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PRIZES GIVEN TEXAS FARMERS

Texas Industrial Congress Will Give \$9,750 In Gold to Texas Farmers

To stimulate and induce the farmers of Texas to adopt immediate and active methods of scientific farming in all sections of the country, the Texas Industrial Congress will give a First Prize of twenty-five hundred dollars in gold; a second prize of fifteen hundred dollars; a third prize of seven hundred and fifty dollars; a fourth prize of five hundred dollars; and ten prizes of one hundred dollars each for the ten next best results, for the largest yield of merchantable corn on ten acres of land, and the largest yield of middling cotton on ten acres of land, the twenty acres to be on one farm and under one management, to be located in Texas and the crop to be raised in 1911 without irrigation.

A first prize of one thousand dollars in gold; a second prize of seven hundred and fifty dollars; a third prize of five hundred dollars; a fourth prize of two hundred and fifty dollars; and ten prizes of one hundred dollars each, for the largest yield of merchantable corn on two acres of land, and for the largest yield of middling cotton on two acres of land, the four acres to be on the same farm under the same management, the crop to be raised without irrigation by the boys not over twenty years of age on the first day of January 1911.

There are no fees or any charges of any character whatsoever to the contestants for any of these prizes.

The sole object of the Congress is to help the farmers all over the state to help themselves. Notify the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas, at the earliest date possible and positively not later than April 1, 1911, that you are a contestant. State whether you will try for the twenty acres or the four acres or for both prizes.

Give your post office address and state just where your land is located so that an inspector can find it. After planting let the Congress know the general conditions of your crop on the first of each month; also keep a careful memorandum of what fertilizers were used, just how and how often your crop was worked during the season. Write to the Agricultural Department at Austin and to the A. & M. College at College Station for the most approved methods of cultivating crops in your locality.

All premiums will be awarded and paid after a most careful investigation by the awarding committee appointed by the executive committee of the Congress, but to save trouble to all it is made a condition precedent that there shall be no appeal by any contestant from the decision by the said committee.

The congress most earnestly requests the Commissioners' Courts and the business mens

associations in the various counties of the state to offer premiums in such amounts as they can afford to give identically the same crops and under exactly the same conditions as named by the Congress for contestants in their respective counties, to the end that a farmer may win a state and county prize, or, failing in a state prize, may win a county prize. The Congress also most earnestly requests commercial clubs and commissioners courts to keep in touch with the contestants in various counties. All county officers, merchants, bankers, in fact all good citizens, are earnestly requested to co-operate with the Congress in inducing farmers everywhere to immediately prepare their land and contest for these prizes.

Knowing that Dickens county soil, if properly cultivated, is just as productive as any section in the state, The Texas Spur will be glad to see a number of the farmers of the county enter this contest. The farmers of this county stand as good show, if not better, than any county to capture the first prizes offered, and in entering the contest will not only increase the income from better crop production but also have an opportunity to secure a neat sum of money in premiums as a result of the effort. Any farmer in Dickens county desiring to enter this contest Texas Spur will take pleasure in assisting to that end.

The slogan for the farmer in this day and time is "to make two stalks grow where formerly only one grew" and the quicker farmers study farming and adopt scientific methods of cultivation and conservation the sooner will crop production increase and the people become more prosperous and independent.

CLEARING FARM LANDS.

Mr. Cave, of the Scoggins & Higgins ranch, was in the city Saturday to secure posts and other material with which to build stock pens and make other improvements on the ranch. We are informed that several hundred acres of land on the ranch will be cleared this year for cultivation and several new farm houses built. Slowly but surely are the ranches of this western country disappearing and making room for the farmer and home builder, and within a few years ranch life in the west will be a thing of the past. The ranches have played an important part in the history of the country and it is not without regret that we witness their dissolution, but a new and brighter day is dawning and we welcome the coming of the man with the hoe who will play an important part in the development of the agricultural resources and contribute much to the recognition of this section as a factor in the agricultural, commercial and industrial world.

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS.

Dan Hogan, the painter, was in town Saturday and we are glad to note that he was as jovial and seemed to be as happy and prosperous as ever.

BUYING FARMS BUILDING HOMES

The Country Settling Up Rapidly And Substantially And Many New Homes Being Built.

There is no section of country in all of this broad land which is enjoying a more rapid and substantial era of progress, growth, prosperity and settlement than is Spur and the Spur country.

The Spur Farm Lands management is making sales of land comprising quarter and half sections almost daily, and each tract sold is now being improved or will be during the year. In December and up to the present time in January we are informed by Chas. A. Jones, manager of the Spur Farm Lands, that more sales have been made during this period of time than in any two months since the opening of the lands to settlement. Up to the present time about two hundred and fifty sales of farm land has been made, and practically every tract sold has been improved or will be during the year. Every day wagons are loaded with lumber from the various yards of Spur and hauled out to every section of the country where new farm homes are being built and other improvements being made, thousands of acres of new land is being cleared for cultivation this year and the town and country as a whole is enjoying an era of prosperity, improvement and building progress of which we are justly proud and pardonably boastful.

There is no country surpassing the Spur Farm Lands in richness of soil nor inducements offered the settler and home-builder. Those who are already here are contented and prosperous and those who may come later are assured that here is the "greatest agricultural opportunity in America."

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

Plans Discussed to Encourage Crop Diversification and to Promote Stock-Farming and Agricultural Interests.

A meeting of the Commercial Club was held Friday night at the Club headquarters and quite a number of members and citizens of the town were in attendance.

A proposition to secure thoroughbred stock in the country was discussed, and it is very probable that at an early date a stock company will be formed and the people of the country given an opportunity to secure better breeds and increase the value of the stock of the country.

The proposition of agricultural diversification was also discussed, and it was the opinion of the meeting that the town should supply the people of the country with a grist mill and crusher to not only afford accommodations in

grinding meal but in crushing the large quantities of feed stuffs produced within the Spur trade territory. Plans were also discussed looking to the encouragement of diversification, the production of broom corn, peanuts, vetch and other varieties of farm products which the soil of this section will grow in abundance. The adoption of the diversification idea by the people of this country will result in the establishment of mills and factories in Spur and will contribute much to the material prosperity of all. Upon the prosperity of the surrounding country depends the prosperity and progress of the town, and in considering and promoting the welfare of farming interests of this section the Commercial Club is doing work that will be felt by not only such interests but result in the advancement of the commercial interests of the town.

The commercial club is also distributing literature with reference to a variety of products, the best methods of culture, preparation of soil, etc., which can be secured by any farmer free of cost, and which no doubt will contribute some good ideas to those who read and observe the different methods as portrayed from practical demonstrations.

