

## INCORPORATION FOR SANITATION.

### Conditions Now Prevailing do Not Require Adoption of Stock Law.

At a citizens mass meeting held at the Commercial Club on the evening of January 9, the matter of selecting candidates for the offices of Mayor and Commissioners was taken up and George S. Link was nominated as candidate for Mayor and W. G. Sherrod and E. C. Edmonds were nominated as candidates for Commissioners. These men were selected as candidates for the reason that each of them has had experience in municipal organization and government, and for the further reason that they are known to be men of high character and business ability. Men who have the welfare and interest of Spur at heart.

An election has been ordered to be held on February 4, to determine whether Spur shall be incorporated under the commission form of government, and to elect officers to administer the necessary laws for controlling the town. At this election the voters of Spur shall say by their votes if Spur will have an organized municipal government or be a wide place in the road. No town has ever amounted to anything until it had a local government. The sanitary condition cannot be controlled without laws. There is no state law to give protection against unsanitary conditions, such as prevailed in Spur last summer, and will prevail again unless steps are taken to guard against them. There is no question but that incorporation will give this protection, and there appears to be no opposition to incorporating the town for sanitary purposes, but an opposition has developed, and it is stated that incorporation will mean that a stock law will be forced upon the people. The writer has taken an active interest in having a town government, and, with others who are heartily in favor of incorporating, believes that the conditions prevailing here do not require a stock law. There is no remote probability that the commissioners will adopt an ordinance requiring people to keep up cattle unless petitioned by a majority of the property owners.

Pride in our town and self respect should make us want our streets and alleys clean. If we enjoy breathing an atmosphere laden with offensive odors and deadly germs we should be willing, for the sake of humanity, to deny ourselves this pleasure when it becomes offensive to our neighbor's nose and a menace to the health of his household. We can fence our homes against stock, but we are helpless against the germs of disease that breed in filth and contaminate the air we breathe and the water we drink.

A vote against incorporating Spur will be a vote against placing the town upon the list of progressive towns and cities in

Texas, and will be favoring a step backwards.

JEFF D. REAGAN.

### TO THE CITIZENS OF SPUR

At a mass meeting held in Spur Monday, January 9, we were nominated for the offices of Mayor and Commissioners, and as such nominees feel that we should make this statement, setting forth our views upon the subject of incorporating the town of Spur.

Because we are living in a progressive age, when organization counts for everything, we feel that our people should be abreast with the times. We know that there should be sanitary regulations, such as are impossible without municipal control. There are other matters that will require authoritative management, but the sanitary question is the most important.

There has developed an opposition to incorporation, based upon a fear that a stock law will be forced upon the citizens of Spur, and that unnecessary taxes will be levied. We and each of us, make this statement regarding stock law and taxes:

Under present conditions a stock law in Spur, is impracticable, and for that reason we oppose such a law. The maximum tax rate, fixed by law, is not large, and we favor an economical expenditure of the funds acquired by taxation. It is our intention, if elected, to administer the affairs of Spur so as to serve the interest of each and every citizen, without special favor to any man or organization.

The prosperity of Spur depends upon the united efforts of all, and any effort to destroy or injure any person or business now existing will be a step backward, and a reflection upon the good name of Spur.

Geo. S. Link,  
 Nominee for Mayor.  
 W. G. Sherrod,  
 E. C. Edmonds,

Nominees for Commissioners.

### KILLING PRAIRIE DOGS

We are informed that the force of men employed to kill prairie dogs on the Spur Farm Lands has been considerably increased during the past week. The killing of the dogs on the Spur lands is a great inducement to the immediate settlement of farmers. The killing of the dogs on this vast body of land is being done at an expense of near thirty thousand dollars on the part of the Spur Farm Lands management and is a consideration which purchasers should duly appreciate and for which the Spur Farm Lands management should be justly commended, since no one man could cope with the dog problem in this section. The fact of the business is that the sale of Spur Farm Lands as well as Spur Townsite property is being conducted upon a high plane and the manager, Mr. Chas. A. Jones, deserves the respect of all men. He is a man of business ability and action, high-minded, honorable and generous and the country feels the effects of such characteristic men.

## GOOD RAINS FALL IN SPUR COUNTRY.

### Will Be of Great Benefit to The Grain Crops of This Entire Territory.

Tuesday night a slow, steady, ground-soaking rain fell in this section, covering all of the Spur and surrounding territory. While probably this rain was not as much as was needed yet it will be of great benefit to the grain crop and was sufficient to enable farmers to break sod land. No one need become uneasy at this time on account of lack of rain. We will get plenty of it to make bumper crops.

### BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the First State Bank at Spur, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of January 1911, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 20th day of January 1911.

