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THE TEXAS SPUR

AND DICKENS ITEM

Job Printing

We can do as good job printing as any out-of-town concern and will appreciate it much more.

DON'T SEND IT AWAY

Volume Eight

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, JANUARY 26, 1917

Number 13

LATTA GRAHAM CASE IS CONTINUED AT SEYMOUR

The Latta Graham case was continued Monday in the District Court now in session at Seymour. The case being set for the 23rd day of July at the next term of the court to be held in Seymour. This case was transferred from Kent county.

Latta Graham is charged with the killing of Berry Pursley about eight months ago at the Pursley ranch home near Jayton. Since that time Edwin Graham, a brother of Latta, was killed and Mrs. Pursley shot in the arm while they were returning from Jayton to the ranch.

We are informed that Mrs. Pursley accepted ten thousand dollars as her part of the estate and is now living in Oklahoma. Mrs. Pursley was formerly Mrs. McGuirt and is the daughter of Mrs. Graham, who was in Spur at the beginning of the town.

A large number of witnesses from Jayton and surrounding country attended the court at Seymour.

MERRY WIVES CLUB

Mrs. Sol Davis entertained the Merry Wives Friday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. C. Forbis. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with ferns and blossoming plants. After a number of unusually interesting games of forty-two, delicious refreshments of salad, sandwiches, tea and cake, were served to a large number of guests.

Those present were: Mesdames M. L. Pierce, C. L. Love, W. F. Godfrey, W. R. Moore, W. H. Putman, C. H. Senning, W. H. Putman, Jr., Jennings, C. A. Love, Koon, Richbourg, J. E. Morris, J. H. Grace, W. Neilon, M. E. Manning, Geo. S. Link, E. C. Edmonds, W. D. Wilson, Oran McClure, Gilbert, N. A. Baker, E. E. White, and Andrews.—Reporter.

CHECK FORGERS GET ROUGH SLEDDING HERE

Pety forgery seems to be getting it in the neck in Dickens county, as various parties have been bagged for that offense in the last few months.

The Justice Court of Spur has also been busy "sticking" the boys for fighting and intoxication this week.

NOTICE!

Dr. Daly is coming prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and fit glasses. Don't forget the dates—in Spur February 9th and 10th. Office with Dr. Morris.

BUYS THE HIGHWAY GARAGE IN SPUR

Ed Hall, of Grayford, Texas, who recently purchased the Highway Garage from H. J. Luck, now has complete charge of the business and is a competent mechanic who will supervise all work brought to his place. He is a gentleman in every respect and was for several years foreman of the machine shops at Brownwood.

We have not learned just what Mr. Luck will engage in, but are confident that he will remain in Spur and engage in some enterprise in the city.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Hall and wish him much prosperity in his business in this city.

DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVIS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Saturday of last week Deputy Sheriff S. L. Davis, of Dickens, accidentally dropped his pistol which caused it to fire, the bullet striking him in the right arm. The wound is only slight since the bullet passed through the fleshy part of the arm and struck no bones. Mr. Davis was brought to Spur and the wound was dressed by Dr. Standifer at the Standifer Hospital. After the wound was dressed Mr. Davis was able to immediately resume his duties and was about town during the afternoon.

NUPTIALS

Mr. C. D. Morgan and Miss Clara Neighbors were married Sunday, December 30, at the home of the bride's parents.

The groom was a well liked and prosperous citizen of Wirt, Oklahoma, and the bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neighbors, of the Steel Hill community.

The wedding occurred at ten o'clock Sunday morning and after a dinner had been served to the guests which included many friends and relatives, the newly married couple boarded the train for their honeymoon trip which included Wirt and many other places in Oklahoma where they spent ten or fifteen days.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have returned to Spur and will make their home in the Steel Hill country.

The Texas Spur welcomes Mr. Morgan as a resident citizen of this country, and joins the many friends in extending congratulations to this couple for a long and happy married life.

ROOM FOR MORE

Chas. Perrin, one of the leading citizens of the Croton country and one of the best men in Texas, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours in the city shaking hands with friends. We are truly glad to number such men as he among our friends and readers. And would be glad to see this country fill completely up with just such men. We already have a number located here but there is always room for more.



Mrs. Housewife, your duties are many and tedious, but they can be made easier by some of the conveniences that you will find in our Hardware Department. Now we have something special to offer you that we want you to be sure and not fail to see for seeing means buying. We have 50 of these sets and we are going to sell them at \$1.50 each. When these are gone we cannot get others at the price. This we know is a wonderful bargain. Ask the Hardware Clerks to show you and buy a set for yourself and one to give to your friend. And remember O'cedar polish and mops and hundreds of other useful and labor-saving items you will find in our Hardware Store. Ladies especially invited to visit this department.

Bryant-Link Company.



Yes Little Bo Peep lost her sheep and the long search for them tired her feet, when she came to Bryant-Link Company's and bought her a pair of Billiken Shoes and went on her way easy and happy, just like hundreds of other boys and girls are doing. Why allow your child to wear shoes that cramp and ruin their feet when you can get Billikens. And we have them for men, too. If your feet hurt buy Billikens. Shoes, Shoes! Shoes! Coming in all the time and our price is very little higher than they have been because we bought heavy before the big advances. Mens work shoes we are especially strong on. We Want To Shoe You.



If you are standing in our shoes You have a right to talk, And when you are tired of standing They'll rest you when you walk.

We have Weinbiner shoes for men who work. Marshalls

JAYTON MAN ARRESTED IN SPUR WEDNESDAY

Albert Reeves of Jayton was arrested in Spur Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Hazlewood on a charge of unlawfully securing an automobile.

Reeves, it is alleged, gave a party at Jayton a check for \$750 for a car without having funds in the bank to pay the check.

About an hour after receiving a wire from officers at Jayton giving description of the law violator, John Hazlewood arrester his man and placed him in the calaboose where he remained until Thursday morning when he was turned over to the Deputy Sheriff of Kent county.

CROTON SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED THURSDAY NIGHT

The Croton School House was totally destroyed Thursday night by fire, the origin of the fire is unknown, but it was supposed to have caught from the stove since fire was burning in the stove throughout the day.

The Croton School House was of two large rooms, and the amount of the loss is not known at this time. It is presumed the building will be immediately rebuilt and the teaching resumed by the two teachers.

Burleson Roberts, of Hico, arrived in Spur Friday with a car of household goods, tools, teams, and other things, and will live here in the future.

are the best for office man or clerk; Billikens for men whose feet are tender, in fact, something for the whole masculine gender.

Yes, we have unloaded a big car of implements this week but they will not last long for they are Jno. Deere goods and they go fast, so come quick if you need anything in this line. Yes, we are expecting a great 1917. Aren't you?

"It is my joy in life to find, At every turn of the road, The strong arm of a comrade kind,

To help me with my load, And while I have no gold to give

And love alone must make amends,

My only prayer is while I live God keep me worthy of my friends."

