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# THE TEXAS SPUR

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A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

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## SPECIALIST SAYS MENINGITIS IS NOT CONTAGIOUS

C. L. Love, manager of the J. A. Lambdin Company business of Spur, returned this week from Stamford where he had been several days under quarantine on account of meningitis in that city, and in view of the fact that he was detained he says that he made a thorough investigation not only of the situation in Stamford but as to the ideas of the physicians in charge of the meningitis cases in Stamford. He says that there were in the neighborhood of twelve cases of meningitis diagnosed in Stamford and that all the cases so diagnosed resulted in death. The situation became so alarming to the public that Dr. Croswait with an assistant was sent there by the State Health department from Waco to organize the work in coping with the disease. Dr. Croswait, while not connected with the State Department, is recognized not only as an able physician but since the epidemic of meningitis in Waco and other Texas cities has become recognized as an able specialist in the treatment and care of the disease, having devoted nearly his entire time to the treatment, study and observation of meningitis in its various phases. Mr. Love says that in conversation with him Dr. Croswait informed him that meningitis is no more contagious than typhoid fever and that no fears should be entertained upon the part of the public from meningitis than from this fever, and that quarantines are being instituted only to alleviate fear and in satisfying the public demands. In treating numerous patients he said that Dr. Croswait stated that he immediately returned to his family and children without using any character of disinfectant and without fear of contagion. That since the patients in Waco were falling into the hands of qualified doctors that not more than twenty per cent of deaths result and even this per cent is being reduced at this time, and that later they hope to have meningitis conditions past any stage of the least fear on the part of patients and especially the public who think the disease contagious. The outbreak of meningitis is attributed to atmospheric and local conditions as well as the condition of one's system subjected to exposure to prevailing cold, damp atmosphere.

The above statement made by Dr. Croswait, specialist on the treatment of meningitis, is published by request for the benefit and knowledge of the general public.

Mr. Kinney is now representing a life insurance company and is hustling business in that line.

Tom Wright, of Leuders, came up Monday and spent some time here on business.

W. M. Childress, of near Dickens, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Saturday and pitched us two big silver dollars to keep the paper coming his way and which we appreciate very much.

## SITUATION IN STAMFORD

There have been only fourteen cases of meningitis in Stamford with twelve deaths so far. Only two new cases have appeared there since Sunday. Two expert meningitis physicians are there from Waco and assure the people that everything is being done to prevent a spreading of the disease.

The Stamford College is going ahead with its work, and at the noon meal Wednesday there were only three less than three-fourths of the highest number which have been present since the meningitis first appeared in Stamford. The officers of the college have no thought of closing the school. Leuders Vanguard.

A. A. Marshall, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and meeting his friends.

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county. — C. H. Senning.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was among the many visitors to Spur last week.

J. E. Shelton made a trip out in the county this week, spending several days.

Sheriff Cole came over last week from Dickens and spent some time here on official business.

Sebe Lambert was in Spur Monday from his place in the Tap country and spent some time here trading and greeting his friends.

Mrs. Sqayres, who was reported sick at the Standifer Hospital last week, was operated upon later and is now reported doing nicely and rapidly recovering.

Orval Bateman, of Dublin passed through Spur last week on his way to Matador. He reports fine crop prospects in his section of the country.

D. C. Sparks passed through Spur the latter part of last week on his return from Fort Worth where he attended the Fat Stock Show. Mr. Sparks was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and reports everything in the Croton country in fine shape, and that he has been so busy farming that he has had little time to promote his campaign for sheriff of Dickens county. However, it is presumed that all of the candidates will make it around before election day.

## FARMERS ARE GIVEN SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

There is an old story of a lazy man, whose family had nothing to eat, and a neighbor offered to give him a bushel of corn if he would come and get it. The man showed very little interest in the offer and finally said that if the corn was shelled he might think about the offer, but otherwise he would not bother with it.

The Texas Industrial Congress is offering absolutely free, to every farmer in the state, whether man, woman, boy or girl an equal chance at 142 cash prizes, making a total of \$10,000, if they will undertake to cultivate their crops this year with a little more care and attention than heretofore. There are no strings tied to this offer. The prizes are absolutely free. No contestant is required to pay anything at any time, and the crop he raises is his to do with it as he pleases. All that he is asked to do is to send his name to the congress at Dallas before April 1st, stating that he wants to try for the prizes offered and agreeing to give his crops systematic care and cultivation. With such a liberal offer as this, it would seem that every farmer in Texas would take some interest in it, but apparently there are many who care nothing about the matter and will not even consider it "unless the corn is shelled."

No one who enters the contest can possibly lose anything, but on the other hand, all will derive some benefit from it, for even if they do not win prizes they will raise better crops and learn something about farming that will be of value to them in the future. Entries in the contest will not be received after April 1st, and we urge our readers to write to the Congress today for information and application blanks.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow spent Sunday and Monday in Dickens, returning the first of the week to Spur.

Miss Minnie Lee Springer, who was operated upon last week at the Standifer Hospital, is reported doing nicely at this time. Her aunt, Mrs. Springer of Aspermont, was here last week to visit her and spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Springer of the city.

## DICKENS ITEM

B. A. Crego made a business trip to Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones of old Espula were in town visiting and transacting business Monday.

Wayne VanLeer, who lives near Spur, was in Dickens last Sunday to attend church—and for other purposes.

Rev. J. D. Bowles, of Spur, was a pleasant visitor last Friday night and Saturday at the home of Dr. Hale.

A. Stiffler, representing the Conley-Corbett Piano Company of Haskell, Texas, came over from Spur Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley and their daughter, Mrs. Holman, of Spur, returned Tuesday night from Paducah where they went to be at the bedside of Mr. Will Stradley who has been dangerously ill for the past week, although we hear that he is on the mend now.

## READY FOR BUSINESS

Mr. Higginbotham, manager of the Spur Ice and Bottling Works, informs us that he is now about ready for business and will be prepared to furnish ice cream as well as all bottled sodas just as soon as his machinery which is now in transit arrives. He will also handle the ice business this summer.

Misses Edith Crego and Pearl Gunn, who are attending Draughon's Business College in Spur, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in Dickens.

Chas. A. Jones returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to Houston and other cities of the eastern portion of the state.

Mr. Holloway, a socialist speaker of note, spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Spur and during the time delivered several speeches on the streets and at the Christian tabernacle.

J. S. Neal, of the Tap country, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours here. Mr. Neal formerly lived in Spur but is now farming near Tap.

Captain J. A. Lambdin, who has been spending several days in Spur looking after his business interests during the absence of C. L. Love, returned Tuesday to Stamford.

## IS IT A TRUE SOLUTION OF BUSINESS SITUATION

One of our leading farmers called at our office recently and during the course of his conversation asked us why more of the merchants did not carry advertising. We told him that the reason given by them was that times are hard and no money in the country. He laughed and said that was all stuff, that there was lots of money in the country but the merchants did not know how to get it. He added that Sears Roebuck & Company and Montgomery & Ward can get the money. Judging from some shipments that have recently come in we are inclined to wonder if he was not right. We wonder too if Sears Roebuck & Company and Montgomery & Ward do not put as much advertising in each town as our home merchants do. — Eastland Chronicle.

The above is applicable to every town in the country, and while in Spur there are several live and liberal advertisers we are confident that a more extensive and combined advertising campaign on the part of the business men would increase our business and more fully develop our business interests. If every business man in town would carry an interesting advertisement in the home paper that paper would soon become as interesting to the trade as any foreign mail order house catalogue, many of which are being distributed here each week. Mail order houses get all of their business through advertising, and if home concerns would collectively expend as much energy and thought to the advertising end of their business mail order concerns would soon cease to exist. This is a proposition which should be given due consideration by every town in the country.