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$48,553.68
Loans, real estate	5,296.31
Overdrafts	6,940.74
Real Estate, (banking house)	7,763.58
Furniture & Fixtures	2,149.40
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	\$2,451.95
Due from other Banks and Bankers, Subject to check, net	170.90 - 2,622.85
Cash Items	\$ 283.70
Currency	1,665.00
Specie	1,426.10 - 3,374.80
Other resources as follows: Cotton bills of Exchange	12,000.00
Interests in depositors Guaranty Fund	1,500.00
Total	\$85,201.36

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,775.97
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check net	4,794.19
Individual Deposits subject to check	27,350.76
Cashier's Checks	219.55
Other Liabilities as follows	60.89
Total	\$85,201.36

State of Texas, County of Dickens.

We, G. H. Connell as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. Connell, Pres.  
 E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, by E. C. Edmonds, Cashier, this 13th day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

E. J. Cowan, Notary Public.  
 Correct Attest:

J. D. Harkey,  
 T. E. Standifer,  
 S. R. Davis,  
 Directors.

State of Texas, County of Tarrant.

Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell, this 16th day of January 1911.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
 Norman E. Nelson,  
 Notary Public.

Sam Clemmons made a flying trip Saturday to Stamford, returning Sunday.

## NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS OF DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

The State of Texas, County of Dickens.

Notice is hereby given, that unless taxes are paid on or before the 31st day of January, A. D. 1911, a penalty of 10 per cent must be added as penalty.

Poll tax must be paid on or before said date to entitle one to vote at any election held during the current year.

In addition cost to the amount of \$2.75 will attach to every tract of land delinquent on March 31st A. D. 1911.

H. P. Cole,

Tax Collector, Dickens county, Texas.

### FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Monday evening Dr. G. M. Bachelor and wife entertained a number of guests at their home in the western part of the city. The guests were Jeff D. Reagan and wife, W. G. Broyles and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Womack and Dr. Morris and wife. Progressive forty-two was the feature of the entertainment, there being three tables at which interesting games were in progress throughout the evening. The grand prizes were awarded to Dr. Morris and Mrs. W. G. Broyles for having made the greatest number of points, while the booby prize was awarded to W. G. Broyles. During the evening the host and hostess served delightful refreshments, and at eleven o'clock the guests departed having spent a most pleasant evening at this hospitable home.

### COMING BACK HOME.

H. S. Hansford and family, of near Guymon, Oklahoma, came to Spur last week and will make this their home in the future. About three years ago Mr. Hansford and family left Fisher county for Oklahoma where he took up a claim comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land, and now, since he has secured a title to the land he has returned to Texas and says that "there is no place like home." Hansford is a man worthy the confidence and high esteem of any man, and although he may have the appearance of an every-day "clod-knocker," enclosed is a heart of gold and he is made of the true metal. We are glad to number him among our citizenship and to again renew an association of true friendship.

### CARD OF THANKS

I desire to extend my heartfelt thanks to the people of Spur for assistance rendered and sympathies extended us in the bereavement of husband and father.

Yours very truly,  
 Mrs. J. M. Bennett and children.

### CARD OF THANKS

I extend sincere thanks to the people of Spur and especially the ladies who so kindly and generously gave assistance in my recent misfortune, and assure each one that they will retain a lasting remembrance and warm place in my heart.

Sincerely,  
 W. E. Kellar.

## COTTON CONTINUES COMING TO SPUR

### During The Past Ten Days A Number of Bales Have Been Marketed.

During the past two weeks or ten days G. W. Pierce, G. H. Vinson, Jim Crump, R. E. Thomas, J. M. Wilson, M. K. Lawson, J. R. Brummell, C. A. Jones, W. F. Walker, G. W. King, R. P. Davis, W. M. Peters, E. H. Martin, W. W. Leeter, J. A. Williams, W. A. Vaughn, R. F. Lemay, F. A. Burnum, W. J. Young, Ed Dunn, T. S. Boucher, J. T. Christopher, J. T. Montgomery, C. W. Henson, R. L. Stephens, George McBloom, T. N. Dodson, and others of the various sections of the Spur territory and surrounding country have brought in cotton to the Spur market and sold to the buyers. This looks like the prediction made by the Texas Spur earlier in the season that five thousand bales would be shipped from this section during the year was pretty well founded since there are a large number of bales yet being held in the Spur country for higher prices.

The price of cotton on the Spur market ranged from fourteen to fourteen seventy-five.

The Farmers' Union Cotton yard has weighed up-to-date 3,359 bales during the season, while quite a lot of cotton within the Spur territory has been weighed and shipped from other points on the Stamford & Northwestern railroad.

### MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING.

The Mothers' Club met in regular session Saturday, January 7, and a splendid meeting was held. Professor Adams, who had just returned from Abilene where the teachers of the state held their annual state meeting, gave an interesting talk. Mrs. York's paper, "A mother's duty toward the school," led to a general discussion, and a paper previously read, "The real object of schooling," also came up for discussion.

