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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 11, 1916.

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A LINOTYPE MACHINE ADDED TO TEXAS SPUR

A new linotype machine has been purchased and will be installed in the Texas Spur office during the month of February. This machine and its accessories will be added to the Texas Spur equipment at an expense of more than two thousand dollars. In the beginning of Spur we stated that the Texas Spur would keep up with the progressive procession and that we had an abiding faith in the future greatness of Spur and the Spur country. That faith is not only unshaken but strengthened to day, and in adding this linotype to our present equipment we do so on our own initiative and in preparation to meet the demands of a bigger town, a bigger country and a bigger business in the future. In making this purchase we are depending on our subscribers, readers and advertisers to give us more patronage in order that we can meet this expenditure. We want to ask every subscriber of this paper who owes us on subscription to help us by coming in and paying us or sending in the amount due us within the next ten days. We need the money at this time and every cent of it will be used in preparing to print a bigger and better newspaper in the future. We will begin next week an "Honor Roll" of subscribers who will pay up to 1917 and thus materially assist us in publishing a readable newspaper and one more representative of the town, the country and the people. Who will be the first to get on the Honor Roll?

FARMERS UNION CONVENTION HELD AT SEGUIN

Messrs. J. A. Murchison, C. C. Haile, W. T. Lovell and E. B. Shaw returned this week from Seguin where they attended a two days convention of the Southwest District Texas Farmers Union which was in session Friday and Saturday of last week. This meeting is reported one of the most successful conventions within the history of the organization. Over five hundred delegates and visitors were in attendance.

Joe Langfeld was re-elected president, and Henry Fisher, both of Hondo, was elected secretary and treasurer, and C. T. Stephens of Runge was elected vice-president.

Every business and profession has its organization to promote its interests and the farmers should have the strongest and most effective organization to this end.

ADDS EQUIPMENT

Dr. Pierce recently added new equipments to his dental office, having installed one of the neatest and most complete cabinets of any similar office. This cabinet has various receptacles for every instrument and medicines needed in the dental work. Dr. Pierce is not only keeping in the progressive procession but is recognized as one of the best dentists within Western Texas.

FARMER ADOPTS BUSINESS METHODS ON FARM

W. E. Duke, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Watson community, was in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Duke is one farmer of the country who keeps books on his farm, and can tell how many days work is done on each crop, what it cost and how much he made or lost on each piece of ground during the year. When every farmer practices business methods in their farming operations the non-paying crops will be a thing of the past and the country will become more prosperous and farmers richer.

FORRESTRY ADDED TO THE SPUR EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson returned last week from a business trip to College Station and Hico where Mrs. Dickson visited relatives. Mr. Dickson reports that hereafter the Spur Experimental Station will add a forestry department to its other experimental interests. Mr. Dickson will not only put out trees on the farm but will place trees in the parks of Spur to demonstrate the possibilities in ornamental trees as well as growing trees for posts, wind-brakes and other purposes.

ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Geo. S. Link entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon from three to six with forty-two. Narcissus and jonquils perfumed the living room and dining room. A salad course was served to the following: Mesdames C. H. Senning, C. L. Love, M. L. Pierce, Oran McClure, M. E. Manning, Geo. M. Williams, C. Ensey, T. E. Standifer, V. C. Smart, C. A. Love, W. Neilon, Reed McLemore of Abilene, C. F. Cates, E. C. Edmonds, N. A. Baker, G. E. Nicholson, R. E. Dickson.

A GIN MEETING HELD IN THE MCADOO COUNTRY

Friday of last week a citizens meeting was held in the McAdoo country for the purpose of discussing the proposition of building a gin in that section. A party of gin men from Floydada met with the citizens, and we understand that plans were formulated to organize a stock company with a capital stock of approximately ten thousand dollars for the erection and operation of a gin during the fall of 1916.

One of the greatest needs of the McAdoo country is a good gin. There will probably be more than a thousand acres planted to cotton this year within that immediate section. The farmers are now greatly inconvenienced in that they are forced to haul their cotton from twenty to twenty five miles to a gin.

We are informed that a gin company was organized, securing a capital stock of nine thousand dollars and that the gin will be built on the Wooten place in time for the fall ginning.

PREPAREDNESS

The newspapers are full of it, everybody is talking it. Some say it is a good thing to do, some say it means fight. But there is one thing to it, we have a man at the wheel that is a good pilot, and we believe President Woodrow Wilson is the man to handle the delicate situation.

We have other preparations to make. We must turn our fields and prepare our seed beds. We must be prepared. We have other preparations to make and we are going to be prepared.

We are prepared now to give to our customers the best values in merchandise and hundreds of people are taking advantage of it. We are making bigger and better preparations for you this coming season. Our Mr. Link is in the Eastern Markets now preparing to give our customers greater values in merchandise.

And soon the new goods will come rolling in for Spring, and we are sure you all want to get the first selections. Now on the other hand winter is not yet over and we are making low prices on goods. Get that winter suit or overcoat. Don't freeze when you can buy them so cheap. We want to call your attention to our new line of Ready Made Silk Dresses just received and in the latest styles. Call and see them. Shoes, more shoes and still more shoes. Our stock is complete and we can fit your foot with a shoe that will give you wear and make a grin grow where there was a frown before. Watch for the new goods.

A three-year old girl became interested in a peculiar noise and asked her mother what it was.

"A cricket, dear," replied the mother.

"Well," remarked the little lady, "He ought to get himself oiled."

We have the best oil you ever saw for that plow. Bring your can and we'll sell you some for fifty cents per gallon. A few more John Deere Implements left. How about that big buster beam-hitch planter or disc harrow? Call and look our line over before you buy. All the latest improvements in implements in the John Deere line. See that John Deere Iron Clad wagon—its the best ever. Let us show you. A solid car load of barb wire in transit. It will be here by the time you read this. Everything in hardware you want. Bring that bill in to us. Ask about our Darlings.

Our grocery department is brimming full of the good things to eat, so don't forget the place. Light Crust flour and Maxwell House Coffee will make you love your mother-in-law. A new car load of Light Crust on the road. Ask about that new cooking compound, CRISCO, its different.

Come in and make yourself at home all you new men and old timers too, our store is a good place to get acquainted and we invite the women too. Bring in your produce and don't forget to leave that bill. We give you the best that money can buy. Good, pure groceries means good health.

Thanking you for your business you have given us and hoping that we will see you in the crowds that throng our store, we remain Yours truly,
Bryant-Link Company.

FARMERS PREPARING LAND FOR THE 1916 CROPS

J. N. Zumwalt was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home sixteen or eighteen miles west of Spur. He reported that he is now breaking his land preparatory to planting crops this year. We believe the man who prepares his land early will be in better position to make bumper crops, and we notice that many farmers throughout the country are now preparing their lands for planting time and a few have already finished this preparation work. We expect the year 1916 to even surpass the year 1915 in bumper crops within the Spur country.

AUCTIONEER ARRESTED IN SPUR FOR LACK OF LICENSE

County Attorney B. G. Warwick, accompanied by Sheriff J. B. Conner, came over to Spur Wednesday and filed complaint against a gentleman who had been selling goods at auction on the streets without county and city licenses. Sheriff Conner placed the gentleman under arrest and his bond accepted for his appearance in County Court.

We are of the opinion that the Sheriff and County Attorney are performing their duty in this instance. The home merchants are forced to pay taxes on their goods and occupation taxes for the privilege of doing business and it is right and proper that the transient man who sells goods on the streets should pay for this privilege also. An auctioneer or peddler can come into into a town and unload more stuff, possibly make a bigger profit and take the cash out of the country and never contribute a cent to the betterment of the local conditions. Let the auctioneers, peddlers and transient salesmen pay a tax or license for the privilege of doing business, and make that tax so high that they will either locate permanently or quit business.

