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## RAILROAD BRIDGES WASHED AWAY.

**Two Bridges on Stamford & Northwestern Railroad Washed Away.**

Spur was cut off from railway connections and mail communications three days during the week on account of washouts along the Stamford and Northwestern railway line as a result of big rains in this section last Friday and Saturday.

The bridges over the Double Mountain and Salt Fork of the Brazos River were washed away and trains were delayed until Tuesday when the work of rebuilding the bridges was completed.

The rain Friday and Saturday is said to be the heaviest to fall in this section at this season in many years, and although it did considerable damage in washouts it is of inestimable value to the country as a whole. Grain crops are now made and with proper cultivation of land with a view of conserving moisture will insure bumper yields of cotton, corn and other feed stuff.

### RETURNS SATISFIED.

M. W. Meacham came to Spur last week from the coast country near Port Arthur, and is here for the purpose of securing farm lands and establishing a home in this section. About four years ago Mr. Meacham left the Plains country thinking that he preferred the coast country. However, he is now here well satisfied to remain and prosper with the people of this section. We are glad to welcome Mr. Meacham back to this section. There is no richer and more productive country than this section of Western Texas, and the man who is looking for a location in which to prosper and build a home will find it to his interest to investigate the advantages, inducements and possibilities here before locating elsewhere. The Spur Farm Lands management has thousands of acres of the richest and most productive land to be found anywhere and they are not only selling it on reasonable and easy terms but are otherwise encouraging settlement by co-operating with the farmer along many lines.

### CROSBY COUNTY SITE QUESTION.

It is reported that after moving some of the records and county business to Crosbyton the county officials of Crosby county returned to Emma pending other legal complications in the removal of the county site from Emma to Crosbyton. It seems that after the Supreme court decided that Crosbyton was within the five mile radius of the center of the county that there were errors made in the election which is now being contested by parties interested in the proposition. The attempt to remove the county site of Crosby county has caused bitter feeling among friends and neighbors, and from the reports the end is not yet in sight. The outcome of the controversy is immaterial to outsiders, but there are few people who take pleasure in seeing one

town or community despoiled to build up another town or section. However, if for convenience and material reasons a majority of the people desire such changes to be made, the minority, to follow up democratic principles, should submit to the will of the majority and make the best of the prevailing conditions.

### A BIG UNDERTAKING.

The work of killing prairie dogs continues in this section of the Spur Farm Lands and we are informed that the crew of workmen are now killing near to town to the north. The work of killing out the dogs on this vast body of land is a big undertaking and is being done at enormous expense to the Spur Farm Lands management. We understand that the expense of this undertaking will reach near thirty thousand dollars. However, when the dogs are gone it will save the farmers and country many thousand dollars each year.

### BIGGEST FEBRUARY RAIN.

Mat Howell was in the city Thursday from his place west of Spur and said that he got some of the last rain on his place. Mr. Howell is an old timer here and says that this is the biggest rain he ever saw fall in this section of country during the month of February. Every indication at the present time bears the Texas Spur out in the recent prediction that bumper crops of all kinds will be grown this year in the Spur country.

### WORK COMMENCED.

Dirt was broken this week preparatory to laying the foundation for the two-story brick sanitarium to be erected on the Dr. Standifer lots on Burlington Avenue. The building will be quite an addition to the business part of the city and the sanitarium will be of inestimable value and a great benefit to the town, the country and the people.

### SWALLOWED PIN.

J. A. Davis, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was a pleasant caller Thursday at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Davis came in Tuesday and had Dr. Standifer perform an operation. About the 23rd. of July Mrs. Davis swallowed a glass headed pin and until recently she suffered little from the effects. Dr. Standifer located the pin by X-Ray machine and removed it from near the surface of the skin. Mrs. Davis is reported doing nicely since the operation, and will soon be able to be removed from the Sanitarium to her home.

### MOVING TO SPUR.

R. R. Morrison and family arrived in the city Wednesday from Rotan, and will make Spur their permanent home in the future. Mr. Morrison went down to Rotan a week or two ago with the intention of moving immediately, but on account of sickness in the family the move was delayed. We welcome Mr. Morrison and family as residents of the city and wish them a pleasant home here.

## BIG RAINS FALL IN SPUR COUNTRY

**The Rain Fall Amounts to More Than Six Inches During Ten Days.**

The so-called universal drouth has been broken and all of Texas is now wet, and as a result everybody is smiling and confident of bumper crops and general prosperity.

In Spur and the Spur country the rain came at an opportune time and fell to the very best advantage in that it was slow, steady and ground soaking and as a result every section of this country now has a bottom season, possibly down to China.

The first rain came February 9th, and on that day we had .57 inches. Then again the 16th we had .77, the 17th 3.50 and the 18th 1.25 inches, making a total of 6.09 inches within the ten days.

Farmers of the country are now turning the sod while those who are cultivating old land are smiling and waiting for it to get dry enough to plow.

It is admitted by all that with the amount of rainfall the ground is in such condition that with proper cultivation bumper crops can be produced in this section without another drop of rain, and we would like to see every farmer in this country practice methods of moisture conservation since it is a demonstrated success. Some farmers claim that it is too much work for the benefits to be derived, but according to the methods as we understand it we can't see wherein the labor comes. According to our understanding of the proposition after the land is broken the first time, the only thing required to hold the moisture is a loose mulch of two or three inches on top, and which can be kept on the ground by running a harrow over the land after each rain. Such methods insure moisture throughout the year and the production of bumper crops, and in our opinion is great benefit for the labor necessary to harrow the ground.

### NEW BUSINESS FIRM

Mrs. W. H. Stephens and Misses Nelson and Pike of Lubbock, are opening a millinery and ladies dress goods establishment in the Central Rooming House. Misses Nelson and Pike were former proprietors of The Fashion at Lubbock and in coming to Spur and associated with Mrs. Stephens, expect to perpetuate the name, The Fashion. Being experienced and up-to-date milliners we wish and predict a liberal and extensive business for The Fashion.

### WATER CARNIVAL.

The Texas Spur is in receipt of an invitation to the Water Carnival to be held in Plainview February 25th and 26. The advertising and entertaining features are under the management of Don Biggers who is not only experienced but one of the most able men of the country in that line. As we understand the proposition Plainview has not secured artesian water but it is found in such quantities that

hundreds of gallons a minute can be pumped from the wells, and which will be done for irrigation purposes.

### CHAMPION HUNTER.

Roy Bledsoe is now considered the champion duck hunter of the country since it is reported that he killed twenty-eight out of one bunch.

### CHANGE OF BUSINESS.

Stephens & Peacock sold the Bijou Cafe this week to Mr. Ellis, who will continue the business at the same stand. We wish Mr. Ellis a continued liberal patronage in the business.

### WATER BOUND.

Dennis Westerfeld came up from Rotan last week and spent several days in the city with his sister, Mrs. C. B. Cooke, his visit was prolonged several days on account of being water-bound by the recent heavy rains.

### SPECIAL SALE.

N. P. Shaw has on a special sale of feed stuff and is now selling corn chops at cost. The selling of feed stuff at cost should be appreciated by those who have to buy feed. Mr. Shaw recently opened up his feed business, and from the way he is starting out he will make it interesting to the buying public. He has also added a delivery wagon to his business and will deliver promptly to any part of the city.

### TAP TELLINGS.

Grim winter has come again with his icy breath since the big rain. Farm work has been retarded on account of the severe cold, but when the earth thaws we'll get busy again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luce visited Mrs. Luce's sister, Mrs. Reeves, near Spur, and was water bound a day or two.

J. M. (Mack) McKay, of Bosque county, is here visiting his nephews W. S. and S. W. McKay. Mack once lived here and was surprised at the great improvements going on. He says Spur is the biggest thing he ever saw in the Spur pasture.

Cecil Smith, with his sister Ross, visited J. N. Self and family Saturday.

The W. O. W. Lodge held an interesting meeting Saturday night, despite the cold weather. The attendance was good.

Mr. Gastman visited relatives in Kent county last week, returning Saturday.

Dr. Standifer was called by phone to the home of S. P. Preslar, at an early hour Monday morning, one of their children being dangerously ill.

W. A. Smith, of Spur, is here on his farm temporarily, and is breaking quite a lot of new land.

Mr. John Self is reported quite sick this week.

C. J. Smith is wrestling with a case of grippe this week. But we think uncle Jeff will win out.

P. Hinson says he has taken part of the burden off his wife this week, by cutting the wood for the fire-place, leaving her only the cook wood to cut. 'Tis a mighty sorry fellow who hasn't some good traits.

Gadabout.

## NEW LAND CLEARED FOR CULTIVATION

**Hundreds of Acres of Land Being Cleared for Cultivation in County.**

Recently Ollie Scott of the Afton country was in the city and spent some time here. Mr. Scott is clearing up two hundred acres of land on the E. D. Chambers place in that section and will plant the most of it in cotton this year. He is also clearing up two hundred acres on his place recently bought near Spur and will plant most of this new land in feed stuff. This makes four hundred acres of new land cleared and to be cultivated by one man and since nearly everybody in the country who owns land has cleared up a number of acres, the sum total in this section will run up into the thousands of acres of new land to be cultivated within the Spur trade territory during the year. We are informed that the sale of Spur Farm Lands continues and the new settlers are coming in and buying every week, and this in connection with the acreage that has been in cultivation for years will make the Spur country recognized as among the most important agricultural sections of the country.

