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## THE SPUR COMMERCIAL CLUB PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED

According To Previous arrangements and In Response To a Call For a Massmeeting, a Large Number of Citizens, Business Men and Ladies Met at the Electric Theatre Tuesday Night For the Purpose of Organizing a Permanent Commercial Club For Spur.

The audience was entertained by the Theater management with a few selections of moving pictures, after which the house was called to order by Chas. A. Jones who briefly stated the object of the meeting and with highly complimentary introductory remarks presented Homer D. Wade, Secretary of the West Texas Association of Clubs, as the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Wade, after paying high tribute to the marvelous and unsurpassed progress of Spur since its creation and commending the enterprise, pushing and building spirit of the citizenship, confined his address to the subject of commercial organization and work. His address was one of the best we have heard on the subject, and during the hour or more in which he talked every phase of commercial organization and work was fully covered and on the various topics of the subject he said the right thing in the right place and at the right time.

In part Mr. Wade said that one of the most important steps in maintaining and promoting a continued advancement of the commercial, industrial and educational interests of the town and country is in the organization of a live commercial club backed up by the united citizenship and liberally capitalized by the business interests and concerns of the town. A club must be financed by men who are not backward or timid in the investment of a few dollars. That the funds necessary to the support and maintenance of a commercial organization should not be considered a charity proposition in no instance, and that in reality such a fund is a revenue bearing investment and will make returns according to amount of the investment.

Mr. Wade said that in his experience club interests were best served where the various committees are selected with respect to adaptability and competency rather than numbers, and that the work in hand could be handled with more despatch where fewer and more competent men composed the respective committees. The executive body, in his opinion, is of most importance the membership of which should be men of exceeding business sagacity and active, wise and prompt in councils, and in num-

bers should not exceed thirteen.

One of the first things the club should pull for here is an independent school district, adequate school buildings and grounds, and Mr. Wade expressed confidence that this would be done at the proper time.

In exploitation of the town and country facts only should be stated and the exact truth be told in every instance, and in making this statement Mr. Wade hit the nail square on the head. And, as he said, one man who misstates the facts concerning this country and misrepresents the actual existing conditions does the country an injustice and injury which will take years to overcome by the more conservative and truthful element. This country is rich in resources and possibilities, towns are building substantially and rapidly and the simple statement of these facts within itself is almost incredible to the unprogressive and lagging elements of other sections, and is sufficient encouragement to the home seeker to come and see, and when he arrives he is surprised to find the town and country even better than represented and as a natural consequence becomes enthusiastic and desires to become a permanent citizen. In every instance let the truth only be exploited and in the years to come the Spur country will enjoy the high esteem and confidence of the country as a whole, and in the end become densely populated with substantial and contented citizens and surrounded by the strong arm of prosperity.

In the exploitation of the advantages and resources of the town. Mr. Wade said that the club should have a secretary who is paid a sufficient salary to devote his whole time and attention to the work in hand and supplied with the necessary funds to successfully carry out the plans and objects of organization.

The address of Mr Wade was appreciated by the audience and at its conclusion was enthusiastically endorsed.

The meeting then came to the business of organization and election of officers and committee men. Chas. A. Jones was elected president; W. G. Sherrod, vice-president; E. J. Cowan, treasurer; Y. L. Jones, Secretary; R. B. Bryant, C. L. Love; N. A. Baker, T. B. Griffin, J. M. Ben-

nett, F. Prideaux and Y. L. Jones the executive committee.

W. G. Sherrod, chairman of the meeting, appointed Homer D. Wade, N. A. Barker and T. B. Griffin to escort President Chas. A. Jones to the Chair.

Mr. Jones thanked the Club for honoring him as its president and said that although he felt he was not the proper man for the place he would do his best at all times. He said that when he selected the present townsite location he was confident that no town had superior advantages, and with its rich surrounding territory would grow rapidly into a solid and substantial city.

One hundred eighty two dollars and fifty cents were subscribed by the business men present as monthly funds to be used by the club. A secretary will be employed and the Spur Commercial Club will immediately begin the battle for commercial supremacy of this section of the state.

In the beginning of Spur a temporary commercial organization was effected and which has been of great benefit and material assistance in establishing a superior trading point and paving the way for the more extensive work of a permanent organization and the Texas Spur extends its congratulations to the officers and members for the success and efforts expended in the work of the temporary club, and in the permanent organization of the Spur Commercial Club, we desire to extend the assistance and hearty co-operation of the Texas Spur in exploiting the advantages of the town, the superiority and unsurpassed possibilities of the Spur country and in pushing and promoting the educational industrial, agricultural and commercial interests of the town and country to the end that peace and plenty will surround us and the strong arm of prosperity be our guide.

### WISDOM IN HIGH PLACES.

As he that knows how to put proper words in proper places evinces the truest knowledge of books, so he that knows how to put fit persons in fit stations, evinces the truest knowledge of men. It was observed of Elizabeth that she was weak herself but chose wise counsellors; to which it was replied, that to choose wise counsellors was in a prince the highest wisdom.

### SPUR'S FIRST WEDDING.

Monday at twelve o'clock,

Mrs. Ella Sparks, of Tap country, and J. M. Chatman, of Oklahoma, were united in the bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by justice Cowan who with the contracting parties stood in an auto in the middle of the street surrounded by a large number of towns people. This was the first marriage in Spur, and for this reason the ceremony was made public and performed on the principal street in the heart of the city. Immediately after the ceremony the newly wedded couple departed on the 2:30 o'clock train for Oklahoma where they will make their home in future. Aside from being the first marriage in Spur, the ceremony was the first performed by Justice Cowan, whom we commend to the marriagable public as being not only accurate, binding and concise in the business but performs the tying knot with dispatch and in the most pleasing and agreeable manner.

Photographer Craig was on the ground and made several pictures of the crowd and the contracting parties.

We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Chatman a happy married life and much prosperity in their Oklahoma home.