The next meeting will be Saturday afternoon, January 21, at three o'clock. Miss Kelley will read a paper on the "Social life of the school boy and girl," and each member is requested to answer to roll call with a current event. The meetings of the club are pleasant and profitable, and all mothers in Spur are invited to attend.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, Pres.  
 Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan Sec.

### PUSHES HIS WORK.

T. S. Lambert was in the city Tuesday from the Tap country and reports that he already has a number of acres of land broken and ready for planting when the time comes. Sebe Lambert is one of the most prosperous farmers of the country, and the reason is very evident, he always pushes his work while possibly others let their work push them. Here's hoping that he will make a bale of cotton to the acre as well as grow a big supply of broom corn, peas, popcorn and pigs.

## PENALIZING TOWN BUILDERS AND LAND OWNERS.

The Folly of Taxing The Man Who Builds an Attractive House While The Idle Land-owner is Made Richer in Values that Properly Belong to the Community.

The following extract was taken from an article in The World's Work and contributed by Fredrick C. Howe. Read it and give it due consideration. It is worth reading and conforms somewhat to our own ideas of the taxation proposition and development inducements:

"France levies a tax on windows. As one travels through French villages he sees the windows of the peasant sealed up with cement. The people live in darkness in order to escape a tax. During the the eighteen century a chimney tax was imposed in Ireland. The Irish tenant met the tax by tearing down his chimneys. He preferred to live in the dirt and smoke of a chimney-less cabin rather than be taxed. The tax destroyed the thing taxed, just as it always tends to do.

Economists all protest against these medieval taxes. They smile at the short-sightedness of the French statesmen. Are we in America any wiser than the French in our methods of local taxation? They are probably just as honest in their approval of the window-taxes as we are in our admiration of the tax on houses and improvements which discourages, fines, and punishes him who builds a house, or improves his estate, or erects a model tenement, or conforms to the sanitary regulations of our cities. For do we not tax the man who builds a beautiful building more heavily than him who builds an ugly one? Do we not punish with a fine him who erects a model tenement, and thereby encourage the lazy owner who is content with his slum? Do we not penalize the farmer or the workman who paints his house, or adorns his dwelling with things of art and beauty, or employs an architect instead of a contractor? Do not our laws in effect applaud the man who leaves his property and his land as disreputable as possible? Do we not say to the farmer: if you put your land in market gardening we will assess you \$500 an acre, but if you let it grow up in weeds we will assess you but \$50 an acre? At least that is the way it appears to every tax-payer, be he great or small. It consciously or unconsciously affects his mind in every contemplated improvement. These are the arguments that are advanced to village and township assessors by farmers

and home-owners who resent instinctively the injustice of being taxed because they do a thing for which they know they should be applauded. Further than this, we encourage men to hold land idle. We discourage improvements. This is clearly the result of taxing houses, buildings, crops, machinery, and personal property.

Now let us see what would happen to the idle land speculator, to the man who does nothing with his land in the city or in the suburbs, as well as to the energetic farmer who wants to own as beautiful a house as possible, to the man who erects a fine apartment or a model tenement, to the man who instals new plumbing and complies with all the tenement regulations—if we were to reverse our present system and repeal all taxes on improvements and houses. We should then give legal encouragement to the things we most want; to buildings, to houses and factories, to model tenement, to truck gardening, to art, architecture, and beauty. We should encourage industry and cheapen the prices of things in the stores as well as the rent in the cities. We should stamp with public

approval the man who contributes to the well-being of humanity, rather than penalize him for his industry. We should encourage the man who produces wealth. These surely are the results which would follow from ceasing to tax the things that we most want, just as the taxation of windows and chimneys led to their disuse. But stimulating as the exemption of houses and improvements

felt that the colossal building operations, which have completely altered the appearance of the city of New York within the last ten years, had their origin in the change of the taxing methods in 1903. In that year the land was assessed at its full value. The burden of taxation was so great that men had to use their land in its most productive way. It is this that has brought down the antiquated buildings and substituted for them the wonderful creations which have been erected in their stead. It has been said that the cities of Ohio always witness a building boom following the decennial appraisal of real estate. And it is reasonable to believe that this is true.