It is our aim not only to build a great business, but to be your friends and to have your friendship and sympathy.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

G. C. CLARY ARRESTED IN HASKELL FRIDAY

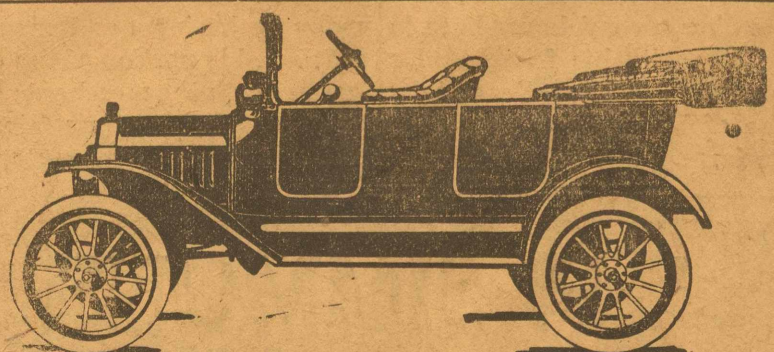
Sheriff Collier and Deputy Jno. Hazlewood have been busy this week pulling offenders of the law to the bar of account. After working the wires and phones all over the Plains Sunday and Monday, Deputy Hazlewood brought from Haskell one Mr. Clary, charged with a grave offense—a felony and put him in the Dickens county quiet resort, the jail to wait the action of the Grand Jury in such cases made and provided. Later, Deputy Hazlewood went to DeLeon in answer to a wire to get another "bird" wanted and supposed to be in jail, but Leon the "bird" was non-est, and John returned empty-handed, but wiser. So, it goes, the Peace Officers are "always up against it"—now you see them, now you don't. Suffice to say our Dickens county officers are "loking down the line" for violators of the law.

MUCH NEW LAND NOW BEING PUT IN

Frank Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours trading with the merchants, greeting friends and looking after business matters. He is now engaged in that healthful and invigorating occupation of grubbing land which will be put into cultivation another season. We believe this year will break all former records for new land being put into cultivation in the great Spur country, which is as it should be since no country on earth will excell and few will equal this in the production of crops. In fact this section of country is in reality the best allround farming country on the face of the globe and all we need to take first place is more farmers to bring it to the front in diversified farming. And we will have them in a few more years if the present rate is kept up. Come to the Spur country and prosper.

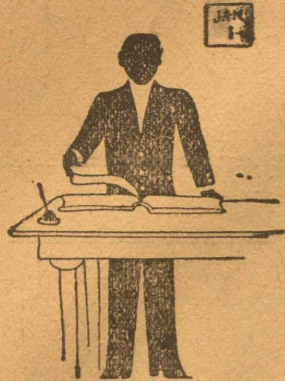
WILL STAY HERE

Mat Howell, a prominent and influential citizen of that fine Cat Fish country, was among many business visitors to the city Saturday of last week. He reports that everything in his section is progressing nicely and that he is content to stay in this country for a while at least. That is the proper spirit to display in regard to this, the best country on earth. Come to Spur—the land of the contented.



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit Touring Car, 360; Roadster, \$345

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman Spur Texas



Turn Over a New Leaf

and make this a BANNER YEAR. Let your Bank Book record your PROSPERITY and insure your Success and Independence for all succeeding years.

We earnestly solicit your co-operation to the end that this may truly be a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS year.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

C. A. JONES, PRESIDENT
W. G. SHERROD, VICE PRESIDENT

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

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

Money to loan on farms and ranches; also will buy or take up and extend Vendor's lien notes. If you have a note maturing soon, or need money to increase your land holdings, see me. Long time, lowest rates, no delays.

E. J. COWAN, Cowan Building

PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS MEN FALL IN LINE

Ten years ago it was quite the custom of not a few conservative business men to taboo the art of advertising as a needless expense. Five years ago this accepted theory had been punctured to such an extent that three-fourths of the former conservatives were in line with judicious publicity. At the present there yet remain a few small town merchants who still persist in the idea that buying newspaper space is a waste of their meager profits. But even these few are becoming rapidly disillusioned. It is no reflection upon any local man's integrity to say that the one who does not carry an ad in his local home paper is not only a detriment to himself, but a drawback to his trade. Why? First, because of his denying himself the right of publicity, he absorbs his own privilege of standing on an equal footing with his competitors. Second, he fails to be representative because of his reticence to enter into the affray of bigger business. Therefore failing to reflect his own strength, his community becomes the sufferer—an obvious conclusion. Publicity in business is not a personal matter; it certainly behooves every modern business man to fall in the line of progress.—Petrolia-Enterprise.

H. C. Allen was in the city of good merchants Saturday, coming in from his fine farm home in the Dry Lake country and spending several hours here in the city with his friends. He also purchased supplies to take care of himself and family on the farm.

SWAPPING HORSES

The old time horse trader was not as conscientious as he might have been. He did not consider it strictly dishonest if his judgment of horses was better than his neighbor's. If his neighbor did not see the defects of the trader's horse that was none of the trader's business. Hence the trader often got the best of the deal because many were not as careful to observe as the trader.

Sometimes the trader had so much confidence in his own judgment of a horse that he was willing to trade while the horses were in the middle of the stream. The man who was not accustomed to trading might get the worst of it. Hence the caution: "Don't swap horses in the middle of the stream."

Why take such desperate chances in changing to the one crop system next year? Why go backward? We have made great progress by diversification during 1916. Let us not 'swap horses in the middle of the stream.'

SHOT THROUGH FOOT

E. A. Nolte, Harry Campbell and Dr. Hamilton took a drive out north of town the latter part of last week and while trying to extract some shells from a shot gun the thing was discharged and Mr. Nolte received several shot in the left foot. The heavy boot he was wearing saved him a serious injury.—Motley County News.

J. H. Jones, one of the main cogs in the machinery of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent a considerable portion of the day trading with the merchants and talking with his many friends of the surrounding country.

RASBERRY GETS ANOTHER TRIAL

Alfred Raspberry, who has been confined in the jail here for the past five months awaiting the action of the Court of Criminal Appeals, received a telegram from his attorney, J. F. Cunningham, Wednesday morning stating that his case had been reversed. Alfred was sentenced here at the last term of the District Court for the murder of J. F. Bostick, and was given a sentence of 25 years.—Roby Banner.

J. J. Martin, of near Spur, is among the number who have recently paid us cash on subscription. He having called in Mouday, leaving two big dollars.

Knows Market Conditions

The farmer's Bell Telephone saves him useless trips to town. The latest market quotations are his, and he can wait till market conditions are right before shipping produce.

Bell Telephone Service is as necessary to the farmer as are modern agricultural implements.



THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

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Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

WHAT THE FARM IS FOR

There are two conceptions as to the farm. One is that it is the place to make money, another that it is a place to live and serve. The same general conceptions prevail as to business. Some men value their business chiefly as an opportunity to accumulate wealth, others for the particular reason that it permits them to build up homes and serve society.

No man should be censured because he likes to make money, provided he always earns it honestly. Society may be served by men with great wealth as well as by men of limited means.