The rains during February gives this country the most promising prospects for bumper crops during the year, and everything is encouraging to the early and rapid settlement and complete development of the entire area of the Spur Farm Lands.

### SUBSTANTIAL MERCHANT.

Sol Davis returned Wednesday from Saint Louis where he spent several days buying goods for his mercantile establishment in Spur. Mr. Davis has been doing business in the western country a number of years and aside from knowing the needs and demands of the trade always carries a large stock of general merchandise and is one among the strongest merchants of the country.

### WET TO THE BOTTOM.

W. J. Duncan was in the city Thursday from his home at Casco. Mr. Duncan reports the rain abundant in that section and that now they sure have a bottom season in the ground. The fact of the business is that all of Western Texas is soaking wet to the very bottom.

### HAULING WOOD.

W. D. Blair, several miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday with a load of wood from his place. Wood is now plentiful in the country since so many people are clearing land for cultivation in every community.

### GONE TO OKLAHOMA.

Mrs. Bob Campbell left this week for Oklahoma to join her husband who left several days ago to assume his position with a mercantile firm in that country.

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## METHODS OF DRY FARMING

Confusion as to What is Really Meant and What It Really Is—Conserving Moisture in Soil.

Much confusion regarding so-called dry farming methods is due to a misconception of what it is. Dry farming is not the discovery of a new system in agricultural methods, but simply the application of a very old one. That the ground becomes porous if left undisturbed and that the sun draws out moisture through the pores are facts science has known for years. Briefly, all that is essential in following the dry farming method is first to loosen the soil before the rainy season so that it may become more thoroughly saturated and then, by frequent harrowing, prevent the formation of pores and thus conserve the moisture. Where very little rain falls cultivation is possible only by the test of actual experience that where there is a precipitation of from 15 to 20 inches, somewhat distributed during the season, it is possible to retain enough of this moisture in the soil to easily supply many valuable crops during the growing season and some authorities assert that this may be done where the annual precipitation is less than 12 inches.

### Setting Hens.

It is best to set at least eight hens at a time. Start them on china eggs, and if they settle down well put in good eggs the next night. When supplying the eggs, dust the hens and eggs with insect powder and apply the powder twice again before hatching. Test the eggs about the eighth day, put the good eggs under fewer hens, and reset the other hens. Do not be discouraged if some of the hens leave the eggs many hours at a time. The eggs will hatch, although a little later than if they had not been neglected. Sometimes eggs will hatch when left without the hen for 36 hours if the weather is warm. Fifteen chickens is the limit that one hen should care for. More than that will not do so well.

### The Campbell Method.

The Campbell method looks to the perfect treatment of the soil in preparation for the seeding, which includes cultivation with the view to preventing the waste of moisture by evaporation or otherwise; the treatment of the soil to develop available fertility by maintaining right physical conditions and such possible cultivation of the growing crops as will continue this perfect condition throughout the growing season.

### Second Growth Clover.

It is advisable not to pasture the second-growth clover, but allow it to blossom and seed. Should it not be desired to cut it for seed, it may be pastured or turned under after the seed has formed. In this way the land will become reseeded at little or no expense. Clover seed turned under will remain vital down in the soil for several years and sprout and grow when again turned up to the surface.

### Conservation of Moisture.

The most important factor entering into scientific dry land farming is the conservation of moisture in the soil. All the teachers agree that a blanket of fine soil or dirt mulch must cover the ground to prevent excessive evaporation.

### Poultry and Cows.

I have 140 hens and six cows. The work of caring for the cows is greater. In the summer both do well with little care, says a writer in Baltimore American. At the present time I am getting 80 eggs a day; at two cents each I get \$1.60. A cow gives 16 gallons of milk at five cents per quart, making \$3.20. It seems as if the cows paid the best. I sell some skim milk, feed some to the hens and some I feed to cows, but I don't get skim milk from them. I sell nearly every egg to consumers, but get only a small margin of profit—only a fair return for labor.

### Mixed Peroration.

The preacher had been eloquent in his remarks concerning the young girl over whose remains the funeral services were being held. Tears were in the eyes of all present. Even the speaker's voice trembled with the force of his emotion. He concluded his sermon with this outburst: "Can any one doubt that this fair, fragile flower has been transplanted to the hot-house of the Lord?"

### Reminiscences.

"There are no pirates now to make you walk the plank."  
"No. But a few got me last summer on the board walk at a seaside resort."

### Unreliable Assertions.

"What makes you think your publisher is unscrupulous?"  
"The things he says about me and my books in his advertisements," replied the author.

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### WOULD STUDY SELF.

Mrs. Evelyn Tobey, professor of millinery at Barnard college, the women's annex of Columbia, says that college girls should study esthetics, by which she means the science of personal adornment. She says that many college girls, in the pursuit of knowledge, have neglected themselves, and continued to do so, until at the age of forty they have awakened to the fact that they are frights beyond remedy. She thinks that the more intellectual a woman is the more beautiful she should be.

### HARD TO PLEASE.

Early in the season a man applied at a farm house for board, but the farmer slowly shook his head. "I'd be glad to keep you," he said, "but city people are too hard to please."

"I am not at all exacting," the applicant replied. "You will find no difficulty in pleasing me."

"That's what the last man who came along here said, but it wasn't so. Fact is, nothing pleased him. First, he complained about sleeping in a bed with the hired man, and when we gave him a bed to himself in a room with four of the children he was still dissatisfied."

"Then he didn't like to use the towel we all used, and he wanted a wash-basin in his room. Nothing suited him at all. I don't know whether you would be so hard to please or not."

"Well," the city man said, "perhaps I'd better not chance it."—Youth's Companion.

### CONSCIENTIOUS VOTER.

Often a man's reasons for giving or withholding his vote are subtle. Not long ago a country squire solicited the support of a notorious poacher, whom he had previously sent to jail. The man declined to give it. "But," urged the magistrate, "that little poaching affair was years ago; you should let bygones be bygones." "It wasn't for looking me up," replied the man; "it's the reason why you did it that puts me against you." "What was the reason?" "Why, you said I had stolen a rabbit and it was a hare; and the man who don't know the difference ain't fit for a member o' parliament."—London Chronicle.

### SLIPPERS OF FUR, NOT GLASS

Cinderella's Footgear Transformed by the Mistake of Perrault Who Wrote Out the Fairy Tale.

When Perrault in the seventeenth century was writing his fairy tales to amuse the courtiers of France, he had recourse to the old French chronicles. Then he read that Cinderella, or whatever her name was in those days, went to the ball in slippers of "vair," the royal fur of that time—miniver, as it is now known. Perrault, misreading the text, decked out his heroine in slippers of verre (glass), a very different thing. The real Cinderella probably went to the dance in those pointed, curving, fur-bordered shoes of medieval days. But, thanks to Perrault, she will trip down the corridors of time in her little clattering glass slippers.

### WOMEN HELP NEW ORLEANS.

Miss Kate M. Gordon, speaking in Philadelphia recently, says that most of the reforms in New Orleans may be traced directly to the influence of women. The new constitution of Louisiana gives women the right to vote in person or by proxy on all questions affecting taxation. The exercise of this right in New Orleans Miss Gordon said, had resulted in obtaining superior water, drainage and sewerage systems. Every civic reform that has been carried out in New Orleans for several years, she said, had found its inception in the women's clubs.

### SETS SELF HARD TASK.

London educators are hoping to improve the manners of the poor children while feeding them, and the council of education declares that it will try to make them "well-mannered and well-behaved." Considering how much trouble those with better fortunes have in securing these qualifications to their own children, the London council of education may be excused if it fails.

### THE ONLY KIND.

Ella—Did you get a plain view of Miss Luglie?

Emma—Certainly; that was the only kind I could get.

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HOME

Girls Who Live Elsewhere, If They Are Wise, Will Use the Mails Frequently.

Girls, who for any reason at all, are compelled to live away from home, should do anything to sweeten their lives and fill them with good cheer. One of the ways of accomplishing this is to keep in touch and sympathy with the folks at home.

Our greatest means of keeping interest in common with our home folks is correspondence. We should therefore use the mails freely. Write home often. Moreover, make your letters sunny and readable. If you have called on any relatives or friends of the family in the town or city where you are, tell the folks at home all about it. Tell them what you are doing, and how your work or studies are progressing. Inquire after all the folks at home. Remember to let love and good cheer form the keynote of your missive. You will find that the spirit of cheerfulness and kindness, in turn, will reflect on yourself, driving away and eradicating the sense of loneliness you perhaps experience at being separated from home and family.

### A FUTURE HETTY GREEN.

The aviator, Count Jacques de Lesseps, apropos of the American girl's head for business, said at a dinner in Baltimore:

"The American girl's financial powers develop early. I know a Detroit millionaire who gave his little daughter, on Christmas, a superb doll's house—a doll's house, lighted with electricity, that had baths and a garage and even, in one corner of its garage, a tiny doll monoplane."

