

Cotton 12c

The price of Cotton has been from 12 cents to 12 1-4 in Spur This Week

THE TEXAS SPUR

AND DICKENS ITEM

Cotton Seed \$40

Cotton Seed is bringing \$40 per ton on the Spur market and going higher

Volume Seven

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

Number 8

GOES TO DALLAS FOR ANOTHER OPERATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright and son, Earl, of the Draper country, were in Spur last week. Mr. Wright was on his way to Dallas to undergo another operation for his eye and head troubles. He was accompanied by Earl who will remain with him through the operation. A message has since been received that Mr. Wright stood the operation and that it was thought that this last operation would effect a permanent cure. Mr. Wright has been suffering severely the past year or more and we sincerely hope that he will hereafter be all right.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR OF DICKENS COUNTY

We have the pleasure this week of placing in our announcement column the name of G. B. Jopling as a candidate for re-election to office of Tax Assessor of Dickens county, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held July 22, 1916. Mr. Jopling is now serving his first term in this office and during his incumbency has given the county and the people efficient and satisfactory service in every particular. His tax rolls and rendition reports have been accurate, systematic and neat, and his official work has been highly commended by county and state officials. Mr. Jopling is a man worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by not only his constituents but the public at large, and his candidacy for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor is entitled to the favorable consideration of every voter in Dickens county.

FARMER BANKS MONEY AND STILL HOLDS COTTON

W. T. Lovell was in from Draper and spent Monday and Tuesday in the city recuperating from the labors of the year just ending. We are not informed as to his love of labor, but as a result of the harvests on his place this year he now has not only money in the bank but has several bales of cotton stored to await the price of fifteen cents which is sure to come at a later date. We expect to hear of Lovell forsaking the farming business and engaging in the money lending business or some other vocation more in keeping with his inclination and possibilities of exertion.

Uncle Bill Perrin, of ten miles east of Dickens and one of the old time frontier cowmen of this western country, was in Spur Monday shaking hands with friends.

T. W. Morgan called in Tuesday and handed us a dollar and six bits for the Texas Spur and Dallas News, a year. Mr. Morgan is one among the number of candidates for sheriff in the present campaign and we appreciate his consideration of the Texas Spur as a "local informer", and the Dallas News will keep him informed of state and national affairs.

PROF. SPEER UNDERGOES AN OPERATION IN SPUR

Thursday evening of last week Prof. Frank Speer, of the Afton School, was brought to Spur where he underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital. He was accompanied to Spur by his father, J. F. Speer of Dickens, and his cousin, Judge Blaine Speer. Although reported in a critical condition when brought to Spur, his many friends throughout the county will be glad to know that he is now doing nicely and recovering rapidly.

HERE AFTER A SHIPMENT OF THOROUGHBRED BULLS

W. W. Waldrup came in Monday from his ranch home in the Draper country after a shipment of thoroughbred Hereford Bulls with which he will stock his ranch. Billy Waldrup is one of the number of ranchmen of the country who is keeping in the progressive procession by raising the highest bred cattle and continuously improving his stock. Such men will not only always prosper but will become leaders in this land of industry.

GETS 42 BALES

L. C. Arrington was here this week from Afton. His crops in the Afton country were hailed out early in the season but he reports that from his place in the Sour country he has already secured forty two bales of cotton besides the feed crops. You can't keep a good man down in this country.

A BALE TO THE ACRE AND 40 BUSHELS OF CORN

J. H. Boothe, of about two miles southeast of Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office one day last week and had the paper sent to D. C. Woolverton, Milano Junction. Mr. Boothe reported that this year he made a bale of cotton to the acre and forty bushels of corn to the acre on his place this year, thus demonstrating the claims of the Texas Spur that this is the finest farming country in America. Mr. Boothe is now driving a fine automobile as one of the evidences of his success and prosperity. Any man who will come to this country and use judgment in his farming operations and business dealings will soon be in a position to enjoy not only the necessities but the luxuries of life. Come to the Spur Country.

7845 BALES GINNED

Up to December 1st there had been ginned in Dickens county 7,845 bales of cotton. Since that time this amount has been ginned in Spur alone, and there are four or five gins in the county. This does not include all the cotton produced in Dickens county because hundreds of bales raised in the county are ginned at gins without the county.

GIVING

The Holiday Season is approaching. One can tell it without looking at the calendar—it is in the air; you can somehow feel it. What a feeling it is—all bottled up inside and striving to burst forth—it is that tremendous desire to give, give, give. What for? It is that feeling and how much joy it gives the giver. A thousand fold more than it does the receiver.

Why should we not make it a holiday season the year round? This is what we have tried to do by giving our customers the best we had in the way of service, good-measure and in every other way we could serve them, which has made our business a continuous joy to us and, we hope, a pleasure to our friends who have done business with us. Why! feeling that way business is the "bulliest" pastime a fellow ever had.

