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The Texas Spur

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A well tilled farm is more valuable to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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COUNTY COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY, JANUARY THE 15TH

County Court will convene in the city of Dickens, Monday, January 15, for a two weeks term.

The following citizens have been summoned to appear on that date to serve as petit jurors for the first week of the term:

C. G. Windham, J. H. Williams, A. W. VanLeer, R. B. Thanisch, R. E. Blough, Lee Slayden, H. P. Rumfield, Austin Rose, W. E. Putman, H. L. Pullen, D. W. Pritchett, Albert Power, W. B. Pipkin, L. F. Peters, C. H. Parr, and E. L. Park.

Those summoned as petit jurors for the second week, beginning Monday, January 22nd, are as follows:

P. A. Williams, W. N. Thacker, F. L. Terry, L. L. Teague, W. H. Suddeth, J. C. Smiley, A. J. Slaton, A. M. Shepherd, S. B. Scott, J. E. Sanders, George Russell, Joe Rose, A. J. Richey, Robt. Reynolds, J. J. Randall and H. E. Ragsdale.

This will be the first session of court under the new judgeship of H. A. C. Brummett, selected in November and sworn in for service the 2nd day of January, he being the only experienced county official to be installed. Judge Brummett meets the requirements of the office, in being "learned in the law", he having had course in law at the University, and, with the possible exception of customary, routine procedure, will steer the legal machinery without let or hindrance and in an efficient and legal manner.

A LECTURE SUNDAY IN SPUR ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. O. E. Phillips, financial agent of the Abilene Christian College, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture Sunday at eleven o'clock at the First Church of Christ in Spur, on the subject of "Christian Education." The audience was strongly impressed with the importance and the need of a campaign of Christian education, and in the course of the lecture an appropriate and appealing comparison was drawn as to educational methods, interests and procedure of the Protestant and Catholic denominations, their teachings and beliefs.

At the conclusion of the lecture about thirteen dollars, in addition to the regular contributions of lead members of the church, was raised for Abilene Christian College to assist in its educational work.

DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Everybody seems to be progressing nicely at school. There were about twenty five more new pupils Monday. We have 200 pupils or more enrolled.

Miss Minnie Kennedy has started back to school since the holidays.

Mr. Fred Arrington and the Junior Boys motored out to Wichita last Friday and played a game of Basketball. The scores were 14 to 0 in our favor. The Juniors are all smiles this week for that is twice they have defeated Wichita.

The Croton boys forfeited the game with our boys Friday. They have been telling us what a fine team they have. However, when they got a look at our boys they changed their minds.

The high school boys and girls will put on a play soon.

We have told you about the boys, now we will tell you about the girls games of volleyball. We defeated Croton and that gave us the championship of the county, as we understand Spur nor Midway has teams. We girls have never lost a game in volleyball this year. We won the championship last year.

If the city of Dickens cannot boast about her fine business houses, hotels and churches, paved streets, etc., there is one thing she can boast of and that is her fine school and the school building. We are having the very best school this year that we girls have ever attended before.—Two School Girls.

DELPHIAN CLUB MEETING.

The Delphian Club met Tuesday, January 2nd, with Mrs. Wilson. Being the first meeting of the New Year, the lesson was postponed and plans for the year discussed. It was decided to begin immediately raising funds to build a library.

Delicious refreshments were served, and every one enjoyed the afternoon.—Reporter.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon Club met with Mrs. L. R. Barrett Friday Jan 5th. This being time to elect officers, the following were elected: Mrs. C. J. Love, President, Mrs. E. A. Russell, Vice-President, Mrs. Gruben, Secretary and Treasurer and Mrs. Horace Gibson, Reporter.

After several games of "42" delicious refreshment were served.—Reporter.

Mrs. Geo. S. Link is the guest this week of relatives and friends in other sections of the state.

D. H. SULLIVAN STARTS NEW BRICK GROCERY BUILDING

Brick and other material is on the ground and the foundation laid this week for the new brick building being constructed by D. H. Sullivan for his grocery business on Harris Street near the post office.

This makes the fifth brick business house now under construction in the city.

Spur is the "biggest little city and fastest growing town in America."

NEW GARAGE BUILDING IN THE WEST PART OF THE CITY

Leslie E. Roberts is now having a new garage building constructed on the lots adjoining the Tyler & Danforth blacksmith shop in west part of Spur. The construction work is now in progress and rushing to completion. Mr. Roberts will reestablish the Motor Hospital in the building when complete.

COLEYS GARAGE MOVED LAST WEEK TO HIGHWAY GARAGE

Coleys Garage, managed by Messrs Colberg & Mageors, moved their business last week from the former location in the Powell & Hindman auto salesrooms to the Highway Garage in which the Motor Hospital had conducted its business up to that time. Colberg & Mageors are expert mechanics and have enjoyed a big business since going into business for themselves.

