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## WAGES OF FARM LABORERS HAS BEEN INCREASED

The Farmers Union has been making a comparison of the condition of farm laborers with other classes of laborers in Texas and in the United States. Mr. Peter Radford, President of the Union, in discussing the subject: The Nation has been shocked to find young women receiving wages under \$8.00 per week, but did you ever stop to consider that the farm laborers work for less money? The legislature has just placed an eight hour law upon the statute book, but did it ever occur to you that the farmer works from sun to sun?

The Farmers' Union is in sympathy, with the working girls and in favor of the eight hour law and we stand for fewer hours and better wages for all who toil, but how about the farm laborers? There are more men who labor on the farms of Texas than in all other occupations combined."

According to the report of the Federal Census Bureau, farm wages in Texas average \$19.00 per month with, and \$27.30 per month without board. Reduced to a weekly basis it means that the farm laborers of Texas get \$6.00 per week where they board themselves and in many instances they have a family to support on this sum. The farm owner cannot increase the wages of his hired help and "shift the burden"

to the consumer as is often the case with the merchant and the manufacturer. He does not fix the price of his products and while producing the wealth of the Nation, he receives minimum pay for his services. Over-production and crop mortgages force the farmer into ruinous competition with each other, forcing down prices and compelling low wages and long hours. The remedy lies in organization and in cooperation in marketing.

In Texas 160,538 farms of the 417,770 employ help at an annual expense of \$25,785,000. During the passed ten years farm wages have increased \$4.97 per month.

In Dickens county there are 349 farms, and 92 of them employ hired help at an expense of \$44,711 per annum.

### PLAINVIEW RAISED BONUS

D. E. Decker, general attorney for the Q. A. & P., stated to the Observer Saturday that he had been advised from Plainview that the \$100,000 cash bonus and terminal grounds in the city for the Q. A. & P. had been raised and is ready for "signing up", which will be done this week. This insures the extension of the of the Q. A. & P. to Plainview and on to some point in the Pecos Valley.—Quannah Observer.

### BUILDING GOOD ROADS

Berry & Company closed their blacksmith shop last week and Mr. Berry will go to Kent county and do bridge work for the county on the Clairemont and Post road which is now being built. Kent county has been spending many dollars for good roads during the past year, and one driving over the county will note the improvements.

### THE BAPTIST MEETING

A protracted meeting, under the auspices of the Baptist Church at Spur, will begin on the 3rd Sunday in May, which will be the 18th day of the month.

The pastor will be assisted by Evangelist W. H. Johnson and singer of Handley, Texas. Mr. Johnson is one of the best known evangelists among the Baptists of Texas. He has for a number of years been in the employ of the State Board of the Baptist General Convention as one of their evangelists.

These workers will be with us for a two weeks soul winning campaign, beginning on the above mentioned date, and we extend a cordial invitation to all christians in our community to join in with us in this campaign for righteousness as against sin and unrighteousness. May we hope to have the prayers and the presence and active co-operation of every christian in Spur for the blessing of God upon the meeting. Furthermore, we appeal to our friends who are not christians to attend the meeting, and even to the stranger within our gates we extend a most hearty welcome. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." Remember the date, May 18, and pray, come and help.—G. C. Berryman, Pastor.

### SPUR YARDS SELLING

#### BUILDING MATERIAL

During the past several weeks many wagon loads of lumber and building material has been hauled out of Spur for building and improvement purposes in several sections of the country. Lumber for a number of houses to be built at Roaring Springs has been hauled out, and other wagons loaded with bridge material is being hauled to Kent county where several bridges will be built.

Spur is the buying center for a large territory and the business men of Spur are prepared to furnish the territory with all character of merchandise and building material at prices to compete with any town of Western Texas.

### SELLING EGGS ON THE SPUR PRODUCE MARKET

Last week C. A. Jones, of Afton, was in Spur and reported the sale of more than one hundred and twenty dozen eggs to Spur produce buyers. Mr. Jones sold seventy-one dozen and his son-in-law, Will Martin, sold fifty odd dozen. Sol Davis bought the eggs at a price of twelve and a half cents per dozen for the lot.

The Afton country is the leading section of this country in the production and sale of all kinds of farm products, and as a result the farmers of that section are most prosperous.