To the ladies: We want to express our appreciation of their friendship and patronage on Christmas Eve Day by a nice little remembrance. Now this will only be for ladies that are married or are old enough to be if the proper persuasion by the right person was brought to bear. Along with this remembrance we will give one of our 1916 calendars. We want to make Christmas Eve Day a day to be remembered by every lady who trades with us and for those who are our friends even if they are not our customers.

We are not going to burden your minds with merchandise this week. We just want to tell every customer how much we appreciate your business and to tell you who have helped to make 1915 the biggest year's business we have ever done in Spur, how much we appreciate your patronage. And as we can almost peep into 1916, we want to ask for a continuation of your liberal trade. Our cash business this year has proven to us that the people realize that good merchandise cannot be sold cheaper than we sell them and be dealt out honestly. We do a volume of business which cuts our expense down far below the average merchant. As we started to say 1915 is almost in the past and 1916 is so near we can hear the rustling of its wings. We want you and all to continue to be our friends and customers. We intend adding to our stock and to our floor space so as to better serve you. Again let us return to the Holiday thoughts.

Good friend of ours
For thee we pray,
All good things
For Christmas Day.
All good things thy life to bless
In these two words—
Just happiness,
Merry Christmas to you and
and may 1916 be filled with prosperity and all good things is the wish of the
Bryant-Link Company.

J. D. Hufstedler, of the Dry Lake country, called in last week and handed us a check for his renewal subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas News. We wish a thousand more would do likewise.

A G I F T

FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Jewel Boxes	Spoons	Military Brushes
Hair Receivers	Berry Spoons	Boys' Wagons
Puff Boxes	Cream Ladles	Tricycles
Holiday Boxes	Meat Forks	Mechanical Trains
Glove Boxes	Olive Forks	Mechanical Erector
Pin Trays	Aluminum	Street Cars
Manicure Sets	Roasters	Fire Engines
Toilet Sets	Rice Boilers	Pop Guns
Nail Files	Cake Pins	Cannon
Button Hooks	Dairy Pans	Coasters
Hand Mirrors	Berlin Kettles	Push Carts
Hair Brushes	Skillets	Auto Hooks and
Genuine French	Safety Razors	Ladders
Ivory Combs	Razors	Merry Go A
Cut Glass	Pocket Knives	Rounds
Water Sets	Gillet Razors	Hose Reels
Chaffing Dishes	Pocket Razors	Elephants
Casseroles	Shot Guns	Water Towers
Percolators	Shooting Coats	Aerial Trucks
Fern Dish	Smoking Sets	Circus Wagons
Carving Sets	Automobile Gloves	Doll Carts
Silver Knives and	Auto Robes	Iron Trains
Forks	Foot Warmers	Steel Trains

This is only a partial list of our stock of Christmas Goods. We invite you to call and see for your self. Make your selections and let us keep them for you until Christmas.

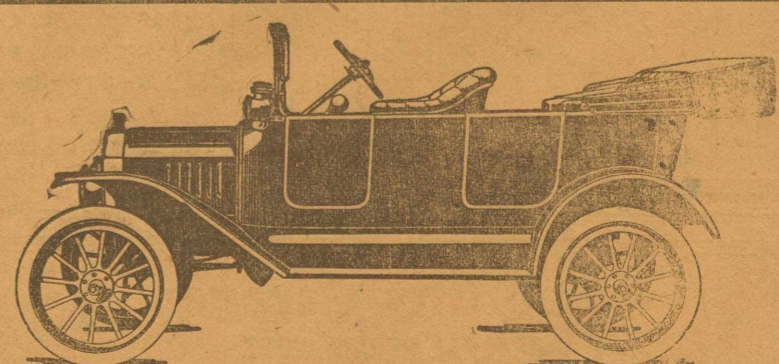
Spur Hdw. Co'y.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY 50TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Attorney Bert King, of Seymour, Throckmorton county, was in Spur this week and while here authorized the Texas Spur to place his name in the announcement column for the office of District Attorney of this, the 50th Judicial District, subject to action of the Democratic Primary elections to be held July 22nd, 1916. During the past three years Bert King served as County Attorney of Throckmorton county and in this place made an enviable reputation as a prosecuting attorney. Recently he was appointed County Judge of his county by the Commissioners Court in preference to five other applicants learned in the law. Bert King is a young man of the highest qualifications and is recognized not only as an

able practitioner in his profession but as a man possessing a well-grounded knowledge of the law. As a prosecuting attorney he will be efficient and active in recommending justice to law violators but in no instance will he stoop to persecution of those who may come within his jurisdiction. Judge Bert King is entitled to and deserves the serious consideration of every voter not only in Dickens county but of the whole district in his campaign for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of the 50th Judicial District.

