

BEST COTTON MARKET

Throughout this fall Spur Merchants and Cotton Buyers have been paying from two to five dollars a bale more than the market price.

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—

10.25 TO 11.80

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PARTIAL RETURNS GIVE FORTY STATES TO THE DEMOCRATS

MAKING GOOD CROPS PEOPLE PROSPEROUS

W. J. Clark, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Dickens country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us the required sum to renew his subscriptions to the Spur in combination with the Dallas News. Mr. Clark said that he had sixty acres of cotton this year and which would make an average of one-third of a bale to the acre. He also has twenty acres of feed stuff which he says is fine. The fact of the business is that farmers of every section of the Spur country are in fine shape at this time, making good crops of all kinds and the country as a whole is in a prosperous condition. There is no more productive country than Dickens county and the Spur country and when fully developed will be recognized as among the richest agricultural sections of America.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, CLEAN-UP DAY IN SPUR

Tuesday, November 19th, is designated as Clean-Up Day in Spur, and every man, woman and child in Spur is urged to observe the day by cleaning up individual premises, yards and lots, as well as the streets and back alleys of the town.

Premiums will be given boys who furnish the biggest pile of trash in the alley-way on that day, and also a premium will be given the boy who shows up the cleanest premises and the immediate surrounding streets and alleys. Such work can begin now and continue until that day.

UNLOADING STEEL FOR RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

The first car of rails for the Quanah, Acme & Pacific reached Paducah this week. They will be placed in the yard here and held ready for use when the time comes. Already the yard is full of ties and it begins to look like something will be done in the "choo-choo" business right away.

We have been informed by Agent Bishop that track laying will begin about the first of November, and by that time there will be quite a lot of other material that will have arrived that is necessary for the completion of the road. He states that about six miles of the road will be completed and trains running over it by the first of December at the farthest date. This will throw them into the Swenson pastures, and it will only take a few weeks more to put them to the river.

We find from the shipping records that there were 415 teams on the road, and it can easily be said that the teams they have, and grading outfits in general, are the best that ever went on any road in Texas. One reason

for this is that just at this time there is practically no building in railroad lines in any part of the state, and it is very quiet throughout the United States.

But while there are that many teams on the road, yet there are only about half of them at work, which is due to the fact that the contractors are unable to secure a sufficient number of hands. Whenever they ship in a bunch of workmen they soon find that they can make from four to eight dollars per day picking cotton for the farmers in this county, and the outcome is that they generally quit railroading and go to the farmers.

A greater part of the road work is very heavy. There is about three miles of the road bed that will run 100,000 yards to the mile. This is beyond question, the heaviest work that any road has ever had to do in the Panhandle. This heavy work occurs about four miles west of the Tongue River, where the road crosses great canyons and works its way through the breaks. On the first twelve miles of the road leading west from Paducah the work is very light, but work between the river and Roaring Springs is very heavy, most of the way being canyons and cedar brakes.

It is very likely that trains will be running into Roaring Springs within the next six months. At least this is the present calculation, and the only thing that will keep them from accomplishing the task will be for the lack of securing help.—Paducah Post.

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MR. AND MRS. DAVIS ENTERTAIN GHOST PARTY

One of the most pleasant and enjoyable social events we have had the pleasure of attending was the Ghost Party given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Sol Davis at their home in the north part of the city.

The home was appropriately decorated for the occasion and pumpkin head lights were in evidence and furnished a mellow glow for the ghostly appearances. The guests came draped in white sheets with white and black masks designating the lady and gentleman ghosts, and were received at the door by Mrs. Davis and shown to separate rooms. The masks represented a variety of ghosts in the animal kingdom as well as the lower regions, and as each paraded around the rooms making a combination of ghostly noises, on-lookers and participants in the performances were greatly amused.

Corresponding numbers were given the lady and gentleman ghosts and the gentleman required to knock his number on the door of the room occupied by the lady ghosts for a partner. After being paired the ghosts were seated and engaged in social ghost conversation and at the unmasking many, if not all, were surprised in the recognition of partners. Score cards containing twenty representations of Jeff and Mutt were presented to guests and as they were paired were invited to guess the corresponding numbered representations of the score cards

hung upon the walls of the several rooms, and also requested to write a composition having as a subject the origin and customs of Halloween. At the close of this contest the proper answers were read and those failing to guess the proper answers were permitted to make corrections and become more enlightened. The written compositions were then read and the readings enjoyed and heartily encored.

Refreshments of chocolate and whipped cream, cake, salad and sandwiches were delightfully and graciously served by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Edmonds, Shelton, Jones and Williams.

The partners were then escorted to the witch room where Mrs. Brandon robed as the fortune telling witch was seated and with a long spoon stirring the boiling contents of a pot suspended over a fire and as the couples were presented the witch foretold their futures and as a parting remembrance requested each to partake of a heavenly broth appropriately and suitably prepared for the occasion.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Davis for a most pleasant evening and the occasion will linger long in our memory.

WILL GO TO FREEPORT

Dr. Bachelor and Lemar Dunn left this week for Post City where they will recuperate a few days before going down to Freeport, where they hope to make a fortune speculating in the sale of town-lots at the opening of that new town on the 20th of this month.

BUILDING NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AT STEEL HILL

The Steel Hill School house is now being remodeled and enlarged. An addition of one room 22x32 feet is being built on the north side of the present building which is of the same size, thus giving the Steel Hill school just twice the room it has heretofore had.

Two teachers will be employed this year to care for the school. The first year the Steel Hill school had only eight scholastics within that district while this year the number has increased to fifty-nine, requiring a larger house and more teachers to properly conduct the school.

The progress made in the Steel Hill School District is a fair illustration of what progress is being made in every section of the Spur country. New school houses have been built in every school district to meet the increase in the number of scholastics.

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION CARRIES BY BIG MAJORITY

In the School Bond Election held Tuesday in Spur there were fifty-seven votes cast, forty-eight votes for the bonds and nine votes against the bonds.

We are not yet fully informed as to this election, but we understand that the election was held for the sole purpose of placing the present indebtedness of the school building into the form of bonds, taking up the school warrants already issued as payment for such indebtedness, and that by reason of voting the bonds the school tax will not be increased in any sum.