But we believe the highest conception a man can place on

IT'S TIME TO

PREPARE

FOR NEXT YEAR'S CROP

WE HAVE TWO CARS OF

P. & O. Implements

And can supply your needs in this line. Canton Listers and Success Sulkeys are the best. If you haven't used one ask your neighbor about it.

Spur Hdw. Co.

Spur, Texas

CHALLENGES DUEL; MUST GO TO PEN

A young man of Houston grew very angry at another man and sent the object of his wrath a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons. A few hours later the man was arrested. In his wrath he forgot that dueling, or sending a challenge to fight a duel is a penitentiary offense in Texas. And since his own letter is evidence against him, he must go to the penitentiary for a term of two years. Had he cracked down on the man he dislikes with a pistol or shotgun, the probabilities are that he would have gone free, as Texas isn't much when it comes to punishing killers, but because he gave his antagonist a fair show for his life, he must go to the pen. Furthermore this young democrat has lost all chances he may have had for holding office. The Texan who takes the oath of office from school trustee to governor, must swear that he never fought a duel or sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel.—Honey Grove Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were in the city Monday on business. They are new comers in the Afton country and are starting in right by coming to Spur to do their trading. We wish them health, wealth and prosperity in their new home and may this country appeal to them to the extent that they will make it their permanent home.

..J. P. SIMMONS..

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

The Westside Barber Shop

MANY VERNER, Proprietor

Solicits Your Patronage and Guarantees Satisfaction Good Workmen, Hot and Cold Baths, Good Service

DAVIS & EDMONDS

DEALERS IN

Hupmobiles and
Chevrolets.....

Received a wire from the company stating that a car of Chevrolets will arrive in Spur this week. SEE THEM.

Money to Loan on Farms and Ranches

5, 7 or 10 years time, 8 per cent interest, liberal payment privileges. Can make loans on business or residence property, 9 per cent interest, 5 years time.

OSCAR JACKSON, Real Estate & Insurance

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin section of country, was in the hub city Saturday on business.

J. E. Cherry, of a few miles south of the city, was here on business Saturday.

George Renfro was here the latter part of last week from his ranch home east of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. West, of two miles west of this city, were among the many shoppers here Saturday of last week.

W. W. Winkler, a leading citizen of Dickens, was here Saturday of last week on business and spent several hours greeting his many friends who come to Spur to do their trading and to see the sights.

W. S. Campbell left Spur last Friday for Munday, Texas, to be with his mother who is reported quite sick at that place. We hope to soon note her complete recovery and that Mr. Campbell will soon be back at home with us.

W. A. Valentine, of the Tap country, was here Saturday on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and renewed for the Texas Spur and Dallas Semi-Weekly News in combination—one of the best in the State. There is nothing that gives a newspaper force more encouragement than renewal subscriptions. It leaves the impression that we are giving the people what they want.

J. W. Huddleston, of near Dickens, was here Saturday.

J. R. McArthur, prominent and influential citizen of the Tap country, was here Saturday on business.

Mrs. I. G. Van Lier, of the Soldier Mound, country north of Spur, was among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

T. V. West, who lives four miles west of Spur on the Highway, was among the prominent visitors in the city Saturday.

W. D. Blair came in Saturday from his fine farm home three miles east of the metropolis and spent several hours in the city trading with the best merchants on earth.

J. H. Latham, of the Red Hill country, came in Saturday and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting his many friends of the country who are always coming to the city after supplies.

J. A. Davis recently returned from Sour Lake, Texas, where he visited his mother who is more than ninety years old. He reports that this is a much better country than all that he saw on his trip.

P. Henson, of the Tap country, ornamented the city with his smiling complexion Saturday. He comes to town quite often and is always in a fine humor. We guess it is the result of living in a good country.

Let me build your barns, cisterns and do your repair work on building.—B. H. Moore at W. L. McAteer's. 12 2tp.

LOST—A boy's gray sweater between the School House and town. Finder return to the Texas Spur office. 13-1p.

W. F. Walker, a prominent citizen of two or three miles south east of the city was in Spur Saturday on business and trading with the live wire merchants. He reports that part of the country in fine shape.

B. G. WORSWICK

Attorney-at-Law
Practice in District and Higher courts is solicited.
Co. Attorney's Office, Dickens.

B. D. GLASGOW

Attorney-at-Law
Office over Spur National Bank

W. D. WILSON

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General Practice
Spur Nat'l Bk Bldg. Spur, Texas

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Calls answered night or day.

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Office over the Cowan Building
Telephone No. 63.

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All Calls Answered Promptly.
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Spur, Texas

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Buys Cotton, Corn, Maise and Kaffir Corn, etc.
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Baggage & Express
Prompt service and safe delivery guaranteed.

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Estimates furnished on bricks and other buildings.
Indemnity Ins. to Employees

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Brick Layer
Guarantees All His Work
Telephone 23 P. O. Box 242
Spur, Texas

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

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.

W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

Money! Money!! Money!!!

to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see
EDMONDS & HOGAN, Spur, Texas

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The Commissioners Court of Dickens County will receive proposals, at their next regular term of court, February 12th, 1917, from any banking incorporation or individual banker in this county as may be desired to be selected as the depository of the funds of the County.

The proposals must be sealed, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the County, for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular term for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent. of the County revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

Witness my hand this the 15th day of January, A. D. 1917.

WALTER L. POWELL,
County Judge. 12 4t

Chalk Brown was in the city Saturday from his home on the 24-Ranch in Kent county.

Tom McArthur, of the Tap country and one of the best citizens of Dickens county, was a visitor to the city Saturday.

W. H. Taylor, main cog in the machinery of that fine Duck Creek community, transacted business in the hub city Saturday.

Riley Smith was in Spur the latter part of last week from that fine Red Mud country and spent several hours in the city trading with the leading merchants of this country.

J. A. Kerley, a leading citizen of that fine country east of the metropolis, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time in the city trading with the leading business men of Western Texas.

J. N. Zumwalt came in Saturday from his ranch home several miles west of Spur and spent several hours in the city looking after business matters and trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, of Dry Lake, was in the city Saturday. He has been quite sick the past week and had to dismiss school. However, he will resume his duties Monday, and we trust he will be able to continue the work without further illness.



ALL OVER THE WORLD

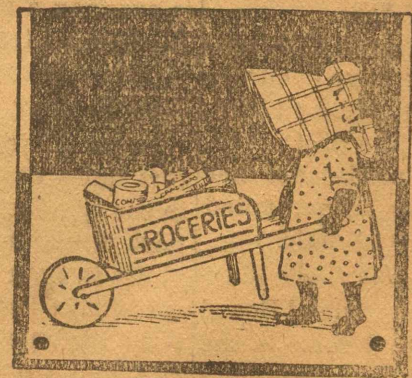
the paint that we sell is being used, and giving the greatest satisfaction. One reason is that the ingredients are the best quality, and it is made by men who know their business. We sell it mixed ready to use, and solicit your trade the next time you want anything in this line.

BRAZELTON-PRYOR & CO.



