

**BEST COTTON MARKET**

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# THE TEXAS SPUR

A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

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During the week the prices of cotton ranged from—

10.30 TO 10.85

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## 2500 BALES COTTON MARKETED IN SPUR

Up to Tuesday night the receipts of the two cotton yards of Spur totaled 2,425 bales; 1,533 having been received at the Farmers' Union and 892 at the Public Yard. As the product has been coming in at a rapid rate during the week the figures are now estimated at from 2,500 to 3,000 bales.

At the same date the Swenson Gin had turned out 1,268 bales, while the Farmers' Gin Company had handled 740 bales, making a total of 2,008 bales ginned in Spur for this season.

Very few, if any, of the farmers of the Spur country have finished gathering their cotton, while a large per cent of the cotton growers of the country have only begun in harvesting their crops. Especially is this so in the northern part of the county. The cotton crop throughout the Afton and a large per cent of the Dickens countries are unusually late, and as these sections will make an estimated yield of at least one-half bale per acre, the cotton receipts of Spur will total several thousand bales before the season is over.

Several farmers in this section have been holding their cotton because of the prevailing prices being unsatisfactory, but as an incline was shown during the week we contemplate that the bulk of the cotton now being retained from the market will be sold within a short while.

The Texas Spur assures the cotton growers of this country that the Spur merchants and cotton buyers are paying and will continue to pay the very highest market price for their product. On numerous occasions we have noticed the local cotton buyers paying from two to five dollars per bale above market quotations. Spur is the best cotton market in this section of the state, and the merchants of the town are selling goods at the lowest possible figures.

## THIRTY MILES TO MARKET

A. J. Brasswell, a prominent farmer on the Tongue River, thirty miles north of Spur, was in the city this week with several loads of cotton which he sold on the local market, and purchased a large bill of supplies of the Spur merchants.

Mr. Brasswell though living thirty miles from Spur, is marketing his cotton here because of the good prices to be received and is hauling out his supplies from Spur because a few purchases convinced him that it was money saved to do so.

## LARGE TRADE TERRITORY.

While on the streets Wednesday we noticed numbers of farmers here with cotton and buying supplies of the merchants, who reside many miles from the city. They were here from several miles beyond Watson and from twenty-five miles south in Kent county, as well as from the Tongue River country thirty miles north.

Spur is supplying the trade throughout a large territory and continues in the lead as a cotton market in this section.

## GOOD BUSINESS

R. D. Shields, a prominent merchant of Dickens, was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here on business. Mr. Shields reports that the fall business was good with the business men of Dickens and indications were that it would continue so for several months to come.

Dickens is in the center of a fine farming country and that section has made bumper crops this year, prospering both the farmers and the business men.

## FURNITURE WAREHOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The frame building on Burlington Avenue opposite the Standifer Hospital was, together with its entire contents, destroyed in a conflagration early Saturday morning.

The building was being used by the Texas Furniture Company as a warehouse, and a car of furniture valued at approximately \$1,500 was stored in the building about three weeks prior to its destruction. Insurance was carried on the furniture to the amount of \$1,000.

The structure was the property of T. H. Ellis, of El Centro, California; valued at \$550 and covered by insurance to the amount of \$400. The insurance on both the furniture and building was carried through the firm of Godfrey & Tyler of this city.

When discovered the fire had gained such headway that any attempts in extinguishing the flame or saving the contents would have resulted futile. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

The Dickens County Teachers' Institute will convene in Spur Monday, October 28th, and continue throughout the week. An interesting program has been prepared for the discussion by the teachers in attendance, and the week promises to be a profitable one to all concerned.

Prof. F. F. Mace, Superintendent of the Spur Public Schools, has been at work several days in the matter of securing boarding places for the visiting teachers, and the out of town attendants can be assured that their comfort and convenience will be well provided for during their stay in the city. The management has made arrangements for guides to be at the school building after 7:30 Monday morning for the purpose of conducting the teachers to their respective boarding places.

An educational rally will be held at the Public School Auditorium Wednesday night, and a meeting of the County Board of Trustees is called to convene Friday afternoon.

## RECEPTION

One of the prettiest receptions of the autumn season was given at the home of Mrs. Luke Davis Saturday evening. The house was decorated with pot plants and cut flowers. The guests were received by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Sol Davis, in the reception hall, where punch was served from a rose bower. After a game of forty-two a two-course luncheon was served to about forty friends.

## A VALUED POSSESSION

Attorney R. S. Holman, of Spur, made a trip recently to his farm at Afton and reports finding crop conditions in that section as good as he has ever known.

He informed us that his farm will make about thirty-five bales of cotton and stated that the several feed crops on the place this year had produced abundantly. Mr. Holman is optimistic over the future prospects of this country and considers his farm at Afton a most valued possession.

## THE CHAMPION COTTON PICKERS OF THE WEST

R. R. Johns, an enterprising farmer of two miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday with cotton and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Mr. Johns reports that M. J. Bryant and his four sons, of Scurry county, who are now employed on his farm picking cotton have established an unusual record in gathering the fleecy staple in that the five picked 2,007 pounds in one day last week, which is divided, as follows: Mr. Bryant, 511 pounds; Willie Bryant, age 15, 374, Frank Bryant, age 14, 416; Bob Bryant, age 12, 400; Forrest Bryant, age 10, 306.

