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OUR STORE FRIDAY



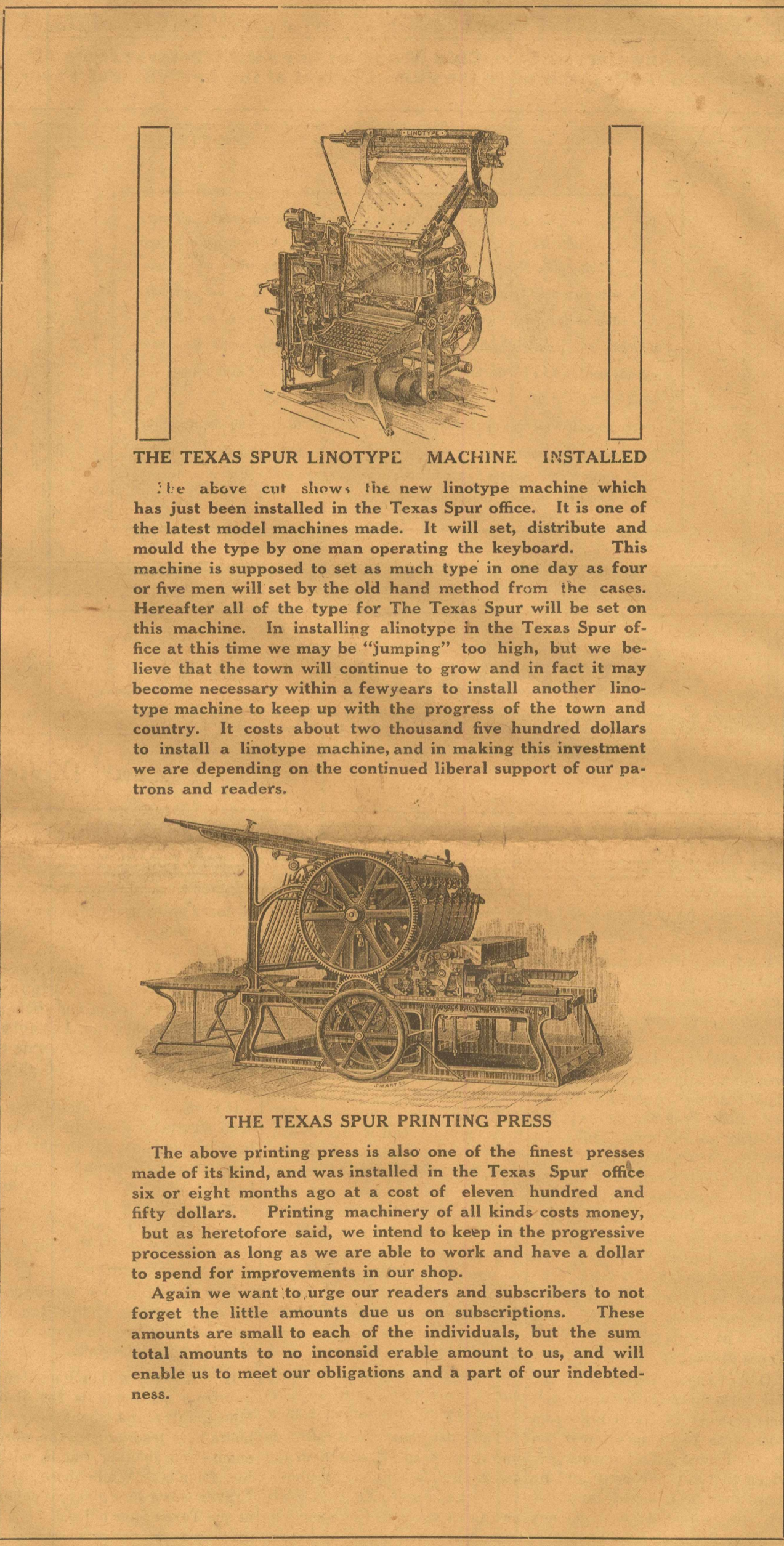
Remember the date, Friday, March 10th, is the day we have decided to have our millinery opening, at which time we will feature a complete showing of authoritative styles for spring and summer. In cooperation with a superb line of millinery novelties, flowers, ribbons, etc.

The special feature of our display will be Pattern Hats from Rosenthal stores, Saint Louis makers and designers of the famous Gold Medal hats. Also the Gaier Hat with the crown tip mirror, another St. Louis creation. And we must not fail to mention Stone-hill Hats, of Chicago, unequalled by any in design, material and workmanship. Added to these will be a few exclusive patterns designed by Ora Crew, the most noted "man" milliner of America. And that you may see the wearing beauty of the hats we will have a real, live model to wear any hat that you may be specially interested in. We feel that we have the choicest gleanings from the Fashion's Realm, and invite every lady to be present and see if all of our claims for our millinery department are not even more than true.



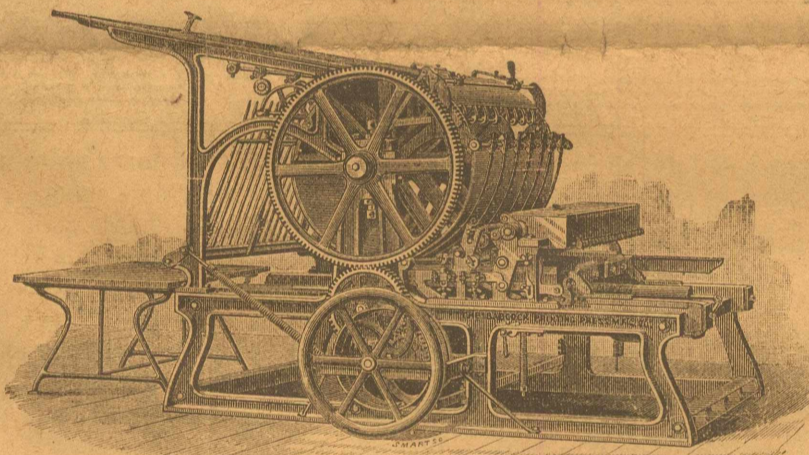
THE SHOES SHE WEARS reveal her good taste and are very important to a good appearance.

