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Spur is the Youngest and Most Rapid Growing Town in Texas.

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CORPORATION ELECTION.

Election to be Held Tomorrow and Everybody Expected to Vote.

The election to determine whether are not Spur shall incorporate for sanitary and municipal purposes will be held tomorrow, Saturday, February fourth.

This election not only affects the town but every citizen and tax-payer and for that reason every voter is expected to cast a ballot in the election. In connection with the corporation election three officers, a mayor and two commissioners, are to be voted upon to serve the city should the election carry, and for such offices business men of recognized ability and sagacity have been selected as candidates, and since there has been some fear expressed as to the enactment of a stock law and other ordinances not desired by the people, Messrs. Geo. S. Link, W. G. Sherrod and E. C. Edmonds, selected as the candidates, the former for mayor and the latter two for commissioners, have issued a statement that no such laws or ordinances will be considered or passed under their administration. These gentlemen are not only largely interested in the city in a business way but have the interests of the town and the people at heart and will give the city a wise, conservative and just administration of its public affairs, improve sanitary conditions and promote health as well as commercial interests.

While the Texas Spur will not pretend to tell the people how to vote on the incorporation proposition, yet the writer has lived in several West Texas towns from their infancy to the incorporation period and we know by experience and observation that public affairs and especially sanitary conditions cannot be controlled without authority and system, and neither system nor authority in such matters can be had or enforced other than by incorporating for such purposes, and for these reasons we would like to see the people of Spur cast a unanimous ballot Saturday for the incorporation of the city.

Since the stock law proposi-

tion is out of the question, there remains but one other item to be considered and that is the tax proposition and the benefits to be derived from such a tax. As stated heretofore, the state laws limit the tax to be levied by an incorporated town to not exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of taxable property. The tax will be devoted to the administration of public affairs in a systematic manner, cleaning up the town and keeping it in a sanitary condition and paying such officers as are necessary to enforce such conditions and ordinances as will be enacted for the good of the town and the people. A systematic government is an absolute necessity in this enlightened and progressive day, and without such a government we would revert back to the dark days of uncivilized ages, and while we have a state and national government to regulate the affairs of state and nation it is just as necessary and essential that we have a local government to administer local affairs of which the state and nation have no knowledge nor interest, and since the home comes first in the minds of all good men we consider it more patriotic to favor, support and maintain an ideal local government, promote health and sanitation and regulate public affairs of the home town and community than in paying tribute wholly to a government which effects us only collectively.

The incorporation of Spur means a cleaner town, healthy community, a safer town in which to do business, and the systematic management of municipal affairs, means less expense and a just distribution of the burdens of taxation. Think seriously of these things before casting your ballot in the election tomorrow.

R. B. Spencer, a prominent business man of Stamford, spent several days in the city this week looking after his business interests in Spur.

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Draper country, was in the city this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us a silver dollar for the paper.

SELLING HOGS IN SPUR MARKET.

Nineteen Big, Fine Hogs Sold Saturday in the Spur Market.

Saturday of last week W. A. Craddock, of the Wake country, brought in a load of nineteen big, fine hogs and sold them to Tom Davis at the prevailing high prices being paid for the porkers all over the country at this time.

During the year Mr. Craddock has brought in a number of loads of hogs and sold to Spur buyers, the sales amounting to a neat sum of money in addition to his other farm products. There is no finer country in which to raise hogs than in the Spur and surrounding country and many of the farmers of this section are taking advantage of the conditions and demonstrating that the hog business stands at the head of the list of profitable farm products.

Mr. Copeland, of Oklahoma, was here this week prospecting.

Mrs. P. H. Miller is visiting relatives this week at Jayton.

J. Calisle, of Gilpin, was in the city Monday on business.

Ben Hagin, a prosperous citizen of the Gilpin country, had business in the city Monday.

J. H. Fox, a prosperous citizen of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city Monday.

Ms. W. E. Lyles left this week for an extended visit to her parents at Granbury.

C. M. Buchanan, a prosperous citizen of Dickens county, was in the city Monday.

R. M. Glazbrook and family were in the city Sunday from their home near Spur.

Rev. Brittain, of Floydada, preached Sunday in Spur to an appreciative audience.

W. S. Taylor, of near Dickens; was in the city Monday trading with the merchants of Spur.

Miss Myra Wilson is in the city visiting at the home of W. S. Taylor and wife.

Mrs. W. J. Elliott, of several miles south of Spur, spent the day Sunday in the city at the home of C. H. Senning and wife.

Mrs. Roy Bledsoe returned this week from an extended visit to relatives at Stephenville and other places.

L. W. Davis returned this week from Dickens where he spent several days with his family in that city.

Luther Hindman is building a residence on his lots in the northwest part of the city. Spur keeps building.

Messrs. Hinson, of Tap, were in the city Wednesday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

C. A. Jones, a prosperous farmer of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports the ground on his place in fine shape for breaking. Mr. Jones made a big crop of cotton and feed stuff last year, his cotton averaging about a half bale to the acre.

Miss Ella Garner, of near Spur, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

We come an git em, fix em and take em to um.

