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## LARGE ACREAGE IN CULTIVATION.

### SPUR FARM LANDS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY.

Since the beginning of Spur and the opening of the Spur Farm Lands to actual settlers and farmers the development progress has been rapid, substantial and continuous.

There have been sold 50,000 acres of farm lands by the Spur Farm Lands management. Of that number eighteen thousand eight hundred twenty six acres have been cleared and are now in a high state of cultivation and growing abundant crops. Of the cultivated acreage this year nine thousand two hundred thirty five acres are growing the finest feed crops of corn, maize, kafir corn, sorghum, etc., and nine thousand six hundred twenty one acres are growing cotton and which now promises an average yield of one half to three fourths and one bale to the acre.

While the above acreage does not include the total farming area of the Spur country, there being thousands of acres cultivated within the trade territory and outside the Spur Farm Lands, yet the amount is abundant evidence that the Spur Farm Lands are selling, the country developing, farmers growing diversified crops, the people prospering and contented.

The Spur Farm Lands comprise a total area of more than six hundred square miles of desirable agricultural land, the soil being rich, varied and adapted to the abundant production of every variety of farm, orchard and garden produce. It is being sold on small and easy payments and at no time has the management crowded purchasers on payments for lands. In fact the company, under the management of Chas. A. Jones, has at all times been most liberal in business dealings and generous in personal transactions. No man desiring a home and willing to work and do the right, need entertain the least apprehension of failures in making payments. The company knows what this land will produce, know what a farmer can do and will deal fairly and generously in every instance. We want to see this country more completely settled and the agricultural resources more fully developed, and considering all things we are convinced that no country offers superior advantages and more liberal inducements to that end than the Spur Farm Lands.

### MAINTAINS BEST MARKET.

J. W. Edwards, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of near Girard, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Edwards reports a fine rain over a greater portion of his section last week and as a result crop conditions in that part of the country are most promising at this time. While he says there is some complaint of small damage by worms, yet such damage is not expected to be sufficiently great to deserve

consideration. Each year Mr. Edwards markets his crops in Spur and we assured him that again this year Spur would maintain the very best market and would throughout the fall pay the highest market price for cotton and other farm products.

Willis Rogers passed through Spur Saturday with a bunch of cattle on his return to his ranch in Kent county from the Plains where he has been grazing the cattle during the spring.

## LOADS OF LUMBER GOING OUT OF SPUR EACH DAY.

The fact that each day through out the week numbers of wagons from various parts of the country are loaded with lumber in Spur indicates a substantial building progress within the surrounding country.

There are five or six new school houses now under construction within Dickens county and the country recognized as the Spur trade territory, and which is most substantial evidence of progress in the highest sense of the word. Many farm homes are being enlarged and improved and a number of new residences and cottages are being built in Spur and other towns of the country.

Considering the building progress now under headway in connection with other extensive improvements and buildings contemplated, Spur and the Spur country are enjoying an era of prosperity and progress to be envied by any town or country and which is appreciated by Spur and the citizenship.

## SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCES OF GENERAL PROSPERITY

T. B. Rash, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Monday with a load of feed which he sold on the Spur Market. A number of the farmers of this section will have lots of feed as well as cotton to sell this year. Conditions of this character are substantial evidence of prosperity as a result of diversified and successful farming in the Spur country. No soil is richer and more susceptible to diversified farming than the varied soils of the Spur country and when more farmers settle here and practice more scientific methods of culture and crop diversification this will become the richest and most desirable agricultural section of the entire southland.

## FIRST BALE ARRIVES IN SPUR.

### PROBABLY TEN THOUSAND BALES WILL BE MARKETED IN SPUR.

The first bale of this season's cotton was brought into Spur Monday, August 26th, by J. Carlisle of the Gilpin country.

The cotton was grown on the Carlisle place and is now on the wagon in Spur waiting for the gins to get in shape to do the ginning. The load of seed cotton weighs fifteen hundred forty five pounds, and is expected to turn out more than a five hundred pound bale, and it is certain that aside from the handsome prize to be given by the town for the first bale marketed here, Mr. Carlisle will receive a high market price for this first bale.

This is the beginning of the cotton season in this country, and since cotton is reported opening rapidly in various sections of the Spur trade territory the fleecy staple will soon be rolling into Spur from every direction.

The cotton crop of the country is in fine condition and it is probable that ten thousand or more bales will be marketed this fall in Spur.

