

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.

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A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

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During the week the prices of cotton ranged from—
11.00 TO 12.60

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HISTORY AND ORIGIN OF THANKSGIVING DAY

The household year, like the year of the nation, has its red-letter days and its joyous anniversaries. Around Thanksgiving the sweetest associations of the home and the tenderest memories of the nation meet and cluster. Do you ever stop to think how new this country is? Should you go to Rome you would find more old walls and monuments and buildings that have been standing for centuries, and still testify to the past splendor of the once imperial city. Crossing the Atlantic and setting foot on the shores of England, the past greets you on every hand. You are immediately made aware that your friends across the water are living among old traditions, while in their ceremonials, as when a king was crowned with his queen at his side, they are keeping up the custom and recalling the grandeur that have been theirs for a thousand years.

Over here, in comparison with other nations of the globe, we are still in our childhood and can hardly be said to have reached the beginning of our maturity. Yet we have eighty million people, and we jostle when we walk on the street people who have sought us from the far east, from the islands of the ocean, from northern and southern Europe, and, indeed, from everywhere beneath the sun. To my mind there is something wonderful and significant and heart-stirring in the thought that a man of our choice in Washington in the White House presides as our chief executive over our vast territory and our mighty mass of citizens. He sends out word in November, and, lo! the whole commonwealth listens and obeys. By one consent Americans, native-born and adopted into our ranks abroad, cease from business, observe a holiday and thank God on the last Thursday of November. Everyone does not go to church, but the churches are open. There are services, there is exquisite music and eloquent sermons preached, and the nation is thus uplifted to a higher plane, and there is an oblivious reminder that we owe thanks to our Creator and praise to our Father in heaven.

Another charming feature of this peculiarly popular and wholly American holiday is the assembling of families around the Thanksgiving dinner table. Again we look back, not over a thousand years, but over very nearly three hundred, and you will see how significant was the origin of this annual jubilee. In 1621 Governor Bradford of Massachusetts issued a proclamation to the little colony setting apart a day of Thanksgiving for the first in-gathering harvest. And should you ever go to Plymouth, Mass., and stroll through the old grave yard there, the tears would spring to your eyes even now when you saw by the records on the stones that Death was very busy in reaping the first harvest of life in New England. These hardy pioneers who came to our bleak Atlantic coast

that they might have freedom to worship God as they chose, were made of stuff too strong to be daunted by illness, want, famine or death. The attacks of hostile Indians in the night did not turn them from their purpose of settling in the new country, and women and men alike were heroic in their scorn of peril and their determination to snatch success from apparent defeat. The first harvest was scanty, but they assembled in church and thanked God for it, and in their homes they sat down to the best dinner they could provide. The wild turkey furnished the meat for the feast. This American bird is always the piece de resistance at a Thanksgiving dinner. The domestic bird retains some traits of primitive wildness and, as every farmer's wife knows, is prone to wander away, and travels, by preference, in a flock.

Still looking back, we discover that after 1621 other colonies followed the example of Massachusetts. After the revolution the governors of various states issued proclamations as Governor Bradford had done. But it was not until 1863 that the day became national. It was then that the president proclaimed a general thanksgiving, and this good custom has been followed until the present year.

The old homestead is the rallying place for its sons and daughters, if they have been scattered far afield in pursuit of business or pleasure. They make an effort to return to the loved ones there and no triumph of a Parisian chef of art of the finest cookery has quite the taste of mother's pumpkin pie. Thanksgiving dinners may be eaten in hotels and boarding houses and on shipboard by enthusiastic

Americans, and in the city home where cousins, aunts and uncles shake hands and sit together at the meal, but they are best when they are given beneath the roof where once the children played.

In comparison with the first harvest and that first Thanksgiving, let us glance, shall we say, at the markets of 1911. Fruits have been gathered from the orchards of Oregon, Michigan, California, Connecticut, Florida, and from too many localities and states for enumeration here. Think of the peaches, grapes, apples, plums, cherries, pears, oranges and bananas that the great country produces. We are learning how to assist nature by scientific processes in farming so that annually our orchards and vineyards are competing with our mines of coal, silver and copper as sources of wealth. Our grains, wheat, oats, rye, rice and Indian corn, yield us enough to feed our own people and replenish the exhaustion of other lands. When the crops are abundant there is rejoicing from coast to coast. The farmers have many things to contend with. Sometimes there is a plague of grasshoppers or locusts, sometimes there is drouth and again there are floods, but, on the whole, from year's end to year's end, the soil gives back in Divine multiplication the seed which has been sown by human hand. We cannot sit down at the simplest Thanksgiving dinner without seeing upon it contributions from every section of our big republic.

As women and girls are the homemakers, it is well for them to take a sincere and intelligent interest in the affairs of their country. Men seldom rise higher in the goodness, frankness and patriotism than the woman

whose influence over them tends to purity, bravery and truth. We ought to care about the politics of our country. When we thank God for peace, we ought to be additionally grateful that the menace of war has been swept out of sight by the wise leadership in our councils of state. When we thank God for schools and for freedom of speech and an untrammelled press and good books that are as plentiful as autumn leaves, we should again remind ourselves and the children around us that we owe these tokens of advanced civilization to our republican government and to the goodness and guardian care of Jehovah, who has given us "dominion over pine and palm."

Another word may be in order. Why should we compress our Thanksgiving into one day? Why not be thankful all the time for the little things as for the great ones, and most of all for the dear ones of hearth and home?