## ITS WANT MORE TO LIVE NOW

We are given to complaining about the high cost of living. Now did you ever stop to think, its want more to live now than it used to be. Think it over.

Sweet clover seed—we have a small amount. These seed were grown at Amarillo and the plant flourishes there. Every farmer should buy a few pounds of this seed and try it as the plant is said to be adapted to an arid country. We have German millet seed also, which is free from Johnson grass.

Business was good again last week in most all lines; especially was it good in our shoe department. Queen Quality took the lead, Florsheim a close second and Weatherbird shoes for children came in for third rank. Diamond Brand also had a good showing. We stand behind all of above mentioned lines and you can't go wrong in buying any of them. We want to shoe you—any price from \$1.35 to \$5 for grown people and 15c to \$4 for children. Don't fail to see our shoe department.

The ladder of life is full of splinters but they always prick the hardest when we are sliding down.

Unloading a car of Light Crust flour today. It's not the cheapest, but the best. Does it pay to

eat poor biscuit to a few cents difference in the price of a sack of flour? If you want cheap flour we can sell you our Lilly Brand at \$2.50 per hundred or Homestead, which is first patent flour and guaranteed, at \$3.00. "Plague-take the hens," said Farmer Brown As he, egg laden, drove to town, His crop to market to devote. "The pesky things, they get my goat! They loaf all winter on full feed Just at the time when eggs we need; An' in the spring when prices drop They lay an' lay an' never stop."

Wire and nails—ask for prices. Poultry and hog fence, screen wire—we want your business in this line, also shelf hardware, buggies, wagons and the celebrated Jno. Deere line of implements. We are after part of your hardware business, and handling hardware in connection with our other lines cuts down expenses and puts us in position to make the prices right.

Linweave, the guaranteed white goods; Red Seal gingham, the kind that doesn't fade; Galeta cloth, the thing for childrens clothing; Iron Clad hosiery, as good as the name indicates; Queen Quality Flexsole ladies foot wear and many other special lines at our store. They all indicate quality and are selling fast, proving to us that the people realize their superiority. Did you notice the well dressed men at church Sunday? Style Plus was the reason. Many of them looked so well. See Miss Burnett for your new hat. Her department is running over with new things and they are snappy with style. We want your business and while we can't ask you all in a personal way, we ask you thru the columns of this paper to come on with the many who already trade with us.—Bryant-Link Co.

### DIED

Judge J. N. Ballard died Monday at his home in Dickens, and the remains were interred Tuesday in the Dickens cemetery.

Judge Ballard was one of the oldest settlers of Dickens county, having located a home near Dickens before the county was organized, and during his continued residence here has contributed much to the development progress of the country and advancement of the social and commercial interests of the citizenship. He has a wide circle of friends who will regret to learn of his death, and extend sincere condolences to the family in their bereavement.

### WANTS TO SELL OUT

T. A. Smith was in the city Monday from his new farm home south of Spur and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Uncle Tom recently sold his farm and ranch home southwest of Spur and has just completed a new residence and settled on a new place nearer Spur. However he says that he wants to sell his new place and move to another country where they have less wind and more rain. T. A. Smith is one of the oldest settlers of this country and is among the best fixed men of the whole country.

### THE MOLESWORTH RANCH AND CATTLE ARE SOLD

A deal was consummated last week by which Mr. Molesworth sold his cattle and lease on a portion of the Spur Ranch lands and will retire from the cattle business in this section of the country. On the ranch were about five thousand head of cattle and the lease on the south pasture of the Spur Ranch which were sold to Mr. White of Weatherford who is here now taking over the cattle. The consideration in the deal was not made public.

### FOUND OUT

Remembering how very considerate you are to your subscribers, and inasmuch as our sessions have been so ably reported by your handsome and efficient reporter who signs himself as Mr. "I Hurdit," we fell certain that you will permit us some space in your paper to express our appreciation of such consideration. Ever since the first article appeared in the Spur, we, as a club, have deemed it our duty to locate personally the writer, and at last we have been successful in finding him. He's a cute little fellow—something anyone would be proud to lead around with a string. Sort of a combination running between a lap-poodle and a rah-rah boy. Diminutive in stature, but has the dearest voice you ever heard—uses it on all occasions. Quite a ladies man too—swell dresser and local favorite(?) Anyone will know him by this description. Respectfully, —The Batchelor Girls.