TEACHERS MONTHLY REPORT OF SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Number pupils enrolled this year, scholastics, 284 boys, 279 girls, total 563; nonscholastics, 7 boys, 12 girls, total 19; total pupils on roll this month, 536, non scholastics 19; number attended other schools this year, scholastics 21, nonscholastics 1. Number of tardies this month, scholastics, 79; nonscholastics 16.

Truances this month, scholastics, 10, nonscholastics 17.

Number of days school has been taught this month, 15.

Last month's grades were written in the register.

Present enrollment, including Soldier Mound, and colored school, is 555. Total enrollment for the year is 582.—W. C. Cameron, Supt.

MEETING OF PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Parent Teachers Association was called to order with thirteen members present. Miss Stamey made a very interesting and inspiring report on the attendance at state meeting of the association. The president reported that a parent-teachers association had been organized among the colored people and is progressing nicely. Arrangements were made for the Easter Bazaar. Buy your Easter gifts then! —Reporter.

REPORT OF CROTON LADIES CLUB MEETING JAN. 4TH

Our Club met the first time in 1923 at Mrs. A. J. Richey's, on Thursday, the 4th. Plans were discussed for the coming year, and Miss Wilkens gave us a demonstration on altering patterns. Then we were invited to the dining room where we enjoyed refreshments and a social chat.

Those present were Mesdames Homer Jackson, Mattie Ewars, Harry Lewis, S. L. Porter, D. H. Dunn, W. M. Winkler, R. L. Littlefield and Miss Williams, and the hostess, Mrs. A. J. Richey.

Our next meeting, January 18th, will be at Mrs. Dunn's.—Reporter.

Robt. Nickels, one of the most extensive farmers of the plains and McCadoo country, was here Monday transacting business affairs. He informed us that this year he had only sown about 175 acres of wheat, expecting to cultivate a greater acreage than ever to row crops. The plains farmers are generally more extensive small grain farmers, but it appears this and also the past year that more consideration is given to other crops of feed and cotton. It is our prediction that if the European situation clears up, the price of cotton will be good and a big production consumed another year. And it is also our prediction that if everybody plants nothing but cotton, the country may go bankrupt.

L. W. Bilberry, of McCadoo, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He informed us that he had traded out and sold out on his farm near McCadoo, and would probably move to Spur at an early date. He said further that if he failed to make a crop this year it would be the first time since he was old enough to work—and he is forty eight years old. We are glad for him to move to Spur, and feel sure that a year's rest from farm labor will do him good and be of material benefit to him in years to come. It is said that all work and no play, makes business dull. Lee Bilberry is not only a good farmer but one of the best men of the country.

NOLAN SHOCKLEY MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED IN OCTOBER

Nolan Shockley, son of Mrs. Sallie Shockley of near Spur, mysteriously disappeared and has not been heard of since the 27th day of last October, when he was discharged from the Battery Service in the army at Fort Sam Houston.

Nolan Shockley is about 18 years of age. He had enlisted and was accepted for military training and service. Being the oldest member of the family and an only son, his widowed mother needing his presence and assistance at home, sought his release from army service, and with the aid of friends his discharge was finally obtained. He was discharged on October 27th, 1922, and letters previously written stated he would immediately return home upon his discharge. However, since that date not a word nor line has come from him, and not a single trace of him can be found.

Since he had probably three months pay from the army, and probably saved some money from other pay-days, it is feared that upon leaving the military post for home he met with foul play at the hands of thugs and robbers, some of whom would not hesitate to kill a man under cover of darkness for a ten dollar bill.

If Nolan Shockley is alive or any one knows of his whereabouts, his widowed mother, Mrs. Sallie Shockley, of Spur, Texas should be communicated with, since he is almost prostrated because of the uncertainty and mysterious disappearance of her only son and main support.

NEW COTTON AND FEED HOUSE GOING UP NEAR THE DEPOT

The Swift Gin Company is now having a large cotton and feed house constructed on lots adjoining the railway track near the depot, and which is now nearing completion.

We understand that the company will handle cotton seed and all kinds of feed stuff, furnishing in Spur a market second to none for such products.

Spur continues to grow, build and look after the interests of this trade territory.

WHO'S AFRAID OF IT?

The robbery of the Denver mint, following a series of bold mail thefts indicates that the criminal classes no longer entertain that respect for the government, and the fear of its power to punish, that has been such a protection to its property and its institutions in the past. A newspaper writer, moralizing on this, concluded by asking, "But who's afraid of the government, anyway?"