A commercial club is in a position to be of inestimable value to a town and country, and we are glad to note that the Spur Commercial Club is keeping in line with work that will result in the greatest good to the greatest number of people, and such work as is now being done will soon produce effective and material results.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Evans, of six miles southeast of Spur, came in Saturday and hauled out a load of posts and guttering to put on his new house and do fencing on his place which he recently settled in that section. Mr. Evans is only one of the many farmers in this country who is making improvements and settling new homes. In every section new farm homes are being built and many acres of land cleared for cultivation another year. It will be only a few years, at the present rate of settlement and improvement, until the Spur country will be densely populated, farms established and new homes built on every quarter section.

R. L. Collier, of Afton and one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the country, was a visitor in the city Saturday. Mr. Collier is an old-timer of this section and for years was one of the leading county officials of Dickens county, and today he is a leading factor in public affairs and a prominent figure in the development progress of the country.

E. B. Shaw, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in the city Saturday and loaded out with groceries and other supplies from the merchants of Spur.

GOOD CROPS ON LITTLE RAIN FALL

The Spur Country Averages Nearly Half Bale to the Acre in 1910.

Notwithstanding the fact that during the past year this section of country had less rain than any one year during the past quarter of a century, the farms of this country produced an average of one-third to one half bale of cotton to the acre and made plenty of feed stuff to supply not only the producers but new settlers who intend to make a crop here this year.

The rain fall in Dickens county from the years 1895 to 1905 made an average of 22.60 inches each year, and as evidence that the general average of rain fall is more than is required to produce good crops we give below the amount of rain each month in connection with the amount of crop production in Dickens county during the year 1910:

January	0.00
February	0.00
March	0.39
April	1.03
May	2.59
June	0.77
July	2.05
August	3.45
September	0.00
October	2.16
November	0.28
December	0.50

Making a total of 13.18 inches during the year.

With the above amount of rainfall, which is much less than has been known in this country since the beginning of farming, the farming lands produced from one-third to one-half, and in some instances three-fourths of a bale of cotton to the acre, thirty to thirty-five bushels of maize and kaffir corn to the acre and 25 to thirty bushels of corn, and about eighteen bushels of wheat, while the fruit crop of every variety was abundant. Heretofore very little grain has been produced for the lack of threshing machines, mills, etc., but with the advent of such facilities the products of the country will be more diversified and as a result the people more prosperous.

Taking the Spur Farm Lands and Dickens county as a whole, it is one of the very richest bodies of land and here the home-seeker and home-builder is offered the greatest agricultural opportunity in America. The soil is not only rich but varied from the tight black to sandy loam and shinnery, and will produce in abundance every product to the southland.

The country lacks but two things to make it among the richest agricultural sections of America, and that is more farms and more farmers, and we extend a cordial invitation to the homeseeker to investigate the possibilities and locate here and assist in the development of the boundless resources of the Spur Farm Lands.

W. G. Sherrod made a business trip Saturday to Mundry, returning to Spur Monday.

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THE REACTIONARY

The old ranch is sold to a syndicate

That is simply loaded with "tin";

They say that our methods is out of date

An' they're fencin' the ranges in.

They'll coddle the cows in a pasture lot

An' feed 'em on muffins an' tea,

But I'm goin' on to another spot, They can't make a "milker" of me!

They can cut off the horns of the cows an' steers,

An' put 'em in Rosewood stalls They can tie pink ribbons into their ears

An' take 'em on afternoon calls.

But I won't get down on a dinky stool

With a shiny tin pail at my knee.

Say, wouldn't I feel like a condemned fool?—

They can't make a milker of me.

I'm moving along with my old cayuse

To a place where the ranges are,

Where the cattle are runnin' free an' loose

With never a fence to bar;

Where the lariat's used an' they wear the chaps

An' the life's like it used to be.

They can make a "farm" of the ranch, perhaps,

But they can't make a milker of me!

—Berton Braley.

Which is right the Reactionary or yours truly?

Say, Tol, don't that fit like the jug to lip

The way they've done with "the Spurs,"

As I topped the rise I watched the steam cars

Come a puffing right along.

An' thought of days that are

past and gone, And of changes that come with the years.

While I know that Jake and you feel a little

say — blue,

I'm sure there's no need for that frown,

That I saw when you knew That the deal was put through,

And the ranch was a goner for sure.

The future is bright, at least its our right

To make it so, if we choose;

When those rain clouds come, and it rains us some

I had rather wear our shoes Than those of the Rube whose gone to hunt

The Range as it used to be.

The man with the hoe has come with his rows

Of cotton so silky and white. He's got now to stay, he can't get away,

That interest has got to come right.

Our nickels he'll hover and the (\$'s) dollars he'll cover,

With a smile,—Cotton's 15c.

Then its here's to the man with the plough in his hand

That with sulky or disc as he turns

The bonny brown earth to force part of the wealth

That dame nature so carefully guards.

May his steps never falter as the good seed he'll scatter,

Be his harvest 1000 to 1.

And his dinner be chicken, if I happen to look in

Along about that time a day.

W. E.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One sorrel mare eight years old, branded 4 on left hip. Any information leading to her recovery will be reasonably rewarded.

J. D. Martin, Spur, Texas.

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Election Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Dickens.

Office of the County Judge of Dickens County, Texas.

Whereas, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910, there was presented to the under-

signed County Judge of Dickens County, Texas, a petition signed by 64 persons, Citizens of the town of Spur, in said Dickens County, Texas, praying for an election to be ordered to determine whether the said town of Spur shall adopt the commission form of government, and it appearing that said town of Spur is now unincorporated and is a town located in said Dickens County, having a population of less than 10,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding federal census, and said petition is signed by at least 10 per centage of the qualified voters of said town and that said 64 persons are qualified voters of the town of Spur under the Constitution and laws of this State, and it further appearing that the territory to be embraced in the town of Spur and covered by the incorporation prayed for in said petition is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Sterley Avenue with the South line of Harris Street; Thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to a point in the South right of way line of the Wichita Valley Railway, said point being 100 feet Southward from and at right angles to the center line of the main line track of said Railway; thence North on degrees 26 minutes West, parallel with and 100 feet southward from said center line to a point in the south line of Section 244; thence westward with the south line of Section 244 to a point 200 feet southward from and at right angles to the center line of said main line track; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West parallel with and 200 feet southward from the center line track to a point located by the intersection of the West line of Calvert Avenue, if produced southward; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes East with the West line of Calvert Avenue to the intersection with the South line of Harris Street; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the West line of Williams Avenue; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes east with the West line of Williams Avenue to the intersection with North line of Mill Street; thence 66 degrees 26 minutes East with the North line of Mill Street to the intersection with the West line of Miller Avenue; thence Northeastward with the West line of Miller Avenue to the intersection with the North line of the alley that runs north of Blocks 57, 58, 59, and 60; thence Northeastward with the North line of said alley to intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to the intersection with the North line of Hill Street to the intersection with the East line of Sterley Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 36 minutes West with the East line of Sterley Avenue to the place of beginning. All streets, avenues,

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S. R. DAVIS

In First State Bank Building

blocks and alleys as shown on the map of Spur as recorded in the Records of Deeds of Dickens Co., Texas.