On the same day three other hands employed in the same field picked 1,305 lbs., making a grand total of 3,312 lbs., or an average of 414 lbs. to the hand. \* This is what we consider a good showing in the matter of making a record as the champion cotton pickers, and we doubt if any other pickers in the state under parallel conditions

## POST WON SWEEPSTAKES WITH PEANUT-FED HOGS

C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and the builder of Post City, Texas, was in Plainview Tuesday. "Why shouldn't the South Plains farmers land a large part of the \$300,000 that Fort Worth packers are paying each month outside of Texas for hogs?" he asked.

"The South Plains grows kaffir corn, it also grows peanuts, and these two make the greatest sort of combination for pork production."

Mr. Post shipped an exhibit of hogs to Fort Worth for the Live Stock Show last year and won grand sweepstakes. These hogs had been raised on kaffir corn and peanuts. There were corn-fed hogs, hogs grown on alfalfa, hogs from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. They were very classy porkers. Mr. Post's peanut-fed hogs won over all.

Peanuts, Mr. Post says, give the meat a peculiarly delicious flavor; but kaffir corn is a little better, he thinks, for the hams. The hogs eat peanuts and vine. They thrive on the feed; and in gathering their own feed from this source they have exercise and freedom which gives them a relish for what they find. This means that they make gains much more rapidly than hogs that are confined.

Many Hale County farmers are growing considerable crops of peanuts now. Z. E. Black, ex-secretary of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, is authority for the statement that Hale County ships more hogs than any other county in Texas, but so long as \$300,000 of Texas money goes to other states for porkers—Hale County isn't raising enough hogs.—Hale County Herald.

The Texas Spur publishes the above article for the benefit of those of our farmers who might desire to consider the raising of hogs. The soil of Dickens county is, as is well known to the farmers, peculiarly adapted to the growth of kaffir corn and the sand and shinnery belts will produce as many peanuts as can be grown anywhere. Hogs are commanding a high price on the market and will continue to do so because of the ever increasing demand for prepared meats among the American people.

can do this well. Forrest Bryant, who picked 306 lbs., only weighs sixty-three pounds.

Mr. Johns informed us that his cotton crop was good, and that he would make between 36 and 38 bales. His other crops have also made good yields, and he is well pleased with the proceeds of this year's labor on the farm.

## EPISCOPAL SERVICES

On Tuesday evening, October 29, at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Seaman will hold his monthly service. The public is most cordially invited to be present at this service. The public is requested to attend the communion service Wednesday morning.

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## 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.

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

### KEEP THE HOME SACRED

There may be some heroes in this world whose deaths are more or less regretted, but these are not the same men who lose their lives while they are despoiling, debauching and degrading the homes of honest men who are doing their duty as husbands and fathers. The yellow journals of Texas cannot make heroes out of such demons, and mold and control public sentiment, and the people have them marked. Every man's home should be kept sacred, and the shot-gun is a good weapon to use on the man who debauches womanhood and destroys the home. Shame on the yellow journals. It is strange that the reputable newspapers, or any one else, believe the homes of Texas should be thrown open to a desperate class of men who have no regard for marriage vows, for decency or for the law. But these newspapers will have their day and finally decent people will not allow them to come into their homes.—The Georgetown Commercial.

Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Dickens, visited Sol Davis and family last week.

J. C. Davis, of Dickens, was in Spur Friday and spent some time here.

Sheriff Cole was in the city recently from his home several miles north.

W. D. Blair, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city last week with cotton, which he sold on the local market at a satisfactory price.

Mrs. F. W. West, of the Red Hill community, was shopping in Spur Friday.

T. H. Tallant returned last week from Paducah, where he spent several days visiting and on business.

Rev. Mark Hardin, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Dock Ellis, of eighteen miles west of Spur, came in Friday and purchased a bill of supplies of the Spur merchants.

Mr. Stewart, of Hico, arrived in Spur Saturday for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Richburg, and family.

M. A. Darden, a prominent citizen and business man of Girard, was in Spur Monday on business and spent the day here. Mr. Darden reports everything in the Girard country in good shape at this time.

### THE REALLY GREAT

The really great man never changes except for the better. His environments have no appreciable effect on him. Rich or poor, he is just the same, kind, courteous gentleman. It is not environment that makes either men or women. Old Jack Johnson has plenty of money, and tears around in an automobile as big as who but him? Sam Scheeps and his fellow pals in the gun-gang of New York's East Side, wears fine clothes and has a big roll; but few, we take it, would write him down a gentleman. No; it is not what a man has, but what he is, that shows his real character; and character is always developed from within.