FREEZE CUTS CROP SHORT

M. K. Lawson, a prominent farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and marketed eight bales of cotton, being paid a price of 12.35 per hundred pounds for his staple. Mr. Lawson says that the recent freeze cut his cotton crop short, he having one hundred five acres of land in cotton and from which he has picked forty-five bales and thinks he will probably get five bales more of bales which did not fully mature, making a total of fifty bales on his land. Last year he said he picked and ginned fifty-six bales of cotton on the same acreage. Before leaving Mr. Lawson paid us two dollars on subscription, extending his subscription up to 1913 and for which he has our thanks.

RAISING TURKEYS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

This week R. L. Collier brought in a big wagon load of fine turkeys to sell on the Spur market for Thanksgiving day. The turkeys were raised on Mr. Collier's place in the Afton country, and he says that he has about two hundred and fifty more big, fine, fat turkeys on his place and raised this year.

Mr. Collier says that he intends to keep his turkeys in good shape for the Christmas market, and failing to dispose of them on the Spur market they will be shipped either to Fort Worth, El Paso or some point where they can be sold for a good market price.

The people of the Spur country and Dickens county are diversifying to the very best advantage of the country as well as to the individual producer. With the successful raising and marketing of turkeys, hogs and stock of all kinds, the growing of an abundance of the finest feed stuff as well as cotton, the Spur country is assuming its proper place as a superior and leading farming section and the people are destined to become the most prosperous within the Lone Star State.

DIED

Arthur Poole died Sunday night at the Standifer Hospital after a brief illness of locked bowels. The remains were interred Monday in the Spur Cemetery, funeral services being conducted at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Poole, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Arthur Poole was a young man, just assuming manhood's estate with a most promising future and a worthy and useful life ahead. He had acquired a thorough business education, a superior capacity in business dealings and possessed a knowledge of business life which ably fitted him to combat the battles of commercial life. He was a young man of integrity and ability, modest, unassuming and had the friendship and respect of associates and acquaintances, and his death is a sad occurrence and deplored by the whole community.

He was sick only two or three days, medical aid failing to have a desired effect he was moved to the Standifer Hospital where an operation was performed to relieve the internal derangement. Mrs. Poole, who at the time was in Putnam for her health, was sent for and returned home to be with her son during his last hours. The Texas Spur extends sincerest sympathy to the parents and relatives in this great bereavement.

IN GOOD SHAPE

Baxter Scoggins was in the city the latter part of last week from his ranch home on Salt Fork and reports everything in good shape in that section. Baxter recently acquired about six sections of land on the Salt Fork and now has a desirable ranch home.

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SELLS 28 BALES COTTON ON THE SPUR MARKET

C. A. Jones, who is farming this year in the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and sold twenty-eight bales of cotton to Spur buyers at the prevailing high price of 12:60. Mr. Jones said that he had already picked out forty bales of cotton on his place this year and had several more yet to pick in the field. His crops averaged about one-half bale to the acre.

Mr. Jones is one of the best and most successful farmers of the country. He cultivates not only a large acreage each year but does it in such a manner as to get the very best results and the most abundant yield.

M. L. Jones was in the city this week from his place several miles north of Spur.

French Dry Cleaning will not effect the color nor take creases out of the garment.—Edwards-Hogan Company.

E. E. Patterson has been spending several days of this week in Spur greeting his many friends here. Mr. Patterson is now making his home at Marlin.

Jas. F. Williams returned to Spur Tuesday from Austin and Coryell county where he spent several days on business.

We've got the goods with the right prices.—Edwards-Hogan Company.

Dr. J. E. McLean, a Presbyterian minister of Fort Worth, will preach at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday night, December 3. Everybody invited.

LIFE ONLY A BUBBLE

When the people of any town or community fail to realize the absolute importance of keeping the spiritual progress abreast of the commercial progress, they lose sight of one of the most vital and absolutely essential factors necessary to the well being of the town, and if such condition is allowed to continue any length of time, will result in a stagnation which will prove detrimental to the entire population. Life is only a bubble, a momentary halt along the great highway of time—we are allowed a brief space to drink at the fountain of life and are then pushed out into the limitless abyss of eternity. We are all running a race along a road lined by open graves, but in the mad rush for the perishing things of this world; we fail to see them, we lose sight of everything along the road but the dollar and what it will buy; our footsteps sometimes come so near the grave as to crowd the dirt in, but we heed it not, and the race continues until we suddenly and unexpectedly make a misstep, fall into the yawning grave, and the earth knows us no more forever. A reasonable amount of this world's goods are necessary, but let us not, in seeking them, allow selfishness and greed to so limit our vision that we lose sight of spiritual welfare.—Ralls Banner.

Sheriff Cole was in the city Tuesday from his farm home several miles north of Spur.

Carl Lowery returned the latter part of last week from Austin where he spent some time on business.

SPUR COUNTRY GROWS FINEST BROOM CORN

Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office. Mr. Taylor said that on account of representations made in The Texas Spur he had planted two acres of broom corn on his place this year and that he now had several tons of the longest and finest broom straw ever grown in this section. He said that he had this broom straw ricked up in the field and did not know what else to do with it nor how to dispose of it to the best advantage, he not being familiar with producing nor selling this character of crop. Since The Texas Spur is partially responsible for this crop we want to see it sold at a good figure, and we advise the management of the Sour Broom Factory that it can secure the very finest broom straw and should use all of the Dickens county product in manufacturing brooms.

The growing of broom corn in this section is practically a new crop, and while it is demonstrated that the soil of this section will grow an abundant crop and high grade straw, yet the success of the production and continuation of its growth depends much upon the market for such a crop, therefore Spur should furnish as good a market for broom corn as it furnishes for cotton. Crop diversification is the key to the success of farmers, and the prosperity of the town depends upon the success of the farmer.

Don't Pull Hair!