"Well, my dear, do you like your new doll's house?" the little girl's father asked her one day during Christmas week.

"Oh, yes, papa; tremendously," she replied. "But I've let it furnished to Cousin Angelina for \$10 a month."

### WHAT HE HAD PREACHED.

Blox—I saw by the paper that Jim Ghorner was buried yesterday.

Knox—So did I; and I hope he's satisfied now, he was always preaching "Back to the land."

## Hilda's Resurrected Angel

"You look just like Hilda's angel, but don't you tell her I said so," warned the child as she scrutinized the new guest at St. Francis' Hotel in the Cumberlands. She lives over yonder."

Graham Elliot turned and looked in the direction indicated by the child and saw a small stone lodge. Vines whose leaves were beginning to color early as they do in the mountains clambered over the railing on the porch. A collie sat upright on the top step in the sunshine.

Elliot put his hand over his mouth and gave a sharp whistle. Muffled as it was, the collie heard and spring erect barking, looking eagerly along the road. The door of the lodge opened and a woman appeared.

"Hold me up quick so Hilda can see!"

Elliot picked the child up and held her so that his own face was shielded. "She didn't even see me," said the child wistfully as the lodge door closed. "She never looked over here."

"And what is Hilda's angel, little girl?"

"You look like him," said Dorothy, gravely. "Don't call me little girl. I'm Dorothy Fairfax Fielding. We're spending the summer here 'cause mother has the hay fever."

"Well, Dorothy Fairfax Fielding, you haven't told me about the angel."

"You look an awful lot like him. Hilda keeps his picture on her desk with some flowers in a little bowl right before it all the time. He looks as if he's smiling at you over the flowers."

"What is Hilda's other name?"

"Just Hilda. Mr. McReynolds says the name just suits her. He is the man who writes books and loves Hilda."

"Let's go see Hilda. Maybe you'll love her too."

"No, thank you, Dorothy. I had a good angel once and I loved her and lost her so I don't want to love any more."

"Mother," called the child, suddenly spying a graceful figure in the doorway, "some here! Isn't he like Hilda's angel?"

Laughingly, Mrs. Fielding approached and assisted by the newcomer himself, Dorothy proceeded to introduce them.

"Hilda is the one passion of my small daughter's heart, so if you would keep in her good graces, you must at least pretend to be a devotee at the shrine of wisdom and beauty on the mountain."

"You must meet our goddess, at any rate, Mr. Elliot. She is a rare woman, one in a thousand, and that is saying a great deal, considering that I am a woman, too. She is giving a tea this afternoon at 4. I'll see that you are asked."

"Come on and go with me down the mountain, Mr. Elliot," begged Dorothy. "I gather fresh flowers for Hilda's angel every day."

The tea was a great success. All the hotel guests were there and the hostess, in her soft gray gown, moved among her guests dispensing hospitality with a grace and charm that added fresh laurels to her social brow. When the last guest had gone, Hilda sat down in a great arm chair before the blazing hickory logs. There was a familiar tap and then Dorothy opened the door.

"I've brought company, Hilda."

"Doesn't he look like your angel? Here are the flowers for your picture. We went after them early this afternoon, but we got lost, really, truly lost, Hilda."

The man's hand met hers in a firm warm clasp that sent the blood to her throat and brow. She felt that she could not speak; something was choking her.

"I want to see your angel, please. Dorothy says we are very much alike."

Silently she led him to the little desk, took the flowers from the low bowl and replaced them with Dorothy's fresh mountain blossoms.

"There is a striking resemblance," she said smiling a little as she turned the picture so that he might see the face in the glow of the fire.

"Hilda, can it be true? Is it possible? And they say you are writing stories for children! For children, Hilda! Is it true? Awakened love, possible love, had set his blood afire."

"It's all true," she answered quietly. "But you left me because you said you were not a domestic woman, that you didn't want a home life and—"

"I didn't know," she interposed quickly. "I wanted you to be an artist, to write poetry, to rave over pink sunsets and lonely pine trees. I didn't know. Oh, I didn't know."

"And who taught you?"

"Dorothy," she said broken. "Tis an old story of a little child leading them."

He held out strong, inviting arms and she walked straight into the shelter of them.

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### THE HOME TOWN.

Next in importance to the home is the home town with its churches, schools, and various business establishments and conveniences which we could ill afford to do without. Back in the biblical days man maintained his existence almost wholly independently of that of his neighbors, save and except as he had to join hands with his neighbor as against a common enemy or foe; but modern society has substituted independence for dependence,—the complex conditions of life today makes the individual more dependent upon his fellow man. This decreases and necessitates a fuller recognition of the obligations of each to all. It likewise increases the necessity for a clearer recognition of the benefits that each individual derives from the community as a whole and a town or community can not and will not prosper, will not be fruitful of the greatest good to come of such a town or community, without co-operation, without united action on the part of each individual which goes to make up said community. Hence, the community as a whole in so far as its relations to the things which are necessary for the enjoyment and greatest benefit and edification of each individual composing it are concerned, must be treated as an entire and invisible social organism, and anything that increases the wealth and strength and the number of people which compose it increases and multiplies the potentialities or powers of said community to better serve the needs of all as a community. Therefore everything that can be done by each individual of a town or community to promote general prosperity and healthy growth, and improvement should be done from a purely selfish standpoint, if from no other. Each member of a town or community of necessity participates in the increase of property values, general wealth and increased business, social, educational, moral and religious advantages.

This is just as true of the adjacent contiguous country districts, of which the town is the center, so the spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness for the common benefit in which all participate should include the farmers as well as those who live in town. All should work together for the

perity of those already established, and everything that each individual can do for the betterment or upbuilding of our environments, to the end that we will have everything that will promote happiness, comfort, prosperity and contentment.

Protect home trade.  
Improve home schools.  
Patronize home industries.  
Consume home products.  
Invest your capitol at home.  
Develop home manufacturing  
Advertise in your home paper, thereby building up a paper that will advertise your town wherever it goes.

### BUILD UP.

Don't be too harsh in your judgement. The old dusty volume that we make such loud pretensions about says emphatically. "Judge not, lest ye be judged." The fact is we can't always arrive at the reality by the appearance—the rich man may be dressed in rags and the pauper in broadcloth, the saint

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son, Horace, are reported to be on the sick list.

A. Smoot, of near Spur, was in our community Monday.

C. M. Buchannon has sold his half section of land on Croton Flat to Dr. T. H. Blackwell

Quite an enjoyable Valentine party was reported at grandpa

rived from Woodcraft. He delivered another lecture on the night of the 23rd.

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### RED LAND NEW MEXICO.

I thought I would write a few lines for your valuable paper and tell about this part of the country.

We have as fine land as there are in any part of the west. Our land is a red sandy land, very near level.

We have as fine water as ever flowed out of the ground, from 90 to 140 feet, and plenty of it.

We have fine grass, mesquite grass, we do not have much needle grass, we have sage grass on the shinnery. Shinnery land is not deep sand in this neighborhood.

We have one of the best set of people here it was ever my lot to live among. We have preaching every Sunday.

I do not know just why any one who has no home does not come and get one. There are people who get dissatisfied and leave here, and some of them will never own a home as long as they live, but there are people who would not be satisfied no where no matter how well they are fixed.

This is a healthy country, there are not a case of sickness in this country. A doctor would starve here.

We have had two snows here, we had snow the 10th of this month which puts a good season in the ground.

Some people say it is cold here but it does not seem any colder here to me than it does down there. We had one cold day, but I guess it was cold there.

We do not have much wood, there are lots of grubs in the ground, and coal is cheap, \$7 to \$9 per ton. Two ton will run a heater all winter.

T. B. Danforth.

A limited supply of corn chops \$1.30 a hundred at Shaw's Feed Store.

Seed oats, clear of Johnson grass, for sale by J. P. Gibson, 4 miles southeast of Spur. 2t

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J. M. NEELY

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If you have anything to sell, come and let us dispose of it for you; nothing too small for our attention. We are preparing a mailing list of all the real estate on our list the 1st of March, so if you want to sell come in and list what you have with us

We Have Some Bargains in City Property

WITH A SMALL PAYMENT DOWN

Jackson Realty Com'p'y.  
SPUR, - - Dickens County, - - TEXAS

improvement of our school, the establishment of libraries, halls, street and road improvement and the establishment of new industries and increased pros-

may be in the gutter and the sinner may be in the amen corner. So the best plan is to steer our course along the common plane of humanity with charity toward all and malice toward none, regarding as the central fact of our existence that we have a common origin and a common destiny; and that the few short years of our association from the cradle to the grave should be used in building up and not in tearing down.—Bertram Banner.

### NEW HOPE.

It began raining here Friday morning about five o'clock and continued without ceasing all the day and part of Friday night.

Albert Buchannon is here visiting his parents. He will, in a few days, go to Ft. Worth and take a business course in Draughon's Practical Business College. Mrs. Cora Harrison and little

Whitiker's the 14th.