We have known some men who, when poor and in hard luck, to use a common expression, were very agreeable; but who having "struck it rich," got a lift to higher things, for-

got their old time friends and circumstances, and put on airs to those who were once on the same social and financial plane with themselves. Such men are little, no matter how big they may try to act. On the other hand, we know men who have experienced the same change of fortune, who always gratefully remember every kindness shown them in the day of "small things," and who are as gentle and kind in their new conditions as they were when looking for a job. We are reminded, in this connection, of an old song which the successful miners of '49 used to sing out in California. It ran something like this:

"In the day when I was hard-up for want of food and fire, I used to tie my shoes up with little bits o' wire; in the days when I was hard-up my friends turned up their nose. And rate me a vagabond because I had no clothes.—Wichita Searchlight.

### TO PICK COTTON

The Croton School, which was being taught by Mrs. Clay Smart, has been discontinued indefinitely in order that the school children of that community may assist the farmers in gathering the big cotton crop.

The crops in that section, as well as the entire Spur territory, are unusually good this year, and because of sufficient labor being unobtainable it became necessary that the school children be pressed into service.

Mrs. Smart has returned to Spur and will remain here until the school work is resumed.

W. F. Godfrey left for Paducah the latter part of last week, where he will remain several days visiting his parents.

W. A. Johnson, a prominent farmer of three miles northwest of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs.

W. P. T. Smith was in Spur Friday and spent some time here on business.

Willis Smith and wife, of Tap, were in the city Friday trading with the merchants.

J. R. Karr, an enterprising farmer of seven miles north of Spur, was here Friday with cotton and spent some time in the city on business.

Mr. Smith, of nine miles northwest of Spur, was in the city last week with cotton, which he sold on the local market. Mr. Smith reports everything in good shape in his section.

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### A BABY'S GOOD-BYE

The world is full of many beautiful things. God is profuse and prodigal in His manifestations of hope and happiness. There are the stars that gleam on a moonless night, the moon that sails in a cloudless sky, the flowers that bloom upon the prairie and the birds that in glad orchestration proclaim their love and confidence, the golden dawn of a waking day, the evening glow of the setting sun, the myriad wonders of sky and sea, but nothing that compasses the baby's good-bye kiss. What can match the tenderness of a baby's playful prattle? There is pathos and sadness in the good-bye of a little child as he bids adieu to his grandmother at the station door. One cannot fail to feel the melancholy side of life as the dear old grandfather grasps in his eager arms the child and presses on his rose-bud lips the trembling kiss as if it were the last he would ever claim before the shadows fall across his dimming path.

Life is ever thus. Youth holds out its arms to fleeting age, and eager age extends its palsied clasp for just one brief moment to stay the passing years that bring to life its age. How eager is the clasp of youth and how palsied is the clasp of age as youth and age meet in the kiss tenderness, the greeting of the waking years and the parting days.

If you want to see something that is both interesting and pathetic, watch the pathos of age as it gathers in its eager arms the happiness of youth and tries to use it as its own. It is natural that all who are born must surely die. If we are brave and kind and true we will be able to help those who are not so fortunate as ourselves. The confidence of a little child is matchless. There is nothing in the human vocabulary like it.

If you have any doubt as to the separation of the material from the abstract, and life will be recorded upon a scientific basis, no one will be able to find a more

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pathetic motive than that employed in the illustration used in this article.—Cleburne Enterprise.

Berry Pursley visited the State Fair at Dallas last week.

### STATEMENT

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Editor, Managing Editor, Business Manager and Publisher, Oran McClure, Spur, Texas.

(Signed) ORAN MCCLURE.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th. day of Oct., 1912.

(Signed) OSCAR JACKSON  
Notary Public, Dickens county, Texas.

J. A. Jackson, of the Afton country, was in Spur this week with cotton and trading with the merchants.

F. T. Whitaker, of Afton, passed through Spur Friday en route to Dallas for a few days visit to the Fair.

W. O. McFall and wife, of near Clairemont, were in Spur Wednesday and Thursday trading with the merchants.

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Mr. McDonald, a prominent farmer residing on the Plains several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday on business.

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J. C. Allison, of the Dickens country, was in Spur several days this week on business.

Wiley Conway was a recent business visitor in Spur from his place several miles north of town.

### MUSICAL RECITAL

A musical program of the best selections, including solos, quartets, choruses, etc., will be rendered at the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday night. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Miss Kate Mahone attended the State Fair at Dallas last week.

R. I. Goodall, a prominent farmer of the Girard country, was in Spur Thursday on business.

FOR SALE—A few tons of maize, reasonable if taken at once.—P. E. Johnson, 3 miles west of Girard.

### 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 ketch 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 Bruce lectures at Lake Forest university, Lake Forest, Ill., in 1903. 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

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While attending the Fair did you take the time to stop and say a good word for your town and country? Boost Spur and Dickens county, because this is one among the best places on earth to live in and is backed by the resources that will make good for new enterprises.

Every day is a gala day for Spur. Our streets are crowded with cotton wagons and our merchants are enjoying a most liberal patronage. There is a cause for all things, so it is said, and the cause for this busy scene of business enactment in Spur is the distinction the city has attained throughout this section as a good cotton market and profitable trading point—for the purchaser.

