding it sixty or ninety days longer in the hope of advanced prices—notwithstanding that it now continues to go down contrary to bullish government reports. A general opinion now prevails that when sales slow up the price will take a turn and continue upward until the price paid in the beginning of the season is reached. There is no question but that gambling and speculation now fluctuates and depresses the cotton market—but when cotton becomes scarce and is needed on the market, the price will be paid to bring it on.

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Albert Power, of Afton, was in Spur the past week, arranging for a campaign of advertising in the sale of his "Mortgage Lifter" the Half and Half cotton which he has been growing and improving for years in the Afton section of country.

More Lint at Hargroves
Wes Hisey was here recently from Amarillo, spending several days in Spur with his mother, Mrs. D. G. Hisey, and brother, Fred Hisey and family. Wes Hisey and family were in Spur during its early days, and while here he met many of the old timers. Wes is now and has been for a number of years rail-roading out of Amarillo.

Gin With Hargrove
R. C. Forbis has been spending the holiday season with his family in Spur.

Gin With Hargrove
Mrs. Chalk Brown and daughter, Bertie Belle, Miss Eleanor Harris and Supt. R. N. Cluck were Lubbock visitors Saturday. Dorothy Williams returned with them from Tech to spend the Christmas vacation here.

Lottie Guyear Died December 13, 1927

A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
Lottie was a sweet child; to know her was to love her. She will be missed so much by all who knew her but our loss is heaven's gain. All we can do is to look to Him who doeth all things well.

Lottie was sick only a short time. Her illness was serious but very short. She died at Lubbock and her body was prepared for burial at Rix' Undertaking Parlor and was brought home December 14. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Dickens, December 15th, by Bro. Luther Bilberry. Interment was made in the Dickens Cemetery at four o'clock, December 15, 1927.

MRS. C. A. LOVE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. C. A. Love entertained with a bridge party Thursday afternoon from three to six. Four tables were arranged for the games. Table markers, score pads, prizes and plate favors were suggestive of the Christmas season.

The guests list included Mesdames F. W. Jennings, Nellie Davis, William Manning, Homer Schrimsher, Charlie Powell, S. B. Scott, Jr., Hill Perry, Chick Flournoy, H. M. Scarborough, W. D. Wilson, Weldon McClure, Cecil Fox, Murray Lea, Oran McClure, Jim Edd Hall, Ruth Morrison, of Haskell. Mrs. Wilson won high score, Scarborough, high cut, Sandwiches, Fruit cake, sweet pickles and coffee were served.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASS'N.

The Parent-Teachers Association met in the Spur High School building Tuesday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting.

In the business period a report was heard from the treasurer and other departments. The membership committee was dismissed until the new year. Committees on playground equipment was continued, at the study hour use of food books in the home was discussed by Mrs. Malcolm Brannen and R. N. Cluck, Mrs. Whigham, Mr. Granbury and Miss Morgan gave suggestions for kindergarden Grammar School and high school books respectively.

A lovely refreshment was served. The members present were Mesdames Teague, Hull, Whigham, Collier, Forbis, Foster, J. H. Busby, E. J. Cowan, M. E. Manning, S. L. Davis, Rogers, Davidson, C. R. Edwards, Franklin, Simmons, McCormick, Wilson, Payne, Mott, Johnson, McCrary Twaddell, Misses Elliot, Forbis, Morgan, Bryant, Cross, Dabney, Messrs Cluck, Thomas, Teague Granbury.

THE DR. HALE BRICK FOR THE HUDSON-ESSEX COMPANY IS NEARING COMPLETION

The 25x100 foot brick business house being constructed by Doctor Hale for the Hudson-Essex Company is now nearing completion, and will probably be ready for occupancy soon after the first of the year.

The Hudson-Essex Company, under the management of Messrs. M. E. Manning and Roy Harkey, is doing an extensive business. In fact, the business is increasing to such an extent that more commodious quarters were necessary. The Hudson and Essex Super-Sixes are recognized as the lowest priced and best six cylinder cars on the market, and the sales in the Spur country has grown to such proportions that cars can not be supplied to meet the demand.

GRICE-MATTHEWS NUPTIALS AT JAYTON

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. Jessie Grice and Miss Sarah Matthews drove over to Clairemont and secured the proper credentials and were happily married in the holy bonds of matrimony. Mr. Grice is a splendid young man who has a good position with the Barkley Garage, and Mrs. Grice is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Matthews of this city and a very popular and accomplished young lady. We join the many friends of this young couple in wishing them long years of life and happiness.—Chronicle.

COUNTY ATTORNEY OF KENT TO MOVE TO ANSON

Judge J. L. Sullivan has tendered his resignation to the commissioners Court of Kent County as County Attorney of this county and will move about the first of January to Anson where he has purchased a home and other property and will be located hereafter.—Jayton Chronicle.

H. L. Pullen, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and gall stones, came in last week from his home in the Steel Hill community, and had his subscription moved up a year ahead of time. Mr. Pullen, of course, had not fully recovered from the effects of the operation, but is rapidly regaining his strength and health. Mr. Pullen has been suffering several years, and it is hoped that he will now be completely relieved.

