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BUILDING CONTINUES

New Business Houses and Residences Continue to go up in Different Parts of Spur.

Although this time of year is considered a dull season in many portions of the country, the building and progressive activities in Spur continues with little abatement.

Aside from the bank and hotel buildings, which have been under construction for some time, there are at the present time several other business houses going up, among them being a new hotel being built by Mrs. Jas. Malone in the north part of the city; a new building adjoining the Merchants & Farmers Bank and which will be occupied by the Spur Commercial Club; a new building has just been completed in the north part by the Red Front Drug Store and will be used by the Western Grocery Company. In the residence portion of the city there are a number of fine residences and bungalows being built and plans maturing for others to go up at an early date.

Plans have been made to put in an electric light plant, ice factory and steam laundry and construction work will begin at an early date. Water mains are now being laid for the supply of the new hotel and other places with water. Surveys have been made and work will soon begin on the sewerage system. The deep well project is progressing at a rapid rate at this time, the drillers having passed through the hard rock at a depth of more than thirteen hundred feet.

On the whole Spur is making wonderful strides and the citizenship are to be congratulated for the enterprise and progressiveness in building a city and establishing a commercial center and trading point second to none within the few months since the beginning. No town has a more progressive and enlightened citizenship, a more aggressive and constant class of town builders, and as a result we now have a town that will ever hold a distinctive place in the history of the development and progress of the great West.

At the present time the town is fully equipped with every character of merchandise and business to supply the trade in every particular, and the only thing lacking is more farmers to develop the agricultural resources of the country. The Spur Farm Lands has no superior as to richness of soil and adaptability to agricultural pursuits. The six hundred and seventy three square miles of

territory surrounding Spur, ninety per cent of which is not only tillable but of the most fertile soil, is one of the richest bodies of land within the state. The sale of this land is being pushed by the townsite management and within a few years thousands of new farm homes will be established and the surrounding country will be one vast field growing the various crops of the country.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

In this weeks issue J. C. Allison of Afton announces for county Judge. Mr. Allison is a young man 28 years old and of unquestionable character. He is a graduate of the Sam Houston State Normal and a junior of the State University. He has been employed in the schools of the county for the last three years having taught two years at Dickens and one year at Afton. One of the most important issues in the campaign is the schools of the county, and Mr. Allison being a school man, is well able to wisely administer the school affairs of the county. This is his first announcement for office and he stands on the old principle that two terms are enough for any man to hold the same office. We feel sure that if Mr. Allison is elected he will wisely administer the affairs of the county and will give equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

ELECTION ORDER.

Be it ordered by the board of trustees of Spur Independent School District that an election be held at the school house in Spur, Texas, in said Spur Independent School District on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1910, to determine whether the board of trustees of said district shall have power to annually levy and collect a tax upon all taxable property in said district, for the support and maintenance of public free schools in said Spur Independent School District, of, and at the rate of not exceeding fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; such tax, if voted, to be levied and collected for the year 1910 and annually thereafter unless it be discontinued as provided by law.

L. T. Cochran is hereby appointed manager of said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding same.

None but property tax payers who are qualified voters in said Spur Independent School District, shall vote at said election.

C. F. Cates, President.
J. P. Horton, Secretary.

Nice firm country butter on ice at Spur market.

CROP PROSPECTS FINE.

During the past month this section of country has had a number of showers and a good ground-soaking rain, and at this time there is a fine season in the ground, crops are growing nicely and farmers tell us that the prospects for bumper crops of all kinds was never brighter in this or any other country.

The fact that this country is just beginning to settle up, and that in the years past there has been so little farming done compared to other sections east of us, causes some of those who are not informed to think that there is some question as to the agricultural possibilities of this western country. There are men who have been farming within the Spur country during the past twenty-five years, and during the time have made but one crop failure. Scientific methods of cultivation and conservation of moisture has never been practiced, and the farming has been done under adverse circumstances and the products disposed of in distant and almost inaccessible markets, yet the farmers of this country are prosperous and the best fixed men of the country.

