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The Texas Spur

AND DICKENS ITEM

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 12, 1919

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Electric Lamps

OF THE FOLLOWING SIZES AND PRICES ARE CARRIED IN OUR STOCK AT THE PLANT AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO DELIVER ANY NUMBER THAT YOU MAY NEED. WE HANDLE ONLY THE EDISON MAZDA LAMPS AND KNOW THAT THEY WILL DELIVER THE KIND OF SERVICE YOU WANT.

- 15 Watt Edison Mazda Lamps, 35c.
- 26 " 22 " Mazda Lamps, 35c.
- 40 Watt Edison Mazda Lamps, 35c.
- 50 Watt Edison Mazda Lamps, 45c.
- 60 Watt Edison Mazda Lamps, 45c.
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- 100 Watt Edison Mazda C Lamp, 1.10

SEND OR TELEPHONE YOUR ORDER TODAY, TO

SPUR LIGHT & POWER COM'Y.

The Home of The Edison
Mazda Lamps in
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City Drug Store

HAS EVERYTHING IN
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CUT GLASS, JEWELRY, WATCHES
IN FACT ANYTHING FOR A
NICE XMAS PRESENT.

Be Sure and Look and Get Our
Prices Before You Buy!

THE COAL MINERS STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED BY COMPROMISE.

The big coal miners strike throughout the whole country has been settled by compromise and the miners have gone to work.

The plan under which the miners returned to work is a 14 per cent increase of wages, pending the investigation by a committee of three to determine within sixty days a basis for a new wage scale agreement between miners and operators.

This was the biggest strike in the history of union labor in America. It paralyzed business industries and caused much suffering. The country is gratified at its ending.

7,710 BALES COTTON WEIGHED AT THE SPUR COTTON YARD

Up to Thursday of this week 7,710 bales of cotton had been weighed by J. W. Carlisle at the Spur cotton yard.

This number of bales does not represent the total number of bales picked out up to date in the county, since practically all of the cotton ginned at Afton goes to the Roaring Springs market, and much of the ginnings at McAdoo is marketed at Crosbyton.

Dickens county will probably make fifteen thousand bales of cotton this year.

SPECIAL DISTRICT COURT SESSION AT DICKENS MONDAY

Judge Milam will hold a special session of district court next Monday at Dickens, to hear the Johnson-White-Spur Light Plant case with reference to an injunction filed at Fort Worth.

At the recent regular term of court, the grand jury was dismissed without finding a single bill of indictment—thus it will be noted that Dickens county is clean and law-abiding.

METHODISTS TO BUILD TWENTY FIVE THOUS. DOLLAR CHURCH

At the first meeting held in the campaign for funds with which to build a church, members of the Methodist church subscribed \$22,000, and up to this time more than \$25,000 has been subscribed.

It is planned to build a house of reinforced concrete, 50 by 70 feet, to cost approximately \$25,000. Four or five thousand dollars above this amount will be subscribed for seating the building and other items.

The building will have a basement cut into class rooms for the Sunday school, with an auditorium.

The material will be ordered at once and the workmen will soon have the building going up.

J. B. MORRISON SELLS ALL OF THE WOOD NOW ON HIS PLACE

J. B. Morrison called in Tuesday and informed us that since he had sold all of the wood now on his place, we could discontinue his advertisement for the sale of wood.

In another column we have an article advising the people to buy wood of Mr. Morrison. We are glad that they have already done so.

Mr. Morrison stated that as soon as he could get men to grub he intends to put in about 150 acres more of land and will then have more wood to supply people of the country.

YOUNG HANEY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AT AFTON

We are informed that young Mr. Haney, son of Dr. Haney, of Afton, was severely injured in an automobile accident last week. Several bones were broken as a result of the accident. However, the injuries to M. Haney are not expected to prove fatal.

THE COAL MINERS STRIKE SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED

The conferences of miners, operators and government heads, up to this time, has been without results, and the strike situations remains the same as in the beginning. President Wilson conferred personally with the heads of the miners union, in an effort to effect a settlement of the strike and induce the miners to return to work. After seeing the president the miners held a meeting at which no action was taken before adjournment to meet again Thursday.

Washington officials are optimistic of an early settlement of the strike. The miners are offered a 14 per cent raise of wages, pending further adjustment of the mining situation by a selected committee.

This is a critical time for mines to close down, and regardless of the differences in miners and operators, the country should be furnished with fuel. Fuel is short at almost every point throughout the country, and much suffering on the part of the people is the result. It is to be hoped that the differences will be adjusted immediately and the country furnished with much needed fuel.

OIL STRUCK AT 2,500 FEET IN FISHER COUNTY WELL

It is reported that oil was found in a test well being drilled in Fisher county, at a depth of 2,500 feet. The oil bearing sand is said to produce 40 barrels. The well will be drilled to a depth of 3,500 feet in hopes of striking a bigger paying sand. Should they fail in this, the well will be shot at 2,500 feet to see if the 40-barrel production can be increased.