### HONEST MEN HONORED.

The world has always wanted and honored honest men, and at no time in its history was the want more urgent than now, for they are more required. The nation needs honest statesmen, not merely politicians whose chief occupation is "wire pulling" to carry the next election and filling their own pockets, but men who have at heart the best interest of their country and are not afraid of the power that money yields; who had rather be right and clean than to be president. It wants honest lawyers, who will not sell their talents and ingenuity to find loopholes for murderers and malafactors to evade the law. It wants physicians to devote their talents and time to the alleviation of human suffering, instead of fattening on the ignorance and fears of the unfortunate. It needs honest preachers, whose pulpits are not coward's castles, men who are prophets and not parrots, men with messages for themasses instead of pious and unctious platitudes for hypocrisy.—Selected.

### A GOOD HOG LETTER.

The Farmers of This Section Should Profit Much By the Contents of this Letter

Spur, Texas, March 2, 1910, Editor Texas Spur.—The Commercial Club was duly organized, thanks to Mr. H. D. Wade of Stamford, for his good work.

It is agreed by all that if Spur makes a city, the Spur country must be settled by good farmers. We all know that this is the natural home for the hog. But who raises the hogs? Not the Texas cotton farmers. Why? Because he has been taught cotton from childhood and he cant run much risk on other crops. Why is this a good hog country? Because three of the main crops for fattening hogs are, Spanish goobers, sorghum, peas are crops of quick growth, either one of the three crops planted as late as the middle of August will mature good feed. Spanish goobers yield from 30 to 80 bushels. 50 acres of goobers will fatten 100 hogs weighing 300 pounds, worth \$3000. Half of this amount is a big thing, besides meat and bread for the family. With proper management in three years this country ought to ship out 200 car loads of hogs and have meat and bread to supply the home demand. Now I left out corn, kaffir corn, maize and wheat, all four crops good for hogs, so that makes this country a world beater for hogs. Well who is going to raise hogs? Hog farmers of course, just like cotton farmers, men who dont know anything else. Where do these men live? Up north, of course. How will we get them? Get out good hog farming literature and send it to them, advertise short notices in farm journals and other papers in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. That will do the work. Don't be uneasy about the cotton farmer, they will be here when this makes a record on cotton. Now then if the commercial club means business let them pull to help make this God's hog country.

H. L. OWENS.

The drillers of the deep well past the one thousand feet mark in depth last week, and the drilling continues. It is said that this well will be drilled down to the limit and then some if artesian water is not secured. The fact is, if artesian water is anywhere about here we will have it.

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The man who owns a few hogs and chickens these days is pretty well fixed.

The man who fails to produce something is of little benefit to the world or mankind.

Notwithstanding the boycott of meat in other sections of the country the price of hog meat continues to advance.

Work is progressing on the \$10,000 hotel, and before many months Spur will have one of the finest inns in the state.

In view of the high prices of all farm produce the man who decides to engage in the farming business makes a wise decision.

Vegetarians are now complacently smiling at the high price of meat, while the farmer who raises a few hogs for sale also wears a pleasant smile.

Cotton continues to be marketed in Spur. We thought some time ago that the cotton had about all been sold, but there is some cotton yet in the fields to be picked.

The farmer is no longer known as the dependent and down trodden man. He demands and secures a good price for cotton and other staple products of his farm, gets a good price for the hogs and beef cattle of the place, and, as should be, the man with the hoe is now recognized the man of the hour.

There is just one thing in this section that this writer wants more than all else, and that is one hundred and sixty acres of the Spur Farm Lands, and we expect to get it before many years have past. No man is independent until he owns a piece of land and a home, and that is what we are working for.

Spur is being talked of far and near. One of the most important factors in the present and

future growth and prosperity of Spur is the rich surrounding territory. If the expert farmer and scientific agriculturist will come to this section he will see the biggest and richest agricultural territory in the country and will be forced to admit that opportunities and inducements offered in the Spur Farm Lands is unequalled in quality and price and unsurpassed in productivity and agricultural possibilities. We want the farmers to get in here now and the longer he waits the more he will have to pay to get in.

### HELD NO TERRORS FOR HIM

Champ Clark's Clever Disclaimer of the Wrath Speaker Cannon Might Manifest.

When Champ Clark inherited the troubles of John Sharp Williams as minority leader in the house of representatives, says Success Magazine, he was told that Speaker Cannon had a rod in pickle for him. "So Uncle Joe's gwine to dis-cip-line me, is he?" he queried. "Well, I reckon after a feller's been brought up on the brand o' chastisin' they deal out down in ole Missouri he won't even shy at Cannon crackers. It reminds me uh ole Noah an' th' feller 't got left out o' th' ark. Ole Noah had been exhortin' an' a-pirootin' 'round till th' hull kit an' kaboodle was plumb sick o' him. By and by th' flood came, right on schedule, an' th' ungainly old ark went a-sailin' down th' stream on th' topmost crest o' th' rise. Goin' 'long one day he spies one uh th' ole onregenerates thet he kinda' hed it in fr, who had clim' high up in th' tallest tree in them parts.

"Well, ye ole hardshell, Noah yells to him, 'what do you think now?'"

"Aw, sputters th' ole codger up th' tree, 'this here ain't nary a flood. Down in th' parts where I come from th' folks wouldn't think this here little sprinkle more'n a spring shower.'"—Cleveland Leader.

### THEY HEARD BOTH SIDES.

The New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, with its 75,000 members, held its annual convention the week of November 8 and certainly learned a few facts on both sides of the suffrage question, as Mrs. Gilbert Jones, the noted anti, addressed them one day and Mrs. Philip Snowden told the suffrage side of the question on another day.

### JEWS IN WAR.

The average number of soldiers in the United States army during the Spanish-American war amounted to 277,494; in the navy, 26,102 sailors. There were 32 Jewish officers in the army during the war and 27 in the navy. The total number of non-commissioned officers and soldiers that were Jews being 2,451 in the army and 42 sailors in the navy.