TIGHTWAD declared Slow owed an account and wouldn't pay it. Said he'd dun him for it in public, and he did. Again Slow declared he had paid it and Tightwad called him a liar—and then they clinched, which is a poor way to settle an argument or an account. One got hit in the nose and they each lost a few teeth and some tufts of hair, and the disputed account is still unsettled. Nice business!

A checking account at our bank would have settled it without a fuss. If Slow had paid, his canceled check would have shown it.

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We clean anything from a pair of sox to a wedding suit.—Edwards-Hogan Company.

PEN PICTURE OF C. W. POST

C. W. Post, the founder and builder of Post City, speaking of his work has this to say:

"My purpose in life, now, is not the gaining of vast wealth, nor do I ordinarily make large donations to charitable institutions, but I desire that after I am dead I will leave a monument to my life's work in the development work that I have done. It is my desire to open the barren spots and make them inhabitable for men, creating industries which will give life employment to the workman and a living for his family. And, in the language of Abon Ben Adhem, the great philosopher, when asked on his death bed if there was any message he desired to leave, replied: "Write that I love my fellow-man."

Those are pretty words, and paints a pen picture of a truly great work of a great man. We believe this is true philanthropy, and if all rich men would use their wealth for a substantial betterment of mankind, instead of building marble houses of worship, the world would be made better for their having lived in it. There is every evidence that Mr. Post is building a more lasting monument to his memory, in founding a modern manufacturing city in the western country, than has Andrew Carnegie with his millions invested in libraries over the country.

To close out Mrs. Griffin will sell ladies hats and other millinery at and below cost during the next ten days.

Mrs. Fite moved this week into her new residence just completed in the north part of the city.

We please the hard to please.—Edwards-Hogan Company.

W. T. Wilson and family were in the city Tuesday from their home a few miles east of Spur and spent some time here trading.

See our large and well selected stock of Christmas goods and buy early to get best selections.—The Wonder.

Uncle Tom Smith was in Spur the latter part of last week from his place on Cat Fish and spent some time here on business.

The free suit of clothes to be given away Saturday by Edwards-Hogan Company.

S. A. McCombs, of Luzon, spent several days of this week in Spur looking after his business interests in connection with the Luzon Telephone Company.

Great bargains in the latest fall and winter styles in hats and millinery at Mrs. Griffin's during the next ten days. Come in and see them.

J. B. Morrison was in the city this week from his place southwest of Spur and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He made us feel good by leaving several dollars with us for subscriptions to the paper.

The Baptist ladies will have their Bazaar December 14, 16 and 17th. All kinds of fancy articles will be sold. Refreshments served. Everybody invited to attend.

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Take The Texas Spur—\$1.00.

DISTRICT COURT MEETS MONDAY AT DICKENS

The District Court of the 50th Judicial District convened Monday at Dickens. After empaneling and delivering an impressive charge to the grand jury, Judge Jo A. P. Dickson proceeded with the trial of cases on the Civil Docket and in which two days were consumed.

Two divorces were granted; one to E. E. Patterson and to Mrs. Monteith.

First National Bank of Dickens vs. J. N. Ballard, suit on note, was continued to perfect service.

Lee Payne vs. Sam Houston Life Insurance Company, suit for damages, was continued by agreement.

King Kennedy vs. J. N. Ballard, suit in trespass to try title, was continued.

The Criminal Docket was taken up Wednesday, there being only one case which no doubt will be continued on account of the absence of state witnesses.

Christmas goods and a large selection of desirable and appropriate gifts at The Wonder.

W. B. Griffin returned Wednesday from Freeport where he spent several days attending the opening. Burley bought some lots at the beginning of the sale and says that he intends to hold his purchase until the new town gets on a bigger boom which he thinks will come within a month or two.

W. F. Godfrey and J. D. Powell returned the first of the week from Freeport where they spent several days speculating in town lots. They bought lots and sold immediately at a profit, but absolutely refuse to give any information as to the extent of their profits or operations. They are both experienced in the operations of new town propositions and as a result are in need of no guardian to advise in such operations.

G. W. Rose returned the latter part of last week from Putnam where he spent several days under the treatment of a magnetic healer located at that place. Putnam is noted for its healing and healthful mineral waters, and possibly this fact in connection with magnetic influences will bring the town more prominently to public notice as a health resort. Mr. Rose claims that his stay in Putnam resulted in great benefit to his failing health.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday on legal business and spent several hours here. We call attention to the professional card of Attorney Warwick in the Texas Spur. Mr. Warwick is a lawyer of many years' experience, and while he is County Attorney of Dickens County he is at liberty to practice his profession in other courts either as prosecutor or defender. Attorney Warwick has the reputation of winning the cases represented either as prosecutor or defender and law matters entrusted to his care will be ably represented before the courts.

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BUYS SUPPLIES IN SPUR TO RUN ENTIRE YEAR

L. C. Collett, one of the most prosperous farmers and ranchmen of the Roaring Springs country, was in Spur last week and hauled out supplies enough to run his place throughout one year. To a man of town who is almost wholly supplied from paper bags each day such a method of trading is extraordinary. However, within the Spur trade territory are a number of farmers and ranchmen who buy extensively and haul out two and four horse loads of supplies more than once each year.

Mr. Collett owns one of the finest farms in Motley county, grows not only big fields of cotton and feed stuff but raises numbers of mules, horses and cattle and is one of the most prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of the whole country.

R. R. Johns is due the credit of raising the alarm for the fire Thursday morning. He came down the street exercising his lungs in the most commendable manner. He stated afterwards that it reminded him of the days when he had to call calves on the farm, and there is no question but what he performed a service in the most acceptable manner.