That Spur is the best cotton market in this section of West Texas is a fact that can be readily seen by anyone who cares to compare prices with those of other towns; and then, too, our merchants are doing everything possible with consistent business to alleviate the high cost of living problem by selling dependable merchandise at a surprisingly low price.

Dickens county is certainly coming into her own. Times were never better in her history and the farmers were never more contented. They are reaping another Dickens county harvest which is making their pockets fairly bulge with the "filthy lucre." The success of Dickens county from an agricultural viewpoint is that the soil is reliably fertile and that a large percent of the farmers are falling in line with the diversified idea by practical methods, which is about the only source through which the farming industry can be made profitable in any country.

The Texas Spur has striven at all times in the past to issue the very best paper that we could consistently publish and this policy shall continue to be maintained with each succeeding issue. It has never been our policy to use "hyperbolic" expressions in contending for the good qualities of the town and country, but, on the other hand, we have worked for their development and prosperity through the publication of actual facts and demonstrations as they appeared to us. Spur is the best market and trading point in this section of the state and our business establishments are enjoying a prosperous patronage, but in our estimation this patronage can be increased and the Spur trade territory expanded to an even larger area. The Texas Spur is in for a greater and more prosperous Spur and cordially invites the co-operation of the business men of the city in that this end may be accomplished.

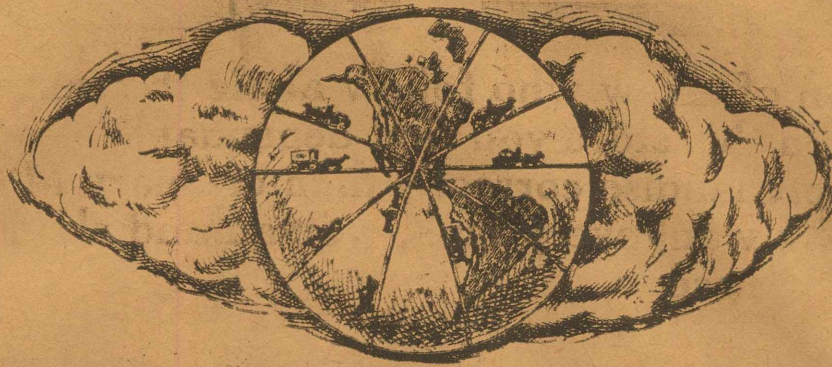
### THE REAL BRAVE BOY

It is common to hear among the tough element, a sneer at what they are pleased to call "Mama's Boy." The impression they would make is that a boy who needs the admonition of his mother is weak—a "sissy." Quite the contrary is the truth, however; for it takes more strength to defy the common crowd and go on and do the right thing than it does to "run with the gang." Anybody can do wrong. It takes neither brains nor backbone to drift with the tide. But to pull against the stream; to face public opinion when it has set in the wrong way; to despise the sentiments and ignore the comments of the "Lewd fellows of the baser sort," is to manifest a character which is able to do things. The men who are today in the lead in the several walks of life are not those little two-by-fours who spent their youth in seeking pleasure and running around town at night; they are those who had the nerve to "pass up" all such foolishness and buckle down to study and get ready for the stern duties of real life when those duties confronted them. The average boy—especially town boy—is too weak to face the sneers of toughs and loafers, and his sort furnishes supply material to the pool halls and saloons. The real "Mama's" boy—the one who takes her advice and honors her teaching finds no pleasure in those things that bring sorrow to her and ruin to him.

In a recent issue of The Texas Christian Advocate, there is an editorial which inspired these remarks and from which we take the following excerpt:

The boy who wantonly does violence to his mother's wish and training and plunges into

## GOOD ROADS



140,000 MILES OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS IN TEXAS.

One of the most important agencies whereby we can achieve progress, mental, moral and material, is through our public highways. They enable us to climb to a higher physical, mental and moral plane and overcome obstacles that retard development. We do not fully realize the magnitude of our public highways. Building roads is the most stupendous problem confronting the people of Texas today. We have 140,000 miles of public highways which will reach around the globe five times and the acreage they occupy is equal to that of the State of Delaware.

the excesses of life is not worthy of her love and confidence. He is an ingrate—yes, he is well nigh a domestic criminal. She is the best friend on earth that he can ever have. She stands by him when all others fail him. She loves him even when it is proven that he is rightfully in a prison's cell. Nothing can extinguish her love for her boy except her death. There is nothing she will not do for him, and she always has some sort of plausible excuse for his short comings. Her heart never grows cold towards him and her hand never ceases to minister to him. No wonder that her pride enlarges her bosom when he does well and brings honor to her name. And no wonder that she sheds bitter tears when calamities overtake him and the world turns its back upon him.

The greatest compliment that can be paid to the rectitude of any boy is to have it said of him that he is tied to his mother's apron strings. As long as it can be said truthfully, his life and character are safe. He has around him a bulwark of fortifications of evil, and he can hold up his head and smile at the taunts of his associates. There is nothing for him to fear. If he honors the life and teachings of his mother, he has within him a solid element of character and the temptations of life cannot sweep him away.