It is also reported that a showing of oil was found near Amarillo at a depth of only 300 feet.

The 24 Ranch well, fifteen miles to the south of Spur has gone through a good showing of oil, having encountered two oil bearing sands, and drilling now in black shale at a depth of 1300 feet.

There is no question in our mind but that there is oil under this Western country. A big pool of oil will be uncovered somewhere. Oil developers recognize the possibilities in this section and are spending thousands of dollars in development work. This development will continue until paying dirt is uncovered.

Better Tailors Better Service

CLEANING,
PRESSING,
ALTERING,

Phone 18

THE SPUR TAILOR SHOP
IRA SULLIVAN, Prop.

HON. H. P. DAVIS VISITS THE SPUR HIGH SCHOOL WEDNES.

Hon. H. P. Davis, formerly representative in the legislature from Van Zandt county, but now working with the department of agriculture, visited the Spur schools Wednesday morning and made an earnest talk to the high school pupils and teachers. Mr. Davis taught for many years. One of our teachers, Miss Buck, graduated from the Wills Point high school of which Mr. Davis was at the time superintendent. He expressed himself as well pleased with the school, the building, the teachers and the fine school spirit of the student body. He expressed surprise that our school had not yet secured affiliation with the State University. He expressed confidence in our prospects for affiliation. "The character of work being done, with better equipment provided and with sufficient funds to maintain the school up to its present standard and for the required length of term will certainly put this school in the front rank," is the way he expressed it, and he added, "a first class high school is the best investment a town can have. Every dollar put into it not only brings the best class of citizens to a town, but it enriches the town intellectually and morally, and thus materially aids the perpetuation of fine government through higher ideals of state and nation."

SPUR SCHOOL DISMISSES FRIDAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

On account of the teachers institute to be held next week at Aspermont, the Spur Schools will dismiss Friday afternoon until after the holiday season.

Ginning Cotton Is Our Business

WE ARE NOW READY TO GIN AND WILL APPRECIATE A PART OF YOUR BUSINESS. WHEN YOU COME TO SPUR WITH COTTON, REMEMBER

Farmers Gin Co.,

SPUR, TEXAS

SINGER SEWING MACHINES!

For Sale at

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY
SPUR, TEXAS

SWENSON CATTLE WIN GRAND CHAMPION PRIZE AT CHICAGO

Swenson Brothers cattle won the grand champion prize at the International Livestock Show held in Chicago last week.

The cattle were Herefords and were bred on the Swenson Ranch near Stamford. They were sold for \$30 per hundred pounds after the show.

That West Texas excels in quality as well as quantity production is being demonstrated each year. In the recent contests at the Cotton Palace in Waco, Dickens county won fourth prize on the best county agricultural exhibit. Other West Texas counties also were awarded prizes, as follows: Bell 1st; Tarrant 2nd; Donley 3rd; Dickens 4th; Lynn 5th; Hamilton 6th and Jones county 7th prize. Now the West comes along and captures the grand champion prize in an international livestock exhibit. Great is the West.

BAPTIST 75-MILLION CAMPAIGN SECURES ABOVE THE QUOTA

At the close of the Baptist campaign for 75 million dollars in the United States, to be used in church work, more than 80 million dollars in subscriptions and pledges had been tabulated. Texas' quota was 16 million dollars, of which amount \$15,240,000 has been tabulated.

The quota for this association, composed of two or three churches on the outside of Dickens county, was \$54,350.00. No report has been given us but we are confident that the amount was more than pledged.

FINANCIAL REVIEW MADE BY FIRST NAT. BANK, ST. LOUIS

In October the gold money stock of the United States decreased for the fourth consecutive month, standing at \$2,872,525,066, the lowest point since January, 1917, when the total was \$2,864,841,650. The gold holdings reached their highest point on record in May, 1917, at \$3,121,887,443 so that the stock on November 1, 1919, showed a decrease of \$249,362,377 from the record figure.

The drop in gold holdings has continued since last July notwithstanding the balance of trade is favorable to this country by many hundreds of millions of dollars. This is due to the fact that the European nations which are heavily in the debt of this country are unable to pay off the adverse trade balances in gold, while the United States is shipping gold to the countries where the balance of trade is against us. In the case of the European countries their inability to settle in gold and the delay in securing large loans here has resulted in new low levels in foreign exchange, including the pound sterling, the French franc and Italian lire.

NEGRO KILLS ANOTHER AT STEEL HILL SATURDAY NIGHT

A difference arose between negroes Saturday night in a camp at Steel Hill with the result that one negro is dead and the other one in jail charged with murder.

Cotton pickers in this country are too scarce and too badly needed at this time for negroes to indulge in killing each other. They should be made to defer any killing proclivities until after the season at least.

It is said that the dead negro was shot only once in the head, resulting in instant death.

LIGHT PLANT CLOSED DOWN TEMPORARILY—NO FUEL

The Spur Light & Power Co. is temporarily closed down on account of fuel shortage. We understand that they installed an oil burner, but that on account of railroad disabilities no oil could be shipped in. They have fuel on the road somewhere but the railway managements has sidetracked it.