## BUILDING NEW HOME

Carpenters commenced work this week on the new home of N. Q. Brannen in the northwest part of the city. Mr. Brannen is having four or five rooms added to his two-room house, and when complete he will have a most convenient and modern home.

T. A. and W. H. Smith were in Spur Saturday from their homes in the Cat Fish country and report everything in the finest shape in that section, farmers all up with their breaking and now waiting for planting time to roll around.

C. L. Love returned Monday from Stamford where he has been several days with his family, one of his children having been operated upon for appendicitis and which is now recovered. Mr. Love was delayed in returning to Spur on account of being quarantined in Stamford.

R. R. Morrison returned the latter part of last week from the eastern markets where he, accompanied by Herman Morrison of Rotan, spent several days buying summer and fall goods. Mr. Morrison returned by the way of Sherman to visit his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of that city.

## Fresh Car Seal of Texas Flour

The best Flour on the market at a moderate price.  
Regular shipments of Vegetables received  
Monday and Friday of each week.

Cleaners and Washing Powders, Lighthouse Gold  
Dust, Hippo, Borax and Wyandotte.  
We want to serve you.

### HENSON & POOLE

Spur, Texas

Phone 28



## THE SPUR DAIRY COMPANY

Desires to announce to the public that they are now able to supply all demands for fresh Butter and Cream and all kinds of Milk. Phone orders to Luzon Phone Number 140. Delivered morning and evening.

### SPUR DEEP WELL MORE THAN 3000 FEET DEEP

Driller Minnihan informed us Wednesday that he had passed the three thousand foot depth, the well being three thousand and two feet deep Wednesday night. This week they passed through about fifteen feet of fine water sand, after which the drill again entered a hard flinty rock.

The drilling operations will now average from five to ten feet a day and it is very probable that either artesian water, gas or oil will be found within a very short time. At any rate the drilling operations will continue until something is found.

### SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL ENTERTAIN

The Spur Public School is arranging for a field meet on the last day of school, April 19th. The racing will include bundle racing, long and short dashes, potato racing, egg racing, etc. The baseball game will be between the Spur High School team and the Spur First Nine. All games will be called promptly as scheduled. The public is cordially invited.

Program:—9-9:30, volley ball, grammar boys.

9:30-10:15, basket ball, high school boys.

10:15-11, basket ball, grammar school girls.

11-12, Racing.

Noon.

1-1:30, volley ball, primary boys.

1:30-2:30, tennis.

2:30-3:15, basket ball, high school girls.

3:15-5:15, base ball.

The members of "El Espuela" the literary society of the Spur High School will hold an open session at the auditorium on April 5th at 8:30 p. m. An interesting program will be rendered.

Everybody cordially invited. Admission free.

Call at the Wonder and have Mrs. Griffin make your Easter bonnet.

J. H. Edwards, of Dumont, was in Spur this week and spent several days here.

Mrs. W. H. Tigue is in Concho county with her mother who is reported quite sick and not expected to survive.

C. F. Shipp, representing the Texas Company, was in the city Thursday and Friday of this week in the interest of his company.

J. H. Stradley, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur one day this week on business and to visit his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman.

Billy Martens moved this week to his new quarters in the Texas Spur building where he will continue to manufacture boots and shoes for those who desire to have the best on the market.

J. P. Simmons is having some new additions made to his residence in the northeast part of the city. Notwithstanding the cry of "dull times" the building progress of Spur continues uninterrupted and the town is enjoying a liberal trade from the surrounding territory.

### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

We were talking to one of our most intelligent citizens a day or so ago, and he said that he did not understand the workings of the initiative and referendum, and many of the most intelligent people do not, and it is no reflection on them that they do not, because most people who have never gone into its workings but only referred to it and say they were either for it or against it.

We will admit that we did not understand it until we read it in the constitution of Oklahoma.

Some people have the wrong impression of its purpose. They think that all laws must be passed by the system, but such is not true. It is only a check on the legislature as the governor's veto it and it also is a check on the governor's veto power.

It is to pass such laws as the people want that the legislature will not pass, and to repeal such laws as the people don't want that the legislature will not repeal.

Suppose the people wanted a certain law passed and petitioned the legislature to pass it and suppose that the legislature should fail or refuse to pass it, then the people could circulate a petition and obtain the names of say 10 per cent of the qualified voters of the state, petitioning the governor to order an election to determine whether such proposed law should become a law. The governor on being presented with this petition with the number of names to it required by law would be forced to order an election to determine whether or not the proposed law should become a law. If at the election a majority of the voters should be for it then it would become a law, if a majority voted against it it would not. This is the Initiative. Suppose that the legislature should pass a law that the people want and the governor should veto it, and it could not be passed over his veto, then the same process could be used, thus giving the people power over the governor's veto.

Now suppose that the legislature should pass and the governor should sign what the people believed to be a bad law. By petitioning the governor as set out above he would have to order an election to determine whether or not the law should be repealed. If a majority voted for its repeal it would be repealed, but if not then it would still remain a law. This is Referendum.

The recall of officers is on the same plan.

We have been unable to see anything very boogery in the Initiative and Referendum, that would strike at the foundation of our republican form of government. It only gives the people a weapon with which to defend themselves against a bad legislature or tyrannical governor. It is only a check on the powers of these two departments.

### A GOOD JACK FOR SALE

Will weigh 900 pounds, 5 years old, black. Will trade for mules or sell for cash cheap.—J. C. Stephens, 2 miles south of Afton, Texas. 21-21

(We do Job Printing.)

### FINE RAIN AND SPUR COUNTRY IN FINE SHAPE

A fine rain fell in Spur and surrounding country Wednesday night and as a result this whole territory is now in the very finest shape with respect to seasons and bumper-crop prospects.

The Spur country is favored not only in rich and varied soil but blessed with abundant season for the production of all kinds of crops, and the prospects now are, that the country will surpass all former records in every character of crop production.

### FINEST CROP PROSPECTS

S. R. Scott, a prominent citizen of several miles west of Spur, was in the city last week and reports everything in his section in the finest shape with respect to farming operations and fine crop prospects. This whole section of country now has the very finest and most promising prospects for bumper crops within many years, and the probability is that the Spur country will break all former records of farm production.

### MISFORTUNE COMES

R. R. Johns, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Wednesday. The latter part of last week Mr. Johns had the misfortune of several of his mules straying from his place, and he says that it was very discommoding in that he was busy plowing, clearing land completing the building and improvement of his new home. However, we understand that he found his mules.

### THE BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

R. B. F. Craig, who has been spending the past several weeks doing photo work at Dumont, returned this week to Spur to spend a few days with his family. Mr. Craig will return the latter part of the week to finish up his work after which he will probably re-establish his business here or possibly go elsewhere for a few weeks. Mr. Craig is one of the best photographers of the country and is equipped to do the very highest class of work.

### BUILDING FINE RESIDENCE

Messrs. Rumfield and Corey hauled out lumber this week for the construction of a fine residence for J. J. Hickman on his place in the northwest part of the county. We are informed that Mr. Hickman will build one of the finest residences in the country, estimated to cost about three thousand dollars. Artisan W. H. L. Ward, of Spur, is employed in the construction of the building. The building progress in both Spur and the surrounding country is evidenced not only of prosperity but of substantial progress. Let the good work continue.

Mrs. Ned Hogan has been spending several days with her friends and relatives in Dickens, during the absence of Mr. Hogan who has been to market.

In printing circulars last week for R. R. Johns, with reference to his strayed mules we printed it that he "may pay \$5 reward" when it should have read "I will pay \$5 reward." We are sorry that this mistake on the part of printers occurred, and all those who know Mr. Johns will not doubt but that he "will" pay the reward.

## \$50.00 REWARD

FOR THE MAN WHO HUNG ICICLES IN SPUR LAST WEEK

We beg to announce that we have finished installing a new and up-to-date Bottling Works in Spur, and have Ice Cream machinery in transit, and will be able to buck the hot weather by the first of next month.