Therefore, let every boy be true to his mother's confidence in him. It matters not what his companions may think about it, let him make her his guarding star and her wish his rule of conduct. When temptations come to him let him think of her and her love for him and he will always find strength to say and do the right thing. And when he goes into her saintly presence he can look her in the face and realize that he has done nothing to distress her heart or degrade her name. And there is no heritage comparable to this sort of an experience in the heart of a pure boy. And when he is far from home let him write to his mother, keep her in his confidence and open his innermost secrets to her. It will make her rejoice and it will make him a better boy.

And let mothers cultivate the confidence of their sons, make themselves the most agreeable of all companions to them, and never nag at them or worry them unnecessarily, but make home the happiest and most attractive place in the world to them. In

this way you will keep a grip on your boys and the world will never be able to wrench them from your hand. Otherwise their career may not be creditable to you. There is nothing more beautiful than the mutual confidence between a mother and her manly son.—Wichita Searchlight.

S. B. Scott, a prominent farmer of near Watson, was in Spur Friday with cotton and spent some time here trading with the merchants.

Miss Myrtle Rodgers, of Claremont, has recently accepted the position as operator for the Luzon Telephone Company at the Spur exchange.

P. E. Johnson, of Stamford, owner of the Farmer's Gin and the Spur Light & Power Co. plants of this city, was in Spur recently on business connected with his holdings here.

Jake Poy, cashier of the Cow Boy State Bank and Trust Co. at Rotan, spent Friday and Saturday in Spur on business.

Poet Hagins, a prominent farmer of the Gilpin community, was in the city Friday and spent several hours here on business.

W. A. Walthall, who was in Spur several days of last week looking after his interests here, returned Friday to his home at Streetman.

R. R. Morrison left Saturday for Dallas on business connected with his Spur and Rotan stores. Mr. Morrison will also visit the Fair during his stay in Dallas.

R. S. Boothe, of Girard, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving a dollar to be applied on his subscription, for which he has our thanks.

### 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. J. Hagins

For County Judge:  
O. S. Ferguson

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. E. 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.

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#### V. H. BRYANT, Spur, Tex.

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Friday.

W. F. Shugart, a prominent farmer residing seven miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week with cotton and spent some time here on business.

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6 Bars Soap 25c.  
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Beans, all kinds, 12 lbs. for \$1.00  
The Very Best Flour That Can Be Bought at \$2.75 and \$3.00  
Sugar \$5.85 per 100-lb Sacks  
Velvet Syrup 65c per Gallon  
Meal 80c per Sack  
Potatoes, per Sack 1 3-4c per lb.  
P. & F. Syrup 60c per Gallon

We buy your cotton, and we want your business and we are putting forth every effort to get it. We appreciate the business you have given us this year and will prove it by giving you the very lowest prices on the best merchandise that we can buy. If we can't make the price we want as you for the bill.

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### BOARD PROVIDED

Arrangements have been made to provide good boarding places at reasonable rates for all teachers who attend the Dickens County Institute at Spur during the week beginning October 23th. Those who arrive during Sunday will come directly to the residence of F. F. Mace, Superintendent of the Spur schools, and those arriving on Monday morning will find a committee at the high school building after 7:30. Guides will be in attendance to conduct teachers to the boarding places.—F. F. Mace.

J. Carlisle, one of the good farmers residing in the Gilpin country, was in Spur Friday on business.

R. R. Morrison returned Friday from Rotan, where he had gone in the interest of his mercantile business there.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned Friday from a visit to the State Fair at Dallas.

Jas. F. Williams returned from a visit to the State Fair at Dallas Friday.

NOTICE — All parties are warned to refrain from hunting on my place.—Wayne VanLeer. 51-2tp.

Mrs. Perry Fite left Friday for Dallas to visit a sister, who is reported to be quiet sick.

Sam Morris, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur the latter part of last week attending to business affairs.

Ed Taylor, of Clairemont, was in Spur Sunday and spent some time here.

Jno. Stephens, of Dickens, came in Monday and hauled out lumber and building material to be used in making extensive improvements on his residence.

### FAIR VISITORS RETURNING.

The people of Spur who attended the State Fair at Dallas last week are returning home with almost every train, and all are reporting a most enjoyable and profitable visit.

The State Fair of Texas is an institution well worth the attendance of every Southern citizen; the cream of every staple crop known to the Southern farmer is shown among the exhibits. The product of every factory in the country can be seen for the looking and the marvelous achievements of our inventors add their appearance to the galaxy of the occasion. The packing house and dairy products are there galore. The possibilities of our mineral resources and many other valuable assets to the Southland too numerous to mention are profusely illustrated among the thousands of exhibits.

Among those attending the Fair from Spur are R. L. Smith, Dr. Grace, Mr. Rose, Mrs. Viola Flowers, Mrs. W. B. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Oran McClure and family, Mrs. C. H. McDonald, R. R. Morrison, Jas. F. Williams, Oliver Gray, and others whose names we failed to learn.

Earl and Bert Jay, merchants of Clairemont, were in Spur recently and spent some time here on business.

Dr. Bachelor and wife left Saturday for Dallas to visit the Fair.