Sovereign Allen, of Moran, Oklahoma, delivered a lecture at the W. O. W. hall at Dickens Thursday night. His subject was the object and benefits de-

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Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

**\$12 to \$17.50  
Per Acre**

With some additions when close to town

## THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

**To Secure a HOME.**

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Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstrations on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was 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.**

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#### 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.

Do you read The Texas Spur?

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**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.

### A PAPER'S WORTH TO A TOWN.

Texas is one of the best newspapered states in the Union. Every town that has enough people in it to form a petit jury has from one to four newspapers, in each of these towns you will find one or two merchants who take a page each and get about nine-tenths of the trade. The editor spends day and night whooping yelling and trying to boom the town, and the clear money he makes at the end of each year would not buy tramp's lodging on the prairie in July. Just as soon as a country editor gets twenty dollars ahead he puts improvements on his paper. Yet we cannot say his efforts are appreciated, for the local capitalist whose interests he is booming, will stand on the corner dressed in warm clothing and talk about politics while the poor journalist is shivering in a last summer's ulster and straw hat. No, we are not appreciated here, brothers. We shiver with cold while the rich man is warm. But, bless God, we will at last reach that distant shore where we will never shiver another shiver.—Harpoon.

The Harpoon man have over-drawn the picture a little in some instances, but not in the expression of appreciation of what a newspaper does for a town, if one should judge by the advertising patronage given the papers. Very few papers fail to speak well of the town in which they are printed, and very few are patronized according to their merits. As sure as the sun rises and sets, a town is judged by people from a distance

by the patronage given the papers of the town. And it matters not how lustily a paper may boost it falls short of the desired effect if it has a poor patronage, because people will conclude the boost has no foundation else the merchants would patronize the paper and invite the people to do their trading in the town.

#### Letter to J. M. Verner Spur, Texas.

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Yours truly  
F. W. DEVOE & Co.  
New York.

P. H. Miller Lumber Co. sells our paint.

R. M. Dickerson was a recent business visitor in the city from Stamford and spent some time here looking after the Spur Grain & Coal interests.

### STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

It is time to plan for an exhibit to be sent to the State Fair of Texas to be held at Dallas next fall. Special attention should be given to the selection of seeds and plants for exhibition stuff. In 1910 some very fine samples of produce were sent from Spur when no special effort had been made towards raising or collecting them. Now that it has been determined to send an exhibit to Dallas next fall every effort should be made to send prize winners. A record should be kept of the dates of planting, cultivating and gathering the specimens, and an affidavit should accompany each exhibit setting forth the above facts, with the name of the exhibitor and the locality where the exhibit is grown.

The exhibit should contain all kinds of local, and especially staple products. Exhibits of corn, Kaffir corn and maize should contain ten ears or heads of each. For general effect and purposes stalks with heads of grain look well and help the looks of an exhibit. Wheat, oats, etc., should be put up in even and uniform bundles. Peanuts and alfalfa look best when neatly baled, though if they are not baled, but nicely arranged so as to show the nuts and hay to a good advantage, they can be entered for prizes.

Keep in mind the care of the plants and the preservation of the samples, as the conditions has much to do with per centage of points when the awards are made.

Jeff D. Reagan  
Secretary

### Professional Cards.

DR. MORRIS  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Office in Spur Drug Co. Phone No. 40.

DR. G. M. BACHELOR.  
DENTIST  
Office at Spur Drug Company.  
Office, both phones 40.  
Residence, both phones 80

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BOULDIN & MAYNARD,  
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Special attention given to examination of titles.  
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I am now located at Spur and office over the Spur Nat'l. Bank.

**DRAYAGE**  
When you want any kind of hauling promptly, Phone 100  
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## The First State Bank, Spur, Texas

CAPITAL STOCK . . . . \$50,000.00  
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...WE OFFER LIBERAL ACCOMODATIONS...

**Our Fire Proof Vault is at  
Your Free Disposal. Bring  
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G. H. Connell, Pres. S. R. Davis, Vice Pt. E. C. Edmonds, Cashier

#### Ten Thousand Dollars in Prizes For Best Corn and Cotton

The Texas Industrial Congress, composed of the business interests of Texas, is offering handsome prizes to the farmers this year for the best corn and cotton. \$6,500 will be given for the largest yields from 10 A of cotton, and corn divided into 15 prizes as follows: First prize \$2500, second prize \$1500, third prize \$750, fourth prize \$500, and ten prizes of \$100 for the next ten best results. These prizes will be awarded regardless of the ages of the contestants; men, women, boys and girls being eligible to try for them.

\$3,500 for four acres of corn and cotton.

\$3,500 will be given to contestants, either boys or girls, not over 20 years of age January 1, 1911, for the largest yield from two acres of corn and two acres of cotton, divided into fourteen prizes, as follows:

First prize \$1000.00, second prize, \$750.00, third prize, 500.00, fourth prize, \$250.00, and ten prizes of \$100.00 each for the next ten best results.

These prizes are absolutely free, there are no fees or charges of any character whatsoever to the contestant for any of these prizes. The sole object being to arouse an interest in intense cultivation of corn and cotton land.

Any farmer boy or girl, desir-

ing to enter this contest should notify the Texas Industrial Congress at the earliest date possible, but positively not later than April 1st, 1911, when entries will be closed. State whether you will try for the twenty acre prize or the four acre prize, or both, 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 character of your crop on the first day of each month, keep a careful memorandum of what fertilizers are used and how often your crop is worked during the season.

For any further information write the Texas Industrial Congress, Dallas, Texas.

J. P. Higgins came in Monday from his Cat Fish Ranch and reports everything in fine shape since the rain. He says that the deers are numerous and that they will almost run over a fellow if he don't get out of the way. And of course under such circumstances one is not subject to the law regulations in shooting game.

The duck season is now on and gunners are daily going out and bringing in the game. All the creeks, ponds and tanks are full of water and ducks are numerous, several hundreds have been seen on the larger lakes during the week.

#### EDITOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

The good that every newspaper does any community and its people and the publicity it is constantly giving without cost, is seldom appreciated. The publisher, as a rule, is of a retiring disposition and not given to "blowing his own horn," but an occasional reminder of what practically every editor does for his town during the year is a good thing. Just how to express one's self is sometimes a hard matter to decide. Members of the fraternity will be interested in the clever story that appeared in the Sarcouxie (Mo.) Record in the issue just before Christmas, written by Mr. Bernard Finn, the editor and publisher. None of his readers could possibly have been so dense as to have failed to grasp the point of the tale:

The editor of a certain local paper—his name does not matter—had just returned home after getting out his Christmas edition. He was exceedingly tired and his nerves were unstrung. The telephone rang. An out-of-town subscriber wanted to know whether a jar of molasses had been properly credited on his subscription account. It had, the editor assured him, and peace reigned in the mind of the out-of-town subscriber once again. When supper was over, the editor prepared the baby for bed, sent his wife and other children to the moving picture show, and sat down to read his Christmas edition again to see whether any typographical or other errors had been overlooked.

"Now don't go to sleep before the stove," said Mrs. Editor as she left for the picture show.

The stove was warm and comforting, and the editor looked upon it with a friendly eye, feeding it a little four-and-a-half-dollar-a-ton coal occasionally.

"You are a good friend when properly treated," said the editor to the stove.

"I am," suddenly answered the stove, much to the editor's surprise, "and to prove it I will show you something you have often dreamed of but never before seen."

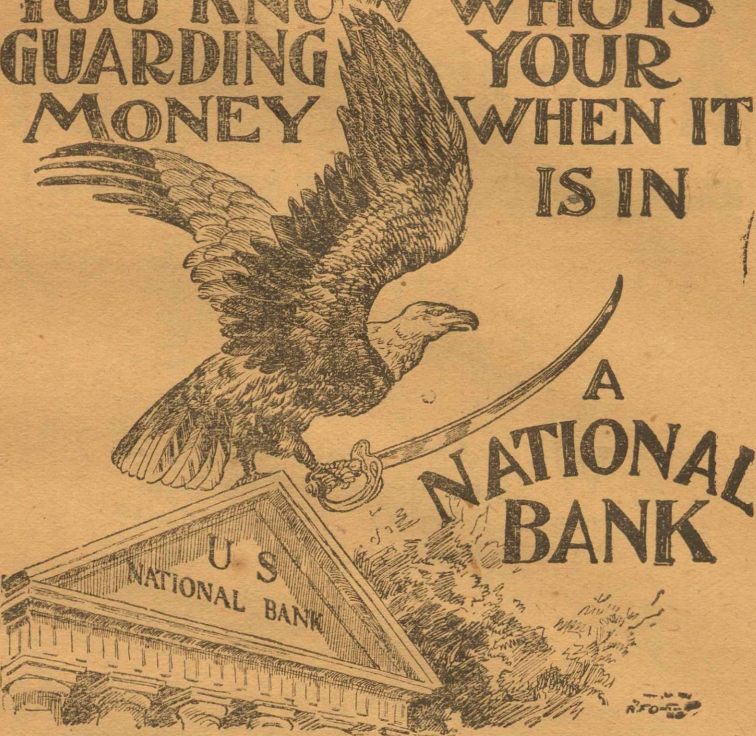
Then the stove moved away from its position near the flue, and seized the poker and waved it three times. In answer to the signal, there emerged from the floor a large Christmas tree without trimmings, except for a banner on top of which was painted the legend, "Christmas remembrances for the editor."