More Lint at Hargrove
J. E. Watson, superintendent of the Post Schools, and formerly superintendent of Spur Schools, with Mrs. Watson and children, spent the past week end in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watson, and other relatives and friends of the city. Mr. Watson is well pleased with his place at Post.

Mrs. Hancock, of Jayton, was in Dickens the past week to be with Crawford Cobb and family during his last illness.

Gin With Hargrove
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark, of near Dickens were among the many in Spur during the week, doing Christmas shopping.

Joe Ericson was here Monday from the West Pasture Ranch headquarters. Joe Ericson was among those on the Spur Ranch from its very earliest days, having noted the conversion of thousands of acres of the ranch lands into productive farm homes, and is one of the very few who remains with the ranch interests from those earliest days.

Gin With Hargrove
Mrs. R. L. Alexander, of Jayton, is shopping in Spur this week.

Better Turnout at Hargrove's
Dick Davis and John A. Davis, of Tech, arrived in Spur Saturday of the past week to spend the holidays here.

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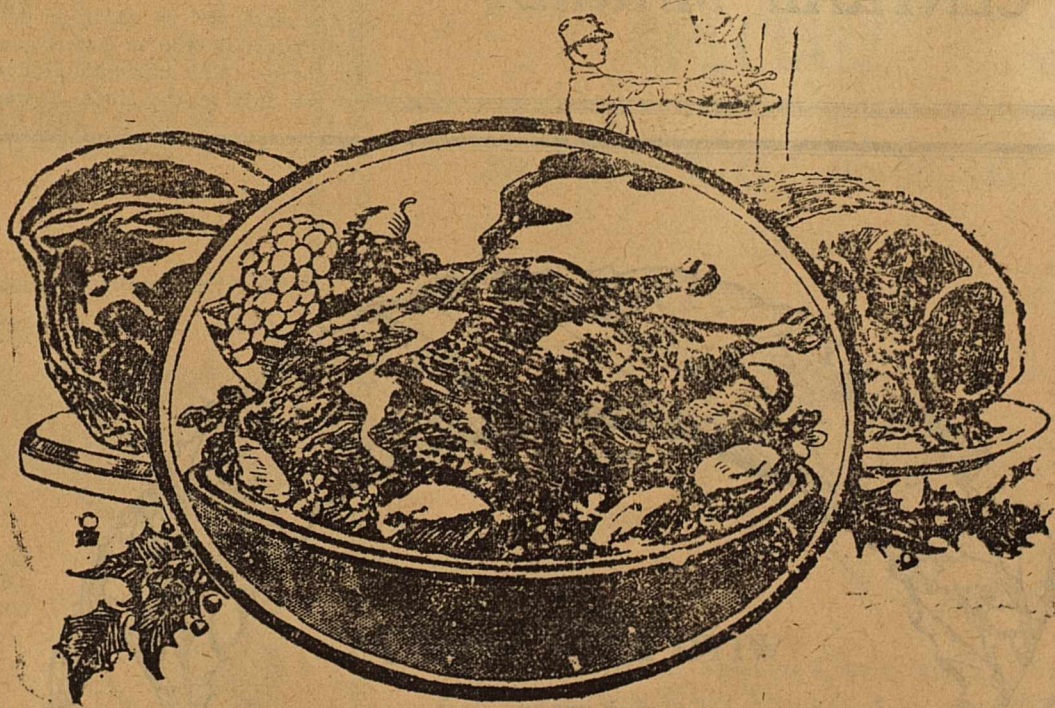
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—Gin With Hargrove—

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BACKGROUND OF NEW FORD CAR

Six months ago Henry Ford announced the coming production of a "new Ford car, superior in design and performance to any now available in the low-priced, light car field." Recently the new car was shown for the first time outside the Ford organization, to a group of newspaper men and correspondents at the Dearborn laboratories of the Ford Motor Company.

What the correspondents saw was an automobile as new as the forecasts had represented it to be. They saw bodies with beauty of line and color, and with every accessory that has come to be associated with cars of a much higher price class. They saw performance that would compare favorably with almost any automobile of the day—speed, pick-up, flexibility and power. What they did not see, however, was the six months of preparation back of that car, that in magnitude and accomplishment is unique in world industry.

When Mr. Ford announced to the public that he was to introduce a new car he had not only conceived this car, but it was already well on the way to materialization. In the years that the Model T had been produced many inventions, ideas, improvements had presented themselves which did not fit into the scheme of the Model T. Many of these things were retained, against the day when new ideas of automotive efficiency would pave the way for a new

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—Gin With Hargrove—
FOR SALE—Two young, gentle work mares, weigh 1400 each.—G. H. Slaton, 3 miles northeast Spur. 2t

car. The formal announcement, last May, was principally significant because it marked the end of production of the Model T as a complete unit.

Cessation of production of the Model T, did, however, turn the full force of the vast organization of the Ford company to the problem of creating and producing a new car, with the exception of that part of the facilities necessary for the production of Model T replacement parts. This meant opportunity for the reconstruction of not one plant, but many. Thirty-three assembly plants in the United States, the Ford Motor Company of Canada, and twelve plants in foreign countries had to be considered. A greater problem still, the fountain-head of the parts to feed the branch plants had to be rebuilt almost from the ground—the great Ford industries at Highland Park, at Fordson, and along the River Rouge.