On account of this fuel shortage the town has been in darkness.

A. G. RUSH BOUGHT THE O. K. WAGON YARD OF J. J. HAIL

A sale was consummated last week whereby A. G. Rush, of the Afton country purchased of J. J. Hail the O. K. Wagon Yard and business. Mr. Rush now has charge of the business and will give it his entire time and attention. Mr. Hail, we understand, will farm another year.

COOPERATIVE COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE, DEC. 15-19

The Co-Operative County Teachers Institute, comprising the counties of Dickens, Kent, and Stonewall, will be held at Aspermont December 15th to the 19th.

Teachers are required to attend these institutes, therefore the schools of Spur, Dickens, Afton, McAdoo and others of both Dickens and Kent counties, will dismiss Friday until after the holidays.

ANOTHER SIEGE OF FLU PREDICTED FOR JAN. & FEBRUARY

London.—Influenza microbes have a regular program by which they recur in cycles of 33 weeks according to a medical research committee. The next call is expected in January and February.

LOST—Between the Elliot Ranch and postoffice, a ladies pocket-book containing \$12.00, check book and papers. For reward return to Davis' store.—Margaret Elliott.

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 may be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must 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

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

G. W. Dodson, of north of Dickens, was in town the latter part of the past week and while here paid us a very pleasant call. Mr. Dodson is holding his cotton for higher prices, and notwithstanding that the price is now down below the forty cent mark, we are confident that fifty cents will be paid for the staple by March 1st, if not by January 1st. If we had a hundred bales we would hold every bale for fifty cents.

J. C. Davis came in one day this week from his ranch.

J. E. Sparks was in town one day this week from Tap. He hasn't lectured with us any yet, but we have heard it intimated that he was trimming his sails to get in the coming campaign for political preference. He has been here a long time, knows the people and how to approach them for a job of this kind.

W. J. Clark, of the Midway community, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and trading with merchants. He reports cotton picking slow on account of so much bad weather.

WOODEN WATER PIPES

Unearthed in Boston While Laying New Mains.

Wooden water pipes, crumbling with age and long usage, which served the Devonshire street portion of Boston with water from the times of the Revolution to the Boston fire of 1872, have been unearthed while installing high pressure water pipes. Although the pipes have not been in use since the rebuilding of that section of the city which was devastated by the fire, they still are in fairly good condition.

Close behind one old pipe were found two pennies of the coinage of 1803 and 1844. The older of the coins is in almost perfect condition, despite the 116 years since it came from the mint. The fraction 1-100 is on the back of the coin.

Farmer Gets \$900 Pearl.

While digging mussels in the Wabash river at Vincennes, Ind., recently, Martin Straw, a farmer, found a pearl which he sold to a Mt. Carmel (Ill.) jeweler for \$900. Straw had only dug one pound of shells when he started cooking them and made the find.

States May Get Army Cars.

Representative Reavis of Nebraska, chairman of the quartermaster supplies sub-committee, has introduced a bill in the house calling for the distribution of 22,193 surplus army cars to state highway departments for use in road building.

Untidy Streets.

The New York Merchants' association has an antilitter bureau, that is now engaged in a campaign against dirty streets. The cost of cleaning up the refuse that should have been dropped into the very convenient containers, but is just dropped in the street instead, is enormous. School children are reported as serious offenders, for they bring paper from the schoolroom and tear and scatter it upon the streets. That isn't patriotic—not a bit.

Trademark, as It Were.

Walford wanted to go to his Aunt Addie, but had a dirty face. His mother said: "If Aunt Addie has company she would be ashamed of you with such a dirty face." "Oh, no, she wouldn't; she would just say 'This is one of Margaret's boys.'" Joe Ericson was in town Wednesday from the West Pasture.

J. Z. Smith, of Red Mud, was in the city the latter part of the past week greeting his friends. He has been staying in pretty close the past week or two—probably watching the movements of that 24 Ranch well which a number of people are expecting to bow in pretty soon. If it does John Smith will be among the millionaire class. Here is hoping.

Mrs. R. C. Forbis entertained the Friday Afternoon Club membership Friday afternoon of the past week at her home on Hill Street. After enjoying a number of games of forty two the guests were served delightful refreshments by the hostess.

Roy McClure, of Silverton, passed through Spur Tuesday on his return from Waco where he attended the annual Masonic meeting.

Mrs. McFann, who has been visiting in Oklahoma, returned last week to Spur.

J. A. Kerley of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was here Monday.

Frank Smith came in Wednesday from his home south of Spur, and while here called in at the Texas Spur office. He had a letter recently from his father, T. A. Smith, stating that they, too, had been having some winter, the snow being two feet deep and too cold to get out. Frank has rented land and will make a crop here next year.

J. H. Busby, cashier of the Lueders bank, spent a day or two in Spur the first of the week, buying cotton and greeting his many friends here. Mr. Busby was formerly of Spur, going to Lueders to accept his position in the bank.