Queen Quality for ladies only. The one shoe combining Style and Ease, worn all over the world by the women who know. The foot and head are so closely associated that you can't have the right use of your mind when your feet are not comfortable. Queen Quality have that Special Flex Sole that insures foot comfort, not the cheapest but the



THE TEXAS SPUR LINOTYPE MACHINE INSTALLED

The above cut shows the new linotype machine which has just been installed in the Texas Spur office. It is one of the latest model machines made. It will set, distribute and mould the type by one man operating the keyboard. This machine is supposed to set as much type in one day as four or five men will set by the old hand method from the cases. Hereafter all of the type for The Texas Spur will be set on this machine. In installing alinotype in the Texas Spur office at this time we may be "jumping" too high, but we believe that the town will continue to grow and in fact it may become necessary within a few years to install another linotype machine to keep up with the progress of the town and country. It costs about two thousand five hundred dollars to install a linotype machine, and in making this investment we are depending on the continued liberal support of our patrons and readers.



THE TEXAS SPUR PRINTING PRESS

The above printing press is also one of the finest presses made of its kind, and was installed in the Texas Spur office six or eight months ago at a cost of eleven hundred and fifty dollars. Printing machinery of all kinds costs money,

but as heretofore said, we intend to keep in the progressive procession as long as we are able to work and have a dollar to spend for improvements in our shop.

Again we want to urge our readers and subscribers to not forget the little amounts due us on subscriptions. These amounts are small to each of the individuals, but the sum total amounts to no inconsiderable amount to us, and will enable us to meet our obligations and a part of our indebtedness.

WE ARE BOUND TO AT TRACT

Your attention with our line of Fancy Silk Hose. Remember Niagra made silk hose, the only hose made of glove silk, and any maids feet will look nice in a pair of Niagra-made Silk Hose, even an old---will look like sweet sixteen. Iron Clad Hosiery for men, women and children---not made of iron but lots of hard wear in them.



EXTRA SPECIAL
Cash sale during 1916. So far the sale has been a success. Help us make a \$20,000 gain

over 1915. We will give a Style Plus Suit to the man who guesses nearest the gain we make in sales over 1915. We are selling most everything at the old prices while many items of merchandise have advanced. Take advantage of the cash sale always in progress at the store of Quality.

Come in and spend your cash. Tell us your troubles, maybe we can help you.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

Two good engines for sale at the Texas Spur office.

A MOST ENJOYABLE SOCIAL FUNCTION

On Saturday evening, February 26th, the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Standifer was the scene of one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season, an informal dance in honor of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. William Putman.

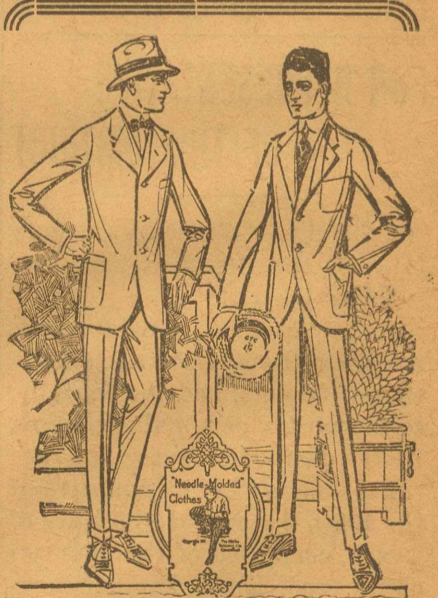
An evening at the Standifer home is always an enjoyable occasion, but this special one it seemed as though the host and hostess, ably assisted by their charming daughters, Misses Robbie and Donnalita, excelled in their hospitality.

The music was furnished by a splendid string band, consisting of violin, cello and guitar, and early in the evening the young people availed themselves of the opportunity, and when the sweet strains of "Home, Sweet Home" floated softly through the rooms and finally passed into silence, there was sigh of regret, for to those fortunate enough to be present, the evening had been entirely too short.

Those present were Misses Velma Putman, Clemmie Putman, Clara Coleman, Donnalita Standifer, Robbie Standifer, Messrs. Austin Putman, J. B. Hardin, Carl Patton, Boney Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman, Mr. and Mrs. William Putman. Out of town guests were Misses France Heisleman, Rochelle Sanford, Littlefield, Cecil McKay, R. R. Goldsborough, of Crosbyton, Texas.

During the evening Mr. E. J. Cairnes sang "Roaming in The Gloaming," and his rendition of this beautiful song was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served during the evening.—Reporter.



MEN'S CLOTHES

"Don't wait for a hot day to select your SPRING SUIT—

"Don't" purchase before seeing our splendid offerings—

"Don't" worry about the STYLE, QUALITY or PRICE, this, we guarantee to be correct.

FURNISHINGS

The smartest of SPRING HATS, SHOES, SHIRTS and NECKWEAR are arriving daily.

HOGAN & PATTON

"CLOTHIERS"

Cleaning and Pressing

Neatly Done

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

TEXAS SPUR PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Entered as second-class matter November 12, 1909, at the post office at Spur, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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When not specified, all Ads will be continued until ordered out and charged for accordingly.

FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS DISTRICT

To the voters of Dickens county and the 105th Representative District:

After careful consideration, and upon the advice and solicitation of friends, and incidentally, to forward a personal ambition, I have decided to enter the race for the office of representative of the 105th district of the state of Texas, composed of the counties of Dickens, Kent, King, Scurry and Stonewall, and take this opportunity of announcing myself, believing that my residence of fifteen years in Scurry county, my experience, both as a county official in the office of County Attorney, County Judge and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction of Scurry county, as well as the time devoted to the private practice of law, has acquainted me with the needs of Western Texas.

I enter this race with no sensational platform; making no extravagant promises.

My democracy has never been questioned, and my announcement is made, subject to the

decision of the party at the July Primaries.

I will urgently support and use every effort to procure the passage of a measure re-districting the State into new congressional districts, having no sympathy with certain legislators who have prohibited this measure for personal reasons. According to the last census Western Texas is entitled to the two additional congressmen and while it is not my intention to reflect upon or to criticise either Mr. Davis or Mr. McLemore, the interests of this ever growing empire cannot be properly looked after by men from East and South Texas, who cannot be familiar with conditions in this section. The State should be re-districted and West Texas given her rights.

One of the crying evils of the day is the practice by unscrupulous persons of extorting from borrowers usurious interest on money loaned. The statute provides that ten per cent and no more shall be charged, and yet we are infested with money

sharks who extort whatever amount they can obtain, and as they conceive, cleverly hide the usurious transaction under the guise of commissions, bonuses and the like; these leeches fasten themselves to unfortunates and reap, from the misfortunes of others, huge profits.

I advocate a law which makes void the note, bond, or what ever may be called the instrument which evidences indebtedness, whenever the legal rate of interest is exceeded in the charges. This, in my opinion, is the only way to stop the evil.

Texas is rich in resources and poor in capital. We need outside help and I am in favor of liberal treatment of foreign investors, most especially to those who are willing to loan their money, at a low rate of interest, to those of our citizens who desire to purchase and improve small homes.

The west needs more railroads and if the people desire them and the capital is willing to undertake the building, the State should rather encourage such le-

gitimate enterprises than seek to cripple them.

There may be other issues which I might dwell upon, and which might be of interest to the people of West Texas, and should you see fit to elect me, I will be always found giving my earnest support to any measure of such nature.

It is my present intention to see every voter in the district before primary day, but should this be impossible of accomplishment, I earnestly request and solicit the support of each and all.

Respectfully,
Fritz R. Smith.

Witt Springer, who is poisoning dogs on the Paddle Ranch, came in Saturday and spent until Monday with homefolks.

H. C. Cravey was in Spur Monday from his home in the Red Mud country and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends. While here Mr. Cravey was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

BUILDING RESIDENCE ON NEW PLACE

W. J. Young, of the Afton country, was among the visitors to Spur Friday and Saturday of last week and hauled out lumber and other building materials with which to build a fine residence on his new farm home recently purchased in that section. Mr. Young recently sold his former home for a consideration of forty dollars per acre. Some people may think that forty dollars per acre is too much to pay for land in Western Texas but if they will consider the fact that this land produces as much, if not more, than the hundred-dollar land of other sections of the State they will see that land in this section is cheap at twice the present price.

INJURED

Neal Holman who fell from a telephone pole last week in Roaring Springs, was brought to the home of his parents last Saturday and spent three days in bed. The fall resulted in the opening of an old wound caused by an operation last year and Mr. Holman has been suffering severely. He states that he will soon be "as good as new," however, and we trust he is right about it. — Roaring Springs Echo.

Ned Bowers was among the visitors in the city Wednesday, coming in from his ranch home seven miles north of Spur.

W. D. Blair was in the city Wednesday from his home two miles east of Spur and spent an hour or two here trading with the merchants.

"There's My Check With Your Endorsement"

When you are asked to pay an account twice, how much better to be able to say that, than "I have a receipt somewhere."

With a checking account of your own and a fixed rule to use checks in paying all your bills, you can readily clear up such a difficulty.

Have you a personal account at the City National Bank?

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDMONDS Cashier
C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.
J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

Spring And Summer Opening!

March 9th, 10th and 11th

Lids for Kids. You bring in the Kids we have the Lids. We have been telling you about our Millinery department, now come in and let us make our word good. If we don't show you some of the newest creations that an experienced designer can design we will dispose of this department entirely, you being the judge. Again we say the ladies of the Spur trade territory are very fortunate this season, as well as ourselves, in having such a stock of Millinery so close at hand with such a designer as Miss Wade.

Ready-to-Wear for Ladies and Misses

Our line of Kansas City Skirt Company's Dresses and Skirts can't be equaled in this section. Just try one of these Gossard Corsets, then a dress or skirt of the above make and notice how the lines show up.

Shoes and Slippers for the Family

Tess & Ted for Children and Misses, Society and Mayflower for Ladies in all the new lasts; not how cheap but how good. Think of the comfort, ease and appearance of your feet when fitted by an experienced fitter.

Mens and Boys Clothing, the Curlee Kind

We have a full line of Curlee Suits, Pants and Coats. Shirts Collars, Ties, Underwear, Hosiery, Shoes and Slippers---everything required in a mans or boys wardrobe. As to style and quality, you can't imagine unless you see them. No reason why our men and boys can't look as well this year as people in and around our cities. Did it ever occur to you that you are judged as per your appearance? Yes, we know you have thought of this, because we see considerable change when you are preparing for a visit abroad. Giving you all a cordial invitation to call on us, we are yours for better service,

Announcing
THE FIRST SHOWING
of
STETSON HATS
for Spring 1916

We are now showing the newest shapes and colors in hats by Stetson—the acknowledged style and quality leader among American hatters.