Impressive figures almost without end could be quoted to illustrate the magnitude of this task. There have been estimates that the job cost as high as \$250,000,000 to accomplish. This figure is too high—how much so Ford officials will not say. But it was a staggering total of millions, unquestionably.

Strange as it may seem, however, Henry Ford did not figure in terms of millions. He was building a new car—a car which would be as much of an improvement of its day, as the Model T was back in 1908. Engineers took certain basic principles and built around them a new car. When it was completed it was a very close to the car that Mr. Ford had visualized. It was then that Mr. Ford gave voice to a statement that has been frequently quoted since: "I will represent the public."

Even his engineers did not sense the full significance of this simple statement at the time. The plants were being re-tooled. Re-tooling an automobile plant to produce thousands of automobiles a day is no simple matter. Giant machines weighing many tons and costing thousands of dollars had to be designed and built. Countless thousands of smaller tools and precision instruments had to be manufactured. Orders were placed with machinery manufacturers for many of these machines. Others were built in the Ford plants. But Mr. Ford was "representing the public." A small change meant the reconstruction of great machines which required four months to build. But if this change meant a slightly greater gasoline mileage, or a trifle more acceleration in traffic, the machines were rebuilt. And so the story went. Mr. Ford stated again and again that he was not building a model to meet a specific date or a predetermined price. His aim was fixed on an automobile that would be as revolutionary in 1927 as the Model T was in 1908.

These are some of the reasons, in the opinion of members of the Ford organization, why the cost figures of the transition from the Model T to the Model A mean little. In the final analysis, they say, most of the expense will be absorbed in greater production and in higher plant efficiency. The maximum production in the days of the Model T was 8,400

per day. The reconstructed Ford industries will have a capacity even greater than that. This will not be reached for some time, but the capacity is there, to be approached as market demands indicate.

Mr. Ford has stated that the coal and iron mines, the glass plant and other "feeder industries" of the Ford Motor Company exact no profit—that the only source of profit is the Ford Car. But these "feeder" industries have been enlarged and strengthened. The assembly line at the Fordson plant today is creeping slowly, as compared with the normal production, but each day sees increasing speed. Back of that assembly line, in the units where the parts are made which feed the assembly, a more impressive idea of what has taken place in the Ford industries may be had.

Working limits which would do credit to some of the finest automobiles of today are being imposed in many departments. Variations of more than one-tenthousandths of an inch are not permitted in many parts. The speed that characterized the production of the Model T is being attained with almost uncanny accuracy. Henry Ford is demonstrating that his mass production methods can be applied to the manufacture of any type of car, without sacrificing the mechanical accuracy which is essential to maximum performance of the finished automobile.

He is demonstrating something else, at which engineers are marveling—he is utilizing methods which had been pronounced impractical. Electrical welding of essential parts, such as the rear end assembly, is being employed, with a consequent strengthening of the car, and elimination of sources of noise and trouble. Spun steel forgings are being used in a way that is new to the automotive industry. New features of four-cylinder motor design have resulted in greater power and flexibility than had been anticipated. And so the story goes—a story of new methods, revolutionary principles of manufacture, of design.

This is some of the background of the new Ford car which is to be en-

Greetings

As we pass from the year of 1927, and referring back to its many misfortunes and final blessings in the end; we want to thank our many friends for their kind consideration and business extended us during the past. We are indeed thankful for the small part that we may have in the general welfare of our country. We realize the more, that only through friends we may have, depends much on our future. We want to thank you again, and trust that the year of 1928 may bring you and yours a year of happiness and a bounty of prosperity with good health.

LATE GIFT SHOPPERS

For the remaining days we have many good items for your consideration in making your selections for gifts to your family and friends, and will be glad for the opportunity to serve you in the best way. Newer lines of novelties are here in connection to silk hosiery, slips, panties, robes, Kimonos, or any desired item of the newer kind. Special prices prevail on many lines of dresses and coats. New arrivals in house slippers, mules, and nifty footwear. For the youngman or older we have special values in suits and overcoats; new shipment of Stetson hats, nifty ties, hosiery shirts, or any required item. We also have a big line of wardrobe trunks and grips of the newer kind.