The editor blinked his eyes hard to see if he were dreaming, and when he opened them again he beheld a goodly assembly of nice looking persons around the tree. One of them stood out prominently for a moment. He was a young preacher whom the editor knew well, and the editor could hear his voice:

"I counted the lines given in his paper to the churches without any charge," the parson was saying, "and I find there were 25 lines, which at regular advertising rates would amount to \$1.25. Taking this as an average for the year, I find he gives \$65 a year in the churches. He has been doing this for 13 years, so he has given between eight and nine hundred dollars worth of space to the churches, therefore I will hang on his tree a small remembrance," and the preacher placed a gift on the tree.

Again the editor blinked his eyes, in which a mist of tears had commenced to gather, and when he reopened them he found

**YOU KNOW WHO IS  
GUARDING YOUR  
MONEY WHEN IT  
IS IN**



**A  
NATIONAL  
BANK**

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NATIONAL BANK

A National Bank is an absolutely safe place to put your money, because the United States Government examines regularly all National Banks.  
Ask our patrons how we serve you.  
We invite you to make UR Bank YOUR Bank.

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

the preacher gone and his place at the tree taken by one of the prominent business men of the town, who was saying:

"As secretary of the Commercial club, I figured out the other day that the editor had contributed of his space for the good of the town 52 columns during the past year. This is equal to about four full issues of his paper, which we estimated conservatively to be worth about \$560. He has been doing this for ten years; so in the name of the Commercial club I will hang a small remembrance on his tree."

The mayor came next with an offering. He said the editor had done much for the town and should be gratefully remembered at the Christmas season. Then followed the president of the school board with an offering in appreciation of what the editor had done for the schools. The editor by this time was in a daze, and hardly knew whether to shout or cry.

But suddenly a lady appeared at the tree with an offering. She was a society leader, and one whom the editor had frequent occasion to mention under the society head. "I come to make an offering in remembrance of many favors received," she said, and to express contrition for the thoughtless things I have done. While receiving favors innum-

able, I have never given any return, but have sent for visiting cards and similar things to a St. Louis engraving house. I hang an offering on this tree as a token of repentance."

Next there came a deputation of mothers who hung garlands on the tree in recognition of the kind things said of their children, which kind things had prompted their children to do better, their mother said.

By this time a great crowd had gathered around the tree, covering it with offerings. Some were those of whom kind things had been said, and some were those of whom unkind things had not been said, so the editor was remembered for the good he had done and for the bad he might have done, but did not do. And after all had made their offerings, they formed a circle and danced around the tree singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Just then the editor awoke with a start, to hear his wife saying, "I told you before I left that I expected to find you sleeping before the stove when I returned. You'll catch an awful cold."

"Gee," said the editor, "what a pity it is that dreams go by contraries."

Read the advertisements in The Texas Spur.

## 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.**

## J. H. STRADLEY

DEALER IN

Family Groceries, Shelf Hardware and Undertakers Goods

Dickens, - Texas.

## Luzon Telephone Co.

Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

# A Team Wanted

**WE WANT** small team about 15-hands, to work to light wagon. Will trade a Kimball Piano or Farrand Organ for same

## Spur Furniture Co'p'y.

P. S.—We are agents for Singer Sewing Machines. Buy one now and pay later.

See G. C. Pass for houses to rent.

A National Bank inspector was in the city this week looking after the National Bank here and at Dickens.

R. L. Holly was here Monday from the Girard country and reports the rain a ground soaker in his section. Mr. Holly says he has bought a place several miles out of Spur and will soon begin building a house and will clear up land for cultivation this year. The building and improvement progress continues in the Spur country and before the end of the year many new farm homes will have been built and hundreds of acres of new land cleared for cultivation. Recently a correspondent for the Texas Spur reported thirteen new farm homes built in one community, and considering the numerous communities surrounding Spur one is not surprised nor incredulous when we state that hundreds of new farm homes will be built within the Spur country.

Do you read The Texas Spur?

C. J. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in the city Monday and says that he can report a big rain now. From every section comes the report of a ground soaking rain and the country is now in fine shape for making bumper crops during the 1911 season.

T. M. Verner and E. E. Patterson have formed a partnership in the barber business and are now doing business in the West-side Barber Shop, Mr. Patterson having moved his barber chairs and tools to this location, and in connection with furniture and fixtures already installed they now have a well equipped shop.

The Riter Hardware Company is now established in their new location on the corner of Fifth Street and Burlington Avenue where they will do business in the future. Mr. Riter has secured the two corner lots and will move his tin shop over and have plenty room for ware houses to care for the large stock of farm implements, buggies, wagons, windmills, etc. Heretofore the Riter Hardware Company has been doing business and storing goods in three different locations on account of not having the room in one place to care for their goods.

**CARPENTER SHOP**  
EAST SIDE BURLINGTON AVE. N. H. STEPHENS, PROPRIETOR  
The Shop is well equipped with machinery and prepared to do all kinds of shop work. We will appreciate your patronage.

**SHAW'S FEED STORE**  
The Best Prices on All Kinds of Feed Stuff.  
Located on Burlington Ave. three doors north of Sol Davis store

**Saddles and Harness**  
THE BEST MADE AND SOLD AT THE LOWEST PRICES  
We have the best line of Whips in the country and sell them from 10 cents to \$2.50. We sell the best horse collars, pads and harness. Call in to see us on Harris Street and we will be glad to serve you.  
**W. E. KELLAR, SPUR** Shoe Shop in Connection...

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

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

Mat Powel was in the city Monday from his place west of town, and reports that the recent rains wet the ground to the very bottom.

Judge A. C. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Monday and reports that his section of country is in fine shape since the rain.

### 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.  
Spur Grain & Coal Co.

### 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.

## We Want Your Drug Business!

We carry in stock a complete line of drugs, patent medicine and toilet articles. Prescriptions are promptly and accurately filled at any and all hours. Call on us and we will give you the purest drugs, the very best service and will appreciate your patronage.

## The Spur Drug Company

C. W. COOK, Mgr.

Shaw's Feed Store on Burlington Avenue. Corn Chops \$1.30.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

Recently the Parks livery stable was sold by Berry Pursley through the Jackson Realty Company to a gentleman from near Tulia who will take charge of the business as soon as the deeds and transfers can be made.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman died Monday night at their home in the northwest part of the city. The little child had been sick several weeks of a complication of diseases, but was not thought to be dangerously ill until a short time before its death. The remains were interred Tuesday in the Spur cemetery.

G. W. Robertson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Robertson says that lots of new land is being put into cultivation in his section of country and since the recent rains both old and new land is in fine shape for cultivation, and in his opinion, by the practice of the Campbell system of moisture conservation, good crops can be grown in this section without another drop of rainfall. Mr. Robertson reports that Mr. Gollihar, who was recently cut eight or nine times in an affray at Afton, is now able to be up and is rapidly recovering.

L. H. Perry, of Stephenville, spent several days in the city this week looking after his business interests here. Mr. Perry is one of the owners of the Spur Hardware Company and which is one of the strongest firms financially in the country.

## BARBER SHOP

J. M. VERNER, Prop.

FIRST-CLASS WORK. HOT OR COLD BATHS  
AGENTS FOR STAMFORD STEAM LAUNDRY

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

## 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

## How is This for Proof That we Are The Store of Quality!!



Chase & Sanborns  
Teas and Coffees  
Golden Brand Can Goods  
Marechal Neil Flour

Also receive each Wednesday and Friday shipments of fresh Vegetables from South Texas

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ONE OF OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, IT WILL PAY YOU TO GIVE US A TRIAL. YOURS FOR BUSINESS

## WESTERN GROCERY COMPANY

"The Store of Quality"

BOTH PHONES 93.

SPUR, TEXAS

**THE TEXAS SPUR**  
HAS THE  
**BIGGEST CIRCULATION**

AS A RESULT ADVERTISEMENTS ARE  
WORTH MORE TO BUSINESS MEN...

**A Business Talk to Business Men!**

In this day of progress and 20th Century business methods it is conceded by all successful business men that advertising is just as essential as is capital stock to the operation of a successful and prosperous business. It is not the intention of this advertisement to give arguments to prove that advertising pays, but rather to state a few facts to show you why advertising space in this paper is worth more to the business man who desires to reach the people of this trade territory than if placed on sign boards or elsewhere.

**THE TEXAS SPUR REACHES THE PEOPLE.**

**The Paper With The Largest Circulation**

**THE CIRCULATION MEANS MUCH.**

Since advertising is a business proposition the thoughtful business man who desires results will not only carefully plan an advertising campaign but secure the best means to reach the people of his trade territory, and in no other way can this be done as satisfactorily, with better results and less expense than through the columns of THE TEXAS SPUR. We have between 4000 and 5000 readers each week. We print the news of the town and country and the paper is read by the families--men women and children in their homes.