It is therefore ordered that an election be held by the qualified voters of said town of Spur within the boundaries above set forth at Commercial Club thereon on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1911, to determine whether said town shall adopt the Commission form of government, and J. F. Vernon and J. V. McCormick, qualified voters of said town are hereby appointed Judges and S. T. Clemmons and N. A. Baker clerks to hold said election, and J. F. Vernon is hereby designated as the presiding Judge of said election, who shall hold the same in accordance with the general election laws of State on the date and at the place aforesaid and at such election there shall be elected from the qualified voters of said town a Mayor and two Commissioners who

shall serve until the first Tuesday in April, 1911, and said election officers are hereby directed to make returns of said election to me in two days after said election in the manner and form provided by law, and it is further ordered that notice of said election be given by posting three written or printed notices thereof at three public places and by publishing the same in some news paper published in said town.

Given under my official signature and seal at my office in the town of Dickens, Texas, this the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910.

(L. S.) (Signed) F. C. Gipson, County Judge, Dickens County, Texas.

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

Mat Howell was in the city Saturday on business.

See H. T. Burgoon for rent houses. tf.

Have it pressed, Hamill & Edwards can do it.

We want your trade on wire and nails, and prices are right. - Barber & Hancock.

The Dickens County Abstract Company can furnish that Abstract on short notice.

A girl was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Reavis at their home in the city.

Mrs. Myrtle Penny, of Lubbock, is in the city this week, the guest of Miss Lillian Denton.

Mr. Henson, of Abilene, is in the city visiting his son, Duke Henson of the S. R. Davis establishment.

300 bushels good seed oats, clear of Johnson grass, for sale at 65 cents. J. P. Gibson, 4 miles southeast of Spur.

Charley Mitchell has accepted a position as Chaffeur on the Floydada-Spur auto line and made his first trip Tuesday.

W. F. Walker, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in that section in fine shape.

Anyone desiring a pleasant and comfortable home can secure such a place by acting as companion to a lady at the home of W. E. Kellar. Apply to Mr. Kellar at the Saddle Shop.

Be careful don't buy a lawsuit. Order an Abstract of Title and have it passed on before you pay your money for that lot. See the Dickens County Abstract Company.

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Rev. Mr. Werrey, of Amarillo, will preach Saturday night and Sunday at the Methodist tabernacle. Everybody is invited to attend the services.

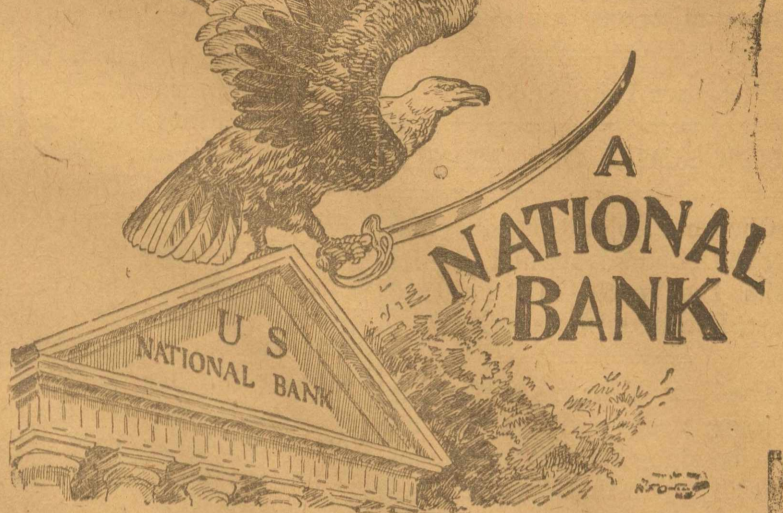
Miss Ola Price, who for some time has been visiting her sister near Aspermont, returned this week to Spur and will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

F. W. Jennings came up the first of the week from Jayton and is spending several days in the city. Mr. Jennings is now manager of the P. H. Miller lumber business at Jayton.

W. F. Walker, prescription druggist for the Red Front Drug Store at Cisco, came up Monday and will spend several days in the city assisting Manager Carl Lowery in the Red Front Drug Store at this place.

W. G. Sherrod was one of the party to accompany Chas. A. Jones on his tax-paying rounds of the surrounding counties. Emma, the county site of Crosby county, was the first place visited, and from there they will go to Post City in Garza county, Clairemont in Kent county and other county site towns of adjoining counties and of which the Spur lands comprise a considerable portion.

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G. C. Pass and E. L. Pass went up on the Plains the first of the week and hauled back to loads of feed stuff grown on their place in that country. Feed crops were good this year in that section.

We are requested to announce that the preaching by Rev. Mr. Werrey at the Methodist tabernacle Sunday at eleven o'clock will in no way interfere with the session of Sunday school to be held at that place Sunday morning from ten to eleven o'clock.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you to call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now. tf.

T. E. Murphey, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us a big silver dollar to extend his subscription up another period of time. Mr. Murphey was here to figure with the lumbermen on material with which to make an addition to his home, and stated that he had finished gathering his last year's crops and marketed all of his cotton and is now ready to begin preparations for another crop. Mr. Murphey said that he averaged about one-half bale of cotton to the acre the past year, and that considering the season it was a bumper yield. Mr. Murphey also said that he had just finished making hog pens and sheds for his stock of thoroughbred Poland China hogs and expects to do some hog-farming another year, since hogs are as good crop as cotton. Mr. Murphey is a diversificationist and as a result is one of our most successful and prosperous farmers.

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C. A. Jones, of three miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here had the dentist pull a tooth under which an abscess had formed.

Take your family washing to Tidwell & Haines at the East-side Barber shop. Washing and starching done for thirty cents a dozen pieces.

S. R. Driver was in the city Saturday from in the Afton country, trading with the merchants of Spur. Mr. Driver is one of the most prosperous farmers of Dickens county and is one of the best citizens.

Joel H. Berry, of Haskell, was in the city the first of the week and spent several days with C. H. Perry and family. Mr. Berry said that Spur is the nicest town of the country and that he was surprised at its size considering its age.

T. H. Ellis is making preparations to leave Spur for California to look at that country and compare its advantages and resources to those of Western Texas. We expect to remain in Spur a sufficient length of time to welcome all these wayfarers back home.

J. B. George returned the latter part of last week from Hamlin where he spent several days looking after his property interests at that place. He reports that Hamlin is progressing and the people of that section prospering, notwithstanding the short crop conditions prevailing all over the country the past year.