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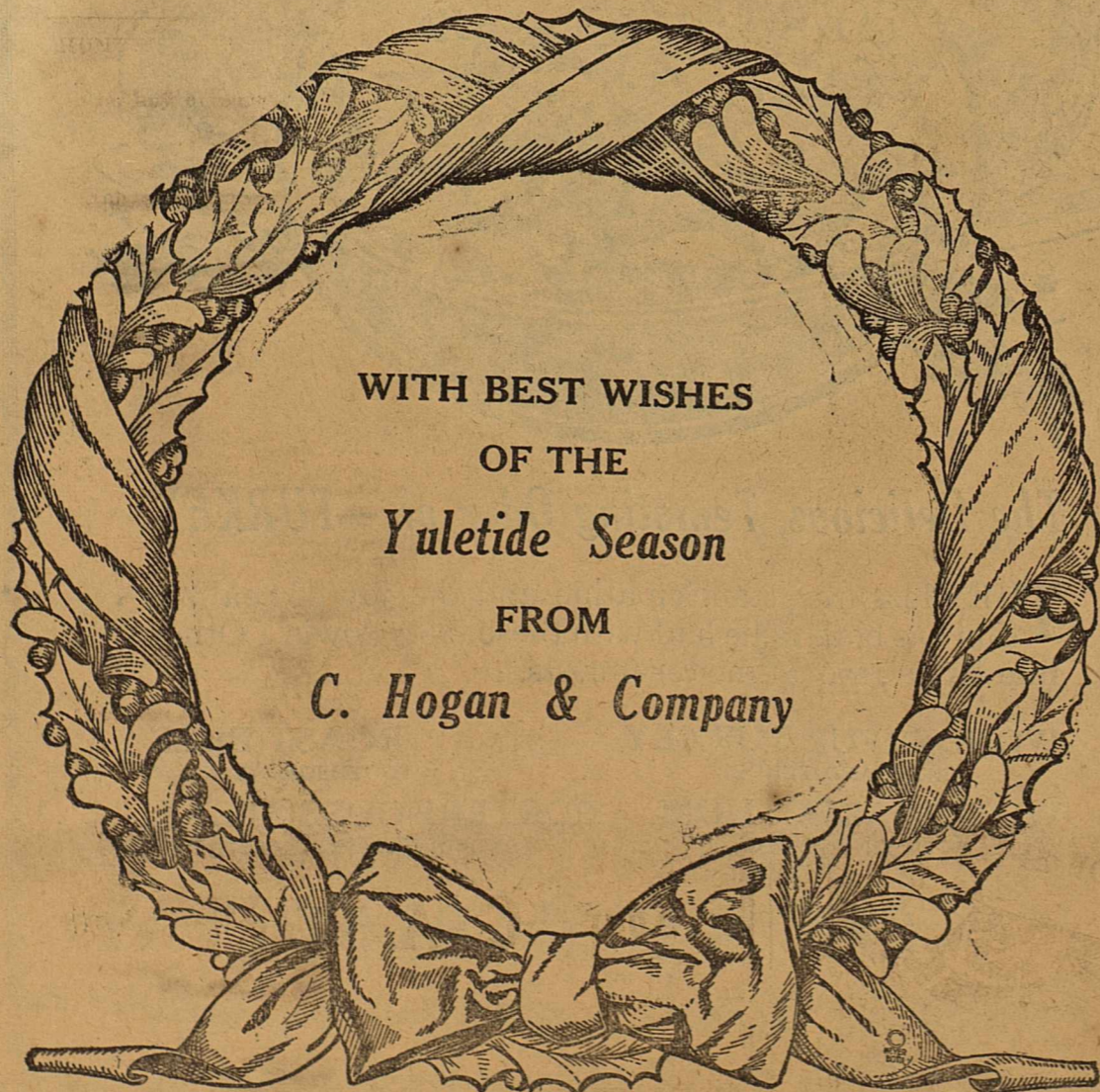
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-----And in order to give others who could not get here before Christmas, the advantages and benefits of this Gigantic RED TAG SALE, we will continue our sale through Christmas Week, Closing the last day of December 1927. Watch the date and be sure to visit our store during the week-----
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"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

J. H. Meadors, leading citizen and business man of Dickens, was among the business visitors to Spur the past week.

—Gin With Hargrove—

W. H. Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur during the week, looking for Santa Claus and attending to other business matters.

James Hill Perry, who is attending S. M. U., came in Thursday to spend the holiday season with his parents in Spur.

—Gin With Hargrove—

W. B. Lee Jr., and Tom Newman, who are attending A. & M. College, came in Sunday to spend the holidays in Spur with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family, of the Red Mud community, were in Spur Monday of this week, shopping for the Christmas season. Mr. Smith, we are sorry to note, is again suffering of rheumatism. It will be remembered that during the past year, Mr. Smith had to make a trip to Marlin for treatment, and it is hoped that his attack at this time will not necessitate another Marlin treatment, and that Mr. Smith may soon be completely recovered.

—Gin With Hargrove—

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace are leaving this week for Dallas where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Joe Grace and family and other relatives and friends of that city.

Shorty Davis stated to us that "all is not gold that glitters." He had just returned from California where he has been employed several months past. While there he received a wage of four dollars a day—but added that four dollars merely provided a daily existence, and that he was glad to get back to a land of sunshine, West Texas friendliness, and breezes that blow vim and vigor to all.

—Gin With Hargrove—

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall, of the Duck Creek community, were in the city Monday, among the large number of shoppers here the first of the week, looking for Santa Claus and his varied displays of gifts.