## LIBERAL PREMIUM FOR FIRST BALE OF COTTON

That the merchants and business men of Spur are not only alive to the interests of the farmers of this territory but liberal in such dealings is evidenced by the handsome prize offered for the first bale of cotton grown within the Spur trade territory and marketed in Spur. The list of contributors and contributions follows:

Bryant-Link Company, cash	\$3.50
First State Bank	3.50
Spur National Bank	2.50
Spur Hardware Co.	2.50
Spur Farm Lands	2.50
Spur Grain & Coal Co.	1.50
F. & M. State Bank	1.50
R. R. Morrison	1.00
J. A. Lambdin & Co.	1.00
Spur Drug Company	1.00
Spur Tailoring Comp'y	1.00
Riter Hardware Co.	1.00
The Farmers Gin	1.00
Godfrey & Tyler	1.00
G. W. Rose	.50
P. H. Miller	.50
J. B. Conner	.50
Hyatt & Garner	.50
Poole's Restaurant	.25
J. P. Simmons, (Dray)	.25
Brazelton-Pryor, material	1.00
Red Front Drug Store, mdse	1.00
W. B. Griffin, merchandise	1.00
W. E. Kellar, Riding Bridle	2.50

Eastside Barber Shop, work 1.00  
W. S. Campbell, merchandise 1.00  
Bowman Lumber Co., mdse. 1.00  
Spur Bottling Works, mdse. 1.00  
Edwards Hogan Co., mdse. 1.00  
A. C. Lewis, shoe repairing .50  
Perry Fite, steak .50

The total amount of the prize as above is \$38.00, and the cash is at the Texas Spur office and will be turned over to the farmer selling the first bale of cotton on the Spur market.

## BUILDING SCHOOLS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

County Commissioner L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Crabtree said that he and Mr. Donaghe of that section had come in after lumber with which to build a new school house in what is known as the East Croton District and also to make additions to the school in the Croton District. A new school district was created recently in East Croton and the building now contemplated and soon to be erected is the second building of that district, the houses being about seven miles apart, but in the same school district. The Croton school is a graded, high school, has employed two competent teachers and that section can boast of superior educational facilities and advantages. Education is the foundation of civilization and all progress, and every section of the Spur country is making most substantial developments in such foundation work.

## SPUR OFFERS SUPERIOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES

R. L. Collier and family, of the Afton country, moved this week to Spur for the benefit of the Spur Schools and will make their home here throughout the term. The Spur School is one of the best schools of the country and each year is becoming more widely recognized as a superior educational center, and with the present corps of teachers and additional school facilities and equipments the school is expected to make a better record in the advancement of pupils and school interests than any year since the establishment of Spur and the creation of an Independent School District. Spur is pardonably boastful of superior educational facilities and can offer the very best educational advantages to homeseekers.

## COTTON PICKERS NOW WANTED.

### MORE COTTON BEING PRODUCED THAN CAN BE GATHERED.

Dock Edwards, of the Croton country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the latter part of last week and has our thanks for two dollars on subscription, he having the paper sent to his sister at Ranger in connection with his own subscription. Mr. Edwards had just returned from a trip down the Stamford & Northwestern Railway where he had been to make arrangements for hands to assist in gathering his crops this fall. It is a fact that the farmers of this country will produce more this year than can be gathered within the harvesting season, and the probability is that many bales of cotton will be plowed under for lack of labor during the picking season. The greatest need in this country is more men and farmers to produce and harvest the crops, and when such men become located here the Spur country will assume its proper place as a recognized factor in the commercial and agricultural markets of the country. Here is the most inviting field for men of agricultural ability, and the condition and bountiful harvests warrants the expectation and realization of a rapid and substantial immigration to this section, and the more complete development of our unlimited resources. Let us all join in the work of promoting our advantages to this end.

### IMPROVEMENTS AT AFTON

Tud Arthur hauled out a load of lumber Tuesday to Afton for Hale & Loyd who are building a large and new store building at that place. Hale & Loyd recently purchased a ten-acre tract of land adjoining the Afton townsite from R. S. Holman and on which the store is being erected. We are informed that the old store building will be converted into a restaurant and barber shop and the town to make other improvements for the benefit of the fall trade. A new residence is being built, the gin at that place is being thoroughly overhauled and put in shape to take care of the ginning of that territory, and since bumper crops are growing in that section a most prosperous fall is expected.

### CONTENTED LOOK

W. F. Shugart, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business. Mr. Shugart recently made a trip into New Mexico on a prospecting trip, spending several days. He makes a glowing report of that country, but we notice that he has a more contented and satisfied appearance since his return to the Spur country and we predict that he will continue to remain a citizen of this section.

Walter Greer, of the Tap country, was in the city the latter part of the week.

## THE LILLISTON PEANUT PICKER

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## THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

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**WE 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

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

### DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

The following officers were nominated in the July Primary for Dickens County officers to be elected in November General Election.

