

**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—

11.00 TO 12.60

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## SWENSON VISITS SPUR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The Swenson party composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Swenson, Mrs. F. A. Swenson and Erick A. Swenson spent Thursday and Friday in Spur on their return to New York City from Freeport.

While here an informal meeting was held Thursday night at the townsite office, a number of citizens and business men of Spur being present and at which time the water works proposition of the city was discussed. Mr. Swenson said that at this time no definite plans could be formulated as to the installation of a water system here. The work on the deep well is now in progress with the hope of securing artesian water to supply the town. The well is now 3,650 feet deep and the drilling will continue until artesian water is secured or some accident prevents further drilling, and we are informed that Mr. Swenson will take no action in installing a system of water works until the deep well drilling is completed.

At the meeting it was suggested that the city issue bonds in sufficient sum to install a system of water works with sufficient capacity to furnish fire protection for the present and later extend to supply the residence portion of the city. It was thought that \$20,000 would be sufficient to meet the present demands but that bonds for more than this amount should be issued to meet the demands of extending the system at a later date.

The Swenson party left Friday afternoon for New York.

## THE MORRISON BANKRUPT STOCK NOW ON SALE

The R. R. Morrison stock of goods was sold last week in the bankrupt court at Abilene, Joe Newson, of Hico, buying in the stock.

Preparations are now being made to open this stock of goods for sale in Spur Saturday, December 7th, under the sales management of M. J. Norrell.

The sale will include the goods in both the dry goods and grocery departments of the former R. R. Morrison stock and will continue until the goods are sold out. Doomed prices on all goods will be made, and we refer readers to the two-page ad appearing in this issue of the Texas Spur.

Hundreds of people from far and near are expected in Spur to attend this sale, and the prices being made are worthy the consideration of the buying public.

## MOVING TO HAMLIN

J. M. Neely and family are making preparations to move to Hamlin where he has secured the management of a hotel at that place. Mr. Neely sold his milk cows this week to Uncle Pink Higgins and Hawley Bryant of the Pitchfork Ranch. He had a number of head of cows and it is said that they were among the finest milkers in the country. They brought a price of near seventy-five dollars each.

## BAPTIST LADIES' BAZAAR

The Baptist Ladies will have a Christmas Bazaar the 14, 16 and 17 of December and at which time they will have many appropriate and desirable gifts to sell. Saturday, the 14, dinner and supper will be served in the city and everybody is invited to come and be served with all good things to eat.

## PEACOCK GIN BURNED LAST MONDAY NIGHT

The report of the total destruction of the Peacock gin by fire Monday night came this week to Spur. Aside from the considerable loss to the owners the people of that section who have not finished gathering their crops are greatly inconvenienced and damaged in that no other gin will be in operation near that place during the remainder of the year.

It is said that a number of bales of cotton yet remains in that territory to be ginned.

The origin of the fire and the amount of loss is not known.

## SPUR HOTEL SOLD TO WILLIS SMITH

We are informed that a deal was consummated this week by which C. C. Haile sold the Spur Hotel property to Willis Smith, of Spur.

Mr. Smith, we understand will take possession and assume the management of the hotel business next week. The consideration in the deal was not made public.

During the past several months the Spur Hotel has been under the management of W. N. Blackwell, is one of the most popular and prominent hotels in the city and under the new management its continued popularity and excellent service to the public is assured.

## DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIP

The firm of Godfrey & Tyler dissolved partnership this week, C. C. Tyler retiring and W. F. Godfrey assuming the ownership and management of the business.

Godfrey & Tyler were the first real estate and insurance men on the ground at the opening of Spur more than three years ago. By hustling qualities, fair dealings and prompt attention to business Godfrey & Tyler have not only established a worthy and commendable business, but formed lasting friendships and indelibly impressed the public of their personal worth and integrity.

## RETURNS TO SPUR

Sam Smith, who sold his place last year near Tap and moved to near Hale Center, returned last week to Spur and will probably again make his home in the Spur Country.

Mr. Smith said that he made a crop of feed this year in the Hale Center country, but that he prefers to live in the Spur country and thinks this the finest farming country in Western Texas.

## HAS OUR THANKS

W. H. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Wednesday and said that he had finished up his cropping this year, sold all of his cotton, settled his debts and had a little money to keep things going another year. However, he said that he reserved a dollar for the Texas Spur and he has our thanks for this remembrance.

## SHIP FOUR CARS CATTLE TO FORT WORTH MARKET

This week four cars of cattle were shipped from Spur to the Fort Worth markets by the management of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county.

The cattle were in fine shape, which is evidence that the range in Kent county is excellent at this time, and it is expected that the shipments from this section will demand the very highest prices of the cattle market.

## JOHN LAW GIVEN TWO YEARS AT MATADOR

At the special term of court held last week at Matador for the purpose of re-trial of the John Law case, charged with cattle theft, the defendant was given two years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed to the higher courts. Attorneys R. S. Holman of Spur, and Dalton of the Plains, represented the defendant.

There were a number of cattle theft cases tried at the regular term of the court held in Matador, there being three convictions, each being given two years in the penitentiary and each case being appealed to the higher courts. These cases were transferred from Dickens county, and the alleged thefts were from the Matador Land and Cattle Company of Matador.

## SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

An entertainment was given Wednesday afternoon at the school auditorium by the pupils of the lower grades and superintended by the teachers.

The entertainment consisted of speeches, dialogues, drills and music, all of which was well rendered to the credit of pupils, teachers and the school and to the pleasure of parents and others present.

Wednesday night the Spur High School Glee Club entertained at the school auditorium with readings, solos, quartettes, choruses and orchestra music. The program was well rendered and highly entertaining and quite a number of patrons of the school and citizens of the town were present. An admission was charged and the funds thus derived will be devoted to a fund for the school piano.