W. C. Cartwright was in the city the latter part of last week and handed us a dollar to have the Texas Spur sent to H. J. Koch, St. Jo, Missouri, and for which he has our sincere thanks. The Texas Spur goes to nearly every state in the Union as well as to Canada.



FORDS AND BUICKS

Touring Cars, \$440 00
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Salesman
Spur, Texas

FARMERS:

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Yours truly,

SWENSON GIN COMPANY

R. R. JOHNS, Manager

CHRISTMAS A SEASON OF JOY AND NOT OF TEARS

Christmas should mean infinitely more to us than can be expressed by gift or language. It is not to be a season of tears, but of joy. It should fill every home with gladness and the noise of happy children and parents. Let the children come home, let the parents throw open their homes to them; let the yule log, a log of wood, be laid in the fireplace and lighted, and with songs, match the merry crackling log and shadows of the flames dancing jocosely upon the wall. Say, come friends, come strangers. "If it be but a cup of cold water that's given," and a kindly smile it will do something to show, that God's in His Heaven,

All's well with the world." That the forests with their feathered songsters declare His goodness, that the cattle on a thousand hills are grazing at His feet, that the crows pick food from His hands and that man is redeemed from sin and "This is the marvel of marvels revealed, When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed. That humankind are the children of God"

E. B. Shaw, a leading farmer, stockman and fruit grower of the Croton country, was in the city Monday greeting friends and looking after business affairs.

EVERYBODY INVITED
TO COME IN AND SEE
JOE'S PLACE
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All work guaranteed.
Cars stored and looked after for \$2.00 per month.
Oil and Gas

Willis Smith was in the city Saturday from the Tap country.

Mat Howell was here this week from the Cat Fish country.

Tom McArthur was in Monday from the Tap country.

J. E. Sparks was here Saturday from Tap.

Luther Jones was in town one day this week from his ranch home north of Spur.

Tom Owen was in this week from his ranch home, greeting friends of the city.

H. E. Grabener was among the number in the city the latter part of last week.

S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was among the number here Monday on business.

W. T. Wilson and wife, of six miles east, were among the shoppers in the city last week.

Joe Curry, of the Steel Hill country, was here Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

T. S. Lambert was among the many here from the Tap country last week.

Paul Douglass and wife were among the many in town Saturday shopping with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Mace Hunter, of several miles east, were among the many shoppers in Spur Saturday.

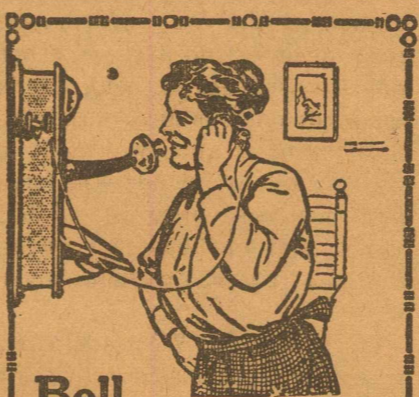
J. G. Curry, of the Archer county settlement southwest of Spur, was among those here Monday.

J. E. Cherry, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number of business visitors to the city Saturday.

J. N. Zimwalt came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of town, was here last week and handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription to the Texas Spur.

W. H. Smith was in the city the latter part of last week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything o. k. in the Red Mud country.



Bell Connection Adds to Farm Cheer

It was a blustery March evening, but inside the cozy sitting-room of the Brown's all was cheery and bright.

Mrs. Brown stepped to the telephone. Her husband smiled—for he knew the pleasant custom for years had been to call the daughter, in the distant village, each week.

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Telephone Co.
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Spur-Roaring Springs

Auto Service via Dickens and Afton
Phone Southwestern No. 78
Leave Spur 8:00 Arrive Roaring Springs 11:20
Leave Roaring Springs 12:30 Arrive Spur 5:20

LOUIS LIPSHITZ
Wholesale buyer of
PECANS
Also buys and sell pecan BAGS
Waco, Texas

W. E. Pirkle, of the Tap country, was among the many visitors to Spur the latter part of last week.

Judge A. J. McClain was in Monday from his Cat Fish home and spent the day here shaking hands with his many friends.

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here the latter part of last week.

J. H. Farmer came in Saturday from his farm home northeast of Spur and spent the day here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

Bert Brown, manager of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was a business visitor in Spur last week. He reports everything all o. k. in Kent county.

Dr. Blackwell came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the day here on business and visiting friends.

W. P. Sampson, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Gilpin country, was among the business visitors here this week.

B. F. Spradlin, of Girard, was in Spur Tuesday and rode back home in a new Overland car purchased of Bryant-Link Co.

T. M. Burgess came in one day last week from his home in the Amity community. He reports everything progressing nicely in his section.