Edwards & Hamill,
Tailors and Hatters.

P. H. Miller returned the first of the week from Jayton, Peacock and other places where he had been looking after his lumber interests.

For Sale—Two of the choicest residence lots in the city. Terms cash, but a bargain to someone if sold at once. I need the money. Write HOSEA C. DAKAN, Box 314, Wichita Falls, Texas, Owner. 14 2t.

Burley Griffin returned last week from a trip to the Davis Mountains where he spent several days hunting big game. Burley reports that he killed a big buck and that he enjoyed the trip to the full extent.

Mrs. Y. L. Jones entertained at her home in the city Thursday. Quite a number of guests were invited and progressive forty-two was the feature of the entertainment, delightful refreshments being served during the progress of the games.

A card from J. A. Murchison at Draper states that he has been confined to his room about three weeks with a case of the grippe. The grippe is not very congenial company and we hope soon to see Mr. Murchison out again.

E. Luce, of Tap, was in town Saturday and reports everything all right. Mr. Luce says he may move over to Spur if he can make the proper arrangements. We will be glad to have Mr. Luce as a citizen of the town.

W. K. Perry returned last week from a trip of several days in Haskell, Jones and other counties and reports that section of country in pretty good shape, they having had more rain than we have had in this section.

C. C. West and family, formerly of Sanger, recently moved to Wake and will make their home in that section in the future. Mr. and Mrs. West were in the city this week and bought furniture and other household furnishings of the Spur Furniture Company.

TWO-STORY BRICK TO BE BUILT.

Plans Have Been Made and Construction Work Will Begin Next Week.

We are informed that Dr. Standifer will begin building a two-story brick building on his lots on Burlington Avenue, and that the work will begin on the eighth of February. The building is to be of compressed brick, the lower story to be used for mercantile purposes while the upper story will contain the Doctor's offices, surgical department and sanitarium.

This building will be quite an addition to the business interests of the city and is more evidence that Spur is building substantially and permanently as well as rapidly and constantly.

CUTTING SCRAPE AT AFTON

A fight and cutting affray is reported to have occurred Saturday at Afton in which Mr. Gollihar was severely if not fatally injured by five knife wounds around the heart and lungs. The difference came up between Mr. Gollihar and young Mr. Mobley in the settlement of a sale of Spur property, the difference amounting, it is alleged, to five dollars. The parties were in the Hale & Loyd store and after going on the outside a fist fight ensued in which Mr. Gollihar knocked young Mobley down, after which the knife was drawn with the above result. Both parties are prominent men of the Afton country and the difficulty is very much regretted by friends and the whole community. Doubts are yet entertained as to the recovery of Mr. Gollihar.

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.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Acting under your instructions your committee employed Rev. S. P. Clement on the 24th day of Sept., 1909, as Associational Missionary. We agreed to pay him \$400.00, he took the field for \$200.00 this amount was supplemented by the State Board to the amount of \$600.00. Brother Clement proved himself a worthy Missionary. Your Board settled regularly every month with him, but in order to do so was forced to borrow \$75.00. Interest on same could have been saved had the churches come up promptly with donations for the work. We start the New Year, however, out of debt. We also recommended Ogdon, Dickens and China Grove churches to the State Board for help, which they received.

We arranged for 5th Sunday meeting at China Grove, Dickens and Friendship churches. The Lord has blessed the work this year, hence "We thank God and take courage" hoping that the incoming year will be rich with the blessing of Heaven. Respectfully submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME

We, your committee on Buckner Orphans' Home report as follows: We find that the Home is keeping apace with our other great Baptist enterprise and institutions. But with growth comes correspondingly increased obligations which must be met. This is a charge of the great Baptist Brotherhood of Texas. God's approbations have rested upon this home from its earliest existence.

The noble young men and women reared in the Home are found in the ranks of our best citizenship and are a source of blessing to our great Baptist cause. The Home is now in debt and we urge upon the pastors and messengers the imperative necessity of taking liberal contributions for this cause at once and forward to Bro. Buckner to the end that this noble work may fostered and God's cause glorified in our great Baptist Ranks. Respectfully submitted,

T. E. LONG,
N. TEAGUE,
J. W. ELDRIDGE, Committee.

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

SALE
STARTS
SATURDAY
FEB. 4,
1911.

All Winter Dry Goods
Clothing and Shoes!

SALE
ENDS
SATURDAY
FEB. 18,
1911.

BEGINS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1911,
AND WILL BE CONCLUDED SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.---JUST 14 DAYS

EVERY Dollars worth of Winter Goods will be Closed Out at Manufacturers Cost and in many cases Less. Hundreds of dollars worth of goods suitable for spring and summer wear will be placed on sale at great price reductions. We are going to cut our stock half in two in two short weeks, and to accomplish this we are going to make the

LOWEST PRICES EVER MADE ON GOOD MERCHANDISE IN THE CITY OF SPUR

COME and lay in a 6-months supply while you can save money. Remember, on account of the high price of cotton, dry goods are advancing every day and will be much higher in the spring. Take advantage of this great sale while you can save at least one-third on any article in the dry goods line. Come at once before the assortment is broken. Great price reductions will be made on dress goods, gingham, outings, calicos, percales, domestics, notions, shoes, hats and clothing, in fact the entire stock. All we ask is that you come and see for yourself, if you don't find the lowest prices ever made in Spur don't buy a penny's worth. A glance at the following prices will give you an idea, but come see as hundreds of articles are priced even lower than prices quoted:

Men's Hats.

