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MORE LAND TO BE CULTIVATED.

More Than 30,678 Acres to be Cultivated in Spur Country This Year.

In addition to the report made recently in the Texas Spur giving the number of acres to be cultivated and the names of the parties doing the work, the following list from the Draper country was handed in and which was omitted entirely from the former list:

	Acres.
George Chumbly,	65
A. S. Swan,	80
J. E. Counts,	200
J. R. Rogers,	150
Lee Taylor,	20
J. A. Murchison,	65
Chas. Perrin,	200
W. W. Waldrup,	60
J. H. Driver,	230
J. F. Dowdy,	200
E. B. Shaw,	200
Total,	1,470
Former Report,	29,208

Making a sum total report of 30,678 acres of land to be cultivated this year within the Spur trade territory.

Considering the fact that the Spur Farm Lands was placed on sale and the Spur Ranch opened to settlement only about eighteen months ago, and at that time only a few farm settlements were in the country, no one can doubt the fact that development and settlement of the Spur country has been most rapid and substantial.

All parts of the country now have the finest seasons in the ground for planting and the brightest prospects for bumper crops, and with an acreage of more than thirty thousand acres the country is expected to prosper, the town grow and the people continue to develop the remaining vast area of agricultural lands yet remaining undeveloped in this section.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

Since an election will be held Saturday, May 6th, for the purpose of selecting four new members on the board, much interest is manifested in the selection of suitable men to fill the vacancies, and since an opposition to the reelection of the former membership has developed the Texas Spur is requested to state the facts on both sides of the campaign.

The board membership is now composed of J. V. McCormick, Dr. Standifer, R. B. F. Craig, C. A. Jones, C. F. Cates, E. C. Edmonds and J. F. Vernon, the first three named being the holdovers and the latter four named being the retiring members at the election to be held.

Two members who will remain on the board request that we announce that they prefer to have all of the retiring members re-elected at the coming election, giving as a reason that the present board has made its plans for the coming school year, employed teachers and that other important school matters are now under consideration and since the membership as it now stands is in perfect harmony and accord in all matters under consideration it is thought that in the re-election of the retiring

membership the board will be in better position to further all school interests by adopting and carrying out the plans as considered and endorsed by the present board.

The opposition to the reelection of the old membership developed from the fact that the present board has employed teachers and matured other plans for the coming term, claiming that by so doing just on the eve of the retirement of a majority of the board the membership violated all precedent if not the letter of the school laws, in that the new board is responsible for the success of the new school term and should be given the opportunity and privilege of selecting teachers and mapping out the plans and methods to be adopted by the school during the term in which the new membership will serve on the board.

As suitable men to serve on the new board, we are requested to announce the names of C. A. Jones, Perry Fite, H. T. Burgoon and C. H. Senning. We understand a majority of the men mentioned favor, and if elected, will ask the board to adopt the Study Hall system in Spur school, recommend that the grades be raised by giving a college preparatory course in preference to lowering present school grades as it is understood will be done under the present management or superintendent, and also make other suggestions for the betterment and advancement of school interests.

MASS MEETING CALLED.

We the undersigned citizens of Spur, believing that it is necessary for the good of the cause of prohibition in this country, that an organization of the prohibitionists be perfected for the purpose of putting the question before the people in an intelligent and systematic manner. And at the earnest solicitation of a number of representative citizens of Spur, we have agreed to act as a committee for the purpose of calling a mass meeting to be held in Spur Saturday evening May the 6th for the purpose of perfecting an organization, electing officers, appointing committees and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting that will further the cause of State Wide Prohibition, in this the greatest state in the Union.

George S. Link, H. T. Burgoon, L. N. Riter, Jeff D. Reagan, Barber and Hancock, C. H. Senning Oscar Jackson.

WORKING FOR RURAL ROUTES

It is Probable That Several Rural Mail Routes Will be Established Out of Spur.

Postmaster Baker made a trip out into the Steel Hill community the latter part of last week, for the purpose of securing a rural free mail delivery route out of Spur to that section.

Mr. Baker reports that ninety-two mail boxes have been secured on the proposed line. This number of mail boxes is more than is required by the postal department, and Mr. Baker is very confident that the proposed route will be granted and can soon be put into operation.

The rural free mail delivery is a great convenience to the country people and Postmaster Baker is to be commended for his activity in securing such conveniences for the people of the Spur country.

APPROPRIATE WORDS.

We received a letter this week from C. M. Etchison, of Tuxedo, enclosing one dollar for a renewal subscription to the Texas Spur another year. There are three most appropriate words to a letter, "Enclosed Find Check" and for which Mr. Etchison has our sincere thanks.

COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commissioners met Monday in regular session, this being the first meeting since the officers were reelected. All former appointees to city officers were reappointed and several new ordinances were passed and others amended, the changes and ordinances appearing in another column of this issue of the paper.

PARALYZED.

Sam Smith, of the Tap country was in the city Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that Uncle Alf Manning, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the Tap country, had a stroke of paralysis Wednesday, the whole of his left side being affected. Uncle Alf has the sincere sympathy of many friends in this sad misfortune and it is hoped that he will soon recover.

CLEAN UP DAY FOR SPUR.

Mayor George S. Link authorizes me to announce that Wednesday, May 3rd, will be set

aside as a day to clean up the streets, alleys and vacant lots in Spur, and the day will be observed by the business houses closing for a part of the day, and the men are requested to assist in the work. To the Spur boys who are willing to work all day, and will bring with them rakes, hoes or shovels, or such tools as they may have, there will be paid fifty cents each. The boys will work under the direction of members of a committee composed of business men of Spur, and the town will be taken by sections and thoroughly cleaned. The co-operation of property owners is asked on clean up day to the extent of cleaning up their yards, lots, etc. Wagons will be provided to haul off the trash when it is collected and piled where it can be reached by wagons. Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

ICE BUSINESS OPEN.

We have now opened our ice business for the season, and will deliver ice to any part of town from 8:00 to 11:30 o'clock every morning. Will deliver orders of 25c or more in the afternoon. Spur Ice Company.