To subscribe for the Ladies Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post or The Country Gentleman, phone 143. —Mrs. McCreary.

Willie Eldredge, of the plains section of country, was a business visitor in Spur one day this week.

H. C. Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday.

An Announcement

WE HAVE SECURED THE AGENCY FOR THE MAXWELL AUTOMOBILES IN THIS TERRITORY AND WILL HAVE IN A CAR LOAD OF CARS IN A FEW DAYS.

MAXWELL CARS ARE BUILT BETTER THAN EVER. WE CAN DELIVER YOU ONE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Jackson Realty Co.

The Allied Bakery

Airplane Quality



Submarine Prices



New Battery Machine

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED AND INSTALLED OUR NEW BATTERY MACHINERY, ALSO A COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TOOLS, INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES. WE HAVE AN EXPERIENCED AND CAPABLE MAN AT THE HEAD OF THIS DEPARTMENT, INSURING YOU OF THE BEST BATTERY SERVICE FROM REFILLING TO REBUILDING, IN TOWN.

LET US LOOK AFTER THE LITTLE TROUBLES NOW, BY PROLONGING THE LIFE OF THE BATTERY, AND PREVENT THE BIG ONES LATER ON.

CALL FOR VIRGIL!

CITIZENS GARAGE

SPUR, TEXAS

PRESBYTERIAN

Ladies Bazaar

Directors Room, Spur National Bank Building.

EVERY ONE DESIRING UNUSUAL AND ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE URGED TO MAKE THEIR SELECTIONS EARLY.

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FOUR ISSUES COUNT A MONTH

Friday, December 12th, 1919.

DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1920:

For District and County Clerk:

O. C. ARTHUR

S. L. DAVIS

For County Judge:

CHAS. McLAUGHLIN

F. N. OLIVER

The postoffice department is enjoying big business as well as other institutions. In fact the packages and mails have congested until sufficient help is not furnished by the government for them to keep up with it. The mail order houses evidently are now doing the biggest business ever before. While local businesses are doing a big business, yet we hate to see this big volume of mail order business get away from them—and we are confident that much of it could be counteracted by judicious advertising. In the larger cities and commercial centers they are reaching out after this country trade. We note where the newspaper have been forced to turn down pages of advertising daily for these concerns because of the shortage of paper and workmen. Advertising reaches out and gets the trade. Big business men realize and appreciate this fact and are doing all the advertising they can get. Smaller towns and business men will have to adopt the same method and when they do the smaller towns and businesses will build up more rapidly.

There is now a shortage of fuel in the town and country. Throughout the year J. B. Morrison has been advertising wood for sale on his place south of Spur eight or ten miles. There should be no occasion for suffering from cold so long as we have the home-produced fuel at hand. It is predicted that we will have the severest weather ever before known here from December 17th to the 20th. Those likely to suffer from extremely cold weather should see Mr. Morrison at once, get some of his wood and be prepared for bad weather. Coal may be a little more convenient to burn, but no coal can be had. At any rate we have always contended that home products and home institutions should be given the preference. Burn wood—at least when you can't get coal.

Economy..

IN THESE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES WE OWE A DUTY TO OURSELVES AND FAMILIES TO ECONOMIZE.

AND ONE OF THE VERY BEST WAYS TO ECONOMIZE IS TO BUY YOUR GROCERIES WHERE YOUR MONEY WILL GO THE FARTHEST.

WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU BUY YOUR GROCERIES IN LARGE QUANTITIES, AS ALL GROCERIES IS ADVANCING AND WE WILL SURELY SEE HIGHER PRICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

LET US FIGURE YOUR BILLS—AND BE SURE TO CARRY OUT A SUPPLY OF "BEWLEY'S BEST FLOUR."

OTHO L. HALE
Phone 28
Spur

Mr. Derr, of the plains country, near McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur Monday and Tuesday of this week. Mr. Derr is contemplating buying a place nearer Spur and moving here. He owns a fine, two-hundred-acre farm on the plains, but since his health is beginning to fail he desires to get a home nearer town where he can enjoy life in his declining days. We will be glad to have him with us, and hope he will be able to get the place he desires.

For the past three months we have not had the time and opportunity to sit down to our typewriter to prepare a single article for this paper. Every thing has been done hurriedly. Every item has been set up at the linotype machine without previous thought or careful copy preparation. We hope to be able to give more attention to news matter in the near future. We have telegrams, letters and runners out looking for a printer, and very probably we now have a man located. It appears that men do not want to work full time any more. We have heard of farmers being unable to get help on the farm, even by offering from five dollars to seven and a half a day. The situation is more acute in the printing business. A printer can make enough in two days to carry him over a week or two, and that is about all he cares to have. You see people every where looking for "soft snaps" and big money. But few want to get down to hard labor—they prefer to superintend some business or get money by investments of little money and big returns. We have had several opportunities to get men to run our business, but not one wants to get back in the shop and help us turn out the work on hand. This is truly the day of the laboring man. He gets bigger wages than ever before in the history of the country, and yet but few want to work. They want to live high without laboring. This very thing, we believe, is at the root of the unrest and troubles generally thru out the land and promoting more than all else the Bolshevism scare in many parts of the country. It was intended from the beginning that "man should live by the sweat of his brow," and when he departs from this means of a livelihood, then trouble begins not alone for himself but for others. We have been a laborer all of our life—and wouldn't be contented without working. What we want is some one to help us work. We can't do our readers and our business justice without some help—and we want him to work, not merely superintend the work we have to do.