A. W. Jordan, an extensive and successful farmer of the Steel Hill country, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

R. F. Rogers, of six or seven miles northwest, was among the visitors here this week. Mr. Rogers made good crops this year.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland and children left Spur the latter part of last week for Mart, Texas, where they will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

A. Stiffler has been spending several days of this week in Dickens where he has sold two or three fine pianos recently. Stiffler is going after the piano business in this section.

Miss Annie Douglass, daughter of Editor Douglass of Roaring Springs, is in Spur to spend the holidays with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Usry.

Young Mr. Nichols, formerly of the Plains country but recently of Blum, returned last week to Spur and we understand that he will again make his home here. His father, J. A. Nichols, owns land and a fine farm near McAdoo.

T. J. Harrison, of the Wichita community north of Dickens, was among the visitors to Spur last week. While here Mr. Harrison was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and reports everything in the very best of shape in his section at this time.

The Spur Real Estate and Live stock Company has some real bargains in farms and small ranches. The company headquarters is at the Texas Spur office, and if any homeseekers desire an improved place we are at his service and can accommodate him with the best place at the best price. We work strictly on a commission basis and do not list land for ten or twenty dollars and sell it for fifteen or twenty five dollars an acre.

AN ORDINANCE

Be it remembered that the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, hereby order that Miller Avenue from First Street to Third Street, a street and highway within the incorporated limits of said City of Spur, be improved by grading and graveling the same, and said Commissioners have ordered that the sum of \$325.00 be expended in said improvement—one-fourth (1/4) of which sum is to be paid by the City of Spur, and three-fourths (3/4) of said sum, the said Commissioners have determined should be assessed in accordance with the provision of Chapter Eleven (11) Title Twenty two (22) of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, against the abutting property or lots on said Miller Avenue as follows:

The following lots to be assessed on the basis of 16 cents per foot frontage on said Miller Avenue.
Lots No. 10 to 18, both inclusive, in block No. 33. Lots No. 1 and 14 in block No. 34. Lots No. 1 and 14 in block No. 47. Lots No. 10 to 18, both inclusive, in block No. 48.

It is further ordered by said Commissioners that a meeting of said Commissioners be held in the City of Spur at the office of the City Recorder on the 4th day of January, A. D., 1916, for the purpose of hearing any contest or contests of the owner or owners of said property to be so assessed as provided by Article 1013 of said Title and Chapter aforesaid, and that a true copy of this ordinance be published in the Texas Spur for three successive issues of said paper as a notice to the owners of said property of said proposed assessment, and of the time and place of said meeting for the hearing of contests.

F. W. Jennings, Mayor.
Oscar Jackson, City Clerk. 7-3t.

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the Half Circle S pastures.—I. R. Powell, Manager. Mar. 1 p

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You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures owned by me.—J. P. Goen. 47-3m-p

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The Spur National Bank

R. V. COLBERT, PRESIDENT
C. A. JONES, VICE PRESIDENT

M. E. MANNING, CASHIER
JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASHIER

H. T. Garner was in Tuesday from his Prairie View Stock Farm two or three miles northeast of Spur and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having some stationery printed for home use and also having the Texas Spur sent to his address. We appreciate such visits very much. Mr. Garner is one of the old timers here and one of the best and most progressive citizens today.

Ed Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdoo, was brought to the Standifer Hospital the latter part of last week where he underwent an operation and is now reported doing well. He was accompanied to Spur by his wife and father, H. C. Eldredge, and W. D. Eldredge who remained with him through the critical stages of the operation.

HER TEN COMMANDMENTS

These are the new commandments ten, Which wives now make for married men;

1. Remember that I am thy wife, Whom thou shalt cherish all thy life.
2. Thou shalt not stay out late at night, When lodges, friends or clubs invite.
3. Thou shalt not smoke indoor or out, Or chew tobacco round about.
4. Thou shalt with praise receive my pies, Nor pastry made by me despise.
5. My mother thou shalt strive to please, And let her live with us in ease.
6. Remember 'tis thy duty clear, To dress me well throughout the year.
7. Thou shalt in manner mild and meek Give me thy wages every week.
8. Thou shalt not be a drinking man, But live on the prohibition plan.
9. Thou shalt not flirt, but must allow Thy wife such freedom anyhow.
10. Thou shalt get up when baby cries, And try the child to tranquilize.

These my commandments, from day to day

Implicitly thou shalt obey.

—Exchange.

W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

MORE SALES OF THE SPUR FARM LANDS

Since the last issue of the Texas Spur seven sales of Spur Farm Lands tracts have been made as follows: J. A. Bass, of Winters, one quarter section; R. C. Clark of Girard, one quarter section; J. A. Caple of Stamford, one quarter section; J. H. Boothe of Spur, one quarter section; B. F. Finley of Haskell, one quarter section; G. B. Walker of Girard, one quarter section; and C. E. Hagins of Matador, one quarter section.