**ADVERTISING CREATES BUSINESS.**

A carefully prepared advertisement, properly displayed and neatly set in the paper will not only attract the attention of readers but has a pleasing effect, brings customers and creates a more extensive and liberal business, while if you select as an advertising medium a poorly printed, uninteresting, ragged newspaper with a small circulation it is worth less to you, makes a cheap appearance to customers and hinders rather than stimulates a desire to trade. "The Best is The Cheapest" whether it be advertising or merchandise.

**Texas Spur The Best Advertising Medium**

**BECAUSE** it has the largest circulation, is well printed and readable, it goes regularly 52 times a year to the homes of the Spur trade territory, its advertising columns are placed conspicuously and in attractive form before the reader and we charge no more per inch display than papers with less circulation. We are first-class printers, have a well equipped shop and give patrons remunerative and cooperative service, and respectfully solicit the consideration, patronage and support of business men and citizenship.

**THE TEXAS SPUR, HIGH-CLASS PRINTING AND PUBLISHING**

**HOW TO MAKE SPUR SCHOOL THE BEST.**

A symposium of Compositions on "What We Can Do To Make Spur School the Best," one or two of which will appear each week in the Texas Spur written by the several pupils of the eighth and ninth grades.

These Compositions are offered just as the pupils wrote them. We do this, that you good people of Spur may see what they think, and "how" they think it.

S. W. ADAMS, Prin.

If every pupil would do his very best with his studies, he could do more good toward making Spur School the best than he could in any other way. By creating a school spirit the rooms should be kept neat and orderly. This spirit can be created by the pupils, and if all would do their share it is easy. By every pupil doing his very best in everything the Spur School be made the best.

Earyl Senning 9th grade.

To make the Spur School the best we should all work together. We should have some kind of exercise on Friday evenings so it would freshen us up and make us cheerful. The teachers should do all they can to help the pupils to get interested.

But if a pupil is interested he can learn, makes no difference what the others are doing, al-

though I think the pupils should all try and get interested. I think it is to our interest to bring our work up.

We should not be absent nor tardie.

I think the parents should take an interest in the school work and try toget their children interested.

There should be a law on children going to school, and staying out of school. Every child should have a written excuse for being absent.

All ways say something good for the school if you speak about it.

Lewis Fox, 8th grade.

Governor Colquitt vetoed the bill granting a City Charter under the Commission Form of Government which included the initiative, referendum and recall proposition, claiming that such a government is contrary to the Constitution. We had heretofore understood that the Constitution insured us a government of the people, for the people and by the people. We also thought democratic principles were for local self government where such government did not interfere with state and national government. Well, we all live and learn.

Tell your neighbor to read the Texas Spur.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED**

French Parents Greet Them With Rapture, But Number Must Accord With Income.

With the birth of offspring there comes to the French father and mother not only a rapture ascribed by colder races to the emotional temperament of the Gaul, but an immediate sense of responsibility almost unknown in America, where the doors of opportunity for youth and manhood, as well as womanhood, are still open, with almost assured security beyond of a livelihood.

Although the coming of a child can be said, without fear of exaggeration, to be commonly accounted as the greatest blessing that can descend upon a French household, it is, nevertheless, a blessing that must not be too often repeated. The Malthusian doctrine has become the utilitarian practice of the race. To France alone must we look to find the education of an entire nation—one limiting offspring to the gage of income. The joy in the possession of a child is unquestionably immeasurably enhanced by this process of selection, in point of numbers.—From Anna Bowman Dodd's "The Education of French Children," in Century.

**EXCLUSIVE.**

The New Curate—And what are your leanings, Mrs. Abercrombie, high church or low?

Mrs. Abercrombie—Dear me, high, to be sure; I never could abide anything common or vulgar.—Life.

**BIG FOUNDLING OF THE DEEP**

Whale's Lost Baby, Sixteen Feet Long, Is Found Swimming in San Francisco Bay.

Sixteen feet was the length of the baby whale that the pilot boat Lady Mine found swimming in San Francisco bay. The baby was not black, like old whales. It was pink, like a last summer's dress that has been many times washed. There were no old whales nearby, and it was apparent to Captain Pentland, as he looked down from the deck of the Lady Mine, that the little whale was a foundling. The sailors on the pilot boat say the captain's heart was touched by the loneliness of the infant and that he knew it was hungry. They say that the captain went below deck and got an oil can and filled it with milk and brought it on deck so that he could give the little whale some dinner. That was good of the captain, but the whale was no longer there when he came back. Maybe the mother whale had been swimming under water not far away and had called her baby. At any rate the captain was left standing sadly on the deck of the Lady Mine, and in his hand was swinging an oil can full of milk.

Don't fail to see the Spring line of ladies and childrens first hats at The Fashion.

Just watch Dickens county grow the biggest crops of years during 1911. We now have the season and by the simple method of harrowing we can keep this season throughout the year.

**KEEPER OF EARLY RELICS.**

Mrs. Eliza Little has for many years been custodian of the government's room at the city hall in New York and has there been hostess to all the distinguished persons. In the room are all the relics of the early days of the country. Mrs. Little is a descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Joshua Bartlett and Abram Clarke. She is a Daughter of the Revolution and a Holland Dame. Mrs. Russell Sage spent \$40,000 a few years ago remodeling and redecorating the rooms, the furniture being colonial, or as near like it as possible.

**ORANGES FOR AUSTRALIA.**

The first full shipload of oranges to Australia was recently made on the British steamer Aorangi. This ship carried in her holds 6,000 boxes of California oranges, which is believed to have been the largest single shipment of citrus fruit ever made from this state.

The oranges were sent to tide-water in a solid train and placed on board the steamer at this port. It is expected that this shipment will open a new market for California fruit in Australia.—San Francisco Chronicle.

M. M. McGuirt is reported quite sick of la grippe and is not expected to recover.

Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, was in Spur Friday and while in town visited The Texas Spur office.

E. V. Baugh and wife, of Baltimore, Md., arrived in the city Friday for a ten days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baugh, of Spur Inn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baugh are very favorably impressed with the Spur country, and say that the people of the East do not fully appreciate the immensity of Texas, and of the Spur Lands. Mr. Baugh is Superintendent of Dining Cars, Hotels, and Restaurants of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Frank Owens came up Tuesday from Putnam and spent several days here looking after his interests in the city. Mr. Owens and family recently moved from Spur to Putnam on account of the mineral water at that place and from appearances the waters have benefitted his health.

Dr. J. E. Morris recently bought the R. B. Bryant residence in the city and moved his family this week to the new home. This is one of the nicest homes in the city and we understand that the consideration in the purchase was \$3500.

Mrs. Harris, of near Afton, came in this week and is now at the Standifer Sanitarium as a result of an operation for some female complaint. Mrs. Harris is reported doing nicely and will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. R. A. Stewart left Wednesday for Georgia whereshe will spend six weeks with relatives at Chatanooga, Atlanta and other towns of that state.

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrison, of several miles north of Dickens, were in the city Thursday trading with the merchants of Spur.

J. D. Harkey came over Thursday from Dickens and spent several hours here looking after business interests.

Sheriff Cole came over Thursday from Dickens and spent hours in the city looking after official matters.

I will sell 10,000 lb. corn chops at \$1.30 a hundred.  
Shaw's Feed Store.

Mr. Stewart, of Hico, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. J. B. Richburg.

Mr. Pierson, of Anson, is in the city representing the Praetorian lodge.

Go to Sol Davis' and find out why "Star Brand Shoes are better."

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baugh, of Spur Inn, were in Stamford, Thursday.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

A swell line of ready made dresses at the Fashion.

Mrs. H. S. Haines died Wednesday night at her home in the city and her remains were buried Thursday in the Spur cemetery. Mrs. Haines leaves a girl baby only a few days old and we extend sincere condolence to Mr. Haines and other relatives in this bereavement.

P. C. Ellis was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Wednesday and before leaving handed in a silver dollar and said let the Spur keep coming. We appreciate such favors and are at all times prepared to accept remembrances of this character.

Mrs. Sam West left this week for New Mexico to join her husband, who has a position in a National Bank. Mr. West formerly had a position in the Spur National Bank and his friends wish him success in his new home.

Mr. Johnson, of a few miles east of the city, was here Wednesday and says that everything is now in fine shape in his section and that the recent rains gave the country one of the best seasons of years.

Mr. Peters and family, formerly of a few miles south of town, moved this week to Spur and will make this their home in the future. Mr. Peters will operate a well drill in Spur and vicinity during the year.

The new ten room residence being erected in the north part of the city by Sol Davis is now nearing completion and at an early date Mr. Davis will move his family here from Dickens.

W. T. Wilson, of six miles southeast of Spur, was in the city this week and reports that there are plenty of ducks on the lakes and ponds in his section since the recent big rains.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in the city the first of the week from the ranch and reports everything moving along nicely, and that they had a ground-soaking rain there as well as in every section of the country.