A talk with the farmers of this section will convince the skeptical that it not only rains here but that all the staple crops, fruit, grain, vegetables and garden truck can be grown successfully and in as great quantity and variety as elsewhere.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

In response to numerous requests from the citizenship of Spur and the surrounding country P. H. Miller has consented to serve this precinct as County Commissioner.

Mr. Miller is eminently fitted for the place and will administer the affairs of the office intelligently, ably, and to the very best interest of his constituents as a whole. The commissioners office is the most important office in the county, and is one which seldom is given deserved attention at the hands of voters. We need the very best men for the country to serve as commissioner, and in bringing Mr. Miller's name before the people of this office the citizenship and voters have acted wisely and will not be disappointed in their desires for an able and efficient administration of county affairs.

J. A. Lafoon, a prominent citizen of Jayton, came up Saturday and remained in the city until Monday. He says this was his first visit to Spur since its creation and that the town's growth was a surprise to him. Mr. Lafoon met many old acquaintances and friends here who were glad to see him.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

The 105 Representative District, composed of the counties of Dickens, Motley, Cottle, King, Childress, Hall, Ford, Hardeman, Wilbarger, and Wichita—being ten of as fine counties within the western country and inhabited by the most progressive and enlightened citizenship, is entitled to the very best representation in the legislature of Texas, and in view of this fact the citizens of Spur and Dickens county are bringing out a candidate in the person of J. P. Horton who in every particular is worthy, competent and able to serve the district as a whole in the legislative halls of Texas.

J. P. Horton is well posted as to the legislative needs and demands of this section of country has the qualifications and ability to intelligently serve constituents and present to the legislative body any and all deeds and demands of this district and the state at large. He is young, vigorous, intelligent, honorable, high-minded and worthy the confidence and high esteem of any man. He is not a politician but will become a statesman and will be of inestimable value to the country if given the opportunity.

We understand that this Legislative District, as yet has no candidate in the field, and in view of this situation The Texas Spur joins in with the citizenship of this section in recommending J. P. Horton to the citizens and voters of the nine other counties of this district, and we will stand sponsor that he will give able and efficient service and make good as a representative of the 105 District of Texas. As a man J. P. Horton has no superior within the district, and as a legislative representative he will be the peer of any representative district within the state.

ANOTHER BALL TEAM.

Last week nine girls of Spur organized a ball team and have been practicing each evening on their diamond in the northwest part of town, having as their opponents the second nine of Spur.

The young ladies in their red dress suits are very attractive and are said to be excellent ball players.

It is planned to have two games next Saturday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, the occasion being for the benefit of the Texas Press Association membership visit to Spur. On this occasion we expect to have five hundred or a thousand visitors in the city, and the girl team will be a diversion and the games an entertainment out of the ordinary.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETS AT STAMFORD.

A Special Feature of The Program Will Be A Visit of The Entire Membership to Spur

The Texas Press Association convenes in Stamford on the 8th in its thirty first annual meeting and will be in session four days. The Stamford people have prepared an elaborate program for the entertainment of the newspaper men, a special feature of the entertainment being a visit to Spur the last day of the meeting, Saturday.

A special train will leave Stamford Saturday morning and in route will stop at intermediate points. We understand that at Girard the visitors will stop to view the big round-up of the Spur cattle and that barbecue and lunch will be served from the chuck wagons of the cowboy camps. We suppose the special train will arrive in Spur some time in the afternoon, giving the visitors several hours to visit the city.

The citizens and business men of Spur have arranged a program of entertainment and will decorate places of business in honor of the distinguished visitors. It is a rare occasion that a town the age and size of Spur is given the opportunity to entertain such distinguished guests and aggregation of newspaper men, and it is meet that we should not only put on our very best appearance but give them a warm reception.