YOUR PURSE WON'T SUFFER when visiting our restaurant. In fact, if you want to be "well fed" and keep your purse fat at the same time, don't fail to drop in. Try it once—that's experience. The experience will soon become a habit, and a good one.

GERMAN KITCHEN & BAKERY, Spur, Texas



DELIVERING GROCERIES

That is our business. Trading Groceries for Money.

IT IS ALWAYS OUR AIM

to see how MUCH, not how little, we can GIVE you for the and we are constantly competing with ourselves, endeavoring to buy Good Goods at Prices which will permit us to sell at LOWER prices than we have ever made before. There is always SOMETHING DOING here to serve our Customers so they will be pleased and satisfied. ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

Farmers Cash Store
Spur, Texas

SPUR PRODUCE CO. A GREAT BENEFIT TO SPUR

Spur has many enterprises that she has just cause to feel proud of, and among them there is none more deserving of praise than the Spur Produce Company, for this firm plays no small part in bringing people to this city.

J. C. Miller, the proprietor of this business, is a man possessing a spirit of progressiveness that has attracted the attention and won the admiration of the citizenship of the Spur country.

Since the coming of the Spur Produce Company the farmers have received top-prices for everything in the produce line, and many people a great distance from here make Spur their trading point because they get better prices for what they have to sell than is being paid at other towns.

Mrs. Josie Morrison is teaching expression in Dickens.

Miss Ella Garner is visiting friends in Matador this week.

Harry Ellis of the 24-Ranch, was in Spur Wednesday.

Newt McCharen, of Matador, was transacting business in Spur Monday.

Arnold Copeland was in the city Tuesday from his home a few miles east.

Walter Russell, of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

H. A. Boothe, of a few miles east of the city of Spur, was in town Wednesday on business.

Lon and Grady Cross were among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday, spending several hours here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes and son, Bobby, are spending the week in Spur at the Spur Inn.

Mr. Cornelius, of the Cross Ranch, was a visitor in the city Tuesday, spending a short time here looking after business affairs.

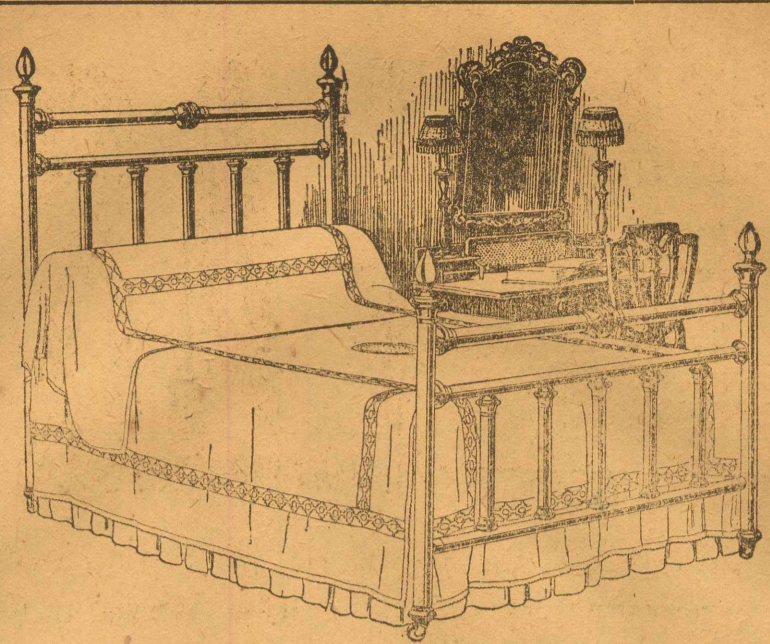
J. J. Noland, of a few miles north of Dickens, was in the city Thursday on business and while here paid the Texas Spur office a friendly visit.

Mrs. Purdue and children, of Amarillo, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Attebury, the past several weeks left Tuesday for her home. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Dorris.

Miss Baxter has been elected by the Dickens School Board to teach piano and voice in the public school at Dickens. Miss Baxter also has a number of pupils in Spur and divides her time between her classes in Dickens and Spur.

Is Your Home Furnished As Well As You Wish?

Are you proud of your home furnishings when your neighbors and friends call on you in a social or business way? Do you get that real pleasure out of your home surroundings that ownership of good furniture can give you?



Part of the Joy of Living is Having Conveniences in Your Home

And you owe it to yourself and to your standing in the community in which you live to furnish your home as comfortably and as luxuriously as you can.

Your furniture is bought for years and years of use. The amount you spend for furniture, compared to clothing, groceries, etc., is very small.

Our store is full of good furniture at low prices. We have just the article you need, at the price you can afford to pay, that will tone up the appearance of that living room, dining room, bed room or kitchen. It will make your home more like a real home.

Campbell & Campbell, Spur, Texas

We pay the highest prices for Poultry, Eggs, Hides and Furs.—Spur Produce Co. 10tf

C. I. Cannon, of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday on business.

For Sale—Shed room, 10x28 and dug out, young orchard, all fenced. Will sell cheap.—J. P. Wilkes, Painter. 9tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carlisle, of Girard, were in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants and visiting friends.

Mrs. Henry Dodge is quite sick at her home in northwest Spur suffering of a severe case of the la gippe. We hope to soon note her recovery.

Mr. Bob Allen, late of Haskell, Texas, has bought lots and is erecting a nice residence on West 5th Street. Mr. Allen and family are valuable additions to Spur.

Elder Mike M. Young, of a few miles east of Girard, was in the city the latter part of the past week and spent several hours in Spur trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his many friends of the city and surrounding country. Elder Young is doing much good in his work and we are truly glad to number him as a friend and reader of this paper.

It pays to trade in the best town—come to Spur.

A. S. Jackson was in Spur Saturday from Dickens.

Am now in the market for the new maize crop. Must be dry. See S. W. Lane.

W. F. Foreman, of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday on business.

See Dr. Rodgers, Veterinary, Spur, Texas. All work guaranteed. 22tf

It's the fashion. What's the fashion? Why to eat at the German Kitchen. 28 tf.

Bill Cherry was a visitor in the city Saturday, coming in from his home several miles south of Spur.

When you want maize come over to "Egypt" and be supplied with the best from my farm seven miles north of Spur.—W. L. McAteer. tf

Jack, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, is quite sick suffering of pneumonia. We hope to soon note his recovery.

Remember we will pay you cash for anything you have for sale. Country Produce, Hides Furs and Junk.—Spur Produce Company. 10 tf

Will Walker was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Tuesday and handed us two big silver dollars to be placed to his credit on the subscription list of this paper. Thanks.

Tom Dodson, prominent and successful farmer of several miles north of Dickens, was in the city the latter part of last week, spending several hours in the city trading and greeting many friends.

W. W. Franklin, was here the latter part of last week, coming in from his farm home five or six miles east of the city, and spending several hours in transacting business with the leading merchants of Western Texas.

Thorough-bred black Minorca hens—also Buff Orpingtons, for sale—50 to 75 cents each. At Mrs. Effie Johnson's.