A Car of Ice as soon as the weather permits. Send us your mail orders. Drop in and see us. Opposite Postoffice.

### SPUR ICE AND BOTTLING WORKS

Quality as Well as Quantity T. L. HIGGINBOTHAM, Mgr.

### THE BEAUTY OF PLAIN LIVING

We love to see people live well, says a thoughtful writer, and to dress respectfully, and enjoy themselves, but there is a happy mean in all these things, and when that is passed in the direction of extravagance, the people distress and enslave themselves and diminish their ability to do good. For the sake of keeping up the styles, people live far above their income, harness themselves with debt, wear themselves out, and keep themselves in a constant nervous strain by giving fashionable dinners, fashionable entertaining, and making fashionable calls. How much better is a plain, quiet, Christian home where all is peace and cordiality, the neighbors heartily welcome to come and go at will, and freed from the pestering, senseless conventionalities of fashionable life. Why should our earthly life which at best cannot continue a hundred years, be fretted and burdened and worn out prematurely by vain efforts to ape the manners of the idle, ir-religious, self-seeking, rich devotee of pleasure? God has put us in the world for a nobler purpose than this, and those do well who strive to place His services above all else.—Ex.

### 5000 BALES OF COTTON WEIGHED IN SPUR

Up to date more than five thousand bales of cotton have been weighed at the two yards in Spur. There are yet a number of bales in the country which has not been brought to town for sale or shipment.

The five thousand and more bales weighed here to date is evidence that the Spur country is a great cotton producing section, considering the seasons of the past year. With the proper seasons this year we expect to have more than ten thousand bales brought to Spur the coming season. However, the farmers of this section are practicing the diversification idea and devoting a considerable portion of their farm acreage to feed stuff, broom corn, peanuts and grain.

At the Wonder all kinds of Easter novelties for the children.

Ike Killough was in this week after supplies for the Twenty-Four Ranch.

Dr. Bachelor, who has been spending several days in Post, returned this week and spent a day at home, leaving the following day for Crosbyton.

## To The Ladies!

Of Spur and surrounding territory we wish to announce the arrival of new Spring Undermuslin in a varied assortment in Gowns, Princess Slips, Combination Suits, Skirts, Corset Covers and Drawers. We ask your early inspection of this line. It's the greatest showing we have had the pleasure of presenting.

New Nets and Chiffon Veilings in the newest creations. Other new Goods arriving soon.

## J. A. Lambdin & Co.

The Store With the Lowest Price

Spur, - - - Texas



# SPUR FARM LANDS

We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most productive Territory

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

**\$12 to \$25.00**  
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

## THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

HAS IN SOME PORTIONS TAKEN PRACTICALLY ALL THE LAND WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING UNDER THE PLAN OF RESERVATION OF EACH ALTERNATE SECTION

**W**E ARE, Therefore, Ready to Price and offer for sale such Sections in these localities as has heretofore been Reserved.

We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

**DEFINITE PRICES ON THESE OR ANY OTHER LANDS WILL BE MADE UPON APPLICATION**

## 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 demonstration 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 price. 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.**

## All Kinds of Feed Kept

**WE HANDLE HIGHEST GRADE  
& MAKE THE LOWEST PRICE.**

See me Before You Buy. First-class Wagon Yard Accommodations  
Plenty water and good camp house. 1 Block west of Spur Hardware

**J. B. CONNER**

## The Spur Hotel

**W. N. BLACKWELL, Prop.**

RATES: \$1.50 Per Day.

See me for Weekly Rate

Nice, Clean Rooms and the Best Table the Market Affords.

**W. C. BOWMAN**

## Lumber Comp'y

**LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, PAINT,**

**And All Kinds Building Material**

**Take The Texas Spur**

## NOBODY CAN KNOW THE LAW NOW-A-DAYS

The bill now before the legislature prepared by the State Bar Association's committee may and no doubt will, if passed, do much in the direction of simplified legal procedure, avoiding delay and lessening expense and litigation, but other measures appear necessary to do away with "the glorious uncertainty of the law."

The trouble here seems to lie in a multiplicity of statutes and a vast mass of conflicting court decisions. Nobody can be sure of what the law is until it has been settled by the highest court and even then it may be reversed upon a rehearing or repealed at the next session of the Legislature.

Nobody appreciates the impossibility of comprehending, coordinating and properly interpreting the tremendous volume of statutes and legal decisions which now make up the body of the law in the United States than the Judges themselves. Much is said about the danger of breaking down respect for the courts, but when the courts themselves admit their inability to interpret the law as they find it, laymen may certainly be excused for occasional exhibitions of impatience.

A member of the New York Senate who is seeking to bring about a legislature investigation of the law's delays has asked for opinions from the leading jurists of that State. Justice Howard

of the New York Supreme Court, in reply says:

"There is too many laws, too many courts, too many appeals, too many technicalities. Nobody knows the law, nobody can know the law. In these days a law library would fill a barn. The human mind can not comprehend such a mass of stuff. And its bulk is increasing at an appalling rate. Judges, Governors and legislators are working at feverish pace making law books. Thousands of thick volumes constitute the written law. A dozen volumes ought to contain all the laws of the State."

The effects of this condition, Justice Howard says, is that five Appellate Courts are in session at the same time rendering decisions and writing opinions. These, he declares, are often in conflict with each other, thus necessitating still further appeals, more delay and still further uncertainty. One Legislature, he says, makes a law for the guidance of the people and the next repeals it. A Governor advocates the passage of a law and a few months later urges its repeal. "Under such conditions," he says, "who can know the law?"

The laws, says Justice Howard, should be firm and positive, but instead it is like quicksand and affords no secure foothold. As a consequence it breeds lawsuits and imposes a tremendous tax on litigants. In a large percentage of cases, he declares, it costs the public more to foot the bills of litigation than it would to pay the claim in dispute.

The old maxim, "Everybody is

supposed to know the law," Justice Howard says, is absurd under the conditions of today. Nobody can know it, he insists. "The citizens cannot know the law, the lawyers cannot comprehend the law, the Judges cannot interpret the law. The Roman maximum might be modified so as to run "Ignorance of the law excuses no one except the Judges."

And the serious feature of the matter is that the conditions Justice Howard describes get worse instead of better. Legislatures continue to grind out new grists of laws and every year more and more Judges are demanded to keep up with the increase in litigation. In different States the highest courts differ in their interpretation of identical statutes, making a conflict and confusion of precedents which other courts find it impossible to reconcile.

Isn't it time for jurists like Justice Howard, who appreciate the situation and its embarrassments, to suggest a remedy?—Newark News.

## DANGER! TAKE NOTICE.

Our Dog Poisoning outfit will, within the next few days, be working in the territory surrounding Spur, and all owners of stock are hereby warned that there is danger of their stock getting this poison; and are cautioned so that they may take necessary steps to protect themselves from loss of this character.—S. M. Swenson & Sons, C. A. Jones, Manager.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison

For County and District Clerk:  
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):  
H. T. Garner  
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:  
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:  
W. A. Craddock

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

Stamford is now reported to be clear of meningitis every case having died of the disease. No more cases are expected to develop.

Both the Democrats and Republicans are taking up the initiative and referendum and will probably have them incorporated in their platforms before the general election.

C. W. Post, the millionaire manufacturer of Postoasties, has recently further demonstrated his ability to cause rain to fall over a drouth-stricken section. His recent demonstration was in Santa Barbara, California, and the people of that section are now asking for some method of checking the deluge.

It is said now in connection with epidemics of many sections of the whole country that Chicago has an epidemic of sore throat which is proving fatal in numerous instances. Some time ago in reading the Bible we are convinced that Revelations accurately foretold of the present times of scourge, wars and rumors of wars.