SPUR SHEEP BRING HIGHEST PRICES EVER PAID

A car of sheep was recently shipped by the Spur Experimental Station to the Fort Worth market where they were sold. Manager Dickson reports that this car of sheep brought the highest prices ever paid for sheep in the state of Texas. The price received demonstrates not only the adaptability of this section of Western Texas but the possibility of great success in raising sheep as a business industry.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE OF DICKENS CO.

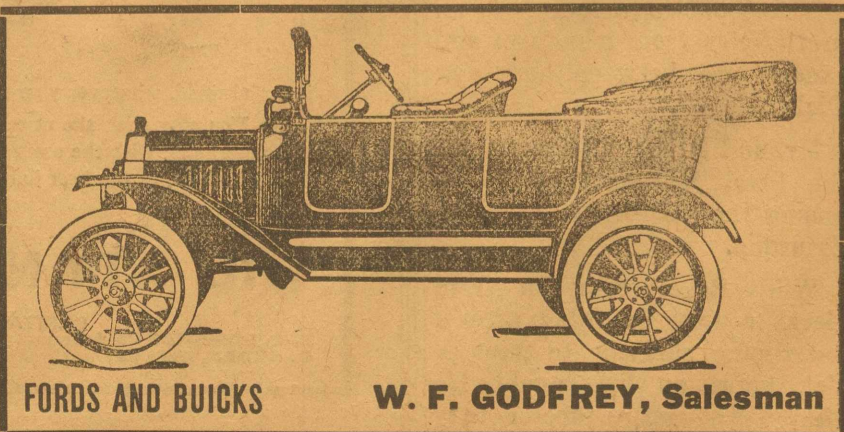
In making the announcement of Prof. Walter L. Powell for County Judge and School Superintendent of County Schools in last week's issue of the Texas Spur our time and space was limited, therefore we did not give him a complete write-up. There are quite a number of voters who possibly do not know Prof. Powell and for the information of those who do not know him we will say that Prof. Powell was reared on a farm and worked for his education. During the past eighteen years he has been a teacher in the schools of Texas, fourteen years of the time as Superintendent of schools. During the past two years he has been superintendent of the Spur Schools and for five years he has been a property tax payer of Dickens county. Prof. Powell is one of the most able educators in all of Western Texas, and his ability and success as a school builder has been thoroughly demonstrated in Spur. He has read law, possesses a fundamental knowledge of the law, is familiar with court proceedings and will perform the duties of the County Judge's office fairly, honestly, impartially and legally. As presiding officer of the Commissioners Court, he is familiar with conditions and needs of the county and can render valuable assistance in the administration of county affairs and in promoting further development progress.

Prof. Powell will not be in a position to make a personal campaign until the close of the Spur School term, at which time he will make a personal campaign and try to see every voter in the county.

POLL TAXES IN DICKENS AND OTHER COUNTIES

Dickens and the surrounding counties have materially increased the number of poll tax payers. This year Dickens county has issued 746 poll tax receipts; Lubbock county issued 991; Kent county 573; Motley county 643. Other surrounding counties have not been heard from at this time.

In Dickens county the number of poll tax receipts are less than the total voting strength. Possibly one hundred voters have moved into the county and who have paid their poll taxes elsewhere. There are also a number of citizens who are above the age limit for the payment of poll taxes, making the total voting strength between eight and nine hundred in this county. The same may be true of other counties.



FORDS AND BUICKS

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman

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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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Luther Jones was here Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

W. F. Walker was here Saturday from his farm home a mile or two southeast of town.

J. P. Gibson, a leading citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Douglass was among the visitors and shoppers in the city the latter part of last week.

W. W. Garner was in the city Saturday from the W. J. Elliot ranch home southwest of Spur.

George Greenwade came over from Dickens Saturday and spent the day here on business and greeting his friends.

H. P. Cole was a recent visitor in the city from his farm and ranch home between here and Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, were among the visitors in the city Saturday.

Willis Rogers came in from Garza county Saturday after a veterinary surgeon to treat a sick horse on his ranch. He offered the horse doctor fifty dollars to cure the horse.

Tom Owen was in the city Saturday from his ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

W. M. Childress was here Saturday from his home northeast of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

George Renfro was in the city the latter part of last week from his ranch home southwest of town.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Saturday greeting his many friends in the city and from the surrounding country.

Miss Mattie Lee Davis, of Winnsboro, Texas, left Sunday for her home after a week's visit with the family of W. F. Baber.

A. L. Thomas was in the city Monday from his home several miles north of Spur. He reports everything progressing nicely in his section of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday of last week and spent some time here visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, were visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

John Weathers was here Saturday from his home at the Red Mud Camp twelve miles southwest of Spur.

Mr. Cox, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

W. T. Wilson, of six miles east of Spur, was among the number of people here Saturday from the surrounding country.

A. W. Jordan, an extensive farmer of the Steel Hill country, was among the business visitors here the latter part of last week.

Will Walker was here Saturday from his home a few miles east and spent the afternoon in the city greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Mrs. Luther Jones was in the city Saturday from her ranch home north of town and spent the day here visiting friends and shopping with our merchants.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot came in Saturday from her Spring Creek farm and ranch home and spent an hour or two in the city shopping with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. West were in the city Saturday from their home four miles northeast of Spur and spent the day here visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm, was among the number in the city the latter part of last week. He reports everything in good shape.

Bill McArthur was here the latter part of last week from the Tap country. He reports everything in fine shape and bumper crops expected again this year in his section.

Dock Edwards, a prominent citizen and extensive farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday on business. Mr. Edwards made something near two hundred bales of cotton on his place last year.

For Sale—By the Christian Aid Society, house and lot near school building. For further information phone Mrs. W. H. Putman. 15 3t

G. A. Draper came in Saturday from his farm home west of Spur and spent some time in the city on business and shaking hands with his friends.

Jim Perkins, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the number in Spur Saturday, spending several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

I. D. Gamble, of Floydada, spent several days of last week in Spur. Mr. Gamble was a citizen of Spur in the "early days" and sold dry goods. He is now engaged in the real estate, livestock and loan business at Floydada and is a member of the firm of Gamble Land & Cattle Company of that place.

J. P. Goen was in the city Monday from his ranch home northwest of Spur and while in the city was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Goen recently purchased several sections of land and added to his ranch holdings, he now owning one of the finest ranches of the country.

S. R. Bowman, of three miles north of Spur, was in the city Monday and while here called around at the Texas Spur office and had three new names added to our subscription list, having the paper sent to E. B. Bowman of Alvord, Texas, W. A. Long of Mt. Calm, Texas, and S. H. Traddell of Hubbard, Texas. We appreciate such favors as this very much. It encourages us to more active and earnest efforts to publish a bigger and better paper.

STRICT CONFIDENCE

is maintained, whatever your relations with the City National Bank.

You may with the utmost freedom with the officers of this bank any matters pertaining to your financial affairs, with the assurance that your confidences will not be abused, and that you will receive the counsel which, in the best judgment of our officers, is for your best interests.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000
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In this dainty brochure every Gossard model is described and many of the most popular Gossard Brassiers are shown. Ask to see them at the store selling Gossard Corsets and Brassiers in your city.

For "all time" corset satisfaction insist on a Genuine Gossard Corset. Priced at \$2.00 to \$40.00.