Including the number of sales made this week, the total number of sales during November and December of this year amounts to exactly seventy five tracts of land, all of which will be improved another year. There is no country which has been settling more rapidly and developing more substantially during the year 1915 than has the Spur country. In the course of a very few years we will have here one of the most highly developed agricultural sections within all of Western Texas. Come to the Spur country.

We will serve you with the best that can be had.—French Ruby Cafe. 7-2-t.

F. W. West, of four miles northeast of Spur, was a very pleasant caller last week at the Texas Spur office. He listed his farm home with us for sale. He owns a fine farm and since he is listing it at a bargain price it will probably be sold before another crop season.

W. R. MOORE, M. D.

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There is something about even the aroma of this delicious coffee that tells its tale of goodness. And when you taste it—well, you'll set down your cup with a great big sigh of joy and say, "Ah-h-h—there's the best cup of coffee I ever drank".

No wonder—the quality is there—selection, treatment, roasting, packing and a sincere desire to give you your money's worth in coffee produce that quality. You won't regret it if you

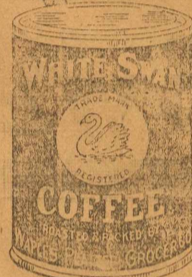
Make Your Next Coffee Order White Swan Coffee

Full weight, air tight, one, two and three-pound cans. Whole or ground.

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Our Motto shall always be, "Serve our customers so they will come again."—French Ruby Cafe. 7-2-t.

S. B. Abercrombie, of Merkel, was here this week and while here purchased the cattle and dairying business of W. A. Craddock through the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co. of which R. L. Collier is general manager. Mr. Abercrombie will move with his family

to Spur about the first of January and take tharge of his dairy business. He is a substantial citizen and we extend him a welcome to Spur. Mr. Craddock and family will move to his farm twelve miles west of Spur where they will make their home during the year 1916. Mr. Craddock has been successful in Spur and we expect next year to number him among "the most prosperous farmers of the whole country."

Money! Money!! Money!!!

to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see W. M. FEATHERSTON, Jayton, Tex.

LUMBER

YOU can buy lumber at most any old place, but when you want the best you should see us before you buy. Buying as we do for a large number of yards we get the very best prices and the

"Pick o' the Pines"

If you will let us figure your next bill we will convince you that we can save you money.

R. D. Jones Lbr. Co.

A. K. HALL, Manager

Roaring Springs,

Texas

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, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Chas. Windham was in Wednesday from his ranch home on Croton.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall was in the city Wednesday shopping with the merchants.

Mrs. I. G. VanLier came in Wednesday from her home in the Soldier Mound country.

W. F. Godfrey and J. D. Powell made a business trip this week to Dallas and other points. They drove back two Ford Roadsters.

W. M. Randall came in Tuesday from the Steel Hill country. He reports that everything is in ship shape in his section and everybody now ready to enjoy Christmas.

Faust Collier, who has been attending school at Georgetown during this term, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier.

Mrs. Watter Huey and son, Bruce, of Big Springs, are in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cochran, and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clay.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was over from Dickens Tuesday and spent the day here prosecuting cases in the Magistrate's Court in which several boys were tried for disturbing a public gathering by shooting cannon crackers.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill came in from her home on the Alamo Stock Farm Wednesday.

Mrs. C. F. Cates and children left Spur Tuesday for Petersburg where they will spend the holidays with her sister and other relatives and friends.

Judge Blaine Speer was over from Dickens Tuesday and spent the day here on business and with Prof. Frank Speer who is in the hospital.

W. F. Walker and wife left this week for San Jacinto where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. The Texas Spur wishes them a pleasant visit.

J. W. Johnson, of two miles east of Spur, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday and left fifty cents with us to send the paper to his brother, W. J. Johnson of Trevat, Texas. Mr. Johnson is one of the first settlers of this section and is one of the best citizens today.

Wanted At Once—Good strong white girl to work at Spur Inn. \$20 per month, board and room.

Cleanliness is next to godliness—we can't be a God but we can be clean.—French Ruby Cafe. 2

There isn't anything more suitable for Christmas presents than a nice box of chocolates.—Try our line.—The Racket Store.

The teachers of the Spur School will leave Thursday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. Miss Ora Archer will go to Grandbury, Miss Lucile Horton to Denton, Miss Pearle Hensley to Canyon and Miss Ora Kennebrew to Eastland.

A. C. Buchanan, of Temple, is here this week visiting friends and looking after his land interests near Spur. Mr. Buchanan invested in Spur lands at the beginning of the town and he is now well satisfied with his investment.