Mrs. J. H. Fowler, of Jayton, was in Spur the first of the week visiting relatives and friends.

Geo. Johnson, of Luzon, arrived in Spur Monday and spent several days here on business.

Rev. T. J. Nicholson, of Jayton, passed through Spur Tuesday en route home from Crosbyton.

I. B. Jones, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday on business.

Oran McClure and family left Friday for Dallas for a visit to the State Fair.

Rev. W. A. North spent several days of last week in Jayton on business.

John Reddin, of Clairemont, arrived in Spur Tuesday and will probably locate here.

A. S. Jackson, the progressive hardware man of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business.

Tom Fowler, proprietor of the Modern Tailoring Co., of Jayton, was in Spur several days on business this week.

K. Combs, lineman for the Luzon Telephone Co. at Jayton, was in Spur the first of the week assisting in replacing the broken wires on Burlington Ave. caused by the fire Friday night.

T. E. McArthur, a good farmer of the Tap country, came in Monday and spent some time here. He reports everything in good shape in his section of the country.

Just received a lot of King's Chocolates.—C. H. McDonald. 48tf.

Ivan B. Brown, of the 24 Ranch several miles southwest of Spur in Kent county, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Brown is one of the leading cattlemen of this section.

Will S. Cooper was called to Clairemont Saturday because of the illness of Mrs. Cooper, who has been visiting her parents, W. M. Wade and wife, during the past two weeks, but her condition was greatly improved upon his arrival and she returned with him to Spur Monday.

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Shop located next door north of McDonald's Confectionery. Your work solicited and will be appreciated.

### NOTICE

The Bakery Sale and Baby Show by the Methodist Ladies will be held in the building next door to the Farmers and Merchants Bank Saturday evening at four o'clock. The prizes to be awarded in the Baby Show follows:

Girl, 1 to 6 mos.; shoes—R. R. Morrison.

Boy, 1 to 6 mos.; boots—Edwards-Hogan Co.

Girl, 6 mos. to 1 yr.; shoes—Bryant-Link Co.

Boy, 6 mos. to 1 yr.; baby cap—Mrs. Griffin.

Girl, 1 yr. to 18 mos.; baby ring—Red Front.

Boy, 1 yr. to 18 mos.; bath tub—Spur Hardware Co.

Girl, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.; baby cap—S. R. Davis.

Boy, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.; \$1.50 in merchandise—J. A. Lambdin & Co.

Girl, 2 to 3 yrs.; rocking chair—Texas Furniture Co.

Boy, 2 to 3 yrs.; rocking chair—Campbell & Campbell.

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### LARGE COTTON YIELD

W. A. Copeland, an enterprising farmer of four miles of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Copeland stated that his cotton is producing three-quarters of a bale per acre and that he would make about forty-five bales, nineteen of which he has already gathered.

Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor returned Wednesday from a visit to the Fair.

County Judge F. C. Gipson, of Dickens, was in Spur recently and spent some time here on business.

Sheriff Cole was in Spur last week from his place several miles north and was here several hours on business.

The Luzon Telephone Company's lines running north from the central exchange were all down Saturday morning as a result of the warehouse fire, crippling service for several hours.

## PORTENDS RAILROAD EXTENSION TO SPUR

An article appearing in a recent issue of the Dallas News is sustaining to the belief of many that the Crosbyton, South-Plains Railroad, now in operation between Lubbock and Crosbyton will be extended to Spur. At any rate, the officials of this company seem to have the extension under consideration and the project may materialize.

An excerpt of the article as appearing in the News follows:

"J. J. Burton, general attorney, and A. B. Spencer, general manager of the Crosbyton South-Plains Ry., were here recently and advised that immigration into their section of Texas portends the extension of the above named railroad to Spur, Dickens county, and to Seymour."

### STEERS ON THE FARM

If every small farmer will go into the cattle business on a small scale the ultimate consumer can look for high quality beef at a low price. That is what the secretary of the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association says, and the Star-Telegram believes he knows more about it than meandering tariff commissions and high living cost yowlers.

The solution of the problem is for every farmer in the country to get a few steers and keep them on his farm. He should get high bred cattle that will bring the highest price in the market. They will eat up the refuse fodder on the farm and get fat and the price they fetch will be clean velvet to the farmer. Texas is also a hog raising state, because of open weather the year 'round, pasturage, freedom from disease and a big buying bank roll always at hand to take over offerings at profitable prices to the producer. The Star-Telegram maintains that a prosperous barnyard is the farm's best moneymaker—a few beef cattle, a few hogs, a flock of poultry and a couple of dairy cows.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A. T. Odeneal left Wednesday for Dallas, where he will remain a few days on a visit to his son.

## 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.

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### TRAPS FOR THE COURT

Our laws abound in a multitude of flimsy technicalities which serve as rat-holes for the escape of the guilty. In a long-drawn-out trial for murder, with the defense represented by shrewd, skillful lawyers, it has become almost impossible for a judge to avoid falling into error which the Supreme Court will construe as "prejudicial to the constitutional right of the defendant."