W. T. Lovell, of the Draper country, was in the city Tuesday after provisions for his family.

J. W. Anderton has been on the sick list this week. We hope that he will soon be up again.

Homer Boothe and wife made a trip to Stamford this week to have their baby's eyes operated on.

C. A. Bobo, C. A. Love, N. Q. Brannen and E. C. Edmonds spent Tuesday on Cat Fish on a hunting trip.

Miss Hyacinth Grace returned Saturday from Stamford where she has been visiting relatives and friends the past week.

Mrs. Thos. J. Owens was in the city Wednesday from their ranch home and spent several hours here shopping and visiting friends.

Dock Edwards was here this week from his farm home in the Croton country and spent several hours here seeing the sights and on business.

\$10.00 REWARD!

Two cows—white faced—branded W on left side, crop right ear; split left, got out of field four miles north of town.—Dr. J. E. Morris.

NOTICE!

We buy and sell all kinds of second hand goods.—Racket Store, opposite Samples Cash Store.

THE CEMETERY

Mr. Editor:

I see the good ladies, 'God bless them', have organized a Cemetery Association.

Thoughtless man has ever been prone to leave things close to the heart to the ladies whose memorial reads: "First at the cradle and first and last at the Cross."

Now I would humbly suggest that the Association ask the County Surveyor to survey the cemetery into family lots, walks and drives—then open a book numbering all lots, fix the price say at \$5 per lot for all to enter therein and pay said \$5, same to go to work beautifying the cemetery, together with donations by all who wish. Then say some day in February, next month, advertise a certain day for all citizens of Spur and country to meet at cemetery with hoe or ax, and each take a tree or rose to plant in honor of the beloved dead. Thus, cooperative, the citizens of Spur will not much longer be ashamed of their cemetery.—F. N. Oliver.

12,000 or 15,000 bins of maize for roughness to sell at 4c on the ground.—R. R. Johns, 2 miles north of Spur. 7 tf.

Mrs. Chas. Windham has been quite sick at her home the past several days. We hope to soon note her complete recovery.

See D. H. Sullivan when you want maize heads and shelled corn. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith were in town Monday bringing their sick baby to the physician.

For Sale—50 or 60 head Jersey cows to sell, also mules and horses. Good terms.—A. B. and L. W. Morgan, Spur. 11 4t

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening. The subject of the morning sermon will be 'A Prophetic Memorial.' After the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.—H. P. Bates.

W. S. Taylor, head groceryman at the Bryant-Link Co. has our thanks for a year's subscription to the following: Miss Jessie Steele, Madisonville; Mrs. R. Wiley, Madisonville; Mrs. C. R. Friebele, San Angelo.

Jim H. Smith, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur this week trading with the merchants and looking after business affairs. While here Mr. Smith dropped in at the Texas Spur office and handed us two big silver dollars which extended his subscription up into 1919. Thanks.

NO HUNTING!

Hunting is positively forbidden on any land controlled by me and any trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.—J. B. Morrison. 11 tf.

BUYING FURS.

I will buy all kinds of furs and pay the highest market prices for everything in this line. Bring to Texas Spur office till further notice.—Arnold Copeland. 3-tf

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

And All Classes of Concrete Work. See

CHAS. WHITENER

Phone 140
Service Like You Want—When You Want it.

WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT

and want the Best the Market affords, and want it prepared in the most inviting manner, go to

THE FRENCH RUBY CAFE

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, Prop.

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 COUNTY, TEXAS.

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ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

O. W. Maddox, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Mace Hunter was in Spur the latter part of last week from his home four miles east of the best town in Western Texas.

T. S. Lambert and family, of the Tap country, were among the shoppers in the city Saturday.

W. R. Stephens, of the Afton country, was in the city Tuesday and requested us to change his address back to this place.

N. A. Hinson, prominent and successful young farmer of the Spur country, called in Tuesday and handed us a dollar to extend his subscription up another year and for which we thank him very sweetly.

W. H. Lain, formerly of the Midway country north of Dickens but who now lives at Sanger, Texas, enclosed a dollar in his letter this week for another year's dose of the Texas Spur, which he says is one of the best in the State. We appreciate men as Mr. Lain and are trying to hold our paper up to that standard.

If you do not see your friends names in this paper it is because you failed to 'phone us that news item.

Tom Dodson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here looking after business and greeting his many friends.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Hamby, who has been ill the past several days at her home in north Spur is now recovering and with no mishaps will soon be able to be out.

M. C. West was here Saturday from his farm home five miles south of Spur and spent several hours in the city on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

J. T. Garrett, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and left two dollars with us to be credited on his subscription, and for which he has our thanks.

J. B. Conner, of Dickens, was a visitor to the leading city the latter part of last week.

FOR SALE—A good open-top buggy and harness, been used only two months, a bargain for \$60.—E. I. Castle at P. C. Ellis' 1tp.

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm, came in Saturday and spent several hours in the city shaking hands with his friends and looking after business matters.

L. W. Billberry, of the Gilpin country and an earnest admirer of Spur, was here Saturday on business and shaking hands with his many friends of this country. Mr. Billberry is a fine man and we are always glad to see him in our city.

T. M. Cain, of a mile south of the city, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and had us credit his subscription account with two big silver dollars and for which he has the thanks of the entire force.

Arnold Copeland was here Saturday from his home east of Spur and spent several hours in the city on business.

We are glad to report that the children of W. S. Hunter are now recovering from the pneumonia.

A son of C. D. Bird, of Matador is reported quite sick at the Sol Davis home in north Spur. We hope to soon note his complete recovery.

J. C. Stephens, prominent citizen of the Tap country, was a visitor to the city the latter part of last week and spent several hours here trading with live wire merchants and greeting his many friends.

E. H. Blakeley, a prominent and influential citizen of that fine Afton country, was seen in Spur Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section and that the recent snow was of great benefit in that it placed the ground in excellent condition for the plow.

W. F. Cathey, prominent and successful farmer of several miles north of Spur on the Dickens road, was here Saturday after supplies.

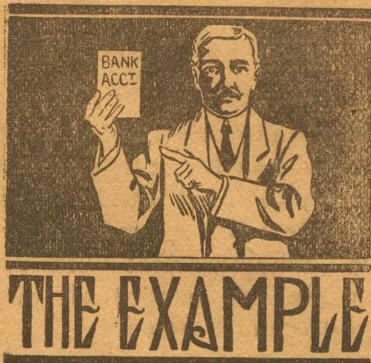
A. W. Jordan, a prominent and influential citizen of the Steel Hill country, was among the number who transacted business in the queen city the latter part of last week.

Walter Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, spent several hours in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his many friends. He has seven orecht acres of wheat which he reported doing as fine as any he ever saw in any country.

Will the gentleman who advertised for a suit case which had been placed in the wrong wagon through mistake please call at the Texas Spur office for same. The Texas Spur is read by nearly every family in this trade territory and an ad in our columns nearly always brings home the 'bacon'.

J. F. and Elmer Ragsdale, prominent young farmers of a few miles north of Dickens, were among the many business visitors in the city Tuesday of this week. While here they were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office and reported everything in that section in first class condition.