Cream Cream Cream

Now is the time to begin thinking of our Cream Station. Don't be like George, the Irishman, as your cream won't test as high as you might wish. The story of George is as follows: The landlord on going to town for the night said to George, "Now George, take good care of everything, feed every cow a block of hay and give the best one in the lot two blocks." George-- "All right boss, I do dat." Next morn-

Style

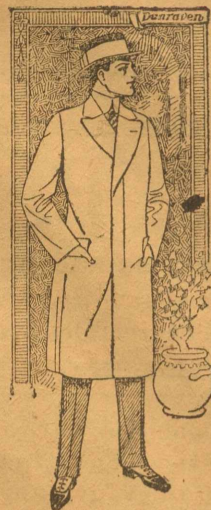
Not the exaggerated kind, nor the extreme, but safe and sane styles to meet the desire of the conservative dresser.

This is what you will find in Curlee Clothes at all times.

We have the new models, a fine assortment of attractive patterns tailored absolutely right.

These suits will appeal to you because of their genuine attractiveness, and superior value. Be an early bird--get the pick of our stock.

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CLOTHES

ing on the return of the boss he noticed two blocks of hay tied to the pump handle, immediately found George and asked, "why have you tied this hay to the pump handle?" "Well boss, you told me to give every one in the lot one each and the best one two, and I thought I was carrying out your Instructions." Now friends, we believe you should give the cream business some study. We had two customers in 1915 that paid their entire store account with cream and eggs.

SERVICE Consists of promptness, accuracy, kindness, ability, faithfulness and the untiring patience and friendliness of our entire force, to say nothing of the many advantages you get while dealing with us. We have been selling goods in Dickens county for the past eighteen years, and lived in the county over thirty years, and we believe we come as near knowing what the people of this section require as any one in the state. Our stocks are always complete with the best merchandise that money will buy. While we don't boast of quantity, we do of quality, so you always find the newest and best at our store.

We attribute all the above mentioned things to our success of 1915, which was the largest year in the history of our business, and with the same co operation in 1916 as in 1915, we are going to make this the largest year's business ever done by a Dry Goods and Grocery house in a little town. So, we are going to depend on you, and we expect you to depend on us in case you need help or assistance during the year.

Thanking you one and all again, and again for your hearty co-operation, we are yours for a prosperous and happy 1916.

SPUR

Sol Davis
THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST

TEXAS

OLDEST TAX-PAYER IN DICKENS COUNTY

J. J. Hickman, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and greeting his friends of the town. Mr. Hickman came to this country about five years ago. However, he enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest tax-payers of the county. About thirty five years ago he bought six hundred and forty acres of land as an investment, the price being one dollar an acre at that time. Soon after making the purchase he came out to see what character of land he had acquired. He came to Seymour, which at that time was the nearest railroad point, making the trip overland to his place, a distance of about one hundred and sixty five miles. At that time there were only ranch houses in the country and they were few and far between, the nearest habitation to his land being a line-camp of the Matador Ranch and presided over by Jeff D. Harkey. Mr. Hickman camped with Mr. Harkey who gave him an approximate idea of the location of his land, and after viewing his possessions Mr. Hickman returned to his Indiana home. Thirty years later he returned with his family to make his home here. Upon his arrival here he recognized the land which he viewed thirty years ago and then recognized its real worth when the country settled. Mr. Hickman demonstrated good judgement and foresight in this investment. This same land has increased in value at the rate of one dollar per acre each year, a conservative value of the land to-

day being thirty five dollars an acre. No doubt the man from whom this land was purchased thirty five years ago thought he was unloading a "white elephant." Mr. Hickman at that time was a mere lad, but had saved up six hundred and forty dollars, and the investment of this sum has made him six hundred and forty dollars each year for thirty five years, his investment having now increased to the sum of twenty two thousand and four hundred dollars.

FROM MATADOR

Elmer Russell, of Spur, spent Tuesday night with Lem Guthrie and family.

Miss Ferebee, the Misses Spray and Arthur Haley made a trip to Spur Sunday. Alice Spray remained there with her sister who is ill.

Mrs. Spray returned home Sunday from Spur where she had been with her daughter who is under medical treatment there. She states that her daughter who recently underwent an operation there for appendicitis, is doing well and will soon be able to return home.—Motley County News.

RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the past week and this week the following subscribers to the Texas Spur have each paid us one dollar and six bits for their renewal to the Texas Spur and Dallas News in combination; S. W. Rather, A. C. Hindman, I. G. Van Lier, W. M. Moore, J. L. Curry, Mrs. N. A. Cady, W. M. Randall, Mrs. E. Hasse, of Spur and T. E. Rucker of Dickens. W. J. Hunter of Southland, and A. M. Rasberry of Afton.

MAKING A SPECIALTY OF RAISING BIG BONE HOGS

W. A. Johnson came in Wednesday from his Dockum Stock Farm and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Johnson is now breeding the latest type of Poland China hogs on his place, making the hog business his specialty on the farm. For a number of years Mr. Johnson has been one of the leading hog raisers of the Spur country and each year makes good shipments to outside markets. There is no question but that the hog business is a paying business in this section as has been demonstrated by Mr. Johnson and other farmers of the country.

A GOOD MAN

County Treasurer J. B. Yantis came over Wednesday from Dickens and spent the day here on business and meeting the voters furthering his campaign for reelection as the next county treasurer. Mr. Yantis is now serving his first term. He has given general satisfaction and it is very probable that he will have no opponent in his campaign for re-nomination to the second term. J. B. Yantis has handled the county funds accurately and efficiently, is a good man, a deserving citizen and is entitled to favorable consideration by all voters in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stearns were in the city this week from their ranch home on Cat Fish and spent some time visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stafford.

The best cook in West Texas is employed at the French Ruby Cafe. tf.

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was among the recent business visitors in the city.

Howard Campbell came in Wednesday from his farm home three miles southwest of Spur.

See J. C. Miller at Spur Produce Company House before you sell your poultry, eggs, furs or cattle hides, dry or green.

High cash market established in Spur at Spur Produce Company for hides, furs, poultry, eggs and hick.

E. H. Blakeley, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur this week and spent a day or two here on business.

To the ladies of Spur: I am now ready for your sewing and will now appreciate same.—Mrs. D. W. Scott. 15-ltp.

Hawley Bryant came in Wednesday from the Pitchfork Ranch and spent the day in Spur on business.

S. B. Scott, of the Tap country, was in town Wednesday shaking hands with his friends and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

J. A. Caple left Spur Wednesday for Stamford on business. He is thinking of selling his farm there and buying another section of land here.

T. A. Tidwell received a message informing him of the death of his brother, L. C. Tidwell, which occurred Wednesday at his home near Paris. L. C. Tidwell was about forty years of age and leaves a widow and five children. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

BUILDING NEW HOME IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

T. G. Bass called in one day last week and permitted us to add his name to our growing subscription list. Mr. Bass recently purchased land in the Dry Lake country and moved with his family to this section from Runnells county. He is now building a new residence, fencing, clearing land and making other improvements preparatory to making a crop this year. We wish Mr. Bass much of the prosperity which abounds throughout the great Spur country and welcome him as a citizen of this section.

C. D. Pullin was here Wednesday from the McAdoo country. He is now preparing his land for another crop and came in to the blacksmith shop for repairs for his disc plow.

Lucius Haile, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur last week. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

P. J. Hext, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of near Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday greeting his many friends and trading with the merchants.

Dr. P. C. Wray, of Jayton, was in Spur Wednesday and spent the time here on business. Dr. Wray has become noted not only in Western Texas but throughout the state as a chicken raiser. He has some of the finest chickens ever shown anywhere and each year he secures premiums at various fairs and other shows.

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

...J. P. SIMMONS..

Drayman and Agent for Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n.
Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed
Residence Telephone 80 Business Telephone 120

J. W. Johnson, of two or three miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

W. F. Shugart came in Saturday from his farm home east of Spur and spent some time here trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland was in the city Saturday from her home east of Spur and spent several hours here shopping with the merchants.

Chas. Windham came in Monday from his farm and ranch home on Croton and spent some time here on business. He reports that his cattle have been fattening throughout the winter and that he has been forced to feed very little.