Roosevelt has the best Democratic campaign speech we have yet read, and we believe that if he will practice and put into effect the doctrine he preaches, that if elected he will make his third term one of the greatest within the history of our government. However, we are still hoping that at least one more Democratic president will be elected, and now is the best opportunity they will ever again have. On with the battle.

Several days ago our attention was called to a circular letter with reference to the candidacy of two prominent men of the Plains country for the office of Congressman at large. While the Texas Spur does not know either one of the candidates, one fact in the letter impressed us as being worthy the consideration of both candidates as well as Western Texas in general. It is very probable that should

both candidates continue in the race that another candidate from another section of the country will become the nominee for Congressman at large, and thus Western Texas would have no representative personally interested in this section in Congress. In our opinion as well as that of many others of this section it is to the interests of the whole of Western Texas that one of the two candidates from the Plains country withdraw from the race, and we hope that such a procedure will be consummated.

If a mail order house hundreds of miles distant can secure business in a community during dull, hard times, is it not an actual demonstration of not only the effectiveness of advertising but proof beyond question that advertising creates business. In a few instances in Spur we are sometimes told by business men that there is no use to advertise now since nobody is coming to town and there is little money to spend in the country, yet if you keep a strict tab of the receipts of both postoffice and express office in Spur you will see that mail order concerns are doing some business and do it solely by advertising. The only way to combat the mail order business is for the business men of a town to get busy and place before the people advertising matter as attractive and inviting or more so than the foreign business concerns. A newspaper can cuss the mail order concerns since they are away from home, but the newspaper without the assistance and cooperation of the business interests of a town can not secure and hold the business of its territory. The Texas Spur wants to see every nickle in the country spent at home, and to this end we ask every business man to give us attractive, convincing, suggestive and inducing advertisement for the benefit of the people of this territory and town, and if such is done by every business man of Spur we venture the assertion that mail order houses will not long continue to get business from our territory.

Since The Texas Spur has been accused of either being a Socialist or leaning in that direction we do not believe it will be out of order to state just how we stand. Of all the Socialist doctrine with which we are familiar we disagree with them with the exception of the initiative and referendum. We have not fully made up our mind with reference to the recall, yet we are of the opinion that we should either have the recall or a more effective impeachment law enforced. We are further confident that the g. o. p. as well as the Democrats will soon be forced to adopt the initiative and referendum and also the recall unless more effective impeachment proceedings are adopted. We now believe, always have and always will believe that the people should rule, and we also believe this is good Democratic doctrine. We do not believe in a government of our country by a few politicians. We believe those elected to office should serve and not rule the majority, and when the people are not fairly represented by any officer the people should have some recourse to either oust such an officer or force him to do the will of the majority. And while in a few instances such doctrines might not have been evidenced

## Spring Time, Old Chap

WHY not bloom out in a new Easter Suit instead of staying in the old shell? Come in and take a peep at the classiest assorted samples ever congregated. More than ONE THOUSAND samples to select from, with the newest models of designs.

SUITS \$12.50 UP

Agents Wichita and Stamford Laundries. Phone us your orders.

Spur Tailoring Co.



by even Democrats elected to office, yet we have faith in the party and will remain a member of the Democratic organization until more than one or two of its officers violate the trust placed in them by the majority of the party.

Insure in the Home Fire Insurance of New York organized 1853, capital \$3,000,000.00.—Oscar Jackson, Agent.

T. A. Smith was in the city the latter part of last week from his place in the Cat Fish country and reports everything in the finest shape with respect to farming operations and crop prospects.

One of the events which we failed to mention last week was the millinery opening at the Wonder. A large and most pleasing millinery display was exhibited and many ladies of the town and surrounding country were in attendance. Throughout the day punch was served to all callers, Mrs. Morris graciously presiding over the punch bowl.

### BROOM FACTORY

I have opened a Broom Factory in Spur. Every broom guaranteed. Cash paid for fresh eggs. Call on me in old Skating Rink. G. G. Selder.

O. D. Stevens, scientific masseur now located at the Midway Hotel, is treating a number of patients and it is said that his treatments are meeting with exceptional success.

Ned Hogan returned Tuesday from a visit of several days to his parents in east Texas. While gone he also went to the eastern markets to buy goods for the Edwards-Hogan Company.

A message to J. H. Edwards of the Dumont country, came Monday from Eastland county informing him that a kinswoman was sick and not expected to live.

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murchison have been quite sick of pneumonia the past week. However, both children are now reported doing nicely we are glad to note.

### FOR SALE

Two mares and one horse. See S. Power, Spur, Texas.

You can get any kind of ledger, day book and blank book at the Spur Drug Company.

Call at the Wonder and examine my line of hats.—Mrs. Griffin.

Subscribe for The Texas Spur.

## JEWELRY REPAIRING

See that your jewelry is in good repair. It is a good time to look over that necklace or brooch. There may be a jewel that needs tightening. Perhaps you would like that diamond reset. We make a specialty of cleaning jewelry, stones and repairing jewelry, etc. We'll not over charge you, either.

GRUBEN  
THE JEWELER  
At Spur Drug Company

## Did You Ever Stop To Think?

Where you could find the very best staple goods in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware and Implements.

### LISTEN

To what we have to say. Spring is here; your plowing and planting must be rushed. We have a new car of Jno. Deere Implements. The name Jno. Deere implies quality. It's the line many others imitate. You cannot go wrong if you buy Jno. Deere Implements. The best not the cheapest. See them before you think of closing a deal for Implements.

Dry Goods. We have always tried to make our store the standard of excellence in quality and style, and we want you to come and look through our stock. As to price, we defy all legitimate competition, if quality is considered. We want your business in the Dry Goods line, and all we ask is a little of your time.

Groceries kept neat and clean. The very best brands in all lines. A big car of Light Crust Flour coming this week. Every sack guaranteed to be the best Flour that can be made of wheat.

We want your cash, and will give you the best values consistent with full weights and measures and honest merchandising.

Yours truly,

Bryant-Link Co.



Buy Your Lumber, Paints and Oils

FROM

**BRAZELTON-PRYOR COMPANY**

SPUR, TEXAS

## BOOT SHOP MOVED!

I have moved my Boot Shop to the Texas Spur building where I am better prepared to serve the trade in the Boot Making Line. Your business is respectfully solicited. Only the very best Hand-Made boots are turned out and a perfect fit is guaranteed in every instance. Call on me.

**BILLY MARTENS, SPUR, TEXAS**

### THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE

The mail order concerns are fast becoming a great menace to the local merchants. The old mail order concerns are fast becoming rich and new mail order concerns are springing up almost every day. You ask why the mail order house is gaining so rapidly on the local merchant. The answer is dead easy. The mail order house has learned the value of printers ink. While the local merchant is sitting idle and saying that, it does not pay to advertise, the mail order house is spending multiplied thousands of dollars advertising. They are using the newspapers and magazines as advertising mediums and are putting catalogues in almost every home in the United States.

It is costing them a great deal of money to do this, but it pays them big on the investment.

A certain mail order house we have in mind pays a mana salary of \$20,000 to write ads for the concern, and this \$20,000 is only a small per cent of what this house spends every year on advertising.

If the local merchant don't awake to the situation pretty soon the mail order house will most surely put him out of business. When this is done the mail order trust will be a monster by the side of which the oil trust will look like a prattling babe.

This is no idle talk. It makes us extremely tired to hear a business man, when approached on the advertising subject say, "the people know that I am in business and know what I have for sale and it won't do a bit of good for me to advertise." The people also know that the mail order houses are in business and know what they have for sale,

### LOOK AT THESE PRICES

Watches \$1.00 with nice fob. Solid gold rings, 50 cents. Watch chains from 50 cents up. Nice coat chains \$1.00. Hat pints (up to now) 25 cents up. Bracelets 50 cents to \$8.00. Silk fobs 25 cents to \$5.00. Lace bar pins 20 cents to \$8.00. Cuff buttons from 20 cents to \$5.00. Belt pins 20 cents up. Stick pins 20 cents up. Cuff ties and children's sets from 20 cents up. Toilet sets, neck chains, lockets, thimbles and in fact everything you could call for in the jewelry line. Fine watch repairing a specialty. Eyes tested and fitted with best ground lenses. A. T. Odeal, the watch maker at Barber & Hancock old stand; now Western Grocery Co.