COTTON CORPORATION TO BEGIN BUYING COTTON

In a letter received by J. P. Gibson from the headquarters of the Southern States Cotton Corporation, it is stated that the organization will be ready to begin buying cotton just as soon as stockholders in official capacity furnish proper bonds for the grading and care of the staple handled through the several county organizations.

As heretofore outlined in the Texas Spur, the purpose of the Cotton Corporation is to secure fifteen cents a pound for cotton, of which amount eleven cents will be paid in cash and four cents in six per cent interest bearing certificates to be paid later when the cotton is sold to manufacturers and spinners.

While the price of cotton in Spur at the present time is near twelve cents, it is hoped that the Southern States Cotton Corporation will get in the game before the end of the season and thus insure the farmers fifteen cents a pound for the remainder of the staple in this section.

You Can Save Money!

IF YOU BUY YOUR STOVES FROM US

A Heater For - - \$1.00

A Cook Stove For \$10.00

We have bought a car of Stoves and the Quantity we purchased places us in a position to make a price that will—

SAVE YOU MONEY

Twenty-five kinds of Heaters and twenty styles of Cook Stoves. You will be sure to find what you want out of all this stock, and we suggest that you buy while the stock is complete.

Spur Hardware Company

SPUR FARM LANDS

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

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

\$12 to \$25.00
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

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

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 made so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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

SANTA FE PLANS A CROSS PLAINS LINE

The Santa Fe's next extension will be from Slaton to Fort Worth, announced a recent dispatch from Amarillo to the Star Telegram Thursday. This report, however, is only a rumor as yet, but is given credence both in Fort Worth and in Amarillo.

The proposed route, says the report, will cross Crosby, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor, Young, Jack and Parker counties. This will give the Spur country a direct route to the Fort Worth markets and open up a vast territory untouched by a railroad at the present time.

President E. P. Ripley, who is now in Texas on a tour of the Santa Fe line, dropped the hint Tuesday while in Galveston that the Santa Fe expected to make some extended improvements in Texas within a short time. He may have meant the Fort Worth and Slaton line.

Frank Boyles, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

County Commissioner Young, of the Afton country, was in Spur last week and spent some time here on business.

E. J. Cairns, manager of the Paddle Ranch, has recently purchased thirty tons of cotton seed in Spur which is being hauled out to the ranch to be used in fattening several hundred steers for the market.

TROUBLES IN THE PULPIT.

The main trouble with the church today is not in the pews, it is in the pulpit. There is more Christian faith in the average congregation than there is in the average preacher. In the short period of Emerson's pastorate he was obliged to call on an old man who was dying. The young minister murmured apologetically a number of confused and clumsy commonplaces, and finally his aged client cried sharply:

"Young man, if you don't know your business you had better go home."

Emerson, who came to give advice, took it, like the honest and sincere man that he was, and he had no peace until he left the church for good and all. He was totally unfitted to be a minister because he had no Christian faith, and as soon as he realized his unfitness he sought another occupation and

became enormously useful to humanity in other ways.

A United States Senator met three clergymen in three different parts of the country, and each complained that he could not get a large audience. The senator asked the first man if he believed that the Bible was the word of God; the cleric smiled pitifully, and said that of course he did not in the crude and ordinary sense, and then he launched a mass of vague metaphysical phrases. The senator asked the second man if he believed in the future life, and the reverend gentleman said that he did not believe in personal immortality, but that the essence of life was indestructible, or some such notion. The senator asked the third man, a pastor of an orthodox evangelical church, if he believed in the divinity of Jesus Christ; the shepherd of souls replied that all men were divine. The three clergymen had them-

selves supplied abundant reasons why their audiences were small. They had nothing to offer them but wind. The hungry sheep looked up and were not fed.—W. L. Phelps in the Century Magazine.

D. B. Blackwell, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

J. A. Neighbors, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Duck creek community, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants.

Minor Wilson, a good citizen and substantial farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here trading. Mr. Wilson is in an optimistic mood because of the prosperous conditions now prevalent in his community as a result of the fine crops grown there this year.

PAPERS BUILD UP CITY STORES, SPEAKERS SAY

Newspaper advertising is an effective factor in business advancement was advocated by Ad Club members at the Westbrook Hotel Wednesday night. H. Brann and A. L. Stuebinger, representing Pakes & Co., the principal speakers, quoted figures to show that the newspapers as an advertising medium has a distinctive value.

"Advertising is one of the most important features of business," declared Mr. Stuebinger. "The game played fairly and intelligently is bound to win. The result of our advertising campaign this year has been so successful as to warrant us in extending it along new lines."—Star-Telegram.

E. H. Wade, of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday between trains.

E. W. Cross, a prominent Kent county farmer, was in Spur Friday and spent several hours here on business.

C. D. Copeland, a prosperous farmer of five miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business.

W. T. Wilson, a prominent farmer of six miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and on other business. He reports the farmers of his section about up with the work of gathering their crops.

"THE FIRST STEP IS ALL THE DIFFICULTY"

In any important undertaking in life's work, the first step should be taken with a feeling of confidence and security. Backed by the knowledge of a healthy bank account, that step will be made more easy and secure. Opportunities constantly occur for the one with financial backing. We invite you to start an account in our bank, if you are not already a depositor.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS.
CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.00 GUARANTY FUND BANK

Full Line of Stylish Clothing

YOU can't afford to buy anything but the best of Clothing. That goes without argument and you shouldn't pay any more for it than the lowest price at which it can be bought. That's business. If you consult your own best interest and follow the rules of Quality and Economy you'll unquestionably come to—

Bryant-Link's Store of Quality

\$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00

WE are selling the best Clothing, Suits and Overcoats at the above prices ever produced in America. Clothing that has Style, Character and Merit at prices that make this the busiest store in Spur. If you want to realize what it means to be absolutely satisfied with your Clothes, join the pleased customers who patronize Bryant-Link and buy Clothing that is guaranteed to be your money's worth or money back.