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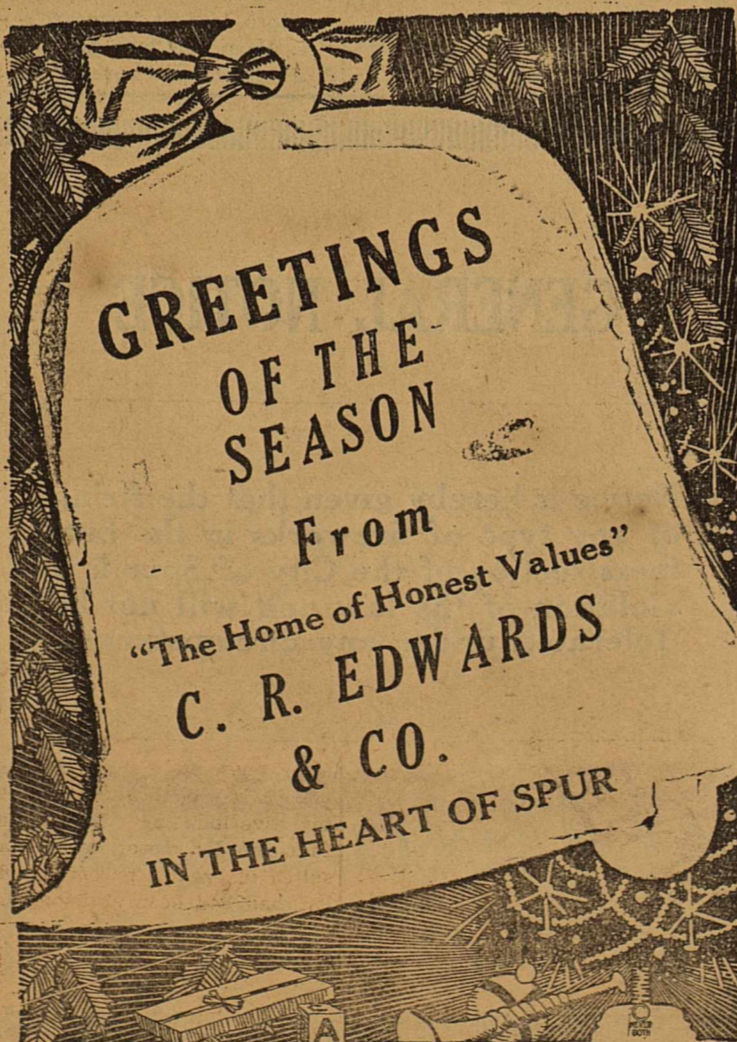
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RED FRONT DRUG STORE, G. R. Elkins, Prop.

R. A. Comer Dies Very Suddenly at Aspermont, Texas

Mr. Comer was one of our best business men as is evidenced by the fact that he began a few years ago with a small stock of groceries and by thrift and good judgement, built up to a good substantial business. He was a good citizen and a Christian gentleman of high standing. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and a member of the Board of Stewards in the Methodist Church of which he was a faithful member.

Mr. Comer was at his place of business as usual on Friday and after supper was engaged in mending some toys for his little daughter, when stricken. A physician and neighbors were summoned, but he lived only a very short time.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church under direction of the pastor, Rev. George W. Montgomery assisted by Reverends A. C. Turner and Johnson of this place and E. L. Yeatts, a former pastor, now of Roby.

We offer sincere sympathy to the grief stricken wife, children, and other relatives.—Aspermont Star.

—Gin With Hargrove—
Mr. and Mrs. Finis Bilberry, of Gilpin, were among the large number shopping in Spur during the past week.

—Gin With Hargrove—
Mr. and Mrs. Walker Jameson returned the past week from their wedding trip.

J. H. Boothe, of near the city to the southeast, was on the streets during the holidays this week. He reports everything in fine shape, and everybody expecting a big Christmas.

—Gin With Hargrove—
M. K. Lawson, a leading citizen and merchant of Afton, was in Spur the past week, and while here, handed us three big silver dollars to be credited to his subscription account for the Texas Spur—and which insures Santa Claus to pay us a visit at the proper time.

—Gin With Hargrove—
C. H. Scott, of the Duck Creek community, was in Spur Monday, meeting with his friends and seeing what Santa Claus had on display at the various places.

—Gin With Hargrove—
J. L. Carr, of Espuela, was on the streets during the past week, and in meeting us handed in a dollar and fifty cents for another years subscription to Texas Spur, and for which he has our thanks.

—Gin With Hargrove—
Milton Smith and family, of the Red Mud community, were among the crowds of Christmas shoppers in Spur Saturday.

—Gin With Hargrove—
Mrs. T. G. Harkey returned the past week from Texico where she had been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Gaurassas who was closing out her picture show business and other interests in Texico. Mrs. Gaurassas returned to Spur with her mother and will remain here indefinitely.

Robt. Cunningham, of Cross Plains, was in Spur recently looking over the country with a view of buying or leasing a farm in this section and making a crop here another year. Mr. Cunningham owns a one hundred acre suburban home to Cross Plains, improved with a fine brick dwelling, and on which there are a number of oil producing wells. He desires to trade this property for farm land in this territory, including only a part of the oil royalties of the Callahan county property. Since the development of oil and coming of boll weevils, that section is no longer desirable for farming, and many are looking to Dickens and other counties out here to furnish them farm homes.

—Gin With Hargrove—
A. C. George, of the Highway community, was among the large number of Christmas shoppers here during the week.

—More Lint at Hargroves—
Bill Simpson has been very low the past two weeks with pneumonia.

DR. EARNEST MOVED TO THE CITY OF DICKENS FROM THE EASTLAND OIL BELT
Dr. T. J. Earnest and family recently moved to Dickens from the Eastland county oil belt. Dr. Earnest owns a number of rich farms in the Dickens country, and which he hereafter will look after personally, and also very probably engage in the practice of his profession within the Dickens section.

—Better Turnout at Hargroves—
Sterling Davis returned Monday from California where he has been for the past several months.