## JNO. BEAL SNEED IS CLEARED ON 1ST BALLOT

John Beal Sneed Tuesday was found not guilty of the murder of Capt. Al G. Boyce in the Metropolitan Hotel lobby Jan. 13. The jury was unanimous in its verdict on the first ballot Monday night and withheld its report only because it was too late for them to go home.

Walter Scott and William P. McLean, Jr., of defense's counsel, were fined \$50 each because they shouted and threw their hats over the chandelier when the verdict was announced in court. Sneed, hysterical with joy, shouted as loud as any of them, but he went unpunished for his contempt of court.

## MAIZE TO SELL

Several tons of maize to sell at the prevailing prices. Now stored in Spur. See W. G. Sherrod at Spur National Bank. 5-1f

# It Takes More Than Low

## PRICES ALONE TO MAKE ECONOMICAL BUYING

**I**t is that dependable quality which makes buying here satisfactory and economical. It is durability after all that counts. If you don't get satisfactory service out of anything you buy from us, you—

## Get Your Money Back

# Spur Hardware Company

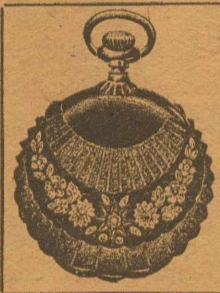


# WATCHES

That Will Do For Everybody!

They are the True and Strong on the road, in the field—every where, in heat or cold, all the time. In dry or wet weather they run and keep correct time. That is the kind of watch I handle. Next time you are in town come in and let me show you the inside and outside of them. Especially do I want my farmer friends to call, as I have the very watch that will suit you. Many of them are as low as \$8.00. Some fine ones for \$25.00. You will be surprised to see what a fine good watch can be sold for this price. Why send away to strangers when I will sell you a better watch for the same money? And I am here to make good. In trading with me you help yourself as I spend my money here.

I also have a nice line of table ware, knives and forks, spoons, cut glass and jewelry. I test and fit the eyes with the best ground lenses.



**I AM PREPARED**

To Do the Best Watch Repairing  
In the West

**Try Me Once**

**A. T. ODENEAL**

With Lambdin & Company

## POOR PAY AND SMALL PLEASURE

The man who is continually talking hard times receives poor pay and gets but very little real pleasure for his trouble. Some business men talk hard times so much they ruin their own business.

A prospective customer comes in and the merchant goes to talking hard times. The customer did intend to buy a bill of certain goods, but since the merchant paints the future so dark he decides that he had better do without the goods, and so leaves without making a purchase. In a few minutes he steps into a competitive store and this merchant jokes of the temporary depression and speaks so encouragingly of the future prospects that the buyer decides that conditions warrant the purchase as originally intended and he buys his goods at the last place visited.

The value of a dollar is insignificant when you have a thousand more beside it, but a nickel is a much prized coin when it is the only one you have in your pocket.

The majority of hard time talks are not made by men who are almost penniless, but by those who have failed to accumulate riches as fast as they hoped to the last few years.

And making faces at the neighbors, kicking the cat, or cussing the old hound dog won't make it better. If you are the cause of hard times you are partly justified in giving yourself a cussing, but go out and give yourself one good cussing and get it over with, then come back into the world of happiness and take up your share of the load with a smile on your face

and let your lips speak words of encouragement continuously so there will be no time for gloomy forebodings.

A cheerful spirit not only goes fartherest and accomplishes more, but gets genuine enjoyment out of every task.

Don't talk hard times for the fun there is in it. You will soon get so you can't enjoy yourself unless you are miserable. There is so much to be thankful for, so many opportunities for pleasure and profit coming our way that we cannot afford to risk missing them by busying ourselves with hard time talk.---Exchange.

Tol Merriman was in the city latter part of the week from his home several miles south of Spur.

W. M. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, spent several days of this week in Spur on business and greeting his friends here.

M. S. Favor, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur this week on business and spent some time here. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country.

I have sold my steer calves, to be delivered December 15, and request that all parties milking my cows with such calves deliver them to me at once, and also any other cattle of mine you may have if not prepared to winter them properly. — E. B. Shaw. 6-1t.

Star-Telegram one year, \$3.25 to Dec. 16.—See us.

## WILL GIN 1300 BALES

J. V. McCormick, who has been operating the Afton Gin this fall, was in Spur several days this week looking after his business interests. He said that the ginning season in that section is now closing and that his gin is not now being operated regularly, ginning only one and two days each week. He has ginned more than twelve hundred bales and thinks there will be not more than thirteen hundred bales ginned at Afton this fall.

Jeff D. Harkey came over from Dickens one day this week and spent some time here on business.

S. Power is in Lubbock this week to bring back an automobile which he bought from Mayor Link.

J. E. Wright, a prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur recently with cotton to sell to Spur buyers.

Henry Powell, a prosperous farmer of the Afton country, had business in Spur this week and spent some time here.

A girl was born to Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart Wednesday at their home in the city.

O. O. Love, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday and spent several hours here on business.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur this week on business.

Cotton Buyer Cole, who has been buying cotton in Spur throughout the fall, was called this week to his home in Eastern Texas on account of the illness of his wife.

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**A**LWAYS Remember that you can't saw wood with a hammer.

Opportunity knocks but once, they say. If you happen to be knocking yourself you may not hear her gentle tap when she calls. She may be tapping at your door right now. Who knows? Get busy. Start a bank account, no matter how small. That's the way most big concerns started. Begin to save and to saw wood.