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Berry Pursley came up the latter part of last week from his ranch near Girard and spent some time here on business.

Quite a number of citizens of Spur have been summoned to attend District Court which is in session this week at Dickens. It is probable that the court will be in session ten days or two weeks.

W. N. Blackwell returned the latter part of last week from an extended trip over the northern portion of the county where he had been on business for the Spur Hardware Company.

Percheron and Clydesdale Stallion, three years old and one of the best horses in the country. A bargain given for the cash. See or write Hodges Haile. Afton, Texas. 3 2tp

Mace Hunter was in the city the latter part of last week from his place several miles east of Spur. Mace says that the cotton in his section of the country is now about all picked out and the farmers are beginning to make preparations for another crop year.

J. M. Neely left Friday of last week for Hamlin where he spent several days on business. We are informed that Mr. Neely was in Hamlin for the purpose of securiag a hotel business at that place, his place of business having been destroyed by fire in Spur last week. Mr. Neely is a fine hotel man and wherever he goes he will get his part of the business in that line.

FIFTY BALES OF COTTON MARKETED FOR 12 CENTS

Thursday of last week Will Austin and several other farmers of the Afton country, marketed fifty or more bales of cotton in Spur. Mr. Austin had twenty seven bales of his own cotton and for which he was paid twelve cents per pound.

This is the biggest lot of cotton sold by one man in one day during the season. The sale of this cotton brought Mr. Austin nearly two thousand dollars, a sum of money which is seldom cleared on a farm outside of Dickens county in the western part of the country.

There are many bales of cotton yet unmarketed in the Afton country and at the present prices being paid in Spur we expect that farmers not only of that section but elsewhere will begin to sell.

C. M. Byrd, of near Clairemont, was in Spur several days last week on business.

J. B. Mobley, a prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week with cotton and also after supplies.

S. L. Porter, of the Croton country, was among the many farmers marketing cotton in Spur Thursday and Friday of last week.

Jack Nelms, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week marketing cotton and buying supplies.

Arthur Poole, who has been employed as bookkeeper for the Bryant-Link Company, is reported on the sick list this and last weeks.

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WEST SIDE

SPUR, TEXAS

ELECTRIC RESTAURANT

An electric restaurant, which does away with the services of waiters, has been installed in Paris. It is fitted with tables for one, two, three, four and larger numbers of guests. Beneath the dining room is the kitchen and dishes prepared below are sent straight up to the tables through the floor.

A guest gives his order through an electrophone carries the voice to the kitchen below without any special effort of the diner to speak into it. The dish ordered comes up through a moderate-sized hole in the table. When the diner wishes to get rid of dishes or glasses he merely says so and they disappear silently through the hole by which they came. When the table is a large one the dish can be made to circulate and stop before any diner who wishes it.

No waiter or human assistant appears at the table from the moment the diner sits down until he goes out. When he wishes to pay his check he says so. It comes up through the table; he leaves the money and goes away. There is no waiter to be tipped and none to feel aggrieved because he is not tipped. The inventor of the system is M. Georgia Knap, a noted electrician living in Paris, but of foreign origin.

W. A. Jordan was in the city Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill community and reports everything in good shape in that section.

Joe Allison, who has been living in Dickens county for some time and has been selling Rawleigh medicines throughout the country, moved last week to Coleman county where he and family will make their home in the future.

R. L. Collier brought in a wagon load of Turkeys Saturday from his place north of Spur. We are not advised as to whether or not Mr. Collier sold his turkeys here, but he informed us that if he failed to sell them he would probably ship them to eastern markets.

W. W. Ellis, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business. Mr. Ellis is the newly elected County Commissioner in his precinct and stated that he would go to Clairemont Monday for the purpose of qualifying for the office.

AN EXAMPLE TO CONSIDER BY MERCHANTS

One of Chicago's big mail-order supply houses cleared, in profits, in 1910 \$7,000,000, so it will be seen that they are not in business merely for the accommodation of the public, but listen:

How do these houses reach the people?

Isn't it by advertising?

Yes, you will have to admit or expose your ignorance.

Country merchants will frankly admit that this is the way it is done, and yet, withhold their advertisements from the local paper, which stands between them and the mail-order house, and allow the big concern to talk to their customers in print day in and day out through the magazines and farm and family journals, and never say a word in their own defense or in support of their goods or prices through their medium, the home paper, which is as eagerly read by their customers as are the magazines carrying the advertisements of the mail-order houses—continually.

When country merchants wake up to the fact that every dollar's worth of goods sold by mail-order concerns is the direct result of continuous advertising, then take up the same methods, systematically and persistently, they will soon be selling the goods used by the people in their territory and the mail-order concerns will be forced to quit business for lack of support.

Country merchants have a system of dropping in and out, usually with a little "two-for-five" ad., absent of prices, often descriptive of goods out of season at "cut prices," while the mail-order concern will carry a liberal-sized advertisement, prices and goods reasonable; the journal carrying the advertisement finds its way to the homes of the local man's customers and is there compared with the advertisement in the home paper, if any, and right there the decision is made of whom to buy. The mail-order house has a new and tempting offer every time the journal is received; but the home merchant allows the home paper to enter the same homes and his store not represented only occasionally.

When business becomes dull the mail-order house jumps into the journals with larger and more attractive ads. than at other times; when business gets dull the home merchant drops out all his ads. in the local paper, leaving it all to the mail order fellows and his customers.

Not one man in ten in business in small towns knows the value of advertising, or how or when to do it, and why—simply because they do not give this most important matter any attention, and just as long as they do not, just so long will the mail-order houses prosper and pile up their millions in profits and sell their goods right under the nose of the retailer, and 95 per cent of the latter go broke annually.—H. F. Broadbent, in the McLaugh (Lan.) Times.