WE HAVE A LARGE STOCK OF MEN'S \$2.50 PANTS, ALL COLORS, SELLING WHILE THEY LAST, AT ONLY \$1.50

NOBBY HATS

A Hat for every man, all ages, then some. The College Chap and the Young Fellow of extreme taste, will find Nobby and Striking Modes here.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

The Store of Quality

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Compared with the campaign funds of former years, the total amount raised by the Democratic National Committee of 1912—a little less than \$700,000—is very modest, and yet it is more than has been raised either by the Progressive or Republican parties, assuming that the truth has been told all around. It will be gratifying to Democrats to know that comparatively speaking their party has been "well heeled" for the conflict, but there ought to be particular gratification in the fact that the fund is made up almost entirely of small contributions and that there are no very large ones. To a newspaper man, Herman Ridder, belongs the distinction of being the largest contributor, his subscription being \$28,825. It is something of a co-incidence, too, that the largest contributor to the Progressive Party's fund was a newspaper man, Frank Munsey having given \$70,000. The total number of contributors to the

Democratic fund thus far is 53,393, and this appears to be the largest number of people that have ever contributed to a campaign fund.—Dallas News.

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

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country and one of the oldest settlers of this country, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his friends. Mr. Randall has made fine crops of feed and cotton this year.

Prof. Walter L. Powell, who is this year teaching the Jayton school, was in Spur Saturday and called in at the Texas Spur office and had his subscription to this paper credited with a dollar. Mr. Powell owns a fine farm seven miles west of Spur and was here to look after his farming interests.

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THE AFTON COUNTRY GROWS FINEST TURNIPS

Last week R. H. Howell, a prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur with a big wagon load of turnips grown on his place in that country. This was the finest load of turnips we have ever seen on the market in Spur, some of the largest ones weighing as much as four pounds, the whole load probably averaging a weight of two and a half pounds each.

The greatest draw-back was the fact that Mr. Howell could not sell his turnips in a bulk and was forced to peddle them out to individual families of the city, and in this connection he stated that the towns of the country, and especially Spur, had been persistent in urging farmers to diversify crops, but that in no town could he find a market for any farm product but cotton.

The contention of Mr. Howell with respect to towns furnishing a market for all character of products is food for thought among the business men of each town of the country, and any existing defect in the market for all kinds of produce should be remedied. It is a demonstrated fact that a one-crop country is a failure, and the best way to encourage diversification is to furnish a superior market for other crops than cotton.

Al Sullivan left Spur Saturday for San Antonio where he will spend several days before returning home. It is said that Mr. Sullivan will become a married man on this trip and that Mrs. Sullivan will return home with him.

E. B. Shaw, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur last week with cotton to sell to the Spur buyers and also trading with the Spur merchants. It is reported that the farmers of the Draper country are harvesting big crops of cotton and feed and as a result all are in a prosperous condition.

STATEMENT

Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of the Texas Spur published weekly at Spur, Texas, required by the act of August 24, 1912. 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.

Take The Texas Spur—\$1.00.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

Frank Vernon, of Spur, attended church here Sunday.

Luther Karr and family spent Saturday in Spur trading.

Rev. Geo. Berryman filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss Edice West spent Friday south of Spur with relatives and friends.

Rev. J. V. Billberry will preach at the Dry Lake School House next Saturday and Sunday night.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry returned Sunday from south of Spur where she has been staying the past week.

Floyd Pruitt and sister, Miss Ettie, attended services here Sunday.

Fred Hisey and family, of Spur, were the guests of Bob Davis and family Sunday.—Maiden Vine.

COAL, - FEED!

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

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

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

SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY BOTH PHONES 51 SPUR, TEXAS

Quick Trips Overland!

We are equipped with the best cars and in a position to carry you to any part of the country at any time and at a moderate price.

Agents for OVERLAND CARS!

Auto Repair Work of all kinds and all work guaranteed.

SPUR AUTO & SUPPLY COMPANY

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

The greatest thing now evident in the g. o. p. is the split. Long live Teddy.

A Democratic land-slide is reported. We are now preparing an application for the post-office.

Every man in the country, and especially those of socialistic inclinations, should read Tom Lawson's "Remedy" in the October and November Everybodys Magazine. It purports to solve the High Cost Living problem.

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DR. STANDIFER Diseases of Women and Surgery a Specialty
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G. T. BRANDON, Dentist

Over the Royal Hotel
Office hours from 8-12 and from 1-5
Residence Phone 142.

Express & Baggage

...WAGON...

Your hauling of express, baggage, etc., is solicited.

V. H. BRYANT, Spur, Tex.

THE GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS IN SPUR BOX

At the general election held Tuesday a tight vote was polled in Spur and the county as a whole. There were 156 votes polled in Spur, and of that number 113 straight democratic, 6 progressive republican, 4 republican and 26 socialists tickets voted. The democratic nominees for county offices polled a larger vote than did the governor or presidential electors.

For governor of the state Colquitt received 113 votes, Reddin Andrews 28, Johnson 3 and Laster 3.

The report from all states is to the effect that the election resulted in a general land-slide for the democrats, Wilson carrying forty of the forty-eight states of the Union. It is also stated that the democrats will be in the majority in both the Senate and Lower House of Congress.

A very light vote was polled on each of the amendments to the Constitution. All amendments carried in Spur, there being 59 votes polled for the amendment to create a tax for ex-Confederate Soldiers, each of the other amendments receiving a smaller vote.

The returns up to Thursday from all the states reports that Wilson received the electoral vote of 38 states, Roosevelt 6 and Taft 3. The total electoral vote is 531. Wilson has 410 electoral votes, Roosevelt has 104 and Taft has 12. In the electoral college 261 votes is required to elect a president, and since Wilson already has 410 votes it is certain that he will be the next president of the United States.

Next week we will have a full tabulated report of the election.

Once more we have met the enemy and victory is ours, and as spoils of the battle we expect at least a post-office appointment.

On account of the big crops being produced here this year the Spur country is known and recognized everywhere as the best and most prosperous agricultural section of Western Texas.