### GOOD JOKE ON JOURNALIST

Clerk of Parisian Hotel Had All the Best of Encounter with "Green" Correspondent.

Since M. Bjoernstein-Bjornson, who is in feeble health, has come to Paris to receive medical care, the hotel where he resides has been invaded by newspaper correspondents of the entire world, desirous of informing themselves of the state of health of the great writer, says a Parisian journal. The clerk of the hotel has been bothered greatly by their inquiries, but has answered them with good grace. He finds that the German journalists, more than others, abuse his complaisance. The other day the correspondent of a great Berlin weekly asked with much insistence: "How is the master?" "Better, much better," was the answer.

"Is that so? Well, then, I am going to see him, to congratulate him."

"Impossible; he has just gone out."

"You say so?"

"Yes, he has gone to breakfast with Tolstoy."

The journalist remained a moment, surprised by this marvelous cure. He then said: "Certainly, not on foot."

"Just so, came in hand."

The journalist jumped for the telegraph office and sent, with many embellishments, the good news to Berlin.

An hour later he heard from his journal: "You are an astonishing idiot. How can Bjornson breakfast with Tolstoy, who is at Yasnaia Poliana?"

Furious, the journalist returned to the hotel, demanding that the clerk pay for his erroneous telegram.

"How much did your telegram cost?" inquired the clerk.

"Thirty-two francs 50 centimes."

"Very well. I set a price on the time I lose in these interviews. You have interviewed me 32 times, and you owe me a balance of 27 francs 50 centimes."

### BUTTONS MADE FROM HOOFS.

At the big beef-packing houses the hoofters are assorted into three grades, the white ones being used for a certain grade of button closely resembling the better quality of pearl buttons. A striped hoof is flattened into a plate through pressure under heat and used in the manufacture of hairpins; striped hoofters are also used in the manufacture of buttons. Black hoofters and hoof scrap are used in the manufacture of cyanide and chrome. Scraps of hoofters ground up into fine powder make nitrogenous fertilizer for grapes and other crops.

### WHAT SPURRED JOHN ON.

Priscilla asked John Alden why he did not speak for himself.

"You won't get a chance later," she warned.

Nothing daunted, he forthwith popped.—New York Sun.

### COTTON MILL STATISTICS.

Women are said to have first entered the cotton mills in 1787, and in 1811 87 per cent. of the laborers were women. That per cent. gradually decreased until in 1905 only 47 per cent. of the employes were women. In the cotton wool factories in 1819 there were 14 men employed and 286 women and children, while in 1870 there were 67 per cent. of the employes who were women. This goes to show that the popular belief that women have taken work away from the men is not true in the factories at least, the opposite being the case.

### REASONABLE SUPPOSITION.

First Tramp—Dat woman in de red house is lookin' fer a husband.

Second Tramp—How do youse know?

First Tramp—Cause she telled me she wuz lookin' fer a man to do de chores around de house, always be perlite, willin' ter work hard an' never give her no sass.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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### WOOD FOR SALE.

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### HER FINANCIERING.



Mrs. Jim—I bought some stock to-day.

Mr. Jim—Did you?

Mrs. Jim—Yes, just think, it was at 99 marked down from 100 a share.

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STYLES TO THE MINUTE

SPUR, TEXAS.

### LIKE CHAPTER OF ROMANCE

Remarkable Career of Lady Cook and Her Sister, Who Have Returned to Our Shores.

Lady Cook, who was formerly Tennie C. Clafin, has returned here to the scene of her former exploits, declaring that her fortune of \$1,000,000 shall hereafter be devoted to the woman's suffrage movement. She expresses her intention of going to Washington to talk the subject over with President Taft and with congress. Her career has been a remarkable one. Born in a little town in Ohio nearly seventy years ago, she and her sister Victoria—afterward Victoria Woodhull—became spiritualistic mediums early in life and earned, it was said, as much as \$100,000 a year. In 1896 they appeared on Wall street as partners in a brokerage business, with a check from Commodore Vanderbilt as their capital. They started a weekly paper later and discussed sex problems in it and on the platform with such freedom that they were both imprisoned for a while in Ludlow street jail. They were emphatically repudiated by the regular women suffrage association. In 1872 they published a sweeping denunciation of Henry Ward Beecher, starting the whole sensational Beecher-Tilton scandal. Four years later they went to England and were soon after well married, Victoria to a wealthy banker, Tennie C.—her name was originally Tennessee—to Sir Francis Cook. Her reappearance here in public life after 30 years—"a small, sprightly figure almost hidden by a huge Gainsborough hat, tied down with a blue veil"—in an event that will set the bells of memory ringing in many a dusty belfry.—Current Literature. L

### WORKING FOR BETTER CITY.

Boston has a Woman's Municipal league that is not only working for the Boston 1915 exposition, but has been improving the city's milk supply, giving practical instruction to mothers, free concerts and exhibitions, paying inspectors for the purpose of bringing about better sanitary conditions and other work of civic interest.

### ONE RAY OF HOPE.

"Yes, said the departing actress, 'I regard America as hopeless. I shall never return to it.'"  
"Never?" said the reporter. "Why, I assure you that your very words inspire hope."  
Happily the summons to go ashore was heard just then.

### A WATERMAN'S PERPLEXITY.

Noah was perturbed.  
"It's all very well for Hill to cry 'Back to the land,' he said, 'but what is a fellow to do when there isn't any?'"  
Herewith he sent out another dove.  
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### EARNINGS.

"Father, to-day I earned money for the first time in my life."  
"Excellent, my son! How did you do it?"  
"I lost a bet."  
"Lost a bet?"  
"Yes, father, and refused to pay it."

### BELONG TO LATER STONE AGE

Interesting Find of Prehistoric Dwellings Just Made by Dr. Otto Froedin.