Get under one of our hats and smile while price is below zero.
\$5 Stetson hats, all shapes 3.85
3.50 Beaver hats, " " 2.48
2.00 Hats, " " 1.25
1.25 Boys' hats, " " 89c
75c Boys' hats, " " 45c

Men's Suits

Our entire stock of Men's and Boys' suits and Overcoats at actual cost. Get you a suit while you have this opportunity. No goods will be charged at these prices.

Men's Furnishings.

\$1.25 Dress shirts, " " 85c
75c Work shirt, " " 48c
50c Work shirts, " " 39c
50c Fleeced underwear, " " 33c
50c Fleeced drawers, " " 33c
50c Ribbed undershirts, " " 33c
50c Fleeced drawers, " " 33c
1.50 Sweaters, " " 1.10
1.00 Sweaters, " " 79c
75c Sweaters, " " 45c
50c Sweaters, " " 35c
1.75 Men's gloves, " " 1.45
1.50 Men's gloves, " " 1.19
1.25 Men's gloves, " " 89c
Canvass gloves, " " 7c

Shoes

Lay in your supply of shoes for a year while the tariff is off.

\$5 Men's shoes, our entire stock 3.95
4.00 Men's shoes, " " 3.15
3.50 Men's shoes, " " 2.85
2.40 Men's shoes, " " 1.89
2.00 Men's shoes, " " 1.50
3.50 Ladies shoes, " " 2.85
3.00 Ladies shoes, " " 2.35
2.50 Ladies shoes, " " 1.85
2.00 Ladies shoes, " " 1.50
1.75 Ladies shoes, " " 1.39

All children shoes at similar reductions. Odd lots specially priced

Men's Odd Pants.

We are overstocked in this line, hence apply the knife freely.

\$5 Pants, our entire stock 3.95
4.00 " " " " 3.15
3.50 " " " " 2.85
2.50 " " " " 1.85
1.50 " " " " 1.19
1.00 Overalls and Jumpers 75c

Trunks

Big stocks of Trunks specially priced.

Staple Dry Goods

At less than present wholesale costs.

Best calico, entire stock 4c
12 1-2c Dress gingham 9c
10c Apron checks 7c
12 1-2c Sheeting 9c
10c Bleached Domestic 7 1-2c
10c Brown Domestic 7c
10c Outings 7c

Dress goods of all kinds at big reductions.

Laces and Embroidery

New spring laces and embroideries specially priced for the sale.

1000 yards of laces, vals torchons and linens worth 10c per yard, special 5c

2000 yards embroideries

Swiss and Hamberg edges and insertions worth up to 20c per yd. 10c

35c Corset cover embroidery 19c

Thousands of yards baby sets, corset covers, flounces and all overs at low prices.

Sewing Machines.

The famous White machine sells at \$50 the world over. During this sale \$30

Small Notions

Small notions at a small price.

Best class pins, paper 3c
5c Hair pins 3c
5c Needles 3c
6 Shoe strings 5c
10c Elastic 5c
5c Pearl buttons, Doz. 9c
10c Pearl buttons, Doz. 7c
7 Spools Clarks O N T thread 25c
15c Towels 11c
15c Ladies hose 8c
15c Misses hose 8c
15c Men's hose 8c
10c Heavy gray hose 5c

Knit Goods

35c Ladies Vests 19c
50c Ladies Vests 38c
35c Fascinators and shawls 19c
50c Fascinators and shawls 33c
50c Union suits 39c
35c Union suits 19c

Ladies Ready-to-Wear

Our entire stock of ladies Tailored Skirts, Coats and Capes at actual cost to close out.

Black silk Petticoats worth \$4.00 at 2.48

Heatherbloom Petticoat

2.00 value at 1.19
1.25 Sattene 89c

THE Object of this sale is not Profit, but to turn our surplus stock into cash, and as soon as the people of Spur and surrounding country find out the marvelous low prices we are making the sale will gather from day to day, each customer will be a walking advertisement. It will pay you to make your summer purchases now and even buy your heavy goods for next winter. **COME EXPECTING THE BIGGEST BARGAINS EVER OFFERED IN SPUR. WE WONT DISAPPOINT YOU. COME.**

REMEMBER THE DATE
SATURDAY, FEB. 4

R. R. Morrison

SALE CONTINUES TILL
SATURDAY, FEB. 18

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Your Free Disposal. Bring
in Your Valuable Papers, Etc.

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

SPUR SCHOOL ITEMS.

Monday morning at chapel we had the pleasure of having Rev. Britton of Floydada, who gave us an interesting and instructive talk.

We are sorry to announce that three of our school pupils, Misses Lyde, Dixie and Leah Dixon have left Spur. We hope that they will find their new home a pleasant one.