For Representative (105 District):  
A. C. Wilmeth

For County Judge:  
O. S. Ferguson

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner

For County and District Clerk:  
Crawford Cobb

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison

For County Surveyor:  
L. T. Cochran

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego

For County Commissioner, (Pre. 3):  
Jeff D. Reagan

For Public Weigher:  
C. H. Perry.

Miss Bessie Box is spending the week in the city with Mrs. N. A. Baker.

L. C. Arrington, of Afton, was in the city Saturday and reports a good rain on his place southeast of Spur. Mr. Arrington recently purchased the Tabor section of land east of Spur, he now being possessed of three fine farms within the Spur trade territory—a fine farm in the Afton country, one about seven miles southeast of Spur and the one just acquired east of Spur. Mr. Arrington is an old-timer here, a firm believer in the productivity of our soil and the future progress in agricultural and commercial interests. He will probably move to his recent purchase where he will engage in the stock-raising business in connection with farming.

S. D. Irwin, of Clay county, is spending a week or ten days with C. D. Copeland and family at their home six miles east of Spur. Mr. Irwin was shown over a portion of the Spur country and was agreeably surprised at the big crops of feed and cotton now growing and the rich agricultural soil of this section. He says that crops in Clay county are somewhat short this year on account of dry weather, but that good grain and feed crops are being harvested.

Sebe Lambert, of Tap, was in the city Monday trading and incidentally brought in some roasting ears to sell to the more unfortunate townspeople. Sebe Lambert is a farmer who nearly always has some farm products to sell, and as a result he is one of the most prosperous farmers of the country.

R. R. Smith, who recently moved to Spur from Hale Center, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the latter part of last week and had his name placed on our subscription list. Mr. Smith bought the Perry Fite place in the northwest part of the city and will make this his permanent home in the future. He formerly lived in the Tap country.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country and reports everything in good shape, but says that while crops are not suffering at this time a good rain would be appreciated and would contribute much to crop yields.

T. J. Williams and family and J. P. Simmons and wife made a trip Sunday to the Roaring Springs country, spending the night with Jim Robertson and wife of the Afton country.

Elder Mike M. Young will preach at the Christian Tabernacle Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Everybody is invited to attend the services.

J. H. Stradley, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

**FOR SALE**—Full blood Poland China pigs and Silverlace Wyandott cockerels.—Mrs. Fred O. McFall, Mound Farm. 39-4tp.

Lost—A lady's hat on the Crosbyton auto road. Finder return to Duke Henson, Spur, Texas.

A. M. Smith and family, recently of Hale Center, purchased a residence in Spur and are now permanently located with us. Spur continues to grow. Let the good work continue uninterruptedly.

Mark Hardin, Jr., and wife returned last week to their home at Lockney after spending several days with his parents, Uncle Buck Hardin and wife, at their home three miles southwest of Spur.

We are informed that Jayton received last week its first bale of this year's crop of cotton. The gins at that place are reported as running regularly at this time.

Mrs. J. B. Pruden and children, who have been spending several days in Spur with G. C. Pass and family, returned this week to their home in Paducah.

Rev. McNeely, who has been assisting in the protracted meeting at Tap, passed through the city the first of the week on his return to his home at Cisco.

R. R. Johns, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Johns is making big crops this year and looked happy and contented.

Mr. Hurd, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

Mrs. George E. Bennett, and little son, George, Jr., left this week for an extended visit to relatives at Rule and Elk City, Oklahoma.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in good shape in his section.

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SPUR, TEXAS

### TAP TELLINGS

We did not get any rain in this locality the past week, hence farmers are now busy gathering the feed crops. Cotton is beginning to open and picking will soon begin here.

The Baptist meeting which has been in progress here for the past ten days, closed Sunday night. Rev. T. F. Medlin left Monday for Falls to engage in a meeting there. Rev. McNeely returned to his home at Cisco.

J. C. Hinson and wife of Spur were visiting here a few days ago.

Mr. Adkins and family of Matador were here the past week, the guests of J. S. Neal.

Mrs. Minnie Phillips, formerly Miss Smith of this place, but now of San Angelo, was here this week.

S. P. Preslar and family returned Saturday from an extended trip over the eastern part of the State.—Gadabout.

W. D. Clay made a business trip Tuesday to Dickens.

#### Insuring Identification.

"Persons who expect to receive money orders in a strange town take infinite precautions to identify themselves," said a postal clerk. "One way that particularly commends itself is for the stranger to call on the paying teller in the money order department before his own order arrives and present a bunch of correspondence showing pretty clearly who he is. He then explains that he is expecting a money order from a certain person; can the clerk remember him when he presents it for payment?"