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.—R. Powell, Manager. Mar. 1p



The Telephone Saved a Life

When one of our men was badly injured by the threshing machine we telephoned the doctor, who told us how to patch the man up. The doctor then started for our place in a hurry. When he arrived the man was pretty weak, and without the doctor's advice the results might have proved serious. Thanks to the telephone, the man pulled through.

Every farm should have Bell Telephone connection.

Write our nearest Manager for information

The Southwestern
Telegraph &
Telephone Company



Mrs. Mace Hunter was in the city Saturday from her home four or five miles east of Spur.

J. Anderson Davis was here Saturday from his farm home several miles northeast of Spur.

J. H. Johnson, of several miles north of Spur was here Saturday shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

Mat Bingham, of near Girard, was in Spur Saturday. He is with a crew of fence builders for the Matador Ranch company.

Mrs. J. B. Conner, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday visiting her parents, T. G. Harkey and wife, and other friends of the city.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall was in the city Saturday from her home in the Soldier Mound community and spent some time here shopping with the merchants and visiting friends.

Strayed—Gray horse, roached mane, 16 hands high, with the Spur (triangle) brand, saddle horse. Will pay \$5.00 for his delivery at Girard, or \$2.50 for holding the horse and notifying me.—R. E. Darden, Girard, Texas. 13 4t

W. P. T. Smith was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday, coming in from his home eight or nine miles west of Spur. Mr. Smith is one of the most successful farmers and prosperous citizens of the country.

SIDEWALK NOTICE

Owing to the fact that I have had to move and have spent considerable time "house hunting," I have been unable to call on the property owners personally and solicit your business. However, I am now permanently located and am in the market for your concrete work. I will begin a preliminary survey next week and make an elevation plot. Individuals wanting sidewalks or curbing built, if only 50 feet, it can be built to grade of balance of street. No use to wait for the other fellow. The other fellow is waiting for you. Let's get started. Who will be the first to build sidewalks?—Chas. Whitener, office with Brazelton-Pryor & Company. 14-2t.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Spur, Texas. When calling for same please say "advertised".

- Alexander, Lewis
- Alexander, W. T.
- Bowie, Jno. B.
- Brooks, Clydie
- Daily, E. D.
- Edgar, W. T.
- Eptem, Tom
- Fuller, C. S.
- Grayson, Morton
- Craham, C. W. (2)
- Greenwood, Jim (2)
- Hicks, Alvin
- Hampshires, Lon
- Horton, Clarence
- Jackson, E. D.
- Jones, R. F.
- Lewis, Roy
- Nelson, Dave
- Nicolds, J. A.
- Pyland, R. E.
- Rogers, Hurbert
- Sillman, John
- Simes, Homer
- Sherrall, Bob
- Tolbert, Tilmon
- Tarpley, Tammie
- Thomas, M.
- Thacker, C. G.
- Thomas, R. L.
- Thurmurt, Lish
- Whitt, John
- White, Joe
- Weight, Walter
- White, J. W.
- Green, Mrs. F. C.
- Matlock, Mrs. Bertha
- Peters, Miss Budkin
- Taylor, Mrs. Alice
- Wiswell, Mrs. Susie
- Williams, Mrs. Eliza
- McDonald, Nettie (2)
- McDonald, Mrs. Fred

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.

The City Garage

GENERAL REPAIR WORK

Cylinders Rebores for Over-Sized Pistons.
All work guaranteed.

Cars stored and looked after for \$2.00 per month.

Oil and Gas

Tom McArthur came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home in the Tap country.

H. N. Patton, of the Steel Hill country, was among the visitors in the city Saturday.

Red Sampson was among the visitors in Spur Saturday, coming in from his ranch home southwest of Spur.

For Sale—Good hack, Emerson make, also sewing machine. For particulars call at Mrs. M. E. Gilpin's. 15 4t

E. J. Cairnes, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Kent county, was among the large number of business visitors to Spur Saturday.

Farm and ranch loans made promptly and at reasonable rates—three to ten years time. See or write Gamble Land & Cattle Co., Floydada, Texas. 15 4tp

J. M. Foster was in Spur Saturday from his farm and ranch home in the Croton country and spent the day here on business and greeting his many friends.

Witt Springer has made a contract to kill prairie dogs on a large tract of land in Kent county and will hereafter devote his time to the business of killing dogs.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks was in the city Saturday from her home in the Tap country and spent several hours here shopping with the merchants and visiting with friends.

J. H. Latham, a prominent citizen and popular candidate for sheriff in the Red Hill country, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and furthering his campaign for the sheriff's office.

H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm, was in the city Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Garner recently made a trip to Jack county and he says that on account of the boll weevils and other disadvantages that country looks desolate in comparison with the great Spur country. Come to the Spur country.

J. B. Morrison came in Saturday from his ranch home southwest of Spur and spent some time here with friends and on business.

Oliver Gray, manager of the Afton Telephone Company, was in Spur Monday and spent a short time here on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. E. McLaughlin, of the plains country, was in Spur Saturday and spent an hour or two here on business and shaking hands with his friends. Mr. McLaughlin formerly lived in Spur and has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY
HAVE US DO
That Work
Why Not Now?

To Automobile Owners:

You are respectfully invited to make our place Headquarters while in Spur. Nothing but experienced men will work on your car.

Gas, Oils and Plenty of
FREE AIR

Repairing A Specialty

Martin Garage Co.

EXIT CALOMEL

No More Nasty, Disagreeable Effects.

LIV-VER-LAX is now rapidly taking the place of calomel everywhere. It is just as effective, cleansing the system thoroughly of bile, toning up the liver; and making that sluggish feeling disappear like magic. Yet it is pleasant to take, and has none of the disagreeable after effects that make us dread calomel so much.

Feel fine all the time. Take LIV-VER-LAX regularly, and health becomes a habit.

Guarantee: Every genuine bottle bears the likeness of L. K. Grigsby, and if it does not give satisfaction your money will be returned. For sale in the big 50c and \$1 bottles at Spur Drug Co.

V. C. Smart

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

Mrs. W. A. King and daughter, Mrs. Pirkle and little child, were in the city Saturday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. King owns some valuable Spur property as well as a fine farm home in the Cat Fish country.

O. O. Love, of Roaring Springs and manager of the Love Dry Goods Company of that place, was in Spur the latter part of last week shaking hands with his many friends here and also looking after business affairs. Last year Mr. Love suffered a loss of his store building and contents by fire. However, he rebuilt with brick and reestablished his business.

**W. C. BOWMAN
Lumber Com'y.**

**LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, AND...**

All Kinds of Building Material

Concrete Sidewalks

See me for sidewalks, curbing and ornamental work. I furnish grades and lines FREE.

CHAS. WHITENER

Office With Brazelton-Pryor & Co.

Spur, Texas

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Democratic Executive Committee will meet in Spur Saturday for the purpose of electing a County Chairman to take the place of R. S. Holman who has moved out of the county, and also to elect two Precinct Chairmen, one in the Liberty Precinct and one in the Wichita Precinct. At this meeting it will also be determined whether or not candidates in the Democratic Primary election will receive the nomination by a "majority" vote in preference to a "plurality" vote as has been the custom in elections held heretofore.

The Texas Spur stands for "majority" rule not only on this occasion but in every instance. In this instance we favor adopting the majority rule, not in the interest of any candidate, but because there are so many candidates seeking one or two offices that it will be improbable that a majority of the voters can give expression at the ballot box for any one candidate in the July Primary. By adopting the "majority" rule two primary elections may be required, thus making the election expenses almost double that of a single election. However the number of candidates in this campaign are more than double the number had in former campaigns, and the expense of two primary elections will be less to each individual candidate than it has heretofore been for only one primary election. Therefore two primary elections will not burden the candidates with election expenses and at the same time it will give the majority of the voters in the Democratic primary an opportunity to express their real sentiments and wishes as to who shall serve them in public office.