But I have not yet touched on the greatest of all benefits which would follow city-planning, the building of cities, and the housing question—and that benefit is the cheapening of land. It would do this in two ways. First, the taxation of land forces it into use; it brings it to the market. And this is an unmixed blessing. We should feel that it is a crime for men to produce bread or shoes and hold them merely for speculation, and yet the speculative holding

from taxation would be, it is but one of the gains which would flow from the reform suggested. The great gain would come in another way. I have seen a sleepy town in western Pennsylvania converted into an active manufacturing community by the assessment of vacant estates as building-sites rather than as farming land. The assessors placed the property on the tax-rolls at what it was worth rather than at what the owners happened to use it for. In consequence the owners got busy. They divided up their holdings, which had been in the family for generations. They sold them out in allotments. In a few year's time the city increased in population more than 50 per cent. People acquired homes who had previously been tenants. The whole aspect of the city underwent a change, for the old families were no longer able to sit idly on their land. The burden of taxation was so great that it had to be sold. And, having sold the land, the owners had to invest their money. They organized industry, established new enterprises, gave employment to workmen, and produced wealth. The fire which was started behind the idle land-speculator set a hundred other forces in motion which redounded to the well-being of the community.

This is the first effort of an increased tax on land. It penalizes "the dog in the manger." It checks speculation. It brings land into use. I have always

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of land is even more costly to society than the withholding of these necessities of life. For, given the land, we can produce wealth; and the forcing of idle land into the market would bring down its price. This is the inevitable result of increasing the supply of any commodity. It has been estimated that at least half of the land in every large city is held out of use all the time by speculators. The second influence that cheapens land-values is the reduction of the rent or income which it produces. For a tax on land values is paid by the landlord; it is taken from ground-rent. The landlord cannot shift it on to someone else as he can a tax on houses or on any other wealth produced under competition. I need hardly verify this from authorities, yet an appreciation of this fact is so fundamental to

the landlord. There are no means by which he can shift the burden upon anyone else. A tax on rent, therefore, has no effect other than the obvious one. It merely takes so much from the landlord and transfers it to the state."

Let us make the statement concrete. If a man is getting \$50 a year ground-rent from a piece of land, the land is worth the capitalized value of the ground rent, or \$1,000. Now if the state increases the tax and takes \$20 of this ground-rent, the landlord's income will fall to \$30, which (capitalized as before) makes the land worth \$600. If the tax is still further increased to 4 per cent, the capital value of the land is reduced to \$200 and if the tax is increased to 5 per cent, the capital value of the land disappears altogether, for all of its earnings have been taken in taxes. In other words ground-rent is the income that is left after taxes are deducted. If taxes are increased rent is decreased. If taxes are diminished rent is increased. The landlord and the state are really partners in the ownership of the land.

It may be said that the landlord will meet any increase in taxes by an increase in rent, just as the taxes on sugar, clothes, or any other commodity are shifted to the final consumer. But this cannot do, as experience has demonstrated. The land tax remains where it is originally placed. Certainly, so far as vacant land is concerned, there is no one but the landlord to pay the taxes. He could only shift the tax by leasing the land to some one to use; and if all the land were thus brought into use, the competition of sellers and users would be such that this of itself would bring down the price of land, just as it does the price of everything else.

It is this cheapening of land values that is so important in the solution of the housing question or the planning of cities.

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## Farm Implements & H'wd.

We carry a full line of Farm Implements of standard make and brand, including cultivators, sulkeys, disc harrows, planters and everything needed on the farm. We sell the famous Studebaker buggies and wagons and handle the Star and Leader Windmills as well as a complete line of shelf hardware.

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## L. W. Davis

### ABSTRACTS

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Try us once and be convinced.

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We sell J. I. Case plows  
—Barber & Hancock.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and  
four room rent houses. tf

C. E. House was called to Fort  
Worth this week to see his  
mother who is reported quite  
sick.

I. D. Gamble made a business  
trip this week to Floydada where  
he spent several days.

R. B. F. Craig came up last  
week from Jayton to visit his  
family, pay his taxes and attend  
to other business matters. Mr.  
Craig has been in Jayton the  
past several weeks making pic-  
tures and says that he will soon  
return home.

M. H. Herring, who has been  
teaching the school near Afton,  
came in the latter part of last  
week to spend several days here  
recuperating. He has been sick  
the past several days and while  
recuperating he has a substitute  
in the school room.

H. S. Bartley returned Tues-  
day from Floydada where he  
spent several days looking after  
that end of his auto line. Mr.  
Bartley is enjoying a liberal  
patronage from the traveling  
public over this line. This auto  
service is not only a great con-  
venience to the public but a ben-  
efit and service to the town.

J. B. Morrison was in the city  
Tuesday from the Red Mud  
country and reports everything  
in fine shape in his section of  
the country. He says he has  
been grubbing and will clear up  
about one hundred acres of new  
land for cultivation this year.  
With fifteen cent cotton another  
year he with other farmers of  
this section should not only prosper  
but get rich.