The answer is, nobody. And why is nobody afraid of the government? The answer to that is also easy:

The government no longer confines itself to the business of governing, it is assuming responsibility for business activities, and rendering advice in all sorts of economic matters which cannot represent more than the personal opinions and beliefs of the men who happen to be temporarily in charge of the various departments, bureaus or commissions. The resultant inevitable mistakes and failures instill contempt of the government itself in the minds of people who previously held it in reverence. Of course the criminal element will take advantage of this. What could be more natural?

There are national legislators trying right now to commit the government to enterprises and policies that would render it still more impotent, pave the way to more failures, and further lessen its prestige. Others are inclined to pay too much attention to vociferous demands, and to yield to pressure against their better judgment.

If the government will get back to the business of governing, for which it was instituted, and cease trying to furnish economic and business guidance for the people, it can regain what it is losing, and again put the fear of God into the hearts of those who need it.—Agricultural Review.

MARRIED.

Mr. W. C. Leavitt and Miss Mary Farris were united in marriage at high noon Sunday, January 7th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farris. Immediately after the ceremony, which was witnessed by only a few intimate friends the young couple departed for Crosbyton, returning Monday to Spur where they will be at home to friends in the future.

Mr. Leavitt was formerly of Stamford, having been engaged in the jewelry business in Spur the past year. He is a young man of the highest honor, integrity and business ability.

The bride is one of the teachers of Spur Public Schools, and is a young lady of high ideals and true womanly accomplishments.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt.

BELL BROTHERS ARE OPENING UP ANOTHER GROCERY

Bell Brothers, formerly of the Highway Cafe, are now opening up a grocery business in the old meat market building on Harris Street.

Ben Brothers are known by practically every man in the country. They are young men of honor, integrity and business ability. Will Bell will have charge of the business.

This makes the eighth grocery business now established in Spur.

LOUIS GREEN DAVIS INJURED IN FALL FROM BUILDING

Louis Green Davis, son of Mrs. Sol Davis, was very seriously injured last Tuesday in falling from the Baptist church now under construction, the result being that his hip and leg bones were broken and shattered.

Louis Green was playing with other children, climbing on and over the walls of the church structure when in some manner he became overbalanced and fell to the ground, a distance of some ten or fifteen feet.

CLIF LOVELACE APPOINTED DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR SPUR

Sheriff Cole informed us this week that he had appointed Clif Lovelace as his deputy sheriff for Spur and this precinct, also retaining Miss Olive Meadors as his office deputy in Dickens. Sheriff Cole stated that no other appointments would be made until duties of the office demanded more assistants.

PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURE IN 1923

Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for long haul to market.

Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' cooperative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by administrative activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

Every considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

WILEY A. STEPHENS ON TRIAL FOR KILLING J. C. STEPHENS

Wiley A. Stephens is now on trial at Abilene for the killing of J. C. Stephens, his grandfather, both of whom formerly lived in the Afton country and were old timers of Dickens county.

The evidence as given by the Abilene Reporter follows:

Dr. Cockrell was the first witness, who testified that he examined the body of J. C. Stephens, finding he was shot seven times. N. J. Whetstone testified that he saw the shooting. S. J. Roberts testified that the deceased got out of an automobile and walked half way across the sidewalk to the cafe door, and then the shooting began.

Mrs. N. J. Farrow, a widow, was the first defense witness, and testified as to working at the home of J. C. Stephens, and that the deceased had cursed witness, and was often drunk. Witness said J. C. Stephens took Mrs. Wiley A. Stephens, wife of defendant, by the hand and put a revolver against her stomach, threatening to kill her. Mrs. C. C. Cooper mother of defendant's wife, testified that the deceased was abusive and did not show the proper conduct that she left J. C. Stephens home and secured employment elsewhere. The defendant's wife detailed the occurrence in which witness was threatened, stating that deceased was also abusive to his wife who was an invalid. Other witnesses testified as to the trouble and previous troubles.

The jury was given the case Wednesday.

ELMORE LEE DIED WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING BRIEF ILLNESS

Elmore Lee a prominent citizen of the Draper country, and brother of W. B. Lee of the Sour National Bank, died Wednesday morning after a very brief illness of appendicitis and pneumonia.

Mr. Lee was given medical attention Monday. Wednesday morning his condition became critical, and W. B. Lee went out to his home to bring him to the Nichols Sanitarium, but death came while on the road to Spur.

ORGANIZATION

Did you ever stop to think that the producer of raw materials seldom if ever, prospers in proportion to the wealth he creates?

Take the men who dig coal. They live, for the most part, in huts and shanties that afford only the most meager shelter, few comforts and no luxuries. But the men who handle and sell the coal, live in fine homes. The lumber-jacks who cut the timber in our fast-appearing forests, are housed in shacks and cabins while those who handle their product, live in substantial homes. The men who grow cattle, make small profits; the packers are opulent. The men who raise cotton, tobacco or sugar cane frequently live in the direst poverty while the cotton broker and manufacturer, the tobacco dealers and the sugar barons, are prosperous and often immensely wealthy.