## DICKENS COUNTY FARMERS ENTER CROP CONTEST

The following farmers of Dickens county have entered the State Contest for the best crops grown during the year:

Mattie Wright and J. N. Ballard of Draper, W. P. T. Smith, Boren Smith, W. D. Blair, S. P. Odom, Howard Campbell, A. J. Wallace, of Spur, and S. T. McDonald and J. D. Alford of Dickens.

All have entered the contest for the best unirrigated forage crops, while Howard Campbell, A. J. Wallace and J. N. Ballard entered also the contest for the best four-acre model farm.

The Industrial Congress is offering ten thousand dollars in gold as prizes for the best crops in the several classes, and it is very probable that some of the Dickens county contestants will be among the prize winners. Whether or not any of the contestants win prizes they have lost nothing and gained knowledge of better farming, better results of careful systematic farming. Here access to every farmer in the test from Dickens county.

### TOWN BOOMING

Spirit is the most substantial thing in the human world. Nation is as great as the colle

ive spirit of its people. Progress, industry, inventions, improvements—all are but manifestations of the spirit of an age or of a country or of a city or of an individual. Take all the people out of New York and put 5,000,000 Zulus in their places and grass would grow in the streets, elevators would stop, subways, elevated roads and surface lines would be abandoned, and the city would fall into ruins. But put the present inhabitants of New York in the middle of Zululand and they would build another city. It is their spirit that does all things. When San Francisco was shaken down and burned the real city did not cease to be, but was only put in the way of a new and greater manifestation, for the people rose higher to meet the catastrophe.

It has been so in every American disaster. Here liberty, popular education, democracy and individual initiative have built up a greater spirit in the people, and this faith has become manifested in works. All this has a very definite and practical application to the building up of a town or city anywhere. The only way this can be done is to build up the spirit of the people of that town or city. Given that and the material progress will follow. Seek ye first the inner kingdom and all these outer things shall be added. Like most of the things taught by the Master, that is a scientific fact. It belongs to that deeper human science which after all, is the greatest one we know.

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter Will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**IN** Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land 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 pretend 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 trespassers hereafter without favor.

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**GILPIN HAPPENINGS**  
The three youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clark, who have been quite sick, are convalescent.

Poet Hagins and sisters, Misses Odessa and Lucy, of near Jayton, are here this week visiting relatives.

Miss Anna Bert Marshall, of the Steel Hill community, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall this week.

Rev. Bennett took his little son, Adrion, who has been suffering of the toothache for several days, to Spur Tuesday. Adrion says that tooth wont hurt him any more.

Roy Butts says that he has twenty-five acres of maize coming up nicely. It is to be hoped that the norther that blew up Tuesday night will do it no damage.

Rev. Bennett attended an ordination service at Girard Sunday morning and preached at the Bond school house Sunday evening.

Miss Mae Wason was the guest of Mrs. W. B. Bennett and children Sunday.

W. T. Morris, editor of the Ralls Banner, accompanied by his wife and baby, passed through Gilpin the first of the week en route to Jayton to visit relatives.

It is reported that F. W. West has sold his farm and will leave us in the near future.

Chas. Brooks and wife have moved to a farm near Afton where they expect to reside in the future.—A. Farmer.

W. P. T. Smith came in Saturday and spent several hours here. Mr. Smith is one of the number who again entered the state contest for the best two acres of maize and kaffir corn to be grown this year.

C. J. Smith, of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business. He reports everything in good shape and fine crop prospects in his section.

### LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES STATEMENT

Says Dodson's Liver Tone is the Best Remedy for Constipation and Shirking Liver he has Ever Sold.

Every person who has tried Dodson's Liver Tone and knows how surely and gently it starts the liver to working and relieves biliousness will bear out Red Front drug store in this statement about Dodson's Liver Tone.

"It is a purely vegetable liquid, that entirely takes the place of calomel, harmless and pleasant to taste, that has proven itself the most satisfactory remedy for a slow-working liver that most of our customers have ever tried. A large bottle sells for fifty cents and we do not hesitate to give the money back to any person who tries a bottle on the strength of his statement and is not satisfied with the result."