Texas has outlawed gambling in every form, and now since the democrats are in national power once more let the gambling laws extend over the United States, especially the gambling in the commodities of the country on Stock Exchanges.

Go to the Lyric on Saturday night, November 16th. Special feature showing the manufacture of Woolly Boy's Suits.—J. A. Lambdin & Co.



Don't Get Stung

BY ORDERING CLOTHES JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE CHEAP

GARMENTS MEASURED BY THE SPUR TAILORING COMP'Y

Are Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction and Are All Priced as Low as Good Clothes Can Be Made.

Cleaning and Pressing ...Our Specialty...

COME IN AND SEE US

\$23,000,000 FOR GLOVES

A report recently issued by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor shows that 3,368,655 dozen pairs of gloves, mittens and gauntlets were manufactured in the United States in 1909. Of this number 2,585,977 dozen pairs were for men's and 782,678 dozen pairs were for women's use.

The value of the products manufactured amounted to \$23,630,598. There was only one pair of gloves manufactured to every two persons in the United States during the year.

Just a few days until we will give away a suit of clothes. Better investigate. — Edwards-Hogan Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell left Wednesday for Munday where they will spend several days with Mr. Campbell's parents.

J. N. Zumwalt, of fifteen miles west of Spur, was in Spur Thursday and carried out the new phonograph given away by J. A. Lambdin & Company in the sale of goods. The drawing for the phonograph was held last Saturday week and Mr. Zumwalt held the lucky number.



THE BEST WAY TO KEEP POSTED

ON market or crop conditions, or to secure the latest information of any sort is to employ Bell Telephone Service.

It will take you a long or short journey with a substantial saving of time, effort and money. RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE is easily had at very low cost. Apply to our nearest manager or write to

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. DALLAS, TEXAS



Take The Texas Spur—\$1.00

TEXAS NEWS

An effort will be made to have Senator Dupont, of Delaware, make an offer to Texas similar to that extended to his state for the purpose of building a public highway. It has been practically agreed that if he will give \$2,000,000 toward the project a like amount will be raised in Texas.

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Judge McClain and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Thursday trading. The Judge said that he and others of that country were so busy threshing peanuts on election day that they could not get out to vote, and then, too, they thought Wilson would not need any more help. He says that the new peanut thresher bought by Mr. Hulse of that section is doing fine work and there are lots of peanuts in the country. The sandy lands of this section are especially adapted to growing peanuts and the Judge says at the price paid this year the peanut crop beats wheat and other grain.

Special Bargains!

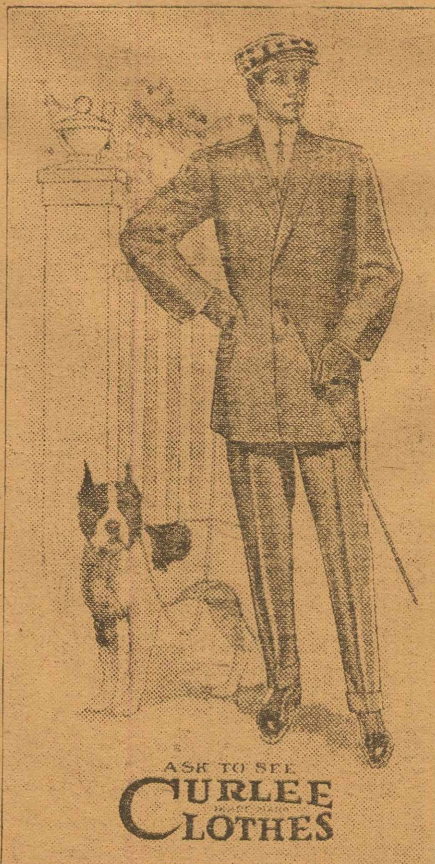
I am offering Special Bargains for a few days to make room for my New Goods. Note Prices:

12 Size, 17 J., Adj. 20 Year Filled Watch at \$15.00; worth \$25.00. 16 size, same price. 15 jeweled in same kind case for \$12.50; worth \$20.00. \$6.00 Bracelet for \$4.00; \$4.00 Bracelet for \$2.50. Solid Gold Set Rings at one-third off. I also sell Tablets and Pencils. Linen Ink Tablets 5c with Pencil. Envelopes at 5c per package. I have a few Druggist Sundries I wish to sell. Hydrogen Peroxide, 15c; sells for 25c. \$1.00 Syringe, 60c.

Come in and see me. I want to meet every man, woman and child in Dickens County.

A. T. ODENEAL

With Lambdin & Company



GET YOUR NEW FALL SUIT BEFORE THE TURKEY GETS HIS DRESSING!

WHAT a difference it does make to have a stylish new suit to wear for the Thanksgiving dinner! Just the feeling that we look our best and that all the folks are admiring us seems somehow to make the turkey taste better. So now is the time to come in and let us take your measure for your new outfit—to be made as you like it.

If you want YOUR SUIT to wear on Thanksgiving Day make your selection at once. It is almost impossible to fill eleventh hour orders for Thanksgiving delivery owing to the tremendous volume of business at this season, so come in NOW and get the choice of our line of 1,000 wool samples.

Prices, \$12.50 to \$40.00

EDWARDS-HOGAN COMPANY.

WALK-OVER Shoes

ARROW Shirts

P. S.—Spur National Bank Is Next to Us



CAMPAIGN NEWS!

WHILE the Bookmakers of New York are placing four to one on Wilson and Texas going Democratic, we are hustling the more to unload Merchandise. The fact of the "whole" business is just this: We anticipated doing so much business, and purchased to that end. We have the Goods, and they are going to be sold in just the number of days in which we calculated. The prices at this store are a ruling faction in our sales, coupled with the best class of Merchandise sold in this or any other town in Texas or elsewhere, we don't back down on the above assertion, for we have the credentials as proof. The following well known makes of goods are here with us exclusively and are sold only to reliable stores wherever agencies are placed:—

Stetson Shoes for Men, the Only High Class Shoe Sold in Spur, Prices, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50

WE sell the President and White House and other cheaper Shoes for Men at \$1.50 to \$5.00. We sell in our Ladies' line White House and other cheaper Shoes from \$1.25 to \$5.00. Buster Brown Shoes for Boys', Girls' and Children's sizes, also cheaper grades. When you spend money here for Shoes you buy leather and not paper.