B. F. Crump, of twenty or more miles southwest of Spur, was in the metropolis the latter part of last week after provisions. He reports that that section is in fine condition and that he thought the snow of the Sunday before would do a lot of good and that it would not be of any great harm to stock as it soon melted off.



THE EXAMPLE

Of the Successful Business Man

is a good one to follow; you can't go far wrong if you walk in his footsteps. No man of affairs today is without a commercial bank account; no business however small, can afford to be without one. If you have not an account, get in line for success by opening one with us today.

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

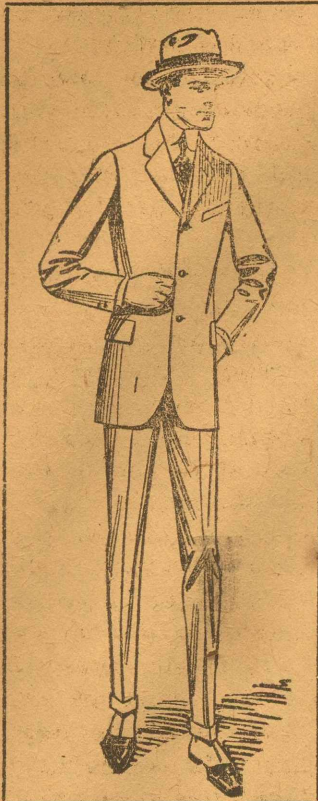
SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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

G. H. CONNELL, President

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



THE LAST CALL!

WE are going to give you the last chance on Mens winter suits and overcoats. If you are needing either you are assured more value here than you could expect. We will arrange two lines of Mens suits for

Saturday and All Next week

At the choice of lines lot one gives you suits up to \$13.50 for \$7.95. The line of \$12.95 suits will reach some suits selling as high as \$20.00. We mean to clean up and do it now. We have but a few Mens overcoats. However, these we will clean up quick, for the price must move them out. Ladies, Misses and Childrens coats are on the slaughter list. Thesame applies to Ladies suits. We must have the room they now occupy. While our stock of winter goods are but few of a kind, in the general showing you may find just the thing most needed. Special prices on ladies fancy shoes. All other prices will hold good as advertised in previous circular. Big line Mens hats on sale at \$2.20 and \$2.65. Better get one quick.



LOVE DRY GOODS CO.

The Store With the Price

SPUR, TEXAS

Elmo Sleight was a business visitor to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Morris, of Haskell, is in the city visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

Miss Lula Martin, who is teaching school in Kent county, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with her parents.

T. D. Ford was here from Spur Saturday and made the Western Enterprise a fraternal visit being a former type setter on the Texas Spur.—Western Enterprise.

Bert Duncan, of the Dickens country and one of the best citizens of Dickens county, was a visitor to Spur Saturday of last week, spending several hours in the city looking after business matters and trading with the leading merchants.

Uncle George Pursley, Mrs. Gertrude Pursley and children, Sheriff Bob Goodall and many others of Jayton attended court at Seymour Monday in the case of Latta Graham which was continued to the next term of court.

B. M. Hight and family, who will make their home on Dr. Morris' ranch, moved here this week from Haskell, Texas, and are now located in their new home. We welcome them and wish them much prosperity in their new home.

J. J. Cloud, of the Soldier Mound country north of Spur, was a visitor in the city Saturday of last week, spending several hours here trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends of the surrounding country who come to Spur to do their trading.

A. A. Fry made a business trip Monday to Matador.

Hamp Collett was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here on business.

Frank Smith was among the many visitors in the city Tuesday of this week.

L.L. Arnold, of the Tap community, spent several hours in the commercial center Saturday on business.

Mr. Sample, a leading business man of Temple, returned last week to his home after a week's visit here with his brother, W. W. Sample.

We note from the different exchanges that come to our desk that at many places the people suffered a coal famine during the recent cold spell.

Mrs. Sol Davis entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. C. Forbis in north Spur. A number of guests were present and an enjoyable time is reported by those present.

G. B. Jopling has our thanks for his renewal to the Texas Spur.

Wanted—A good strong white girl for general work at the Spur Inn. 13tf.

Wanted—To buy from 100 to 1000 acres of land, either improved or unimproved, must be worth the money. Address 625, Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas. 13-3t.

Three little daughters of Squire F. N. Oliver have well developed cases of the whooping cough, contracted while on a visit to see their Grand Pa and Ma in Fort Worth during the Holidays.

J. L. Curry, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of a mile or two east of the commercial center, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his many friends. He reports that section in fine shape for plowing.

Jim Walker was here Saturday.

Spur is sadly in need of a few good houses to rent. A good investment for someone.

R. J. Hairgrove was here the latter part of last week from his farm home in the vicinity of Spur.

Jeff Smith, a leading citizen of eight miles west of Spur, is among the number who paid the city a visit Saturday.

W. C. Weir, a prominent citizen of two miles east of Spur, was among the business visitors in the queen city Saturday.

J. H. Farmer, one of the leading citizens of the Spur country and who lives four miles northeast of the metropolis, was in his favorite town last Saturday.

A. Fry, prominent rancher of the Cat Fish country, was a visitor to the hub city Saturday of last week and spent a few hours here transacting business and visiting his son, A. A. Fry, of Spur.

G. W. Dodson was in Spur Saturday from his farm home several miles north of Dickens.

Mrs. J. M. Foster, of the Croton country, was among the visitors in Spur this week.

Presiding Elder B. W. Dodson, of Stamford, filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church in Spur Sunday and Sunday night.

Sheriff Goodall, of Kent county, was in Spur last week on official business and spent several hours in the city.

Young Mr. Winship, of Stamford, spent several days of last week in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love.

W. M. Moore, a leading citizen of the Spur country who lives six miles west of the best town in Texas, was in the city Saturday of last week after provisions and supplies.

J. L. Moore came in Saturday from his farm home six miles west of the city and spent several hours here trading with the live wire merchants of Spur.

J. A. Neighbors, leading citizen of the Duck Creek country and one of the best men in Texas, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and visiting his many friends.

Miss Boothe, of Hico, Texas, arrived in Spur last week to take the place of Miss Matthews in the Spur School. Miss Boothe will have charge of the Domestic Economy department. She is a graduate of the College of Industrial Arts and comes to Spur highly recommended as a teacher of ability.



The Groceries We Hand You

are guaranteed by us to be pure and fresh. You get what you ask for at this grocery shop. We don't try to substitute any leading brands of food in order to make extra profit ourselves. Why not deal with us? We deliver promptly and accord all customers quick courteous Service.

BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY

A REMOVAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

WE wish to announce to our friends and customers that we are now located in our new brick store just across the street from our former location, and where we are better prepared than ever to serve you. New stocks coming in all the time.

We would be glad to have all our patrons and the public in general to come to see us in our new home whether you come to buy or not. We are full stocked with Hardware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies and everything carried in a first class hardware store.