Steve Bennett packed up the household goods of Mrs. J. M. Bennett and shipped them last week to Stamford where Mrs. Bennett and family will reside in future. Steve, we are glad to note, will remain in Spur and be identified with the Spur Grain & Coal Co.

J. D. Powell and W. F. Godfrey returned the latter part of last week from Cross Plains where they spent several days looking over the new terminal town. They report that at the recent sale of town lots in that place the greater number of the lots within the townsites were sold at the opening.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Governor Colquitt is now guiding the ship of state and at its helm the motto is "Political Rest, Peace and Prosperity."

The New Year resolution is holding good and we are all moving along smoothly and contentedly upon that "water wagon."

Have you paid your poll tax? Only four more days remain in which to pay up and have a vote in any election to be held during the year.

Spur is building, progressing and prospering and on the fourth day of February she will not take a back seat in regulating sanitary conditions and promoting healthfulness as well as commercialism.

Automobiles are going out of date and air navigation is coming. But then it is remembered that we are living in the twentieth century and are developing ages of experimental study and progressive thought and ideas.

The farmers of the Spur country are already diversificationists and as a result are prosperous. When the Spur Farm Lands are fully developed and the country densely populated this section will become a recognized power in the agricultural and industrial world, and that day is rapidly approaching.

The rain this week contributed much to a bountiful grain yield at this time and brightens the prospects for bumper crops of all kinds during the year. Everybody get ready to gather and handle one of the biggest crops in years. The forecast is made and the result is inevitable, and the prophets are old settlers of past experience.

Without system little can be accomplished in anything, and this is just as true in the building of cities and management of municipal affairs as in the operation of individual and corporate businesses. An election will be held February fourth to determine whether or not Spur's sanitary condition and other municipal affairs shall be systematically and efficiently looked after.

The 1910 valuation of property within the proposed limits of the Spur incorporation amounted to \$530,000, and we are informed by Tax Assessor Harkey that the valuation for 1911 will amount to between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars. A tax of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property, the limit of taxation for an incorporated town, will create a fund of not less than \$1750.00 and which amount will be sufficient to care for the sanitary conditions and meet all expenses organization and preparation incidental to municipal government.

SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

That the people of Spur may take an interest and know the many things that take place in the Spur Public Schools, we will insert an item in the paper to show our record in a general way.

Our motto is: "Help make Spur Schools Best." We wish all the people in Spur to help us do. In a later issue of this paper compositions will be printed telling how we can "Help make Spur Schools Best."

In our school we have a library consisting of a hundred volumes of good books, from the best authors. It contains history, fiction and many other interesting subjects. The children of the school are selling tickets worth one dollar each, which entitles the holder or his family to read any book in the Spur Public Library. This is for the benefit of the library. We expect to order more books soon.

Considering the newness of the town, and also that this is the school's first year, it furnishes excellent opportunities. We have great hopes for the future of the Spur Public School.

School Correspondent.

LOST—Ladies satchel containing \$2.65, pair scissors and bottle cologne. Finder please return it to Texas Spur office.

Mrs. Cora L. Wilson.

The Western Grocery Co. carries a full line of staple and fancy groceries. Call in and see.

Rev. G. I. Britton, of Floydada, will preach at the Baptist tabernacle Sunday at eleven o'clock and again Sunday night. Everybody is respectfully invited to attend the services.

The Western Grocery Co. carries a full line of fancy and staple groceries. Call in and see.

SELLING PEANUTS IN SPUR COUNTRY.

One Car of Peanuts Sold in Spur and Shipped to Hawley This Week.

Ed Hunter and S. H. Howard of Hawley, spent several days this week in Spur buying peanuts, and secured one car which will be shipped to Hawley.

The peanuts bought were raised in the Red Mud country by Messrs. T. A. Smith, Frank Smith, W. H. Lewis, W. F. Lewis, Lon Fuquay, J. R. Smith and John Davis, and were sold at a price of eighty-six cents a bushel.

The Red Mud country is especially adapted to the growing of peanuts, fruit, etc., and the yield this year was abundant. The farmers of this whole country are not only prosperous but diversificationists, and although at the present time the country is comparatively sparsely settled it is destined in the near future to become not only densely populated but one of the richest and most productive agricultural sections of America. The soil here will produce a great variety of products in abundance and the farmers are raising peanuts, hogs and diversifying all along the farming line, which insures the development of our resources and the acquisition of wealth and independence on the part of the people.

CHILDREN MUST TALK.

What is a school?

A school is an institution (open to the public) where one person possessed of knowledge, a teacher, seeks to impart his knowledge to another, a pupil, who is in need of knowledge.

This knowledge consists of facts, principles, rules, and allusions—and the greatest work

of the teacher is forming the mind of the learner so that it will ever have the interest and power sufficient to master any fact, principle, rule, or allusion.

What should be the spirit of the school?

We unhesitatingly say that charity should be the supremest spirit of the school. Love and toleration are the greatest elements of charity, and should be the most cherished.

Unless there is that bond of love for a common ideal and a common purpose binding parents, public, teachers, and pupils into a band of sympathetic co-workers, the school can be neither tolerant nor charitable.

The failure of the element of love oftenest results thru a misunderstanding of the object of love. The object of love is principles, dispositions, characters—not individuals.

If we love knowledge, right principles, refined dispositions, beautiful characters, we will "love" any person who possesses these, or in whom we can see their possibilities.

Every teacher and parent should possess these qualities. Every teacher and parent should be able to see in the most wayward child the possibilities of these qualities. These qualities doubled with the power to see like qualities in others will make any one tolerant, charitable, optimistic,—a lover of mankind.

What we love, we talk about; what we are sure of, we are tolerant in.

Some discourage their children when it is bubbling over with talk about the school. Some go further and forbid the child's ever mentioning the school in their presence. There is no surer method of love-rob-bering, interest-killing anything than this. Were children forbidden to talk about Santa Claus or picnics, their interest in these

things would die. What the human mind loves, or is interested in, it must talk about.

The school is a hardy plant. No amount of adverse criticism can hurt it, if it should live, if it has a mission, if it is worthy to live. We want you to let your child tell what it likes—the good or the bad,—only, mind you, that you do not talk badly yourself in the child's presence.

We believe that a school is an institution of man, and as such, is no better or worse than others. But we believe it will grow bad under strained preference shone it,—or if it is coddled.

Speak out! It is the adverse winds which develop character. It is the pampered child that fails to develop stamina. It is the institution that escapes public attention, with its inevitable criticism, that weakens, becomes corrupt, decays.

The child's talk must be both encouraged and discouraged; the good encouraged; the bad discouraged.

The good must be encouraged by the parent's attentive, patient, interested hearing.