**Farmers  
& Merchants State  
Bank  
Spur, Texas**

## A Christmas Gift

THE ANNUAL PROBLEM OF WHAT TO SELECT AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS IS HERE AGAIN—LET US SUGGEST A NICE PIECE OF

Furniture, Such as Rockers, Dining Chairs, Dining Tables, Library Tables, Sectional Bookcase, Dressers, Kitchen Cabinets, Art Squares, Small Rugs, Pictures, Center Tables, Music Cabinets and Hall Racks

Something your friends will appreciate more than anything you could think of. Come in and make your selection now, as lots of others are doing, and we will put the articles away for you, and send them out when you want them delivered.

## Campbell & Campbell

## Grand Opera in Dallas

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARTISTS--MARY GARDEN, TETRAZZINI, DALMORES, FRAMSTED, CAPANINI,

AND many others of world-wide renown will appear in Grand Opera in Dallas under the auspices of the "Grand Opera Committee" of Dallas on **February 28th and March 1st, 1913**. The railroads will offer special rates for this unusual event to Dallas and return. For ticket reservations and information call over—

**Southwestern Telephone, Dallas,  
MAIN 3732**

## The Cigarette

By Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

I am a cigarette:  
Come take a smoke; but don't forget  
That I have subtle power unseen  
To fill your lungs with nicotine,  
And wreck your nerves and dull your brain,  
And both your health and your vigor drain,  
And sear your heart and taint your breath,  
And drag you to an early death.

I am a cigarette:  
Come take a smoke; but don't forget,  
That I'll rob your purse of many a dime,  
And will loot your memory all the time  
And lay your aspirations low.  
Believe me, you will find it so.  
I'll wreck and ruin you. And, don't forget;  
I am a cigarette.

C. A. Bobo returned this week to Spur and will assume the management of the Southwestern Telephone Company. Mr. Bobo was formerly manager here but during the past year has been manager of an independent telephone company at Weatherford. He has many friends here who are glad to see him return to Spur. Mr. Smith the present manager of the company here, will return to Dallas.

Uncle Tom Harrison was in Spur this week from his home north of Dickens and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that he now has his crops all gathered and sold and is now settling up for another year's run. While here he handed us a dollar and said keep the Texas Spur coming and which we are glad to do.

The Texas Spur gives the news.



# The Spur Hotel

W. N. BLACKWELL, Prop.

RATES: \$1.50 Per Day.

See me for Weekly Rates

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

## G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

### SOUTHERN STATES COTTON CORPORATION A SUCCESS

N. B. Rabb, of Childress, representing the Southern States Cotton Corporation, was in the city Monday. Mr. Rabb stated to a Free Press reporter that this corporation had purchased 1600 bales at Childress, 1200 bales at Wylie and 500 bales at Frisco. He stated that he and his two brothers had farms in Hunt county, and had raised 800 bales of cotton this year and had sold it all to the Southern States Cotton Corporation.

He said the company was getting busy and establishing buyers all over Texas and the entire South.

Continuing he said that the corporation had gone into Wall Street and bought cotton and was going to demand the actual delivery of the staple. He said the good prices that cotton was bringing was by the activity of the corporation in the spot market.—Haskell Free Press.

C. C. Haile returned Saturday from Sweetwater where he had gone on business.

Rev. Mark Hardin was in the city Friday, from his place near here.

R. R. Johns, a prosperous farmer of a few miles of Spur, was in the city Friday and spent several hours here on business.

J. J. Martin, a good citizen and substantial farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants, a new wagon being among his purchases.

### DRY LAKE ITEMS

R. F. Keen was in Spur Friday on business.

Mrs. H. C. Allen and little daughter, Miss Velma, spent Friday in Spur trading and also visiting relatives.

Luther Jones spent Saturday in Spur superintending the shipment of several cars of calves from the ranch.

Mr. Langford, of Seymour, bought a one hundred and sixty-acre tract of land here last week which he will make his future home.

Misses Fannie Mae Cherry and Ester McKnight spent Saturday and Sunday south of Spur visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. Morris filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

F. W. West and family, of southwest of Spur, visited at the home of M. C. West and wife Sunday.

Mr. Morgan and family, who have been living on the Robt. T. Dopson place the past year, are now making preparations to remove to their new home in the Red Mud country.

A. H. Smoot and wife were in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and visiting friends.

Miss Etta Pruitt has been spending several days near Dickens visiting friends and relatives.

T. V. Davis left last week for Cottle county where he expects to reside in the future.

I. S. York and family, of Spur, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cherry Friday.—Maiden Vine.

### TWENTY THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS FOR TEXAS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Texas has been chosen as the home of 19,902 immigrants who have come to America during the past year. The progressive, wide awake state seems to appeal to the foreigner whose great aim in life when he comes to the United States is that of making money. Comparatively few of the immigrants become members of the professional world. There are some actors, a few architects, some clergymen, a very small number of editors, and a somewhat larger number of teachers.

Those foreigners who come here from the countries in the southern part of Europe frequently settle in some of the southern states here. The Greeks maintain that the climate of Texas is not much unlike that of Greece.

The general class of foreigners enter the commercial world and interest themselves in farming, carpentering, plumbing, and various industrial pursuits.

### BOB TAYLOR'S DREAM.

What heaven is I know not; but I long have dreamed of its purple hills and its fields of light, blossoming with immortal beauty; of its brooks of laughter and its rivers of song and its palace of eternal love. I long have dreamed that every bird which sings its life out here, may sing forever there in the tree of life, and every consecrated soul that suffers here, may rest among its flowers and live and love forever. I long have dreamed of opal towers and burnished domes, but what care I for gate of pearl or street of gold if I can meet the loved ones who have blessed me here and see the glorified faces of father and mother and the boy brother who died among the bursting buds of hope, and take into my arms my baby who fell asleep ere her little tongue had learned to lisp, "Our Father, who art in heaven."