In these days of doubtful medicines and dangerous drugs, a statement like the above is a pleasant assurance that Dodson's Liver Tone is a reliable remedy for both children and grownups. In buying a bottle for immediate or future use it is well to make sure you are getting the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone and not some spurious imitation that has copied our claims, but do not stand back of their guarantee. You may be certain of getting the genuine if you go to The Red Front drug store for it.

Jeff Smith, of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Bob Howsley, who has been spending some time in Spur with his father, G. A. Howsley, returned last week to his home at Albany.

G. A. Draper, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and hauled out a windmill to put on his place. He says he intends to have plenty of water on his place whether or not it rains. Mr. Draper is one of the best farmers of the country, and although he is a "new-comer" he has made a success of the farming business.

J. V. McCormick came down Monday from Afton and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting his many friends here. He says he is now selling hardware for the Afton merchants.

A. A. Marshall, a prosperous citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in the most promising condition in his section.

J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports crop conditions the most promising.

### A SONG OF SPRINGTIME

A song of spring time,  
Sunshine warm and bright;  
Balmy air and cloudless skies,  
Glad days and pleasant nights,  
Bursting buds and infant leaves,  
Tiny sprigs of grass;  
Johnnie-jumpups by the way  
Cheering all who pass.

Sing a song of spring time,  
All is bright and fair,  
Hear sweet Mother Nature sing,  
Breathe the balmy air,  
See the verdant trees and grass,  
Butterflies and flowers,  
Hear the merry song birds sing  
In the woodland bowers.

Sing a song of spring time;  
Hear the children shout  
While busy at their work or play,  
So glad that school is out,  
See the little toddlers wake  
And greet the morning sun—  
At mischief busy all the day—  
Bless them every one.

Sing a song of spring time;  
Smell the fresh turned sod,  
Rise ye, everybody rise,  
And sing the praise of God,  
Come ye little children all  
And make his praises ring,  
Sing a song of spring time,  
Sing a song of spring.

—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

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## OTHER STATES SOLVE RURAL CREDIT PROBLEM

According to data compiled by the Country Gentleman, the oldest agricultural Journal in the world, there have been only three states which have tried and abandoned systems of state loans on farm property. They are New York, New Jersey and Wisconsin. Wisconsin's failure was largely due to fraud and mismanagement; badly drafted laws caused the failure of the New York system and New Jersey officials claim that mortgages accepted failed to prove satisfactory investments.

A large number of other states have been making loans of state funds to farmers for several years and the results have, as a rule, been very satisfactory. Idaho has been lending its educational funds on farm mortgages for twenty-two years and during this time only six foreclosures have been made and not a cent has been lost by the state. The interest charged is six and seven per cent, whereas private money lenders charge eight to ten per cent. The latest report shows the total outstanding farm loans to be \$1,500,000.

Iowa adopted a constitutional provision in 1857 enabling the state to loan educational and

school funds to farmers, and June 30, 1910, \$4,495,731.19 was outstanding on mortgage security of all kinds. The interest rate varies from five to six per cent. The loans are made by county officers. Very little money has been lost in foreclosure. North Dakota on June 1, 1912 held 1,069 farm mortgages as security for loans aggregating \$1,746,462.85. In 1907 the rate of interest was reduced from six to five per cent. The loans run not to exceed twelve years and after the fifth year the borrower can pay installments of principal in addition to interest. There has been just one foreclosure and the state has never lost a cent. When North Dakota's school lands are all sold \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 will be available for farm loans.

Oklahoma carries more than \$4,000,000 of farm mortgages; Oregon, on October 1, 1910, had loaned \$5,078,144.95 in the same way; South Dakota, on September 30, 1912, had loaned \$6,216,405.61, and Utah had outstanding \$1,098,174.47.

W. F. Shugart came in Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur and reports everything lovely and says "the goose honks high."

Tom Shields, of Dickens, was in Spur after supplies one day this week.

## THE FARMERS ARE IN THE BACKGROUND

President Peter Radford, of the Farmers' Union shows that he is a man of unusual thought and brains when he urges co-operation in the marketing of the farm products in his arguments that marketing and not production is the farmers' problem today. Speaking for the many agencies, including the colleges, the Federal Department and other agencies which are teaching the lessons of making two blades grow where one grew before he says in part:

"The farmer is naturally timid and indeed it requires a bold man to speak from the furrow when our statesmen, educators, philanthropists, millionaires, writers and organizers have the platform, but it is the farmer's problem, and it will never be solved until he takes the initiative. As a farmer who has followed the plow for fifty years and burned the midnight oil in studying these problems, I am going to offer a few suggestions to our friends and patrons and in turn to invite counsel from them, because we are working on a problem as big as civilization and it will take the combined effort of all of us to solve it correctly.