We wonder why children lose interest after the first four years. Would you follow an outside business longer, if no one in the home would neither question you concerning it, or let you talk about it?

Ask the child questions about the school, questions that will evoke answers along the right lines. Do this; enter into the child's interest in its work, and the child will think more of the school, and will think more about the beauty element in the school.

Silence upon any topic produces estrangement from, and an antipathy for that topic in the mind of the homo-human. How much zest is lent to father's works when all ask him interesting questions about, and plan for it.

Don't forbid the child to tell the bad. When you do, it will at once get the notion that the school does shameful things shamefully. Let it tell the whole of it,—if it can under the spell of an indifferent listener.

How we remember the supper hour at home,—the supper table with father in his quiet manner, presiding at the head of the table; we children lining either side of the table. When any subject was mentioned, all faces turned instinctively to father's. If we began on something good that had been done in school that day, father's face at once became winning with unfeigned interest. With nods, smiles, short sentences of approval, cheering looks, and pointed questions, he lassoed our interest and tethered it on the theme. We talked on; repeated, dwelled on the interesting, and laughed over the whole, for why should there not be laugh in the good as well as in the ridiculous? But had we made the mistake to mention the unfortunate, the bad, father's face became at once an epicurean study. At no other times did his food seem so palatable. He fairly reveled in his meal, and seemed completely unconscious of the theme or our attempted discussion of it; for it was only an attempt. Did you ever try to talk to a listless, indifferent, silent, pre-occupied audience?

Mind that you do not set the example, or let your own curiosity and love for the foul lead the child.

S. W. Adams.

T H E B I G BANKRUPT SALE

Will Continue Until February 11th

On account of weather and other hindrances to the purchasers of merchandise within the Spur trade territory we have decided to extend our Big Bankrupt Sale until Saturday, February 11th, and thus give the people of this country a better opportunity to buy the very highest grade merchandise at and below the first wholesale cost from jobbers and the factory.

OUR PRICES WILL NOT BE DUPLICATED IN SPUR

We do not mark the prices down on one piece of goods and up on another, but have put all prices down to the very bottom, and as evidence that we are not only selling goods at Rock Bottom Prices but that no piece of goods is being sold above wholesale cost we give below our Cost Mark to verify the statement, and which you can cut out, bring along for your own satisfaction:

W A R P S N C I O X Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 0

Look for the Bankrupt Sign on the Wendell building, and come to the sale early to insure a better selection of goods. We bought this stock of goods at forced sale and for that reason we can make wholesale cost prices to you.

I. D. GAMBLE, SPUR, TEXAS.

WHEN YOU NEED FRESH GROCERIES

Phone 28

White Front Grocery Store

J. W. HODGES, Proprietor.

The writer in company with R. S. Holman and little daughter, Miss Callie, G. C. Pass and Master Weldon McClure went over to Dickens Friday of last week and spent an hour or two in that city. We went over for the special purpose of paying taxes and securing our poll tax receipts and also to get more autoing experience. Immediately after arriving at our destination Judge Holman and Esquire Pass repaired to the county capitol building to discuss and arrange matters of law while the writer headed for the print shop—there being an irresistible attraction to all printers at all times to such quarters. We found Foreman Mullenix kicking the press and his assistant sticking type and from all appearances the printing and publishing business in Dickens keeps the two busy on the inside while Editor Allison is engaged in rounding up the outside corners and pushing the quill. From here we called on our friend J. H. Stradley whom we found very busy selling groceries and general merchandise of every character, and the fact that a number of sales were made during the few minutes we spent at this place was conclusive evidence that Mr. Stradley is prospering in his business. Being pressed for time we did not make the complete rounds of the town, but observed that Dickens, as well as other towns of the country, is enjoying an era of prosperity and building progress. The construction of the new county jail is now under headway and nearing completion, the building being done at a cost of something near eight thousand dollars. The jail is being constructed of stone and although its usefulness may be of little value to the country it has a substantial appearance. Dickens is also preparing to build a twenty thousand dollar school building, and the plans are to make it three stories, the first to be built of concrete, the second of stone and the third of brick. Such plans have been adopted, the bonds sold and the construction work will probably begin within a short time. Other building is in progress, new business houses and additions to older ones being made, all of which is substantial evidence of progress and prosperity.

George S. Link left Tuesday for Saint Louis markets to buy goods for the Bryant-Link mercantile establishment at Spur and other places of the country. The Bryant-Link Company is one of the largest mercantile concerns in all of Western Texas and their various establishments at other places, as well as Spur, is enjoying an extensive trade, since they handle everything in the general mercantile line.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS OF DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

The State of Texas,
County of Dickens.

Notice is hereby given, that unless taxes are paid on or before the 31st day of January, A. D. 1911, a penalty of 10 per cent must be added as penalty.

Poll tax must be paid on or before said date to entitle one to vote at any election held during the current year.

In addition cost to the amount of \$2.75 will attach to every tract of land delinquent on March 31st A. D. 1911.

H. P. Cole,
Tax Collector, Dickens county,
Texas.

Barber & Hancock moved this week to their new quarters next door to the Morrison establishment where they will do business in the future.

J. E. Counts, a prosperous citizen of the Draper country, recently hauled out posts and other material with which to do fencing on his place in that section. Mr. Counts is not only one of our most prominent citizens but is a progressive and prosperous farmer.

DOCUM DOTS.

The Docum Valley school is progressing nicely with a large attendance.

Mrs. L. W. Blake has been quite sick the last few days.

Miss Gracie Ham and Miss Lottie Johnson were the guests of Miss Edice and Erma West Sunday.

Mr. Alex Smoot gave a dance Saturday night which the young folks enjoyed considerably.

Mr. W. H. Cartwright has been papering his house this week.

Mr. Tom Allen is off with the dog killing crowd.

The farmers of this community are turning the soil right and left with the expectation of a bumper crop.

School Chap.

E. H. Blakely was in the city recently and hauled out lumber with which to make improvements on his place in the Liberty community. Many loads of lumber go out from the Spur lumber yards each week, and a trip over the country will convince any one that this country is growing, building and developing at a rapid rate. Just one year ago one could ride miles and miles in most every direction without seeing a single evidence of civilization. Today the country is dotted with new farm homes and the indications are that within a very few years the whole of this country will be devoted to agriculture and farm homes will adorn every quarter section within the bounds of the Spur Farm Lands and the Spur trade territory.

CITY MEAT MARKET

All Kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats
Prompt attention given all orders.
Phone No. 59.

MORGAN BROTHERS, Proprietors.

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Uncle Jim Jones, an old time citizen and prosperous farmer of Afton, was here recently trading with the Spur merchants and hauling out supplies for his farm and home.