In desperate cases, where the guilt of the accused may be established by incontrovertible proof, it is part of the defense made by some unscrupulous lawyers to deliberately set traps for the court—to lead the judge into the commission of error—so that the court of the last resort may grant a new trial in the event of an adverse verdict to their client.—Magnolia (La.) Gazette.

I. B. Scroggins and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were trading in Spur Thursday.

Mrs. Clay Smart is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rector, of Rotan.

J. D. Powell spent several days of last week in Stonewall county on business.

C. W. Lowery returned Tuesday from a visit to the Dallas Fair.

B. F. Crump, of Watson, was a recent business visitor in Spur and spent some time here on business.

George Rodgers, of near Clairemont, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Spur recently from his ranch on the Cat Fish and spent some time here shaking hand with his many friends and attending to business affairs.

Electrical Engineer Bankert informs us that the several street lights being installed by the business men of Spur are all up which adds much to the convenience and attractiveness of the city.

A. R. Bilberry, a prominent farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Thursday and while in the city was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving two dollars to be applied on his subscription to the paper. Mr. Bilberry reports that the crops on his place are good and that he is well satisfied with this year's work on the farm.

Bert Duncan, of Draper, was in Spur Thursday with cotton and hauled out a load of bagging for the Love Brothers Gin at Draper.

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So far as doing some kinds of business, the bee hasn't any advantage over the yellow-jacket. They are both "warm numbers" especially when they sit down—as the boy said.

The difference in their methods is what causes the bee to be pampered and petted and provided with a nice little ready-made store house by man, while everybody "swats" the yellow-jacket. Any chump can tell you the reason. It is because the yellow-jacket is shiftless, while the bee SAVES. Moral—Start a bank account at our bank.

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### MAKING 80 BALES COTTON

Mace Hunter was in Spur recently from his place a few miles of the city, and while in conversation with the Texas Spur informed us that he would make eighty bales of cotton on his place this year, the most of which has already been gathered.

The farmers of the Spur country continue to demonstrate by harvesting bumper crops that this is one of the best and most reliable farming sections of the South, and when the country becomes more fully developed the country will receive the recognition of the outside world as being an independent agricultural commonwealth.

### COTTON CROP DAMAGED

E. W. Cross, a prominent farmer, residing in Kent county some twenty miles south of Spur, was in the city recently with cotton and spent some time here trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs.

Mr. Cross informed us that the recent big rains in his section had greatly damaged his cotton crop, in that the staple was badly blown out and beaten into the ground. Nevertheless, he will gather about twenty bales from his field of fifty acres.

Mr. Cross also reported that the feed grown on his place this year was fine, and that he would have an over supply for all feeding purposes until another year.

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### DICKENS ITEM

D. C. Sparks, of Croton Flat, was in town Tuesday and informed us that he had sold his ranch to a Mr. Coonsley of Plainview.

L. W. Davis and family, of Spur, were in town Monday visiting relatives and transacting business.

W. N. Blackwell, of Spur, proprietor of the Spur Hotel, had business in the city Wednesday.

C. H. Senning, of Spur, with Riter Hardware Company, was in town one day this week.

Surveyor L. T. Cochran, of Spur, was in town one day this week.

Attorney R. S. Holman and lady, of Spur, were in town Thursday; Mr. Holman looking after legal business and Mrs. Holman visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow of Spur was in Dickens Thursday en route home from Paducah, where he had been attending District Court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley left Thursday for Cottle county, where they go to make their home. These good people have resided in Dickens many years and command the love and respect of all, and their many friends greatly regret the move they are making and the item joins them all in wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Stradley much success and happiness in their new home.

### PRAIRIE VIEW NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hickman and little daughter, Susan, returned from Indiana Saturday to their home on the Plains. We are glad to welcome them with us again.

Robert Nichols, of Mart, Texas, has recently settled in our community.

The Prairie View School is now in progress; Miss Grace Ham, teacher.

Mr. J. W. Smith has been making business trips to Spur of late.

A pleasant evening was spent singing at the home of Mrs. J. A. Nichols Sunday afternoon.

The farmers of our community are very busy gathering their crops.

Mr. Molten, of Fisher county, father of Mrs. J. E. Cory, has returned to his home for the purpose of moving his family to this section.

There is preaching and bible study at the Prairie View school house every Sunday afternoon.

Ben Clark was a guest at the home of Will Eldridge Sunday.

Riley Hickman called at the J. J. Hickman residence Sunday.

The young men of the community seem to be hunting homes; quitting seems to be the order of the day with the young ladies.

Oh! Do I hear wedding bells? Will Eldridge is erecting a nice home in the neighborhood.

Miss Gracie Ham arrived at the home of Mrs. J. J. Hickman Sunday, where she will make her home during the winter months. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Edna, who returned to her home that afternoon.—Kuntry Kid.

Come again, every week, Kuntry Kid. News Items from every section will be appreciated.—Ed.

W. F. Marknam had business in Spur Monday.

P. E. Johnson, of near Girard, was in Spur Wednesday and while in the city was a caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in good shape in the Girard country.