A great many people make a mistake in concluding the farmer does not understand his problems. What he needs from friendly interests is not so much instruction in production, but co-operation in marketing. Give the farmer a market and our instructors in production will become benefactors; give us profits and our boys will return from the college to the farm, give us dividends and we will build up a great civilization — but production without profit is no incentive to activity.

The cotton mills of the world consume about the same number of bales per month, yet instead of giving the mills a steady supply we marketed our cotton in Texas on approximately the following basis, varying slightly according to prices, and this condition also applies to the entire United States. This estimate is based on a 3,000,000-bale crop and will of course, vary according to season, price and financial condition of the farmer:

August.....	250,000
September.....	750,000
October.....	1,000,000
November.....	350,000
December.....	150,000
January.....	100,000
February.....	91,000
March.....	75,000
April.....	70,000
May.....	64,000
June.....	50,000
July.....	50,000
Total.....	3,000,000

It is safer to estimate that 60 per cent of our cotton crop, is sold on a glutted market.

To avoid this glut, is to that phase of the subject that I direct the attention of all those who desire to aid the farmer.

The holding plan adopted by the Farmers' Union contemplates the building of warehouses to store cotton; securing cheap money for advancing on cotton in distress and by intelligent co-operation to feed the market slowly. The perfection, extension and adjustment of our marketing system to all lines of agriculture is the task we have set ourselves to and one in which we invite the co-operation of the Legislature, our educational institutions, business organizations

## 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

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IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, SAY SO!

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C. A. JONES, Vice-President

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

and individuals. This plan gives the farmer the advantage of the increase in the price of his product and on no other basis of co-operation can he be materially benefitted. In another article at a later date, I will go more fully into a discussion of co-operation between the agriculture and commercial interests."

Jeff D. Reagan left last week for Dallas and other points to represent the City Commissioners in the purchase of material for the construction of a water works system in Spur. The twenty five thousand dollars in bonds recently voted by the citizenship of Spur has not yet been approved by the Attorney General. However, it is thought that the bonds will be approved and that the delay is occasioned by an overcrowded business in the Attorney General's department.

## SHIPS A FULL

## CAR OF HOGS

A car load of hogs were shipped from Cottle County Wednesday by W. A. Bobbit. Most of the hogs had been purchased from J. H. Smith, while a few were gathered up in other parts of the county.

This is the first car ever shipped from this county which is conclusive proof that the farmers here are waking to their interest and have that much profit can be obtained from them. There were all, and weighed from 220 pound each. They brought eight cents per pound. — Post.

Mrs. J. H. McCamant, who recently moved to the T. A. Smith place from Arizona, is reported quite sick.

## . KING ZOLA .

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That King Zola, 50765, has been duly registered as standard under Rule 1, in Volume XIX of the American Trotting Register, and the pedigree can there be traced in the following form: 50765, King Zola, (1) b. h., foaled 1909; by Zola, 36170; dam Dorina, by Jim Long, 7746, grandam Dorine, by Idol Wilkes, 512, etc. Bred by Lomo Alto Farm, Dallas, Texas. Passed to J. B. Farrar, Palmer, Texas. King Zola is about 16 1-2 hands high, weighs 1200 lbs., dark bay. Will stand the season on the John Day farm, ten miles west of Spur. Pasturage furnished for mares.

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**DRY LAKE ITEMS**

Rev. Berryman preached here Friday, Saturday and Sunday night and Sunday morning.

Bob English and family just returned from visiting in near by counties.

H.C. Allen, wife and grandchild, returned this week from Clairemont where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. Allen's sister who was not expected to live.

I. G. VanLeer and wife spent Monday in Spur on business and visiting friends.

While plowing last week a team of mules being driven by W. F. Markham became frightened and ran away, resulting in one of the mules sustaining a broken leg.