Bob Shields, of Dickens, passed through the city Thursday on his way to East Texas to look after business matters. Mr. Shields recently bought the T. G. Harkey mercantile business at Dickens and is enjoying a liberal patronage.

B. B. Gainer, a prominent citizen and business man of Crosby county, was here this week looking after business matters and visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer.

J. V. McCormick has been confined to his bed this week on account of the grippe. We sympathise with him and hope to see him on the streets again soon.

Miss Stewart is here from the eastern part of the state visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Richburg and family.

## ..Spring, Eternal Spring.. IS ALMOST AT HAND

WITH the coming of spring there is a quickening of pulses, an awakening to new life. Nature demands of all plant life that it put on a new garment. Nature demands on man is equally as great, for we are all anxious for a new suit, a new dress, a new hat and the many dainty things that spring time calls for. Spring and summer days make special demands in the way of dress and these we have liberally anticipated. Our purchases are most comprehensive, embracing the entire field of women's dress requirements. We kindly invite you to come in and look through our large and well assorted stock and before you buy your spring goods remember this

### We Have Come to Spur to do Business and Expect to Stay.

We buy goods to sell again, to make a profit on our investment, on our knowledge of goods and values—our experience and labor. And that is not all for there is much more to merchandising than the mere making of a living. The merchant is first of all a citizen. He owes a duty to his fellow citizen and to every customer who adds a dollar to his cash account. It is his duty then to protect his customers' interests, to treat him fairly, to tell him the truth as to quality and value—to deal honestly with him. That is our idea of merchandising. We tell you clothing is wool when it is "wool," that it is a mixed fabric, when it is "mixed." We tell you that Marcehal Neil Flour, Maxwell House Blend Coffee, and White Swan Can Goods are the best that money can buy and they are. Just so with Shoes. These are the best item in the family home. They call for many hard earned dollars. We sell you "STAR BRAND" Shoes because they are better at the price than any other make we know of—and they are all real leather. We again ask you to pay us a visit, examine the quality of our goods and remember

## The Best is the Cheapest ..SOL DAVIS..

I am at my old stand doing business again. I wish to thank my friends for their patronage while in the hotel business before, and solicit your trade back again. I will handle all the country produce I possibly can. Come and see us at the Spur Hotel.

C. C. Haile & Wife, Props.

Miss Nelson returned this week from Lubbock where she spent several days making arrangements to become permanently established in the millinery business in Spur at The Fashion.

Sebe Lambert was in recently from the Tap country. Mr. Lambert always brings in something to supply the wants of the dependent townspeople, and as a result he is one of the most independent and prosperous farmer of the country.

The Fashion has a complete line of hats, ladies furnishings, hair goods and novelties, to arrive this week. Call in and see. First floor Central Rooming House.

Miss Elnora Dunn, who has been attending the Stamford College, returned home this week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Dunn.

P. C. Maynard was over one day this week from Dickens and spent several hours here looking after legal matters.

Luther Jones was in the city Wednesday from his home several miles north of Spur,

Go to Shaw's Feed Store for corn chops \$1.30 a hundred.

W. S. Campbell returned Tuesday from Munday where he spent several days with his parents and also looking after his business interests at that place.

Ben Hagins, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Thursday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and greeting friends.

Tax Assessor, Eli Harkey, was in Spur Thursday looking after business pertaining to his office.

Jim Carter, of Wichita Falls, is now telegraph operator at Spur for the Stamford and Northwestern Railway Company.

Tom McAuthor was in town this week from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything all o. k.

Otha Hale, a prominent business man of Afton, was in the city Friday on business.

Shaw's Feed Store will deliver feed to any part of the town.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

J. Y. Higgins and wife, who have been operating the City Bakery and Restaurant during past year, left the latter part of last week for Floydada to put in a bakery and confectionery stand in connection. We wish Mr. Higgins a prosperous business in his new place.

Mr. Abernathy, of the Plains country, brought in a big load of hay Thursday. Mr. Abernathy has quite a number of bales of kaffir corn stalks and heads baled and which he is hauling to Spur and selling to the townspeople.

H. S. Bartley recently made a business trip to Crosbyton, Floydada and other Plains towns looking after the interests of his auto line.

Quite a lot of sickness in the form of la grippe, colds, etc., is reported in the city and country at this time.

Miss Dyall, of Stamford, is in the city on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman.

Sanders Taylor is confined to his room this week on account of the la grippe.

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## Campbell & Campbell

### The Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & HAYNES, Props.

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

AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY



## 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

## EXPERIMENTAL FARM WORK.

Superintendent Harrington Visits Spur and Plans Year's Work at the State Experimental Station.

Dr. H. H. Harrington, superintendent of the several State Experimental Stations, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday looking after the interests of the Spur Experimental Farm and planning the work for 1911 at this station. Dr. Harrington came with the intention of remaining here several days, but on account of the cold, rainy weather which prevented outdoor investigation, he left Tuesday with the intention of returning again at an early date.

Dr. Harrington says that in connection with the fruit trees already growing on the farm this year an orchard of three and a half acres will be set out and cultivated. In the selection of trees will be a variety of fruit and shade trees, the growth of which and adaptability to this soil and climate has not heretofore been demonstrated.

A variety of grapes of the American classification has been ordered, including the Niagara, Concord, Herbemont, Carmen, America, Goethe, R. W. Munson and Bailey. Also in the European and California stock of grapes will include Sehr Vagas, Muscat Alexandria, Florence Tokay, Malaga, Thompson's Seedless, Black Prince, Black Marocos, Black Carmshera, Emperor, White Sweet Water, Rose of Peru, Purple Damask, Royal Muscadine and Verdie.

In apples will be included the Summer Queen, Johnathan, Fall Clipper. In pears he will experiment with the Bartlett, Beure d'Anjoulene, Duchess d'Anjoulene and Beure Clairgan.

The peach tree stock will include the Sneed, Carmen, Elberta Cling, Crawford's Late the Old Mixed and Cling varieties, and in apricots will be the Alex-

andria and Moore varieties.

In shade trees will be the Pecan, White Elm, Live Oak, Red Oak, Pin Oak, Sycamore, Poplar and Wild China.

The selection of both fruit and shade trees were selected mostly from varieties not heretofore grown in this section, and for the purpose of demonstrating to the general public and the farmers of this section in particular as to which varieties are more productive and thrifty from the soil and climate of this immediate section. Each year bulletins of the successes and failures made on the farm will be

ter adapted to growth here. Five acres were planted to alfalfa the past year but was killed out by the January freeze. However, it will be replanted and given an opportunity again this year. Dr. Harrington says that the soil included in the farm is not the proper soil for growing alfalfa, but that the soil on Duck Creek to the east and south of Spur, in his opinion, will grow alfalfa in abundance. However, by careful and proper attention he thinks it can be grown successfully in such soil as comprises the experimental farm. Kentucky Blue grass will also be tried this year on the farm and the result of the experiment noted.

The field crops this year will include red and white milo, white kaffir, sweet Amber sorghum and Big German millet, cow peas and forage beans.

A small acreage of Egyptian Wheat will also be tried this year on the farm. It is said this wheat has produced from two to three hundred bushel to the acre by irrigation in other places and if it is possible to produce anything near that amount here without irrigation it will become an important feed crop to this section.

Two varieties of peanuts will be included in the experimentations on the farm this year, being the Spanish and African Oil

## 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.

Although Dickens county and this whole section of country is considered among the best cotton producing sections, the Spur Experimental Station will experiment in that product. Six varieties of cotton will be planted this year. The seeds will be selected from other stations where the best results have been shown

instances, is not in a position to experiment with crops since he has to make a living and in order to make all ends meet at the end of the year he cannot depend upon experiments and uncertain crop yields but devotes his acres and labor to crops heretofore demonstrated as successful money producers. However, the Experimental farm is supported by the state and depends upon its returns solely by the education of the farmer in demonstrating not only the best methods of soil culture but the best varieties of all products adapted to growth in this section. Each year bulletins of the results obtained on the farm will be published in pamphlet form and distributed free of cost to those who are interested in the farm demonstration work.

The Spur Experimental Station is located about one mile west of Spur and at any time the farmers and general public are invited to come out and will be shown over the farm and given any desired information concerning the methods and results of the demonstration work. This year no bulletin of the work has been issued because the farm was opened late in the season and most of the work has been in preparing the soil, building, improving, fencing, etc. However, quite a lot of experimental farm work was done and a variety of produce was grown during 1910.

As said heretofore, the farm is located here for the especial benefit of the farming interests of this section, and we urge that the farmers of the country keep informed of the progress of experiments and demonstration work now under way on the farm.

Mrs. Wilson, who was recently operated upon in the Standifer Hospital, is reported doing nicely and will soon return to her home in the eastern part of the county.

## Riter Wants Your Trade!

In Farm Implements and Hardware we can supply the every need of this trade territory and make prices to compete with any legitimate firm. We sell only the highest grades and standard makes of all kinds of Implements, Buggies, Wagons, Windmills, etc., and make lowest prices. We also have a tin shop in connection, and we not only want your trade but will appreciate it and will give you better service and better goods.