L. S. Scott, of several miles west, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Scott recently bought another place, a quarter section on Dockum, which is now being placed in cultivation for another year. Many substantial farmers of the country are now buying more land in the Spur country and the land is worth the price asked. Come to the Spur Country.

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52tf.

T. A. Ham, of the Croton country, was among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday. While here he had the Texas Spur sent to Joe Ham at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

J. A. Neighbors and daughter, Miss Clara, and son, Darrell, of the Steel Hill country, left Spur Tuesday for Decalb where they will spend Christmas with relatives and friends. We wish them a most pleasant visit.

A. C. Hyatt, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and while here paid the Texas Spur office a fraternal call. During the past week or two he has been assisting the Roaring Springs Echo through the rush holiday season, and in fact we presume that he has a hankering to get back where he can daily smell the ink pot.

J. G. Franks, a prominent and leading citizen of Dumont, was in Spur recently and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and left with us two dollars and six bits for two years' subscription to the Texas Spur and one year for the Dallas News. Mr. Franks complimented the Texas Spur not only in this substantial manner but by expressions of encouragement which we appreciate and will remember.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We want to thank our dear master, and the people for our excellent business during the year 1915, and wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Our purpose is to please every man, woman and child that trades with us or comes into our house. If we don't, tell us. God being our helper, we will try again. There is none perfect, no not one. But we can do our best. It seems that the human race is never satisfied with something good; they want something better. Therefore, we are asking for your most hearty cooperation to help us make 1916 a better year than the one we have just spent both spiritually and financially.

Thanking you again and wishing you the very best that life affords, we wish to remain, yours for service and friends,

Brannen Bros. Company.

THE NEXT SHERIFF

Bob Goodall, sheriff of Kent county, was in Spur last week and while here called around to the Texas Spur office and renewed his subscription to the paper. Bob Goodall has made Kent county an excellent sheriff and it is very probable that he will have no opposition in his campaign for re-election to the second term. It is the custom in this country to give public servants two terms where they have given satisfactory service, and if this custom prevails in this instance Bob Goodall will be the next sheriff of Kent county.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank in Spur, Texas, on the second Tuesday the 11th day of January, A. D. 1916, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting.

R. V. Colbert, President,
M. E. Manning, Cashier.

Spur, Texas,
Dec. 1, 1915.

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Encouragement and Co-operation

You are entitled to encouragement and co-operation from your bank in the development of your business along any legitimate and practical line.

It is the constant aim of the City National Bank to meet as many of the requirements of its depositors as it can consistently with sound banking principles, and to become a real factor in the development of their affairs.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier G. H. CONNELL, President S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres. J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For County and District Clerk:
LESLIE E. WILLIAMS
J. A. KOON
M. GAY

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
R. L. COLLIER
J. H. LATHAM
J. B. CONNER
BUD MILLER
T. W. MORGAN
G. L. BARBER
G. T. SNODGRASS

For Tax Assessor:
G. B. JOPLING

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial Dist.
BERT KING

**MRS. POST ACCEPTS
SIX MILLION DOLLARS**

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 8—Mrs. Charles W. Post, widow of the late cereal king, has agreed to accept a cash settlement in lieu of her share of the Postum Cereal Company plant, thus terminating litigation among the heirs.

Mrs. Post receives \$6,000,000 and retains ownership of the Post Tavern, the seven story Post office building, the Post residence at Santa Barbara, Cal., and other lesser properties. She will withdraw from the Postum Cereal Company and Postex Company, a cotton manufacturing company at Post, Texas, the bulk of stock in these two properties going to Mrs. Marjorie Post Close, daughter of the food king, who asked for the accounting.

Although Mrs. Post will have nothing more to say regarding the management of the Postum cereal industry, she places no credence in the report that H. C. Hawk, confidential man of the late C. W. Post, and Arthur B. Williams, counsel for the Postum Cereal Company, will be asked to resign.

Why buy bread baked out of town when the home-baked bread is better in every respect and bigger in the loaf? Get your next loaf from the German Kitchen and be convinced. 49-tf

Rush Gilpin, who has been in Arizona for some time, returned last week to Spur to spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Gilpin, and other relatives and friends. After the holidays he will return to Arizona where he is employed on a big ranch.

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday and handed us a check for three dollars on his subscription to the Texas Spur and which extended his time to December, 1916. This is what makes us feel good and love everybody, especially those who remember us in this manner.

M. C. Hobson, formerly of the Draper country, has moved to Spur where he will make his home at least temporarily. No doubt he has made so much money farming the past year or two that he has decided to move to town for the purpose of enjoying the fruits of his labors.

LADIES

You are especially invited to the French Ruby Cafe. You will be served with the best and protected by the proprietor.
7 2t. J. M. Jones.