What care I for crown of stars and a harp of gold if I can love and laugh and sing with them forever in the smile of my Savior and my God.

H. Garner, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here attending to business affairs.

Mrs. Travis returned to Spur Saturday after a several days visit to relatives and friends at Hamlin.

N. N. Rodgers, a prominent citizen of Clairemont, was in Spur recently and spent some time here on business.

W. M. Randall, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday selling cotton and also trading with the merchants. Mr. Randall made good crops of both cotton and feedstuff this year and is optimistic over the prospects of the Spur country's agricultural future.

## Brazelton-Pryor & Co.

LUMBER DEALERS

HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Your Business Will Be Appreciated

## CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

### FIFTH COTTON REPORT ISSUED

Washington, Nov. 21.—The fifth cotton ginning report of the Census Bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 10,291,431 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, for the year of 1912 had been ginned prior to Thursday, November 14, up to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 72.1 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to November 14 there had been ginned 11,313,236 bales, or 72.7 per cent of the entire crop; in 1908 to that date, 9,295,809 bales, or 73.3 per cent and in 1906 to that date, 8,562,242 bales, or 65.9 per cent.

Included in the ginnings are 62,490 round bales, compared with 75,963 bales last year, 93,364 bales in 1910, 123,757 bales in 1909 and 173,908 bales in 1908.

The number of Sea Island cotton bales included were 41,321, compared with 71,204 bales last year, 68,459 bales in 1909 and 56,701, bales in 1908.

W. D. Blair, a substantial farmer of two or three miles east of Spur, was in the city recently on business and spent some time here.

J. Anderson Davis came in Saturday from his place near Spur and spent some time in the city trading with the merchants and on other business.

M. S. Favor, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Friday buying supplies of the Spur merchants and attending to other business affairs.

### WORLD'S BUSINESS SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Washington, Nov. 29.—This year the world's international business will reach the enormous total of \$38,000,000,000, according to a report issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The estimate is made on official returns of exports and imports from virtually every commercial country in the world.

The new figure will establish a record, for it is \$4,000,000,000 greater than the trade in 1911 and more than double that done in 1890, twenty-two years ago. Seventy leading countries furnished their figures to the government statisticians. Only Argentine and Russia reported decreases, both falling off sharply. The United States so far has shown a monthly increase of \$18,000,000 over last year.

Sheriff H. P. Cole was in the city Saturday from his home several miles north.

Tom McArthur was in Spur Saturday from his ranch in the Tap country and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall, of a few miles north of Spur, visited relatives and friends in the city Saturday.

The pool hall, operated by Messrs. Gray and Rose, was moved Friday from the Crouse building on Burlington Avenue to the Fred Hisey building on Fifth Street.

## Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & WILSON, Props.

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

## RITER HARDWARE CO.

DEALERS IN

Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Star Leader and Samson Windmills Buggies, Wagons and Implements, Pipe and Pipe Fittings

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

## T. A. CORBETT

Pianos and Player Pianos

Will Trade Piano for Well Located Lot In Spur

See Me. Will Be In Spur At Intervals Each Month



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On All Spur Lands!

## Notice Is Hereby Given That Any

**P**ERSON 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

### PUBLICITY PROMOTES INTELLIGENCE AND BUSINESS

As a force for the promotion of any kind of business interests the value of advertising has for many years been recognized, but its effect upon the general intelligence has ordinarily been overlooked.

Advertisers have been known to lose sight of the fact that all advertisements must be fundamentally educational. Such advertisers have been inclined to join the ranks of those who declare, "Advertising does not pay." The introduction of so-called "Reason Why" copy, has brought home to the advertiser the fact that he must keep constantly in mind the primary notion of advertising, namely, education.

All unconsciously we have learned through the advertising pages of the magazine and the newspaper lessons in sanitation, economy, science, art, dietetics and hygiene. We know how to eat scientifically, to clothe ourselves artistically, to enter into oneness with the artist, to appreciate the achievements of the scientist, to enjoy the art of the musician—all these things have been subtly impressed upon the public consciousness through craftily devised advertisements, which have focused our thoughts

upon the object in view, whether we would or not. We have also been taught to detect the spurious, to discriminate between the genuine and the counterfeit and to appreciate sterling worth as we have never done before.

But our education has not stopped here. We now call for a given kind of soap, a certain brand of canned goods, a particular style of collar, a "proved good" brand of silk and a favorite kind of baked beans. We know or imagine we know, something about these products, and we have been so strongly impressed with the claims made for them that we are unable to see good in their competitors.

Verily, advertising works silently, but certain.—B. F. Williams in Quana Observer.

H. C. Allen, of six miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here.

J. W. Walker came in Saturday from his place southeast of Spur and spent some time in the city trading and on other business.

J. M. Neely returned the latter part of last week from Hamlin where he had been several days with the prospect of securing a hotel in that place. Mr. Neely is a fine hotel man and will make the business a success should he locate in Hamlin.

### GROWS BEST KAFFIR CORN IN ENTIRE STATE

W. P. T. Smith, a prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. As stated in last week's issue of the Texas Spur, Mr. Smith was a contestant for one of the cash prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress, of Dallas, for the best production of a given crop. He informed us that he had just received a communication from the congress apprising him of the fact that the affidavits regarding the quality and production of his contest crop, two acres of black chaff kaffir corn, had met with their approval and so far as could then be ascertained he was entitled to the cash prize for having grown the best kaffir corn in the state, the only requirement being a sample of the kaffir corn to show proof of his description of the crop. Mr. Smith expressed a sample of his kaffir corn to the congress Saturday and is now waiting for the proffered cash prize.