## RITER HARDWARE COMPANY

printed and will be distributed to the public free of cost for the asking.

On the farm this year will be grown fifty one varieties of wheat which is now up, doing nicely and in good condition, and when fully matured and harvested a report will be given the public as to which varieties are best adapted to growth in this section. The planting of rye is also doing nicely and Dr. Harrington says that this grain will make the very best winter pasture.

Growing on the farm now is also two varieties of oats, the Texas Red Rust Proof and Winter Turf, the former of which is said to be most prolific and bet-

ter varieties, the latter of which is thought preferable on account of the abundant hay yield as well as richness of the nut.

There will also be four varieties of Irish potatoes, one variety of which comes from Maine and which is thought will displace the Bliss Triumph in both quality and quantity of production. This potato is said to have yielded from 250 to 350 bushels to the acre and Dr. Harrington thinks the soil of the Spur Farm Lands and Dickens county can not be excelled in the production of this crop. Potatoes come about third in the food category in this country and with such a production as above mentioned we see no reason of excuse for the people of this section relying solely upon the import of such products.

The farm management will also experiment in the production of Indian corn by crossing with the June corn which is considered better adapted to this section. By crossing the two varieties of corn it is thought that a product can be secured which will not only be acclimated but especially adapted to this section, and if successful this country will eventually be considered among the principal corn producing sections, as it now is in the production of cotton, maize, kaffir and other western product.

as well as from other sources where successful demonstrations have been made and results reported to the state department. On the Spur Farm will also be tried one variety of the Long Staple cotton, and although Dr. Harrington thinks the Long Staple will not prove as productive and remunerative to the producer as is the short staple, yet it will be tried and its advantages and disadvantages thoroughly demonstrated.

The Spur Experimental Station, under the supervision of Dr. Harrington and direct management of I. G. York, will be of inestimable value to the people of this section of the country. The Station is located here for the special benefit of the agricultural and fruit growing interests and along these lines, it is a direct benefit to every farmer. The individual farmer, in many

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THE BEST MADE AND SOLD AT THE LOWEST PRICES

We have the best line of Whips in the country and sell them from 10 cents to \$2.50. We sell the best horse collars, pads and harness Call in to see us on Harris Street and we will be glad to serve you.

W. E. KELLAR, SPUR Shoe Shop in Connection...

**SPUR BOYS VISIT THE REPUBLICS OF SOUTH AMERICA.**

Continued from First Page.

we reached at 1:30 p. m. Jan. 13. There were many ships passing and all had their fog horns going. It is a very droll sound and gets to be monotonous after a bit.

At 12 o'clock the 13th of Jan., the Terrence dropped anchor out about 15 miles from Montevideo waiting for a pilot as there is shallow water there. At 4 p. m. we were at the dock billed to sail at eleven p. m. Quite a lot of us passengers went ashore. There were five in the crowd I was with. We took the cars to the suburbs, and found the soil very fertile; saw some very fine alfalfa, corn and other farm products, all grown without irrigation.

Montevideo is the capitol of the Republic of Uruguay, which by the way, is the only Republic or nation of the world whose money is worth more than the U. S. money. It is a Spanish town and the money is Pesos, and Centesimos. One Pesos is worth \$1.06 U. S. money.

Night settled in so soon we did not get to look around to any extent. It is a city that will compare with Rio or Sao Paulo, or any of these southern cities.

At 9 a. m. January 14, 1911, we again anchored, this time some miles out from Buenos Ayres, waiting to be allowed to pass the quarantine. These officials seem to be slow here, all

stop and take a smoke, then continue at their leisure. At noon all the passengers and crew had passed the health examination, and the Terrence was towed to the dock and our journey was almost to an end.

Every one was busy seeing after his or her luggage and bidding farewell to their friends on board.

Hold and express criers rushed up and down the deck, shouting to the passengers to have their baggage booked. The custom house is well guarded. At 1:52 p. m. the passengers began to silently and slowly file off through the custom house.

The inspection is done faster than one would suppose, as there is a man for every turn, each doing his part.

After custom inspection one is free to go where he will, provided the officers do not detain, so we boys, there are five of us, proceeded to a hotel and have been on the go since.

Buenos Ayres is a very, very beautiful city of one and one half million population, Spanish speaking, has all the up-to-date facilities. There are many customs that seem very odd to us yet some of them are really better than the way we do them.

Sunday is the great sporting day here; so we attended the races Jan. 15, 1911. Buenos Ayres claims the best course of the world.

There were seven races and

an areoplane ascension. Everything was lovely until about 3 p. m. and the wind got so hard and the dust so bad that we were glad to get home. Put us very much in mind of a passing breeze in Spur town.

Reports say that it is very dry everywhere over the Argentine, and that the corn and wheat crops are short. Wheat harvest is about over now. Several of the boys who came down looking for wages, had no trouble in obtaining work, but putting two and two together I think it generally difficult living for anyone coming here depending on day labor.

As a whole these people do not want Americans here and anyone intending coming here would do well to get in with some big concern if only for identification.

We went out to the stock yards the 17th, and found the cattle as good as in the States, mostly short horns, also there are many low grades. They are behind on hogs.

Mr. G.S. Greenwade—I carried a piece of blue chalk since I left there and chalked my trail so I could find the way back and if you want to you can follow it down. I certainly do wish you had been with us.

This is a nice country, noted for its pretty women, and absence of flies, mosquitos, land agents and other ferocious insects.

If anyone cares to write me, (and I certainly would be glad to

# A Team Wanted

**WE WANT** small team about 15-hands, to work to light wagon. Will trade a Kimball Piano or Farrand Organ for same

# Spur Furniture Co'p'y.

P. S.—We are agents for Singer Sewing Machines. Buy one now and pay later.

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**..SOL DAVIS..**

hear) address me at Buenos Ayres, Argentine S. A., care of American Consulate General, and maybe I'll get it.

When I've the time I'll drop another line.

As ever, to one all,  
Yours truly,  
A. E. McCLAIN.

#### LETTER TO H. S. BARTLEY, Spur, Texas.

Dear Sir: Messrs. Leachman & Edelin, Grafton, W. Va, had been selling a paint, which they thought well of; and this had occurred.

They had sold a customer 18 gallons of it to paint his house. A few years later, they sold the same man Devoe lead-and-zinc, the same number of gallons to paint the same house. He had 7 gallons left.

The point of the tale is: 11 gallons Devoe paints an 18-gallons house.

Of course, that isn't all.

Why does 11 gallons Devoe go as far as 18 gallons of other paint? Because it is all paint, all true, no sham, and full measure.

But that isn't all. Devoe lasts longer. No, no; you haven't got to wait ten years to find that out. Ten thousand people know it. We've got their names. Our agents know them; they think a heap of Devoe. There's no difficulty in showing your townspeople what to expect of Devoe. \$10 will paint a \$15 house; and the paint'll last twice as long.

Yours truly  
F. W. DEVOE & Co.

32 New York.  
P.S.—P. H. Miller sells our paint.

J. Carlisle, a prosperous citizen of the Gilpin country, had business in Spur Saturday, and reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country.

The Eastside Barber Shop has ordered another chair and two sections of glass which will be installed in the already well equipped shop. The building will be extended further back and new bath rooms added, the front department enlarged and refinished. Various improvements continue in the city and Spur continues onward and upward in all lines of commerce.

#### STEEL HILL ITEMS.

The farmers are busy this week tilling the soil after the big rains of last week. We have, we think, what is called a bottom season—one that will enable us to get all our land broke before it gets dry again. However, we are not looking for dry weather as it seldom ever gets dry from this date until crops are almost made.

Hurrah for Steel Hill. It can safely be said that in less than thirty days pretty weather there will be at least 2,000 acres of land in cultivation. Two months ago there were fifteen scholars in school, now there are thirty-five. Twelve months ago the white-faced cows ranged on this 2000 acres. During the cold rains of last week 8 or 10 cows backed up to the 4 wire fence west of J. P. Gibson's and died for the want of grass.

A few farmers are fixing to sow oats this week.

The Mexico traveling people are getting stuck on the Spur lands, especially in the big mud hole at the south east corner of the Randall's section.

The last act we have had of Uncle Harrison Lodge he was seen going down Duck creek.

Our teacher, Prof. Gilbert, was on the sick list Friday and failed to come to school. Miss Hester Gibson taught the school for him that day.

J. A. Neighbors is turning the sod since the rain. Also having more grubbing done.

The rain doesn't make much difference with Will Neighbors. He hunts all the time anyway.

J. P. Gibson and M. A. Jordan are putting out large orchards this week.

A. W. Jordan has finished his grubbing ready for the plow this week, the contract being let to Joe Mullennix. This makes over 200 acres for Joe this winter. He has taken a contract with M. A. Jordan for 60 acres on the Maben quarter.

We are expecting a change in the weather as our neighbors, Mr. Crump and Will Edwards, have gone to work.

Ed Luce grubbed 250 trees last Friday at 3 1-2 cents each. Come on Eddie, the day is coming when you won't have to grub.

John Randall says this is the coldest weather he ever saw. Johnnie there is a brighter day coming for you.

RIPSAW.