Automobile Accessories, Gas and Oils, Ford and Dodge Parts

RITER HARDWARE COMPANY

LETTER FROM MRS. JOS. COX IN NEW MEXICO

Perea, N. M., Jan. 15. 1917.
Editor of Texas Spur,

Dear Editor: I thought I would write a few lines to the indeed a very welcome visitor to me. I was raised in the Spur country and am out here among strangers far away from any of my relatives and old friends so the Texas Spur is like a long letter from home as I can very often read where my father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer) or my brother (Tom Greer) have been to that town and I feel like I have seen them myself.

As some of the people will remember, we were down in that country last summer and went on down to Fort Worth to visit Mr. Cox's parents, and to look for a new ranch location as we had partly sold out in the Magdalena country, but not finding anything to suit us, Mr. Cox has been out here on the open range so long, he thinks the wire fences scared him out. He liked the Spur country better than anything he saw all last summer, but he couldn't get enough land in one body, so we came on back out here, went on to Arizona as far as Flag Staff. From there we turned back into New Mexico again. After we had crossed the line we heard of an old friend of Mr. Cox near Gall up so we went there and liked the looks of that country and stopped. We found that Mr. Harrington, who is getting up in years and whose son had been killed by a horse falling on him, wanted to quit the cattle business and we came to an understanding right away.

I am sending the account of the deal that someone wrote also a description of our range as so many friends were asking me what kind of a place we bought when I went back after my children, having put them in the Spur School when we were there last September. They can read the description that this correspondent has where he says we only got the Harrington homestead and the rest leased land. We got five patented places and twenty-seven hundred acres that had been bought from the State.

This is the best description I can give inquirers who wanted to know about this country. Will say it isn't as good a poor man's country as the Spur country. You can't raise any kind of crops except oats, hay and

such like and not that every year, and there is scarcely no work at all.

I will bring this uninteresting letter to a close.

Wishing the dear old Spur paper and all the Spur people every success for the new year, I am, very respectfully,

Mrs. Jos. Cox.

Perea, N.M., Dec. 15.—Dave Harrington, one of the best known cattle men of western New Mexico, has sold out his holding to Joe Cox, who comes from the Magdalena country.

The Harrington cattle, numbering approximately 2,000 head and 300 head of horses, in the trade. As well as the fenced pasture lying along the Santa Fe railroad between Guam and Perea. Harrington transfers his leases of the American Lumber company and school land, as well as his range rights within the Fort Wingate military reservation now administered by the forest service.

The consideration amounts to an even \$100,000 and leaves Mr. Harrington in the possession of a comfortable fortune.

This is one of the best ranges in this part of the country as it is well watered by running mountain streams, springs and several wells and there is an abundance of feed at all times of the year. The cattle graze up into the Zuni mountains during the summer and fall and by the time the first snow falls they are nearly all down again on the level of the flats and are protected in the valleys of grama and chamise along the railway, where they winter. For spring calving the early blue stem furnishes fine feed, while the shade and mountain grass and fresh water combine to produce the best calves and steers raised in this country.

191 RATTLES

One of the biggest rattlesnake dens ever discovered in this section is reported to have been found on the S. N. Morrison ranch in Jones county.

The den was found in a cavity of a small mound and the reptiles were extracted one by one by a process much resembling "rabbit twisting"—meaning the introduction of a forked stick into the hole.

There were one hundred and ninety-one snakes extracted, the largest of which measured five and a half feet and the smallest two feet.—Abilene Reporter.

Read the Texas Spur ads.

FULLNESS OF OUR DAY

When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, and distributed by no creditor and enslaved by no debt, shall sit amid his teeming gardens and orchards, and vineyards, and dairies, and barnyards, pitching his crops in his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus, and selling in his own time, and in his chosen market, and not at his master's orders. When he gets his goods for cash and his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges his debt but does not restore his freedom—then shall be breaking the "fullness of our day."—Henry W. Grady.

Dr. Reed, a leading citizen of Girard, was among the visitors in Spur Tuesday.

C. D. Bird and son, Clifford, of Matador, were in Spur Saturday visiting friends.

D. H. Sullivan made a business trip this week to Wichita Falls and Fort Worth.

J. W. Anderton, W. H. Putman and R. C. Forbis will leave Saturday for Seymour to be witnesses against Ranger Robinson and others for driving cattle out of Mr. Stovall's pasture during the summer of last year.

R. M. Hamby has our thanks for a check for the price of five renewal subscriptions to the Texas Spur for the following: R. M. Hamby, Spur; Mrs. Adie McGinty, Plains; Mrs. L. B. Propps, Gilliland; Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy, McLean; and J. W. Garner, Upland.

Now, let Spur keep her eye "peeled" for the West Texas branch of the A. & M. College. It is a big card for the town and country that gets it. Sweetwater and Post are "tearing their shirt" for it but Spur should go right ahead quietly and get it. We need it, along with our Superb Experimental State Farm.

W. G. Mayfield, prominent merchant of Girard, was in the city Tuesday on business.

W. E. Duke, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Watson community, was in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants and looking after business affairs. Mr. Duke has our thanks for a dollar, which he left for a year's subscription to the Texas Spur to the address of his father-in-law at DeKalb, Texas.

Dan Hogan, the painter, is in Spur this week.

George Snodgrass, of Dickens, was here Saturday.

Robt. T. Dopson, prominent citizen of the Dry Lake country and one of the best men in the State, was here Saturday.

L. S. Scott, of a few miles west of Spur, was among the business visitors to Spur Saturday of last week.

S. P. Odom, a prominent citizen of five miles south of Spur, was in the commercial center the latter part of last week.

Al Sullivan was here Saturday from his home in the Gilpin country and spent several hours in the city on business and talking with his many friends.

S. H. Twaddell, son-in-law of S. R. Bowman, was in Spur Monday and while here placed an ad in the Texas Spur to help find a coat which his wife had lost while in the city Saturday.

C. M. Buchanan, a leading and influential citizen of several miles north of Dickens, was in the metropolis the latter part of last week and spent several hours in the city greeting his friends and trading with the live wire merchants of Spur.

Luther Jones came in Saturday from his ranch home 20 miles south-west. While Mr. Jones lives in Garza county he is a frequent visitor to Spur, in fact he does his trading here practically all of the time.

Bill McArthur, a leading citizen of that famous Tap country, spent several hours in the city Saturday on business and shaking hands with his many friends of the surrounding sections of country.

The Riter Hardware Company is this week moving into their new home recently completed on Burlington Avenue just across the street from their old stand. This new building is one of the most handsome in Spur and gives them a much better opportunity to display their enormous stock of hardware, implements, automobile accessories, etc.

The Riter Hardware Company is composed of a bunch of live wires and they are deserving of the successes that has been their lot since the establishment of their business in Spur. They are accommodating and we are truly glad to note their success and thrift. Read their removal notice elsewhere in this issue.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN JAYTON WEDNESDAY

A disastrous fire occurred in Jayton Wednesday night, and as a result of which the Fowler building was totally destroyed. The building was occupied by J. N. Odell's grocery store, on the lower floor, and the telephone office up stairs. The grocery stock was a total loss, the fire being too far advanced when discovered to allow entrance to the building.