For fresh groceries and prompt delivery, phone the Western Grocery Co.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topics for Epworth League, Sunday, January 29.

Subject: The Missionary Message on the Bible.

Text: Genesis 26:4., Miss Ham, Leader.

Paul's First Missionary Journey, Mr. C. C. Tyler.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Mr. A. J. Tyler.

Paul's Third Missionary Journey, Miss Thomas.

Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey, Miss Shields.

Each one on for a topic, will please give briefly the leading facts connected with the journey assigned, paying special attention to the message that comes to us from each.

Let Leaguers and everybody come.

TAP TELLINGS.

We have had some changeable weather since our last epistle. Monday it rained for several hours slowly which will be of much benefit to the plowman.

The farmers are vigorously pushing their work in order to get their land prepared to catch those snows that we have ordered in February.

W. W. Abney and wife, who have been here for the past several days visiting D. C. Abney and other relatives returned to their home at Abilene Monday.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart and children of Spur came out Friday and spent a few days with their old time friends, P. Hinson and Seth Allcorn.

One of Bass Copeland's children was taken suddenly ill last week. The child died at an early hour Saturday morning and the remains were interred in the tap cemetery. A host of friends join us in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones. Their loss is Heaven's gain.

William Boyd, of Brownwood, passed through our community last week and stopped over a few days with us.

Mr. Acker, of Spur, was here one day the past week looking for a location. We failed to learn as to his success.

We are informed that Mrs. Fred Danforth has been quite sick for the past several days.

S. S. Allcorn sold his farm here last week to E. Luce, consideration about five and one-half thousand. Mr. Allcorn will not leave this section, however, and we are glad to know that he is going to remain with us.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry preached here Sunday, but due to the weather conditions the attendance was small.

L. S. Scott came in Monday from an extended business trip down east. Mr. Scott detoured around to Knox City to see his brother before returning home.

A lively crowd of young folks met at Mr. Gardner's a few nights ago and had a jolly good time.

Gadabout.

FOR RENT

T. A. Randleman has purchased the Heflin Hotel. It will be closed a few days after the first for repairs. Apply to him for rent. 13-2t.

Mrs. F. W. West, of the Steel Hill school, recently resigned her position as teacher and after the suspension of school for one week Prof. Gilbert of Houston county and an old time friend of Prof. Nat Patton, has accepted the place and school was again resumed Monday morning. Prof. Gilbert comes highly recommended and the Steel Hill school is expected to do much good work under his supervision.

Farm Implements & H'wd.

We carry a full line of Farm Implements of standard make and brand, including cultivators, sulkeys, disc harrows, planters and everything needed on the farm. We sell the famous Studebaker buggies and wagons and handle the Star and Leader Windmills as well as a complete line of shelf hardware.

Our goods are the best and our prices are right.

Come in and see us. We will appreciate your business and give you courteous treatment, the best goods and the very lowest prices on hardware and etc.

W. F. RITER HARDWARE COMPANY, Spur, Texas

Mrs. R. A. Stewart is spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ham in the Croton country, recuperating from the effects of a recent illness and will probably remain at this home indefinitely. We hope that her stay in the country will greatly benefit Mrs. Stewart and that she can soon return home in excellent health.

Bob Shields made a business trip Friday of last week to Dickens where he spent several days looking after his property interests at that place. Mr. Shields recently moved to Spur from Alpine and will hereafter be again identified with the citizenship of this section. Mr. Shields was formerly a prominent business man of Dickens and has many friends in the county who will be glad to know that he has returned home.

R. M. Broyles and family, of Lockney, have been spending the week in the city at the home of W. G. Broyles and family.

J. J. Noland, a prosperous citizen of the Liberty country, was in the city recently after lumber with which to make improvements on his place in that section of country. Verily, the building progress continues uninterruptedly in every section of this portion of Western Texas. Every day wagons are loaded at the various lumber yards of Spur and hauled out to improve places in the various communities. Watch Spur grow and help the Spur country to develop.

J. P. Gibson of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Tuesday and was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country and the school progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Gilbert, Mrs. West having resigned the position. One most attractive feature of this whole country is that good schools have been organized and new school buildings erected in every community.

J. J. Hickman and family of Springport, Indiana, arrived in the city Sunday and are spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor. Mr. Hickman has been a valued reader of the Texas Spur during the past year, and although he has been a property owner, having bought a section of land several miles northwest of Spur about twenty years ago, he no doubt has been awaiting the advent of a railroad to this section before moving out and becoming a resident citizen. His household goods arrived Wednesday and he will immediately move out to his property, begin making improvements and become permanently located in this section. We are glad to have Mr. Hickman and family as resident citizens of this country and wish them not only a pleasant home but much prosperity in Western Texas.

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THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a
HOME.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

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 reached after a visit to the lands by Judge 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,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

J. B. Spears vs. W. M. Martin, In District Court of Dickens County Texas.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed in the above entitled cause, from the District Court of Dickens County, in the State of Texas, dated the 28th day of December A. D. 1910, and numbered 349, I on the 23d day of January A. D. 1911 have levied upon and will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on the 4th day of March A. D. 1911, being the first Tuesday in March A. D. 1911, at the court house door of Dickens county, Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., the following described property to-wit. Lot No. 8 in block No. 46 in the town of Spur, Dickens county, Texas. Said property being levied upon as the property of W. M. Martin Jr. to satisfy a judgment issued out of said Court in favor of J. B. Spears and against W. M. Martin for the sum of \$411 with interest thereon from the 28th day of December A. D. 1910, and all cost of suit, with a foreclosure of a vendors lien.

This the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1911.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff,
Dickens County Texas.

NOT A CHILD OF CHARITY.

A newspaper is in no sense a special child of charity. It earns twice over every dollar it receives and it is second to no enterprise in contributing to the upbuilding of a community. Its patrons reap far more benefits from its pages than its publishers, and in calling for the support of the community in which it is published it asks no more than in all fairness belongs to it, though generally it receives less. Patronize and help your paper as you would any other enterprise because it helps you, and not as an act of charity—Richland (Ga.) Georgian.

At no time since the creation of Spur and the establishment of the Texas Spur has a single issue of the paper gone to press without a "boost" for the town and country or some mention of the progress and development of the town and country which to our own knowledge has been instrumental in locating business men of the town and settling a number of citizens in the country, and yet there are those here who lend encouragement in hampering our efforts in the publication of the paper and work against its general prosperity in a business way, who for petty personal reasons withhold patronage, and still

others who do not believe that advertising pays and have offered us advertising simply as a donation. It is superfluous to say that advertising under such conditions has never appeared in the columns of the Texas Spur, and in justice to the ownership of all business concerns in the city we state that it is only "managers" who have little interest in the business except to draw a salary who encourage impediments to a successful publication and offer advertising with limited sagacity and under seventeenth century conditions. If we have wronged any man we are manly enough to make due apologies. We are not begging for business nor will it be accepted only upon reciprocal grounds and legitimate methods, but we do ask a broad-gauged consideration in a business way and solicit the patronage of every business man and desire the united support and co-operation of the entire citizenship in the publication of the Texas Spur, honestly believing that it will directly benefit those who use its advertising columns, contribute in the advancement of commercial interests, promote the progress of the town and encourage the development and settlement of the surrounding country.