THIS store shows the latest in Men's Suits, Odd Pants, Boys' and Children's Suits and Pants. Overcoats for Men and Boys, Ladies' Tailored Suits and Dresses, Skirts, Men's Stetson Hats, and cheaper Hats, Caps, etc. In fact, your needs are here with the correct Price on reliable Merchandise.



J. A. Lambdin & Comp'y

COME AND SEE US

A SURPRISE

Uncle Wash Robertson was in town Thursday on business and spent some time here. Uncle Wash is one of the most prosperous farmers of the Affton country, and as evidence of this fact it is stated that he had several hundred dollars on deposit in one of the Spur banks, and being apprised of his balance Uncle Wash was greatly surprised that he had such a sum of money at this end of the line. It looks like the farmers of the Spur country are becoming so prosperous that they cannot even keep up with their funds. Come to the Spur country.

Mrs. Chas. A. Jones returned recently from an extended visit to the Swensons of New York City.

In the absence of W. S. Campbell, Burley Griffin is chief salesman in the Campbell & Campbell furniture store this week.

On Saturday night, November 16th, we will give a Special Moving Picture Display, illustrating the manufacture of the Becker, Mayes & Company line of clothing.—J. A. Lambdin & Co.

W. D. Pullin came in Thursday from the Scroggins Ranch where he has been grubbing for the past several weeks. He says he is working hard, making lots of money and that he is always glad to get back to Spur, even for a few hours.

I wish my friends to know that at the proper time I will apply for the Spur Post Office and I wish your aid in securing it.

Your friend,
A. T. ODENEAL.

Nov. 6, 1912.

Sebe Lambert came in Thursday and while here called in and had another name placed on our subscription list. The Texas Spur list continues to grow. Help us push it along.

Geo. S. Link, wife and son, Geo. S., Jr., are visiting friends and relatives at Stamford, Rule and other places.

Murray Brothers...

For Specialized Service in Cement Construction

Particular Work for Particular People

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Luzon 'Phone 78 SPUR

Rev. Stewart left this week to attend the Methodist Conference now in session at Abilene.

E. Luce has our thanks for a dollar on subscription to the Texas Spur.

E. R. Rorie, of the Spur Ranch, was in the city this week on business.

Uncle Tom Gilmore, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and hauled out a big load of supplies.

G. L. Gaddis, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent several hours here on business.

Uncle Buck Hardin left Wednesday for Abilene where he will remain several days in attendance upon the Methodist Conference now in session at that place.

Call on Lewis, the Boot and Shoe Repairer. Shop in Texas Spur building. 1 t pd

While out hunting Friday, the opening day of the season, an accident happened in that Robert Bartley had one of his big toes shot off. Robert and Charley Cates were hunting together with hammerless guns, and as they were walking along together Charley thought his safety was on and pulled the trigger to see if he was correct. Robert stepped in front of the gun just in time to receive the contents in his toe. He was brought to the hospital and a joint of the toe removed and is now reported all right.

A. C. Lewis repairs boots and shoes. Only makes repairing a specialty. 1 t pd

ADVERTISED LETTERS

November 4, 1912.

1. Dick Sampson (3).
2. Fred Nickles.
3. Mrs. W. J. Mitchell.

On Saturday night, November 16th, we will give a Special Moving Picture Display, illustrating the manufacture of the Becker, Mayes & Company line of clothing.—J. A. Lambdin & Co.

Mr. Greer, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Thursday for the first time in several weeks. He said that he was just about worked down and that he was forced to take one day off and come to town to recuperate. He said that he planted a few acres of cotton which made a good production.

JACKSON REALTY CO.

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.

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We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line, and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

AN HONORABLE MAN

W. C. McArthur, Sr., of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday and while here called at the Texas Spur office and had his subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas News renewed for another year.

Mr. McArthur is one among the oldest settlers of this section of Western Texas and is one of our most substantial, prosperous and best citizens. Having settled here in an early day Mr. McArthur deserves credit for having paved the way and contributed much to the development of a rich and prosperous agricultural country, and being an old ex-Confederate Soldier, honest, honorable and considerate of his fellow man, he is most deserving of the high esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and all who know him. All honor is due such men as W. C. McArthur, Sr.

Tom McArthur was in the city Monday with cotton which he sold to Spur buyers.

Dock Ellis, of near Watson, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Captain J. A. Lambdin came up Sunday from Stamford and spent Sunday and Monday in Spur looking after his business interests here.

J. B. McNerlin, of Clairemont, was in Spur Monday and remained in the city several hours on business.

J. W. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Monday on business and spent several hours here.

George Crego, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and spent some time here attending to business affairs.

Thanksgiving Turkeys—We have them, and they are fine birds, too. 'Phone us.—Spur Grain & Coal Co. 12c

Mr. Selder returned last week from a trip to the Dallas Fair and Eastland county where he spent several days with old time friends. He reports a very pleasant visit.

Bert Duncan, of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday with cotton and trading with the Spur merchants. He reports everything still in good shape in his section of the country.

J. H. Boothe, of several miles northeast of Spur, was here Saturday with cotton which he sold to buyers at the prevailing high prices. All day Saturday cotton sold on the streets of Spur as high as eleven and a half cents and as a result of such price many bales were brought in and sold.

A FEW COMPARISONS

A man can arm himself with a shooting iron and go forth upon the street and in cold blood shoot down a man and if he is indicted by the grand jury a petit jury, in nine cases out of ten, will give him a clearance and send him out again upon his death dealing mission. But if a man calls him a liar and he knocks him down, he is quickly pulled and summarily assessed \$9.75 for insulting the peace and dignity of the State.

If a man invades the sanctity of the home under the guise of a friend, injects a poison that destroys the peace and happiness of the family; if he escapes the righteous wrath of the injured husband or father, society receives him with open arms, and he at once becomes a "jolly good fellow." But if he should appropriate a \$2.00 razorback or a \$5.00 yearling to his own use and benefit there is no power this side of the grave that can keep him out of the penitentiary.