—More Lint at Hargroves—
Mr. and Mrs. A. Fry, of the Cat Fish community, were in the city Monday, looking for Santa Claus—and there is no doubt but that they found him, since he was in evidence in every place and on every street and corner.

—More Lint at Hargroves—
Mrs. Oran McClure has been ill with a cold the past several days.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the firing of any type of fireworks in the business section of the City of Spur is a violation of the law and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

C. W. DENSON, City Marshal

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Frequent Bilious Attacks

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks which came on me two or three times every month," says Mr. Ollie Miller, of Murray, Ky. "I would become dizzy. My head would ache terribly, feeling as if it would almost burst. It felt exactly like a tight band was being drawn closer and closer around my temples. "My stomach would be so upset I could not retain any kind of nourishment for hours. I would have to quit work and go to bed. "My color was awful. I was yellow and my skin was drawn and dry. I did not have any energy—no ambition to work. I was just about half sick most of the time because of these spells. "One day one of my neighbors, who has used Theford's Black-Draught for years, said he had noticed how bad my color was and thought it would help me. "I got some Black-Draught immediately and began to take it regularly until I got my system clear of the poison I had been absorbing. I soon began to feel better and developed a fine appetite. I had no more bad headaches or bilious spells."



CAMPAIGNING FOR PRODUCTION OF LONG STAPLE COTTON THROUGHOUT SPUR COUNTRY

W. T. Wilson, of east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday. He is now conducting an active campaign in the sale of his long staple cotton seed, not merely in the hope of profiting through the sales, but also in endeavoring to have long staple cotton production to predominate in this section of Western Texas. The claim for the Wilson Long Staple Cotton is that it produces one and one-eighth to one and one-fourth inch staple, brings a premium of two to five dollars, and will place cotton production on a standard basis in this territory. It has been claimed that the Spur country and other sections of West Texas would not profitably produce long staple cotton, but this claim has been exploded in the fact that W. T. Wilson and other farmers growing the Wilson Long Staple Cotton in the Spur country, have produced a bale and more to the acre.

J. M. Brownlow, of McAdoo, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Brownlow is among the number of plains farmers who sowed a considerable acreage to wheat this fall, and is now somewhat doubtful and pessimistic as to what it may do. The continued dry weather over that territory is injuring wheat, and unless rain comes soon much of the wheat acreage will be prepared for cotton another year.

Ben Hagins, who now lives away out West close to the Mexico line, was here the past week attending district court. Ben Hagins was one of the oldest residents of the Spur territory and still has property holdings here.

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Friends of our have asked us to sell their unimproved land close to Spur. Subject to prior sale, we are glad to offer on terms of one-fifth cash, the balance on suitable time, hte following:

- 1 Quarter Section 2 miles from Spur, at \$25.00 per acre
1 Quarter Section 2 1-2 miles from Spur, at \$29.00 per acre
1 Quarter Section 4 miles from Spur, at \$35.00 per acre
1 Quarter Section 4 1-2 miles from Spur, at \$35.00 per acre
1 Quarter Section 2 miles from Spur, at \$29.00 per acre
acre (90 acres in cultivation).
1 Quarter Section 5 miles from Spur, at \$28.00 per acre
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CHAPTER I

Fabien Ready to Become a Priest
It was a glorious May morning filled with great promise of happiness and love!
The Chevalier Fabien Des Grieux, a romantically poetic youth, talked quietly with some fellow graduate students at the White Horse Inn, at Amiens, while waiting for the Paris diligence to carry them on to St. Sulpice to complete their training for the priesthood.
Fabien's parents belonged to one of the first families of Picardy and he gallantly reflected the fact that he was a gentleman of the highest type. He was a great favorite with his student associates and the inhabitants of the town. His life had been so well regulated and studious that his masters had pointed to him as a model of conduct for other scholars. Not that Fabien made any sacrifices or efforts to acquire this reputation, but a naturally tranquil disposition and a love for study had made him apply his time to work and duty. He had an inborn dislike for vice that was accepted as positive proof of virtue.
Fabien had earned his title, of Chevalier, by being decorated with the cross and when the Bishop of the Diocese proposed that upon graduation he enter the church, Fabien accepted the honor as one entirely to his liking.
Presently a lay brother rode up to the Inn and, leaving his mount outside the gate, began searching for Fabien among the people at the little iron tables in the yard. He was greatly relieved to learn from one of the students that the youth he sought was in the tavern. The kindly old man's mission was important and his face lighted up

J. Boyd Jr., became critically ill the first of last week, being carried immediately to a sanitarium in Dallas where he is now under treatment.
—Gin With Hargrove—

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall, of Duck Creek, were visiting and shopping in Spur Thursday of this week. Mr. Marshall reports everything in good shape.
—Gin With Hargrove—

A. W. Jordan, of Duck Creek, was here during the week. Albert was among those farmers who had late crops, and at this time continues to bring cotton in to the gins in large quantities, while many others have already finished gathering.
—Gin With Hargrove—

S. J. Ousley, who now resides in the big city of Abilene, was here recently looking after his farm property interests and visiting with Eric Ousley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Youngblood, of the Afton community, were in Spur Wednesday, shopping and looking after other business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood are desirous of securing a farm home near Spur for the advantages offered in our school as well as productive soils.