Teachers were elected for the Sunday school Sunday as follows: Teacher of Bible class R. F. King, of intermediate class Mrs. G. A. Draper, and of the little peoples class Mrs. W. A. Johnson. There are now enrolled about forty five in all.

Rev Buck Hardin will preach here next Sunday morning.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother.

Joe Allison the Rawleigh man was in our community the latter part of the week.

Doctor Browns spent several days in Spur Saturday on business.

Lydia Franklin not of our community but a frequent visitor Saturday for her home in the northern part of the State.

Thomas has just had a house completed on his place.

A number visited the school house Friday evening.

Miss Lottie Johnson was a guest of Mrs R. T. Dopson Sunday.

M. C. West sold his place here Monday to E. C. Edmonds of Spur. Mr. West and family will leave at once for Oklahoma.

Luther Karr, of Espeula, was a business visitor to Spur Saturday.

Ellis Draper, while jumping a rope at school, sprained his ankle from which he has been unable to walk just right the past few days but is now able to jump again.

Miss Ester McKnight spent Monday night with her grand mother, Mrs. Garner of near Spur.

Joe Draper was not only seen at Steel Hill Sunday but is quite a frequent visitor lately.

Miss Eunice McBrown and Shird Smith, Miss Dovie Smith and Marvin Brown, attended church here Sunday.—Maiden Vine.

R. L. Collier, dealer in livestock, Milk cows and Poland China hogs a specialty. See me when you want to buy or sell. 12

**DICKENS ITEM**

Audrey Loyd made a business trip to Spur this week.

Messrs. Warren Squires and Clarence Young made a business trip to Spur this week.

Wm. Bott sold his blacksmith shop at Afton this week to Kitchen Bros. who will take charge of the business Monday.

S. H. Priddy, who lost his house by fire some few days ago is building another.

Mrs. T. G. Harkey and daughter, Miss Thelma, of Spur, visited relatives in Dickens last Sunday.

Many wagon loads of lumber passed through Dickens this week enroute to Roaring Springs from Spur. We understand that business activities are great in the new town.

Love Bros. went to Spur yesterday and purchased lumber for their store building to be erected at Roaring Springs. They intend to move their stock of goods as soon as the house is completed.

Miss Zada Stafford, of Afton, returned from a visit to Spur and Dickens Sunday. She attended the play at Dickens Saturday night.

One of the largest crowds ever gathered at Afton assembled at the Baptist tabernacle Sunday. Rev. Berryman preached an excellent sermon. After dinner two deacons were ordained.

Rev. C. Holland, of Wake, was in the city Monday and made the item a pleasant call. He reported the marriage of Mr. Charlie Crosby to Miss Lizzie Hickman, Sunday at 10 o'clock. They are both popular and highly respected young people of the Wake community.

Will Miller, W. P. Moore, Mr. Foster and families started overland this week to New Mexico, where they intend to reside. These families have lived in the Dickens country for several years and the people regret to lose them as citizens.

The Commissioners had the court-yard wells overhauled this week. New casing and a 3 1-2 inch pipe was placed in the well on the south side, and a smaller pipe placed in the north well where the engine is used. It is thought that this will solve the water proposition.

In last Saturday's trustee election S. R. Bowman and S. J. Blair were elected trustees for precinct No. 1, O. O. Love and Chas. Jave retiring. They are both honest, strict, business men who believe in justice and will no doubt, with Mr. Buchanan's aid, make a school board to be proud of. There are three schools in this district and each is represented with a trustee, which assures justice for them all.

J. P. Gibson was in the city this week from his home in the Steel Hill community. He reports everything in good shape.

**PERCY BELCHER CONVICTED OF MURDER**

Percy Belcher was convicted in the District Court at Quanah last week on a charge of having murdered his father last spring.

It will be recalled that W. R. Belcher was found dead in the Norton pastures near Quanah last May. For several days the murder was somewhat a mystery, but by unraveling a chain of circumstances Percy Belcher, son of W. R. Belcher, was arrested and placed in jail charged with the murder.

From all accounts of the trial it seems as though the testimonial links were complete, and the jury did not hesitate in giving young Belcher 60 years in the State's prison. The testimony for the defense was very weak. In fact young Belcher confessed to having killed his father, but tried make it appear as though it was in order to protect his own life.—Paducah Post.