We believe that no man should serve in public office without the consent of a majority of the people. We believe that the "minority" rule in public affairs will ruin any political party or any country in the end. We believe it is to the material interests of Democracy and to the advancement of good government to let the majority of people rule in every instance in all public affairs; and we believe that a great majority of Democratic voters of Dickens county desire the Democratic Executive Committeemen to adopt the system of "majority" rule in preference to the plurality or minority rule in the primary elections to be held in 1916. We have talked with at least fifty voters and out of that number only three were opposed to the adoption of the "majority" rule. As a matter of fact, some candidates may figure that they would have more opportunity to receive the plurality nomination with several other candidates in the field against them and in this manner splitting up the vote, but we want to say again we are of the opinion that a majority of the candidates would prefer to know

that a majority of the people elected them and wanted them to serve them in public office.

Let us have the "majority" rule. It is right, it is fair and it is Democratic.

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the protection of the Spur Water System and Fire Apparatus, and providing penalty for breach thereof.

Be it ordained by the City Commission of Spur, Texas:

That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons without proper authority to handle, displace, remove or molest in any way any part or parts or accessories thereof of the Spur, Texas, water plant or system; including engines, pumps, wells, water-mains, water pipes, hydrants, faucets, water meters, and all water-works supplies on hand, and water tanks and towers, all fire-apparatus and their accessories, including hose-carts, hose, hydrant wrenches, hose nozzles, chemical engines, axes, ladders, lanterns, ropes, and extinguishers.

That it shall be unlawful under the terms of this ordinance for any person or persons without proper authority to turn on or off or molest in any way any of the fire hydrants, except for the purpose of extinguishing fire.

That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place or allow to be placed directly in front of any fire station, any vehicle or animal or obstruction of any kind or nature which would make it impossible or inconvenient for the prompt withdrawal of fire apparatus in case of fire.

That any person or persons guilty of breach of law as herein above provided, shall be subject to fine in a sum not to exceed \$100.00 and all costs.

F. W. Jennings, Mayor.
Oscar Jackson, City Secretary.

PRINTING IS SHOP WORK

It very often happens that merchants wait until they are using the last sheet of a piece of job printing before they place an order for a new supply. Then they rush to the printer and want their work in a hurry, forgetting these few simple facts:

That printing is shop work.

That it takes time to turn it out.

That there are nearly always other jobs in the shop ahead of him which have been promised at a certain time and which cannot very well be laid aside.

That most printing, and especially that done on smooth, hard paper, should not be handled for at least twelve hours after the work is done in order to give the ink time to dry and prevent smearing.

That to expect the printing office to always be up with the work is absurd, since when we are without work for half a day the profits for that time are gone. The merchant may be idle all the morning and in the afternoon sell sufficient goods to make an average day's profit. We cannot, for time is the main factor in our business and time cannot be recalled. We must have work ahead or run the risk of being idle and losing money.

And remember, when you feel like saying you can get no service at the printing office, nine times in ten the fault is with you in that you fail to calculate the item of time. It requires time to do good printing, and that is the kind we wish to give you.—Ex.

F. Fulbright, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday hauling out supplies for the Dickens merchants.

Mr. Carr, of several miles north of Spur, was here Thursday trading with the merchants.

H. C. Eldredge, a leading citizen of the McAdoo country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Wednesday and Thursday.

A MISTRIAL

The trial of W. G. Sears, charged with the murder of Sheriff Long in Silvertown, resulted in a "hung jury" this week at Plainview. The jury was dismissed and the case will come up again at the next term of court. At the time of the killing Prof. Sears was superintendent of the Silvertown Schools, and we understand that the trouble with Sheriff Long came up over school matters or pertaining to alleged incidents occurring in the school room.

J. W. Smith, of the plains country, was in town Thursday and Friday.

Lee Gilbert and wife motored to Jayton Tuesday where they spent the day with friends.

Judge Blaine Speer was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday meeting the voters in furthering his campaign for re-election to the office of County Judge and Superintendent of Schools.

Mat Howell came in Wednesday from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish. He reports everything in good shape in that section and all farmers about through picking cotton and now preparing for the 1916 crops.

Mrs. W. A. King and daughter, Mrs. Odam and little child, came in Wednesday from their home twelve miles west and boarded the train in Spur for Abilene and Dallas where they will spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. J. Carlisle, who has been in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Z. V. Smith, during the illness of her children, returned this week to her home at Gilpin. We are very glad to note that the children of Mrs. Smith are now doing nicely.

Mrs. J. A. Cagle arrived home Tuesday from Cleburne where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Flemins. She also came by Whitesboro and spent a day or two with her daughter, Miss Pauline, who is teaching in the schools of that place.

Neil Holman and wife, of Roaring Springs, came to Spur Wednesday evening to be with her father, R. R. Johns, who was injured while shearing a mule. Mrs. Holman remained in Spur while Neil returned home to resume his duties as manager of the telephone system at Roaring Springs.

The big Buick truck car was in Spur Wednesday from the 24-Ranch and hauled out lumber and building material with which to make other improvements on the ranch. Every day in the week big loads of lumber are hauled out from Spur in every direction. The country has never before known such rapid and substantial building progress.

Miss Grace Jay, who is one of the teachers in the schools of King county, was brought to the Standifer Hospital this week for treatment. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Texas Jay, of Jayton, who remained with her through her illness. Miss Grace died Thursday night and the remains will be shipped Friday to Guthrie for interment.

Among those who were in Matador Sunday to hear the noted preacher, Rev. Truett, were N. Q. Brannen, Oscar Jackson, C. L. Love, R. R. Johns, Al Sullivan, Arnold Copeland, L. C. Arrington, W. F. Shugart, Horace Gibson, W. F. Godfrey, R. G. Rogers, L. A. Hindman, Jesse Rogers, Willard Smith, Mr. Bilberry, J. M. McMahan, Luther Powell, Oma Lee Smith, and Misses Boykin, Ruth and Dorris Attebury, Kittie Powell, Louise Rich, and Vivian Abernathy. Rev. Truett failed to come to Matador, therefore Rev. McMahan of Spur filled his appointment.

AN ORDINANCE

Providing a speed limit for vehicles and providing penalty for breach thereof.

Be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Spur, Texas, that:

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive an automobile, wagon, buggy, hack or other vehicle along or across the streets within the incorporate limits of the town of Spur, Texas, at a rate of speed which shall endanger the life, limb or property of person or persons on or along said streets.

That along the streets and avenues of said town a rate of speed of more than 15 miles per hour shall be considered excessive and as endangering life and limb and property.

That at all street crossings and curves, drivers of vehicles shall retard their speed to a point of entire safety to the life and limb and property of persons on or along said streets and avenues and shall take all reasonable precaution to use utmost care at these points and that failure, so to do, shall be considered a breach of law as here under.

That any person or persons guilty of breach of this ordinance or any part thereof shall be subject to fine of, not to exceed \$100.00 and all costs.

That this ordinance shall be held superior to and as nullifying any previous ordinance or ordinances or any part thereof, passed by the City Commission of Spur, wherein said ordinances or parts thereof, may conflict with the herein ordinance.

F. W. Jennings, Mayor.
Oscar Jackson, City Secretary.

MAN FOUND DEAD AT HOTEL IN RALLS

A gentleman by the name of Jack Pucket, apparently about 28 years of age, was found dead in room one at the Henson Hotel Thursday morning by N. Henson, the proprietor, when he went to his room to wake him at late breakfast time. He was laying face downward on the floor, his feet entangled in a portion of the bed clothes, as though he had attempted to get up and had fallen in his death struggles. From all indications life had been extinct only an hour or so.