If a man wrecks a bank and steals the accumulated earnings of men and women for a lifetime he is accounted a financier, takes the bankrupt's oath in the court of justice, and at the bar of Heavenly grace, and gets a full and complete discharge from all obligations, both legal and moral. But if the floorsweeper finds a couple of pennies on the floor and pockets them, he is hied off to jail and made to pay a fine for taking that which does not belong to him.

If a man by his gambling speculations, fixes the price of the agricultural products of the land below the cost of production, thereby impoverishing the people who made this country what it is he is not only a financier and capitalist, but a philanthropist as well. But if a couple of negro bucks meet in some secluded spot and flirt with dame fortune by indulging in a game of "craps" they are yanked into court and made to dance to the tune of \$10.00 and costs for outraging the morals of the land.

A man may go home drunk every day in the week and have his family quaking with fear, and trembling for fear of bodily injury, for that is his business and the public is not interested. But if he opens his store door on Sunday morning and sells a neighbor a five cent cigar, he has most grievously offended against the laws of God and man, and he is made to contribute to the missionary box the sum of \$50.00 and costs.

It is funny how we look at things, isn't it?—Groesbeck Journal.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday with cotton which he sold to Spur buyers for eleven and a half cents.

Will Walker, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday with cotton which he had ginned and later sold to the Spur buyers at the prevailing high prices.

S. B. Scott, a prominent citizen of near Watson, was in Spur Monday and spent some time here on business. He reports everything in his section of the country in fine shape, farmers up with their cotton picking and making good crops of all kinds.

J. P. Gibson was in the city Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country. Mr. Gibson reported that he is making fine crops this year and as a result is wearing a smile that will not abate.

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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Mr. Heflin, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

S. W. Thomas, of Aspermont, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

Sheriff H. P. Cole came in this week from his farm several miles north of Spur and spent several hours in the city on business.

Hon. Cullen C. Higgins, who has been visiting his parents, J. P. Higgins and wife, of the Cat Fish country, has returned to his home at Snyder.

John Hopper, a popular traveling man of Portales, New Mexico, was in Spur Tuesday of this week looking after the business in his line, he being a clothing salesman.

T. B. Cross, a prominent citizen and extensive ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur this week trading with the merchants of Spur and on other business. Mr. Cross reports everything in fairly good shape in his section of the country.

Wm. Childress, a prominent citizen of near Spur, has our thanks for a dollar on subscription to the Texas Spur. We appreciate such favors and since the country as a whole is now in a prosperous condition as a result of good crops and good prices, many of our subscribers are dropping in and contributing dollars to our subscription funds. Let the good work go on.

WARNING TO HUNTERS

Positively no hunting allowed on either of my places on Red Mud. All trespassers will be prosecuted.—J. B. Morrison. 14f

A Chicago chauffeur who ran past a halted street car contrary to law and killed a man has been censured by the coroner's jury. Which, of course, is a consolation to the relatives of the victim.

W. F. Walker and wife, of near Spur to the southeast, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants. Mr. Walker reports everything lovely out his way, making good crops, securing good prices and everybody prosperous.

P. E. Johnson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Girard country, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He was on his way to the Afton country, where he intends to spend several days before returning to his home.

We have heard of only one farmer in the country who now has his land plowed for another year's crop. A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, we are told has a number of acres already plowed under and is continuing the breaking of land for another crop as fast as crops are harvested. We believe this is the proper way to farm and we expect to note the results of such farming methods.

America

By Mrs. W. B. Bennett

America! America! I love thy rocks and rills;
I love thy rugged mountains and thy everlasting hills;
I love thy rolling prairies, I love thy brakes and braes;
I love thy winding rivers and thy lakes and lays.
I love thy mighty oceans and thy ships upon the main;
I love thy fertile valleys, I love thy wind-swept plains.
I love thy orchards, thy flowers and thy trees,
I love thy farms and gardens, thy birds and bees.
I love thy splendid cities; thy peaceful country too,
I love thy schools and churches, and thy teachers, good and true.
I love thy noble people, so brave, so true, so free.
America! America! Thy name is dear to me!
America! America! How blue thy skies and bright,
How fair thy days and pleasant; how sweet thy loved twilight!
America, America, if I should from thee roam,
Could I forget thee? Never! Thou art my native home.

Always Open For Business

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

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

Our customers all now 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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R. V. COLBERT, President.
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Hot and Cold Tire Steting a Specialty. Near the Gin

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LUMBER DEALERS

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Your Business Will Be Appreciated

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

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Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

THE DICKENS COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Monday, October 28, the teachers of Dickens county assembled in the auditorium of the Spur High School building, and after a few minutes devotional exercises, Rev. Berryman and Rev. Stewart being the officiating members, they passed to the class room and organized and took up their course of work. Mr. Mace, Superintendent of the Spur High School, had been appointed chairman by County Superintendent and Miss Gracie Ham was elected Secretary. The following enrollement of teachers was made:

Miss Monteith, Spring Creek School; Miss Williamson, Amity; Miss Cherry, Dry Lake; Miss Wells, Soldier Mound; Mr. Cherry and Miss Fite, Steel Hill; Mrs. West, Duck Creek; Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Loyd, Afton; Miss Loyd, Hog Ranch; Mr. Hilton, Prairie Chapel; Mr. Greenwade, New Hope; Mr. Speer, Liberty; Mr. Bott, Peaceful Valley; Mrs. Foster and Miss Voyles, Croton; Miss Ham, Prairie View; Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Hale and Mrs. O. S. Ferguson, Dickens School; Mr. F. F. Mace, Miss

Clark, Miss Hardin, Miss Reynolds, Miss Henson, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Kelley, Spur School.

A welcome address was presented by Mayor Link, which was highly appreciated by all visiting teachers.

The teachers elected the following officers of the Dickens County Reading Circle:

Mr. Geo. T. Barnes, Chairman; Mr. Mace and Mr. Jackson, Members; Mr. O. S. Ferguson, Secretary and Treasurer. Almost all the teachers took pleasure in joining the Circle and offered many suggestions for the reading matter to be obtained.