The Swedish anthropologist, Dr. Otto Froedin, has discovered at Omberg, near Alvastra, the remains of a number of lake dwellings, dating from the later Stone Age, and estimated to be about 4,000 years old, being, in fact, the oldest discovered so far in northern Europe. The dwellings were built in the usual manner on piles, but differ from the well-known Swiss lake-dwellings in resting partly on the bank and projecting over the water. The floors of the houses, which were of fir and birch wood, were well preserved, the bark still adhering to the birch logs. In addition to weapons and vessels of stone, horn and wood, Dr. Froedin found carbonized apples and grains of corn. The latest finds are stated to be particularly interesting, as hitherto only the imprints of grains had been found in earthenware vessels, and no actual grains have been discovered. Another find was a large amber bead, described as "the symbol of divinity." Dr. Froedin also found the remains of skins with which the flooring was covered, and large quantities of nut shells. Various indications go to prove that the Stone Age men who inhabited these dwellings were in commercial relations with other races.

### CROW'S GREETING.

"Well," exclaimed Congressman Crow of Missouri, as he extended his hand to a Washington friend he had not seen since the last session of congress. "I'm as glad to see you as if I had stepped on a rusty tack. You know, that was the greeting which always was extended to me by one of my dearest friends when we would meet back in Missouri. I assure you it is a compliment."—Washington Correspondent St. Louis Star.

### A NEW YEAR'S TRAGEDY.

Knicker—What is the matter with Jones?  
Bocker—His wife is spending the raise he didn't get.

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**Election Precinct No. 10.**

Now, came on to be considered the necessity of the establishment of a voting Precinct so as to include the new town of Spur and it appearing to the Court that many persons entitled to vote will be deprived of their vote in the event of an election held prior to the General Election in November of this year unless a voting precinct be created for them.

It is therefore, considered, ordered and adjudged that a new election Precinct be created and established to be known as Election Precinct No. 10 with metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of section 319, Cert. 10 | 2055, Block 1 H. & G. N. R. R. Co.; thence east with the north line of sections 318, 317, 316, 315, and 314 to the N. E. cor. of No. 314, H. & G. N. R. R. Co.; thence south with east line of sections 314, 302, 279, 264, 242, 227, 206, 189, 170, 151, and 134, H. & G. N. R. R. Co., to the Kent county line; thence west with county line to east line of section 139; thence north with east lines of sections 139, 146, 175, 184, 211, 222, 247, 259, 284, 297, and 319, H & G. N. R. R. Co. to place of beginning.

That the voting place of said Precinct be the School House in the town of Spur and the Clerk is hereby directed to have the foregoing order published in paper published in Dickens County, Texas, immediately hereafter for three consecutive weeks.

Let us do your printing.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday from his place on Red Mud. Tom says he has been keeping batch for some time, but that those days will soon end.

Bill McArthur was in the city Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely on Red Mud.

Clint and Jim Garrett were here Saturday from the Red Mud country. They bought riding plows to use this year, and from present indications bumper crops will be grown this year.

John Luce and wife, of Tap, were here Saturday trading.

Will Smith, a prosperous citizen of near Tap, had business in the city Saturday.

Mr. Morgan, of the City Meat Market, made a business trip this week to Munday.

**TAP TELLINGS.**

Weather conditions continue about the same with us being interspersed with northers which are usual for west Texas. This morning has the appearance of rain which would be welcomed just now.

Plowing is the order of the day with our farmers and much land is being put under better cultivation and more being prepared by the use of mattock and ax. Two of our farmers, notably, J. O. Greer and S. S. Alcorn having wooded and grubbed for this years planting.

This writer recently spent the night with E. E. Turner where he was hospitably entertained. Mr. Turner is an old timer in the Tap community, having gone through many hardships and stemmed the tide of many wind waves of west Texas prosperity. He has constructed a commodious five room dwelling on one of his three fine farms which he owns in the Tap country.

M. M. Young, a Christian preacher, residing east of Spur, preached an excellent sermon at

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evening. The students acquitted themselves in a pleasing manner to all present but the crowning act of the Drama was R. D. Greer's song Shoo-fly. We were made to remember boyhood days by this song since we have not heard it for thirty years. R. D. Advance. We wish that the height of your ambition may be attained.

We learn of a quiet little party

**FOR SALE.**

150 bushels of good cotton seed, also milomaize. Apply to P. Henson, Tap, Texas.

The old timers of this section now report that a big fruit crop is expected this year in this section. They further say that no finer fruit country can be found than the sandy lands of the Spur country. This country is varied in soil and will produce an abundance of all kinds of produce, fruits, garden truck, berries, etc., as well as the staple crops of the south.

L. J. Greer, a prosperous citizen of the Red Mud country, had business in the city Saturday.

Rufus J. Lackland, a noted auctioneer and town lot sale promoter, was here this week in the interest of the Brownlee townsite company. He sold a number of lots at auction and gave several away as an advertisement.

The latter part of last week young Edwards of Motley county was arrested and carried to Rotan by Deputy Sheriff Anderson, where he is wanted to answer to a charge of burglary. Recently the Patterson Dry Goods Company store at Rotan was burglarized of shoes, clothing, etc., and as a result Edwards, of Motley county, and his kinsman, Raspberry, of Fisher county, were arrested on the charge of burglary. Raspberry gave bond and was released to await further action, while Edwards to date has failed to make the required bond and is confined in the Fisher county jail to await the action of the grandjury.

Sheriff Cole returned home through Spur recently from Fort Worth where he attended the Bankers meeting.

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**AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER**

**Richardson Lumber Com'y**  
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Prof. N. L. Clark, of near Tap, was here Saturday and reports everything in ship shape at Tap.

It is reported that Jim Walker and Miss Alpha Fox, of a few miles south, went over to Clairemont Friday and were married. We wish them a long happy married life.

Judge McClain was in the city Friday from his place on Cat Fish. He reports that his son, Eldredge McClain, will return to Mexico, sell his place there and move back to the Spur country.