Monday we received our "floor sweep," which will enable us to keep the rooms cleaner. Also our dictionary has arrived.

For the benefit of the library, the Mothers Club is raising a twenty-five dollar subscription list for the "Farm and Ranch" and "Hollands Magazine." With the money thirty-eight volumes of standard books, which are highly recommended by Col. Milner, president of the A. & M. College, will be bought. We are still selling library tickets for the benefit of the Spur School Library.

We want everyone to help "Make Spur School Best."
School Correspondent.

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.

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

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

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

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

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

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

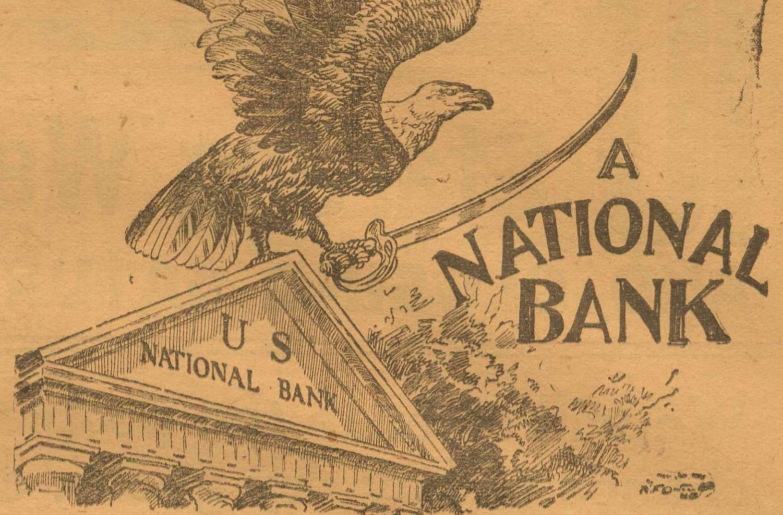
PREVENTING TYPHOID FEVER

An Example of Municipal Investment Whose Profit to the Community no One Can Dispute.

Another week with no deaths from typhoid fever marks the great progress which Philadelphia has made in public sanitation, and especially in a purified water supply. A few years ago the deaths from typhoid fever at this season averaged more than 100 weekly. The number of persons constantly disabled by this disease were numbered by many hundreds, not to speak of the multitude indirectly affected by this tedious illness. It was not unusual for the bureau of health to record as many as 400 or 500 new cases in a week. Last number of new cases reported was seven in the whole city, and in some recent weeks it has been even less.

It is worth while to recall repeated attention to these figures. In the change that has come about in a few years there can not be any doubt of the relation or cause and effect. While typhoid fever is conveyed by various other means than by water, the pollution of the drinking water is so much the greatest cause of the wide prevalence of this disease in Phila-

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..RICHARDSON LUMBER CO'Y..

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.
12 4t.

FOR RENT

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

delphia that the establishment of the filtration system practically solved this local problem. That is an example of a large municipal investment whose profit to the community no one can dispute.

When all parts of the city shall be fully supplied with filtered water, and while the great plant shall be liberally provided for and scientifically and carefully maintained as it is now, we can feel that in this most essential service Philadelphia need yield second place to no city in the world. We shall never, perhaps, be entirely exempt from typhoid fever, for the reason that there are many other channels of infection not so easily controlled. Purification of the water supply in the near-by suburbs must be undertaken by some other authority, and the milk supply requires additional care. There is also the contamination conveyed by fruits and vegetables and through the mischievous agency of flies. All these perils have to be combated by watchful activity and by educating the people in the habits of sanitary cleanliness.

What makes the statistics so encouraging is the evidence they

give of immediate results following appropriate sanitary measures. In this way they are a stimulus to the sanitary authorities of the city and the State in their efficient work for the public health and an irrefutable

and cultivated the same. The first three varieties matured September 1st.

In compliance with instructions from the directors of the Commercial Club to publish the first issue in each month of the local newspaper a correct list of the membership the following list is submitted:

Bryant-Link Co.; Brazelton, Pryor & Co.; H. S. Bartley; Barber & Hancock; E. J. Cowan; B. F. Craig; J. B. Conner; Campbell & Campbell; Perry Fite; First State Bank; Godfrey-Tyler Realty Co.; Hisey Grocery Co.; J. A. Lambdin & Co.; E. E. Patterson; Red Front Drug Co.; Richardson Lumber Co.; Riter Hardware Co.; Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Co.; Spur Hardware Co.; Spur National Bank; Dr. T. E. Standifer; Spur Furniture Co.; Spur Grain Co.; Spur Meat Market; J. P. Simmons; Tidwell & Haynes; W. C. Boman Lumber Co.; The Texas Spur; Farmers & Merchants State Bank; Spur Drug Co.; Southwestern Telephone Co.; W. G. Sherrod; J. W. Meadows; O. J. Weaver; F. A. Prideaux; John E. Shelton; J. E. Shelton.

Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

SPUR EXPERIMENT STATION

We had five varieties of sorghum planted on the Experiment Station last year as follows: Red Amber, Black Amber, Peterite, Sumac and Orange. The Red and Black Amber gave the best results, the Peterite the next best. It made a large fine head but the stalk does not contain as much sugar as the Ambers. The Sumac and Orange failed to mature.

These varieties were planted on the same date, May 11, 1910,

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

J. M. Zumwaldt, a prosperous citizen of the Red Mud country, had business in the city Monday.

S. W. Rather was in the city Monday from his home in the Cat Fish country and reports everything all right in that section.

W. S. Dunn, C. E. House, J. M. Neely, Al Sullivan and J. O. Hughey made a trip Monday to Dickens.

W. C. BOWMAN

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\$12 to \$17.50
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

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.

BIGGER MEN WANTED

To develop the State to the Illinois standard we must increase the size of the Texas farmer. We can't pass a law that will increase the production per acre; we can't pass a law that will increase the price of land; we can't pass a law that will increase the price of products. The increase must be made by the immigration agent bringing men and money into Texas; by the agricultural department increasing the production per acre, and by the Commercial Clubs bringing the factories to the farms. We have only four-fifths of our land under cultivation, and assuming that our idle lands, if cultivated, would yield on the same basis as the lands now under cultivation, we would have an increase in production of \$2,815,000,000. By doubling the production of land now under cultivation, including improving the grade of live stock, would increase our production \$600,000,000 per annum, and bring the factory to the farm would increase farm production \$150,000,000 and increase factory production \$500,000,000, making a total increase of approximately \$4,000,000,000 per annum.

FARMING.

The importance of the farms to the United States is recognized by every department and by both branches of the national congress. The Department of Agriculture, once a bureau of the Interior Department, grew

out of necessity, and, though of comparative late organization, it ranks in importance with the departments that were organized with the formation of our government.

The Agricultural Department is endeavoring by all means and methods to promote farming, and has succeeded, in a measure, in raising it to this importance of a science. Large sums of money are appropriated each year for the collection and distribution of information relative to all matters pertaining to the farm,—and by farm I mean to include the raising of all farm, orchard, garden and vineyard products, stock and poultry raising, etc.

Hon. John H. Stephens, representative from this congressional district, has written that bulletins are to be had free of cost for the asking, and I have secured some six hundred of these bulletins covering forty-five subjects, for distribution. I have a list covering some four hundred subjects, any of which will be secured for those wanting them upon request.

The farmers of this community are invited to come to the Commercial Club and get copies of such bulletins as are now on hand, and to examine the list for other bulletins treating upon subjects that are of especial interest and they will be sent for.

Jeff D. Reagan,
Secretary.

N. Q. Brannen and wife spent Sunday in Dickens with his brother, Prof. Brannen and wife.

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. COLÉ, Sheriff,
Dickens County Texas.

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

LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month. J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. R. B. F. Craig, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk.

Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; C. H. Perry, Sec.

Masons—Spur Lodge No. 1023, meet Thursday evening before full moon in each month. Nat Patton, W. M.; O. J. Weaver, Sec.

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

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It is understood that the legislature has decided to grant the request of prohibitionist asking that an election be held to determine whether or not we shall have a state wide law prohibiting the sale of liquors and intoxicating drinks of every character. The election will be held July 22nd, and from present indications this will be one of the warmest elections to be held during the administration of "Political Rest, Peace and Prosperity." In olden times the Bible sages admonished the people to "taste not, handle not nor to look upon wine when it is red" and such advice is just as wise and effective if practiced today as in the ages past.

Stamford, Tex., Jan. 27th., 1911.
Mr. Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.
Spur, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I notice in your paper, and with pleasure, that your town is taking steps to incorporate. While I have business property in your town, I regret I cannot vote on this matter. I consider it will be of much value to the business and property in Spur to have the town incorporated, and we shall be only too glad to pay the small tax caused by

having the town incorporated. I consider incorporating a town nothing more than organization. How on earth could any business firm succeed unless well organized? The same thing applies to a town or city. With best wishes for your town's success, I am,

Yours very truly,
Tom Richardson, Jr.

MOTHERS' CLUB

The Mothers Club met in regular session Saturday, January 21, Mrs. Burgoon presiding. Twelve members were present. Mrs. J. D. Powell and Mrs. P. H. Miller became new members of the club. A new feature of the club proceedings was answering to roll call with a current event, and met with prompt responses, some pertaining to Mothers Club work, others to general progress. This constituted the program for the afternoon.

One of the purposes of the Mothers Club is to assist in collecting a library for the public school, and the members have begun to secure subscriptions for Farm and Ranch, and Holland's Magazine. When the club secures a sufficient number of subscriptions a collection of thirty-eight standard books will be had, and these will belong to the school library. Anyone subscribing for Farm and Ranch or Hollands Magazine, or both thro the Mothers' Club will contribute to the library, and it will be very much appreciated. The Commercial Club has received from the department of Agriculture a number of books on farming subjects and given them to the library.

The next meeting of the club will be Saturday, February 4 at

three o'clock, at which Rev. R. A. Stewart will deliver an address, his subject being "The Child, the Home and the School." Visitors will be welcomed.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, Pres.
Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

The following is a list of advertised letters for the month of January 1911.