The Stetson wearer can rest assured of the style of his hat. For Stetson sets the style.

Let us show you the new Spring Stetson that fits not only your head but your physique and personality.

Sol Davis
THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST

Telephone 131

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Spur, Texas

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson is reported quite sick at their home five miles east of Spur. We hope to soon note his complete recovery.

For Sale—An eight room furnished house, all modern conveniences, two lots, good orchard and all out buildings, good underground cistern. For further information phone 70. 17 tf.

C. D. Copeland was in Spur the first of this week from his farm home five miles east of town.

B. F. Smith, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer upon the plains near McAdoo, was a very pleasant caller at this office Thursday and while here had us enroll his name as a subscriber to the Texas Spur, and for which he has our thanks.

MRS. WILLIAMS NARROWLY AVERTS BURNING.

Mrs. Williams, of ten or twelve miles west of Spur, was recently burned on the forehead and about the face, narrowly averting a very serious accident. She was operating an incubator located in the cellar on her place. She carried a feather bed out of the house to sun, placing the bed near the entrance to the cellar. In placing the bed in this position Mrs. Williams noticed that the lamps on the incubator in the cellar were not working properly, therefore she went down into the cellar to adjust the defect in the burners. While in the cellar the incubator lamp exploded, throwing burning oil all over Mrs. Williams, who realizing her precarious condition, ran out of the cellar to where she had placed the feather bed and in which she rolled herself to smother the flames. Mrs. Williams exercised good judgment and presence of mind, otherwise she would probably have been burned into a crisp. West Texas can boast of good and sensible women as well as men—in fact we believe the good women are the main-spring of our nation and civilization.

FOR SALE

Four room house and two lots. Well located, well, windmill and good outbuilding, for sale cheap. Will take Ford car as first payment.—W. L. Osborne, Spur, Texas. 18 1tp tf.

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

D. c Edwards was in the city Thursday of this week from his home in the Croton country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright and son, Earl, of the Draper country, were among the number of visitors in Spur Thursday of this week and spent several hours in the city on business, visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

W. T. Lovell, of the Draper country, was in Spur Thursday of this week on business.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of six miles east of Spur, was brought in Thursday to the Standifer Hospital where she underwent an operation. The operation was a success and we are glad to note that Mrs. Shugart is now reported doing nicely.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

V. A. Collins
ON THE RELATION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR.



V. A. Collins, Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Texas Economic League and a recognized friend of organized labor, discussing the relations between employer and employe, says:

"Most of the friction between Capital and Labor is the result of misunderstanding between them. This lack of proper understanding often results from the fact that large investors do not, or cannot, follow up their investments, but are forced to operate through hired men, known as 'managers.' The capitalist or investor, possibly knows no laborer in the employment of the enterprise, and consequently knows nothing of his environment, his needs, his hopes, or aspirations—they are as widely separated as Dives and Lazarus. Their situation is not such as to create any sympathy one for another—the capitalist knows nothing of the trials and difficulties of the laborer, and the laborer cannot see that his employer may also have great difficulties to encounter in 'keeping the mill going.' Let the capitalist put himself in the place of the laborer and the laborer in the place of the capitalist and study each other's problems.

Be it said to the credit of many employers, they would like to make more favorable working conditions and pay better wages, but they have competitors in the same line of business who will make no change for the betterment of their labor and a man in business can scarcely make concessions which his competitors will not make, but when a change is demanded by labor, it cannot be convinced that the employer would be glad to make the change if his competitors would do likewise.

If the laborer hears of his employer at all, it is most probably through the press where he sees an account of his being abroad in company with Kings or princes, displaying his wealth that he may be admitted into royal society, or perhaps he sees where his employer has just given a million to the church or charities, while the wife and children of him whose calloused hands helped to produce that million are in the most direful circumstances. It needs no argument to prove that this is not calculated to create a genuine sympathy on the part of employe for his employer. I am persuaded that it is more charitable for employers to distribute the earnings of their industries above a reasonable return on their money among the men who co-operate with the machine in producing his wealth than to contribute large sums to charity and sound the bugle that the gift might be noted in the press.

Employers visit your enterprises and your laborers and see the discomforts and even the misery they sometimes endure and your charity may be kindled towards them. Employes, make the success of your employer's business your chief object and then demand a just share of the success you have made for him. See the Christ ideal of 'love thy neighbor as thyself' between capital and labor and the necessity for the militia to quell riots will never be known again and the race will grow wiser and better and the 'peace that passeth understanding' will prevail throughout the land."

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

E. G. Senter
ON ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.



Ex-Senator E. G. Senter of Dallas, who has perhaps given more careful study to the administration of Justice than any other citizen, when asked if reforms (which every thoughtful citizen must recognize as essential to preservation of government) could be brought about by the legal profession, of which he is a distinguished member, said in part:

"Seven years ago I told the lawyers in the State Senate, who blocked all efforts to improve court procedure, that they were hastening the coming of a time when the people would take this subject into their own hands. The plain English of it is that at heart they do not want any material change in the practice and the sooner the people find this out the quicker tangible results will be obtained. The real truth is that a large element among the lawyers consider that the privilege of delay is the most important feature of the law, and present conditions are perpetuated because they permit delay. It is unfortunate that the lawyers of this state take so little interest in the conditions which exist in the courts. Whatever interest they do take is wasted in mere complaints which do not seek and do not tend to produce results.