LARGE MEMBERSHIP.

C. C. Tyler and Mr. Gaither left Tuesday for Matador where they will spend some time in the organization of a Praetorian lodge at that place. The Praetorian lodge of Spur now has a membership of near seventy individuals. The lodge meets each Friday night and at each meeting the "Barbarians" are introduced into the mysteries of Praetorianism, and this being the only secret order to which this writer has been admitted we desire to see the Spur lodge continue to grow, prosper and benefit its membership.

PREDICTED RAIN.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in town Tuesday and says that the Cat Fish country had fine rains and that every thing is now in fine shape for planting, good season in the ground and all farmers up with their work. Recently Uncle Pink was in and said that he had ordered a rain to come soon, and its arrival on schedule time demonstrates that he has resided in the western country the required time. He hauled out new planters, cultivators and other farm implements which is further evidence that he also intends to make a bumper crop. Here's hoping.

FINE SEASON IN SPUR COUNTRY

Recent Rains Gives Country Fine Season and Best Crop Prospects.

No country nor section of country is more favored with respect to crop prospects and conditions than is the Spur country at the present time. The rains during the past week have been general over all this section of country and as a result the crop prospects were never more promising within the history of farming in Western Texas. The rain fall during the two weeks amounts to one and sixty six hundredths inches, being plentiful supply for the present needs in that the moisture meets the good bottom season already in the ground from the February and March rains.

Following is the amount of rainfall registered in Spur during the year:

Month	Inches
January	4.48
February	6.09
March	1.15
April	1.66
Total to date	8.38

Taking the amount of rainfall and its consequent crop prospects together with an acreage of more than thirty thousand acres of land to be cultivated this year within the Spur trade territory, one cannot but predict a most prosperous year with respect to the town, the country and the people. Come to Spur.

A PLEASANT TRIP

Miss Lillian Denton returned Wednesday from an extended visit to Pecos and other western towns. While gone Miss Lillian made a trip up in the Davis Mountains, viewed the ruins of old Fort Stockton and was within twenty miles of where the Mexicans are now engaged in war.

A NOBLE OUTCAST

A Noble Outcast was presented Tuesday night at the Electric Theatre under the auspices of Miss Williams for the benefit of the Methodist church. The cast of characters were ably portrayed and Miss Williams deserves much commendation for the entertaining manner in which the drama was presented.

TRADES DISPLAY.

Mrs. Scurry, of Stamford, has been spending the week in Spur in the interest of the Merchants Carnival or Trades Display to be given Friday night at the Electric Theatre. Mrs. Scurry assisted in the production of a similar display recently at Stamford which was a success in every respect, and the display in Spur is expected to be not only entertaining but a benefit to those who participate in the program and display. The plan is for each merchant to be on the program represented by a lady costumed to represent the firm, giving an appropriate recitation and performance with respect to the business represented. The proceeds derived from the event will be devoted to Presbyterian church work in the city and all are invited to attend.

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- SECOND: The strict care with which the bank is managed
- THIRD: The courtesy and spirit of accommodation displayed by the officers and employees.
- FOURTH: The financial strength of the Bank to care for your account in times of need, when you have been our friend in time of plenty.
- FIFTH: We care for our friends and appreciate them three hundred and sixty five days each year.

To those wishing an appreciative banking account; we offer our services as a well established, permanent, conservative bank, promising you courteous treatment, and careful consideration to all business entrusted to our care. The ability of the officers of this bank for the transaction of all legitimate banking interests has been demonstrated by many years of active experience.

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

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

GOVERNMENT AND THE FARMER

A Few Statements of Facts Worth The Consideration.

(By R. Boothe, Girard, Tex.)

Just how much attention the extra session of the new congress now convened, is to pay to the American farmer depends upon the American farmer.

As I remarked in a statement last week, a vast amount of harmless furore will be expended in the effort to make the farmer believe that his congressman is doing something substantial.

Whether the promise ends in performance will be determined by the extent to which you are "from Missouri" and let your congressman and senator see it.

From the barrel-head orator on up to the highest statesman, it is generally admitted that the farmer is the backbone of the nation.

You ought to know it of your own intelligence, not to mention the many times you've been told it in Fourth of July orations and in congressional campaigns and hand-shaking trips.

The man whose labor adds nine billions of dollars annually to the wealth of the nation is given one federal department, scant appropriations, while other departments and bureaus devoted to other industries and to business generally multiply each year their demands upon the treasury.

There is no justice in this system. What is more important, there is little common sense.

It will pay the nation to cultivate the farmer, but with sympathetic investigation and substantial attention.

The Roosevelt Country Life Commission illustrates feebly my meaning. It was groping effort in the right direction. But despite the praise lavished upon the farmer by congressmen, congress did not even appropriate enough money to print the commission's report. That document was pigeon-holed, and is being printed only through private endeavor.

The government ought to find out, first, how to help the farmer, the point at which he most urgently needs assistance—and then give the assistance.

Confessedly, armies and navies are necessities in this country of international complications.

But the best sort of national defenses would be found in the patriotism of the farmers of this country, a patriotism that would be of more avail against foreign menace or civil evil than all the dreadnaughts we could afford or the armies we could muster.

Fortunately, the American farmer does not set a price on his patriotism. Every war in which this country has engaged

establishes that fact.

But it is wise for the nation, in times of peace, to make rock-ribbed the patriotism of the most sustaining element by manifesting toward it an attitude of plain justice.

Go through the budgets annually passed upon by congress, and see just how relatively slight is the attention paid the farmer.

It will be urged, of course, that the farmer, as a citizen, profits from the appropriations derived toward other channels of this government.

That is only partially true.

Such a view is short-sighted, loses sight of the fact that the larger part of the funds going to make up these budgets comes from and must continue to come from the farmer. It is, therefore, only the rudiments of common equity and common sense that a larger share of these funds should be intelligently expended in the farmer's behalf.

Take only one instance: The government spends hundreds of

upon making life in the land more attractive, would abolish necessity for the cry!

The country has, unconsciously, been looking at the farmer from the small end of the telescope.