R. L. Penick, a prominent business man of Stamford, was a recent visitor to Spur.

Red Mud last Sunday, his text beginning in the Old Testament and ending in the New Testament. We think the gentleman gave an excellent and fully complete exegesis of the subjective matter he dealt with.

Prof. B. O. Greenwade of Graham is visiting his brother, G. S. Greenwade, of our community. He visited our school and by request instructed us in various topics which was received with gratitude since we are anxious to gain useful knowledge at all times. Any community desiring the services of a teacher would do well to consult Prof. Greenwade.

J. M. Zumwaldt visited our school this week and we were made glad by his presence as we always are when patrons come to see the conduct and advancement of the student body. Come again Mr. Zumwaldt, you are always welcome.

We see A. Kanzler, of our home town, (Matador) has located in Spur. We commend Mr. Kanzler to the good people as a christian gentleman and upright citizen.

Our society at school was a highly enjoyable affair Friday

a few miles north last week where the young folks enjoyed themselves till midnight tripping the fantastic to the strains of sweet music. May joyful pleasures ever be thine young folks even in old age.

Mrs. Sudberry, teacher of the Pleasant Hill school, attended church services at Red Mud Sunday. She reports her school moving along nicely with twenty five students in attendance. Success to you Mrs. Sudberry, and may you give entire satisfaction to yourself as a teacher.

We still extend the invitation to ye Editor to come over any old time and eat beans with us.  
PENCIL PUSHER.

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"No Trouble to Figure Bills"

Will Sampson, of six miles southwest, was in the city Monday.

J. C. Allison, of Afton, was in the city last week and had the paper sent to his address. He informs us that he will be a candidate for county judge of Dickens county. Mr. Allison is now teaching the Afton school and until the school closes will not begin an active campaign of the county.

C. E. House returned Saturday from a business trip to Childress and other points.

C. B. Tankersley has our thanks for two subscriptions to the paper.

Fred Hisey recently came to Spur from Wichita Falls, purchased property and now has in operation a new grocery business in the city.

W. J. Maben spent several days this week in Rotan with his family.

J. M. Bennett returned Monday from Stamford where he spent Sunday with his family.

The Methodist people are building a parsonage near the tabernacle.

John Scott, of Cleburne, passed through Spur recently on his way to Dickens where he will farm with his brother, Ollie Scott, who lives five miles north of that place. Mr. Scott says he

heard a great deal of Spur in the eastern part of the state. Spur is pretty well advertised abroad and the man who wants to farm and own his home, will overlook

a fine opportunity if he passes up the Spur country. There is no better country and there is plenty room the farmer and home builder.

Joe Jay, County Judge of Kent county spent Sunday and Monday here on business.

Mr Riter of the Riter Hardware Company, is here from Hamlin this week looking after his business interests in Spur.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barber has been quite sick the past several days.

### LITTLE CLIPPINGS.

It's a pity that wisdom doesn't grow on a man like whiskers.

The average man is always paid average wages.

No man can pass into eternity for he is already in it.—Farrar.

Paint the lily if you choose, but do not color oleomargarine for commercial purposes.

Queer as it seems, the fast man is soon overtaken by misfortune.

There is always work, and tools to work, withal, for those who will.—Ruskin.

If you want to test a man's character, watch and see what creates in him an enthusiasm.—Angel Dickens.

Trust in providence is beautiful and blessed, but if you jump into holes with your eyes open and think providence will pull you out you are a sucker.

Briefly stated, the high cost of living is principally due to the fact that we are all so busy trying to make money that we have no time to produce foods.

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Commonplace though it may ap-

## J. B. CONNER,

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RESTAURANT  
AND CAFE....

First-Class Meals 25 cts.  
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### A Question That Will Not Down

This from the Memphis Commercial Appeal is worthy of repetition: All wealth comes from the soil, you can create wealth only out of the earth, or out of things that come from the earth. The one thing necessary for human existence is food, and all the ramifications of men's activities are finally dependent up on this food problem.

We are apt to forget our obligations to the soil and to tillers of the soil.

Our cotton, our wheat, our corn, our fruit our wool, our cattle—these require the care of our fellows, and to them must we look for the maintenance of our existence and particularly of our civilization.

We are assaulting citanel of all that is worth while when we, through our tax systems, discriminate against the farmer, who feeds us all. There are those who resent that last statement, but it is vertible truth—no farmer, no civilization.

So we repeat: why should not the American farmer be privileged to buy in the market where he sells.

H. T. Burgoon reports that his family will come out to this city from Grapevine and make this their home.

P. Henson was in last week from his place near Tap, and was a pleasant caller at this office. He reports things in fine shape in his section of country.

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## There is a Watch Repairer in Spur.

I have located in Spur a branch jewelry store. It is my intention to put in a first-class stock of watches and jewelry in Spur and it will be my endeavor to all times to give you the best quality in jewelry at the lowest prices. We repair watches, clocks and jewelry of all kinds. All work guaranteed. My business here will be in charge of Mr. W. C. Gruben, a first-class watch repairer.

**GRUBEN JEWELRY CO.,**  
Located in Lambdin Dry Goods Store. W. G. GRUBEN, Mgr.

## W. C. BOWMAN

# Lumber Comp'y

LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

The best proof of high or low prices is found by the average man in his cash balance at the months's end.

It has just been discovered that the earth has existed only 60,000,000 years. And this country is just beginning to realize its full possibilities.

Pay as you enter and pay as you go are good rules to follow whether applied to streetcars of any other service or want in the way of living.

The fact that eggs refused to countenance a further increase in price probably is due to the fact that age has lent them at least some modesty.

T. O. Shelton, who has been in the city the past several months, left recently for Brownsfield where he will be located several months.

About twenty five new subscribers were added to the Texas Spur list last week, this is substantial encouragement to us and we hope to be able to make the Texas Spur substantial returns to each subscriber and patron.