Read the Texas Spur. \$1.00.

DICKENS ITEM.

We are informed that Henry Elmore's new house was completed yesterday on his place north of Dickens.

Mr. Jim Elmore went to Spur to buy lumber to build him a new house on his land recently bought of J. T. Whitaker. We know not what Jim is building for but hope he will succeed in his enterprise.

Mr. John Blakely and Mr. Man Clark made a business trip to Spur Tuesday.

We understand that S. R. Davis has sold his residence property in Dickens to his father, J. C. Davis, who will move to this place some time in the future.

DRAYAGE

When you want any kind of hauling promptly, Phone 100
J. O. YOPP, SPUR.

C. D. PULLIN,

Transfer, Baggage & Express Wagon.

We will be at your service at any and all times and solicit your business in our line. Luzon Phone 25.

Professional Cards.

DR. MORRIS

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON

Office in Spur Drug Co. Phone No. 40.

DR. G. M. BACHELOR.

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Office, both phones 40.
Residence, both phones 80

T. T. Bouldin P. C. Maynard

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Niggerhead and Lump Coal, Post Oak Wood.
All Kinds of Hay, Grain and Cow Feed

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Don't do cheap work, but do good work cheap.
Try us once and be convinced.

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LEST YE BE JUDGED.

"I have never taken a drink of intoxicating liquor in my life," said a man not long since. "I look upon whiskey drinking as 'the greatest evil of the age, and I have no patience with the man who drinks.'" "I have never failed to meet a debt I owed promptly," said another. "The man who stands off his bills month to month when he could make arrangements to pay them is to my mind, an undesirable citizen. I make it a rule never to allow a collector to call twice for any amount I may owe him." "I make it a rule," said another, "never to speak evil of my fellow man. I can think of no meaner or more despicable trait of human character than that of back biting, and of all men, I despise a peddler of evil reports the most."

The man who said he never touched intoxicants told the truth, but he is very slow about meeting his financial obligations. The fellow who pays his bills promptly drinks sometimes to excess. The fellow who never speaks evil of his fellow man drinks occasionally, and is also slow about meeting his debts. Each man is perfect in one respect, but falls down sadly in other ways, and each no doubt believes the other a bad man and himself a good one. If called upon to choose the one nearest perfect any of us would do so from prejudiced viewpoint, for it is human to magnify certain imperfections and minimize others. The book by which we all must be judged admonishes us, to "owe no man anything," to "tary not at the wine," and to not be guilty of backbiting.

Perhaps the Kansas poet gave us the proper rule for dealing with each other's weaknesses when he said:

"There is so much that is good in the worst of us,
And so much that is bad in the best of us,
That it doesn't become any of us
To talk about the rest of us."

—J. H. Lowery,
in Honey Grove Signal.

Read the Texas Spur. \$1.00.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Texas, County of Dickens.

To the creditors of R. W. Scurry. You are hereby notified that R. W. Scurry, of the county of Jones, on the 27th day of December 1910, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of such of his creditors as will consent to accept their respective share of his estate, and discharge him from their respective claims, and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months after the publication of this notice, make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from the date of this notice file their claim prescribed by law, with the undersigned who resides at Spur, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of January 1911.

M. E. MANNING,
Assignee.

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For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

The Eastside Barber Shop

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First-class Tonsorial Work, hot and cold baths and up-to-date service in every respect. Call to see us.

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Trades what you have for what you want.
Office up stairs over Spur National Bank.

For two and four room rent houses, see H. T. Burgoon. tf

W. S. Campbell and Miss Mary Jane Smith made a flying trip to Dickens Friday.

We sell J. I. Case plows —Barber & Hancock.

Mrs. M. M. Humphrey returned the latter part of last week from Stamford, Anson, Rule and other places where she spent several days on business and visiting friends.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

In Memory of John M. Bennett.

Whereas, since the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called our Brother John M. Bennett from this field of labor to a higher service in the courts above, this lodge is called upon to sustain a loss that is deeply felt, as he was a zealous Knight and a brother whose life was above reproach in his relations with the lodge and as a citizen. Reared on the frontier, in days when the metal of which every man was made, was put to test, he always rang true, developing the sterling qualities which were conspicuous in him as a friend, husband, father and neighbor. His instinct for right was unerring and he always vigorously championed his beliefs with the liberal expenditure of his time, his talents and his money in all matters of community interests. The memory of such a man lives after him, and will be treasured by us in the years to come.

In our own sorrow, we are not unmindful of the irreparable grief that came so suddenly as to be a stunning blow to the immediate family, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to them for such support as this knowledge can give them in their day of trial.

Therefore be it resolved by Spur Lodge No. 419, Knights of Pythias, that a copy of these resolutions be published, that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother and that a page of the minutes of this Lodge be set aside as a memorial page and the resolutions be entered thereon.

E. J. Cowan,
Nat Patton,
C. A. Jones,
Committee.

S. W. Rather, one of the most prosperous citizens of the Lower Red Mud country, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything in his section in pretty good shape.

....A COMPLETE DRUG STORE....

A complete stock of Drugs, Wall Paper, Jewelry and Toilet Articles.
We handle the Eastman Kodaks and Edison Phonographs.
We have a complete and large stock of goods, give the most careful attention to prescriptions, courteous treatment to customers and invite you to make our store your headquarters when in town.

The Red Front Drug Store

C. W. LOWERY, Mgr.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and four room rent houses. tf

J. A. C. Davis made a business trip to Fort Worth and other eastern cities last week.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of the Dickens country, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and looking after business matters.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and four room houses for rent. tf

J. Carlisle was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Gilpin country. Mr. Carlisle is one of the old timers of this section, having settled here in the very earliest days of the farming industry. He has prospered, notwithstanding the disadvantages of an isolated country and the absence of produce markets until recently, and is now among the best fixed men of the country. It is a demonstrated fact that this section of country will produce in abundance and prosper those who take advantage of the inducements and develop the resources.

Editor Smith of the Clairemont News and brother, Frank Smith of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Friday. Editor Smith informed us that he had sold the Clairemont News and was now making preparations to scratch the Cat Fish soil and grow peanuts and pigs another year. He was here for the purpose of securing lumber to build a house on the T. A. Smith farm. We wish Mr. Smith much success as an agriculturist. The Clairemont News, we understand, will hereafter be edited by Will S. Cooper. We have known Will a number of years and predict that he will make good in his new field of labor.