We note from the Roaring Springs Report that L. H. Perry has sold his interest in the Lone Star Drug Co. at Roaring Springs to Christian Fros. J. H. Christian will continue to be manager of the business. Mr. Christian was for a time with the Red Front Drug Store at Spur, and his friends here will be glad to know that he is conducting and will continue at the head of a successful firm in his new location.

Mesdames Bert and Chalk Brown, of the 24 Ranch, were pleasant callers last week at the Texas Spur office, renewing their subscriptions and also having the paper sent to W. M. Buck and E. E. Kutch.

R. F. Self, of near Lamesa, was in Spur the past week looking after his interests here and meeting his many friends of the Spur country.

J. E. Robinson, of Steed & Robinson of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday, greeting friends and acquaintances here. He reports that Jayton, as well as other towns of the country is enjoying an era of prosperity and great business activity.

Dick Jay and family, of Jayton, were recent visitors in Spur to W. P. Simpson and wife and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Verner.

There have been several hundred country weekly newspapers suspended publication as a result of the stringent situation prevailing, especially with respect to the printing business. The country newspaper can't get printers and couldn't pay the price if they could get them. Paper has advanced to four times its former price and it can't be bought in sufficient quantities at any price. The conditions now prevailing will be harder to weather than any West Texas drouth combined with war. It is estimated that country newspapers will have to get three dollars a year for subscriptions to survive. All papers have been warned to raise the price of subscriptions and advertising and to cut down the size of papers to conserve paper.

Bert and Chalk Brown, of the 24 Ranch, came in Tuesday morning, informing us that the drillers had resumed work on the test well for oil on that the ranch, and that the bit was then going down satisfactorily. Wouldn't it be grand for the drillers to bring in a gushin' gwell on Christmas morning—and it is possible that they may do it. The well is now 1,350 feet deep, and with no further delays they can be down eighteen hundred or two thousand feet by Christmas. Driller McFann is confident of striking oil between eighteen hundred feet and twenty two hundred feet. Here is hoping for a gushing oil well on the 24 Ranch for a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holly, of the Midway community north of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday of this week, trading and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, Mr. Holly having his subscription moved up to 1920. Mr. Holly said that he would make about fifty bales of cotton this year, but on account of lack of help only had about half his cotton picked and none of his feed gathered. He said he had more maize now going to waste on his place than he had made during the past two years. It is a real calamity that the country can not get enough labor to save what is made this year—the first bumper crop year in several years. It would be much more acceptable to not make bumper crops rather than to make them and then let it waste.

Mrs. Lawson, who has been making her home the past two years in Oklahoma, is again with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harrington.

Mrs. Lang, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Neilon, returned last week to Abilene and Big Springs where she will visit with relatives before going on to her home in Los Angeles, California.

A representative of the Abilene Daily Reporter was in Spur this week rustling for that paper.

John Self, of Red Mud, was a very pleasant caller Monday at the Texas Spur office.

YOU ARE READING THE BEST NEWS IN THIS PAPER



When You Glance at This Ad. All we say is for you to use no time in getting acquainted with our restaurant, with its excellent meals and moderate prices. Once a customer, always a customer.

NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

THE BON TON CAFE, Spur

When You Invite Ladies to Lunch



A Dinner or After-Theatre Supper, you want to take them to a Restaurant that is attractive, as well as to a place where the eating is good.

Our Restaurant can not be beaten in either line, and the many compliments we have about our place leads us to believe that our customers appreciate our efforts for their comfort.

TRY US FOR DINNER TO-NIGHT!

THE BON TON CAFE, Spur
WRIGHT & RAYMER, Proprietors.

Bargain Days Are Here!

THE ABILENE MORNING REPORTER

The Biggest Daily Paper in West Texas and the Best and Cheapest for the West Texas People is now offering "Excursion Rates." A few features of the Reporter are Associated Press and Special Leased Wire News, Market Reports, Baseball Results, and

THE LATEST OIL NEWS

Copyrighted articles, "Bringing Up Father," a Big Sunday Paper containing a four-page colored "Funny Paper" and various other features.

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ABILENE MORNING REPORTER and THE TEXAS SPUR

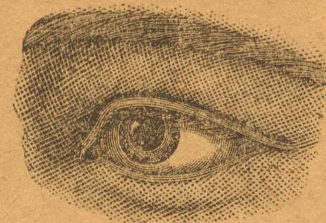
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One Block West of Theatre.
PHONE 156.