Uncle Jimmie Hutson made a trip to Spur last Tuesday after lumber to build himself a house. He will build south of town, near T. M. Green's place. Uncle Jimmie says he is going into the chicken raising business. Here's hoping, Uncle Jimmie, that you will meet with great success.

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.

JACKSON REALTY CO.

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

NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

J. P. Simmons Prop

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

and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

FOR SALE

Have 164 Acres of land three miles north of Spur, located on the county road. William Childress' farm joins my land on the east and J. D. Martin's farm adjoins it on the north. It is all smooth land, fine water in abundance secured by shallow well at a few feet in depth. This is the best piece of land in the Spur country. Will sell it at \$22.50 per acre, or will sell half at \$25 per acre. Same terms and conditions as Swenson land is sold.—F. T. Rennie, Galveston, Texas. 4-4t.

Perry Fite has moved his meat market business to the stand formerly occupied by the Barber & Hancock and the Western Grocery Company businesses. Here he has not only more room but a more convenient location for his customers.

E. L. Pass, formerly of Spur but now of Bell county, was in the city several days this week visiting relatives and looking after his interests here. Mr. Pass is farming in Bell county and says that he averaged making about one half bale per acre, he having cultivated forty acres in cotton and ten acres in feed stuff. He will farm another year in that county, after which we will expect him to again resume his residence with us in Spur.

IS REPRESENTED AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Last week we received a letter from Judge E. J. Cowan who is attending the law department of the University of Texas at Austin, stating that he is contributing his part in keeping Dickens county on the map of Texas.

Together with an acceptable check enclosed in the letter was a clipping from the Austin Statesman giving a detailed report of the geographical distribution of the students now in attendance at the main department of the University of Texas. There are 2,015 students and 184 of the 244 counties of the state are represented on the rolls in numbers varying from 342 from Travis county to one from Dickens county. Seventy-five students come from outside of Texas, coming from 28 different states and two foreign countries. There are 825 students now earning their expenses after school hours, and thus it is noted that almost one-half of those attending the university belong to the self-supporting class.

L. W. Davis was among those who attended the Freeport opening, and it is reported that he was one of the number who speculated in the lots to advantage.

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.

The Spur National Bank

Capital, 100,000.00

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

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
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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

Luzon Telephone Co.

Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

WILL PROBABLY SECURE PRIZE FOR BEST KAFFIR

W. P. T. Smith was in the city the latter part of last week from his home several miles west of Spur.

Mr. Smith had just received a letter from the Texas Industrial Congress requesting that he make further details in reporting the harvest of his two acre prize contest kaffir corn, stating that there was a probability that he would secure one of the state prizes for the best kaffir corn grown in the state.

We saw this field of kaffir corn before it was cut and feel confident that Mr. Smith will be awarded the first prize given by the congress. From our observation of the two acres of prize kaffir corn on Mr. Smith's place we could not see how more and better kaffir corn could be crowded onto two acres of ground. The stalks were so thick a man could hardly walk through the patch and the heads were of the largest and perfectly matured. If he don't get the prize it will be because some other farmer produced more than one crop on the same acreage.

O. O. Love, manager of the mercantile business of Gunn, Love & Company, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Oscar Jackson returned Sunday from Freeport where he had been several days attending the opening of that new town. He reports that nearly two hundred thousand dollars worth of lots were sold on the townsite the first day and that both business and residence lots sold as high as two thousand dollars each.

J. M. Upshaw and family moved recently to town from their farm several miles northeast of Spur. Mr. Upshaw attended the sale of town lots in Freeport last week, but said that he did not buy any property since neither the price nor the property looked inviting to him. However, many others bought property and resold at a profit during the first few days of the sale.

CROSBY COUNTY SEAT QUESTION NOW SETTLED

We are informed that a recent decision from the higher courts has established the county seat at Crosbyton in preference to Emma.

This county seat fight has been on in Crosby county about two years and during the time many friendships have been severed and bitter enmity among many of the citizens has prevailed. Emma was the former county seat and by a majority vote the seat of government was transferred to Crosbyton. Nearly all the houses were moved to Crosbyton from Emma and nearly all residents made the former place their home. The election was contested, the cases appealed and a legal battle ensued. It is not known whether or not this late court decision will end the legal battle.

Percheron and Clydesdale Stallion, three years old and one of the best horses in the country. A bargain given for the cash. See or write Hodges Haile, Afton, Texas. 3 2tp

Miss Love, daughter of C. L. Love, came up from Stamford the first of the week and is spending some time in Spur soliciting subscriptions to Holland's Magazine in a Jones county diamond ring contest. The magazine is worth the price and Miss Love is meeting with a deserved success in her endeavors to win the prize.

BUILDING RAILROADS IN WESTERN TEXAS

The grading on the last link, an 86 mile stretch, of the Texico-Coleman Cut-off is now practically completed as far west as the center of southwest Lamb county where the new town of Littlefield is located, according to the Lubbock Avalanche. Littlefield is in the center of the 70,000-acre Yellow House Ranch, which is owned by Major George W. Littlefield of Austin. The town of Ripley is in the northeast corner of Hockley county.

The grade from Littlefield to Hurley, in Bailey county, has been partly completed, although very little actual work is being done along any of the entire grade just now.

FROM DICKENS ITEM

Attorney B. D. Glasgow, of Spur, was in Dickens on business last Monday.

Mrs. L. W. Davis, of Spur, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jno. A. Green, this week.

Attorney R. S. Holman and C. H. Senning, of Spur, spent a short time in Dickens Wednesday on their way to Matador to attend the District Court.