What's the reason? It is because, as things are done today, there is more profit in handling products than in producing them. It is for that reason that the farmer desires to "get in" on some of the "handling" and certainly he has every right to handle his own raw materials. That right has long been usurped by others and is not going to be relinquished without a struggle any more than more adequate compensation has been handed any other class of workers without any effort on their part.

The farmer wants a larger share of the wealth he creates. He wants to be something more than a mere producer of raw materials. He wants for himself, the profits that are now taken by others in handling and distributing his products—and he wants wiser and more economical handling and distributing. The farmer wants for his own needy wife and children, the "spread" between what he is now forced to accept for his labor and the price that the ultimate consumer pays. He would be rich beyond all his dreams as if he had it, but how is he going to get it?

How did the railroad employees get a larger share of the wealth which they helped create? How did the mechanics force upward the value of their services to such a height as to assure them a comfortable living? How did the printers change their status from one of the most grossly underpaid occupations to one of the best paid?

One word will answer all those questions and explain the greater prosperity that has come to almost every worker, with his hands in the past several years. Organization. It has remained for the teachers, preachers and farmers to continue to be philanthropists and allow some one else to fix the value of their services to mankind. Without the teachers, we should be ignorant; without the preachers, we should be sinful but without the farmers we should all die!—Southwest Plainsman.

THE TEXAS SPUR

NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 County of Dickens.
 In the District Court of Dickens County, Texas.

J. L. Fox, Plaintiff, vs. J. H. Hobson Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 30th day of November A. D. 1922 in favor of said J. L. Fox and against the said J. H. Hobson, No. 692 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 4th day of January A. D. 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in Dickens County, Texas, and belonging to the said J. H. Hobson to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the H & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey No. 352, Certificate No. 10 2071, Block No. 1, containing 166.22 acres, and more particularly described by metes and bounds in a deed from T. N. Cook and wife to M. C. Hobson dated Nov. 20, 1917, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 519, Dickens County Deed Record.

And on the sixth day of February A. D. 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. H. Hobson in and to said property.

Dated at Dickens, Texas, this the 4th day of January A. D. 1923.

H. P. COLE,
 Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas.

Lon Kizziah, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday, spending the day here buying supplies and meeting with friends and acquaintances. He says that some plowing is already being done in the north part of the county, and that prospects were never more promising and inviting for bumper crops this early.

Leslie Ericson and wife returned last week from Arizona where they spent the holidays with his mother. He stated that "things were dry" in Arizona, cowmen going broke, mines closing down and general conditions most uninviting at this time.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Dickens.

Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wise county, on the 8th day of January, 1923, by J. A. Moore Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen and 85-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement in favor of J. B. Barker, in a certain cause in said court, No. 5184, and styled L. B. Barker vs. J. E. Brannen and T. D. Mara, placed in my hands for service, I, H. P. Cole Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of January, 1923, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Said land lying and being in Dickens and Crosby counties State of Texas, viz. the south half of Survey No. 18, Certificate No. 11, Abstract No. 799 and 890, John Gibson original grantee, and levied upon as the property of T. D. Mara and J. E. Brannen, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder as the property of said T. D. Mara and J. E. Brannen. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens county.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of January, 1923.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff,
 Dickens County, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Brvant were called this week to Sylvester on account of the serious illness of her father at that place. Their little child was also ill at the time, and Dr. and Mrs. Morris took it under their care in order that Mr. and Mrs. Brvant could attend the bedside of her father.

George S. Link, Jr., returned the past week to Kemper Military College, after spending the holidays in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link.

Guy Pemberton, wife and daughter, little Miss Nancy Ann, of Fort Worth, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes on the Paddle Ranch in Kent county. Mr. Pemberton was formerly in the furniture business in Spur.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Dickens.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1922, in favor of C. Hogan and against J. T. Lamar, C. S. Lamar, E. C. Edmonds, W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company, a corporation, M. T. Bell, and C. Bell, partners doing business under the firm name of Bell Lumber Company, the Stonewall State Bank, a defunct corporation, in Cause No. 683, styled C. Hogan vs. J. D. Jones et al, in said court, I did, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1923, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in Dickens county, Texas, to-wit: 158 acres of land being the Northeast Quarter of Survey No. 3, Certificate No. 323, A. B. & M. grantees, located about 10 miles north of Dickens, in Dickens county, Texas, and most generally known as the J. D. Jones place; and on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said J. T. Lamar, C. S. Lamar, E. C. Edmonds, W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company a corporation, M. T. Bell and C. H. Bell, as partners doing business under the firm name of Bell Lumber Company, a defunct corporation, and the unknown stockholders of the Stonewall State Bank, a defunct corporation, in and to said property, to satisfy a judgment in favor of C. Hogan for the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 2-100 Dollars, with all interest thereon and costs of suit.