Everything with the exception of a few bundles of wire was destroyed in the telephone office.

The fire was discovered at about 9:30 p. m., and originated in the grocery store, but from what cause is unknown. Everything being very dry, the fire made rapid headway, and as the wind was blowing from the southwest it was thought for a time that it would be impossible to save the sanitarium building, located just east of the burning structure. However, aside from being scorched and a few window lights being broken it was not damaged.

H. J. Moreland & Company store on the west was not damaged.

The losses we are informed are as follows:

On the Fowler building, \$2,600, with \$1,500 insurance.

On the J. N. Odell grocery store, about \$3,500, with \$2,500 insurance.

The loss to Mr. Hendricks, our telephone man, is estimated at \$2,500 with \$700 insurance.

Drs. Wray and Clark suffered a loss of something like \$200 as a result of breakage and damage by water. Nearly everything was moved from the sanitarium, and as is usual in cases of fire, much of the furniture and other contents of the house were broken.—Jayton Herald.

S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was among the numerous visitors to the metropolis Saturday, spending several hours here shaking hands with friends and trading with the leading merchants.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours looking after business matters and greeting his many friends. He is one of the best doctors in this part of the country and not only that he is a fine man every way and we are glad to note his success in this world.

GET YOUR GROCERIES HERE!

And avoid delay. Prompt delivery. Priced right and the goods are right. Just bear us in mind for the next order and we will prove that it pays to buy from us.

Big Lump Coal Carried in Stock

We have just received a car of Big Lump Coal. We will deliver it right in your bin anywhere in the city and save you some money.

SEE US FOR CORN, BRAN, OATS & HAY

Give us your order for Corn, Bran, Oats and Hay. Big stocks carried at all times. We intend to save you money on your feed bills as well as fuel and grocery bills. We appreciate your trade.

Spot Cash Grocery, Spur, Tex.

BROOM CORN CROP SIGNED AT \$100 A TON

Ringling, Okla., Jan. 19.—Contracts for 1917 broomcorn at \$100 a ton are being made by bankers in the region of Carnegie. Not in years at this season has there been a forecast of the demand for broomcorn that would warrant such a price, seven to eight months before the broomcorn harvest and weeks before the planting of the current year's crop.

"This indicates to me," says H. C. Bluhm of the Creel Grain Company, "that before much of the year's crop of brush has gone to market the price of this will have advanced to \$150 a ton. Evidently the warehouses are not fully stocked and manufacturers see that the supply of brush is likely to be nearly exhausted before the new crop comes in. This is the best argument I know of for the planting of broomcorn in Southern Oklahoma.

HOW HOGS HELPED

A few years ago I found myself \$800 in debt, and it seemed that to be free from it, I would have to resort to my old method of robbing Peter to pay Paul. Fortunately, however, hogs came to my rescue, and I have been an ardent hog "fan" since. I came into the possession of two purebred Berkshire sows that had been bred to a registered male. I also had two sows that owing to my own lack of foresight, or as I might say, my lack of common sense, had been loafing on the job. The pure-breds caused me to see the error of my way.

And by looking ahead I saw what might be accomplished to ward paying off the debts with hogs, so that I bred the other two sows.

This was in December, and the next spring my Berkshires brought nine and eleven pigs respectively, the other two ten each. Eighteen of the purebred pigs sold for \$15 each when six weeks old, the other two being kept for my own use for breeding stock. These sales amounted to \$270. The other lot being just common stock brought \$130—twenty at \$6.50 each, when six weeks old. Thus in the course of a few months I had \$400 toward paying that \$800 debt.—W. H. T. Dallas, Texas, in the Progressive Farmer.

Dr. B. F. Hale, a prominent citizen of Dickens and one of the leading doctors of Western Texas, came over Saturday and transacted business in Spur.

C. D. Copeland came in Saturday from his farm home five or six miles east of the city and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and on other business.

ALLEGED DYNAMITERS HELD

Haskell, Texas, Jan. 15.—The last of the dynamiters who recently tried to rid Haskell of the colored population has been arrested by Sheriff Allen and placed in the county jail.

Local officers have been assisted by a number of officers from other counties, and by a number of secret service men. In all, nine arrests have been made. Late developments and confessions on the part of some arrested, however, have led the officers to believe that there were really only three directly responsible for the dynamiting. All of these are under twenty-one years of age and only one is married.

The first clew which led to the suspicion of these young men was had from McNeill-Smith Hardware Company, where one of them had previously purchased some dynamite caps. In a written confession made by one it was ascertained that the dynamite had been taken from the warehouse of Jones-Cox Company some time before. It seems

that the dynamiters never intended to do any bodily injury to the negroes, but merely to frighten them from the country but it is believed, however, that there was a well laid plan on the part of other men to rid the country of the blacks, and that it was only by the vigilance of the officers and the protection offered the negroes by many of the white people that failed to materialize these plans.

E. T. Varnell and family, of the Draper country, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and visiting friends.

H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm, was a visitor to Spur Saturday of last week, spending several hours here talking with his friends and looking after business affairs.

W. J. Elliott has our thanks for another dollar on his subscription to the Texas Spur. It is a pleasure to credit the subscription list of any paper and we must say that we believe the Texas Spur readers are the best in the world.

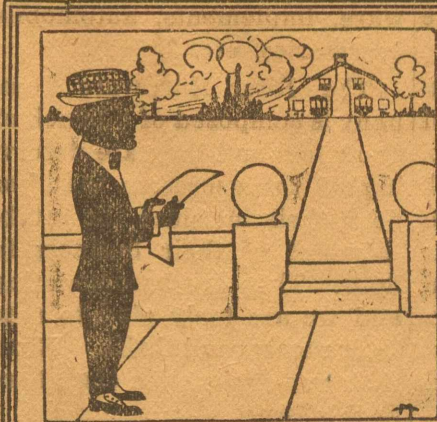
WEBB-KENYON LAW HELD VALID BY SUPREME COURT

The Webb-Kenyon Law, which gives dry states the right to prohibit interstate shipment of intoxicants within their borders, was held valid by the supreme court Tuesday. The West Virginia prohibition law which prohibits the shipment of liquor into the state even for personal use was also held valid by the supreme court.

The days of the saloon are numbered. The great prohibition way so long held in check by politicians and business interests will one day break loose and sweep them from the cunition as applied to city, precinct and county and state has been a failure, in the humble opinion of the Dispatch. While nearly half the States dry, the consumption of whiskek has increased fully one-third, while beer, the less harmful of the two has decreased to such an extent that many breweries have closed down from the lack of business.

For \$1.25 a man can buy a bottle of booze delivered in which is several drunks and a number of "bust-heads" while beer can only be shipped in bottles, making it too expensive to drink. There are people in every dry town who get whiskey from the trains as regularly as it runs and who are working the trains as regular as the hotel drummer.—Ex.

J. P. Gibson, prominent and successful agriculturist of that famous Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday of last week and spent some time here looking after business matters.



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