Baxter Scoggins was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

Mace Hunter was in town Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur.

County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

Mrs. Ned Hogan has been spending several days with her friends and relatives in Dickens, during the absence of Mr. Hogan who has been to market.

W. E. Miller, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur recently. His friends thought at the beginning of the campaign that Mr. Miller would be in the race for sheriff, but we understand that he will not be a candidate at this time.

yet they continue to spend thousands of dollars advertising. Seminole Sentinel.

### QUARANTINE RAISED

The quarantine, which has been in effect during the past week over the family of T. J. Williams on account of the illness of his child, was raised Tuesday. The little child became sick about two weeks ago. Dr. Standifer was called and the case was diagnosed as meningitis. Later Drs. Morris and Grace, the latter of whom has had practical experience and is familiar with meningitis, were called in consultation, and after a careful bedside diagnosis all three of the doctors concurred in the diagnosis of Dr. Standifer, that the case was meningitis. Dr. Standifer used the Flexner serum treatment, administering the serum several times throughout the week until Tuesday the little child was pronounced free of fever and germs and practically recovered.

In this instance Dr. Standifer has again demonstrated his success not only as a surgeon but a practitioner. He says in the treatment of meningitis his only faith in effecting a cure is by the Flexner serum treatment. He further says that in his opinion meningitis is slightly contagious and advises the continued use of sprays to the nose and throat as a preventive and disinfectant. However, Dr. Standifer modifies the statement of meningitis being contagious by illustrating the "slightly". For instance, he says if a hundred men subject to contagion were placed in a tight room with a case of measles that probably ninety-five of the one hundred would take the measles, whereas under similar conditions with reference to meningitis he says that probably not more than one or two out of the one hundred would contract the meningitis.

There is no probability that another case of meningitis will develop in Spur, other than the one reported, and there is little uneasiness felt and no cause for alarm on the part of the people of the town or surrounding country. This case has been under quarantine from the first and neither exposure to contagion nor the existing conditions warrant the least apprehension of an epidemic.

T. A. Smith was in the city Saturday from his place in the Cat Fish country.

John Wooten and son, Andy, were in Spur this week from the Wake country.

Sam Starrett and brother, of the Wake country, were in Spur this week after supplies.

Mack Winkler, a prominent citizen of the Croton country had business in Spur Monday and spent some time here.

John Smith and J. C. Collett, two prominent citizens of Motley county, were in Spur this week with cotton for the Spur market and also hauled out supplies.

### Notice To Creditors And Debtors

THE STATE OF TEXAS | To those indebted COUNTY OF DICKENS | to or holding claims against the Estate of M. M. Upshaw, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of M. M. Upshaw, deceased, late of the county of Dickens, State of Texas, by Hon. F. C. Gipson, judge of the county court of said county on the 21st day of Dec. A. D. 1911, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at Spur, in Dickens County Texas where he receives his mail, This 17th day of February A. D. 1912.—J. M. UPSHAW, Administrator of the estate of M. M. Upshaw.

### The Texas Welfare Commission

The Commission Will Review the Industrial Life of State.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association, recognizing that a wholesome public sentiment is the most powerful asset that a state or nation can possess, has launched the Welfare Commission for the purpose of providing the people with dependable information essential to a more intelligent analysis of economic conditions, to the end that our citizenship as a whole may be able to more readily distinguish lines of industry conducive to its progress and to more easily recognize and maintain public policies which promote the general welfare of the people.

This body of men will sit as a tribunal reviewing the material life of State and there will pass before it for inspection some of the grandest, the most stupendous and some of the saddest events in 20th century civilization.

In this line of march will be seen the Texas farmer hauling \$425,000,000 per annum of raw material to the foreign factory—forming a procession that will reach from the earth to the moon; the Texas cowboy will be there driving a herd of sixteen million head of live stock to the market. Our lumber mills loading a hundred thousand cars of their products for the factories of the North and East and millions of dollars of other products will pass on their journey to the factory.

More important than the mighty current of commerce that is sweeping our raw material from our State is the mute pleading of our powerful resources for an opportunity to pour a golden stream of wealth into the channels of trade. We have less than one fifth of our area under cultivation; our mineral wealth is sleeping undisturbed; our cotton factories can handle only one bale of cotton out of every seventy produced. The opening of the Panama Canal will flood us with a new world of opportunities and we have many possibilities yet undeveloped.

The return of the tide of commerce brings with it from the foreign factory \$100,000,000 of finished products per annum and we ship in seventy-five million dollars of feed stuff per annum, 5,200 carloads of cured meats per annum, 2,000 cars of canned goods and \$25,000,000 of miscellaneous items, all of which can and should be produced and manufactured in Texas.

Mr. Walker was in Saturday from his home near Spur and said that he had not yet planted any crops but that he had everything in readiness.

L. J. Elsby, a prominent citizen of the Lee County school land country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and after supplies.

Mr. Turner, of the Tap country, is having a building erected in the west part of the business section of Spur preparatory to opening up a blacksmith shop at an early date. This will make three blacksmith shops for Spur.

Mrs. Wes Hisey and children are reported on the sick list this week. During the past several weeks there has been considerable sickness in Spur and the surrounding country, mostly of fever, measles, mumps, chicken pox and pneumonia.

Minor Wilson came down Tuesday from the Afton country to see his wife who is confined at the Standifer Hospital on account of an operation. Mrs. Wilson is reported doing nicely at this time. Her daughter, Mrs. McCarty, of Floyd county is here assisting in the nursing of her mother.

R. W. Walker and wife, formerly of Spur but now of Lubbock, came down last week to be present at the operation performed upon Mrs. Squyers at the Standifer Hospital. Mr. Walker says that he intends to move to Brownwood within a short time and engage in the carpenter work.

### PROFESSIONAL CARDS

**R. S. HOLMAN**

Attorney-At-Law

All legal business attended with accuracy and dispatch

Office in First State Bank Building, Spur, Texas

**B. D. GLASGOW**

Attorney-At-Law

Office Over The Spur National Bank

**J. H. GRACE, M. D.**

General Practice of Medicine

Prompt response will be given to all calls, city or country, day or night.

Office At Spur Drug Store

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**DR. G. M. BACHELOR**

DENTIST

Office At Spur Drug Company

BOTH PHONES

Office, No. 40. Residence, No. 80

### STANDIFER & MORRIS

Physicians and Surgeons

DR. STANDIFER

Diseases of Women and Surgery a Specialty

DR. MORRIS

Diseases of Children and Electrotherapy a Specialty. City Physician

**O. D. STEVENSON**

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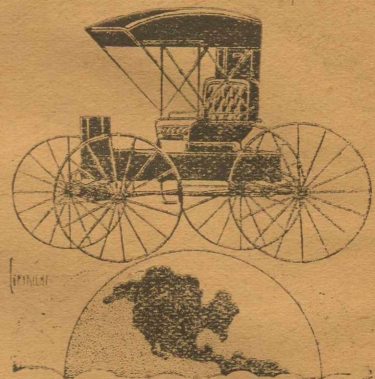
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Rooms at Midway Hotel Phone 64

**G. T. BRANDON,**  
Dentist

Over the Royal Hotel

Office hours from 8-12 and from 1-5  
Residence Phone 142.



### THE WANTS OF WINTER

are now asserting themselves, and among them are stoves, ranges and the scores of little things incidental to their proper fixing and running. We are prepared to show you a large new stock of

### HIGH-CLASS STOVES AND RANGES

in all the best and most popular makes and styles and with the very latest improvements. Also separate grates, bars, lifters, lids, coal hods, poker, etc., etc.