D. C. Sparks, has moved to Dickens, and is occupying the house recently vacated by Joe Allison and family. Mr. Sparks has sold his farm on Croton, and will move to Arizona in the near future.

Murray Brothers...

For Specialized Service in Cement Construction

Particular Work for Particular People

That's Us

Luzon 'Phone 78 SPUR

FOR SALE

Improved farm six and one half miles northwest of Spur, at \$23 per acre.—H. H. Hill. 3 3tp

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

W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Friday on business. Mr. Smith reports that the farmers of his section have about finished picking cotton and are now beginning to prepare their farms for another crop year.

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

NEW WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP

A. P. EDGAR, Proprietor

FIRST-CLASS BARBER WORK

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

SPUR COTTON MARKET CONTINUES TO GO UP

The latter part of last week cotton was sold on the streets of Spur as high as twelve dollars and sixty cents per hundred pounds, the highest price reached during the season.

During the past several weeks the prices being paid for cotton on the Spur market has continuously advanced, and it is possible that before the end of the season fifteen cents per hundred pounds will be paid for cotton marketed in Spur.

Since the very beginning of the season the cotton market has been paying not only the highest market price but in many instances throughout the season has paid from two to five dollars more a bale than the market quotations warranted. The farmers of this entire territory are assured of the very best cotton market and it is a business proposition for farmers to make Spur their market point from a great distance. Come to Spur.

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CONVICTIONS IN CATTLE THEFT CASES AT MATADOR

In the special term of District Court held last week at Matador for the retrial of John Law on a charge of cattle theft the jury returned a verdict of guilty and the punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary.

At the regular term of court held the previous week two other convictions in cattle theft were returned against Will Duncan and Jake Ballard, each being given two years, the jury hanging in the case of John Law.

These cases were transferred from Dickens county. Each of the three cases were appealed to the higher courts. Attorneys Holman and Dalton represented the defendants and they expect a reversal of all three cases.

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"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

Wood Cutting Prohibited On All Spur Lands!

Notice Is Hereby Given That Any

PERSON who cuts wood of any kind from our lands anywhere will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of lands not occupied. . . . Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people have pretended to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespasses hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson & Sons

C. A. JONES, Manager

PLAINS COUNTRY GROWING BUMPER FEED CROPS

Rush McLaughlin was in Spur the latter part of last week with a load of maize to sell from his place on the Plains. The Plains country produced big crops of feed stuff this year, there being little or no cotton grown this year in the territory immediately surrounding Wake on account of a severe hail and wind storm destroying the cotton after it was too late to replant. As a result the farmers of that section planted all farm lands to feed stuff which made bumper crops.

Miss Ruby Poole, who is assistant in the Spur postoffice, is spending several days in Haskell with relatives and friends.

SATISFACTORY PRICE

W. J. Young was in the city the latter part of last week with several bales of cotton which he sold to Spur buyers. The most of the cotton sold here the latter part of the past week brought twelve cents a pound, and while such a price is not as much as fifteen cents, we consider it a pretty good price and most of the farmers we believe would be satisfied to know that cotton would sell for that price year in and year out.

L. C. Arrington, of the Afton country, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Arrington owns two fine places near Spur and one in the Afton country, grows fine crops and is one among our most prosperous citizens.

W. H. TEAGUE BUYS THE SPUR BROOM FACTORY

Last week a deal was consummated by which W. H. Teague came into possession of the Spur Broom Factory, Mr. Selder having sold the business on account of ill health preventing his further operation of the business.

Mr. Teague will continue the manufacture of brooms in the future as has been done in the past, and the business will be conducted at the same place on Fifth Street. During the past year the Spur Broom Factory has been turning out the very best make of brooms, using only the highest grade broom straw grown within the Spur trade territory, and it is conceded that the Spur country grows the very finest broom corn.

We wish Mr. Teague much success in his new enterprise, and so long as the Spur factory continues to manufacture high grade brooms the people of this section should use only brooms manufactured at home. This is the only factory now in operation within this territory and it should receive the encouragement and patronage of every business man and citizen of this section.

Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in Spur Thursday night to attend a meeting of the Masonic Lodge.

J. C. McNeill was in Thursday night from his home several miles west of Spur and attended a meeting of the Masonic Lodge of Spur.

RAILROAD IS AUCTIONED

To satisfy a judgment for \$37,000 obtained by citizens of Roby who were bonus subscribers, the Estacado & Gulf railroad was recently sold at Roby at public auction by J. Encke, receiver. It was bought by L. H. McCrea, acting for the bonus subscribers, whose bid was \$3,675.

The road was to extend from Roby to McCauley and was promoted by W. A. Butts. It has been built to within four miles of Roby and the bonus subscribers plan to complete the line.

Judgment was obtained against the promoter on the ground of breach of contract.

Mr. Littlefield was among the number of farmers in Spur with cotton the latter part of last week.

SPUR RECOGNIZED AS BEST COTTON MARKET

W. F. Howard was in Spur last week marketing cotton from the Plains country. Spur is recognized as one of the best cotton markets in all of Western Texas and we are securing the cotton from an extensive territory. During the past week twelve cents has been the prevailing price in Spur and it may be possible that within a very few days a representative of the Southern States Cotton Corporation will be located here and if so cotton will be bought at fifteen cents a pound.

W. M. Randall, a prominent citizen and one of the most extensive farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Come To

P. H. Miller's

For Lumber and Coal

Paint Posts, Lime
Cement and Brick

W. C. BOWMAN

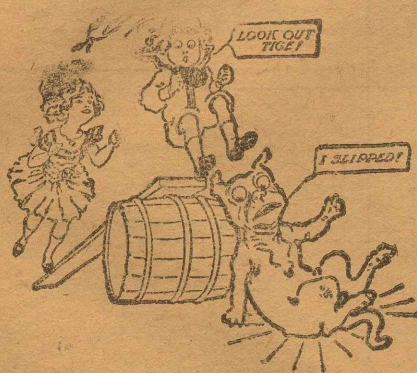
Lumber Comp'y

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

HOLIDAY BUYERS!!