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Fresh Oysters Every Day
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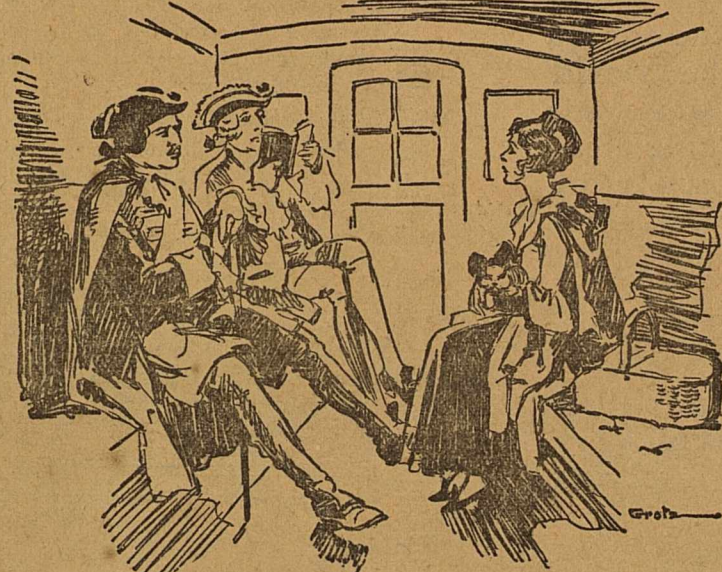
IF you really want to sell your land list it at a price that will sell—
WE WILL DO THE REST
We are in touch with buyers from the East interested in Dickens Co land.

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Low Round Trip Holiday Excursion Fares To Texas and Louisiana

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FRUIT CAKE, Per lb. . . . 75c
SPECIAL BAKING, TO ORDER

Let us bake your Holiday Pastries for you and save you the bother—We can fix exactly what you want, exactly like you want it. Give us your order Early
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Her elder brother, Andre Lescaut, resplendent in the gay uniform of the Guards, watched her.

with great sympathy and love when he saw Fabien talking with Jean Tiberge, a loyal friend and fellow student—one need never worry about the company that Fabien found congenial!
"My son," said the lay brother, taking a little medal from his belt and quietly presenting it to Fabien, "Here is a medal for protection against worldly evil—the Bishop bade me give it to you before you leave us to complete your training."

Fabien bowed in reverential thanks over the lay brother's hand as he accepted the holy token. A divinely spiritual expression spread over his face. He could not refrain from thinking how little he needed such a charm. Worldly pleasures and appetites could never tempt him from his studies and calling! And those who knew him were just as sure of this as Fabien himself.

"Ah! Fabien, I am delighted," broke in Tiberge, putting his arm about his friend's shoulder. "You have earned that reward in all fairness. None of us can equal your brilliance and unselfish devotion."

"I deserve no credit—I have simply found my calling and every thing else follows along naturally."
"Perhaps that is true," agreed Tiberge. "It is quite characteristic that you take no credit for anything you do."

A beautiful smile lighted up Fabien's face as he heard his friend's compliment.

"You know, Tiberge, my greatest regret at leaving here is that you are not ready to depart at the same time. It is difficult to leave a loyal friend with whom one has grown up. I shall never forget you, and your thousand good qualities. We shall meet again, later on when we become—"

The remainder of Fabien's sentence was left unfinished when the students in the courtyard loudly announced that the diligence was appearing down the road.

The soft green leaves danced gracefully on their swaying branches and gently brushed against the dusty diligence as it wound along the narrow road through the sunshine.

The fragrant pink blossoms from the flowering trees fluttered against the windows and mingled with the dust as the horses plodded on toward the Inn.
Spring seemed to feel that she had a rival in the great ocean. It was true. Nature never made a more beautiful creation than Manon Lescaut. Her face was fair—the kind that haunted and moved men's souls. Once a man saw her she lived always in his heart. She was truly feminine, yet so deliciously beautiful that she seemed unreal.

As the great bells in the Chapel tower made themselves heard above the rumble of the diligence, Manon suddenly stopped stroking the fluffy white kitten she held in her lap and a shadow fell across her face.

Her elder brother, Andre Lescaut, resplendent in the gay uniform of the Guards, watched her narrowly from his sprawled out position on the other side of the diligence.
"What's the trouble, little sister? Are you already turning up your pretty nose at the thought of convent life?" Lescaut inquired quizzically.

"No, no, brother dear," Manon hastened to correct him, at the same time trying to control her trembling lips. "My only thought is to do as you wish and not worry you—because you are all I have."

Nevertheless, at the prospect of lonely convent life, Manon buried her face in the great pink bow on her kitten's neck so that her brother, and perhaps the other occupants of the diligence, would not see the tears that came in spite of her efforts to keep them back.
Lescaut shrugged his shoulders

in utter indifference and settled down in his seat to enjoy the remainder of the journey. The death of their parents had left Manon in his care. She was seventeen and an incumbrance to his continued pursuit of pleasure if left on his hands in Paris.
Lescaut's experience with women was extensive—in one class. He knew only the women who lived by the violence of their desires. Jades exquisite only in their physical appeal. Women who were always ready to play the game of life for however much they could get out of it. A girl of Manon's fine sensibilities was a new creature to him and he treated her as a worthless inheritance to be put out of sight and mind at as small expense as possible.