**Riter Hardware Co.**

**Texas Furniture Co.**

UNDERTAKERS

Complete line of Coffins, Caskets and Robes

Day Phone LUZON 103

Night Phone LUZON, No. 18

Night Calls Promptly Answered

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county. —C. H. Senning.

## Always Open For Business

People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!  
IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, SAY SO!

Our customers all know that when they have a legitimate business proposition they can put it up to us any day in the year, if you are not a customer, come around and let us show you why it would be to your advantage to become one.

**The Spur National Bank**

Capital, 100,000.00

R. V. COLBERT, President  
C. A. JONES, Vice-President

W. G. SHERRILL, Cashier  
M. E. MANNING, Asst. Cashier



## ARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FIT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES

Being born and having existed from our youth up in this land and under what is termed a "democratic" form of government, or a government of the people, for the people and by the people, we are somewhat surprised to read the open expressions, some of which might be termed in a few instances as socialistic or even anarchistic, by a republican leader and former executive of our national government and now receptive of the republican nomination for a third term as president of the United States. We believe the people are competent and the great majority should govern in reality and not only in name.

Following is an extract from the campaign speech of former president Roosevelt, and since he is in a position to know, we take it that he does know who are the real rulers of our government.

"The great fundamental issue now before the Republican party and before our people can be stated briefly. It is, 'are the American people fit to govern themselves?' I believe they are. My opponents do not. I believe in the right of the people to rule. I believe that the majority of the plain people of the United States will, day in and day out, make fewer mistakes in governing themselves than any smaller class or body of men, no matter what their training, will make in trying to govern them. I believe, again, that the American people are, as a whole, capable of self-control and of learning by their mistakes. Our opponents pay lip-loyalty to this doctrine; but they show their real beliefs by the way in which they champion every device to make the nominal rule of the people a sham.

I have scant patience with this talk of the tyranny of the majority. Whenever there is tyranny of the majority, I shall protest against it with all my heart and soul. But we are today suffering from the tyranny of the minorities. It is a small minority that is grabbing our coal deposits, our water powers, and our harbor fronts. A small minority is fattening on the sale of adulterated foods and drugs. It is a small minority that lies behind monopolies and trusts. It is a small minority that stands behind the present law of master and servant, the sweat-shops, and the whole calendar of social and industrial injustice. It is a small minority that is today using our convention system to defeat the will of the majority of the people in the choice of delegates to the Chicago convention. The only tyrannies from which men, women and children are suffering in real life are the tyrannies of monopolies.

If the majority of the American people were in fact tyrants over the majority, if democracy had no greater self-control than empire, then indeed no written words which our forefathers put into the Constitution could stay that tyranny.

No sane man who has been familiar with the government of this country for the last twenty years will complain that we have had too much of the rule of the majority. The trouble has been a far different one, that, at many times and in many localities, there have held public office in the States and in the Nation

men who have, in fact, served not the whole people, but some special class or special interest. I am not thinking only of those special interests which by grosser methods, by bribery and crime, have stolen from the people. I am thinking as much of their respectable allies and figureheads who have ruled and legislated and decided as if in some way the vested rights of privilege had a first mortgage on the whole United States, while the rights of the people were merely an unsecured debt. Am I overstating the case? Have our political leaders always, or generally, recognized their duty to the people as anything more than a duty to disperse the mob, see that the ashes are taken away and distribute patronage? Have our leaders always, or generally, worked for the benefit of human beings, to increase the prosperity of all the people, to give to each some opportunity of living decently and bringing up his children well? The questions need no answer.

Now there has sprung up a feeling, deep in the hearts of the people—not of the bosses and professional politicians, not of the beneficiaries of special privilege—a pervading belief of thinking men that when the majority of the people do in fact, as well as theory, rule, then the servants of the people will come more quickly to answer and obey, not the commands of the special interests, but those of the whole people. To reach toward that end the progressives of the Republican party in certain States have formulated certain proposals for change in the form of the State Government—certain new "checks and balances" which may check and balance the special interests and their allies. That is their purpose. Now turn for a moment to their proposed methods.

First, there are the "initiative and referendum," which are so framed that if the Legislatures obey the command of some special interest, and obstinately refuse the will of the majority, the majority may step in and legislate directly. No man would say that it was best to conduct all legislation by direct vote of the people—it would mean the loss of deliberation, of patient consideration—but, on the other hand, no one whose mental arteries have not long since hardened can doubt that the proposed changes are needed when the Legislatures refuse to carry out the will of the people. The proposal is a method to reach an undeniable evil. Then there is the recall of public officers—the principle that an officer, chosen by the people who is unfaithful may be recalled by vote of the majority before he finishes his term. I will speak of the recall of Judges in a moment—leave that aside—but as to the other officers, I have heard no argument advanced against the proposition, save that it will make the public officer timid and always currying favor with the mob. That argument means that you can fool all the people all the time, and is an avowal of disbelief in democracy. If it be true—and I believe it is not—it is less important than to stop those public officers from currying favor with the interests. Certain States may need the recall, others may not, where the term of elective office is short it may be quite needless; but there are occasions when it meets a real evil, and provides a needed check and balance against the special interests.—Ex.

## PRINTER'S INK

"There is no good in printers' ink," with emphasis says Jabez Dind. "I tried that graft for many years; it brought me bitterness and tears. Last summer I blew scads in droves announcing low-priced heating stoves; such bargains as I offered then were never known by mortal men, and not a customer arrove—I didn't sell a doggone stove! This winter I have tried once more to bring the people to my store; I advertised some useful wares—porch furniture and garden chairs, and didn't sell enough to pay the ad expenses for a day! To one great truth I'll put you wise—It doesn't pay to advertise!" But Gaffer Spink across the street, says advertising can't be beat. "I think of what the people need, and then write ads that they will read," says Gaffer Spink, who gets the dough, while rivals wring their hands in woe. "I don't cry 'fans' when winter's nigh, or Christmas trees in mid July!"—Walt Mason.

The Houston & Texas Central is the only railroad in the state having an active construction gang engaged in new work. This road is working on its San Antonio-Dallas short line and has let a contract for the grading of twenty-three miles of grading between Stone City and Giddings. The Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf is engaged in active construction through Oklahoma and expects to enter Texas in the near future. However, at present there are thousands of miles of railway now being built on paper.

The home that possesses a cheerful wife and mother is not only a veritable haven of rest, but the safe harbor whose beacon lights will guide her bread winners safely past all rocks and shoals with unflinching certainty. The woman whose cheerful spirit can take "brave attitude toward life" that enables her to bear courageously the inevitable burdens of her life's environment; that strengthens her determination not to fret or worry those who, for her sake, are fighting the hard battles in the world, has reached that attitude that proclaims her price above rubies; and her influence and example are not felt only within the limits of the four walls she has made the unassailable bulwark of state and society, a happy home, but reach to those she knows not of.—Dem. Voice.

## DRESS MAKING

Please, one and all call and see me about your spring sewing. Terms reasonable.—Mrs. J. H. Fox. tf.

New Spring Neckwear at the Wonder.

FOR SALE:—About six thousand bundles of maize, six miles southeast Spur.—A. W. Jordan.

See J. B. Morrison for any amount of wood to be sold on his place 12 miles southwest. 10tf.

Just received a new line of Spring and Summer Scarfs at the Wonder.

NOTICE to the public.—I will operate my mill the first Saturday in April. This will be my last day to run.—B. T. Duncan, Draper, Texas.

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. of England, organized 1836, assets \$13,745,409.00 a safe proposition in case of a fire.—Oscar Jackson Agent.