MAY WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR PRESENCE DURING SHOPPING INSPECTIONS?



THERE THEY GO!

Running, jumping, the live-long day!
No wonder the children require such stout shoes!

BUSTER BROWN SHOES

Are made of extra stout leather and long-wear soles. "Double wear in every pair."

BUSTER BROWN BLUE RIBBON SHOES

For Boys—For Girls.

THE Next five weeks will find the majority of buyers making preparations for Holidays. Come here to look. We are quite sure you will find time well spent. During the remainder of this season we are going to clean out various lines. Just now while we are virtually in "mid" season we are going to close out all of our

LADIES' CLOAKS, COAT SUITS, WOOL DRESSES, FURS, ETC.

WE Are also making low prices on all Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats, Suits and Odd Pants. We are showing an endless line of Men's Sweater Coats, Jersey Sweaters, Wool and Cotton Underwear of all kinds, Wool and Cotton Hosiery; special prices being made in Wool Dress Goods. We are showing a very extensive line of Trimmings in Bands, Allovers, Laces, Ball Bands, Silk Bands, Soutasch and Cornation.

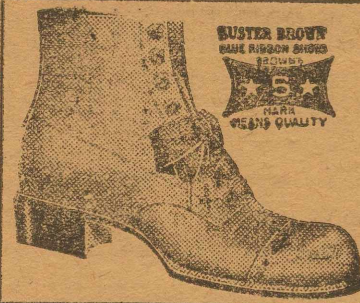
In our Shoe Department we are showing many new styles for Men, Women and Children in Stetson, White House, Buster Brown, and cheaper makes. Cadet Hosiery for Ladies, Children and Men, Linen Heel and Toes, thus making the best for wear.

Bring Your Boy to Us and Fit Him in a Woolly Boy Suit,
The Finest Make That Skill Can Produce; Correct Price

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The Best for the Money

SPUR, TEXAS



RAISING MORE HOGS BETTER AND CHEAPER

County Commissioner Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and trading with Spur merchants. While here Mr. Crabtree bought several rolls of hog wire and says that he is preparing to raise more hogs, better hogs and cheaper hogs another year. Many farmers of the Dickens country are now branching out into the hog business and as a result we expect to see such farmers more prosperous in the future than in the past.

SUPERIOR TEACHER

Prof. Geo. T. Barnes, of the Dickens School, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Prof. Barnes is one of the best teachers and school superintendents of all Western Texas and under his management the Dickens School will assume its proper place among the leading schools of the country. George Barnes has spent the greater part of his life in preparation for school work, and in educational knowledge and qualifications he has no superior in all of Western Texas.

RETURNS FROM FREEPORT

Chas. A. Jones returned the first of the week from Freeport where he had been several days superintending and assisting in the details of the creation of that new town. Freeport is located at the mouth of the Brazos River where is already established a government port, sulphur mines in operation and a sugar factory under construction. The town was opened to the public on the 20th of November and a number of residence and business lots have been sold and various business houses, residences and other buildings are now being constructed. The town and its resources have been extensively advertised and withal the success and future progress of the town is assured.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to the good people of Spur for the kindness and assistance rendered us during the illness and death of our son and brother. We appreciate those many deeds of kindness and respect and will always retain a tender place in our hearts for you all.—C. P. Poole and family.

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DO YOU WANT A BARGAIN?

S. Power owns a nice home, most desirably located in Spur. He wants to leave here and the place will be sold at a bargain. If you want a home in Spur or want to make some money by buying and re-selling later this is an opportunity seldom offered. This place is going to sell and if you want it now is the time to investigate the premises and price.

FARMER'S WIFE GREAT- EST WOMAN IN HISTORY

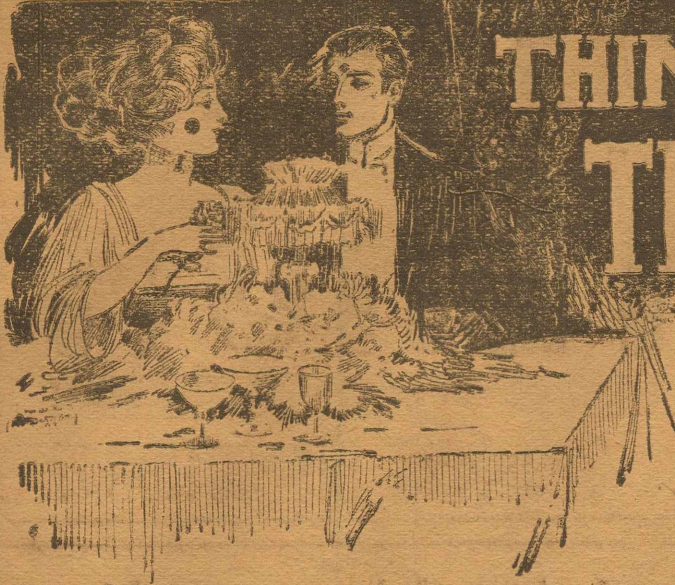
Who is the greatest woman in all history?

One hundred and fifty school teachers recently answered that question, and with enthusiasm and unanimity the judges awarded the prize to the one who made this reply:

"The wife of a farmer of moderate means who does her own cooking, washing, ironing, sewing and brings up a family of boys and girls to be useful members of society and has time for intellectual improvement."