The Texas Press Association is one of the strongest organizations in the state, the membership being made up of newspaper men of every section of Texas, and their power and facilities for the enlightenment, education and good of the general public, and the dissemination of news and facts to the world is unsurpassed in the land, and we look forward to their visit to Spur as an honor and distinction seldom given to other towns.

We extend the heartest welcome to the Texas Press association, and may their visit to Spur be of mutual benefit to the distinguished guests, the citizenship of Spur and the Spur country.

\$5.00 REWARD.

For one white and black spotted, pointer bitch, with E. V. Sellers' name on collar. Return to Y. L. Jones, Spur, for reward

A. M. Sowell moved his family Monday to Post City where they will make their home in the future.

HEARD DICKENS' LAST WORDS

Miss Hogarth, Now 84 Years Old, Was at the Deathbed of Great English Novelist.

The most interesting person at the recent Dickens bazaar at Caxton hall, in London, England, was Miss Georgina Hogarth. Miss Hogarth is 84. She was a child when she went to live under the roof of her brother-in-law, Charles Dickens, and she remained a member of his household till the final summons came to the great novelist. She was with him when he was struck down. His last words were, "On the ground." She alone heard them.

It is generally supposed that Miss Hogarth was in Dickens' mind when he jotted down in his notebook the following outline of a "character" for future use: "She—sacrificed to children, and sufficiently rewarded. From a child herself, always 'the children' (of somebody else) to en gross her. And so it comes to pass that she is never married; never herself has a child; is also devoted to 'the children' (of somebody else) and they love her; and she has all ways youth dependent on her till her death—and dies quite happily."

REQUISITE HOURS FOR SLEEP.

As a race we sleep too little, says a writer. An infant's life is nearly all sleep. Gradually, as the child grows older, the hours of sleep are shortened to half the day, or about eight hours. Youth until the age of 20 is reached requires fully 16 hours sleep. Although nature demands less hours of sleep in summer than in winter, it has been proved that eight hours of sleep is required for the average male adult in good health. By this is meant not simply eight hours in bed, but that amount of good, sound, restful sleep night after night. Our power to work is intimately related to our ability to sleep and there is no more reliable indication of sound health than the capacity to sleep naturally and the more active and energetic the waking life the deeper the sleep.

Cardboard Takes Qualities of Metal

An eighth-inch disk of cardboard revolved on the shaft of an electric motor of highest speed gets stiff, owing to the rotary tension, which makes it behave like metal, and it can no longer be bent. If struck with a hammer a sound emits like that from bronze. It easily saws a cigar box in two, similarly as a disk of soft iron, when rapidly rotated, cuts through heavy armor plate. Centrifugal force does many other strange things. Among others, when a small chain is looped around a high-speed rotary drum the chain can be shoved off the drum to the ground, where it bounces up and when struck acts like a ring of solid metal.

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 a minority leader in the house of representatives, says Success Magazine he was told that Speaker Cannon had a rod in pickle for him. "Se 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 ever shy at Cannon crackers. It remind-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 that he kinda hed it in fr, who had clim high up in th' tallest tree in them parts.

"Well, ye ole hardshell," Noal 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.

SHOES SHOES SHOES



ARE YOU BUYING YOUR SHOES AT THE RIGHT PLACE? DO YOU GET A STYLE THAT MAKES YOUR FOOT LOOK TRIM? DO THEY HURT YOUR FEET? DO THEY GIVE YOU LONG WEAR? THE SHOES WE SHALL SELL YOU WILL PLEASE YOU IN STYLE; THEY WILL NOT HURT YOUR FEET; THEY WILL WEAR A LONG TIME.

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WOMEN AT THE POLLS.

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

British Swindlers in China.

The British endeavor to secure modifications of the loan regulations to conform to the Kowloon terms, claiming that these are best to insure an honest administration of the railway's finances, has been given a rude shock by the arrest of the British chief accountant of the Kowloon railway at Canton, charged with heavy embezzlement. The Chinese are therefore not impressed with the claimed superiority of the Kowloon terms, and they refuse to consider any change in the existing regulations.

PLAYMATE OF A KING.