## COAL, - FEED!

**WE ARE HEADQUARTERS**  
For Coal and Feedstuff of all kinds and can supply your wants in short order. We have the **BEST ASSORTED STOCK** in this part of the country and would appreciate your business in

Bran, Corn, Oats	Shorts, Maize	Seed Rye and Oats	Millet, Sacks
Corn Chops	Alfalfa Hay	Cold Pressed Cake	Johnson Grass Sd
Maize Chops	Prairie Hay	Cotton Seed Meal	Chicken Feed
Raffin Corn Chops	Seed Wheat	Cotton Seed Hulls	Special Horse Feed

Big Lump, Nut and Blacksmith Coal  
We buy Furs, Hides, Bran and Oat Sacks. Weigh your wagons here. Call whether you buy or not. We want to get acquainted

**SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY** BOTH PHONES 51 SPUR, TEXAS

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**Real Estate  
Fire Insurance.  
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## G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Steting a Specialty. Near the Gin

## BARBER SHOP

T. M. VERNER, Prop.

FIRST-CLASS WORK. HOT OR COLD BATHS

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

## Horse Dentist!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

## Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

J. P. Simmons Prop

We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line.

Phone Us at No. 128

and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

## Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & WILSON, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

## 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.

## CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.



# Do You Want to Trade?

Two well located and well improved houses in Rotan to sell or trade for farm land near Spur or Spur town property. For further information call at

## The Texas Spur Office

### HIGH RATE OF INTEREST

Fort Worth, Texas, March.—The Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has just completed a census of the state's indebtedness including public, private and corporate loans and find an indebtedness of approximately \$1,000,000 which is equal to 22 per cent of the total value of all the property in the state. The rate of interest especially among the farmers where small loans are made is reported as high as 12 per cent per annum and an effort is being made to secure cheaper money for agricultural classes. A reduction of one cent per annum in the rate of interest will save the state \$10,000,000 per year which is almost equal to increasing the price of cotton one cent per pound.

Call and examine the new line of hats just arrived at the Wonder.

Mr. Greer, of the Tap country, was in the city this week and reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

Subscribe for The Texas Spur.

### BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE

J. H. Boothe, of several miles east of Spur, was in town Thursday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and paid us for his subscription and added another name to our list. Mr. Boothe says that he is now up with his farming and ready for planting, and is now building a new residence on his place. This is Mr. Boothe's first year in the Spur country and he says that he never had better crop prospects anywhere. He did not intend to build his new residence until next year, but said that since he was up with his work, had such fine crop prospects and was able to buy lumber as cheaply now as later he would build and enjoy the conveniences of a new home and well improved place. We hope that Mr. Boothe will make a bale of cotton to the acre, and present conditions warrant such a prospect.

Our Spring Shirts have arrived. —Edwards-Hogan Co.

W. F. Clay was over this week from Dickens and spent some time in Spur with his sons, W. D. and E. L. Clay, and families.

### CITY BUILDING

What helps our city helps you.

The growth of a town depends absolutely upon the co-operative efforts of its citizenship.

No business can succeed that is not backed with industry and brains; no city grows without encouraging boosters.

The commercial organization of a city diffuses the concentrated efforts of those men who have made a success of their own vocation.

Cities do not happen; chance has little to do with modern business methods. Cities are but large corporations under the supervision of co-operative and active business men and citizens.

"One man" organizations can do very little in town building. It takes every man working as a unit to build cities.

You will never find time for anything; if you want time you must make it. Make enough every day to do something for your city.

Optimistic co-operation of its citizenship will make any community.

### BEEN SAID BEFORE

God is never neutral on any question.

Money alone cannot make anybody rich.

True merit is about as hard to hide as sunshine.

All true wisdom comes from God and leads to Him.

Where hard work kills one man, worry kills a dozen.

Count the day lost on which you have not smiled.

Faith without works is like a watch without wheels.

The man who does well to-day will do better to-morrow.

A church crank is always turning things—the wrong way.

The greatest wrong we can do to a man is to misjudge him.

What a man is always depends upon what he thinks God is.

The preacher too often forgets that the devil goes to church.

The man who looks through cobwebs sees spiders everywhere.

Many a poor fellow would do better if he had more encouragement.

Trying to look like a sheep never put any wool on the back of a goat.

There is no blacker kind of sin than that which wears the robes of hypocrisy.

Nobody ever thinks much of the man who has a poor opinion of himself.

### Trouble and a Turkey.

Brown was boasting of the fine turkey he had bought for Christmas. "Biggest bird I ever saw; cost me seven-fifty."

"That's nothing to the turkey I had last Christmas," said his friend Jones. "It cost me \$150."

"One hundred and fifty dollars!" positively shrieked Brown, in his incredulity.

"Yes," said Jones, bitterly. "Turkeys," said Brown, looking him straight in the eye, "are generally to be bought for a quarter a pound. Say yours was a quarter, then it must have weighed about 630 pounds!"

"It only weighed twenty pounds," said Jones, sadly; "but I bought it alive and tried to kill it myself. It flew all over the house first and did \$150 worth of damage."

### THE FIRST PRESENTS.



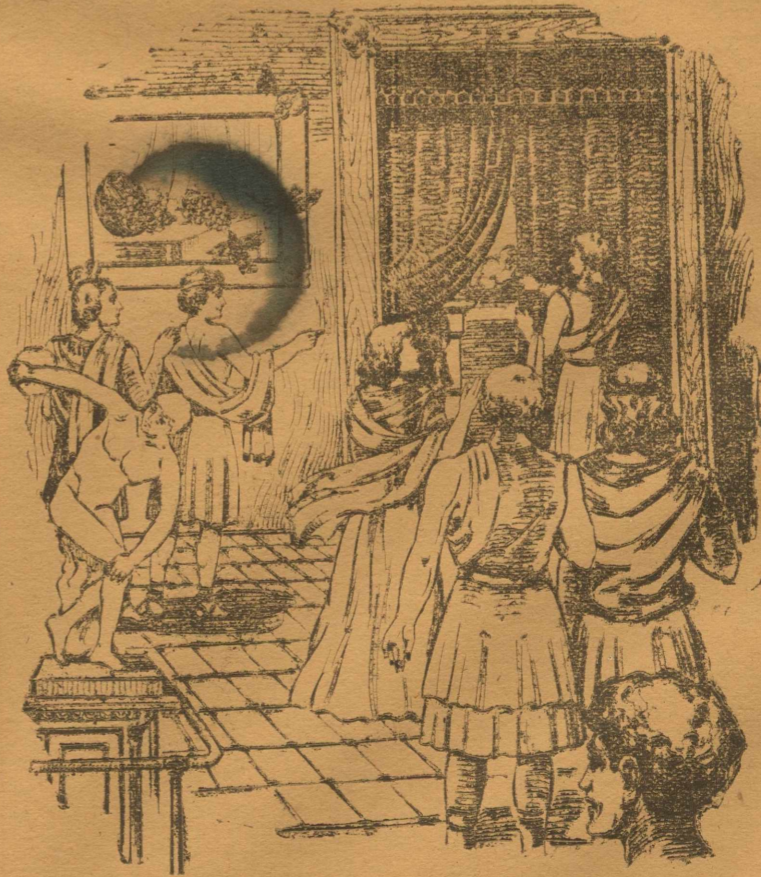
The giving of Christmas presents was first introduced by the early Romans. They exchanged gifts freely, but in compliance with a sumptuary law they were never allowed to give anything very elaborate. The receiver of a present which was judged too expensive had to offer it up for auction, when it was knocked down to the highest bidder, and the money appropriated by the national treasury of the period. Consequently, although the Romans continued to distribute their presents in great numbers, they had to confine their offerings to such trifles as jars of olives, napkins, jellied fishes, boxes of toothpicks, candles, cloaks and sweatmeats.

Hamp Collett was in Thursday from the line camp of the Spur Ranch. Hamp is one of the old time ranch boys, having cooked in the days past for both the Matadors and Spurs. He says many times he has cooked up a sack of flour and broiled a whole beef each day to supply the outfit.