Mr. Hearn, who has been on the McNeill Ranch during the past week erecting wind mill towers, returned Saturday to Spur.

Al Sullivan was in Spur Saturday from his ranch several miles southeast of the city.

Miss Crego, of Dickens, was in Spur Friday visiting relatives and friends.

J. P. Gibson, an enterprising farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Friday and hauled out a wagon load of corn and other supplies.

W. A. Jordan, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business.

J. T. Perkins, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

Bill McArthur, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

J. L. Karr, who is farming on the old Espuela place this year, was in Spur Friday with several bales of cotton which he sold on the Spur market at the prevailing high prices. Mr. Karr made fine crops of both cotton and feed stuff this year and as a result is well satisfied with the Spur country and its future agricultural prospects.

### BETTER CROPS GROW IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

J. E. Wright, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday with cotton which he sold on the Spur market at the prevailing high price. Mr. Wright moved to the Afton country last year and this is his first crop in this section and he informed us that it was the best crop he had made in several years. As a result of his success in farming this year Mr. Wright intends to stay with this section of the country. He says the greatest fault he finds with this part of the country is the fact that he cannot buy an improved farm located in the desired place. But few farms are for sale in the Afton country and he is not inclined to buy raw land and make the necessary improvements.

C. L. Hamilton, of Anson, was in Spur recently looking after his property interests here and spent several days in the city. Mr. Hamilton owns valuable business property in Spur and has an abiding faith in the future progress and prosperity of the town and surrounding country. Mr. Hamilton also owns farm lands in the surrounding country.



# 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	Old 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,

### DRY LAKE ITEMS

Rev. George Berryman filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

W. H. Cartwright had business in Spur Saturday.

Mr. McBroom and wife left last week for Oklahoma where they will make their future home.

A singing was given at the home of Mrs. W. F. Markham Sunday evening. A large crowd was present and all report an enjoyable time.

Marvin Brown made a business trip to Spur Saturday, purchasing a new buggy.

B. C. Palmer left Tuesday for Sweetwater where he will remain under treatment of a physician.

Messrs. W. A. Johnson and Bob Davis shipped a car of calves Monday to the Eastern market.

Quite a crowd from this community spent Thanksgiving at the Spur Ranch.

T. G. Cherry and wife were the guests of W. C. Cherry and family Sunday.

Frank Vernon and family, of Spur, were visitors at the home of G. A. Draper and family Sunday.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry will fill his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.---Maiden Vine.

### NOTICE

To all persons to whom we have extended credit and who know their accounts to be due, we ask that you please call and settle same.---J. A. Lamdbin & Company.

Judge N. R. Morgan, who was here several days of last week on business and also attending District Court at Dickens, returned Sunday to his home at Aspermont.

C. D. Copeland, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Spur country, was in Spur Saturday from his place six miles east of the city and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

### PENSION EX-PRESIDENTS

Future ex-Presidents of the United States are to be pensioned in the sum of \$25,000 each, annually, by action of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The grant is provided for with the idea of enabling former Executives of the Nation to devote their unique knowledge gained in public affairs to the public good, free from pecuniary care. A similar amount is to be paid widows of ex-Presidents as long as they remain unmarried.

The pensions are to be promptly offered to the ex-Presidents or their widows, so that no application will be required from them. Payment is to be continued so long as the recipients "remain unprovided for by the government."

**STRAYED**—Bay horse about seven years old, weighs 1,100 pounds, branded J. on left jaw and J. N. on left thigh. I will pay five dollars reward for his return.—Perry Fite, Spur, Tex.

Thanksgiving was observed in Spur by the closing of virtually every business house in the town throughout a greater portion of the day. Union services were conducted by Rev. G. C. Berryman at the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening.

S. B. Scott, a prominent Crosby county farmer, was in Spur the latter part of last week with several bales of cotton which he sold on the Spur market at the prevailing high prices.

### ASSUMES MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE

D. A. Young, of the city, has assumed the duties of magistrate of this precinct, H. T. Burgoon having turned over to him the office last week. Mr. Young is unquestionably the choice of the people of this precinct in that he was elected without opposition or even making an announcement or campaign for the place. There is no question but that he will give an administration of justice in every respect.

W. C. Martin, of near Spur, was in Spur Monday and spent some time here on business.

L. G. Wilhite, of Rotan, was in Spur several days this week in the interest of the Great Western Loan and Trust Company, of Sweetwater.

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### 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. 1tf

Penn Howell, of the Afton country, was in Spur Friday marketing cotton and trading with the merchants.

Walter Greer, of the Tap country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here.

Jim Smith, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

S. R. Bowman, a prosperous farmer of a few miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and on other business.

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

Mrs. Will S. Cooper left Sunday for Clairemont for a several days visit to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wade.

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## NEW WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP

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

### NEW HOPE

We regret very much to lose our fellow citizen, Rev. Lee Stegall, who will move to Motley county at an early date.

T. J. Whitaker has been attending District Court at Matador.

Rev. W. W. Fewell filled his regular appointment at Midway Sunday.

G. S. Dodson is now taking an outing on Tongue River hunting and trapping.

W. J. Clark is attending District Court this week as grand juror.

Claude Gentry has built an up-to-date room adjoining his residence.

Jake Scott has returned from a visit to his brother in Johnson county.

James Robertson spent some time in Dickens Saturday on legal business.

Mrs. Barrett, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Law, has returned to her home at Atlanta, Georgia.

A. A. Allen has returned from Paducah where he spent several days on business.---Onion.

Good team for sale, horses or mules. Cheap for cash, or will make terms.---A. B. Nichols, Dickens, Texas. 5-2tp

John Leatherwood was in the city from the ranch Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Joe Newson, of Hico, representing Padgett Bros. Saddlery Company, of Dallas, was in the city Monday in the interest of the trade in his line.