ROOMS AND BOARD FARMERS SOLICITED

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Has Located Permanently in Spur, With Offices at
RED FRONT DRUG STORE.



Twenty years experience. Four years in Dallas in one parlor. All Work Guaranteed. All Classes of Frames and Lenses, Invisible, Bi-Focal and Toric. Eyes Scientifically Corrected, such as Hypermetropia, Myopia, Astigmatism, etc. Have your glasses straightened Free of Any Charges Today. GIVE ME A TRIAL—EVERYTHING FULLY GUARANTEED

Real Christmas Surprises!

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY FOR SOME WHILE SEARCHING THE MARKETS FOR DESIRABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS, AND HAVE SUCCEEDED BEYOND OUR HOPES, AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE AS GOOD A SHOWING UNDER THE PRESENT SHORT-AGE OF ALL KINDS OF MERCHANDISE. THERE IS NO USE IN GIVING YOU A PRICE LIST, BECAUSE MANY THINGS ARE SOLD BEFORE THEY EVER GET IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS. ALL WE CAN SAY IS "COME QUICK." SHOP RIGHT NOW! PRICES ARE STRICTLY RIGHT! EVERYTHING GUARANTEED OR MONEY BACK!

NEW SILK HOSIERY
NEW SHOES
NEW BAGS
NEW VEILS
NEW SKIRTS
NEW MIDDIES
NEW CORSETS
NEW MENS SUITS

NEW WAISTS
NEW SLIPPERS
NEW HANDKERCHIEFS
NEW CAPS
NEW SUSPENDERS
NEW GLOVES
LADIES SILK UNDERWEAR
NEW BOYS SUITS

NEW DRESSES
NEW WRAPS
NEW NECKWEAR
NEW SCARFS
NEW SUPPORTERS
NEW SOCKS
NEW CAPS
NEW HATS

In Fact We Are Right There With The "New Things!!"

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OLD OR YOUNG, AND DON'T FORGET WE HAVE NOT OVERLOOKED THOSE ARTICLES FOR EVER-DAY USE. SEE US FOR YOUR FALL BILL—YOUR MONEY'S WORTH EVERY TIME!!

LOVE DRY GOODS CO'Y.,

SHOP NOW!!

SPUR, TEXAS

TRADE EARLY!!

The Citizens Garage has just installed their new lighting system and battery restoring machinery. This is the Fairbanks-Morse system, the first one of the kind we have seen. It is one of the best and no doubt will give the most satisfactory service. With this new machinery the Citizens Garage furnishes its own lights and can restore car batteries at the shortest notice. During this fuel shortage the lighting system alone will be quite an item to them.

B. D. Glasgow returned home recently from San Angelo where he has been spending some time for his health. The many friends of Ben Glasgow throughout this western country will regret to learn of his illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

Judge A. J. McClain and wife and son, Porter, were in Spur last week greeting their friends and on business.

Mr. Ferrell, of the Espuela community, was in town one day the past week. He is making good crops this year.

FOR SALE—Two young work mules for sale cheap. See H. A. C. Brummett, Spur, Texas. 5 2t

I have bought the O. K. Wagon Yard and will be at the yard day and night to supply you with all kinds of feed, and furnish conveniences for you. Stop with me in Spur and I will appreciate it and give you the best service I know how.—A. G. Rush. 5 4tp

W. E. Fletcher was in town one day this week from his home a mile east of town. He has been hard at work throughout the fall harvesting his big crops, and therefore has had few opportunities to come to town.

Black sow and boar, weigh 125 lbs. each, now at my place north of Highway school house. Owner come get them and pay for this notice.—A. C. George. 1tp

T. M. Maples and Driller McFann left Spur Wednesday for the plains country in the interest of the McFann Oil and Gas Company.

J. V. McCormick came down last week from Afton, spending the day here on business and greeting his many friends of Spur.

Mat Bingham spent several days at home this week. He is still doing fencing over in the West Pasture.

Mrs. Sullivan this week sold the French Ruby Cafe to L. N. Stevens, Hairgroves and others, these gentlemen now having charge of the business. Mrs. Sullivan, we understand, will keep the rooms and continue to operate a rooming house. During the past few weeks the sale and exchange of restaurants has been brisk, there having been a number of changes. The old Dunn restaurant has changed hands two or three times, the White Swan Cafe has sold twice, and L. N. Stevens sold the City Cafe.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, underwent an operation last week at the Standifer-Harp Hospital, and we are glad to note is now reported doing well. Mr. Carlisle is one of the oldest citizens and one among the first settlers of this country, and his many friends throughout the country will be glad to know that he is recovering from this operation.

Recently L. N. Stevens sold the City Cafe business to Alexander and Ruperson. This week, we understand that Jim Alexander purchased the interest of Mr. Ruperson and is now conducting the business by himself.

L. A. Hindman came in Wednesday from his farm and ranch west of Spur, spending a few hours here on business. He states that he does not intend to farm another year, therefore his place is for sale or rent.

Barney R. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was a pleasant caller Saturday at the Texas Spur office. He is raising fine turkeys and gave us an ad for the sale of stock turkeys.