Witness my hand, at Dickens, Texas, this 12th day of January, 1923.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff,
 Dickens County, Texas.

Big John Southworth dropped in this week and had his name included among the Texas Spur readers. John Southworth is one of the Ranger force, stationed in this section looking after the interests of the Cattlemens Association. He stays close on the job, and lets few, if any, cattle depreations get by.

J. John Callahan, of the Wake section of country, was in Spur Tuesday, doing a little trading and again meeting with his friends here.

Lee Payne, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Charter No. 9611 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 29TH, 1922.

RESOURCES

1 Loans and discounts	\$424,911.40
b Acceptances of other banks discounted	70,998.93
Total loans	495,910.33
2 Overdrafts, unsecured	5,074.46
4 U. S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	25,000.00
Total	25,000.00
5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	7,696.92
6 Banking House, \$19,000.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$3,000	22,000.00
7 Real estate owned other than banking house	7,822.72
8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	\$31,797.20
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	19,839.53
13 Checks on other banks (other than Item 12)	1,527.31
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	21,366.84
14 a Checks and drafts on banks outside city or town	16,550.45
b Miscellaneous cash items	2,052.14
15 Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due U. S. Treas.	1,250.00
16 Other assets, if any	10.00
Total	636,531.06

LIABILITIES

17 Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
18 Surplus fund	25,000.00
19 Undivided profits	44,874.87
c Less current expenses, int., taxes paid	16,474.02
20 Circulating notes outstanding	24,600.00
22 Amount due to national banks	39,517.33
25 Cashier's checks outstanding	1,781.38
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	41,398.71
26 Individual deposits subject to check	416,547.44
27 Certificates of deposit due in less and 30 days	500.00
32 Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed)	84.00
Total of dep. sub. to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, 35 84.00	
Total	636,531.06

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, W. T. Andrews, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—W. T. ANDREWS Jr., Cashier Correct—Attest: Geo. S. Link, Clifford B. Jones, W. B. Lee, Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1923—Julia M. Hickman, Notary Public.

TO COAL BUYERS

We are now in position to Book Coal for next month delivery as we have a number of cars rolling. Also have a full line of grain, cotton seed products, and hay.

SPUR GRAIN & COAL CO.

CARD OF THANKS.

We extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors who so kindly and generously assisted during the illness and death of our wife and mother.—W. F. McCarty and children.

W. W. Waldrup and wife, of Dickens, were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur Monday of this week.

Tim Stovall spent a day or two in Spur the past week with his brother, Roy Stovall, of the Spur Electric Light & Power Company. Tim is a printer by trade, and was on his way to Lubbock where he has a position.

Clifford B. Jones returned Sunday from New York where he spent some time on business, and spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones, in the big city.

Additional Spur Farm Land Offering

WE HAVE PLACED ON SALE A LARGE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE OF SPUR LAND WHICH WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SELECTION TO INTENDING PURCHASERS OF EITHER FARM OR RANCH LANDS.

Last of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office. Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity with eight percent interest only to date of payment.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

FORD

Interesting Facts!

106,327 Ford Cars
and Trucks Sold
in November

Approximately the Same Number is
Scheduled for Delivery this Month

What Does This Mean?

THIS VOLUME OF DELIVERIES TO ACTUAL OWNERS IS ENTIRELY UNPRECEDENTED FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR—IT HAS TAXED THE MANUFACTURING ABILITY OF THE FORD PLANTS WORKING AT FULL CAPACITY—

IT INDICATES A VOLUME OF BUSINESS DURING THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING MONTHS OF "HEAVY DEMAND" WHICH WILL BE FAR BEYOND THE MAXIMUM PRODUCTION SCHEDULE WHICH THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY HAS SET—

AND THAT MEANS A FORD SHORTAGE EVEN MORE ACUTE THAN THE ONE WHICH EXISTED LAST SPRING AND SUMMER. DEALERS' STOCKS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE LOW—THERE ARE NO RESERVES TO DRAW UPON TO MEET THE DEMANDS FOR DELIVERY—

THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH DEALER RESERVES CAN BE BUILT UP, AS DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN MADE TO CUSTOMER AS FAST AS CARS COULD BE MANUFACTURED SINCE LAST APRIL. THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR DESIRE TO OBTAIN PROMPT DELIVERY OF A FORD EVEN AT THIS TIME IS TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IMMEDIATELY.

THIS EMPHASIZES MORE STRONGLY THAN ANYTHING WE COULD POSSIBLY SAY THE NECESSITY OF YOUR MAKING PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS WITH A FORD DEALER FOR THE LISTING OF YOUR ORDER, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE CONTEMPLATING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD CAR OR TRUCK FOR USE THIS SPRING OR SUMMER.