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Adams, S N
Brewer, Wallace
Carter, E P
Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. H. J.
Elgin Butler Brick & Tile Co.
Follis, R L
Helger, Thomas
Jordan, E J
Johnson, James
McCarty, W E
Portson, Pat
Randall, Mr. Merrel
Schackelford, Robert P
Stephens Mr. Frank
Wright, Bert
Wilson, W M
Williams, C M
Winkler, A B
Winfaey Bert

Ladies' List

Ballew, Miss Rosa
Davis, Miss Rosa
Davis, Miss Esther
Jones, Miss Nora
Parkson, Miss Debb
Proctor, Mrs. J. J.
Parkson, Miss Edith
Parkson, Miss Ethel
Rainer, Mrs. Mollie
Turner, Miss Willie
Williams, Mrs. Julia
Wilson, Miss Josie.

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Miss Ella Garner, of near Spur, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Clinton Funk and Chas. Anderson, two prominent citizens of Rotan, were in Spur several days this week looking over the city. They report the Rotan country in pretty good shape but the town just a little dull at this time. However, Rotan is a good town, surrounded by a good country and it will come to the front again.

W. D. Evans, of six miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Monday and hauled out building material with which to complete his home in the Steel Hill community. Mr. Evans just recently settled his place, and aside from building a new home and making other improvements he will have cleared about one hundred acres of land for cultivation this year out of the one hundred and sixty acres purchased of the Spur Farm Lands. While in the city Mr. Evans handed us a dollar for the Texas Spur one year for which he has our thanks.

Fred West, who recently sold his place has purchased a quarter section five miles southeast of Spur and is now building a new home and clearing up land for cultivation this year. The Spur country is improving and before the end of the year many new farm homes will have been built and hundreds of acres of new land put into cultivation.

The latter part of last week R. M. Hamby received two thoroughbred Double Standard Red Poll Durham bulls shipped to him from Kansas. The bulls were fourteen and sixteen months old respectively and weighed 1135 and 1050 pounds each. The breed is considered the very best to be found in the country and those who saw the two calves while in Spur say that they were perfectly formed in every particular and perfect pictures of the highest bred cattle. Mr. Hamby carried them out to his place near Dickens and expects to have some of the finest cattle in all of Western Texas. Verily, the people the Spur country are improving and progressing in all lines and in the years to come this will be not only the best and most noted section but the richest and most fully developed country of the Great West.

NOTICE.

To our Customers:
In order to close up the Bennett estate we find it necessary to close our books and sell for cash after Feb. 1911.

L. J. Greer, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in the city Monday and reports everything in his section in pretty good shape. Mr. Greer says he has done a little plowing and that the ground is in fine shape for plowing in sandy lands.

Fred Danforth was in the city Monday with cotton which he sold to Spur buyers at the prevailing market price of the town which is always more than the big market quotations. The prices paid for cotton in Spur throughout the year should establish the town not only as a superior market for farm products but should convince the people of this trade territory that the business men of Spur are alive to the interests of the people as well as promoters of the commercial interests of the town. There is no better produce market nor trading point than Spur and the people of this trade territory appreciate these facts.

W. T. Wilson, who lives about five miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Wilson bought two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, and aside from clearing something near one hundred and fifty acres for cultivation he already has two nice houses built and is now building the third house on his place. The settlement of this place means three more families and three farmers to promote the progress and prosperity of the town and country. We are glad to note such improvements and wish Mr. Wilson and tenants much success and prosperity in their new homes.

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TAP TELLINGS.

We are having summer weather at the wrong time of year and we are fearful that we will lose a fruit crop, the buds are now swelling and if we don't get some cold weather soon to check them they will soon be in bloom.

Walter Martin has been here the past few days visiting an aunt and other relatives. Mr. Martin's home is at Quanah, Texas.

Mr. White of Arkansas was in our community last week. Mr. White is traveling for his health. He and his son are engaged in truck farming near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Richard Sellers of this place and Miss Mammie Zumalt of several miles north of here, were married Wednesday of last week at Dickens.

J. C. Hinson had Special business here last week. He resides near Dickens.

Emma Benton entered school here last week. We now have a full attendance and the pupils are making good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sharpe attended the Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting which convened at Jayton. They report a very good meeting.

Shirley Smith returned last

week from Haskell county where has been the last two weeks with relatives.

J. D. Rash and family of Spur were visiting J. H. Sparks and family here Sunday.

Rev. Mark Hardin's two daughters entered school here last Monday. Our school is attracting more than local admiration and we are proud of our school.

Gadabout.

A most delightful evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reagan Friday Jan. 24th. Forty-two was one of the enjoyable features of the evening participated in by the Seniors, while the gay hearted Juniors danced to the strains of enchanting music on the balcony. Mrs. Y. L. Jones proved her skill in the game while honors for the gentlemen were divided between W. G. Broyles and Dr. Bachelor. At eleven o'clock refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Senning and Juniors, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burgoon and Juniors, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lyle and Juniors, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clemmons and Juniors, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smart, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Broyles, Misses Reede, Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor.