### METHODIST LADIES' BAZAAR

On Thursday, the 12th of December, the Methodist Ladies will have their Christmas Bazaar at Edwards-Hogan Company's store. There will be all kinds of hand made articles to select your gifts from. Refreshments will be served free to everybody. Watch Edwards-Hogans's windows for a display of our Christmas goods.

Cephus Hogan has been serving the past two weeks as one of the grand jurors from this end of the county. We have not been informed as to how many bills have been turned in but are quite sure that the jury will investigate all violations within the bounds of the county and law violators had just as well prepare for the consequences.

P. H. Miller was at Peacock the first of the week looking after the interest of his lumber business at that place.

T. B. Cross, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur the latter part of last week buying supplies of the merchants.

Uncle Pink Higgins came in Monday from his ranch home on the Cat Fish and spent some time in the city shaking hands with his many friends and attending to business affairs. Uncle Pink continues to improve from the effects of an attack of heart trouble contracted some time ago and we hope to soon note his recovery to perfect health.

J. M. Neely informs the Texas Spur that he closed a deal while at Hamlin last week for one of the leading hostleries of that place and that he and family will leave Spur Sunday to assume charge of the business. Mr. Neely is a first-class hotel man and we are sure he will get his part of the patronage at Hamlin.

G. C. Pass returned Monday from Freeport where he spent several days attending the opening of that new town. He reports a large number of both business and residence lots have been sold and numerous buildings are now being erected.

J. T. Wade, of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. Will S. Cooper, and family

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### DIVERSIFICATION

Year by year Texas farmers are learning the lesson of diversification, and as they are doing this they are becoming more prosperous. Time was when few farmers cared to raise their feed stuffs, and many of them had no butter on their tables. They raised cotton or cattle and gave no attention to anything else; but they are pursuing a better policy now, and this instance related by the Uvalde Leader-News is a fair sample of what may be witnessed in most any progressive town in Texas: "A remark made a few days ago by Mr. Crisp, of Crisp & White, is significant of the improved conditions here over what they were in times past. Mr. Crisp said: 'We formerly shipped in upward of 200 pounds of butter a week to supply our local trade. We now buy all of our butter here at home from our farmers. It is of excellent quality and increasing in quantity all the time. What is true of butter is also largely true of eggs and poultry and garden produce.' In addition to this fact, the further one may be related that instead of immense sums of money being sent out of Uvalde, as it was formerly for stock feed, our farmers have produced enough to feed the stock of the country and have shipped large quantities to other markets, starting the balance of the trade home-ward instead of outward."

### NOTICE

The Shareholders of the Spur National Bank will hold their annual meeting in the directors' room of the said bank on Tuesday, January 14th., 1913, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.—W. G. Sherrod, Cashier. 5-4t.

J. B. Morrison, one of the most extensive farmers of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur on business the latter part of last week.

### THE HOME MERCHANT AND THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

Recently a country weekly not many miles from Dallas boasted that it received and turned down an eighty inch display advertisement from a Dallas dry goods concern. The excuse was that it believed "that the refusal will be appreciated by the home people."

But was it?

We will let Sam P. Harben, editor of the Richardson Echo, reply. Mr. Harben remarks:

"How much do you suppose this act of this newspaper man was appreciated by his home merchants? Last week the dry goods men of his city carried about thirty inches in the columns. The act of the editor was a very unbusinesslike one, to say the least and was uncalled for in any case. No set of merchants who can stand the gaff of foreign competition will ever succeed in their local field."

Mr. Harben engages in the practice of coming to Dallas quite frequently and taking printing jobs from Dallas printers. He will accept ads from anybody who is reputable and pays his bills and he will do printing for anyone whether he lives in Richardson or Rodessa. Harben has prospered because he sells what he has in stock. The country merchant never questions the man with the money when he comes to buy his wares. Why should the country editor refuse to accept the advertising of reputable concerns just because they live in an adjoining county?

The editor in question should have published the Dallas firm's ad. Then he could have gone to his home merchant and said: "Look here. See what outsiders think of my paper as an advertising medium. One concern gives me more advertising than all the merchants of my town combined. Wake up and reach the people."

Too often the business men of the small towns neglect to support their weekly newspaper and at the same time they neglect their own business.

Then they wonder why the mail-order houses are gaining greater footholds in the country districts.

Some country merchants are still wondering why they are falling behind by applying the eighteenth century business methods.—Dallas Times-Herald.

Mr. Sampson, one of the most prominent citizens of the Gilpin country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and spent some time here.

Mrs. Travis, who has been visiting relatives in Hamlin the past several weeks, returned to Spur last week on account of the illness of one of Mrs. Pass' children.

J. M. Morgan, a prominent civil engineer of Benjamin, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

## 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.

### A WORLD SHOW GROUND

Texas is a show ground of the universe. We fitted out Buffalo Bill with his unique array of primitive western life and sent him out to thrill the hearts of the rich and poor of both hemispheres. We are now providing the scenes for moving picture shows and one cannot visit these popular places of amusement any where on the face of the earth without coming in contact with Texas frontier life.

We are the national preservative for human character in its primitive state. On our ranches and in the homes of our pioneers honesty, friendship and courage abound in their native state untainted by the foot of civilization, and our frontiersmen are popular with stalwart, rugged characters, out of which great men are hewn, presenting a melodrama of American life as it entered the gates of civilization.

Jim McArthur was in Spur the latter part of last week from his home in the Tap country. He reports that the farmers of his section are now beginning to prepare their land for another crop year.