## Farm Implements

**N**OW is the time to begin preparation for  
another crop, and in the selection of farm  
implements we desire to inform the farmers  
of this section that we have a complete stock  
of all farming implements and tools, includ-  
ing plows, single and double disc sulkeys and  
harrows, cultivators, planters and everything  
needed on the farm. Our stock is of high  
grade and standard brands and our prices  
are the very lowest. We also have a com-  
plete line of shelf hardware, stoves, wind-  
mills, buggies and wagons. **Come to see us.**  
We will be glad to do business with you.

## Barber & Hancock.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Texas, County of  
Dickens.

To the creditors of R. W.  
Scurry. You are hereby notified  
that R. W. Scurry, of the  
county of Jones, on the 27th.  
day of December 1910, executed  
a deed of assignment, convey-  
ing to the undersigned all of his  
property for the benefit of such  
of his creditors as will consent  
to accept their respective share  
of his estate, and discharge him  
from their respective claims,  
and that the undersigned accept-  
ed said trust, and has duly  
qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to  
said assignment must, within  
four months after the publica-  
tion of this notice, make known  
to the assignee their consent in  
writing, and within six months  
from the date of this notice file  
their claim prescribed by law,  
with the undersigned who re-  
sides at Spur, Texas, which is  
also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this the 4th.  
day of January 1911.

M. E. MANNING,  
Assignee.

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For Guns and Ammunition see  
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Office up stairs over Spur National Bank.

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One black horse, blaze face  
left hind foot white; one black  
mare blind in right eye; one roan  
horse shod in front; one bay  
horse four years old bell on when  
lost.

Juan Sutierrez,  
2t. camp east of town.

We want your trade on wire  
and nails, and prices are right.  
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attention to prescriptions, courteous treatment to customers and in-  
vite you to make our store your headquarters when in town.

## The Red Front Drug Store

C. W. LOWERY, Mgr.

J. R. Mobley, of Clarendon,  
has been spending the past sev-  
eral days in Spur looking over  
the city with a view of locating  
a business here, and it is very  
probable that he will open up a  
business at an early date in the  
N. P. Shaw building. We are  
glad to have Mr. Mobley with  
us and wish him a successful  
and prosperous business.

Mrs. May Stewart, who is  
here for her health and also vis-  
iting her brother, R. C. Morri-  
son and wife, will teach a music  
class and for this purpose has  
secured a room over the Wendell  
building. Mrs. Stewart is an ex-  
pert musician and an able teach-  
er of the art.

N. Q. Brannen went down to  
Stamford Saturday afternoon to  
meet Mrs. Brannen who has  
been on an extended visit to re-  
latives at Fort Worth. Mr. and  
Mrs. Brannen returned home  
Sunday. We are sorry to note  
that their little child has been  
quite sick.

Mr. Vinson sold last week his  
interest in the Vinson & Edwards  
tailoring business to Mr. Hamill  
and hereafter the business will  
be operated under the firm name  
of Hamill & Edwards. We wish  
the new firm a continuance of  
the liberal patronage heretofore  
enjoyed.

Sam Smith, of Tap, was in the  
city Monday and reports that he  
is not yet through ginning the  
1910 crop at Tap, he having gin-  
ned two hundred and fifty bales  
up to date, and considering that  
his gin was not ready for busi-  
ness until late in the season we  
consider the number of bales  
ginned to date a big showing.  
He says that a few more bales  
will wind up the ginning season  
for the year.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One  
sorrel mare eight years old,  
branded 4 on left hip. Any in-  
formation leading to her recov-  
ery will be reasonably rewarded.  
J. D. Martin, Spur, Texas.

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J. B. Pruden left last week for  
his home in Oklahoma after  
spending several days in Spur  
with his wife and children, two  
of the children having been  
quite sick but are now conva-  
lescent. J. B. says that Spur is a  
fine town and that he will prob-  
ably return and make this his  
home sometime in the future.

Bill McArthur was in the city  
Saturday from his home in the  
Red Mud country. Bill reports  
everything moving along nicely  
in his section and that the farm-  
ers are beginning preparations  
for another bumper crop this  
year, new lands being cleared  
and old land broken ready for  
planting.

C. B. Cook says we failed to  
note his recent trip to Waco and  
other leading cities of the east,  
for which we make due apolo-  
gies and promise to watch more  
carefully and note his move-  
ments in the future. Mr. Cook  
is the efficient manager of the  
Spur Drug Company and since  
coming to Spur and assuming  
the management of this busi-  
ness has made many friends in  
both business and social circles.

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R. C. Morrison, left Monday for  
their home at Hico.

R. R. Morrison is spending the  
week at Rotan with his family  
and looking after his business  
interests at that place.

Mrs. Link left Monday for an  
extended visit to friends and  
relatives at Aspermont, Stam-  
ford and Rule.

W. A. Craddock, a prosperous  
farmer and prominent citizen of  
the Wake country, was in the  
city this week on business.