WELL INVESTED.

The business man who finds a paper in his town that is always boosting and heralding the good bargains that are offered by the tradesmen of the town, makes a splendid investment by spending five or ten dollars in sending that paper to his customers who are not subscribers. The paper sent thus for three months to a large number of people who trade in the home town would be rewarded with a push of business that would surprise them agreeably.—Ex.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and four room houses for rent. tf

Farm Implements

NOW is the time to begin preparation for another crop, and in the selection of farm implements we desire to inform the farmers of this section that we have a complete stock of all farming implements and tools, including plows, single and double disc sulkeys and harrows, cultivators, planters and everything needed on the farm. Our stock is of high grade and standard brands and our prices are the very lowest. We also have a complete line of shelf hardware, stoves, windmills, buggies and wagons. Come to see us. We will be glad to do business with you.

Barber & Hancock.

Spur Grain & Coal Co.

HAY, GRAIN AND
ALL KINDS FEED

Seed Wheat and Oats.

WE HANDLE THE McALLISTER
AND NEW MEXICO COAL.
PHONE US YOUR ORDER.

We pay the highest cash price for hides

**MEN! OUR WINTER CLOTHES
WILL PLEASE YOUR EYE AND
POCKETBOOK**



HEAVILY IN WHITE GOODS.
SAVE MONEY.

AGAIN WE ANNOUNCE OUR ANNUAL SALE OF HIGH QUALITY WHITE GOODS. IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY WHITE GOODS NOW, BECAUSE THE MILL IN ORDER TO KEEP BUSY DURING WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN AN IDLE PERIOD, HAVE MADE US VERY LOW PRICES TO INDUCE US TO BUY. ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT TO GET GOOD VALUES FOR OUR PATRONS WHO CONFIDE IN US, AND KNOWING THAT WE HELP OURSELVES BY HELPING OUR CUSTOMERS, WE BOUGHT WE ADVISE THAT YOU BUY WHITE GOODS NOW AND

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

Have it pressed, Hamill & Edwards can do it.

W. M. Stovall, a prominent citizen of Dickens, had business in the city Saturday.

C. J. Smith, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday and reports everything all o. k. in that section.

J. N. Rhodes came in recently and added two names to the growing subscription list of the Texas Spur. During the past ten days we have added something near twenty-five new names to the list and which fact we appreciate, and which is some evidence that our efforts in publishing a paper is being recognized and approved.

J. A. Moore recently sold his second hand business on Fifth Street to parties who will continue the business in the same stand.

The Spur gin was in operation the latter part of last week and ginned out a number of bales of the last pickings of the country. The cotton of the country is practically all picked out and the farmers are preparing land for this year's crop.

Prof. J. C. Allison came down recently from Afton where he is teaching this session of school. Prof. Allison is also editing the Dickens Item and says that the combination of work keeps him busy. Prof. Allison is making good in the newspaper field as well as in the school work.

While out hunting quail last week Deputy Sheriff Anderton and J. F. Vernon ran across a wild cat and after throwing eight loads of shot into its body the cat became their meat. The wild cat is one of the largest this writer ever saw. The hide was stuffed and is now on display at the Merchants & Farmers bank.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you to call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now.

H. D. Harvey has just completed the five room residence being built by E. L. Pass in the north part of town. The residence is quite an addition to the residence portion of the city and we congratulate Mr. Pass on keeping in the procession of progressive city building in Spur. During the past fourteen months no city in the country has enjoyed a more rapid and substantial growth than has Spur, and from present indications this building era will continue throughout the year. Let the good work go on.

WARNING NOTICE.

We have commenced poisoning prairie dogs and will cover our entire ownership in the East Pasture of the Spur Ranch. There is danger of killing live stock running on the range, especially such stock as has been grain fed. The public is warned that we will not be responsible for any losses of this character, and any stock allowed to run on the land will be at the risk of the owner.

S. M. Swenson & Sons
13-8t. C. A. Jones, Mgr.

FROM TEXAS SENATE.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13, 1911.

We, the undersigned members of the Texas Senate, have noticed with some regret that a part of the press of this State has sent out news from the capitol that it had been our intention to forestall or delay the inauguration of Governor Colquitt. We have this statement to the people in order that they may understand the purpose of the senators. There is no man among us but who has always entertained the belief that Governor Colquitt, after the election, should be inaugurated in accordance with law and the constitution. No one of us has attempted to delay or prevent such inauguration. We have been working together, however, for the purpose of passing two or three measures which we earnestly believe would bring about better conditions in Texas, and especially purer and cleaner politics, viz: we are anxious to see upon the statute books of this State a regulatory measure closing saloons at six o'clock p. m. or at some reasonable hour, to the end that the traffic existing at night in them

should be stopped; and further, it is our belief that there is an organized force of the saloon interests which is seeking to control the politics of this State and interesting itself in every office on the precinct to the highest and most important office in Texas. We believe that any interest that secures its right to exist by license from the State should, so far as possible, be eliminated from the political field, and if we could, we would bring about measures seeking this end.

This statement is not handed out for the purpose of censuring any newspaper that has fairly presented our attitude to the people, nor do we intend to dictate in any way to the papers that present the matter, as we think, unjustly, because of their being in the hands and ownership of those who look upon governmental affairs and its policies different from ourselves. The interest that prompts us is alone the establishment of purer politics and a cleaner democracy to the end that the things that harrass the people may be suppressed.

(Signed) Bryan, Carter, Coffer, Collins, Greer, Johnson, Latimore, Mayfield, Perkins, Ratliff, Sturgeon, Terrell of Wise, Townsend, Ward, Warren, Vaughn.

New Service.

Do you know that you can send a Telegram from your own Telephone, either prepaid or to be collected from the addressee at any time, day or night, Sundays and Holidays, by asking "Central" for "Western Union"? If the local Telegraph office is closed, you will be connected with a nearby all-night office of the Western Union, in which event, in case of a prepaid telegram, you will be required to pay the telephone as well as the telegraph charges. In case of a telegram to be forwarded "collect" the charges to be paid by the addressee, it is required that you will guarantee the tolls of both companies should the addressee refuse payment.

The Western Union Telegraph Company and the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company are increasing the scope of usefulness of the wires and ask for a patronage in bringing about the development.

The Southwestern Telegraph
And Telephone Company.

**L. W. Davis
ABSTRACTS**

OFFICE OVER THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

We have a complete abstract of all Dickens county land and can furnish accurate and complete abstracts to any tract of land in the county on short notice. We also represent a number of the oldest and most substantial Fire Insurance Companies and respectfully solicit a share of the business in that line as well.