The local Justice of the Peace being out of town, Judge Parrish and Sheriff Mitchell were notified and came over immediately. At the inquest it developed that his name was Jack Pucket, that he had been working at odd jobs in the Ralls country for several weeks, that he had an organic heart trouble, having been heard complain of shortness of breath the day before, and that he had relatives in New Mexico who had been picking cotton in this country up to a few weeks ago. The Coroner found that death was due to natural causes.—Ralls Banner.

I will buy your furs and hides and pay the highest market prices. See me before you sell.—O. K. (Big Boy) Baggett, Spur, Texas. 14-1tp.

C. A. Jones, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday. He brought in some mules which he was offering for sale on the Spur market. Mr. Jones is one of the best and most successful farmers of Dickens county.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan
ON TEXAS ECONOMIC LEAGUE.

In assisting in the organization of the Texas Economic League, my motive was to help form an association that could voice the sentiment and promote the interests of those engaged in producing and distributing the products of the earth. Having belonged to this class all my life and having occupied various positions in business from laborer to manager and owner, I have come in personal contact with most of the hardships encountered by those engaged in productive pursuits and I feel that much of the suffering we undergo is preventable and that improved conditions can be easily brought about through a more active and intelligent citizenship. I have resided in Texas for eighteen years and during that time have been actively identified with many lines of business, and in direct touch with industrial conditions of the state. It has been my aim to influence capital to Texas, to give employment to labor and to see Texas institutions spread over the globe.

I have faith in the people and in the future of the State and I want those who feel likewise and have a permanent interest in the State's welfare to join me in this work. The only qualification is that Citizenship, Federal, State and Community in the order named, be placed above class interest, and a more diligent study of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States be pursued.

The men engaged in productive pursuits should manage civilization. Much of the incompetency and inefficiency in our public affairs is the result of indifference and impatience of the producing classes in dealing with important public problems, leaving their solution to the non-producing classes, who should take orders from, and not give orders to, society. If business men, farmers, laborers and all factors in productive industry would discharge more fully the responsibilities of citizenship, many of the fundamental evils from which we suffer would automatically disappear, revealing a more capable and efficient commonwealth. I have unbounded faith in our system of government and believe that the serious difficulties which we encounter are due to incompetency and degeneracy of important branches of government and society over which the citizenship, as a whole, has neglected to exercise a proper supervision and has failed to demand a high order of efficiency and integrity.

We should look to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States for guidance and apply their principles to the problems of the day. As citizens we enter into a contract with government as the "party of the first part" and unless we perform the services agreed, we have no right to share the benefits of government and certainly no cause for complaint against organized society for evils which the performance of our duty as citizens would easily correct. We want to invite the people of Texas to study and discuss citizenship, determining our rights and privileges under government with a view of enjoying more fully the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness set forth in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.



...AT...
JOE'S PLACE
You will find something swell in.....
Candies
THIS WEEK
Come and See

Make One Dollar Act Like Two!
TRADE AT
...THE RACKET STORE...
We carry a full line of everything needed to begin house-keeping. We also have a few Matting Art Squares left yet. Better hurry if you want one.
...REMEMBER AT...
The Racket Store
A. A. FRY, Proprietor

Westside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

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

STATE MAKES LARGE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT

Large tax collections enabled the available school fund to pay three dollars per capita as the February part of the scholastic apportionment of six dollars per child. Since one dollar and fifty cents has already been paid on the current apportionment only one dollar and fifty cents is left to be paid for the entire year, and this will be done by check in March, thereby completing payment of the apportionment earlier than had been done in several years. There are 1,310,000 scholastics in Texas, and the February apportionment of three dollars makes a total of nearly \$3,400,000.

With the passing of February the total apportionment paid will be \$5,085,000, leaving \$1,965,000, which is to be paid in March.

Within the next sixty days the state treasurer will have paid the remaining thirty three cents due on last year's apportionment, a grand total of approximately \$250,000. This is being paid out of delinquent tax collections and not current collections, as directed by the attorney general.

Mack Hopper, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Monday.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, was among the large number of visitors to Spur the first of this week.

Fresh fish and oysters every Tuesday and Friday at the French Ruby Cafe. 142

Roy Butts was in town the latter part of last week from his farm home six miles east.

R. F. Rogers, of six or seven miles northeast of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

Mr. Chambers, of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

H. C. Allen came in Saturday from the Dry Lake country and reports every thing in good shape.

J. D. Martin, of four miles north of Spur, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Harrington were visitors in the city Saturday from their farm home near Spur.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland was reported quite sick the first of the week at her home six miles east of town.

Jeff D. Harkey came over Saturday from Dickens and spent some time here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

J. C. Weir was in the city Saturday from his farm home near Spur and spent the afternoon here on business and greeting his friends.

J. V. McCormick was in the city Saturday from the Afton country and spent a short time here on business and greeting his many friends.

W. M. Randall came in Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and while here handed us a dollar and six bits to renew his subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas News.

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in the city Tuesday with a load of cotton, and hauled back supplies purchased in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin, were in the city Saturday and spent some time here shopping and greeting friends.

If you have not tried our bread call and get a fresh loaf at the French Ruby Cafe. Fresh bread received every other day. tf.

L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in the city Tuesday of this week, bringing in a bale of "bollies" to be ginned and marketed here.

Sheriff Conner, Oliver Gray, Jim Thompson, Crawford Cobb, Grundy Crego and Horace Arledge came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent a short time here on business.

Jim Smith was here Saturday and spent an hour or two in the city trading with the merchants and looking after other matters. He reports everything in good shape in his section and farmers all preparing for the 1916 crops.

Bill Cherry, a prominent citizen of Kent county, was in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Cherry last year made bumper crops of feed and cotton and says that throughout his section of the country prospects are now most promising for bumper crops again this year. This is indeed a wonderful country.

Clyde Hindman received a message this morning from Estaline that his baby was dead and he will leave for that place on the noon train. Mrs. Hindman and baby had gone there several days ago to visit her parents. Clyde Hindman is one of our personal friends and our heart goes out to him and Mrs. Hindman in their trouble.—Roaring Springs Echo.

Mrs. Alonzo Lollar left this week for quite an extended visit to relatives in different parts of the country. She will spend some time with her uncle, Mayor Tyra of Fort Worth, also with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Allen of Quanah, Mrs. J. F. Young of Abilene, and her mother, Mrs. M. C. Ellis of Hamilton. Mrs. Lollar will probably be gone one or two months before returning to her home near Spur.

W. M. Moore came in Friday from his ranch home several miles west of town. While here he was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, renewing his subscription to this paper and also having us send for the Memphis Commercial Appeal, Kansas City Star and Dallas News. These papers will supply him with a variety of news and valuable information during the course of a year.

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
CRAWFORD COBB

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

For County Treasurer:
J. B. YANTIS

For County Judge:
BLAINE SPEER
WALTER L. POWELL

PREPAREDNESS

Preparedness is the slogan of the day. Why not send that old suit or dress to us so you will be prepared for next Sunday? We are prepared to do the most delicate work. Don't send your clothes for someone to experiment with—send them to us. We know how. All we ask is a trial. Don't put it off any longer but be prepared for next Sunday. Just phone 105, Luke & The Little Tailor. We Klean Klothes Klean. Our Motto: Old suits made new; New ones made too.

J. C. Stephens, Jr. of the Tap country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

J. C. Stephens, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in the city Tuesday greeting his friends and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

Mr. Rogers, of the P. H. Miller Lumber Company, left Tuesday for Girard, Jayton and other points where he will spend several days looking after the interests of the company.