When Miss Yvonne Townsend, daughter of Lawrence Townsend of Washington, was a little girl, her father was minister to Portugal, and she and the little Manuel often played together, he never dreaming at that time of being king. Recently Miss Townsend went to Windsor to visit King Edward, and almost the first person she met was King Manuel. As usual, a fantastic story was concocted of the possibility of the king giving up his throne to marry the American girl, but there is no foundation for it.

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.

New Idea in Egg Boiling.

Porcelain eggs that are hollow and unscrew make the latest egg boilers. They are of various sizes, according as the breakfaster wants one, two or three eggs. In their usage the cook opens the real egg, drops its contents into the egg of porcelain, takes it off when it is soft, medium or hard, as required, and serves it in the porcelain that cooked it, set in a little silver stand.

The advantage of this novel egg-boiler is that no bad eggs, but only good ones, need be boiled, and the service is achieved in a manner the least troublesome and the most appetizing.

EXPERT OPINION.

"What do you think made Hamlet so suspicious of the ghost?" asked Mr. Stormington Barnes.

"He probably thought," answered the psychic researcher, "that no well-regulated ghost would manifest himself without ringing bells or tipping tables."

BUT ONE MAN IN A THOUSAND

Few There Are Who Can Stand Upright, According to Writer of Popular Play.

"Here is a curious paradox," said George. "If a thousand soldiers are drawn up in battle array on a plane"—they understood him to mean "plain"—"only one man will stand upright."

Nobody could see why. But George explained that, according to Euclid, a plane can touch a sphere only at one point, and that person only who stands at that point, with respect to the center of the earth, will stand upright.

"In the same way," he remarked, "if a billiard table were quite level—that is, a perfect plane—the balls ought to roll to the center."

Though he tried to explain this by placing a visiting card on an orange and expounding the law of gravitation, Mrs. Allgood declined to accept the statement. She could not see that the top of a true billiard table must, theoretically, be spherical, just like a portion of the orange peel that George cut out. Of course, the table is so small in proportion to the surface of the earth that the curvature is not appreciable, but it is nevertheless true in theory. A surface that we call level is not the same as our idea of a true geometrical plane.—From the play, "A Paradox Party."

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.

THE DIFFERENCE.

"Life is just one blamed thing after another."

"No, it is one thing before another."



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WAGON YARD IN CONNECTION. SPUR, TEXAS

J. Carlisle was here Saturday from his place near Gilpin. We are informed that Mr. Carlisle has been almost persuaded to again serve this precinct as County Commissioner. Mr. Carlisle is one of the oldest settlers and most substantial citizens of this country, and in the public service his official acts will be considered to the very best interests of his constituents.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick was over Saturday from the county capital and reports things moving along as usual.

Don't heat your room to cook meat. The Spur Market keeps cooked meat and fresh bread.

Mr. Mullennix, formerly employed on the Dickens Item, was in Spur last week and assisted us in moving the Texas Spur office.

E. E. Turner, a prosperous citizen of the Red Mud country, had business in the city Saturday.

Mr. West, of the Duck Creek community, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill were in the city Friday from their place eight miles west of Spur.

Mrs. J. C. Allison, of the Afton country, passed through Friday of last week in route to Spur Carbon, Eastland county, to visit relatives.

R. S. Holman, a prominent business man of Afton, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. C. Davis of north part of the county, was in the city last Saturday.

Ned Hogan passed through Spur Friday on his way to Belton to visit relatives and friends.

R. B. F. Craig returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Lubbock and other plains towns where he spent several days on business.

D. A. Young reported last week that he had secured a fine well of water at his new home in the city. Mr. Young has just completed a new residence in the city and is now permanently located with us.

G. L. Barber and wife spent Sunday with Uncle Buck Hardin and wife near the city.

Mrs. R. C. Morrison left Saturday for Hico where she will spend several days with her parents.

NOTICE.