There is but one way to accomplish anything in bringing about the reform of court procedure and that is for the people of this state to tell the lawyers to get out of the way and let them take a try at it—to make plain to every candidate for the Legislature that if he does not assist in getting results upon this subject, he may expect to be beaten hereafter for every office to which he may aspire and particularly to hold to a rigid responsibility every member of the judiciary committees of the house and senate. The man who declares himself unable to suggest an improvement upon present conditions is unfit to be a member of the legislature and no excuse should be accepted which seeks to absolve any member of the legislature from this responsibility. The people could not do a better work next year than to defeat several gentlemen who will be candidates, who proclaimed their sympathy with this cause when it was presented to the legislature and who quietly got out their clubs and sandbagged every proposal which meant anything. When the politicians of this state learn that it means political out-lawry to stand in the way of reform there will be no need for meetings of the bar association to get results. Every member of the legislature will get busy just as soon as it meets, and it requires no prophet to foresee that many of those who have been most active in the past in preventing court reform will be just as active in the future in assisting to procure reform.

It is up to the people to take control of this movement, if they want results. Lawyers can and should assist, but if they take charge of it nothing more will be accomplished in the next quarter of a century than has been accomplished by them in the past twenty-five years. The people have waited long enough upon them. The lawyers should take back seats now, and give the public a chance.

WANTS TO DO AWAY WITH PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Spur, Texas, Feb. 24, 1916.
Dear Mr. McClure:
I noticed in a recent issue of the Texas Spur the suggestion that a double primary for county officers be held. Do you not think it is somewhat of a general feeling all over the county, if not the state, that we are having too much of THIS good thing, more especially in regard to county elections and primaries anyhow? There are lots of voters who do not and can not vote in the primary elections for various reasons. What I suggest is this: Have no primary for the county officials. Let all run who announce (or until they withdraw publicly) until the general election. That election will, as it should, be the wishes of the voters. This, I think, is the fairest way not only to the candidates, but to the citizens and all the voters of the county. What say other voters? I do not think this should be left entirely to the candidates.

Respectfully, W. J. Elliot.

AN EDITOR'S PRAYER

An editor went to church the other day and was called upon to lead in prayer, when he responded as follows:

"Almighty and kind Father, who doth from Thy throne look down upon delinquent subscribers, we beseech Thee to draw near unto them and whisper a few things into our subscribers ears that the statute forbids us print. Thou knowest our wants but subscribers know them not and seldom stop to inquire. Let it be known to them that there are patches on the homestead of our pants, and that there is an aching void in the front part of our back, and we hunger and thirst and he asks us not to sup with him. Thou knowest, Lord, that our ink and our print paper cost money, but our subscribers knoweth it not and careth a great deal less. Thou knowest that we are cold and the subscriber bringeth not the wood he promised, and that we are shivering and shaking while he roasteth his shins before the red hot fire of his mother. Tell them all these things Lord, and if he faileth and bringeth no succor, banish them to the lower regions to dwell among the Republicans, Democrats, Plutocrats, and calamity howlers, and Thine shall be the praise and glory through out our newspaper career. Amen."—Borrowed.

ACCIDENTS

May happen to you anytime. Everybody is getting sick. I have the best accident and sick policy in the world; also the cheapest. See me and get one.—S. W. Lane, the maize buyer. 17-3t.

S. R. Bowman came in Monday from his farm home three miles north of Spur and spent a short time in the city on business. While here he called at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his daughter, Miss Eula, who is attending school at Belton.

W. D. Eldredge, a successful and extensive farmer of the plains country near McAadoo, was in Spur Monday on business. While here he handed us a dollar for the Texas Spur another year, and for which he has our thanks. There is nothing more encouraging to the editor than unsolicited renewal subscriptions.

Farms and Ranches

One 800-acre ranch, well improved, two sets houses, considerable acreage in cultivation and all tillable, well watered and worth more than the price asked. A bargain for somebody who can handle the proposition.
Another ranch of more than 2000 acres, fine improvements, living water, shinnery land and the cheapest priced in all of Western Texas.
Also one 6-section ranch, well improved, and ideally located.

These Ranches are Located Within 10 and 15 Miles of Spur

We have a number of improved farm homes which can be bought almost at prices which raw land is now selling for. Come in and see or write us.

WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE AND CAN GIVE YOU SOME BARGAINS

Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co.,

R. L. COLLIER, Mgr.,
Spur, Dickens County, Texas
Office in Texas Spur Building

ENTERTAINS THE MERRY WIVES CLUB FRIDAY

Mrs. C. H. Senning was hostess to the Merry Wives Club Friday, February 18th. National colors and Washington's birthday symbols predominated in the decorations. Five tables were arranged for progressive "42" Refreshments of pimento sandwiches, miniature pear salad forts with gay little flags in the middle and tea and cake were served to Mesdames Geo. M. Williams, G. S. White, F. W. Jennings, T. E. Standifer, W. Neilon, C. L. Love, C. A. Love, V. C. Smart, G. E. Nicholson, N. A. Baker, Sol Davis, M. L. Pierce, Will Andrews, J. B. Richbourg, E. C. Edmonds, C. F. Cates, J. E. Morris and Ray Dickson.—Reporter.

FROM GIRARD

J. P. Simmons, of Spur, was in Girard Monday.

N. A. Baker, of Spur, manager of the Spur Hardware Company business, was in Girard Monday. Mr. Baker was here to demonstrate the Maxwell automobile to a prospective purchaser.