### A TOUCHING INCIDENT

An old German whose shoulders were bent with the weight of many winters, whose physical and mental powers were giving away under the ravages of time, made an eloquent, earnest and touching address to Governor Colquitt last week.

He called on the Governor and offered to will him a life insurance policy and a \$200 annuity he was receiving from Germany if the Governor would permit him to live in the penitentiary the rest of his life. He said to Governor Colquitt: "I will be happy in the penitentiary. I will get good food, clothing, a place to sleep and know that I cannot get liquor."

The drink habit had him in its clutches and his will power was not strong enough to break its hold.—Rotan Advance.

### FOR SALE

Barber fixtures, composed of two chairs, two mirrors and one lavatory, etc., for sale cheap. For further information write H. G. Brock, Roby, Texas. 5-1t

### NOTICE

Time is money to us, so please call and settle your account if you know same to be past due.—J. A. Lambdin & Company.

Read the Texas Spur. All the local news for one dollar a year.

## 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

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## A Few Special Prices

\$25.00 Coat Suits, Special Price	\$18.95
20.00 Coat Suits, " "	15.95
15.00 Coat Suits, " "	12.50
12.50 Coat Suits, " "	10.00
25.00 Long Coats, " "	18.95
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## SPECIAL GOOD CLOTHES NEWS!!

WE ANNOUNCE an extraordinary purchase of Suits from Henry Sonnyborn, at a Great Reduction off regular price. These Suits were made to retail at \$17, \$20 and \$25, but our season through price wont permit of this so we have placed them at 15.00, 17.50 and 20.00, saving you from 2.50 to \$5. All new patterns and lots of suits cheaper. Don't fail to see them. Sweater Coats at Reduced Prices in sizes for men, women and children. Owing to mild weather up to date we have not sold as many Sweater Coats as we expected to when bought for this season, consequently we are overstocked. Sweater Coats are the ideal garments for cold weather wear. If you haven't one now is the time to buy one. ALL MILLINERY Goes at Half Price. Christmas Ties are here. A Suit Case or Traveling Bag makes an Excellent Christmas Present and we have them at \$1.50 to \$15.00

# BRYANT-LINK COMPANY,

"Merchandise of Quality."

### BUILDING BUSINESS HOUSE

The last load of lumber for the construction of a business house at Roaring Springs was hauled out of Spur this week by Lon Greer. He stated that the building was being erected for the Spur Hardware people for the purpose of putting in a hardware business. We understand they will begin doing business at an early date and later when the new town opens up the building and business will be moved to the townsite.

Good team for sale, horses or mules. Cheap for cash, or will make terms.--A. B. Nichols, Dickens, Texas. 5-2tp

S. Power sold his residence in Spur this week to Geo. S. Link. Mr. Power will move to the eastern part of the state at an early date.

Uncle Wash Robertson was in Spur this week with cotton from his place in the Afton country.

G. W. Robertson was in the city this week from his home in the Afton country and reports everything in good shape.

D. C. Sparks, formerly of the Croton country but now of Dickens, was in Spur this week on business. We understand that Mr. Sparks recently sold his farm in the Croton country and intends later to move to California or Oregon.

R. R. Morrison returned this week from Abilene where he spent several days on business.

Miss Nina Wooly, of Overton, is in Spur on an extended visit to Mrs. W. B. Griffin. Miss Wooly formerly lived in Spur and has many friends here who are glad to again meet her.

### DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the firm of Godfrey & Tyler is dissolved. W. F. Godfrey purchasing the business, assuming inebtedness and liabilities from Dec. 3, 1912. --Godfrey & Tyler.

### \$10.00 REWARD

For the return of one dark brown Jersey heifer yearling past, unbranded; right horn slightly drooped. Missing since November 4. --V. C. Smart, Spur, Texas. 2-1f.

Read the Texas Spur. All the local news for one dollar a year.

P. H. Miller returned this week from Jayton and Peacock where he spent several days on business.

E. L. Clay, who has been on an extended trip to Mexico, Colorado and other Western countries, returned this week to Spur. Mr. Clay said that he would probably move his family to Amarillo at an early date and make that place their home, he having secured a position in the machine shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chambers, of DeLeon, are in the city this week visiting their daughter, Mrs. P. H. Miller. Mrs. Miller is expecting her brothers from other parts of Texas and Oklahoma to arrive this week and enjoy a family reunion. All of the family have not been together at one time in many years and this occasion will be a most pleasant one.

Mr. Blair, of near Spur, was in the city Wednesday with a load of wood to sell to the townspeople.

Dock Ellis, of Kent county, who has been with the Spur Ranch people many years, was in Spur this week and reports that he has purchased a sandy land farm, resigned his ranch position and will hereafter engage in the farming business and raise peanuts. We wish him all kinds of success in his new line of business, and know that his farm will do its part to that end.

Last week the Texas Spur erred in stating that C. A. Jones sold his cotton for 12.60. We had been informed that he sold at that price but he failed to sell on that day waiting until the following day when he received only 12.35 for the staple.

### LAST NOTICE

I have given the debtors of Henson & Poole all the time I can, and unless paid by December 1, 1912, I will proceed to collect the same by law. --R. S. Holman, attorney. 3-3t

W. T. Duke left last week for Paducah where he will remain some time devoting his time to healing the sick and afflicted. Mr. Duke is a magnetic healer and has the reputation of curing patients of many and varied ailments.

L. W. Davis returned this week from Freeport after spending several days in that city. He said that it would take him a week to make a detailed report of what occurred in Freeport during his stay. Mr. Davis was among the successful speculators in property.

## THANKSGIVING IS ALMOST HERE

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND KELLAR IS

HERE ready to sell you the best Saddle you ever used. Have those Horse Blankets, Lap Robes or anything else you need for the team, single or double. Come get those new Collars and quit skinning that poor mule's shoulders. We will trade for your old ones.