DO YOU WANT A GUN?

We have a new Marlin Repeater, six shot, 12 gauge shot gun to sell to some one at a bargain. This new gun is one of the best made and was received from the factory ten days ago and we want to sell it to get an automatic gun. The catalogue price of the Marlin gun is \$35, but it will be sold for less than this price. It is a bargain for any one wanting a high grade shot gun.



THINGS FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING

NEW SHIPMENT OF LADIES' LACE COLLARS; JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING; ENTIRELY NEW PATTERNS.

Beautiful Line Fur Sets, White, Tan and Black
The Newest Assortment of Ladies' Coats That
Ever Came to Spur—On Display at All Prices

Get in the Well Dressed Circle; Wear Queen Quality Shoes

Ladies' All Linen Kerchiefs, Any Price—Dress Patterns, the Newest Weaves—Beautiful Windsor Ties, the Very Newest—Exceptional Bargains in Ladies' Hand Bags.

MEN'S VELOURS, The Winter Hat—More Popular Than Ever; a Nice Hat for the Holidays; Black, Brown and Greys—Sweater Coats and Jerseys; Red, Blue, Tan and Grey—See Us for Your Thanksgiving Suit; \$10.00 and Up

NEW SHIPMENT OF TRUNKS, SUIT CASES AND TRAVELING BAGS; SEE THEM—NEW SHIPMENT OF BOYS' SUITS AND CAPS

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY,

The Store of Quality

BAKER'S COMMISSION CONTINUES UNTIL 1915

For the benefit of those seeking an appointment for the postmastership or those who have an idea of making application for the place, we will say that in July, 1911, the Spur postoffice was changed from a fourth class to a third class office and N. A. Baker was given a commission as postmaster for a term of four years and his commission will not expire until July 22, 1915.

The law with reference to third class postoffices plainly states that a postmaster shall not be removed from office for any cause except failure in com-

pliance with the prescribed duties or some violation of the postal laws. The fact that the affairs in our government will soon change from a Republican to a Democratic administration will have no bearing upon the change of postmasters before the expiration of their terms of commission appointment.

Mr. Hearn went out Tuesday night to the McNeill ranch west of Spur and will spend several days in putting up a windmill on the ranch.

Mrs. Clay Smart returned to Spur this week from a visit of several days to her parents and other relatives and friends at Rotan.

KEEPING UP WITH THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS

The world famous Palo Duro ranch, technically the "J. A." ranch, is going to be cut up.

Miss Cornelia Adair, owner, stopped in Fort Worth Wednesday night on her way from England to make the final arrangements. She will leave the railroad at Clarendon.

"We must keep up with the spirit of the times," Miss Adair explained. "The settling up of the country has created a big demand for lands. I do not believe in the large land holders standing in the way of progress."

The "J. A." ranch, more familiarly known by its headquarters, Palo Duro, lies on either side of Palo Duro canyon, through the counties of Armstrong, Donley, Hall and Briscoe. The extent of the property has been variously estimated, but it includes at least 350,000 acres. It is one of the most magnificent ranch properties in the world.—Lubbock Avalanche.

SHIPPING HOGS FROM THE SPUR COUNTRY

Tuesday R. C. Forbis and E. D. Chambers, of the Afton country, were in Spur with several wagon loads of hogs and shipped out two car loads to the Fort Worth markets.

In hauling the hogs to Spur, we understand that Mr. Chambers lost five. The hogs were fat and in loading the wagons they were crowded in and as

the day warmed up five of the fattest hogs died of overheating on the road.

Messrs. Johnson and Davis, of near Spur, are also making preparations to ship two more car loads of hogs to market at an early date. Other farmers of the country also have numbers of hogs for the market. Thus it will be noted that Dickens county is becoming a hog country as well as a cotton country. In the past it has been thoroughly demonstrated that the Spur country and Dickens county is among one of the best hog raising countries of the state. Here they are not subject to cholera and other diseases common in other sections. The country produces an abundance of feed, especially maize and kaffir corn, and Mr. Johnson has demonstrated this year that no character of feed is superior to maize and kaffir corn in fattening hogs for the market.

GRADING ROAD BED

J. C. Collett, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers and stockmen of the Matador country, was in Spur this week trading and looking after other business matters. Mr. Collett reports that the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway people are making progress on the grading of their railroad extension from Paducah to the new town of Roaring Springs. He says that a grading outfit is now at work on the Roaring Springs end of the line and that other outfits are working on the Paducah end of the line.

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ARKANSAS BEATS SPUR AS TRADING CENTER

The following article taken from a paper published in Arkansas is self-explanatory, and it is advised that the citizenship of the Spur country should not fall behind and be outclassed by Arkansas citizenship:

"Will H. Rittle, a mountain farmer living near Lead Hill, came to town yesterday with his wife and 20 children, to trade. He is the head of one of those families whose individual members are outfitted from head to foot but once in a year, and that is the beginning of the winter. He, Mrs. Rittle and all the little Rittles were fitted out by local merchants. The family arrived in town yesterday and camped over night near the small creek that flows through Lead Hill. They were making their purchases before 6 o'clock in the morning, the goods they bought almost filled their wagon bed. Twenty-two pairs of shoes made the most interesting display.

"Mr. and Mrs. Rittle were married 21 years ago. Their 20 children include two sets of twins. The oldest child is 20 years old and the youngest twins are but four months old. There are 11 boys and 9 girls. All the young Rittles are strong and healthy, and Mrs. Rittle, who is 41 years of age, looks to be but little older than her elder daughter."—Perry County News.

Hamp Collett was in the city Tuesday from the west part of the Spur Ranch and spent some time here on business.

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