Mr. Lewis, of Post, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that a thousand or more people have settled in Post during the past year and that a number of new residences are now under construction in that city to provide homes for the people who are coming in at this time.

The French Ruby Cafe serves the very best short orders the market affords. If you have never tried them call in and be convinced. Everybody treated alike. 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.

I Know THE PIANO BUSINESS

I know the Grades
I know the Price

That you ought to pay. The SELF PLAYER solves the music problem in your home.

PLAYERS \$450 to \$600

SILENT \$200 to \$300

Player Rolls in Stock

A. STIFFLER, Spur and Dickens

LIVING AT HOME

If every farmer in Texas raises the food for his family and the feed for his stock, his bill at the store will amount to only a few dollars and he will be comfortable, financially, whether cotton sells above or below the cost of production. The cotton grower should never take a dollar from the sale of cotton to buy either food or feed.

He should plant half an acre in garden, putting everything in rows thirty inches apart so that most of the work can be done with a one-horse cultivator. As soon as the crop is eaten, plant another in its place. In this way two or three crops of vegetables will be grown from the same ground on much of the land. A garden of this size well tended, will supply all the fresh vegetables a large family can eat for eight or ten months and enough for canning to furnish pickles, preserves and canned vegetables every meal through the winter. Five dollars will buy all the seed needed, and if the work is well done, the garden will furnish more food than can be bought at the store for \$200—as much as the average ten acres of cotton will buy.

The cotton grower should plant half an acre of Irish potatoes early in the spring, and half an acre of sweet potatoes. The seed to produce the plants for this acreage should not cost over \$2.25. Under this plan it will take one and one-half acres for the whole garden. The farmer who rents should get the use of this amount of land by agreeing to deliver to the landlord all the cotton raised on an equal area.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Taylor is reported quite sick again this week. Little L. S. has had quite a siege of sickness during the past month, he having just recovered of an attack of pneumonia. We hope that this late illness will not prove serious.

J. L. Curry, of the Steel Hill country, called in Monday at the Texas Spur office and gave us a check for one dollar and six bits for a renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur in combination with the Dallas News. Mr. Curry is one among the charter subscribers to the Texas Spur, he having been a continuous reader of this paper since 1909. We appreciate every one of the first readers of the Texas Spur and some day we intend to invite each one to come in to an "old timers" celebration.

JUDGED BY THEIR PAPERS

Towns are judged by the newspapers in them. The reflection of the town is seen in the newspaper. If the town is wide awake the newspaper will be patronized. The businessmen will seek to encourage business by patronizing the papers. Every movement for betterment will be seen in the papers and will show the extent, in a very large degree the spirit of progress which prevails. When a stranger comes to town, picks up a paper, and usually that is the first thing looked for in the index, there will be at once formed an impression. If the paper is not patronized in keeping with the size and number of business people he will know that the businessmen are liking in certain and essential elements of success but if it is filled with ads and stories of development and evidences of progress and growth he will not have to be told what the condition is as to commercial activities. The newspaper is the index and the town which fails to know this and make the paper show forth prospects of prosperities and growth will fail to make headway so long as this condition prevails.—Greenville Banner.

A. Fry, of the Cat Fish country, was a recent business visitor in the city.

W. B. Arthur, of near Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week on business.

Mrs. Lee Kelly and little daughter, of the Afton country, are in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis.

W. A. Craddock came in Monday from his farm home twelve miles west of Spur and spent the day here on business.

Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Jr., is on an extended visit to her parents and other relatives and friends in Stamford.

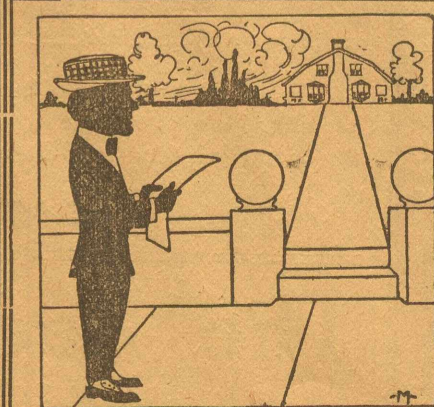
Mrs. T. S. Lambert, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill were in the city Monday from their Alamo Stock Farm home twenty miles west of Spur.

Mrs. White and daughter, Miss Helen, returned last week from Weatherford where they spent one ro two months visiting friends and relatives.

T. E. Rucker was here the latter part of last week from the Dickens country and spent some time in Spur greeting his many friends of the city and surrounding country.

Mrs. J. A. Neighbors returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in Coleman, reporting a very pleasant visit. Her uncle, Mr. Lewis of Coleman, returned home with Mrs. Neighbors and will remain with the family on an extended visit at their home in the Steel Hill country.



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THE CALL OF SPRING!

DEMANDS early attention to selecting your needs for the coming season. We shall this week devote our time to Ladies' Under Muslin, priced so low that it will at once attract you, prices so much lower than you can possibly buy the material. Why then devote your labor sewing? Visit us this week, be convinced of this statement that we will sell you this week the highest class Muslin Underwear at **SPECIALTY PRICES.**

These Prices Will Only Hold Good During This Sale.

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| <p>Princess Slips</p> <p>A beautiful garment made of high grade, full count Cambric trimmed neatly in Embroidery and incision with Lace combination, a regular \$2.00 slip on sale, extra value \$1.35.</p> | <p>Ladies' Skirts</p> <p>The high class embroidery used on these Skirts must be seen to be appreciated. The Cambric and Muslin the best. Full dust ruffles on all garments regardless of price. We offer three big specials, 50c, 65c, 95c.</p> | <p>Children's Dresses</p> <p>Age four to fourteen years in a big variety of styles and qualities. Cheaper by far than you can afford to make them. See this line during this sale. Prices \$65c, 75c, \$1.00.</p> |
| <p>Middies</p> <p>A nice white Middy, neatly trimmed in fancy plaid combination, ages six to twenty years, a good one during this sale at 75c.</p> | <p>Ladies' Gowns</p> <p>Made of full count Cambric Muslin, neatly trimmed in Laces, Embroidery, tucks and etc. Ten styles for your selection. Specials at 50c, 95c, \$1.35.</p> | <p>Corset Covers</p> <p>Twenty five different styles, designs, etc., Embracing a beautiful assortment, bound to please, at very low prices, ranging from 25c to 65c.</p> |
| <p>Children's Drawers</p> <p>Made of good grade Muslin, neatly tucked and Embroidery trimmed, age two to twelve years. Special 10c a pair.</p> | <p>Specials</p> <p>Clark's O. N. T., six spools for.....25c Ladies' Handkerchiefs, three for.....50c Six Spools San Silk for.....25c Men's white Handkerchiefs, six for.....25c</p> | <p>Ladies White Waists</p> <p>A great big treat, Embroidery Voile Waists, new styles just in, the \$1.50 kind on sale this week at 95c.</p> |
| <p>Indian Linen Specials 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c</p> <p>Specials in Ladies' neat Gingham Dresses \$1.00.</p> | <p>Cambric Specials Full 36 inches wide 10c</p> | <p>Demity Specials 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c</p> <p>Specials in Ladies' big Dress Aprons 50 cents.</p> |

Henderson Corsets Any Henderson Corset you buy this week, during our special Muslin Sale, we will give you one fourth off of the regular price.

Special Showing of All the New Spring Sandals, Pumps, Oxfords and Shoes

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R. R. JOHNS INJURED WHILE SHEARING MULE

R. R. Johns was severely injured Wednesday while shearing a mule on his place two miles north of town. A single tree was being used to secure a twist on the mule's nose to make him stand. A boy was holding the single tree and the mule's head while Mr. Johns sheared his tail. The mule pulled loose from the boy, swung around and struck Mr. Johns on the head with the single tree. Mr. Johns was knocked down and was unconscious for some time. The doctors of Spur were called out and rendered medical aid Thursday morning, we are glad to report, Mr. Johns is reported doing well and will probably be out again within a few days.