It is time the instrument were reversed!

Battleships are formidable. Well drilled armies are consoling.

Better still is a sturdy, satisfied husbandry, its patriotism unruffled by a vague consciousness of neglect at the hands of its government.

BUYING MORE LAND.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bond came up Saturday from their home near Girard and spent the day here on business. Mr. and Mrs. Bond just recently returned from Coleman county where he has been with a big railroad crew working on the Coleman Cut Off line. Mr. Bond owns a section and a half of land near Girard and since his return he has bought another quarter section from the Spur Farm Lands management.

The Fifth Sunday meeting at Tap was largely attended not only by the people of that section, but from the surrounding towns and country. The Red Mud people know how to make folks feel at home and we are always glad of an opportunity to go to Tap.

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CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Stamford, Texas, April 24, 1911. The J. D. Sayers' Camp U. C. V. of Stamford has interested itself in trying to get an attendance of Confederate Veterans, as well as sons and daughters of Confederate Veterans, to attend the Reunion to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 16th to 18th inclusive. The Camp has selected as the official route, the Texas Central and Cotton Belt Railways, and through cars will be operated from Stamford to Little Rock. The schedule with the through train will be as follows:

Leave Stamford 8:45 a. m., May 14th, arriving Waco 6:15 p. m. on the same day, leave Waco 9:30 p. m. on the same day, arriving at Little Rock at 9 a. m. on May 15th.

The round trip fare from Stamford will be \$10:70.

J. D. Sayers' Camp U. C. V. desires and requests its comrades and their sons and daughters residing in Central West Texas to

CITY ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances were passed at the regular meeting of the town Commissioners on the last Monday in April, and will be in effect from and after passage and publication.

Ordinance No. 30. Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur, that any person or persons riding or driving a horse or horses within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, at a speed greater than or at the rate of ten miles per hour, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed fifty dollars.

Ordinance No. 31. Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur, that ordinance No. 23 be amended to read as follows:

That any person driving an automobile, motor cycle, electric car or other vehicle within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, at a speed greater than or at the rate of 16 miles per hour, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed \$50.00.

Ordinance No. 32. Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur, that any person found within the corporate limits of the town of Spur in a state of intoxication, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Ordinance No. 33. Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur, that any person who shall hallow or engage in any boisterous or disorderly conduct or the using of any profane or obscene language, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed ten dollars.

Ordinance No. 34. Be it ordained by the commissioners of the town of Spur, that every person, partnership and corporation, with in the limits of the town of Spur shall hand in a complete inventory of all the property possessed or controlled by him, her or they, to the assessor and collector of taxes with in sixty days from the publication of this ordinance, and any person firm or corporation failing to comply with this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$10. This ordinance is in compliance of Art. 501, Chapter 6, Title 18, of the Texas Civil Statutes.

Geo. S. Link
Mayor,
J. M. Neely
Clerk.

J. B. Morrison was in town Saturday from his home in the Cat Fish country and reports everything in the finest condition in that section. He has already planted a lot of feed stuff and says that he will begin planting cotton at an early date.

....CIGARS AND COLD DRINKS....

..Make Our Place Headquarters..

We have a complete line of base ball goods, high grade watches, Jewelry, Diamonds, Drugs and Drug Sundries including everything kept in a first-class high grade drug business.

The Red Front Drug Store

EASTMAN KODAKS

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS.

A RECORD BREAKER.

J. A. Nickles, a prosperous citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies of the merchants of the city. Mr. Nickles reports everything in fine shape on the Plains and says that the farmers are expecting to grow bumper crops. The fact of the business is that the whole of Western Texas is now in the finest shape and the prospects now are that this year will be a record breaker with respect to big crop yields.

INSPECTING RAIL ROAD.

Two special cars, bearing the railroad inspector and other officials and their wives, of the Wichita Valley Railway came in Saturday attached to the regular train, returning in the afternoon. The visit, we are informed, has no significance with respect to railroading and was only to inspect the Stamford & Northwestern line from Stamford to Spur.

W. T. Duke came in Monday from his home several miles south and says that since the recent rains he is feeling as safe with respect to crops as is the Wall Street broker with respect to his commissions. West Texas will prove its claim to recognition as a factor in the production of staple crops.

concentrate at Stamford and all go in a body to Little Rock. It further invites its comrades in this section to come to Stamford on the evening of May 13th, spending the night as the guests of J. D. Sayers' Camp and taking the special train the following morning at 8:40.

A reception will be tendered to those who come and Veterans aided by the citizens, will be the hosts of those who may come Saturday evening and night.

The Camp requests those who desire to join the party and spend the evening at Stamford to notify the Adjutant, G. W. Barr, of Stamford, so that ample provisions may be made.

G. A. Howsley returned last week from Abilene where he attended the Praetorian Senate. He reports a grand time.

Why not have your stationery and other printing done at home by the home printer when you can get as good printing at practically the same price?

G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

C. D. PULLIN

THE EXPRESS MAN
The Man Who Delivers the Goods.

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THE FARMER SOWS WHAT HE EXPECTS TO REAP. IF YOU WISH A COMFORTABLE OLD AGE, PLANT SOME



MONEY IN THE BANK NOW

The bank has been the world's greatest civilizer. It has done away with the highwaymen and enabled honest men to have a safe place to keep their money, and yet have USE of their money.
What would you do without a bank?
Make OUR Bank YOUR Bank.

Spur National Bank.

Dr. Blackwell and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in the city Saturday.

J. C. McNeill and family, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city trading Saturday.

Mr. Hindman, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was here Saturday on business.

Mrs. H. K. Parks came up Saturday from Girard and spent the day in Spur.

Mace Hunter came in Saturday from his place two or three miles east of Spur and reports every thing looking good on his farm.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday and says that his section of the country is all o. k.

H. F. Clay came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the day here with his sons, E. L. and W. D. Clay and families.

Miss Thomas returned Sunday to her home at Girard, having spent several months here as assistant teacher in the Spur school.