"After that impressive introduction the clerk usually can remember, and when the order is presented he cashes it."

## The Farmers Gin

J. E. JOHNSON, Mgr.

Spur, Texas, August 30, 1912

TO THE FARMERS OF DICKENS COUNTY AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY:

As the ginning season will open about Sept. 10th we desire to say by way of explanation that the results last season from our gin were unsatisfactory, and in order to locate the trouble we have employed an expert erector and ginner recommended by the Murray Co. builders of our ginning machinery, who is now here engaged in the complete remodeling and overhauling every part and detail of the gin—new brushes, new saws, in fact every part showing any wear is being replaced with new parts, the lint flue turned around, seed elevator moved and the interior of the gin will present an entirely different appearance. In consequence of these changes we will be in position to do some extra fine work, and cordially invite all our old customers as well as all others to call and give us a trial.

Assuring you that we are prepared to meet every demand made upon us, we are

Yours truly,

THE FARMERS GIN

J. E. Johnson, Manager

Mr. Satterwhite, an experienced hardware man of Stephenville, Texas, is in Spur perfecting arrangements for the establishment of a hardware business in this city.

A. J. Braswell, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business. He reports his feed crops fine and most promising prospects at this time for bumper cotton crop on his place.

Mr. Johnson, of Stamford, is here this week looking after the repairing of his gin and putting it in shape for the fall business. Read his announcement in another column of this paper.

Mrs. Walter Huey, who has been spending some time in Arizona, returned this week to Spur and will make her home here with her parents, Uncle Tom Cochran and wife.

W. H. Stephens and family returned Sunday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Comanche county.

Miss Bessie Box is spending the week in the city with Mrs. N. A. Baker.

W. H. Smith was here this week from the Red Mud country.

County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Monday from his home a mile or two northeast of Spur and spent some time here on business.

W. J. Elliott was in the city Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and reports everything in good shape with respect to crops.

### FINE TEST OF CLEAR SPEECH

Conversation with the Blind Will Test One's Power of Making Listeners Understand You.

Let no one boast of his descriptive powers until he has tested them in conversation with a blind person," said the city missionary. "I used to think that I had the knack of making things pretty clear, but after I began to escort the blind on their walks I found that I had not the slightest conception of concise, comprehensive speech. My first experience of the kind was at a naval parade. I guided two blind men down to Riverside to 'see' the ships. I described to the best of my ability what was going on, but I soon found from the questions they asked that I had given them no idea of what the pageant looked like. I reasoned that the fault must be mine. The men had been blind a good while, but they had retentive memories and an active imagination, and with that material to work on I should have achieved better results.

"From that day I began to cultivate the gift of accurate description. Even when out alone I talked to myself trying to put into words the pictures I saw. By degrees I acquired the art of seeing my blind charges see through my eyes. My biggest stumbling block was women's clothes. No woman I met anywhere show a keener avidity to keep up with the fashions than those I take out from the blind asylum, and it requires every one of my newly acquired gifts to convey an adequate idea of the season's styles."

### TAVERN ALSO A PAWNSHOP

Establishment in the City of London, England, is in Enjoyment of Unique Privilege.

A time-honored London (Eng.) city tavern, the Castle, at the corner of Cowcross street, facing Farrington street, enjoys the unique distinction of being also a fully licensed pledge shop. Over the door in the bar, which gives access to the landlord's private room, and thrown into bold relief by the official document behind it, the historic three-sphered symbol is discernible. Any one may here negotiate a loan upon his personal belongings without being under the necessity of first calling for refreshment. Formerly the house had a special pledge counter resembling the modern "Bottle and Jug" department, but this is no longer in evidence.

This strange combination of business dates from the reign of George IV., who, after attending a cock fight at Hockley-in-the-Hole, applied to the landlord of the Castle for a temporary accommodation on the security of his watch and chain. By royal warrant a few days later he invested that obliging boniface with the right of advancing money on pledges, and from that time down to the present a pawnbroker's license has been annually granted to the Castle. This hostelry is mentioned once or twice by Dickens in his novels.

#### Limited Rainfall

Dry farming—so-called—is farm operation under limited rainfall in districts where irrigation water cannot be obtained or where the supply of irrigation water is inadequate to meet the requirements of the acreage.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Barnes have been spending the week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller at their home in the city.

Miss Barrett, who has been on an extended visit with her brother, L. R. Barrett, and family, returned Monday to her home.

R. C. Morrison left Sunday for Dallas where he will spend several days on business.

### NOTICE

You must come and settle your phone bill by the first of the month. I have to buy some bread.—T. G. Harkey.