Jim Dowell, a cotton buyer of  
Wichita Falls, was in the city  
last week buying cotton of the  
merchants and business men.

A fine boy was born Tuesday to  
Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Clayton at their  
home one mile east of Spur.  
We congratulate Mr. and Mrs.  
Clayton for such a son and may  
he develop into one of the wisest  
and most influential citizens of  
the Great West and enjoy much  
of the prosperity which abounds  
in the land of his birth.

J. E. Sparks came in Tuesday  
and carried out a thorough bred  
three months old Red Jersey pig  
shipped to him from Oklahoma.  
Mr. Sparks already has some of  
the finest hogs of the country  
and by the mixing of other  
breeds he hopes to improve the  
outcome. There is no better  
hog country than the Spur  
country and we are glad to see  
the people taking an interest in  
the hog business. Mr. Sparks  
is not only one of our best citi-  
zens but is one of our most pros-  
perous farmers.

Dr. W. P. Lee and brother, of  
Cisco, were in the city last  
week looking over the city. Dr.  
Lee is interested in the Red  
Front Drug Store business in  
the city and is well pleased not  
only with the business here  
which is under the efficient  
management of C. W. Lowery  
but was agreeably surprised at  
the rapid and substantial growth  
of Spur during the past year.  
Spur surprises them all and we  
predict that there will be more  
surprises in the progress of the  
town in the future.

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### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

The most important question before the people of the country at this time is "Have you paid your poll tax?"

If you want to vote in the elections to be held during the year 1911 you will have to pay your poll tax before the first day of February. To day is the day to do it.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you to call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now.

The election laws of the state require citizens to hold a poll tax receipt issued and dated before the first day of February. Unless you have such a receipt you will not only be disfranchised throughout the year but will be forced to pay an additional per centage on taxes if not paid before that date.

The aviation meet at Dallas was a success in every particular and demonstrated beyond a doubt that the man-flying problem has been solved. The bird-men flew, soared above the clouds, dipped to near terra firma and again soared to unexplored heights to the wonder, admiration and disbelief of thousands of witnesses. Verily, the achievements of man are limited only by the scope of his surroundings.

People are coming to the Spur country from the east, north, south and west. This is some evidence not only of the attractiveness of this section but also of the fact that the richness of the soil and inducements offered to settlers is being carried abroad. The advantage and inducements of the Spur-country is not "hot air" but demonstrated facts, and it will be to the advantage of the homeseeker to investigate what we have to offer before locating a permanent home.

As a result of popular sentiment the white-wash proceedings by a committee in U.S. Senate over the Lorimer campaign manipulation has been discontinued and reopened for further investigation. From present indications it may be possible some time in the dim, distant future we will revert to popular government of the people, for the people and by the people.

The adoption of a parcels post law is now before the law-makers of the country, and is being urged by the larger cities and dealers in merchandise. In our opinion such a law is for the larger mercantile establishments of the cities and will lead to the centralization of commerce and commercial power and in the end destroy the smaller retail merchant and hamper the progress and prosperity of the towns. Of course if we of the smaller towns and country districts sit still and say nothing such a law will be passed, the country merchant dispensed with and the populace forced to get accommodations from mail order concerns in the future. The country merchant is the standby of the country and when he is gone the country people will remain isolated, the country undeveloped and little inducements will be offered to the settler and home builder.

The thirty-first legislature of Texas is now in session and the pros and antis are engaged what is known as a filibuster to prevent the enactment of a law to regulate the saloon business and liquor traffic. The pros desire to adopt a law requiring saloons to close at eight o'clock in the morning. The antis have inaugurated the filibuster to prevent the measure coming before the house during the session before the ending of the Campbell administration. Democracy is majority rule, and when a minority of any body engages in any tactics to prevent such rule it violates not only the principles of democracy but hampers the very foundation of our government.

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#### THE PARCELS POST.

By Geo. Maxwell, before House of Representatives.

Mr. father was one of the early pioneers of California; went to California in 1849; broke his health down by the hardships of the pioneer life, and died when I was barely 15 years old, leaving my mother a mortgaged farm and three children, of whom I was the oldest. If it had not been for the fact that the family credit was good, to any extent we desired to use it, with the country stores in the town, beyond all question we would have lost the farm, and even then I do not know how we would have gotten through the two years following my father's death until I had got far enough along to earn sufficient support for the family. The country merchants in the town of Sonoma practically carried the family for two years. In the west, in the new country where the settlers are going in and undergoing all the hardships of pioneer life, the country merchant carries the farmer through a bad year, and if the next year is a bad year he carries him another year; but when the farmer gets his profit on his crop he pays up the merchant. What would he do if he did not have that credit? In many cases he would not do anything.