J. H. Fox, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

W. H. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

J. W. Pounds, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur trading Saturday and hauled out a quantity of supplies.

Tol Merriman was in the city Saturday from his home several miles south of Spur.

Shep Holly is now working at the Bijou Cafe, having resigned his position with R. R. Morrison.

Dr. G. M. Bachelor and Mr. Carpenter left Saturday for Matador. Mr. Carpenter had been here looking after business interests.

W. M. Peters, a prominent citizen of the eastern part of the county, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur.

P. V. Davis, a prosperous farmer of the Spur country, was in town Saturday trading with the merchants. He was talking farming and was elated at the present crop prospects for this section.

LOST: Between Tap post office and E. F. Fuqua residence, ladies small purse containing \$33.60, three ten dollar bills and \$3.60 in silver. Finder return to Miss Deba Cross, Tap Texas. 26-tf

Uncle Tom Smith was in town Saturday from his place in the Cat Fish country, and reports that a big picnic was had at his place one day last week, the occasion being the closing of the school in that section. A good time is reported and possibly a full report of the occasion will be sent in from some one who attended.

MUST MAKE GOOD.

Newspaper advertising has ceased to be an experiment. There have been too many successes and too few failures to doubt its value. It makes little difference what one has to sell provided the article advertised is of some worth and will give satisfaction to the user.

An ad in a newspaper will bring customers to a store, and the service of the paper ends there. The treatment a customer receives after entering a store is up to the merchant.

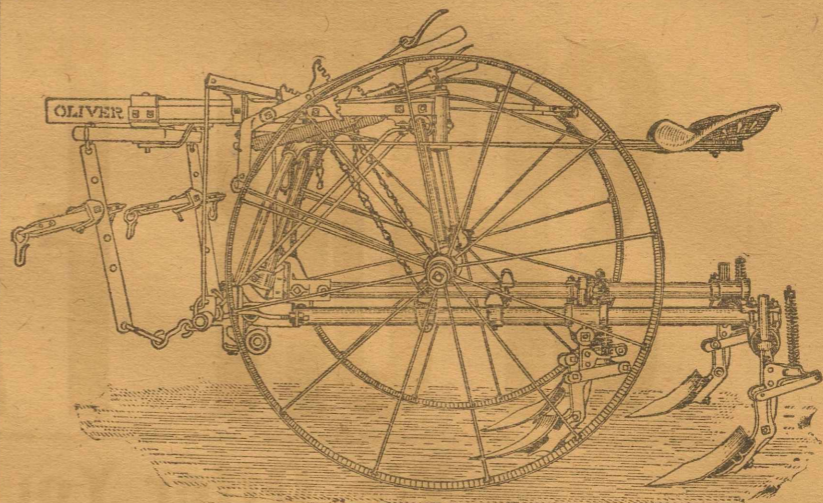
In this case treatment has a very broad meaning. It covers the general appearance of the store, its neatness and taste in display.

It extends to the appearance of the clerks and welcome accorded the customer.

It follows the customer through every aisle and places the goods before her in attractive shape. The goods themselves must be pleasing; the customer must be happily disappointed and find that the goods were even better than represented in the ad.

If a merchant will be careful when painting a word picture of his merchandise not to overdo it, he will in time get more people to read and believe his ads. If there were ever any failures in newspaper advertising, it was because of one thing—the store didn't back up its word.—Deloit Free Press.

THE OLIVER



Best Cultivator in the World.

The Oliver is a Combination Cultivator. Can be used as six shovel, four shovel and Disc. Raises and lowers by one lever. Has hammock seat so the ladies can use it. Guide by seat. Parallel motion on rigid beam. Best Cultivator in the World. Come in and let us show you, and then you will be convinced.

Barber & Hancock.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

Mrs. Sudberry, who has been one of the assistant teachers in the Spur School, returned Saturday to her home near Girard, the Spur school having closed for the session Friday.

Baxter Scoggins was in the city Saturday from his ranch south west of Spur and reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country.

J. A. Murchison was in Saturday from the Casco country and says that crops are looking good and prospects continue the very brightest in that section. From every section of Western Texas comes similar reports and if we fail to make a bumper crop all will be disappointed.

E. C. Edmonds and D. West went out south of town last week and it is reported that they killed twelve ducks. Ducks in large numbers are said to be on all the surrounding ponds and it is not infrequent that the hunters bring them in.

While in town Monday, P. Hinson said that the rain was plentiful in the Tap and surrounding country and that as a result the crop prospects continue the very brightest.

Frank Smith was here Saturday from the Cat Fish country, and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports the crop conditions in the finest shape in his section and says that the farmers are smiling while they wait for cotton planting time to roll round.

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME YOU WILL NEED A GOOD

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EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE . DIAMOND EDGE TOOLS

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At The Lowest Price.

In our staple line you will find the highest grade flour at low grade prices, and we want you to especially try a sack of High Patent W. O. W. Flour.

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TRADE YOUR OLD HARNESS TO KELLAR FOR NEW ONES.

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Come to see **W. E. KELLAR,** Shoe Shop in Mule Jeweler Connection...

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WE have just received a big shipment of the 1911 patterns of ART WALL PAPER. Call and let us show you what we have in stock. If you have been thinking of papering your rooms in the near future, come and get first choice. Will be glad to show you. Phone 33.

Campbell & Campbell

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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

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THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a
HOME.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

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

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

Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets every Saturday night in each month. C. H. Perry Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday. R. B. S. Craig N. G. C. H. Perry Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. J. L. Hearn, C.; H. R. Stephens, Clerk.

Praetorians meet every Friday night of each month. J. E. Shelton, S. A.; C. C. Tyler, Recorder.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. J. E. Shelton, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, R. of R. S.

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

M. B. A. Lodge No. 2995, meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month. Morris B. Kinney, Pres; Wes Hisey, Sec.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

E. S. Lyne, of Wichita Falls, was in the city last week representing the Oliver Chilled Plow Works.

Sheriff Cole was in Spur Friday on official business and spent some time here.