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J. F. Vernon made a business trip the latter part of last week to Childress.

S. L. Smith, of Stamford, came up Saturday and spent Sunday in the city with his daughter, Miss Mary Jane.

J. C. McNeill was in the city Saturday from his place on the S. R. Ranch twelve miles west of Spur.

Mr. Broyles and family, who have been visiting W. G. Broyles and family in the city, returned Friday of last week to their home at Lockney.

D. C. Abney was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Red Mud country and reports everything all o. k. in his section.

Miss Barrett, who has been on an extended visit to her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett of this city, returned last week to her home at Stephenville.

Mr. Hubbard and family, who have been making Spur their home during the past several weeks, left recently for Cross Plains where they intend to reside in the future.

H. K. Parks and Berry Pursley came up Saturday from Girard and spent several hours in the city looking after business matters. Mr. Parks reports that he is doing considerable business in the general mercantile line at Girard.

John Martin and Mrs. Catherine Hamill were married Friday in the city, Justice of the Peace C. H. Senning, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Martin left immediately for Oklahoma where they will make their home in the future. The Texas Spur wishes the newly married couple a long, happy life together and a most prosperous home in the Oklahoma country.

L. W. Davis ABSTRACTS

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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.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—
Barber & Hancock.

While in the city Saturday Berry Pursley informed us that he had sold his livery business in the city and that the parties to whom he sold will take charge just as soon as the title to the property is cleared and the deeds made.

Ed Ainsworth and family, of Lubbock, moved Monday to Spur where they will make their home in the future. The Texas Spur extends this family a cordial welcome and wishes them a pleasant and prosperous home in Spur.

Mrs. Sam Smith was in the city Saturday from her home in the Red Mud country, and while here was a pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office. Mrs. Smith is one of the ladies who deserves much of the credit and commendation for the present development, progress and prosperity of this section of the country, she having come here with Mr. Smith in the early days, encountered hardships, overcome obstacles and endured many privations in establishing a home, demonstrating that this is a rich agricultural section and paving the way for the present development, progress and settlement of a rich and productive country and an ideal residential section.

Bob Shields and daughter, Miss Edith, went over to Dickens Saturday to visit friends and relatives and also to attend the W. O. W. installation of the supper incident to the occasion.

Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, left Tuesday on his rounds of the several surrounding county site towns to pay the 1910 taxes of the Swenson holdings in this section of the country. The taxes on these holdings totals a large sum of money and which contributes materially to the support and general prosperity of our government and its affairs.

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J. P. Higgins was in Saturday from the ranch and reports everything in fine shape in the Cat Fish country.

John Thompson was in Spur recently from the Afton country and hauled out supplies for the Hale & Loyd mercantile firm at that place.

Mrs. C. M. Buchanan, of near Dickens, was a visitor Wednesday at the home of Bob Shields in the city. Mrs. Shields and children returned home with Mrs. Buchanan and will spend several days at her home in the Dickens country.

S. P. Presslar and Lee Johnson, two of the most prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, were in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants of Spur. They report everything prosperous and promising in that section.

Richard Sellars and Miss Mammie Zumwaldt were married Wednesday of last week in Dickens, County Judge Gipson performing the ceremony. Mr. Sellars and Miss Zumwaldt were two of the most prominent young people of the Red Mud country, and the Texas Spur extends congratulations in this union and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Sellars a long, happy and most prosperous life together. They will make their home in the Red Mud country.

J. C. Smith, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday. He reports that his section of country did not get as much rain during the past week as was had in and around Spur. However, in other sections of the country farmers tell us that the ground has a fine season and is in fine shape for plowing at the present time. It is early in the season to either kick or predict as to the season, but every indication points to a bumper crop during 1911 and plenty of rain throughout the year.

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Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday and in a confidential conversation with the reporter stated that the prospects were very promising at the present time for an early termination of his persistent campaign for matrimonial honors since he has been given the most encouraging smiles recently from certain sources. Tom says that it is mighty lonesome all by himself on that big place of his and that something must be done to relieve the present situation and conditions.

NEW HOPE NOTES.

The tuneful notes of the birds and the merry whistle of the quail indicate the approach of spring.

Farmers are beginning on the heavy land to break the ground for another crop.

The supper and public installation of officers of the W. O. W. at Dickens was in every way a complete success. Attorneys Glasgow and Maynard delivered appropriate addresses on Woodcraft. The supper was simply most excellent.

Mrs. R. D. Shields and daughter, Miss Edna, are visiting their old time friends in our community.

The debate, "Resolved that Columbus was a greater man than Washington," the affirmative Prof. Reese of Liberty, Hallet Holley; negative Prof. Speer, Tony Holley, after being discussed ably by both sides, was decided in favor of the affirmative. Miss Mae Wilson read the society paper.

Miss Jones of the Soldier Mound community, is visiting the Misses Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Buchanan attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Afton.

We are informed that quite a number of New Hope's people are taking music lessons by mail. "Where there is music you may safely stay, for the evil one doth neither sing nor pray."