WE BELIEVE YOU ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW THESE FACTS AS THEY ACTUALLY EXIST.

Godfrey & Smart
FORD DEALERS

A SMALL DEPOSIT AND EASY PAYMENT IF DESIRED

Auction Sale of Work Mules

IN SPUR, TEXAS

Monday, January 15th

AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

30 head of select work mules, well broke and of good ages will be sold at your own price at public auction

GAMBLE BROS., Owners
SEALE & NASH, Auctioneers

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens.
Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1922, in favor of Mrs. M. E. Perry, and against J. W. Dunn in Cause No. 691, styled Mrs. M. E. Perry et al vs J. W. Dunn et al, in said court, I did, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1923, at 3 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situated in Dickens county, Texas, to-wit: Being Lot No. Six in Block No. Twenty One, situated in the town of Spur, Dickens county, Texas, and on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. W. Dunn in and to said property, to satisfy a judgment in favor of Mrs. M. E. Perry, in the sum of Five Hundred Nine and 38-100 Dollars, with all interest thereon and cost of suit.
Witness my hand, at Dickens, Texas, this 10th day of January, 1923.
H. P. COLE, Sheriff,
Dickens County, Texas.

F. I. Hale, of Afton, was in Spur Monday. He reports everything in good shape and most promising at this time of a big crop year and general prosperity throughout the country. Meeting him on the streets he handed us a check to extend his subscription up another year, and which we are doing with pleasure.

Mrs. M. E. Manning is this week visiting with relatives and friends in other sections of the state.

NOTICE OF SALE

Whereas, on the 31st day of Oct. 1921, B. E. Day executed and delivered to A. A. Copeland his certain chattel mortgage of that date, conveying to said A. A. Copeland the personal property hereinafter described, in trust to secure him in the payment of the indebtedness therein described, which said mortgage is of record in Vol. 9 page 611 of the chattel mortgage records of Dickens County, Texas; and,

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and the same is now past due and unpaid:

Therefore, notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of Jan., 1923, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., I will offer for sale and sell the following described personal property, at the Court House door in Dickens, Dickens County, Texas, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash; said personal property so to be sold being described as follows, to-wit:

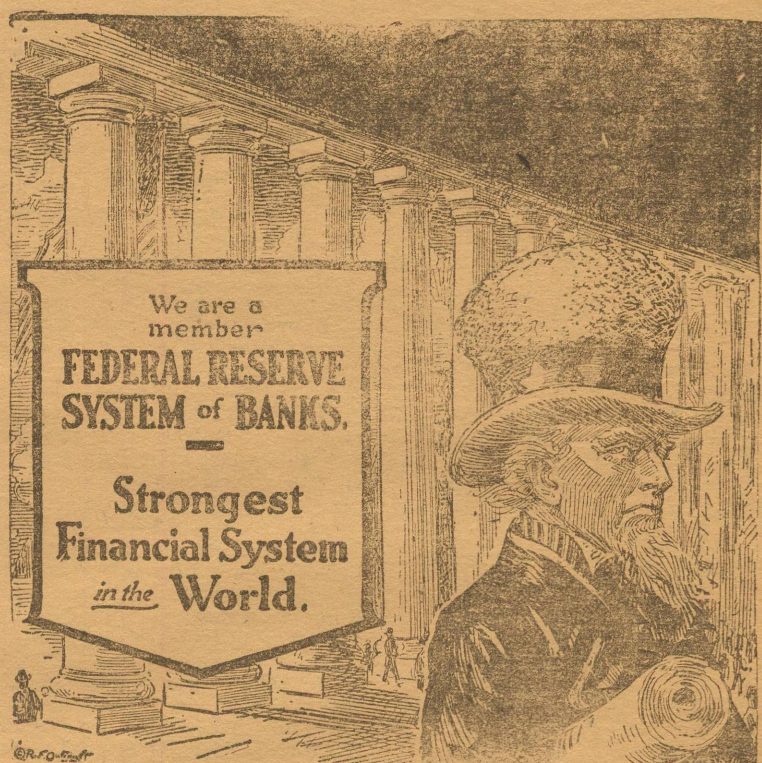
1 business house, known as the old Lewis Shoe Shop Building, about 8 ft. constructed frame rear, with brick front, situated in Block 5, Lot 22, Spur, Dickens County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1923.

A. A. COPELAND.

One of our subscribers met us in at Bryant-Link's the other day and handed us a dollar and fifty cents to credit his subscription. We failed to mark it down and can't recall who it was. Please, all don't say you are the one.

Buren Smith, of the Dry Lake section, was here Tuesday meeting with friends.