E. Luce, merchant of Tap, had business in the city Saturday.

pear, this doing of one's duty embodies the highest ideal of life.—Smiles.

While it is all right for a farmer to buy a motor car if he can afford it, he should not mortgage his farm in order to do so. It takes a fast motor to out run a mortgage.

That January thaw did not bring the hens to a melting mood. Eggs continue just as high as ever.

# There Is None Quite So Good

As Bain Wagons, Success Sulkies, Texas Victor Cultivators and Canton Clipper Turning Plows.

We also carry a complete line of Builders' Hardware, Stoves, Queensware, Hog Wire and Barbed Wire

## SPUR HARDWARE COMPANY

Cephus Hogan, deputy county Clerk and candidate for the Democratic nomination to that office, was in the city Wednesday circulating among the citizens and voters. Mr. Hogan is a pleasant gentleman and having had four years experience in the office which he seeks is fully competent and qualified to fill the place satisfactorily and to the very best interests of constituents.

**FOR SALE**—One shack and tent, price ten dollars, a bargain if you want it. See H. L. Owen.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons, of the city, is visiting this week with relatives and friends at Stamford.

Miss Jeanette Maynard came over from Dickens and spent several days in the city with her brother, P. C. Maynard, at the Western Hotel.

We receive a nice lot of vegetables from South Texas gardens Monday and Friday of each week. Come in and look them over. Prices will be reasonable.

C. H. McDonald.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Johnson of the city.

Mrs. A. S. Forrester, of Rotan is in the city this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Johnson J. E. Sparks, of the Tap country, had business in the city this week.

Miss Kate Mahon was a visitor to Stamford this week, spending two days in that city.

P. Henson and little sons, of near Tap, were here Wednesday on business.

T. A. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, had business here Saturday and was a pleasant caller at this office. He said that a number of wild turkeys were seen in that section frequently, and he gave us a cordial invitation to come out and visit him.

We intend to accept the invitation and what we do will be a plenty, but it may not be published.

Mrs. Floyd Caylor is visiting friends and relatives at Hugo, Oklahoma.

Floyd Caylor, of the Caylor-Leard Lumber Co., is on a business trip to Memphis Tennessee.

Barber and Hancock reports having sold S. M. Swenson and Sons two Sampson wind mills in the last few days. They claim this to be the best and cheapest mill on the market. Proof is that the Swensons are now using this mill nearly altogether and they have tried them all. Barber and Hancock are sole agents for these mills, they claim to make Spur a solid bed of the Sampson wind mill within a few months.

### WOMEN AT THE POLLS.

Mrs. Stanton Blatch does not think that women watchers in New York were treated as well as they might be on election day. In one ward she says the men were so drunk that women had to figure up the ballots. She says that in some wards the presence of the women added such dignity to the voting places that the men instinctively took off their hats.

Don't be a mossback don't knock

### WILL PLANT PEANUTS.

The citizens of the Lower Red Mud community held a meeting one night last week for the purpose of deciding whether or not they would plant several hundred acres in peanuts. After discussing the subject it was agreed that the farmers of that community would plant some two or three hundred, and possibly more acrer in peanuts. J. R. Smith, of that place has agreed to secure a thresher and have it on hand by gathering time. The farmers have already received an offer of 75c per bushel for all they raise delivered on board the cars at Spur.

The peanut industry is being given a good deal of attention in this country. The yield is 40 to 60 bushels per acre, and at 75c per bushel will have a cotton crop badly beaten, besides not taking half the labor and time required with cotton.—Kent County News.

## Do Your Building With Concrete!

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### SPUR FLOAT LINE.

All kinds of dray work on short notice, heavy hauling a speciality. We came here to stay and we solicit a share of your patronage.

ROSS & POLLOCK, Proprietors.

A furnished room to rent Apply to J. E. Shelton at the Spur Hardware Company.

Mesdames Hamilton and Bramhall, of the northwest part of town will be glad to have plain sewing and needle work. See them if you want sewing.

### NOTICE.

Have party that will build brick business house for tenant. See H. T. Burgoon.

There is some speculation in Spur as to whether or not Sheriff Cole will be a candidate for reelection to the office. Should he

Mr. and Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Swarenger, of Dickens, were visitors this week to Jim Swarenger and family in she city.

## H. K. PRAKS

Up-to-Date Livery and Feed Stable...

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not enter the race there are several who may get in the race. We are informed that Tom Davis will possible be a candidate should Mr Cole not make the race. Tom Davis would make a fine sheriff and we would be glad to see him fill that office.

### FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce Ellsworth Ham as a candidate for county attorney of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. Mr. Ham has been a resident of the county during the past twelve years and has been attending school two or three years, being admitted to practice law last summer.

We respectfully ask that voters consider the candidacy of Ellsworth Ham before casting a ballot in the Democratic Primary.

Hugh Hazlewood and family recently moved to Spur from Albany

### THE DIFFERENCE.

"Life is just one blamed thing after another."  
"No, it is one thing before another."

### CARELESS MAN.



Father—Why have you quarreled with Harry?

Daughter—Because he proposed to me last night.

Father—Well, there was no harm in that, was there?

Daughter—But I had accepted him the night before.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF SPUR

and surrounding country we wish to thank you for your liberal patronage and solicit a continuance of same.

We keep everything in Drugs and our prices are right.

COME TO SEE US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN OUR LINE

Drs. Meers and Morris office with us

Also

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Yours for Pure Drugs,

**THE SPUR DRUG STORE.**

## A New Grocery Store

WE have just opened up a grocery business first door east of post office on Fifth street and will carry a complete line of Staple Fancy groceries. Call in to see us, we will treat you right, and solicit a share of your patronage.

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A Complete Stock of Wall Paper is now on the road to Spur. Will be located until January 1st in Barber & Hancock grocery store.