Onion.

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.

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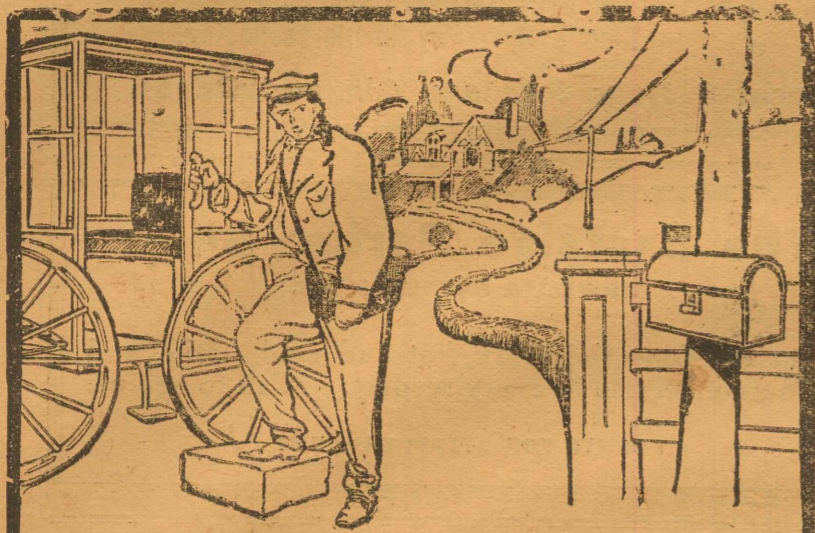
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BUT ONE MAN IN A THOUSAND

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."

Young Mr. Lyles, who has been with the Spur Drug Store, left this week for his former home at Stephenville.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer returned this week from Garza county where she has been on an extended visit to her daughter.

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.

All Merchandise at 5 Per Cent Below Cost Monday at Gamble's.

Mr. Dunlap, of Plainview, is in the city this week and is getting up a class in penmanship and drawing.

A. Kansler, Mrs. Sandlin and little May Sandlin, of Matador, passed through the city Tuesday in route to Marlin where they will spend several weeks. Mr. Kansler has been a sufferer of rheumatism and it is in the hope of benefitting his condition that they go to Marlin and partake of its mineral waters.

H. F. Murray, the concrete man, was in the city Monday. He is now doing work on the W. D. Evans place six miles southeast of Spur.

W. F. Markham, of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in good shape in his section at the present time. Mr. Markham has our thanks for another subscription to the Texas Spur, he having the paper sent to his father.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

An innovation in the Kansas penitentiary is the saying of grace, since November 1, in the women's dining room. The matron began saying the grace and now the women take turns, sitting at the head of the table and saying the simple grace. The woman prisoners have taken kindly to the practice and there is no levity or sneering when the words are said. The official grace is very simple and seems to have a good influence upon the conduct of the women prisoners.

Cause of Divorce.

Miss Ella M. Haas, an inspector of workshops in Ohio, said at the Washington meeting of the American Federation of Labor, that sending girls into the world unprepared for any of life's vicissitudes was the primary reason for the wide prevalence of the divorce actions. This might have been controverted, she said, if the education of these girls had been along technical rather than classical lines. Girls are not educated along domestic lines, and children are being turned out by the thousands not equipped for life's battles. She declared that the wonderful advance of the nation in industrial work makes it necessary that girls have industrial education.

WHAT SPURRED JOHN ON.

Priscilla asked John Aiden why he did not speak for himself. "You won't get a chance later," she warned. Nothing daunted, he forthwith popped.—New York Sun.

A NEW YEAR'S TRAGEDY.

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

Father Makes a Plaster.

A small child over on Detroit avenue had a cold in the chest. After all had retired the child's mother poked an elbow into the ribs of the child's father and told him she believed he'd better put on his bathrobe and run down to the kitchen and get some lard and place it on a cloth over the little one's chest. The father obeyed, and found the crock of lard on a pantry shelf just as he had been told he would. He spread it over some cheese cloth and pinned it to the boy's chest, and the next morning the lad was better. Then the mother discovered something. The lard that the father had brought in wasn't lard at all. It was mashed potatoes.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SIAM'S KING AND HIS TEMPLES.

Once a year all the Buddhist temples in Siam are visited by the king, or his deputies, bearing the Phra Kathin (yellow robes), in conformity with an ancient custom by which the priests were made to seek their apparel for the ensuing year. During the lifetime of Buddha, monks and priests were sent out to beg for old, cast-off garments, which were afterward dyed yellow and patched together to form the required robes. This ancient mendicant custom gradually gave place to the present one of making the garments from new cloth of a bright canary yellow, provided by joint contributions of king, princes, nobles and commoners. When the king goes in the royal throne barge to present the robes in person he does so with great pomp and ceremony. The priestly garments, folded in bundles, are carried to the door of the temple to await the appearance of his majesty and his suite. The king, on arriving, takes a priestly robe and places it on a decorated altar.—Wide World Magazine.

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Monday, February 6th, we will give to the fifteenth lady making a purchase in our store

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