The Institute also took steps to secure a Summer Normal for Dickens county, and we think it will materialize with the greatest of success.

It was decided to organize a County Debating and Declamation League. The following officers were elected:

Miss Clark, County Director and President; Mr. Johnson, First Vice President; Mr. Speer, Second Vice President; Mr. Barnes, Third Vice President; Mrs. Ferguson, Secretary, and Mr. L. P. Hale, Treasurer.

It was agreed that there shall be three contests: one at Spur,

one at Dickens and one at Afton.

After Miss Clark and Mr. Greenwade made such an interesting talk on school athletics, the teachers became very enthusiastic about the matter and organized a "County School Athletic Association." The officers of this association are:

Mr. Mace, County Director; Mr. Barnes, First Assistant; Mr. Johnson, Second Assistant; Mr. Hale, Secretary and Treasurer.

The contests will likely be at about the same time as the meeting of the Debating and Declamation League.

The social functions of the Institute have never been excelled in Dickens county, and the teachers are very much indebted to the citizens of Spur for the kindness and courtesy shown them, and are more than glad to have had the opportunity of spending such a week there. The entertainment given at the school house on Monday night by the Spur Teachers and High School, was very much enjoyed, and every teacher will always recall with much pleasure the pleasant time spent at the reception given on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. D. Reagan. Also, they wish to express their appreciation to the Commercial Club of Spur for their entertainment of Wednesday evening, which was highly enjoyed.

The teachers are now ready to take their work with greater enthusiasm and re-inforced courage after receiving so many useful ideas, and they count this the best and most profitable Institute ever held in Dickens county.

The following resolutions were adopted:

I. Resolved: That we, the teachers of Dickens county, favor the establishment of the South Panhandle Summer Normal, and that we assist in every way possible to make the Normal a success.

II. Resolved: That we take more than a passing interest in the Debating and Declamation League, that we consider this a part of our school work and endeavor to make the Dickens County League a winner in the State Contest.

III. Resolved: That it is the consensus opinion of the teachers of Dickens County Institute that athletics being essential to the physical development of the child and quite an inducement for his regular attendance in school, and there being some expenditure of money necessary to provide the schools with materials requisite for such purposes, the patrons of the several districts are respectfully asked to make a small donation to assist the teachers of their respective districts to raise the necessary funds.

IV. Resolved: That we do hereby recommend that the rules and regulations of the individual drinking cup be enforced in the public schools of the county by the County Board of Education.

V. Resolved: That we request that the County Board of Education furnish and require permanent records to be left by the teachers of all schools in this county with the President of the School Board.

Resolved: That we extend to the citizens of Spur our sincere thanks for the excellent entertainments extended to us during our stay in the city and that we leave with memories of the time having been pleasantly and profitably spent.

VII. Resolved: That we ex-

tend our thanks to Prof. Mace for his impartial administration in conducting the work of the Institute.

VIII. Resolved: That we recommend to the County Judge (Ex-Officio Supt.) of the county that he re-assemble this Institute for the regular session of 1913 in the town of Spur.

IX. Resolved: That the Institute extend to Miss Ham our sincere thanks for her faithful service during the session.

Geo. T. BARNES, Chairman
Mrs. J. M. FOSTER, Sec'y
Mrs. O. S. FERGUSON,
J. W. HILTON
J. E. CHERRY

Rev. J. V. Bilberry was in the city Friday from his home in the Dickens country and reports everything in good shape in that section.

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

D. I. McCombs, Sheriff of Kent county, was in Spur Sunday on official business.

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

J. E. Wright, one of the enterprising farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday with several bales of cotton, which he sold on the Spur market at 11.50 per hundred. This is Mr. Wright's first crop in the Spur country he having removed from Fisher county to this section last year. He informed us that this year was the first time in several years that he had made a good crop, and that he would continue to make his home in the Spur country.

Holy Evening

"Halloween's" the Scotch o' it,
An' oh, but it is braw,
The lads an' lassies when it comes
Make love an' break the law;
Lads move the bridges an' the gates,
The lasses test their fate,
An' ah, it is a busy nicht,
An' cronies stay out late.

An' mony is the heart that beats
Wi' love and pride that night,
An' happy is the smilin' lass
Or braw young country wight
Who sees the nuts bleeze like the sun
When in the embers thrown,
Until they turn to ashes white
Like dust the wind has blown.

An' mony is the heart that aches
An' feels the stinging dart,
Because the nuts pop angerly
An' quickly bounce apart;
For Fate is sounding warnings then
Of things that may not be,
While mony eyes grow moist wi' tears,
An' mony hearts are dree.

We love the night for auld lang syne
An' all it used to bring,
An' whiles we hunt our hidden gate
We even try to sing
The Scotch love songs we used to know,
When we would break the law,
An' test our fate wi' burning nuts
When "Halloween" was braw.

—Jake H. Harrison

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See Me. Will Be In Spur At Intervals Each Month

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We have a big stock of Horse Collars bought before the advance in price and you had better come get yours before they are all gone. If it is Gloves, Knives or Ammunition, come get 'em—we've got 'em. Everything in Saddles and Harness, and your Shoes repaired while you wait.

Kellar, the Mule Jeweler

WEST SIDE SPUR, TEXAS

PARCELS POST WILL BE IN EFFECT JANUARY 1

Postmaster General Hitchcock in a circular to the postmasters of the country today, urges that the utmost publicity be given to the following three requirements of the parcels post regulations which will go into effect Jan. 1.

"1. That distinctive parcels post stamps must be used on all fourth class matter, beginning Jan. 1, 1913, and that such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as 'held for postage.'

"2. That parcels will be mailable only at postoffices, branch postoffices, lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster.

"3. That all parcels must bear the return card of the sender; otherwise they will not be accepted."

A special parcels post guide will be issued to each postmaster, as well as a map of the unit of area of each postoffice and the eight parcels post zones. This, together with the necessary parcels, will be placed in the possession of each postmaster in time to begin the parcels post service by Jan. 1.