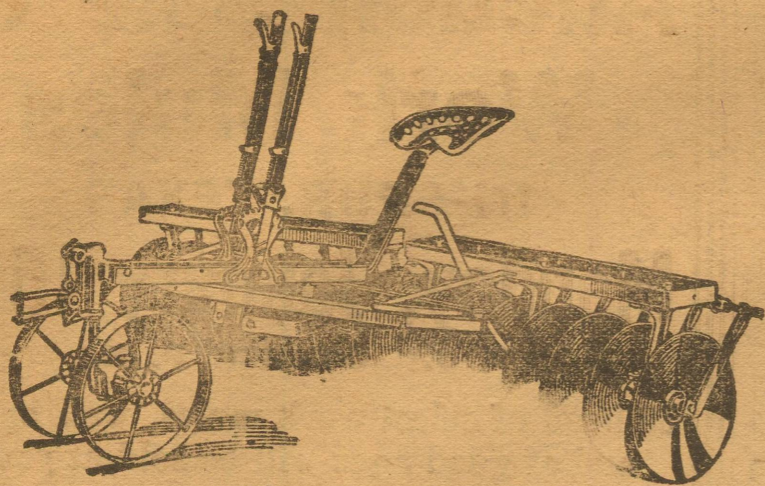


It is important to our community that our Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, for it means greater safety for depositors and GREATER OPPORTUNITIES for business, both agricultural and industrial.

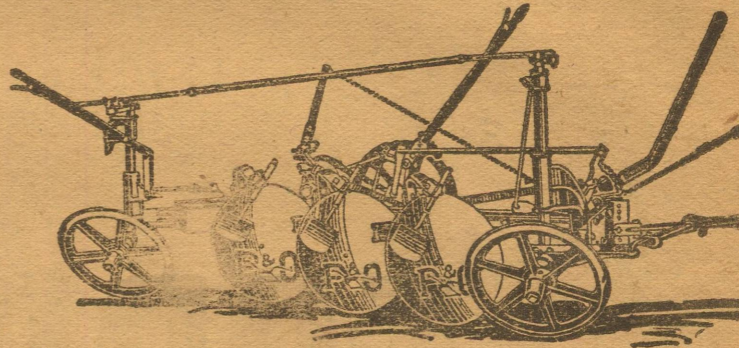
Before being accepted as a member of this great Federal Reserve System our Bank was examined by representatives from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., and they also satisfied themselves of the character and worth of our Directors and Officers.

We invite your banking business. Come in.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS



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Just
Unloaded



A Car of P. & O. Lister Planters

Disc Plows and Harrows, and Walking
Listers and Turning Plows

IF YOU ARE IN THE MARKET FOR FARM IMPLEMENTS, IT'LL PAY YOU
TO SEE OUR LINE BEFORE BUYING



We Handle the Best
Terms if Desired



Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.

"Spur's Oldest Store"

Tom Cross was in Spur Tuesday for the first time in several weeks. He was in low spirits from the fact that he had just lost about fifteen hundred dollars in paying farmers too big a price for cattle and hogs, the market having "slumped" on him. Tom Cross knows a cow and hog from the tip of a horn to the hoof—but he may not be so familiar as others in the market manipulations and speculative methods.

Good note, 1 mule, 1 mrrre, 1 1920 model Ford, to trade for good car. See Central Market or O. L. Hale.—D. K. Hodges. Here only few days. 1p

SPUR BOOT AND SHOE SHOP

We do all kinds of boot and shoe repair work, half sole, rubber heels, etc., at reasonable prices. Boot making is our specialty and all work guaranteed. Send in your measure and order for shop made boots.—H. F. Blue. 6tf.

Miss Virginia Forbis returned last week to T. C. U. at Denton, after spending the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis.

FOR SALE—New Perfection 4-burner oil stove.—Mrs. J. C. Keen.

SHE'S GOT TO BE THRIFTY



To keep a beau we girls must dress as well—but spend a good deal less.

It is quite possible to dress just as well as in former years for less money even tho the price of clothes have gone up. Clearing and Pressing will solve your problems. The saving craze has settled down to solve its questions.

J. H. DOBBINS
CLEANING & PRESSING
PHONE 10 SPUR, TEXAS

George Harris, of the plains country, was in Spur the other day. He is a good citizen as well as farmer of that section, and was smiling in anticipation of paying out his farm and having a little surplus cash—at least enough to take his home county paper—and here is hoping his anticipations will be more than realized.

A. J. Richey, a leading citizen of the Croton country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week. He stated that everything is lovely in that part of the great West, and that preparations are now being made by farmers to enjoy a big crop again this year.

Ben Reddell, of McAdoo, was in Spur Monday, reporting that his wife has very much improved at this time, she having last week suffered a critical illness.

Alec Winkler, of the Croton country, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything in good shape in that section.

Miss Ruth Maples, our linotype operator and mainstay of the shop, is sick this week, and therefore if the short-comings of this paper are too great, you will know the reason.