The jobber is the banker of the country merchant in a great many instances; the country merchant is the banker of the farmer in many instances, and if you take away those props you change the whole commercial structure of the country.

I am just as much convinced as I can be of anything that

there is not one farmer in a thousand to whom you might go today and say, "Are you in favor of the parcels post? and who would say "yes" who would favor it if he had sat in this committee room and heard this discussion here at this hearing.

Should the mail trade have a

subsidy it has never been set forth by any advocate of Parcels Post extension.

And yet that is exactly what the proposition amounts to in its practical application. It would not be a subsidy that would create new business where there was none before. If it would do that, it might be an argument in its favor. Instead of doing so, it would take the trade from the merchants, both wholesale and retail, who are now doing it, and transfer it to new and wholly different agencies, who would be enabled to secure the trade because of direct advantage given to the new agencies by the National Government at the expense of the general public.

The farmers of the new and fast developing West do not want the parcels post. They are settling and building homes in a country where the social and educational advantages are limited. They, in the great majority of cases, are not able to pay cash for their supplies and buy such supplies in quantities that would be necessary if they ordered goods from a distance, and the parcels post could not benefit them unless they bought their supplies by mail and eliminated the retail merchant. They need the country merchant and the country town for the market afforded, for the credit extended them in times of need, for assistance of building roads, school and church houses and

isolation and city congestion?

The well-stocked general store of the country town, which the mail trade would destroy, is a great educational influence in itself with its wares of all descriptions displayed to the eye, gathered from many places and

The educational influence of the rural free delivery, and the abundance of literature that the second-class pound rate of postage brings to the farmer's home is what reconciles the people to the heavy deficit now caused by the service. There are 41,000 carriers equipped today for the rapid distribution of and quick delivery of magazines, newspapers and that which every man wants to get as quickly as possible, his letters. In order to make the mail carrier a merchandise carrier you have got to put him under conditions which will delay the delivery of every parcel of mail matter.

#### LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month. J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. R. B. F. Craig, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk.

Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.

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government subsidy? That is a very plain and simple question, and the answer to it will also answer the question whether the shipment and delivery of merchandise by mail should be facilitated and undertaken by the government as advocated by the proponents of the Domestic Parcels Post extension.

If there is any good reason why the mail trade should be encouraged by government sub-

the general advantages offered in many ways. If these farmers were to seek to reap an advantage thru the parcels post, they must do it at the expense of the country towns which would soon be destroyed.

The farmer does not stand alone; He is but an integral part of a social whole, and it is this social solidarity of a country community as a whole, including the country town and village and all of its interests, that form the farmer's character. Isolate the farmer from his fellows and he becomes a different man. Isolation drives human sympathy out of the soul. The isolation and monotony of confinement to the farm has often brought the farmer's wife to the insane asylum. The deadly isolation of the old farm life drove many of the younger generation from the farm to the cities. And now, at this late day, when these evils of isolation have been so clearly demonstrated, should we deliberately promote it by developing a system of trade which tends to drive the country merchant and the country village and town out of existence, and intensify both evils—country

supplying many varied needs. The mental interest is awakened and stimulated by the opportunity it gives to see with one's own eyes the thing that will best supply a need, and discuss its merits and cost with the merchant or his salesman. The social side of human nature is developed by the personal contact involved in such intercourse and the trip to the town or village to make the purchase is oftentimes one of the most agreeable breaks in the monotony of farm life for the farmer and his family.

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### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, John M. Bennett died on the 10th day of January 1911, and

Whereas, by the death of Mr. Bennett Spur lost one of its progressive citizens, a man held high in public esteem, a man of high character and ideals, one who took an active part in all matters of public interest and who enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was a man of sterling qualities, a loving husband and father. A man who had the welfare of his home, his state and his country at heart. In matters of local importance he was always found on the side of right. He cheerfully assumed the duties of citizenship and worked for the common good of his community. Mr. Bennett was a member and director of the Commercial Club, a county Commissioner and a business man of unquestionable integrity.

Therefore, be it resolved by the board of Directors of the Commercial Club of Spur, in meeting assembled, that by the death of Mr. Bennett we have lost a valuable and efficient member and the town has lost a good and true citizen, and be it resolved:

That we extend to the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy in this hour of trouble and grief with them in their great loss, and be it further resolved:

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Commercial Club, a copy sent to the family of our deceased member at Stamford, and copies be furnished to our local papers for publication.

C. A. Jones, Pres.  
Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

Grandma Randolph, of Tap, was a recent visitor to F. C. Gipson and family of Dickens.

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### Election Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Dickens.

Office of the County Judge of Dickens County, Texas.