R. G. Rogers visited in Spur from Saturday until the first of this week with homefolks. Mr. Rogers may locate at Girard permanently and assume charge of the Miller Lumber Company business here.

Mrs. E. G. Perry returned from Spur Sunday where she had been spending several days with her daughter, Edna, who is a patient in the hospital at that place. Edna is recovering from an operation for appendicitis and is said to be doing well.—Girard Reporter.

WILL REST A YEAR FROM FARM LABORS

J. I. Greer was in the city Friday and Saturday from his farm and ranch home about ten miles west of Spur. He is now planning and making preparations to rest one year from his farm labors and will turn his place over to Tom Greer. Later in the year Mr. and Mrs. Greer will go through the country to New Mexico to visit their children in that country and to also rest, recuperate and enjoy some of the luxuries of life.

A General-Mercantile business in railroad town invoicing between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Clear of debt and doing a good business. Will trade for 160 to 320-acre farm clear of debt. Also have a 6 room house, price \$2,400 with \$750 incumbrance.—Address Box 162, Loving, Texas. 17 4t

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday of this week greeting his friends. He reported his section of the country in good shape, farmers all busy plowing land in preparation for planting time.

MRS. T. E. RASBERRY DIED LAST MONDAY

Mrs. T. E. Rasberry died at her home near Spur last Monday and was taken to Afton to be buried there. Rev. A. P. Stokes conducted the funeral. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hext, of Afton, and besides other relatives she leaves a husband and two small children, one a baby just a few days of age.—Dickens Courier.

PROPOSITION TO OPEN BANK IN DICKENS

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby were in Dickens Sunday morning. G. A. Dunn, of Rockwall, Texas, came over with them and looked over Mr Hamby's property here. Mr. Dunn was also considering the proposition of opening a bank in Dickens.—Courier.

"Polished Pebbles" will be presented at Girard Tuesday night for the benefit of the Girard Commercial Club. This is a good play, well presented by home talent and a number of Spur people will attend.

YEAR OF PROGRESS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

A. L. King came in Monday from his farm home in the Cat Fish country and spent some time here on business. He is making improvements on his place at this time, putting down a cistern, building lots, etc. The fact of the business is that there are few people of the whole country who are not making some character of improvements on their places. This year will be one of the most progressive with respect to building and improvement activities ever before known.

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.

Frank and W. H. Smith were here the first of this week from their home in the Steel Hill country and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They report everything progressing nicely in that community.

FARMER PUSHING WORK

W. F. Shugart was here Saturday from his farm home several miles east of Spur and spent the day here on business and shaking hands with his friends. He has a considerable acreage of his land already turned under and ready for planting when the time comes. Mr. Shugart is one of the farmers of the country who always pushes his work instead of letting his work push him, and as a result he is successful and prosperous.

A BOY BORN

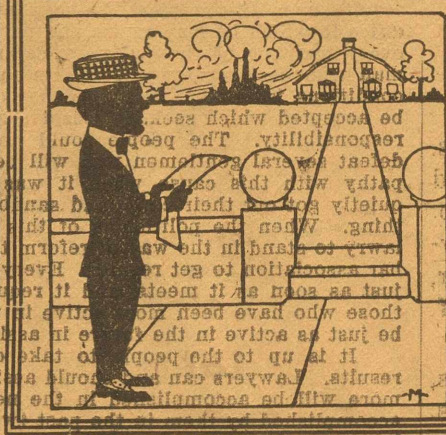
Tom Greer came in Saturday and spent the day here on business and greeting his friends. A young son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Greer at their home west of Spur. The Texas Spur extends congratulations at this late date and wishes young Mr. Greer a happy time through his youthful days and in his years of maturity may he develop into one of the biggest and most noted men of Western Texas.

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

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

A. Fry, a prominent citizen and ranchman of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

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.



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

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TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

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

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

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

Oil and Gas

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Commissioners of the City of Spur that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for peddler, hawker, auctioneer or any other person, to sell or offer for sale any goods, merchandise, or any article of any character whatsoever, or to cry the same for sale on any street or alley or sidewalks within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Spur, and it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, keep or maintain any stand, booth or any structure of any character whatsoever where goods, merchandise or any article whatsoever is sold or offered for sale on any of the streets or alleys or sidewalks of the town of Spur, and any person found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 and each day such stand is maintained or action herein prohibited are pursued shall be punished by fine as herein stated.

F. W. Jennings, Mayor.
Attest: Oscar Jackson, City Secretary. 18-11

GILPIN

Rev. W. B. Bennett preached here Sunday and Sunday night.

L. W. Bilberry and Willie Hagins made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Little Olan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins, is quite sick.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and help us.

P. E. Hagins, B. J. Hagins, D. D. Hagins and C. E. Hagins and families attended the family re-

Money! Money!! Money!!!

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

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CUSTODY OF TWO GIRLS IS TAKEN FROM FATHER

Having run away from home once and having been brought back, Minnie Penry, aged 17, and Luña Penry, aged 15, were taken from the custody of their father, Thad Penry, by a jury in the county court yesterday. County Judge George N. Denton selected their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown of Stonewall county, as their guardians, and their brother, Frank Penry, left for Aspermont with them last night.

The court room was crowded during the trial and it was easy to tell which way the crowd's sympathy went, for loud handclapping greeted the verdict. Judge Denton was forced to rap for order before he could proceed.

It was a pitiful and sordid story that the two girls told, other witnesses corroborating them as to numerous details. Their mother secured a divorce from their father when they were babies. He went away, and for years he did not know where they were. The mother died, leaving the two girls with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Just a few years ago, it was shown by their testimony, the father found out where the girls were and went to Stonewall county, trying to get them to come to him. They refused and it was shown that the order he secured, granting him custody of them, was taken by default.