Lee Peterson, of near Clairemont, was in Spur several days this week on business.

Dud Jones was in Spur the latter part of last week with cotton from his place in the Afton country.

Mrs. Nicholson, of Jayton, is in the city visiting at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nicholson.

Bill Starrett was in Spur Saturday from the Plains country and spent some time here on business.

Mrs. W. R. Wilkerson, of Hamlin, is in the city visiting at the home of Mrs. G. E. Nicholson.

Chas. Perrin, of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and trading with the merchants.

H. C. Eldridge, a farmer and ranchman of the Plains country, was in Spur Saturday after supplies and on other business.

Chas. A. Jones left Saturday for Freeport, where he will remain until after the opening of that town and the first sale of town lots. It is expected that Freeport will make a good town for the reason that it will be a free port superintended by the government and because of the rich sulphur mines within a few miles of the place and now being developed by the Swenson interests and others.

SUSTAINS BROKEN LEG

While loading a car with cotton Monday at the depot, J. P. Simmons had the misfortune to get one of his legs broken in two places. In loading the cotton into the car it was necessary that the bales be doubled decked, and in placing one bale upon another in some manner it slipped, falling upon Mr. Simmons' leg, breaking the bone in two places.

Mr. Simmons received medical attention soon after the accident and at last report was doing reasonably well, but it is very probable that he will be laid up for several days as a result of the injuries received.

R. R. Morrison left Spur Monday for Hico and other places on business.

Clay Smart returned Monday from Rotan where he spent several days on business and visiting his father.

Fresh home-made candies and a complete line of fancy box candies.—C. H. McDonald. 1 tf

Babe Morrison, of Hico, was in Spur Sunday and Monday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison.

Miss Irma Morrison left Saturday for Dallas on an extended visit with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morrison.

Jess Jones, range boss of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on business.

Jeff Pirkle and Miss King were married at Dickens Sunday. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Pirkle returned to Spur and are receiving the congratulations of friends.

Mrs. Jno. H. Reagan, who has been spending some time in Spur with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, returned Monday to her home in Palestine.

SPUR PAYING MORE THAN MARKET QUOTATIONS

M. L. Blakely, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and while here favored us with a check for the Texas Spur.

Mr. Blakely brought in cotton which he sold for eleven and a half cents, a price which is very gratifying not only to the buyers and sellers of cotton but to everybody in the country. We are hoping to see the price of cotton reach at least twelve cents before the end of the season in Spur and we believe such hope will be realized.

The farmers of this territory can rest assured that the buyers of Spur will pay the top price at all times, and during the past Spur buyers have been paying on an average of two cents a pound more than the market quotations.

What's Behind It?

A HARD-HEADED farmer the other day said: "When I get money from the bank they make me sign a note and give security. When the bank takes my money on deposit there ought to be more behind it than a deposit slip."

He was right about it, too. There IS more behind it at this bank. Every dollar of our entire capital and surplus is behind it. Every director, officer and stockholder in our bank is behind it and personally responsible. Our reputation for prudent and safe banking is behind it. The deposit slip is not all that is behind the depositor's money, not by a long shot.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Spur, Texas

T. M. Reagan, after spending several days in Spur with his brother, Jeff D. Reagan, left Monday for Palestine where he will spend some time before returning to his duties in the army located near Chicago.

W. C. BOWMAN

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TO COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

P. J. Hext, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, came to Spur Wednesday for the purpose of assisting in the completion of the county organization of the Southern States Cotton Corporation. It is said that the corporation will be ready for operation just as soon as the necessary officers of the county organization furnish proper bond for handling funds and cotton for the company. If this organization begins operations the price of cotton will immediately go to fifteen cents, the standard price fixed by the corporation.

H. C. Allen and wife, of several miles northwest of Spur, were in the city Tuesday trading.

Hugh Squires, of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week with cotton.

Uncle Jim Jones was here the latter part of last week with cotton from his place in the Afton country.

Mace Hunter was in the city Tuesday from his place several miles east of Spur and reports that he has about finished picking cotton.

Mrs. Clemmons returned this week from Dallas and will spend some time in Spur with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons.

Rev. Knox and family moved last week to Abilene where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. Bowles, who has been attending school in Spur, left this week for his home in Abilene, his school studies being interrupted to look after business interests.

R. L. Overstreet, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur last week on business and spent some time here.

UNCLE SAM AND THE EMPIRE BUILDERS

Uncle Sam is warning land advertisers using the United States mail to tell the truth about their propositions. No doubt many over-zealous real estate men have made statements that might wither under the acid test of truth, but the same thing applies to merchants, manufacturers and all other lines of industry. The real estate men search diligently for the truth and their discoveries of hidden values sometimes dazzle and bewilder whole communities. They may make a statement that seems absurd today but will be verified tomorrow.

We cannot speak for the other states, but in Texas we defy Uncle Sam or any one else to intelligently discuss our marvelous resources and magnificent possibilities and tell the whole truth with out lying. We doubt if there is enough truth in the universe to illuminate our vast mineral deposits; enough facts in Christendom to describe our soil possibilities, and sufficient integrity in the English language to present our industrial opportunities.

The real estate man is an empire builder and the very nature of his business makes him a prophet. We need more of this cherry, optimistic shouting from the house-tops.

DICKENS ITEM

Judge Gipson made a business trip to Spur a few days since.

R. L. Collier, of Spur, was in town on business last Saturday.

O. O. Love went to Spur last Tuesday on business.

J. D. Harkey made a trip to Spur this week.

We learn that Judge Dickson has put off the District Court at Matador until after the election in order to give a good number of our citizens a chance to vote. There are nearly one hundred witnesses summoned to attend court at Matador.

For the support of their postal service the people of the United States next year will pay \$283,805,760, far more than for any other branch of the government service.

M. A. Jordan was in the city Monday from his place in the Steel Hill community with cotton. Mr. Jordan is making preparations to move to the Childress country where he owns two places. His places here will be rented out. Mr. Jordan is one of our best citizens and we would be glad for him to remain a resident citizen with us. However, we wish him good luck and much prosperity wherever he may go.

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