### NOTICE

For sale or trade, a good wagon also one good buggy. See J. B. Conner at wagon yard, Spur, Texas. 40-4t

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### SCHOOL OPENING

The Public Schools of Spur will open Monday, September 9. All pupils desiring to attend this year will do well to enter the first day. Those having promotion cards and those who were in school last year and were retained will report to the teacher of the proper room. Those who were not enrolled in the school last year will please see the Superintendent in his office between 9 and 12 a. m. on the Friday and Saturday preceding the opening.

As a stranger among you I earnestly ask that all the patrons of the school and all those interested in the welfare of the community aid me in my endeavor to make your school the best in this section of the state. It is my intention to give you a course of study and see that it is adhered to which will place it alongside the standard schools of the country. Remember, this is your school; the children are your children, and the future citizens of your community.

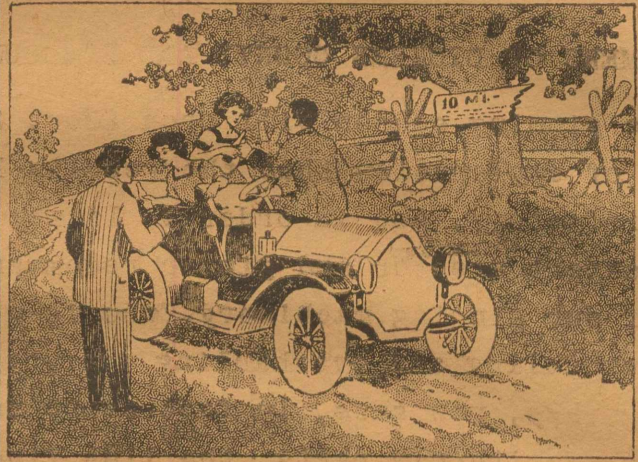
We shall be pleased to have you one and all with us frequently.—F. F. Mace, Superintendent.

Dr. Grace was operated upon Monday at the Stamford Sanitarium and is reported doing nicely at this time. The Doctor has been at the Sanitarium several days and it was thought an operation would not be necessary, but later developments in his case necessitated immediate relief and the operation was performed. Mrs. Grace is with the Doctor.

Virgil Davis returned Tuesday from the Plains country where he spent several days adjusting machinery, binders, etc., sold by the Riter Hardware Company. Mr. Davis says that he never saw as much feedstuff as is now growing on the Plains.

I will take boarders the first. \$18.00 per month. Would like four young men.—Phone 27.

## DO YOU EVER READ ADVERTISEMENTS? READ THIS!



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T. L. HIGGINBOTHAM  
Manager

### NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Don't buy your School Tablets and Supplies till you have seen our line at the Wonder.

Prof. Geo. T. Barnes, of Dickens, was here Wednesday morning moving his household goods to Dickens.

### NOTICE

G. A. Lamberth, of Dunn, Texas, will speak at Spur Sept. 3d at night; Dickens, 4th at night; Amity, 5th at night; Afton 5th at 2 p. m.

J. V. McCormick was in the city this week from Afton where he is taking over the Afton gin, and making preparations for the fall ginning. He is building a residence and he and family will make Afton their home.

H. S. Hansford and family left Spur this week for Oklahoma, where they have a farm home. During the past two years Hansford has been one of the Texas Spur force.

FOR SALE—20 acre block west of Spur, well improved. Will take some trade and sell at a bargain. T. A. Edmondson. 39-4t.

We are informed that J. E. Counts and family, of near Draper, will move to Spur for the benefit of the school.

The Jayton baseball team came up Thursday for two match games, to be played Thursday and Friday.

George S. Link is now in Eastern markets buying goods for the Bryant-Link Company.

Mr. Spears, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Spur Chapter U. D., R. A. M. will meet Monday night, September 2d.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson has been quite sick this week.

J. D. Alford, of Lee county School Land, was in Spur Wednesday.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Manning is reported quite sick.

T. A. Smith, of Red Mud, was in the city this week.

### DRY LAKE ITEMS

A good rain would be greatly appreciated at present.

Bob Davis had special business in Spur Saturday.

Bascom Tunnel is spending several days on the Plains.

Mrs. A. H. Smoot has been quite ill the past few days, but is now reported recovering.

Quite a crowd from Spur attended church here Sunday and also to partake of the dinner that was served.

Henry Carr who has been spending the past month at Chillicothe returned home the latter part of last week.

H. C. Allen, wife and little grandchild are now visiting relatives at Cliremont.

Mr. Dunn, wife and Mr. Barnett of Wise county, who have been visiting at the home of W. F. Markham and wife, are now visiting at the home of Frank Vernon and family of Spur.