## Kellar, the Mule Jeweler

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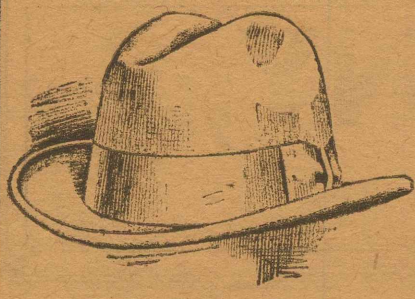
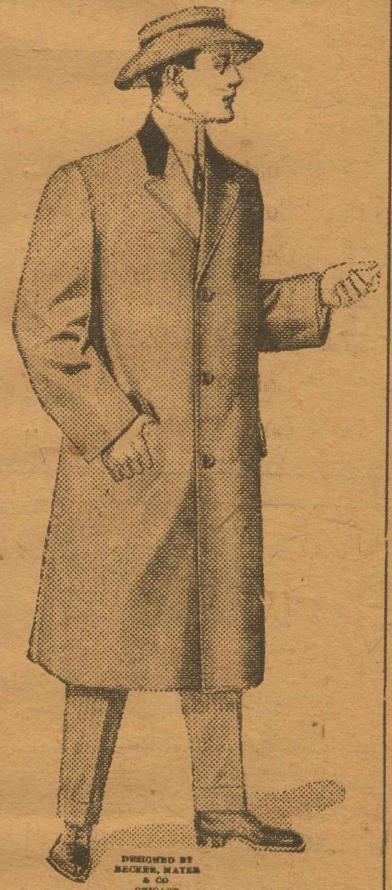
# THE QUESTION FOR ALL BUYERS

## WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO TRADE?

**T**HIS is a hard problem for a bulk of the people to decide. When few merchants in the average town have had the opportunity to see and know the difference in the manufacture of different classes of merchandise, why should the customer of the retail store prefer to depend solely on his or her judgement in picking the good from stocks that contain principally shoddy goods that have been carried and culled until only odds and ends go to make quantity and age destroys quality.

## We Are Going to Start Next Saturday Morning, Our Usual BIG DECEMBER CLEAN UP SALE!!

**P**OSITIVELY CLEANING The Store of All Winter Goods, such as Overcoats, Mens, Boys and Childrens Suits, Mens, Boys and Childrens Pants, Ladies Tailored Suits, Tailored Dresses, Skirts, Furs, Blankets, Quilts and all other winter goods of every conceivable character. Many Staple Items will share a similar fate, including Mens and Boys Hats, Gloves, Shirts and various other clean and desirable merchandise.



Big Bargains  
in Hats

In Connection to Special Prices we Are Going to Give to Some Good Man, Woman or Child

## A FINE ORCAN ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Some one will get this Great Present Free of Cost. We are not going to fill this reading matter with hot air offering something for nothing....ask about it for more details

When we say Bargains it means Good Goods Cheaper than you will buy cheap, shelf-worn, out-of-date styles such as are often offered as Bargains

NEW CADET HOSIERY FOR MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN...."THE GOOD KIND"

# J. A. Lambdin & Company

Stamford,

THE STORE FOR DECEMBER BARGAINS

Spur, Texas

### IN MEMORIAM

The following letter commenting on the life and noble characteristics of the late Arthur Poole fittingly portrays the goodness of this young man. Mr. Gatlin, author of the letter, was for some time associated with Mr. Poole in business, they having been partners in the conduction of a business college at Abilene. Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 1--- Mr. Con Poole and family, Spur, Texas. Dear friends: Having just learned of Arthur's death, I hasten to send you this as a token of my sympathy in your hours of bereavement. Mrs. Corcanges informed me of the sad affair and I really am so shocked I am not in a condition to really express my feelings.

How sad when I think of him that he had to go! I believe I

knew Arthur, every bit of him, and I can truthfully say I have never had a more loyal, loving friend. Truthful, honest and sincere, his manly young life is a fitting model for any of us. Being a lover of all that was pure and noble and beautiful in life, he found his life's expression in doing for others rather than self and, I think, in this way found some happiness. His soul was as pure as the driven snow and now that he has gone to rest I know he will reap the reward of a well spent life. He has gone to rest; life's tragic drama to him is closed and now he sleeps after the play. He played the part of a Star, and tho we may dim this page with tears of regret and sadness, yet who can say he is not better off than we who still linger here

playing our little parts, waiting for the curtain to drop that will give us a rest from this life's ceaseless struggle. As long as life shall last and my mind is active will I cherish my love for poor Arthur, for I loved him and love his memory. My wife and family unite with me in joining our sorrows with yours, and may "He who doeth all things well" comfort you in your trials.

H. C. GATLIN.

### ENTERTAINED

Friday evening the Merry Wives gave a reception at the residence of Dr. J. E. Morris. Mesdames Morris and P. H. Miller were hostesses for the occasion. About twenty couples were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The guests were placed, lady

and gentleman, all around two connected rooms and at a signal from the hostess each couple was told to talk about something beginning with "A." At a signal each gentleman moved one place to the right and all were told to talk about something beginning with "D," then with each move a new letter was given until 'X' was reached. Following the conversation about something beginning with "X," partners were drawn, pennies distributed and each couple was given a sheet of paper with a list of fifteen things to be found on the two sides of a penny. The correct answers were read by Dr. Morris and it was found that a large number had guessed all of the answers correctly.

Then refreshments, consisting of salad, sandwiches and choco-

late were served, and while being consumed Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan proposed a toast to "Our Visitors," followed by Mrs. Dr. Brandon's "To Our Husbands" and a well received response by Mr. E. C. Edmonds.

### 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.