B. F. Brock, a prominent citizen of Dickens had business in the city the latter part of last week.

C. D. Copeland was in this week from his place several miles east of Spur and reports that the recent rains did not reach his place. However, it is reported that further east the Dickens county farmers had an inch and a half or two inches of rain fall.

G. W. Broyles left Sunday for Abilene to attend the annual state convention of K. P. Lodge which will be in session four days. An automobile drive over the country is on the program for Monday and it is expected that representatives from every lodge in the state will be in attendance. During his absence Mrs. Broyles will visit her sister at Rule.

A picnic just over the hill north of town was given Friday to the Methodist Sunday school children. Quite a number of children and older people of the city were in attendance and the occasion was one of pleasure to all. Dinner was spread on the ground and during the afternoon foot races and various games were had and the time past all too rapidly for both old and young.

LETTER TO J. E. SHELTON. Spur Texas.

Dear Sir: Paint goes by gallons. There are useful and useless gallons. Useful paint is lead-zinc-and-oil with dryer and color; useless paint is whitening, china-clay, ground stone, barytes, benzine, or water.

This stuff is put-in, because it is cheap, to stuff-out the paint, to make more gallons to sell; of course, the buyer doesn't suspect, or he wouldn't buy it.

It costs as much to brush-on this useless stuff as lead-zinc-and-oil; but it looks like that and feels like that in the brush; the painter doesn't suspect it. Besides, if the owner is willing, why should the painter object to painting two gallons to one? He is paid by the day; more gallons more days, more money.

Average paint at full price is about one-third this useless stuff; and average paint at \$1.25 or \$1.50 or \$1.75 a gallon is two-thirds trash. Fool paint is the proper name for all but pure paint; it is made to fool people with. Knave paint is another good name, it is made, of course, by knaves. Sick paint is a name for an honest weak paint. They are all weak and all extravagant: too many gallons to buy and too many gallons to brush-on. Devoe is the standard.

Yours truly,
F W DEVOE & Co
New York
P. S.—P. H. Miller Lumber Co. sell our paint.

Dan Hogan, the painter, came in Wednesday and spent a day or two in the city.

T. S. Thomas, formerly of Girard, but who is now in business at Navasota, was in the city Thursday and Friday of last week to see his sister.

Worth Thomas, a prominent business man of Girard, was in the city last week on business and also to visit his sister, Miss Thomas of Spur School.

Mr. Coleman moved his second hand business last week to the business house on the same street and formerly occupied by the Bartley Feed & Fuel Company.

Mr. Rhone, formerly of Spur, but who is now farming and ranching up on the Plains, was in Spur first of last week and hauled out two big wagon loads of wire, posts and other supplies for that section.

Mr. Bell, of Munday and representing a hat supply company of Fort Worth, was in Spur Wednesday in the interest of his company. Mr. Bell was formerly a leading dry goods merchant of Munday.

ADVERTISED LIST.

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Acker, Mr. Lum.
Chumbley, Mr. E. M.
Davis, Mr. Burdy.
Golden, Mr. H. H.
Hendrix, Mr. Tommie.
Kerbo, Mr. Fred.
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Davis, Miss Myrtle.
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A. J. Foy, a prominent business man and cashier of the Cowboy State Bank of Rotan, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday looking after business interests here. Mr. Foy reports that the Rotan country has had good rains recently and that the crop prospects of that section is very bright at the present time.

J. L. Moore, a prominent citizen of Matador, was in Spur last week looking after his interests here. Mr. Moore owns some valuable property in Spur and says that the present prospects and indications are pleasing and that from all indications he believes Spur will continue to grow and prosper. In talking of the proposed extension of railway from Paducah Mr. Moore said that he felt confident that either Matador or Spur would secure that line when it extended. However, he thought it not likely that the road would build through both places.

A. T. Lumby, superintendent of the Southern States for the Home Insurance Company, and D. D. MacLary of Dallas, spent Sunday and Monday in Spur looking after the insurance interests here. While here Mr. Lumby secured much data concerning Spur and the rapid development of the surrounding country, and stated that the city had more substantial and fine buildings of any town its age in the country. He was favorably impressed with the progress and present conditions and will lay such data and conclusions before his company in New York.

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AN ACTIVE VOLCANO.

A Texas Boy Visits an Active Volcano in The Philippine Islands.

U. S. Naval Station, Cavite, P. I. Feb. 8.

To The Times Review:

In the two years that I have been in the Philippine Islands, I have often wished that at some time I could visit the volcano which had been slightly active all the time. Mount Taal is an island about five by seven miles, breadth and length respectively, and is situated in the lake by the same name, which is sixty miles southwest of the city of Manila.

About one month ago the volcano became more active and on January 25, it became yet more violent. Earthquakes could be felt every few minutes of the day and night. Some quakes were so violent that people could be seen running out of doors in fear that their homes might collapse. For one week the number of quakes averaged nearly one hundred every twenty-four hours.

On Sunday, January 29, at 2:00 a. m. the people of Manila and the inhabitants living in the surrounding countries, were suddenly awakened by a violent quake. There could be seen a volcano in full action, which lasted over one-half hour. For one hour after the eruption, one of

had received, as how to proceed on our journey, said that we must hire a conveyance to carry us to the lake, which was yet seven miles away. So after filling our canteens with water, we engaged a 'carameta' and driver to carry us. The first half mile of the road showed us that we had one of the roughest and most unpleasant drives before us imaginable. Up and down hills, dodging among trees and stumps and along a road which in the smoothest parts would have made the rocky road to Dublin look like thirty cents. To add to the unpleasantness of the ride, the wind blew the ashes from the trees in blinding gusts. Suddenly after making a turn in

now estimated at over 1,500.

The following is the story related to me by Major Sweet of the disaster at Taal Island:

On Sunday, January 29, at 2 a. m. we were standing on the shore of the lake, which is fully five miles from the volcano, when we saw the explosion. A few minutes later we were blown violently to the ground by a strong, hot wind. Immediately a tidal wave came which swept back to the hills, which are over a quarter of a mile from the lake. After the first wave receded, a second wave even stronger than the first came. For one half hour after the explosion the volcano remained very active, blowing out great clouds of fine ashes during which time and a long time after, a violent electric storm lasted.