Mr. Masey and family, Mr. Carr and little child, all of Chillicothe, are now visiting at the home of Luther Carr and family of Espeula.

The Methodist meeting which has been in progress at the Dry Lake school house closed Sunday night. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Buck Hardin, assisted by Rev. Griswold of Tap.

Mr. Rogers and family, who have been spending several weeks at the home of I. G. VanLeir and wife left the latter part of last week for their home in Garza county.—Maiden Vine.

Mat Howell, of near Spur, was in the city Wednesday and reports everything o. k.

Ralph McLaughlin, of near Wake, was here on business Monday.

# Say, Mister Man!

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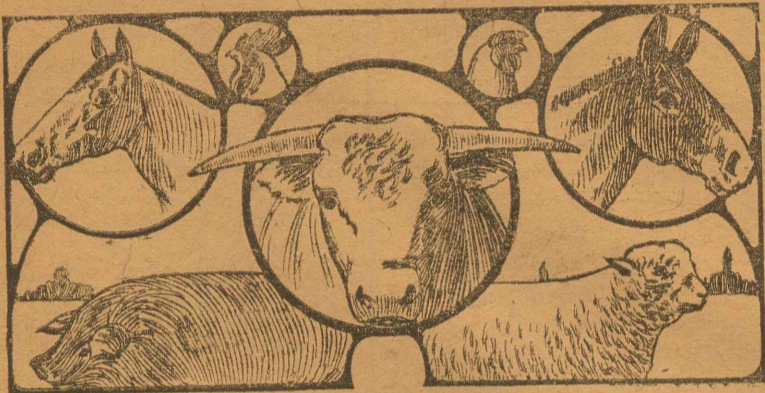
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The Texas Welfare Commission is inquiring into the raising and marketing of Live Stock. Col. I. T. Pryor of San Antonio is chairman of the sub-committee having the subject in charge.

Miss Lena Belle Neely is visiting relatives in Comanche and will probably spend several weeks before returning to her home in Spur.

Wanted at Spur Inn, good, quick girls who wish to learn hotel work. Apply 9:30 to 11 a. m.; 2 to 4:30 p. m.—Spur Inn.

W. J. Elliott was in the city the latter part of the week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

Sol Davis left Sunday for Dallas where he will spend several days buying goods for the fall trade.

### COUNTY COURT

In Justice Court Monday a case was heard by a jury where in W. J. Atterbury sued C. M. Buchanan for the possession of a horse, claiming the ownership. The horse in question had been in the possession of Mr. Buchanan for some time, he claiming the ownership. The jury returned a verdict in favor of W. J. Atterbury and allowing damages to the extent of one hundred dollars. The case was appealed to a higher court.

W. D. Clay made a business trip Tuesday to Dickens.

### ON THE ROADS OF PERSIA

Vehicles, Called Palakis and Kajavaahs, Are Quaint and Very Uncomfortable.

Bushire, Persia.—The most useful vehicles for long journeys in Persia are the palakis and kajavaahs, the quaintest contrivances for travel to be seen anywhere. These "Persian cabs" are fixed upon mules. Each animal carries two of them, one on each side. They are furnished with bedding. Men, women and children sit in them cross-legged, a painful and irksome position for Europeans, who usually prefer to ride a horse or donkey rather than screw themselves up in these boxes.

The only difference between the kajavaah and the palaki is that the lat-



Persian City Gate.

ter is open, while the former is covered with a light water proof roof and is curtained against bad weather.

The most comfortable means of travel, sacred to the use of the wealthiest class, is the takhtiravan, a kind of palanquin, consisting of a box about seven feet long and five feet high, fitted with doors and windows and furnished inside with a soft mattress and luxurious cushions.

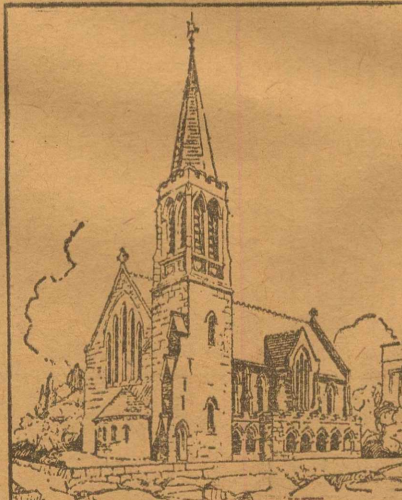
The vehicle is built on the sedan chair principle, the poles resting on a sort of saddle on the backs of the mules, which are harnessed tandem. Their area of usefulness is restricted to the plains and the sensation experienced while riding in them is like being tossed in an old-time liner on the stormy Atlantic.