For Xmas Present

BUY SOMETHING USEFUL
Something That Can Be Used All The Time

We have a complete line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Cut Glass, Silverware, Lap Robes and a large stock of

Winchester Guns and Ammunition

Riter Hardware Co.

Toys and Christmas Coods—The best lines in town.—The Racket Store.

E. J. Cowan left this week for Mart where he will spend the holidays with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Pierce left Spur Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Ponta.

Mrs. Will Andrews left Spur this week for Stamford where she will spend the holidays with her parents and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. A. Bobo left this week to spend Christmas with relatives at Ranger.

Doc Ellis, a leading citizen and ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Wren Cross, of Kent county, was in Spur this week after supplies and also greeting his many friends.

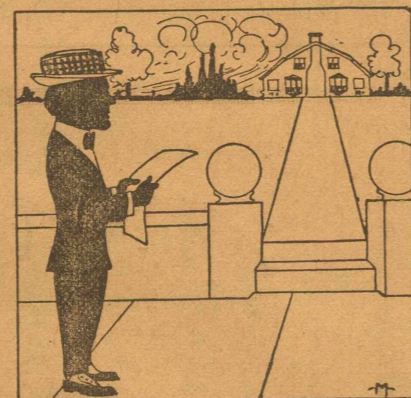
Burl Harrington and wife moved this week from Spur to a farm southeast of town where he will make a crop another year.

J. R. McArthur was in the city Tuesday from the Tap country.

Don't forget to see our Christmas goods and get our prices before you buy.—Mrs. G. O. Hubbert.

W. M. Winkler, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

The nicest line of china in town is on display at the Racket Store—where low prices and high quality prevail. Come and see.



YOUR NEW HOME

will have the desired appearance if you purchase your Lumber from our Yard.

HIGH GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

Let us furnish you with the very best coal for your heaters and base burners. We also have blacksmith coal.

P. H. MILLER, - - Spur, Texas
Dealer in High Grade Hard and Soft Coal

Buy Your Xmas Presents NOW!

**HAVE THEM PUT AWAY AND WE WILL
DELIVER THEM WHEN CALLED FOR**

Furniture of all kinds makes a splendid present. Art Squares, Rugs, Library Tables, Rockers, Dining Chairs, Ladies' Desks, Cedar Chests, Buffets, China Closets, Dining Tables, Kitchen Cabinets, Dressers, Chiffonettes, Etc.

Something that is useful and will be appreciated for years to come.

Have you seen the Library Tables that makes a bed? We have them. Come in and let us show you.

We Will Appreciate Your Business

Campbell & Campbell

**STUDENTS RECITAL IN
MUSIC AND EXPRESSION**

Those who failed to attend the Students Recital Friday evening at the School auditorium missed a rare treat in music and expression, since each number of the program was rendered in the most entertaining and creditable manner. The program was rendered under the supervision and tutorship of Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons and Miss Ora Archer, music and expression teachers in the Spur Schools, and was as follows:

"Bride of Madrid Valse", by Ruth Love.

"Christmas Eve in a Mining Camp", by Donnalita Standifer.

"Chopin Valse Op. 64", by Doris Attebury.

"The Ruggles Dinner Party", by Anna Marie Love.

"The Passing of a Singer", by Zada Stafford.

"Delta Kappa Epsilon March" and "Berceuse—from Jocelyn", by Mrs. Clemmons and Donnalita Standifer.

A play entitled "The Scape Grace" wherein the "Scape Grace" made love to all alike, thus pleasing the numerous nieces, was well played and heartily appreciated by the audience. The characters were represented by Bettie Goff as Mrs. Dodge of Newport; Lula Goff as Gladys Quincy, niece of Boston; Bessie Counts as Maud Lawton, niece from Philadelphia; Maggie Cole, niece from New York; Donnalita Standifer, niece from Chicago; Zada Stafford, the French niece; and Frank Forbis, the Scape Grace, playing the part admirably.

The "Obstinate Family" was also played, the characters being portrayed by Tony Gose as the "Newly Wed"; Anna Marie Love as "His Wife"; Henry Clay as "His Father-in-Law"; Maggie Cole as "His Mother-in-Law"; Bettie Goff as "Their Servant"; and Scott Johnson as "James" the butler. The "Obstinate Family" portrayed every-day-life and presented each character in a forcible manner.

An admission fee was charged and the proceeds thus derived will be used in installing a new pole with which to roll the stage curtain in the school auditorium.

The recital throughout was heartily appreciated by the audience and each number on the program was encored. Miss Archer, Mrs. Clemmons and the pupils are to be congratulated for the pleasure and success of the evening's entertainment which demonstrated practical results of teachers and talent on the part of the pupils.