J. C. Garrett, of the Tap country, was among the many business visitors to Spur Wednesday

BUYS LAND NORTHWEST OF SPUR

A. C. George came in Saturday from his home four miles north and spent several hours here. Mr. George stated that he had recently purchased a 726-acre tract of land twelve miles northwest of Spur and had then begun fencing the place. Mr. George will move to the tract after this year where he will continue in the stock farming business.

Mr. George stated that he regretted leaving this community, but since a tract of land meeting his requirements was not available here, it became necessary for him to go elsewhere.—Girard Reporter.

T. A. Smith was in the city Wednesday from his farm and ranch on Red Mud. He reports that each member of his family with the exception of himself has been suffering of the grippe and severe colds the past several weeks.

SELLS CAR LOAD OF HOGS ON FORT WORTH MARKET

J. R. Rogers returned Thursday from Fort Worth where he had been with a car load of hogs, and which he sold at a price of eight cents a pound. He had seventy four hogs in the shipment, this number weighing 18,310 pounds, and bringing him in the total sum of \$1464.80. These hogs lacked only sixteen cents of bringing him twenty dollars each.

Mr. Rogers has several more cars of hogs on his place which he will ship later. He is convinced that raising hogs and feed stuff beats cotton even at an average price of ten cents. Hogs and hominy are the real foundations of prosperity on the farm.

Eat and be filled with the best in the market.—German Kitchen.

ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Saturday evening of last week Mrs. V. C. Smart entertained the teachers of the Spur School at her home in the west part of the city. Those present were Misses Hensley, Boykin, Horton, Kennebrow and Archer, and Messrs. Godfrey, Earyl Senning, Cowan, Dr. Moore and Rev. White. A number of games of forty two were played and at the conclusion of the games delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

Will pay cash dry bones, eggs, poultry, hides and furs. See the Spur Produce Company before you sell.

R. S. Holly, an old time citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. Holly is one of the oldest settlers of the country and is one of our very best citizens.

REPORT OF COTTON GINNED IN THIS SECTION

The report of the number of bales of cotton ginned up to January 16th of the 1915 crops in this territory as sent out by the Department of Commerce is as follows: Dickens county, 9,340 bales; Kent county, 8,532 bales; Stonewall county, 13,592 bales; Cottle county, 10,502 bales. The report shows that in 1914 there were ginned in Dickens 11,762 bales; Cottle, 20,774 bales; Kent, 7,851 bales; Stonewall, 13,985 bales.

The report does not give the number of bales ginned in Crosby, King nor Motley counties which adjoin Dickens county and produced a considerable acreage of cotton.

Buster Arthur, of Dickens, was a business visitor in the city the latter part of last week.

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ITEMS FROM DICKENS

Joe Ragsdale and wife were in Spur one day last week.

Messrs. Albert and E. Gates and Nuge Johnson hauled lumber from Spur the first of the week.

Miss Reed of Girard is going to teach a class in music and art at the Dickens high school.

Mrs. Jim Whitaker left Thursday for a few days visit with her son, Clyde Walker, at Jayton, Texas.

Wesley and Ed Harvey have been hauling lumber to build a new house on their land recently purchased from the Matadors.

Messrs. Poppin and Montgomery, of Rotan, passed through Dickens this week enroute to Draper to visit J. E. Wright's family a few days.

Jim Foster's father and brother with Joe Sessions, of Seymour, were in Dickens Wednesday prospecting. They went up on the plains from here.

The Matador Land & Cattle Company and S. M. Swenson & Sons were the largest tax payers in Dickens county. The Matador's taxes amounted to over \$11,000 while the Swenson's were over \$10,000.

A very serious accident happened one day last week to the son of G. M. Jones, formerly of Midway but now of Matador. In attempting to ignite some powder in a bottle with a match, the explosion caused an injury to his eye. He was taken to Quanah for treatment.

Grundy Crego hauled 65 hogs to Spur this week and sold them

to R. L. Collier, who recently shipped several cars to Fort Worth. Grundy can raise hogs and smile. He is making a success of the hog business and will no doubt reap good returns from his labors.

Death has again invaded the ranks of our citizenship and claimed another good citizen. Mr. C. L. Sims departed this life at his home two miles south of Afton Sunday, January 30, after a lingering illness of pneumonia. Dr. Blackwell was in attendance and did all in his powder to restore him to health, but the dreaded disease had fastened its hold upon him, and he was beyond medical control.—Dickens County Courier.

Ten young work mules for sale at bargain prices. See W. F. Shugart. 9 tf.

For Sale—Pork and lard at money saving prices.—Mrs. Williamson, four miles west of Afton. 11 tf.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birdwell, of six or seven miles south of Spur, were among the visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

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.

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.

**CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO,
NOW A DRY TOWN**

Clovis, N. M., Jan. 31—At an election held in this city today to determine whether or not saloons shall remain here, the Prohibition forces won a great victory. The vote against the saloons was 337 and the vote for the saloons was 273, giving the Pros a majority of 64.

FOR SALE

The best 20-acre block—one mile from Spur, well fenced and all in cultivation. Made a bale of cotton to the acre last year. No other improvements. Can get possession and cultivate this year. Call at Texas Spur office or see R. L. Collier.

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W. P. Sampson recently purchased the former Bender residence in the east part of the city and will soon move with his family to the new home. We are very glad to welcome Mr. Sampson and family as resident citizens of the city and wish them a very pleasant home with us.

T. M. Burgess, of the Amity community, was in Spur the latter part of last week with a bale of cotton which he sold on the Spur Market. Mr. Burgess said that he only had three or four bales of "bollies" to gather on his place to wind up his 1915 crop. The price of "bollies" in Spur now is better than the price of cotton in past years.

...IF IN NEED OF...
Plow Tools

FIGURE WITH US

Just received a car each of
Avery and Standard Implements.

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H. E. Grabener was here Saturday from his place six miles east of Spur.

R. R. Johns was in town Saturday from his home two or three miles north of Spur.

John Sellman, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Jim Walker and wife, of near Spur, were among the visitors and shoppers in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

Mrs. Mable Gainor came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the day in Spur visiting friends and shopping.

J. H. Meadors, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business. While here we understand that Mr. Meadors purchased a new automobile of the Spur dealers.

N. B. Fuqua, a leading citizen of the Red Mud country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday. Mr. Fuqua reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country at this time.

For Sale—640 acres land located in Kent county 6 miles north of Jayton, 4 miles south of Girard and 20 miles south of Spur. 500 acres in cultivation, all entire section fenced hog proof with 36 inch hog fence of 1 by 4 inch mesh, 2 wells and windmills, 1 gasoline engine 5 1-2 horse power, all necessary tools to work land such as binders, harrows, cultivators, gang plows, disc plows, lister planters, go-devils, etc., harness for 16 head work stock, large barn, plank lots, hog houses thoroughly equipped to raise hogs, large 7-room house with bath room and fixtures, gas lighting system also gas cooking, large gas plant, 2 large zinc cisterns, 1 cement cistern. This is a handsome bungalow with plate glass doors and windows. There are 12 work horses and mules, all young stock, 6 fine milk cows, 50 head of thoroughbred hogs. Will sell at \$35 per acre. Will sell any amount from 160 acres to 640. Write me for terms.—Gertrude Pursley, Jayton, Texas. 12-3mo.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preaching services will be held every third and fourth Sundays at eleven o'clock, a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at ten o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend.—H. P. Bates, Pastor.

Mr. Luttrell returned recently from Georgia where he spent some time visiting his parents and his old home. He left his smaller children with his father and mother in the old Georgia home.

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"

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