If it is good milk cows and Poland China pigs of the best breeding you want, come to the Docum Valley Stock Farm, 3 miles northwest of Spur, will sell for cash or on six months time. W. A. Johnson.

G. H. Connell, Pres. S. R. Davis, Vice Pt. E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.

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making your deposits absolutely safe. It is our purpose to aid in the advancement and upbuilding of Spur and its adjacent territory. Call in when in town and let us become acquainted.

Stockholders,

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Directors,

C. H. Connell, T. E. Standifer, I. D. Scoggins, R. A. Jay, J. D. Harkey, S. R. Davis, E. C. Edmonds.

The majority of stock in this bank is owned by residents of Dickens and Kent Counties.

Eldridge McClain, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, had business in the city Saturday.

Tom McArthur was in Saturday from the Red mud country and says that everything is moving along as usual in that section. He also reports that up to the present time his matrimonial efforts have been unsuccessful. However, he remembers the old motto: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

The Western Grocery Company opened up for business in the city Monday. They have a complete stock of groceries and will be located in the new Red Front Drug store building on Burlington Avenue.

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SPUR,

TEXAS

Miss Alma Young, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Squires, returned the latter part of last week to her home near Afton.

In the announcement column this week will be found the name of Crawford Cobb for the office of County and District Clerk of Dickens county. Crawford Cobb has been editor and proprietor of the Dickens Item for years and is well known to all the older settlers and voters. He is one of the very best men of the country—honest, upright, conscientious, and capable. Mr. Cobb, being a fellow-newspaper man, we naturally have a fellow-feeling and regard for him, and can say without fear of contradiction that a man who can successfully operate a newspaper is eminently fitted, and can serve in any official capacity with credit to himself and his constituents. Crawford Cobb is worthy the votes, support and confidence of the citizenship of the country, and if elected to the office of Clerk of Dickens county will serve the public ably and to the satisfaction of a majority of his constituents.

Jeff Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, had business here Saturday.

Hugh Squires returned last week from the West, pasture where he had been with the fence building crew for the Spur ranch. Hereafter Mr. Squires will be employed at the deep well in the city.

Rad Ware, a prosperous farmer of the Gainesville country, is here visiting friends.

Chas. A. Jones returned Saturday from a business trip to Kansas City and other points where he spent several days.

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E. B. Shaw, a prosperous citizen of the Draper country, was in the city the latter part of last week, bringing in a load of fine peaches grown in his orchard. The peach and fruit crop of the country will be immense this year. A trip out over the country will reveal the fact that on nearly every old settled place an orchard can be seen, and the old timers inform us that this country cannot be surpassed as a fruit growing section.

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Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstrations on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was made after a visit to the land by George Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable prices. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection, that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
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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
CRAWFORD COBB
- For County Judge
J. C. ALLISON.
F. C. GIPSON
O. S. FERGUSON
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TAP TELLINGS.

The other morning Prof. N. L. Clark thought he would take a little exercise by climbing the bell post to put the clapper in the bell. He climbed to the top of the post and started to put the clapper in and then we heard a terrible crash, looking out we saw him lying on the ground grunting. We asked him what was the trouble and he only said he fell from the bell post. We all had a good laugh (scholars)

Mrs. Aphelia Johnson is reported to be very sick the last few days.

A few of the young people of this place enjoyed the fifth Sunday meeting at the Gilpin School house last Sunday.

Prof. Clark's school closed May 20th. We suppose he was pretty lonesome the last week without a pupil, but no doubt he sat it out by himself. Sam McKay taken Prof. to his home at Matador, free of charge, so it is said.

Sam Smith, wife and daughter made Spur a visit yesterday. Warren Turner happened to an accident last week. His horse fell with him, but broke no bones, just skinned his good looking face.

Mrs. Melissa Martin and two sons from Spur were visitors at Mrs. M. E. Sparks last Sunday.

The Tap people are expecting a good time next Sunday at the Tap school house, singing all day

and dinner on the ground. Everybody invited.

Pencil Pusher.