That day and the following we were afraid to cross to the island for fear of a second eruption. But on Tuesday morning we were determined to go and see how the natives had fared. We knew where the 6 or 7 'barrios' were situated, so we headed there. We found death in great numbers and not a hut. Trees a foot thick had been torn into pieces from the ground up. In the remotest 'barrio' from the volcano we found five natives who were yet alive. Here also, we discovered the two pups, the rooster and a pig, which were living. The population of the island is over 500, but we could not see half that number of bodies. There was no lava or signs of large rock having been thrown. The natives were killed by the explosion. It must have been the sudden large volume of gases bursting from the volcano igniting with the outer air, resulting in an explosion that caused the strong hot winds. The winds blew in all directions and swept away the natives and huts, all of which were on the shore, into the lake. The number of people that were not blown into the water were burned by the falling hot ashes and suffocated by the hot winds.

Yours very truly

Morris C. Laine,

Medical Department, U. S. N.

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T. M. Burges.

the most terrific electric storms imaginable gave an exciting display in the skies.

The morning papers have but a few hints of the damage that had been done by the eruption.

It was after hearing of the eruption that my curiosity reached such a height that I determined to go and see. So the next day following the eruption, a fellow hospital corps man and I, planned to make the trip. We were granted forty-eight hours leave of absence.

So Tuesday, January 31, we started, having a suit case of food for the two days. The 5:50 a. m. naval tug started us on our journey toward Manila. By 7:00 a. m. we had landed in the city and were seated in a carriage on our way to the railway station. We had to wait but a few minutes for the train. After a somewhat slow, tiresome ride of 55 miles through rice and cane plantations, we reached Tanauan by 10:45 a. m. Ten miles before arriving at this station we noticed a thin layer of gray ashes covering the fields, trees and roofs of houses. We found out that the ashes were the result of the Sunday morning eruption.

The few directions which we

the road we stopped on the shore of the lake, at which place an American kept a gasoline launch to carry passengers to the island. Our plan at that time was to have the 'carameta' wait until our return from a visit to the island, so that we might return to Tanauna the same evening. But we soon learned that the boat had gone. Then we changed our plan—waiting until the following morning, when we would make the exploration.

In the few days following our return the 'barros' on the lake shore surrounding the island were found to be in some cases washed away. The tidal waves claim more lives than the volcano, for the number of dead is

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2 lb. Corn per doz.	1.00
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Wrapped Bacon per pound	15
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INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE.

The educational campaign that is now being propagated for road building means more to the Southwest than is generally supposed. The practical examples of good roads are so convincing that there are few who have the temerity to stand in the way of roadbuilding. "Mossbacks" and 'watch dogs of the treasury' still exist, but it is encouraging to note that their ranks are growing thinner and their power to hinder progress waning.

In districts where good roads have been built, land values have rapidly increased, good farm residences have been built, better schools have been provided and the social and educational environment decidedly improved. Those who have enjoyed the advantage that good roads give could not be induced to go where roads are poor.

The people of cities and towns where the public highways are kept in good condition have

many advantages. The small town that takes the initiative in road construction is building for the future. This means market for farm products and trade for the business men of the town. Good roads leading from the town insure a steady growth in business and makes the town the educational and social center of the community.

There is no reason why a community should not secure capital, build good roads and enjoy these benefits. It is an investment that can well be afforded. The increase in taxation is not to be compared with the benefits secured in building roads. Good roads cost money, but poor highways cost a great deal more. There will never be a time when improved highways will not be expensive nor the lack of good roads entail a great loss. Why not build them now, save the loss that poor roads cause and get the benefits that good roads insure?—Farm & Ranch.

DICKENS ITEM.

County court has been in session this week and the following cases have been taken up and disposed of.

Spur Hardware Co. vs. L. N. Riter and G. C. Pass, judgment for plaintiff.

P. H. Miller vs. O.R. Roberson and G. C. Pass, judgment for the defendant.

P. A. Fite vs. Early-Clents Grain Co. and Spur Grain and Coal Co., judgment for plaintiff.

Barber & Hancock vs. H. E. Carter continued.

John Caraway of the Spur Ranch had business in town Tuesday evening.

A team composed of small boys of Spur came up Saturday evening to meet the Dickens boys in a game of ball.

R. S. Holman was up from Spur to attend county court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allison and Mrs. S. S. Adkins made a business trip to Spur Monday.

Glasgow and Maynard, attorney's of Spur were attending to business of clients in county court here this week.

F. W. Whitaker went to Spur on business Monday.

Wallace McCarty of Spur is out doing some work on his place this week.

Some of the men of Afton are talking of putting in a new phone line from Spur to Afton.

Misses Minnie and Edith Russell of Lower Cottonwood made a trip to Spur Monday.

Mr. Barber of the Barber and Hancock establishment of Spur was transacting business in Dickens Tuesday.

L. N. Riter of Spur was transacting business in Dickens Tuesday.

Perry Fite of Spur had business in town Tuesday.

ness in town Tuesday.

H. H. Hazlewood of Spur was here Tuesday attending to business.

N. A. Baker, Post Master of Spur was attending county court here Tuesday.

G. C. Pass, one of Spur's prominent men had business in county court Tuesday.

Bernice Harkey and family of Red Mud were visting relatives in Dickens the first of the week.

THE TRUTH.

Every day science more and more proves the existence of a higher Being and the necessity of a higher life. If you will look into the early life of truly helpful men, those who make life easier or nobler to those who come after them; you will almost invariably find that they lived purely in the days of their youth. In early life the brain, though abounding in vigor, is sensitive and very susceptible to injury and this to such a degree that a brief, moderate indulgence in

vicious pleasures appears to lower the tone and impair both the delicacy and efficiency of the brain for life. This is not preaching, but is simply the truth of science, and shows how careful we should be in the early training of the youth.—Ex.