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### OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

It is estimated that the census of 1910 will show that the United States has a school population of at least 14,000,000. The school army ten years ago was 13,367,147. Of that number 4,266,302 were between the ages of five and nine, and 6,453,394 ranged from nine to fourteen. About 13 per cent. of the whole number were from 15 to 17 years old, and about five per cent. were 18 years of age or upward. Of all the children between five and nine reported in the census of 1900 only about one-half regularly attended school; of those from nine to fourteen, four-fifths attended, and of those from 15 to 17 a little more than two-fifths.—Chicago Examiner.

### JOKE TURNED ON THE JOKER

Scheme of "Social Climber" that Didn't Turn Out Just as It Was Intended.

Two women who live on country places near Philadelphia are great friends and great rivals. Each has long desired that her husband buy her an automobile; each has feared lest the other attain the object of her desire first.

Not long ago a small man, who is well known in financial circles, called at the home of one of these women and suggested that he take the young woman to call on her friend. The invitation was accepted.

"You get under the seat, I want Mrs. — to think this is my car," commanded the fair guest, as the machine rolled through the gate of the other woman's home. The broker did as he was told. Mrs. — alighted majestically and was received with a constrained air by her friend. "See my nice car," smiled the visitor. "My husband bought it for me yesterday."

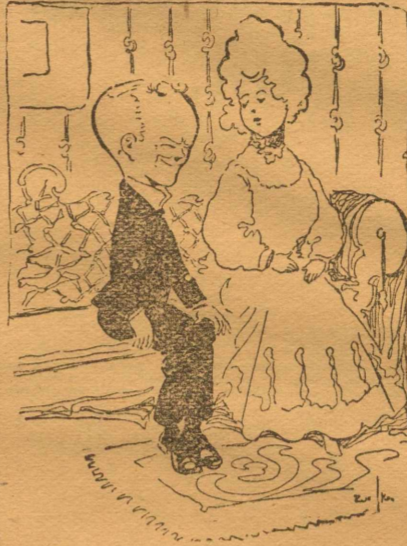
"He did, did he?" said Mrs. —, unable to conceal her vexation. "Well, my Harry shall buy me one at once." After a time the car drove away with the broker still under the seat.

The joke in the end was on the joker. Mrs. B.'s husband, taunted by his wife, bought her an automobile, while Mrs. A. hasn't got her car yet.

## SPUR SHEET METAL WORKS

EVERYTHING IN SHEET METAL

### HIS MISSION.



Spoooner—Does your father like to have me call on you?

Miss Sweetthing—Yes. He says you are a corrective to the gas meter.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the July Democratic primary.

For District Attorney:

ISAAC O. NEWTON

B. D. GLASGOW, (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:  
CEPHUS HOGAN

For County Judge

F. C. GIPSON

For Tax Assessor

E. L. HARKEY

J. A. MURCHISON

For County Attorney

ELLSWORTH HAM

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AS TO SILENCE AND CHATTER

Middle Course Suggests Itself to Those Persons Who Are Possessed of Common Sense.

A Chicago husband has been put under bonds to keep the peace with his wife. The form of annoyance to which the wife was subjected was talk, continuous, unremitting talk, at one time lasting for 12 hours, she alleged in the petition. So this dear husband to keep out of jail, for too much talk, had to file a bond.

It was the proper course to pursue. It is certainly a cruel thing for the fine sense of a woman to be annoyed by the continuous gabble of a man. For it was gabble, wretched gabble, indeed, for few men could talk sensibly one hour, let alone 12. It was well that that woman had the spunk to make him quit.

But the opposite condition is suggested by this incident, where the husband keeps glum and speechless for hours at a stretch, making his wife think his mind is occupied with ponderous thoughts of business and all such stuff. Such men are as ridiculous as the fellow who crushed his wife by incessant talk. There is a golden medium, where the wife is made happy and the home fair by a conversation that is mild and sensible, and which terminates like an old song when the melody ends.

### WINDFALL FOR FARMERS.

Frost fish by the ton came ashore at Long Beach, L. I., the other morning, and all day hundreds of farmers were busy carting them away. Several times each winter schools of these fish are cast on the beach, but this was the largest deposit ever known. Along the surf line for five miles there stretched almost a solid mass of silvery fish. Frost fish is the Long Island name for what is otherwise the whiting. The fish is edible, but when so many come ashore the natives find it impossible to market the haul and use the fish for salting down and for fertilizing.

### WHAT ATTRACTED HER.

Patience—Don't you think that girl I just introduced you to has a beautiful face?

Patrice—I really don't know, but she had a beautiful hat!

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### DOMESTIC TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

The proposal which has been set forth in Germany to compel all girls to undergo a period of training as domestic servants was foreshadowed by George Gissing in the "Private Papers of Henry Ryecroft." "I had rather see England covered with schools of cookery than with schools of the ordinary kind; the issue could be infinitely more helpful. Little girls should be taught cooking and baking more assiduously than they are taught to read. . . . Think of the glorious revolution that could be wrought in our troubled England if it could be ordained that no maid, of whatever rank, might become a wife unless she had proved her ability to make and bake perfect loaf of bread."—London Chronicle.

### SUBSTITUTE LOBSTERS.

Consul Joseph A. Howells writes as follows concerning the fisheries of the Caicos islands: "Last summer this consulate suggested that it might pay American lobster packers to send a man to this colony to visit the Caicos islands to investigate the question of supplementing the home catch of lobsters by using the crawfish, which are plentiful in that vicinity and are similar to our lobsters, minus the large claws. Curiously enough, the report had not been forwarded a month when an Englishman came with a canning outfit, which he put in operation at these islands, and by the last Bristol steamer he made his first shipment of a number of cases of canned crawfish, conchs and green turtle, the latter abounding on the banks which surround the Caicos group."

### INDIA A MOSAIC OF CASTES

Society in Eastern Land Divided into Numberless Forms of Grotesque Distinctions.