NOTICE.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to me please call in at once and make settlement or make satisfactory arrangements for an extension of time.—Dr. J. E. Morris, Spur, Texas. 52-tf.

NOTICE.

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons, by Bert N. Brown, Manager. 1 26.

R. C. Clark, of Girard, was in Spur Thursday of last week and while here purchased a quarter section of land of the Spur Farm Lands management. Mr. Clark expects to begin the improvement of his place immediately and place a considerable portion of the land in cultivation for another year.

FAREWELL 1915!

You Have Certainly Been Good To
The Love Dry Goods Co.

THERE remains only a few more business days. During these days we shall prove our appreciation of your trade by making you prices on closing lines of winter wear far, far below true value for this kind of merchandise. Men's Suits, Overcoats, Ladies' Cloaks, Dresses, Skirts, Waists, Etc. ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR.

Remembering there is always a quiet spell during the Christmas Holidays those that are wise and awake to their interests should not fail to visit our store this week.

THE LOVE DRY GOODS COM'Y.

Trade Builders

SPUR, TEXAS

The Cash Store

NO STAMP REQUIRED ON POLL TAX ORDERS

Marlin, Dec. 14.—Felix J. Turner, tax collector of Falls county, is in receipt of a letter under date of Dec. 9, from Congressman Henry, at Washington, which makes it clear that no stamp tax is to be required on poll tax orders, as has been heretofore demanded by the officials in charge of the revenue work in Texas, the investigations made by Mr. Henry coming as a result of the protest of Mr. Turner a few weeks ago, following the visit to his office of an inspector from Austin. Congressman Henry writes as follows:

"With further reference to the matter of the imposition of a

stamp tax on orders for the payment of poll taxes, I will say that I have presented the subject to the commissioner of internal revenue and have secured a ruling from him that will be satisfactory, I believe.

"It was ruled on June 23, 1915, that a power of attorney authorizing a person to pay a state and county poll tax of an individual is taxable.

"However, the department has differentiated between a formal power of attorney, which is taxable under the above ruling, and an instrument or 'order' merely appointing or designating a person as agent or deputy to do a certain act. It is therefore held that such 'poll tax orders' or designations of agents which are not formal powers of attorney

are not taxable. This view of the matter is based upon the decision of the supreme court of the United States vs. Isham, 17 Wallace, 496.

"It would seem that this satisfactorily disposes of the controversy and I hope the tax payers of Falls and other counties will be relieved of the extra burden."
 "R. L. Henry."

STABBING AFFRAY AT RALLS LAST TUESDAY

In a stabbing affray at the railroad camp Tuesday morning a party, whose name we have been unable to learn, was seriously wounded by Amie Peti. Peti quickly made his get-a-way and at this writing he is still at large, and the officers are making a thorough search of the country in an effort to locate him, and no doubt the gentleman will be caught before he gets out of the county. Dr. Fulbright, the attending physician, stated that his patient is getting along nicely.—Ralls Banner.

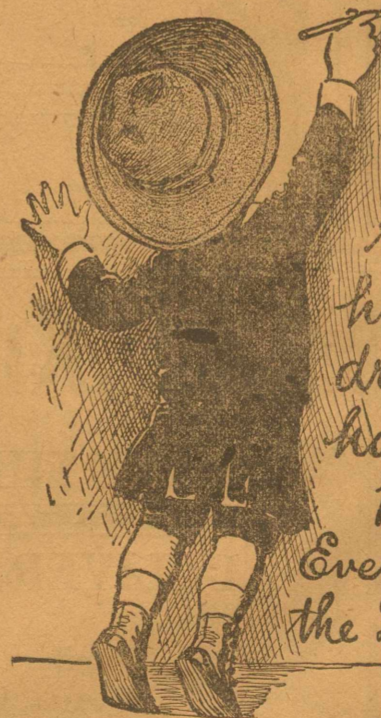
L. G. Crabtree was here this week from his home in the Croton country.

J. M. Foster was in the city Tuesday greeting his many friends and looking after business matters.

W. L. Thanisch returned this week from the eastern part of the state where he has been spending several days with relatives and friends. Marion Thanisch was in from the Draper country Monday to meet Mr. Thanisch and take him out home

Ed Jackson, of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday buying supplies of the merchants and shaking hands with friends.

Bob Davis, of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.



IF anything ails you we can supply the remedies—We have fresh, pure drugs and know how to compound prescriptions. Everything in the Drug line.

At this season of the year you are so apt to eat too much of the wrong thing and become sick that it is well to have a DRUG STORE in mind.

Remember OUR drug store and remember what our little druggist has written on the wall above. That's all.

WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Red Front Drug Store

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 the Office.

Brazelton-Pryor & Co.

—Dealer in—

High Grade Lumber, Paints and Oils
 Cedar and Bois d'Arc Posts

We Appreciate Your Business