Mrs. C. Fite, who has been in Lubbock for some time taking treatment, returned last week to her home in Spur, very much improved in health. We are glad to learn.

Mr. Crausbey, a leading citizen and stockfarmer of the plains country near McAdoo, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

S. L. Davis and family were in the city the latter part of last week, driving over from Dickens in their new Dodge car.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, had business in town Wednesday of this week.

Buff Orpington hens for sale at \$1.—H. L. Pullen, Dickens, Texas. 112p

TO THE PUBLIC

This is to give due notice that hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden on any of my land or pastures.—Chas. Porria. 9af.

NOTICE

Hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden in any pastures.—J. B. Morrison. 9af.

J. L. JORDAN AT LUBBOCK GETS A 2-YEAR SENTENCE

Lubbock, Tex., Jan. 5.—The case of the state versus J. L. Jordan for the murder of Felton Forrest of Slaton last December 5th, went to the jury yesterday afternoon.

After deliberating nearly twenty-four hours, the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter, sentencing Jordan to two years in the penitentiary.

LOOK! Good pair horses and new set bull leather harness for sale at a bargain.—Frank Goff. 11-4tp

FOR SALE—2 14-inch Avery gang breaking plow, good condition and will sell cheap.—T. M. Maples.

FOR SALE—Pure Bourbon Red Turkeys, Toms \$5.00, Hens \$6.00.—Mrs. R. F. Rogers, Spur, Texas, Rt. A., B15. 11-4tp.

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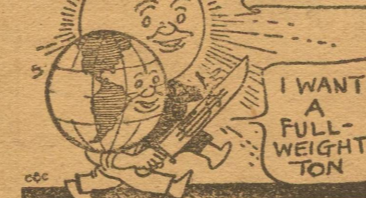
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Prompt Service and Reliable Goods.

THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE
PHONE 2-23

EVERYONE ON EARTH WANTS HIS MONEY'S WORTH!



Mr. and Mrs. Careful Spenders, we are addressing these few remarks to you: We believe that when you buy coal you want to get your money's worth and if such are your intentions it should turn your footsteps or your phone call in the direction of this coal yard.

P. H. MILLER
SPUR, TEXAS

ORDER—FIRST GREAT LAW

Order is the first and greatest law of the universe. Before there was order, there was nothing that is.

No group ever succeeded without applying the law of order.

No state ever integrated without the beneficent law of order.

Where there is no order, chaos reigns.

A disordered mind is life's greatest tragedy.

The wrecks about us are the toll disorder is taking from us.

Disorder is the arch-companion of disintegration and decay.

These three in one and one in three the supertrinity of destruction.

The man who runs amuck with the law and finds himself in prison, failed to understand and appreciate order.

The man who sits amid his own tumbled down structures, failed to consort with order.

The man who finds the noise and gargoyles of the street more entertaining than the harmonies of art, literature and music, is a child of disorder.

Disorder, the opposing evil genius in the affairs of men, builds his castle on a thousand desks in Texas, and on a thousand farms he tumbles the fences about, while the fireside is made bedlam because he reigns there supreme.

When man gets in too big a hurry to obey the law of order, he is headed towards extinction.

When a man throws here and there his implements of toil he soon closes his own passage and finds himself inextricably held between slothfulness and indifference.

Had I my way, I should write across the lintal of every school building in the world, "Order."

Had I my way, I should write across the lintal of every car, "Order."

Had I my way, I should write across the desk top of every business man in the world, "Order."

Had I my way, I should write on the windshield of every car, "Order."—Texas Commercial News.

Mrs. Huie's sister returned last week in the Eastern part of the state after a months visit in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Marshall, of the Duck Creek community, came to Spur Tuesday to enter their son in the Spur schools. Young Marshall is in the tenth grade, and since the Duck Creek school does not include this grade in its course of study, it was not desired that the boy lose a year's school work.

W. A. Smith, of the Cat Fish section of country, was here Saturday, trading and meeting with friends of the town and surrounding country. He reports everything looking good for bumper crops this year. In fact he has been here a long time, and never saw better prospects than now prevails.

E. T. Varnell, of east of Afton, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday, buying supplies of the Spur Merchants. He informed us that things continue to look good in that part of the country, and that the prospect is big crops will be made again this year.

Wm. A. Smith, of near Spur, was here the other day and helped us on the way by renewing his subscription, and making us feel good in other ways.

W. H. Bryant was in the city Saturday from the Pitchfork Ranch, spending the day here on business and meeting with friends.

A. J. Swenson, of Stamford, was a business visitor in Spur this week, spending several days here and on the ranch.



The rare quality of our steaks and chops appeals to the discriminating palate. They are appetizing, delicious, wholesome and nutritious. Pay us a visit.

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