The girls were brought back to Waco and taken out on a farm near Valley Mills. Both testified that he had forced them to do manual labor and that their stepmother treated them better than their own father did.

Deciding to try to get to their brother, the girls started out afoot, stopped at a ranch, word was telephoned in to Waco, and Probation Officer E. E. Ingram and Deputy Sheriff Joe Roberts brought them to town. They got into communication with their brother, he came to Waco, and the effort to relieve the father of their custody followed.

The brother and the two sisters appeared perfectly happy when it was decided that the girls could go to their grandparents. Many of those persons in the court room crowded around, clapped their hands and congratulated them.

Assistant County Attorney John B. Atkinson represented the state in the successful effort to take the girls from their father's custody. C. H. Mached represented the father.—Waco Morning News.

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.

For Sale—Good heavy draft horses.—R. L. Collier.

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

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

For District Judge, 50th Judicial District
J. H. MILAM

For Representative, 105th District:
FRITZ R. SMITH

NEW HOPE

Mr. Hooper has lost one of his little children by the death angel.

Geo. S. Greenwade has bought to cows from Joe Ragsdale.

I. B. Jones gave quite an interesting talk to the church Sunday.

Olen Arthur is quite sick and it is supposed he has the measles.

C. M. Buchanan sold over four hundred dollars worth of hogs last week.

Otho Hale and H. V. Johnson have been in our community on business.

The school has been suspended the last week on account of diphtheria in the neighborhood.

Louis Holly and West Harvey have bought land in the Blakley pasture and are now putting it in a fine state of cultivation.

M. S. Favers, of the Rip Saw Valley neighborhood, has shipped a car of fat hogs to Fort Worth. Mr. Favers believes in diversification and is not going to plant much cotton.

T. N. Dodson, well known in this community, died at his home in Roaring Springs last Wednesday night. Mr. Dodson was one of the pioneers of this country and helped drive the Indians to the border and helped pave the way to civilization. A good man is gone to that home eternal and we miss him.

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.

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Commissioners of the City of Spur that the following are declared and defined to be Public Nuisances within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Spur, Texas, to-wit:

Any stand or booth or any structure, vehicle or anything whatsoever from which wares and merchandise are sold or cried for sale or offered for sale when the same shall cause people to congregate or assemble on any sidewalk, street or alley in such manner as to obstruct or blockade said sidewalk, street or alley within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Spur, and at any time it shall be brought to the knowledge of the City Commissioners that such a nuisance exists within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Spur, they may by proper order to the City Marshall have the same suppressed and removed at once.

F. W. Jennings, Mayor.
Attest: Oscar Jackson, City Secretary. 18-11

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.

E. H. Blakely, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of this week trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

Revs. I. E. Gales and Haley, of Plainview, arrived in Spur Thursday and will remain over Sunday. They will conduct the services at the First Baptist Church.

T. L. Cowser will be in Spur Saturday, March 4th and 11th, with seed sweet potatoes which he will offer for sale. Don't fail to see him.

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.

We Are Now Open For Business

THE Co-Operative Cash Buying & Selling Association is now ready to supply your wants in the Grocery line. We have a fresh, new stock and we can save you money on your bill. Give us a trial order.

SCREENED LUMP COAL \$5.50 PER TON

New goods being continuously added to our stock. Call us on either telephone and we will promptly deliver your order.

Co-Operative Cash Buying & Selling Ass'n.

W. P. SAMPSON, Manager

DEMONSTRATION OF TAILORED CLOTHING

J. W. Roseberry, of Cincinnati, was in Spur the first of this week and spent several days here demonstrating tailored clothing and also taking measures for suits in connection with the clothing sale now being conducted by Hogan & Patton. Several hundreds of samples were shown during the time and a number of orders taken for spring and summer suits.

The demonstration was a success in every particular, and Hogan and Patton are to be commended in evidencing a progressive spirit by having a man to come out from Cincinnati to cater to the wishes and desires of their customers and patrons. Such methods may be expensive at this time, but it is substantial evidence that they want to please customers by giving them what they want. In the end if not at the present time, methods of this kind will bring good returns.

W. L. Hyatt had the misfortune to injure his eye Monday night while passing under a wire clothes line. We hope to soon note his complete recovery and that no serious effects will be caused by the injury.



Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

But she was not alone, some, for each day her husband called up for a few minutes' chat by Long Distance Bell Telephone.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.

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COME TO WEST TEXAS AND ENJOY PROSPERITY

W. M. Randall, a leading citizen and successful and extensive farmer of the Steel Hill country, has been hauling in maize and corn this week. Mr. Randall recently contracted two cars of maize and one car of corn to D. H. Sullivan at a price of \$10.50 per ton for the maize and fifty five cents per bushel for the corn. Mr. Randall states that he will probably have two more car loads of maize to sell after filling his present contract and reserving a sufficient quantity for feeding purposes. This feed will be shipped to other sections of the country and fed by farmers who believe that the chief products of Western Texas are sand storms and prairie dogs. However, we invite those unfortunate men to come to the Spur country and enjoy their share of the prosperity which abounds throughout this section.

AN EARLY SETTLER OF DICKENS COUNTY DIED

J. T. Haile died Saturday of last week at his home near Utopia. Mr. Haile was well known to the old timers of this section, he being one of the early settlers of Dickens county and one among the first men to try the cotton raising business in this country. He distinguished himself as a cotton raiser by producing eight bales of cotton on seven acres of land as the result of his first efforts at farming in Dickens county. Mr. Haile demonstrated in the early days that Dickens county and the great Spur country is the greatest cotton producing section of America. The many friends and acquaintances of J. T. Haile in this country will learn of his death with sorrow.