But it was not destined that all men should consider Manon in this same light.

Until now she had had no contact with the world and its creatures. Her character was as beautiful and pure as her face. She thought the best of everyone and knew nothing of the existence of evil.

Manon's youth and loveliness had unconsciously lured and held the hungry eyes and interest of the third passenger in the diligence. He was Comte De Ravoire, the elegantly dressed and retired Parisian Banker whose fifty years on earth had given him time to accumulate a vast fortune and to spend it on women who lavished the fever of their experienced caresses on him in return for money and jewels.

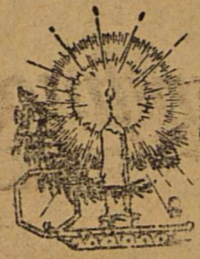
For a long while Comte De Ravoire had been surreptitiously watching Manon, over the top of his book, and his thoughts piled up something like this, "God, what a beautiful young—untouched! Made and ready to be taught what a woman is for. She will deprive someone of great pleasure if her life is spent in a convent." Through narrowed lids his small eyes took in every detail of Manon's simple yet exquisitely girlish costume—from her charming floppy leghorn hat, her soft inexpensive gown exposing a perfect neck and arms that would have added to the lustre of precious jewels; down to her daintily pointed little slippers that extended below the billowy flounces of a fluffy gown.
(To be continued)

FORMER McADOO CITIZEN IS CRITICALLY CUT WITH KNIFE IN AFFRAY IN CROSBY CO.

It is reported that Dick Johnson, a former citizen of McAdoo, was cut with a knife in an affray in Crosby county Wednesday evening of last week. It was reported that Mr. Johnson was in a critical condition, his throat having been severely cut.

JUNIOR CLASS OF DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS AT RECENT MEETING

The Junior Class of 1927-28 of Dickens High School held a class meeting Tuesday of last week and elected class officers, as follows: Miss Gladys Arrington, President; Miss Estelle, Vice-President; Miss Mildred Terry, Secretary-Treasurer; and Miss Bennye Worswick, Reporter.



A Million Christmas Candles---

On multiplied tens of thousands of Christmas trees around the world will twinkle a million Christmas candles whose light will shine less brightly perhaps than the millions of sparkling baby-eyes that reflect their mellow radiance.

A million Christmas candles to warm again a million human hearts with the old, sweet glow of Christmas joy A million Christmas candles-----MILLIONS of Christmas candles-----

And in great power plants all over this broad land---and other lands---quiet, steady-eyed men will carefully watch and tend the whirling wheels of great machines keeping a Christmas vigil all their own that those sparkling Christmas lights may not flicker and die.

For the Christmas tapir, like the tallow dip, has gone the way of Grandmother's spinning wheel, and Electricity, the Faithful, the Efficient, the Safe and the Sure, has entered in, to add new lustre to the Christmas fire-side.

Christmas tapirs were delicate, dainty and beautiful things and sentiment clings around them with a fair, sweet fragrance of half-forgotten childhood days. But practical minds --- if minds are ever practical at the Christmas season --- turn back to more painful pictures that have left their scars upon Time's canvas through years gone by --- pictures of blasted, blackened homes ravaged by the Demon Fire, whose heart remains untouched by Christmas mercy --- infinitely precious baby lives caught up and snuffed out in the red terror of a Christmas-tree holocaust----

What a Christmas benediction, those softly glowing little electric bulbs that cheerily wink on a million Christmas trees tomorrow night-----

What a Christmas gift from the minds and hands and hearts of patient toilers in laboratory and power plant to the younger generation and to generations yet unborn It is something for the quiet men who keep their Christmas watch in the power plants tonight to think about---

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---To its Fifty Thousand friends and customers in One Hundred towns and cities of West Texas the men and women of the West Texas Utilities Company extend their sincerest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year.



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For
You
A
Very
Merry
Christmas



J. W. Smith made the Christmas season brighter for us Monday by handing us a check for another year's subscription to Texas Spur. Such considerations make us feel thankful and glad we are doing business in the great Spur country among the greatest and most liberal people of the world.

---Gin Wih Hargrove---
Mrs. Thos. Morrison and children, Flora Love and Thos. Jr., are here from Haskell to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love.

---More Lint at Hargrove---
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harris, of the McAdoo community, were here Monday doing Christmas shopping and visiting among friends and acquaintances.

SPUR THEATRE PROGRAM

MON. & TUES, Dec. 26-27:
VERA REYNOLDS in
"Almost Human"

WED. & THURS., Dec. 28-29:
"THE RAT"

From the Broadway play staged by Dave L'Estrange, Constance Collier and Ivor Novello. The story is a chapter in the life of an Apache that notorious character identified only with the night life of Gay Paris. It thrills while yet it sways you, and no one will fail to experience a surge of emotion as this great drama unfolds to a climax so intensely powerful and compelling.

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SILVER STREAK

"Fangs of Justice"
A photodrama of a dog to whom fear was something unknown, packed full of punches and thrills.

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BUDDY ROOSEVELT in
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rubber heel, only, per pair **\$1⁶⁵**

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In colors of Rose, Blue, Pink and Black

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I thank you for your kindness to me this fall and I wish you all that a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year can bring.

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