MEETING OF FIRST MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Spur, Texas, June 3, 1910.

The board of trustees of the Spur Independent School District met Friday evening June 3d, at the F. and M. State Bank, for the purpose of organizing, and attending to any business that should come before the board.

J. F. Vernon called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected: Dr. T. F. Standifer, president; J. P. Horton; secretary; J. F. Vernon, treasurer. Dr. Standifer having been called out of town for some weeks, C. F. Cates was elected president. J. V. McCormick and C. F. Cates were appointed as a committee to circulate a petition for a special tax election.

J. P. Horton and J. V. McCormick were appointed as a committee to secure, if possible, the use of the Baptist tabernacle and the Christian tabernacle to be used by the school during the next school year.

The secretary was instructed to write different school furniture houses for prices and terms on desks for seating the tabernacles.

The board appointed as time

of regular meeting, each Friday evening at 5 o'clock.

The secretary was instructed to answer applications for the first place in the school requesting them to meet with the board Monday June 13th, 1910. The board having no farther business to consider, adjourned to meet in regular session Friday evening June 10th.

C. F. CATES,
Pres. pro. tem.
J. P. HORTON,
Secretary.

A CARD.

Whereas many of my friends in different parts of the county have for some time been soliciting me to become a candidate for the office of County Judge. But after giving the matter due consideration I have concluded that I could not afford it, owing to condition of my private affairs and I take this method of thanking each and all of them for their kind solicitations.

Yours truly,
R. S. HOLMAN.

For Sale.—A nicely finished six room frame house, with hall and porch, east front, three blocks from Bank. Best part of city. Will sell for \$850.00. A bargain. Call on D. D. Adams.

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LETTER FROM CHRIST.

The following clipped from an exchange has been sent the Texas Spur with request to publish: Country papers throughout the United States are printing what is alleged to be a letter written by Christ. In this letter was an injunction that it should be published to the world by whoever found it, together with the statement that misfortune and bad luck would follow the person having possession of it in the event that it was not given publicity.

There was likewise a promise that whoever may have a copy of this in his or her possession will prosper and be followed by good fortune. This paper has received some hundreds of requests to print this letter, so if it will relieve the superstitious fear of any one, here it is:

According to the history of the letter it was written by Christ just after his crucifixion, signed by the Angel Gabriel ninety-nine years after the Savior's birth and presumably deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the cross.

On this stone appeared the legend, "Blessed is he who shall turn me over."

"No one knew what the inscription meant, or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigation, until the stone was turned over by a little child and the letter which follows was discovered:

"Whosoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's day, without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you.

"You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken from my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourselves; but also your man servant and maid servant. Observe my words and learn my commandments.

"You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five days in the year, beginning on Good Friday and continuing the five days following in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for you and mankind.

"You shall love one another and cause them that are not baptized to come to church and receive the Holy Sacrament; that is to say, baptism, and then the Supper of the Lord, and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation, and surely he that doeth to the contrary shall be cursed.

"I will also send hardness of

the heart on them and especially on hardened and unpenitent unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep the Sabbath day, for the seventh day I have taken as a resting day to myself.

"And he that hath a copy of this letter written by my own hand and spoken by my own mouth and keepeth it without publishing it to others, shall not prosper, but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as stars by night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned and they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plagues upon you and you will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but once think of what I have suffered for you; if you do, it will be well for you in this world and in the world which is to come.

"Whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder nor

lightning, and if any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You shall hear no more news of me except through the Holy Scriptures until the day of judgement. All goodness and prosperity shall be in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found. Finished."

The story goes that the little child who found it passed it to one who became a convert to the Christian faith. He failed to have the letter published. He kept it, however, as a sacred memento of Christ and it passed down to different generations of his family for more than one thousand years.