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

### XXXI. IMITATION

AT AN art exhibit in Greece the birds pecked at a cluster of grapes painted by Zeuxis, so perfectly was nature imitated; Appelles painted the picture of a horse so perfect that horses passing by neighed their recognition; in another instance one of the judges started to draw back the curtain painted by Parrhasius, and the Greek historians tell us that so faultless was their art, it deceived both men and animals. Since the beginning of civilization men have struggled to imitate nature, and we have perhaps more widely missed the mark in laws than in any other line of human endeavor.



GREEK ART.

Let those who aspire to awaken to vigorous activity the resources of State, draw a scene of justice and equity on our statute books so true to nature that industry will flock around it; paint a picture of property rights so perfect in its apportionments that capital will wave a generous recognition, and exhibit a code of laws that will parallel the statute of nature. Texas Needs Great Men.

## BUY PURE DRUGS AND ALWAYS BE SURE YOUR

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### THEY GOTTA QUIT KICKIN' MY DAWG AROUN'

Here are the words of that famous Missouri campaign song that is just now making such a hit in many sections of the country:

Wunst me 'n Lem Briggs 'n ol' Bill Brown  
Tuk a load of cawn to town,  
An ol' Jim-dawg—the onry cuss—  
He jest' nachelly follered us.

#### CHORUS

Every time I come to town  
The boys keep kickin' my dawg aroun',  
Makes no difference is he is a houn'  
They gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

As we driv' past Sam Johnston's store  
Passel o' yaps kem out th' door;  
When Jim, he stops to smell a box  
They shied at him a bunch o' rocks.

They tied a tin can to his tail  
An' run him apast the county jail;  
'N' that plumb nachelly makes me sore,  
'N' Lem he cussed 'n Bill he swore.

Me'n Lem Briggs 'n ol' Bill Brown  
We lost no time in a-jumpin' down,  
An' we wipd them ducks up on the' groun'  
Fer kickin' my ol' dawg aroun'.

Folks say a dawg kaint hold no grudge,  
But wunst when I got too much budge,  
Them town ducks tried to do me up,  
But they didn't count on ol' Jim-pup.

Jim seed his duty thar an' then,  
An' he lit into them gentlemen,  
An' he shore mussed up the cote-house square  
With rags 'n meat 'n hide 'n hair.

### QUARANTINED AGAINST FORT WORTH SMALL POX

A mass meeting of the citizens of Spur was held Thursday night of last week at the Commercial Club offices for the purpose of discussing the advisability of quarantining the town and county against all visitors to Fort Worth during the Fat Stock Show, the report having come here that an epidemic of small pox is raging in that city.

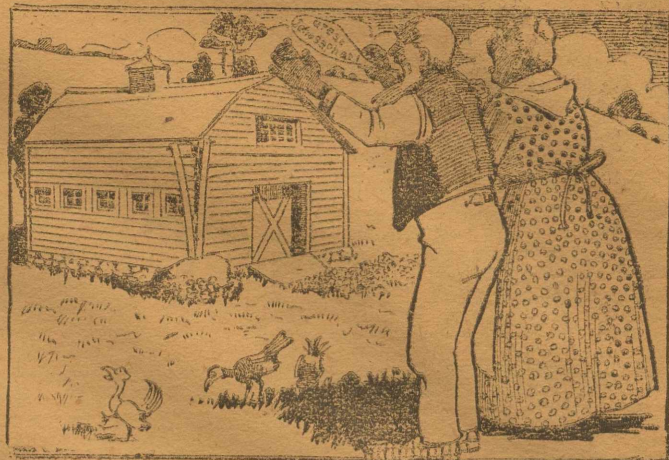
While we were not present at the meeting we understand that after hearing several talks by citizens as well as the doctors, it was decided to ask County Health Officer Blackwell of Dickens to institute quarantine proceedings and as a result the quarantine was effected and put in force Friday, and all those who came in from Fort Worth were given the privilege of going through with a disinfectant process or be detained in a pest camp for ten days. Up to date all have acquiesced in the disinfectant procedure in preference to the disadvantages of a detention camp.

While possibly the reports of the existing conditions in Fort Worth may have been somewhat enlarged upon with respect to the actual conditions, yet the general public of this section will feel much safer, and Dr. Blackwell is to be commended for his prompt action and efficient manner of handling the situation, thus not only alleviating the fears of the general public but effectively overcoming the possibility of a single case developing in the country. Dr. Blackwell is an efficient public officer.

### ENTERING STATE CONTEST FOR PRIZES ON PRODUCE

In view of the fact that the Industrial Congress at Dallas is offering ten thousand dollars in premiums for the best farm products grown this year in Texas we are informed that at least nine parties of Dickens county have entered the contest to date. W. P. T. Smith, Mace Hunter, M. A. Jordan, and Willie and Jessie Hagins and Cecil Bennett, with two others whose names we could not learn.

The contest will close April first and after that time no entries will be received. We would like to see every farmer in Dickens county enter the contest since it will benefit all without any cost of any character more than to devote more care and attention to growing the various products, including maize, kaffir corn, Indian corn, cotton and peas, any one of which can be abundantly grown in Dickens county.



### Results of Buying Green Lumber

You can't be too careful in buying lumber, to see that you get only dry stock. If you put green lumber into a building, it is sure to warp and twist itself all out of shape. Nails simply won't hold it.

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J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

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#### FARMING ON BIG SCALE

While in town Saturday C. D. Copeland called in a few minutes at the Texas Spur office and says that he has all his land broken and ready for planting. Mr. Copeland has something over four hundred acres already under cultivation and says that he intends to put in a few more acres at idle times. He says his ground is in the finest shape and has a good season, the prospects being that he will grow bumper crops this year. Notwithstanding the fact that he says he don't want to grow so much we hope Mr. Copeland will make a bale of cotton to the acre and more feed stuff than he can use and sell.

#### TWIN CALVES

J. W. Clark, a prominent citizen of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday trading and greeting his friends in Spur. Mr. Clark says that the Matadors have only a few more days work in completing their dog killing operations and that he will be employed later in repairing and building fences, and that the most interesting news of his locality is the fact that twin bull calves were born to his cattle interests one day last week.

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#### WILL DIVERSIFY

Hugh Squires came in Monday from his place in the Afton country. He says that he intends to plant a little of nearly every farm product this year. He reports that Messrs. Robertson and Jones have bought the Afton gin plant and will make the necessary repairs and add new machinery to care for the next crop of cotton of that country.

L. W. Davis, Ervin Joplin, Oliver Pike, E. E. Patterson, O. J. Weaver, Roy Zinn, R. S. Smith, H. Estes and Will Stephens of Spur, and Jeff D. Harkey, Lee Payne and King Kennedy of Dickens were among those who attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth last week. During their absence, the report having come to Spur that a number of cases of small pox were in Fort Worth, a quarantine was instituted by County Health Officer Blackwell against all Fort Worth visitors, and upon their return home considerable interest and excitement was manifested in the proceedings of disinfecting the home-comers as a precaution against the disease making its appearance here.

A new line of racket goods just arrived at the Wonder.

#### A BROOM FACTORY ESTABLISHED IN SPUR

Last week G. G. Selder and family moved to Spur and Mr. Selder has now established his broom factory in the building near the Teague blacksmith shop on Fifth Street.

The broom making machinery is already installed and the manufacture of brooms in Spur is now under way. The people of the town and surrounding country should call for the home-made brooms while making purchases at the various stores, and by so doing give substantial encouragement to the establishment of home industries and support of home institutions.

The brooms being manufactured in Spur are in every respect a home product. The broom corn was grown here, the promoters live here and the factory is established here, and such an institution is not only an advantage in supplying brooms but will contribute to the greater development of the farm products of the country. Here is success to the Spur broom factory.

New neckwear and ribbons at the Wonder.