M. L. Blakely was in the city Wednesday and Thursday of this week from his home in the Afton country.

W. W. Smith, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday on business and trading with the merchants.

W. H. Taylor was among the business visitors to Spur the latter part of last week, coming in from home in the Steel Hill community.

Mr. Blackwell, of Aspermont, spent several days of last week in Spur looking out a location for himself and family. Mr. Blackwell contracted for the George Renfro ranch home and it is expected that the deal will be consummated within the next few days. The trade was handled by the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Company.

SPUR CITIZENS SHOULD APPRECIATE TEXAS SPUR

The citizens of Spur and the Spur territory should appreciate the policy adopted by Oran McClure in giving them and sending to the outside world such an excellent paper as the Texas Spur. Instead of applying his earnings for personal benefits, Mr. McClure reverts them back to his patrons through the channels of a better paper, made possible only through better and more modern equipment. During the last few months new mechanical equipment representing an expenditure of more than four thousand dollars has been added in that patrons might be given better returns on their investment.—Girard Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire in this way to express our sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted us in our time of trouble during the sick and death of our husband and father. Your kind words and assistance impress upon our minds the true sweetness of friendship and brotherly love.—Mrs. T. A. Ham and children.

When the Creator had made all the good and beautiful things, in order that they might be truly appreciated, He then made the beasts, reptiles and poisonous insects.

When He had finished, He had left over scraps that were too bad to put in the Rattlesnake, the Hyena, the Scorpion, or the Skunk; so He placed all of these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it with Jealousy, marked it with a Yellow Streak, and called it a KNOCKER.

Then as a compensation for this fearful product, He took a sunbeam and put it in the heart of a child, the love of a mother, the brain of a man, wrapped these in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel, and called it a BOOSTER. He made him a lover of fields and flowers and manly sports and a believer in equality and justice.

And ever since these two were created, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates.—Merchants Life Insurance Company.

Bert Duncan was here the latter part of last week from Dickens. He reports everything progressing nicely in that section.

W. P. T. Smith was among the visitors to Spur the first of this week, coming in from his home seven miles west of Spur.

W. S. HUNTER

Builds and Repairs Cement Cisterns
Also Repairs Furniture

See me for Estimates and Prices

THE EXPERIENCE OF A BONIFIDE FARMER

A. A. Allen, a prominent and successful farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Thursday of this week on business. While here Mr. Allen was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and informed us that he had completed the gathering of his 1915 cotton crop. Mr. Allen had ninety five acres planted to cotton and from which he harvested fifty nine bales of cotton making a general average of over a half of a bale to the acre. We believe that the Spur country is producing more per acre than any other section of the State and it is doing it every year—come to the Spur country—the garden spot of the World.

Mr. Whitaker has our thanks for a dollar on subscription.

Mrs. Oscar Jackson entertained the Baptist Ladies Aid Monday at her home in the city.

FINGER LACERATED BY ENRAGED WILD CAT

Allen Scogin, of eight miles north of Clairemont, was severely bitten by a large wild cat last week. Mr. Scogin had caught the cat in a trap and carried him to Clairemont for exhibition and in the attempt to release the animal from the trap the cat sprang upon Mr. Scogin and caught one of his index fingers with his teeth. The wild cat had to be choked and his mouth pried open before his hold on the finger of Mr. Scogin was released. The wild cat is said to have been one of the largest ever seen in this section.—Girard Reporter.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

Beginning Thursday night there will be preaching through the week at the Baptist Church at nights. Bro. Balch, of Matador, will preach Thursday night; Dr. I. E. Gates, of Plainview, Friday night; and Dr. Bailey, president of Wayland College, Saturday night. Dr. Gates will preach Sunday at eleven o'clock.
J. M. McMahan, Pastor.

An eight-pound boy was born Tuesday, February 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones at their home in the city. The baby will not have a birthday except on leap years. Mrs. Jones and baby are reported doing nicely.

Frank Williams entertained a number of his boy friends Tuesday, February 28th, with a birthday party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Williams. Refreshments of cake and grape juice were served to the guests. The cake contained a dime, ring and thimble and was decorated with candles.

T. A. HAM DIED MONDAY EVENING IN SPUR

T. A. Ham, of the Croton country, died Monday in Spur and the remains were interred Tuesday in the Dickens Cemetery. Mr. Ham underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital the latter part of last week for gall stones, and in performing the operation it developed that he was also suffering of cancer of the liver and stomach, and which caused his death at this time.

T. A. Ham has been a citizen of Dickens county for a number of years and was one of the best men of the country. At the time of his death he was serving the people in the most important county office, that of County Commissioner of the Croton Precinct. He was a good man, a progressive citizen, and his death is a real loss to the country. He leaves a wife and five grown children to whom the Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

NOTICE

We are to have a box-supper at the West End School on March 4. Proceeds will go for school. All neighboring schools are invited to help us.—Flora Reese. 17-2p

Chas. Cannon was in Spur the latter part of this week on business and while here had his name added to our subscription list. There's nothing which gives a newspaper man more pleasure than to add new names to the subscription list. During the past several months we have added many new names to the list and which is encouraging and appreciated on the part of the printers and publisher. We will appreciate any assistance to secure new names to the list of regular readers.

JOE'S PLACE

So many have passed compliments on my classy Confections—

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