During this period the family suffered repeated misfortunes, migrated to different countries until finally one of them came to America, bringing the letter with him. They settled in Virginia then moved further south, still followed by misfortune, when the last member, a daughter, approached her death bed and called a neighbor, Mrs. Thompson, giving her the letter and related its history for more

than one thousand years. The Thompson woman began the attempt to have it published and first appeared in the Rome (Ga.) Tribune on Oct. 31, 1891. It then appeared in the Dalton (Ga.) Citizen, and Mrs. Wortman, now living in Marion, Ind. clipped it and kept it in her possession for many years without an effort to have it published. She was followed by misfortune, which she attributed to her neglect in trying to have the letter published.

Mrs. Ruby Crutchfield of Trezavant, Tenn., is also said to have had a copy and failed to make an effort to have it published for three years, and was followed by a varied lot of misfortunes which she attributed to the fact of her neglect in this respect.

The building I now occupy is for rent at reasonable price, possession given about June 15h.
B. SHACKLETT.

Cashier E. C. Edmonds of the First State Bank and L. L. Kelley made a business trip the latter part of last week to the Af-ton country.

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Mrs. Willie Scott, of a few miles south of Tap, was in the city the latter part of last week with a load of fine peaches which were disposed of to the townspeople. The peach crop of this section of the country will be fine this year and the few orchards we now have will supply a great demand in the fruit line. The Spur country is considered among the finest fruit countries of the state, and the few orchards we now have demonstrates the fact.

Chas. Jaye and wife and daughter, Miss Lois, and Mrs. W. C. Ballard of Dickens, were visitors in the city Saturday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

J. C. Allison, of the Afton country, was in the city Saturday in the interest of his campaign for the County Judge's office.

H. Z. Taylor, of a few miles east of town, had business here Saturday and reports that his section of the country is in good shape with respect to crop prospects.

Bat Scoggins and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were in the city Saturday.

J. H. Phillips, of the Red Mud country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office one day last week. Mr. Phillips says that he has about thirty acres of cotton up ready for chopping and that his feed and other crops are looking fine. Mr. Phillips is a successful farmer, and because he studies methods, of cultivation he never makes a failure. The so-called scientific methods of farming today will be recognized in the years to come as common methods, and it will be a paying proposition for all farmers to fall in line, study the methods of moisture conservation and scientific cultivation to the end that all will prosper and even partial crop failures will be unknown.

Bill McArthur had business in the city Saturday from the Red Mud country. He reports everything lovely in that section.

A party composed of District Judge Dixon, Stenographer Bussells and Isaac O. Newton, candidate for District Attorney passed through the city Saturday en route to Seymour from Matador where District court has been in session.

Walker's Bakery for fresh bread, cakes, buns, rolls, pies, barbecue. All goods baked fresh every day. Three doors east of postoffice.

Mrs. W. Bender returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Snowden of Kent county.

P. Henson was in Monday from his place on Red Mud and bought furniture with which to furnish his new home recently completed.

Sam Smith, wife and daughter were in the city Monday from their home near Red Mud.

Short orders at all hours at City Restaurant.

Jeff D. Reagan is having a fine residence built in the north part of the city and when it is completed will he will move his family to Spur.

Audry Wooten of Wake is visiting W. A. Tyler.

Jack Maben came up Saturday from Rotan and spent an hour or two here on business. Jack was formerly in the insurance business here, having recently sold the business to Godfrey & Tyler.

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Judge McClain was in Saturday from his Cat Fish ranch and reports things in pretty good shape in that section. He bought a mower with which to cut his grain, and says that his crops look good at the present time.

C. W. Snowden, a prominent citizen of Kent county, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with old time friends here.

Sebe Lambert was in town Saturday from Red Mud and reports fine crop prospects in that section. He hauled out a load of feed stuff, stating that he did not make enough feed last year to take care of his forty or more head of stock.

Miss Humphreys, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys of the city, returned Saturday to her home.

Mrs. Broyles and Mrs. R. P. Cole, left the the city Saturday for a few days visit to friends and relatives.

J. L. White, of the Gilpin country, was a recent visitors in the city. Mr. White has our thanks for a subscription to the Texas Spur.

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