### DEAN EXPLORES RELIGIONS

Dr. Frederick J. Bliss Tells How He Went to Work on It In Syria.

Rochester, N. Y.—Dr. Frederick J. Bliss gathered the material for his "The Religions of Modern Syria and Palestine" as nearly as possible at first hand. His sources were the priests and elders of the five Christian churches that exist in modern Syria and Palestine and of the Mohammedan church, whom he interviewed at first hand.

Doctor Bliss was appointed to deliver the Bross lectures at Lake Forest university, Lake Forest, Ill., in 1905. He instantly went to Syria, which by the way was his birthplace, to gather material. He knew the Arabic language thoroughly, was able to converse with the leaders of the various sects of the country and the following



Episcopal Church, Beirut, Syria.

December delivered a series of lectures in which nobody could recognize an idea or illustration they recalled reading in any book.

"I had interviews," says Doctor Bliss, "with the orthodox patriarchs of Antioch, Jerusalem—Greek, Catholic, Syrian, Maronite—who imparted valuable information. Missionaries, Roman Catholic and Protestant, gave of their knowledge and experience.

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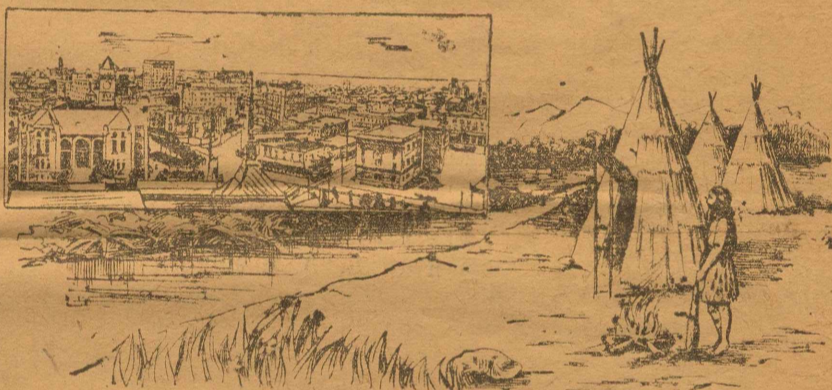
### NOTICE

For sale or trade, a good wagon also one good buggy. See J. R. Conner at wagon yard. Spur, Texas. 40-4t

J. H. Fox and family, of several miles south of Spur, were in the city this week.

John Weathers was in Spur the first of the week on business and spent several hours here.

## GOOD ROADS



GOOD ROADS ARE THE PARENTS OF CIVILIZATION.

Good roads are the links that form the chain that binds the human race together and they are the parents of modern civilization.

There is no better investment than money put into public highways and every dollar invested in road improvement adds three times its value to adjoining property and every argument that applies to the improvement of private property will apply with multiplied force to the improvement of public property and especially to public highways, as every farmer must use the public roads. No one is opposed to good roads, but objection is sometimes made to paying for them.

## 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!  
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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.

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C. A. JONES, Vice-President

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

Judge F. C. Gipson was in the city Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours here on business.

T. A. Tidwell, W. S. Taylor and I. R. Morgan attended the Christian meeting now in progress at Dickens Tuesday night.

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## J. A. LAMBDIN & COMPANY

### SPUR COUNTRY ADAPTED TO FRUIT PRODUCTION.

Mrs. C. C. Haile returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in the Afton country, and where she also spent several days canning a supply of the big crop of fruit grown on the farm of Lucian Haile. Mrs. Haile brought back a sample of three peaches, the three weighing more than twenty-seven ounces or nearly two pounds. There is no finer fruit country than in and around Afton, the soil of that section being most admirably adapted to the abundant production of fruits of every character, and the fine fruit now being grown is conclusive evidence of such facts.

### FINE CROPS

C. D. Copeland was in the city Saturday from his place six miles east of Spur. Mr. Copeland reports that a portion of his crops were considerably damaged by grasshoppers and worms, but that he will make plenty of fine feed and cotton. He says he has missed a number of the rains, but has secured enough to keep his crops from suffering. Mr. Copeland is an extensive farmer, having several hundreds of acres in cultivation and we hope he will harvest bumper crops of all kinds.

Clinton Funk, who has been employed at the Spur Hardware Company, and his father, D. N. Funk, will leave Spur about the first of September on a prospecting tour of New Mexico with a view of buying cheap lands for farm and stock-raising purposes. They will probably be on the trip thirty days and it is not a certainty but that they will return satisfied and contented to remain in Spur.