I. D. Gamble left Tuesday for his home at Floydada. For several months past Mr. Gamble conducted a mercantile business in Spur, having recently sold his stock to parties at Peacock who shipped the purchase to that place.

It is said that people should not count the chickens before they hatch, but unless some calamity befalls us we are going to make a record breaker in crops all over this western country this year. Keep your eyes on this section, and if you want to secure a home in an ideal agricultural section, investigate the possibilities and inducements offered in the Spur Farm Lands.

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AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

SECURING A HOME.

T. B. Danforth, who is here from Mexico to secure seed and other supplies came in Saturday from Tap. He says that he and his daughters have secured three or four claims near Red Land, New Mexico, and intend to live out the required five years to secure a title. Mr. Danforth says that he can see where it is to the advantage of a man who has a home here to stay with it, but that since the government would give a man a home to live on the land it is to the advantage of the man who has not enough capital to secure a home elsewhere. Mr. Danforth says the land is fine and rich in soil as any other land in this section and in his opinion cotton and other staple crops can be grown successfully, at least he intends to give it a trial this year and promises to report to us the results of his efforts along that line. We wish him success and prosperity in his new home.

OLD TIME DRUMMER.

George Cox, one of the oldest and best known traveling men in this western country passed through Spur the latter part of last week. More than twenty years ago when a young lad this writer would long for George Cox and Joe Flowers to make their semi-annual rounds, knowing that when they came to town we would have an opportunity to get a few dimes for "spending money." Here's hoping they will live long and prosper.

Willis Smith, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in town Saturday and reports everything moving along smoothly in his section.

F. W. Jennings is now employed at the Brazelton-Pryor Co., having formerly been with the P. H. Miller Lumber Company.

Miss Blackwell, now of Kent county, was a visitor last week in the city.

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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

The New Midway hotel will open for business Saturday April 7th, under the management of W. J. Attebury. Nice, clean rooms furnished and the best the market affords will be served on the table. Rates \$1.50 a day and meals 35 cents. We invite the public to come to our place when in Spur and make the Midway your headquarters. W. J. Attebury.

HIGHEST TYPE OF CITIZENSHIP.

There is no royal and ready-made way to manhood. To be a man in the fullest sense of the word, it requires effort, it requires work, and unless one puts forth some effort in endeavoring to become morally and intellectually strong, he will never attain that standard of citizenship which it was intended he should.

The time is fast coming, and now is, when labor is considered in the true light. He who wears the simple garb of a working man enjoys a social distinction quite equal to the modern dude. And as to the social standing of the farmer, we have only to look back to the days of slavery when the southern planter was looked upon as the ideal of gentleman, and so it has been from the war on down, the owner of a farm is regarded as the highest type of citizenship. — Andrews County Times.

SECURING LANDS.

Mr. Ditto, of Haskell county, was in Spur several days this week looking over the country with a view of buying land. Mr. Ditto said that more than twenty five years ago he moved to this western country and settled in the Wichita country. He has been here, noted the development of the country, knows its agricultural possibilities and evidences his faith in its future prospects by securing more lands at this time. There is no country with brighter prospects or more inducements to the farmer than this section of Western Texas and the man who secures a home now will profit not only in the advance in price of land sure to follow settlement and development, but in securing a home in an ideal residential section and an enlightened and progressive community.

FOR SALE—A Majestic Range cook stove. Call on C. C. Haile at the Spur Hotel.

GOOD SEASON FOR PLANTING.

Mr. J. A. Alston was a recent caller at our office and had our Spur paper sent to his brother-in-law and mother, Mr. J. R. Mullins and Mrs. Minnie Alston, of east Texas, Limestone county. We hope the paper will interest Mr. Mullins and cause him to visit our western country. Mr. Alston is expecting his mother to visit him and other relatives soon. He reports a good season now for planting, the rain caught him with fifteen acres of cotton planted and will start his planter to finish one hundred acres as soon as dry enough. We wish Mr. Alston good success.

OWN A FARM.

The farmer who owns a farm is the particular person who is fixed. Banks may fail and factories close, workmen strike and mines suspend, merchants fail and towns burn, time may be panicky and even crops may be short—but the farmer who owns his acres will get along. He will live in comfort and quiet, with plenty to eat, drink and wear. He is the most independent man on earth. Yet, there are lots of them who do not appreciate their situation.—The Oklahoma State Journal.

COMING TO THE FRONT.

Joe and Boss Robinson, two prominent citizens of Rotan, passed through Spur Monday in route to the Plains country north of Spur. They report the Rotan country in fine shape, having had rain and crop prospects most promising at the present time. The Rotan country, like the Spur country, is in a fine section and is now and will later become more productive and prominent to the agricultural and commercial world.

LET IT RAIN.

C. D. Copeland, of four miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business. While here he said that he failed to get any of the rain which fell during the week, but since that time we presume that he has secured enough rain of the several showers during the week to put a fine planting season in the ground. Let her rain. That is what it takes to make this section a notorious and recognized agricultural country.

C. J. Smith, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

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Buying your groceries should claim your most careful attention just as they receive ours. You should know what you are buying and if they are good goods. We sell nothing but goods of the highest quality and you may rest assured that if you trade with us you will get dependable merchandise. Can you buy a better line of goods than we carry in stock? Before you answer this question try a can of our White Swan Corn, Tomatoes, Peas, Beans or anything in the can goods line. Try a can of our Maxwell House Blend Coffee and a sack of our Marchiel Neil Flour and then answer our questions and I am sure it will be in our favor.

Buy one sack of Marchiel Neil Flour and know what good bread is.

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SPUR, TEXAS

STEEL HILL ITEMS.

We are glad to report good rains in this part Saturday night and Sunday and it continues to rain. There will be a large acreage of cotton planted the next fifteen days in this part of the country.

Our organ and song books have arrived and the singing class will meet each first and third Sunday at three o'clock for singing. Everybody invited to come.

Mrs. Edwards is on the sick list this week.

W. D. Evans left Saturday for Talpa, Coleman county, to visit his father and mother and all his aunts and have a family reunion. He returned Tuesday and reports a good time.