No other country on earth furnishes even a distant parallel to the structure of Indian society, a society in which the lines of division are still the primitive lines of race, religion and caste, deepened by centuries of incessant warfare; in which more than 40 different tribes or nationalities, speaking over a hundred and eighty different tongues and dialects and confessing nine different religions, are jumbled together in a formless and inextricable mosaic and subdivided again into something like 2,400 castes, each caste a distinctive, exclusive, separate entity; in which three-fourths of the people live by the land and nineteen-twentieths of them are wholly illiterate; in which faiths, usages, habits and customs are preserved with a jealousy and intensity far beyond the range of occidental experience; and in which power is held, government administered, justice dispensed and progress furthered under the authority and direction of a handful of rulers summoned from a distant northern island to guide the destinies of one-fifth of the human race.—North American Review.

### TOO MANY WOMEN'S VOTES.

It is maintained that more women than men voted recently at a school election in Bradley Beach, N. J., \$85,000 in school bonds having been authorized by their vote. The men don't like it at all, and will carry the matter to the courts.

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SPUR, - - - TEXAS.

### A HISTORY OF TEXAS.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—A special to the Record-Herald from Washington says:

Former President Roosevelt intends to write a history of Texas. He will visit the Lone Star State for historical material after he has recovered from the fatigue of his African trip. Colonel Roosevelt always had a deep interest in Texas," said Colonel Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from that State, "and long ago expressed a desire to write a history of our commonwealth. He is a great admirer of Sam Houston and other characters who made Texas famous, and while in Texas we hope Colonel Roosevelt will make a few political speeches for the G. O. P. we are not predicting that with his aid we will carry the State, but seed must be planted before the harvest can be reaped."

### HARD LUCK.



Ames—Did you hear that Jones died last night?  
Blames—You don't say. That's what I call rough luck.  
Ames—How's that?  
Blames—I paid him the five dollars I owed him the day before yesterday.

J. F. Busby was here recently from Stamford on business.

Jentz Phillips was in town Saturday from the Red Mud country. He had been assisting D. C. Abney in moving from Red Mud to the Sam Smith place two and a half miles southeast of town. Mr. Abney, we are informed, will engage in the hog raising business. Hogs and hog meat are now away out of sight

Sam Stockton came up Wednesday from Rotan to see the new city of Spur. He returned Thursday.

N. H. White of Crosbyton, was in the city Wednesday on business, and while here paid this office a fraternal call.

### WATER IN KENTUCKY.

Congressman Ollie James was driving through a hilly section of Kentucky on a pleasure jaunt and, happening to notice a well beside a farmhouse, pulled up and asked the farmer if he could give him a drink.

"No, sah; as much as I would like to accommodate you, sah, I can't do a thing for you. But if you'll pull in at Jones' 'bout foh miles ahead, you can get somethin'," said the farmer.

"But I thought I noticed a fine well here on your place?" said the big congressman.

"Why, I didn't know you wanted water. I thought you wanted a drink," said the farmer, who thereupon invited Marse James in to help himself from the iron bound bucket.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### TEXAS TO BE REPRESENTED

Chicago, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the representatives of the several land companies interested in the development of Texas held today at the Mid-day Club, Chicago, it was decided to begin active preparations to have Texas property represented at the big land show to be held in Chicago in November this year.

Texas was not represented in the last land show. The men who attended this meeting realize that much homeseeker business has been diverted to other sections through Texas not having on display the agricultural wealth of that state.

It was decided to try to enterest the traffic and commercial clubs of the southern parts of Texas to have displays of what can be grown on Texas soil.

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with respect to price, and we are confident if the high price maintains those who engage in hog raising business will be successful.

Miss Kate Mahon entertained with lunch a number of guests Saturday evening at the Western Hotel. The guests were Miss Clara Lockett, of Dickens, Mrs. Jno. Penick, of Lubbock, Miss Janette Maynard and Mr. McGill of Dickens, Messrs. Sherrod, Chandler, Colbert and Maynard of the city.

N. N. Rogers, of Clairemont, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. P. V. Hale, of Rotan, is visiting H. E. Johnson and family in the city.

### T. H. ELLIS

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A nice line of Oriental Jewelry—the latest fad—on display. Also Novelty Belt Pins, Barrettes, Combs, Hair Goods, etc.

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Proprietress

### LORDS OF MANY TITLES.

Most members of the upper house of the British parliament possess more than one title, and not a few have a large number. The duke of Abercorn is holder of four Scotch, four Irish and two British peerages. The marquis of Lansdowne has one Scotch, five Irish and two British titles. Other peers who are well equipped in this respect are the duke of Norfolk (seven), the marquis of Breadabane (eight), the duke of Portland (five), the duke of Devonshire (five) and the duke of Northumberland (six).

### WOMEN IN BALLOON RACES.

Miss Genevieve Shaffer and Miss Margaret Miller were two young women who took part in the Portala balloon races at San Francisco. Miss Shaffer went up in the "Queen of the Pacific" and Miss Miller in the "City of Oakland." Miss Shaffer was with Capt. Ivy Baldwin, representing the San Francisco Aero club, and Miss Miller from Oakland. The two balloons started off together and the sight is said to have been a very inspiring one.

New Geographical Distinction.  
"Father," said little Rollo, "what is the arctic circle?"  
"The arctic circle, my son, is an he had to keep to his room, but, get of uncorroborated evidence."

### NONE SUCH.

Wife—Will you take me to-night to "What Every Woman Knows?"

Husband—My dear, if you could suggest a play called "What Not a Woman Knows," I would go in a minute.

### AT THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY



"What! You here again? Why I got you a situation only yesterday!"

"But I don't want to stay there."

"Why? Have you had a quarrel with your mistress?"

"O, not a word! I merely locked her in the bathroom, and took my things and left!"

### YOUNG FOR HIGH OFFICE.

Gen. Leonard Wood, now chief of staff, is the youngest American general officer, with the exception of Gen. Funston. He still has 13 years of active service before him. Only two general officers of 1906, Miles and Merritt, are living, and they are both on the retired list.

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