**NO. 9611**

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 4th, 1913.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$207,071.50
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	418.84
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	32,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	2,888.88
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Co's, and Savings Banks	
Due from approved Reserve Agents	34,769.90
Checks and Other cash Items	45.30
Notes of other National Banks	770.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	94.48
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	

Specie	10,144.20
Legal tender notes	10,144.20
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$314,453.10</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	5,314.80
National bank notes outstanding	24,500.00
Due to other National Banks	
Individual deposits subject to check	144,628.80
Cashier's checks outstanding	9.50
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$314,453.10</b>

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Apr., 1913.

B. D. GLASGOW, Notary Public.

[SEAL] Correct—Attest:  
C. A. Jones,  
Geo. S. Link,  
R. V. Colbert,  
Directors.

Judge Arrington, of Aspermont, was in Spur one day this week and spent some time here on business. Judge Arrington at this time is County Judge of Stonewall county.

W. M. Randall was in the city Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill community. Mr. Randall is one of the most extensive farmers and most prosperous citizens of the country.

Mesdames Ross Payne of Haskell, and John Wilks of Rule, who have been visiting Mrs. Roy Zinn in the city, returned this week to their homes.

Miss Ormsby, who has been on an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hisey, returned this week to her home in Haskell.

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**NEW HOPE**

Tom Dodson, Jr., of near Roaring Springs, is visiting relatives in this community. He states that there are twelve businesses already established at Roaring Springs.

Misses Edna Shields and Neva Love, of Dickens, and Misses Edna Buchanan and Nita Walker, of this community, attended the singing at W. W. Stegall's Sunday afternoon.

Clifford Lovelace, of Spur, is visiting friends in our community.

Mrs. L. E. Osburn is in Mitchell county looking after her home place there.

T. J. Whitaker has returned from Stamford where he had

**SINGING AT CROTON**

The Dickens County Singing Convention met Sunday at the Croton school house where an all-day session was enjoyed. A large crowd was in attendance, dinner was spread on the ground and everybody enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent.

W. B. Griffin returned Monday from Montana where he spent several weeks on a prospecting and pleasure trip. Burley says that on account of continued snow he remained in the towns. He was accompanied to that country by Lehman Dunn who remained having secured a position in one of the towns.

Dr. Grace has purchased a

gone on business.

Rev. Luther Bilberry preached his first sermon at Midway Sunday. His subject was, "God Is Love." We hope he will preach again on the same theme, because it is inexhaustible and full of the holy Spirit.

On account of the County Singing Convention at Croton, no Sunday School was held at Midway last Sunday.

Rev. Minor Wilson delivered quite an interesting address Sunday to the Church of Christ on "The Old and New Covenant." He made it so clear to his people that "a way-faring man, though a fool, need not err therein."

Prof. Blaine Speer and wife, of Liberty, attended the singing convention at Croton Sunday and report a good time—plenty of dinner, excellent music and a large gathering.—Oat Meal.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrison, of the Wichita country, were in Spur last week trading and visiting friends. While here Mr. Harrison was a very pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office and reports everything in his section of the country in very good shape with respect to crop conditions and prospects at this time.

E. L. Blakely, a prominent citizen of the north part of the county, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Luther Jones, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

R. M. Glazbrook was in the city Saturday from the Molesworth ranch several miles south-east of Spur.

used in the practice of his profession. He is now taking lessons in the art of driving and manipulating the machine, and the indications are that he will soon become an expert.

Mr. Wood, who came to Spur about one month ago and has been at the drugless sanitarium for treatment during the time, died Monday morning and the remains were interred in the Spur cemetery.

J. B. Morrison was in the city Monday from his place twelve miles southwest of Spur and spent some time here on business and trading with the merchants.

J. W. Denton, who has been out of the city the past several months returned this week and is again greeting his friends here.

J. Carlisle was in the city Saturday from his place in the Gilpin country and reports everything all right in that section.

J. N. Zumwalt was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur.

Herbert Irwin, who is now employed in operating a big power plow outfit for Mr. Nichols on the Plains, was in Spur this week.

Dr. Hale and family, of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday and spent some time here trading and visiting friends.

P. E. Randolph left Spur Wednesday in his photo car for Jayton where he will remain some time before returning to Spur.

D. Hutton, a prosperous farmer of the north part of the county, was in Spur this week trading with the merchants.

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