The people all met and had a working at the school house Monday, putting up hitch racks and other work not worth while to mention.

Ranchmen have put in a nice gate on the fence north of the Steel Hill school house which has been needed for some time and we should show our appreciation to the ranchmen by keeping the gate shut instead of leaving it open.

The Luzon Telephone Company has erected a rural telephone in the Steel Hill community this week. On the line at present are Henry Cox, Bill Elliot, W. D. Evans, Tol Merri-man, Bill Craig, M. A. Jordan and J. P. Gibson.

Mr. N. A. Baker, post master of Spur, was out in this part Tuesday working for the interest of a rural free mail delivery. He was accompanied by J. P. Gibson, G. J. Stearns and M. A. Jordan. After canvassing the territory in which the route is to go it was found that the required number of heads of families and boxes could be secured. We hope the route will be granted.

The young people enjoyed a singing at J. P. Gibson's Saturday night.

The old settlers say when the terrapins swarm spring has opened. The new comers say the fruit tree agents and terrapins all swarm the same day, the one about as thick as the other. At night the terrapin draws up in his shell and the agents talk about one another.

Rip Saw.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Gentlemans List.

Best, Mr. Roy; Davis, Mr. Rob. A.; Davis, Mr. Charley; Roberts, Mr. Arthur; Reagan, Mr. Claude; Upshaw, Mr. Polk.

Ladies List.

Jones, Miss Nora.

N. A. BAKER, P. M.

Duke Hinson and wife returned this week from a visit of several days to relatives at Abilene.

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In connection with my stock of Variety Goods I also have the Dixie and the Mrs. Humphrey Stocks which insures the trade a large assortment of the highest grade goods from which to make selections and purchases. The stock consists of Ladies and Mens Furnishings, Mens Clothing, Shoes, Shirts and Underwear. I will give 50 per cent off on all Mens and Boys Suits.

Come Early and Get Your Choice

My stock of wearing apparel is of the highest class and every piece will be sold at and below cost. "A Penny Saved is a Penny Made," so make a lot of purchases during this sale. Below we quote a few prices, but all goods in stock will be sold at prices in accord.

Embroidery Waist Fronts

75c Fronts for 42c
A number of the nicest patterns from which to select.

Laces and Embroidery

15c Embroidery 9c
25c Embroidery 18c
10c Embroidery 7c
All Ladies Dress Goods and Domestic
go at cost.

Mens Underwear.

We have the nicest line of Underwear in Spur and every piece will go in this sale at actual cost.

50c Balbriggan shirts 35c
\$1.00 " suit 70c
\$2.50 Mens pure silk suits \$1.40
\$1.25 Balbriggan, silk finish suit 85c
50c Elastic seam drawers 38c

Mens Shirts

\$1.00 Ferguson & McKinney shirt 75c
\$1.25 White pleated bosom shirt 90c

Mens Shoes.

\$6.00 Stetson shoes \$5.00
\$5.00 Stetson shoes \$3.60
\$3.50 Beacon shoes \$3.00
\$3.00 Beacon shoes \$2.70

We also have a few boys shoes to close out as follows.

3.00 Boys Shoes \$2.10
2.50 Boys Shoes \$1.90

A few childrens and ladies slippers will be sold at actual cost.

Beacon and Stetson Shoes and Oxfords all go at cost.

\$6.00 Stetson Oxfords \$4.50
\$7.00 Stetson Oxfords \$4.90

Sale Begins Sat. April 29 and Continues 15 Days

I am going to close out my entire stock during the next 15 days and in order to do this I am making prices that will move the goods. If you want real values at Bargain Prices come early and get first choice of the large assortment of Goods

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TAP TELLINGS.

A splendid shower fell here Saturday; then Sunday night come a good rain, followed by cloudy weather, and now at this writing it is coming an east Texas drizzle. Guess that is what you would call it as it's coming from that way. Since the rains the land has been too wet to plow and farmers meet at the store and cross roads and talk of the bumper crop we are going to harvest.

Lonzo Airhart left a few days ago for his former home at Colorado to visit home folks.

Mr. Davies and wife, of Post City, are here visiting Mrs. Davies parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Luce.

Rev. J. V. Billberry preached to a full house Sunday, leaving in the afternoon to fill his appointment ten miles down the river.

L. G. Garrett, of White River, was here on business a few days since.

Jno. Smith and family, of Kent county, worshiped with the people here Sunday.

Prof. Patton has left his school in care of Prof. Adams, of Spur, while he and wife are gone to Houston county to be with Mrs. Patton's mother who is seriously ill.

S. S. Allcorn made a flying business trip to Spur Wednesday returning in the afternoon on the mail hack.

B. F. Hinson, the famous hunter, of Red Mud, says this rainy weather suits his business since his hounds can run better than when it is dry.

Gadabout.

Stamford Bottled Soda sold by the case at Spur Ice Company.

FOR RENT: My residence in Spur. T. A. Randleman. 26-2ip

Wyatt Taylor, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur the first of the week trading with the merchants of the town.

I will be in Spur the first three days of each week and will be prepared to do high grade photo work and guarantee satisfaction. R. B. F. Craig.

W. J. Elliott and children were in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek ranch. Mr. Elliott reports everyting looking good and the finest crop prospects.

Rev. B. C. Bell, a Presbyterian minister, of Cisco, will preach at the school house Sunday morning and at night. Everybody invited to attend these services.

Will Craig and wife boarded the train in Spur Wednesday for Marlin where they will spend one month at the Torbett Sanitarium for the benefit of Mrs. Craig's health. We hope that the trip will be of great benefit to her.

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On the first of May the daily auto service between Crosbyton and Spur will be discontinued by the Crosbyton Company.

Attorney B. G. Warswick was in the city Tuesday from Dickens and spent some time here on official business.

I am giving a medallion with each dozen Cabinet Photos and guarantee satisfaction in every instance. R. B. F. Craig.

Rev. R. A. Sewart will leave the latter part of the week for Fort Worth where he will meet Mrs. Stewart on her return from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Georgia and Tennessee.

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