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### CAUSE FOR REJOICING

There is more joy in a printing office over one sinner that pays in advance and abuses the editor on every possible occasion than there is over ninety and nine who borrow the paper and sing its praise without contributing a cent to keep it out of the poor house.—The Waco Morning News.

### 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 Farringdon 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.

### NEARING COMPLETION

The handsome cottage home being erected by Mrs. C. Fite on her lots in the north part of Spur, is nearing completion and when finished will be one among the most desirable residences of the city.

Contractor Lee informs us that the building is modernly designed and is being so constructed as to afford every convenience usually found in our best cottage homes.

Berry Pursley, a prominent Kent county ranchman, was a recent business visitor in the city.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek ranch.

R. L. Hollev, of south of Spur, was in the city Friday and spent some time here on business.

Mr. Karr, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city this week with cotton. Mr. Karr is making good crops this year.

T. A. Corbett, who has been at Crosbyton and other points on the Plains for several days in the interest of his piano business, returned Thursday to Spur.

### POSTED, KEEP OUT

This is to warn all parties to refrain from hunting on my place.—S. R. Bowman. 49 2t p

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Not Iron  
but lots of  
hard wear  
in them.

### A CREDITABLE SHOWING

The County Court of Dickens convened last Monday morning, and after calling the docket it was found that not a case, civil or criminal, was pending trial, and the jury was dismissed immediately after having been empaneled.

This is indeed a most creditable showing for Dickens county. Our citizens are as an intelligent and law abiding people as can be found any where, which calls for but few issues to be settled in the courts and bespeaks for the county a distinction of which we should all feel proud.

Walk-Over Shoes will take you anywhere and back.—Edwards-Hogan Company.

County Commissioner L. G. Crabtree was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time here on business.

A. J. Brasswell, a prominent farmer of the Tongue River country, was in Spur this week with cotton and trading with the merchants.

Mr. Parnell, of the Afton country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs.

J. R. Rodgers, of Draper, was a recent business visitor in Spur and spent some time here on business.

Jordan Martin, a prominent farmer of four miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here trading with the Spur merchants and attending to other business affairs.

### RE-ENTERS CAMPAIGN

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who was shot by an enraged political crank in Milwaukee Tuesday of last week, has almost recovered from the effects of the wound, according to a recent press dispatch from Chicago, and departed for his home at Ovster Bay Monday afternoon, where he will recuperate for a day or two, after which he will again enter the campaign in the interest of his candidacy for the presidency. The condition of the Colonel was at first considered to be of a serious nature owing to the locality of the wound, but soon after his arrival at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, where he was carried for medical treatment, his improvement was noted with marked rapidity, and unless some unforeseen complications set in the Colonel is

expected to be entirely recovered within the next few days.

His attempted assassination was a shock to the entire American people. Even his political enemies respect him and in this instance manifested a keen interest in his behalf. Mr. Roosevelt is easily one of the most conspicuous men of America today.

R. R. Morrison returned Wednesday from Dallas, where he had gone on business.

Mr. Eldridge, a good farmer of the Plains country, came in Tuesday and spent several hours here.

Oliver Gray returned Sunday from Dallas, where he attended court last week.

R. L. Collier and family left Friday for Dallas to visit the State Fair.

### BACK AGAIN

Albert Spencer, formerly of the Dickens Item but now employed on the Itasca Item, was in Spur Sunday. Mr. Spencer has an irresistible impulse to visit Spur occasionally, and we trust his aspirations will terminate as he now contemplates and that the "air castles" he is now building as to what his future life may be may all materialize.

### NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

The public schools of Dickens county will be suspended next week, because that all teachers are required under the law to attend the Teachers' Institute, which convenes in Spur Monday to continue throughout the week.

Mrs. H. K. Parks, of Jayton, was in Spur Friday visiting and also doing some fall shopping.

### DRY LAKE ITEMS

Mitchell Bond attended church here Sunday.

A. D. Baker, wife and little son spent Saturday in Spur trading.

Miss Lottie Johnson was a guest of Miss Esther Davis Sunday.

A singing was enjoyed at the Dry Lake school house Sunday evening.

Mr. Ferrel and wife of East Texas are visiting at the home of Mr. John Brown and family.

Dan Pritchett bought a new bicycle last week.

John Welsh, wife and little daughter, Mary Lena, and Mrs. Melton, all of Spur, spent Sunday at the home of W. C. Cartwright and family.

I. G. VanLeer and wife attended church at Spur Sunday.

R. E. Thomas and family and Mrs. Reeves and Willie Smith and wife, of Tap, were the guests of Mrs. A. D. Baker Sunday.

Escall McBrown and Misses Dovie and Idell Smith attended the singing here Sunday.

There will be preaching at the Dry Lake school house next Sunday morning.—Maiden Vine.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

1. Charlie Tonguet.
2. Henry Smith.
3. Guillirno Lionton.
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5. J. E. Deel.
6. Sheeby B. Wooten.
7. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lewis.

R. L. Smith, manager of the Southwestern Telephone Co., is among the Spur visitors to the Fair.

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