W. E. Duke, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Watson community, was among the business visitors in Spur during the week.

Leonard Kendrew, of Anson, returned to Spur this week and is again employed as mechanic at the Citizens Garage.

J. A. Marsh, who spent several days in Spur, returned this week to Crosbyton where he is now making his home.

S. R. Bowman came in Wednesday from his farm home north of Spur, spending a short time here on business.

Mrs. Rob Davis underwent a successful operation the latter part of the past week at the Standifer-Harp Hospital, and is now reported doing nicely, we are glad to note.

FOR SALE—Span of good, old mules for sale cheap for cash or good note. Also four thoroughbred gilts ready to breed, and one Jersey cow.—T. M. Maples, Spur, Texas. 5tf

FOR SALE—166 acres, 3 miles east of Spur, 110 acres cultivated, price \$35.00 per acre.—M. Clendenin, Burkburnett, Texas, Box 329. 5tf

Alec Winkler, of the Croton country, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday. He reports everything in good shape on Croton.

Oliver Gray came down Wednesday from Crosbyton and spent a short time in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

J. W. Smith, of north of Spur, was here one day this week greeting his friends and acquaintances.

T. S. Lambert was here recently from Tap.

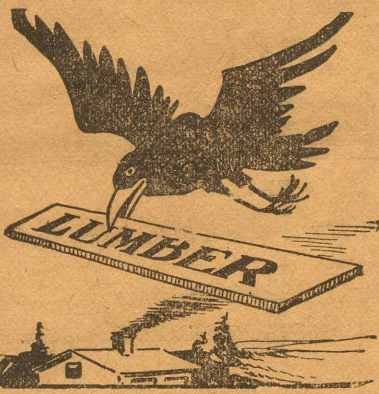
HAVE YOUR GLASSES PROPERLY FITTED



In order that your glasses may be properly fitted and render maximum service, it is important that the work be executed by one who is expert in adjusting. In this connection the style of your glasses should be given due consideration. We have a large stock of frames and mountings from which to select. Those that are the most becoming and best suited to your features and defective sight should be had. Defective sight is one of the greatest drawbacks to the health and development of children, and many times is responsible for the backwardness in school. Perhaps your youngster's vision is faulty. It won't require much effort on your part to find out, and you will certainly be better satisfied to know.

Call at the Red Front Drug Store
DR. J. H. CLELAND
Of Dallas, Located at Spur, Texas.

S. H. Twaddell of Soldier Mound, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.



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NO TRUANT OFFICERS ARE NEEDED HERE

New Kind of School at Portland, Ore., Is Attended by Old and Young.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Out in Portland, Ore., a new kind of school has been started which has no truant officer, gives no degrees, and is attended by young and old—college graduates as well as some who didn't go through high school.

It has been necessary to divide the school into two classes to take care of the new men who come in. The "senior" class now thoroughly understands how to analyze and grade samples under federal standards and can answer properly questions relating to inspection and sampling.

ACTIVE IN DEVELOPMENT OF RADIO MACHINERY



Dr. Ernst F. W. Alexanderson, who invented the Alexanderson magnetic alternator used in the transmission of wireless telephone messages across the Atlantic.

GIRLS HELD IN SLAVERY

Armenian Maidens, Spared From Death, Now in Turkish Harems.

Thirty thousand Armenian girls, spared from death during the Turkish massacre in the Van and Bitlis regions and now leading lives of slavery in Turkish harems, have appealed to the American Red Cross for aid in obtaining their freedom.

Nothing was heard from these girls for months after their capture and it was believed they had been slain by the Turks. Recently pitiful appeals for liberation from harems in Anatolia and European Turkey indicate their plight.

Colonel Haskell, high commander for the allies to Armenia, has appealed for military aid as a background for diplomatic negotiations. The American Red Cross is asked for financial backing necessary for the work of liberating the women.

PERSHING DECORATED 6,000

American General Kept Busy Rewarding Heroes of U. S. Army.

More than 6,000 members of the American expeditionary force received decorations from General Pershing. Medals of honor, the highest award provided by this government, were conferred on 78, distinguished service crosses on 5,271, and distinguished service medals on 941.

These figures do not include decorations bestowed through the war de-

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WIVES IN GREAT DEMAND

War Veterans of the Orient and Africa Are Eager for Educated Mates.

Another world demand which the war has rendered greater than the available supply is for educated wives, according to reports from foreign missionaries filed at the New York headquarters of the Interchurch World Movement of North America.

The statement says the demand is especially great in the Orient and Africa, where war veterans of the allied armies have had a glimpse of occidental marriage relations and have found them desirable.

According to reports from one missionary, a young Moslem sheik offered to trade the four native wives allotted him by the Koran, if the missionary would bring him an educated American girl.

NEWLYWEDS ALSO BARRED

Takes a Bride Five Years to Learn to Care for a House.

Kansas City landlords have sprung a new wrinkle in apartment restrictions. They are barring Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed from their apartments and placing them in the same class with children, dogs and birds.