We are requested to announce that a Methodist protracted meeting will begin at Tap the second Saturday night in September. The announcement was made that the meeting would begin the first Saturday night in the month, therefore especial attention is called to the change.

R. C. Morrison returned this week from Dallas, Sherman and other eastern cities where he spent several days on business and visiting relatives.

### NOTICE

You must come and settle your phone bill by the first of the month. I have to buy some bread.—T. G. Harkey.

J. R. Karr, R. E. Karr and family, L. E. Mabe and family, Ralph Karr and Miss Lillian Karr, of Hardeman county, and R. L. Henderson of Chillicothe, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Karr several miles north of Spur.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress several days at Dry Lake closed Sunday night. Several conversions and additions to the church are reported and a general revival of religion in the church and country.

J. D. Powell, Jeff D. Harkey and others returned this week from the Plains country where they had been looking after a bunch of cattle which they are grazing on the Plains. Mr. Powell reports good grass in that section and the cattle in good shape.

John Aston, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, is now confined at the Standifer Hospital, having had an operation in which the appendix was removed. Mrs. Aston and Miss Francis Crump are in the city with Mr. Aston during his illness.

Mrs. Graves, of Kent county, who was recently operated upon at the hospital, is now reported up and doing nicely and will soon be removed to her home.

Rev. W. A. North has been conducting a protracted meeting near Aspermont the past week.

H. S. Hansford and family returned this week from a trip up in the Afton country where they spent several days. Hansford reports having seen some fine crops growing in that section, and says also that he saw lots of prairie chickens near the foot of the Plains in that section.

Dr. Morris has moved his office from the Red Front Drug Store to the upper floor of the Spur National Bank building.

### MURRAY BROTHERS FOR Specialized Service in Cement Construction

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THAT'S US. Luzon Phone 78. SPUR

Edwards-Hogan Company are making preparations to move to the Wendell building. We are informed that two entrances will be made for the Red Front and the now vacant store building.

Barber Monteith returned last week from a visit to Abilene where he spent several days with relatives and friends.

Miss Pearl Blackwell returned last week from a visit of several days to relatives near Aspermont.

For Kent—Two residences in Spur. See T. A. Randleman. 2tp

Mrs. Jim Gose and children, of King county, moved this week to Spur for the benefit of the Spur Schools and make Spur their home throughout the school term. Mrs. Gose will occupy the Herndon residence in the city.

White Moore and family, prominent citizens of King county, recently purchased the Russell residence in Spur and are now moving to Spur to send their children to school.

Uncle Buck Hardin left Monday for Roby in Fisher county to attend court in a land suit now pending in District court. He will probably spend several days in that section before returning to Spur.

Monday the J. P. Simmons team became frightened, at the depot, and ran through the main part of town, colliding with Tom Harkey's surrey, which was badly damaged. The dray also was damaged.

J. Carlisle, a prominent citizen of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

J. J. Martin, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city on business and trading the first of the week.

A Baptist protracted meeting was commenced Sunday at Steel Hill and much interest is reported in the services.

Mr. Anderton returned last week from a trip to Kansas City with a train load of cattle for the Spur Ranch.

Mrs. Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in the city several days this week visiting friends.

### SATISFIED WITH COUNTRY AS A FARMING SECTION

J. H. Boothe came in Monday with a load of big watermelons from his farm several miles southeast of Spur. Driving in front of the Texas Spur office Mr. Boothe invited us to help him eat a sample of his product, which we did with pleasure. Mr. Boothe has been hauling loads of melons regularly to town and has some of as fine as can be grown anywhere. When he moved to this section last year he would not sell all of his farm lands in Runnells county, thinking possibly he might want to return, but now he says he is better satisfied here than he expected he would be when he made the move. The Spur country is a great agricultural section and each year is becoming more widely recognized as the coming agricultural country of America.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in the city Monday and spent some time here. Mr. Sparks informed us that he contemplated moving to the Plains country next year where he could get more grass for stock-raising purposes, and in view of such move he desired to sell his places in the Tap country.

C. L. Love left Tuesday for Stamford, where he spent several days with his family, and looking after business interests of the J. A. Lambdin & Co. He returned to Spur Thursday. During his absence C. C. Tyler assisted in the management of the business in Spur.

A. J. Braswell, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business. He reports his feed crops fine and most promising prospects at this time for bumper cotton crop on his place.

Mr. Johnson, of Stamford, is here this week looking after the repairing of his gin and putting it in shape for the fall business. Read his announcement in another column of this paper.

Mrs. Walter Huev, who has been spending some time in Arizona, returned this week to Spur and will make her home here with her parents, Uncle Tom Cochran and wife.

## "THE FIRST STEP IS ALL THE DIFFICULTY"

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