One landlord declares that it takes a bride about five years to learn to take care of a house and to learn to unwrap every package that comes from the grocery store, including paper on canned goods, under which bugs, roaches and what-not get into a house. They also drive nails into the walls and tacks into the floors, causing much damage.

He Knew Who Hired Him.

The jury was evidently getting on the judge's nerves, and at last he announced:

"I discharge the jury!" A tall, lean member of the 12 then rose.

"Say, judge, you can't discharge me!"

"Can't discharge you? Why not?" thundered the judge.

"Well," replied the jurymen, pointing to counsel for the defense, "I was hired by that guy over there!"

Killed Father-in-Law to Keep Husband. Declaring that her father-in-law tried to separate her from her husband, Mrs. Maggie Gardenshire shot and killed her relative at Chattanooga, Tenn.

TELLS TRAGIC STORY OF ARMENIAN MOTHER



A photo that tells for itself the tragic story of the Armenian mother, and her child. It is typical of the struggle for existence in that desolate area, still keenly suffering the effects of the great war, that they were so ruthlessly drawn into. The starving child, sick and weak from want of nourishment, and the mother who had walked for miles in search of a little sustenance, but in vain. It is these peoples that the help of the United States has partially saved.

China's Industrial Future.

In 1918, regardless of the great world war and unsettled internal political conditions, China's foreign trade increased, keeping the grand total well above the billion-dollar mark. Observing commercial investigators agree that, industrially, and as a manufacturing center, China has a great future.

MAY RECOVER WORKS OF ART

Possibility That Waters of the Rhone Will Give Up Sarcophagi Long in Their Keeping.

An ancient story of the greed of kings has been resurrected by an erudite member of the Institute de France, Mr. Adrien Blanchet. The fact is there is some prospective work on hand for the utilization of the Rhone water power. Thus do ancient history and modern enterprise come to hobnob in the revue des etudes anciennes.

Hungry Cow Eats Picnic Lunch.

A picnic party at Island Pond, near Concord, N. H., returning from a walk through the woods, found a cow standing in the stream eating out of the boat. She had eaten one large loaf of bread, one pie in a pasteboard box, a pound of fancy crackers, a pound and a quarter of bacon, half a magazine and two red bathing caps, and was in the middle of a ball of twine; chewing it down, foot by foot.

Rats Do Big Damage in Britain.

Rats do a yearly damage in the United Kingdom of Great Britain of \$200,000,000, or nearly \$5 a head of the population, according to generally accepted figures.

"SHORTS" MISBRANDED SAY FEDERAL OFFICERS

Seizures of Stock Feed Shipment Made by Government Authorities.

Seizures of shipments of stock feeds on the charge of adulteration and misbranding, because of the sale of ground bran and screenings as shorts, have been made upon the recommendation of officials of the bureau of chemistry, United States department of agriculture, who are charged with the enforcement of the federal food and drugs act.

The feed known to the trade as "shorts" contains more nutritive material than ground bran and screenings, and sells in the market for a considerably higher price. The sale of ground bran and screenings as shorts, in the opinion of the officials, is not only a fraud upon the purchaser, but is demoralizing to the feed industry. Honest feed manufacturers who correctly label their feeds are placed at a disadvantage in competing with manufacturers and dealers who put out cheaper products under the names of higher priced ones.

The shipment into interstate commerce of ground bran and screenings, labeled as shorts, constitutes both adulteration and misbranding under the terms of the federal food and drugs act. Inspectors have been instructed to watch for interstate shipments of adulterated and misbranded stock feeds. Action will be taken, say the officials, in all cases found to be in violation of the law.

POURITCH WILL FILL NEW POST IN RUSSIA



Doctor Bojdar Pouritch, secretary of the legation of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, who has been appointed charge d'affaires of the legion in Omsk, Russia.

WORKER GETS \$10.50

Result of Interfering in Fight Between Dog and Wolf.

Attracted by what at first appeared to be an ordinary dog fight, Dick Catlett, twenty-eight years old, driver for the Wolf Transfer company of Minneapolis, found one of the belligerents to be a large timber wolf.

The wolf looked like a winner in the fight and Catlett, who was on his way to work, entered the fray with a bedpost he found at the corner of Seventh and Lyndale avenues North.

Thus reinforced, the dog won the battle, and Catlett, claiming the trophy, reported at the office of County Treasurer Henry Hanke and drew \$7.50 in bounty by way of swelling his day's wages.

"What are you going to do with that wolf?" asked Miss Margaret Kelly, assistant in the treasurer's office, as Catlett was leaving.

"Don't know; guess I'll throw it away," was the answer.

"I'll give you \$3 for it," said Miss Kelly promptly. "I want to have the skin for a scarf."

"You're on," said Catlett, and the deal was made.

Big Fund Will Aid French Families.

Twelve thousand French families have applied for the grant of \$5,000 from the great fund established by Theodore Cognacq, the French millionaire, to assist families possessing nine or more children. Ninety grants