Whereas, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910, there was presented to the undersigned County Judge of Dickens County, Texas, a petition signed by 64 persons, Citizens of the town of Spur, in said Dickens County, Texas, praying for an election to be ordered to determine whether the said town of Spur shall adopt the commission form of government, and it appearing that said town of Spur is now unincorporated and is a town located in said Dickens County, having a population of less than 10,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding federal census, and said petition is signed by at least 10 per centage of the qualified voters of said town and that said 64 persons are qualified voters of the town of Spur under the Constitution and laws of this State, and it further appearing that the territory to be embraced in the town of Spur and covered by the incorporation prayed for in said petition is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Sterley Avenue with the South line of Harris Street: Thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to a point in the South right of way line of the Wichita Valley Railway, said point being 100 feet Southward from and at right angles to the center line of the main line track of said Railway; thence North on degrees 26 minutes West, parallel with and 100 feet southward from said center line to a point in the south line of Section 244; thence westward with the south line of Section 244 to a point 200 feet southward from and at right angles to the center line of said main line track; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West parallel with and 200 feet southward from the center line track to a point located by the intersection of the West line of Calvert Avenue, if produced southward; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes East with the West line of Calvert Avenue to the intersection with the South line of Harris Street; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the West line of Williams Avenue; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes east with the West line of Williams Avenue to the intersection with North line of Mill Street; thence 66 degrees 26 minutes East with the North line of Mill Street to the intersection with the West line of Miller Avenue; thence Northeastward with the West line of Miller Avenue to the intersection with the North line of the alley that runs north of Blocks 57, 58, 59, and 60; thence Northeastward with the North line of said alley to intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to the intersection with the North line of Hill Street to the intersection with the East line of Sterley Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 36 minutes West with the East line of Sterley Avenue to the place of beginning. All streets, avenues,

blocks and alleys as shown on the map of Spur as recorded in the Records of Deeds of Dickens Co., Texas.

It is therefore ordered that an election be held by the qualified voters of said town of Spur within the boundaries above set forth at Commercial Club thereon on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1911, to determine whether said town shall adopt the Commission form of government, and J. F. Vernon and J. V. McCormick, qualified voters of said town are hereby appointed Judges and S. T. Clemmons and N. A. Baker clerks to hold said election, and J. F. Vernon is hereby designated as the presiding Judge of said election, who shall hold the same in accordance with the general election laws of State on the date and at the place aforesaid and at such election there shall be elected from the qualified voters of said town a Mayor and two Commissioners who

shall serve until the first Tuesday in April, 1911, and said election officers are hereby directed to make returns of said election to me in two days after said election in the manner and form provided by law, and it is further ordered that notice of said election be given by posting three written or printed notices thereof at three public places and by publishing the same in some news paper published in said town.

Given under my official signature and seal at my office in the town of Dickens, Texas, this the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910.

(L. S.) (Signed) F. C. Gipson,  
County Judge, Dickens County, Texas.

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other things. In all essentials we build houses much as we did fifty years ago. The reason is that population is always out-running the supply of houses. Almost anything can be rented in our cities, no matter how cheap, tawdry, or unhomelike it may be.

This I think is verified by New York City. No city in the world approaches the American metropolis in the convenience, attractiveness, and splendor of the office buildings and apartment houses, or the wonderful ingenuity of the hotels. Buildings begin to be antiquated almost as soon as they are completed. Twenty years' time seems a great reduction in their rent, or brings about their demolition. This is not due to the high price of land. If that were the cause, London would surpass New York in splendor, and Chicago would vie with it. It is due to the honest valuation of land and the high tax imposed upon it. And if we carried the tax still higher if we doubled the existing rate, landlords would be compelled to enter a race for tenants just as automobile manufacturers now race for purchasers. House and apartment building and the housing question would be subject to the same laws of competition

that govern other businesses.

This cheapening of land, which can be carried to any extent by taxation, would make city building easy. It would enable parks, boulevards, and docks to be acquired and developed; it would permit the location of public buildings and the opening up of open spaces and playgrounds. Public buildings could be grouped so as to secure the maximum of architectural effect, while suburbs could be laid out in a generous and beautiful manner. There is no reason why the cities of the future should not be garden cities—just such garden cities as Washington, Dusseldorf, Frankfort and a dozen cities in Europe—just such garden cities as have been planned by philanthropists and business men. The only obstacle is the prohibitive price of city land.

The great advantage of the reform suggested lies in the fact that it is automatic. An ounce of taxation will do more to clean up a slum than a score of sanitary policemen. Self-interest is the moving force in all other business. Why should it not be made operative on the land-owner? He has no vested right to be made rich by the growth of the community. Nor has he any vested right to hold land out of use, to block the orderly development of the city, and at the same time make the price of all other land so high that the rents of the whole community are forced up in consequence. For that is what happens. It is the withholding of land from use that explains the high rents of our cities; it is this that lies at the root of the housing problem; it is this that is responsible for the high cost of living—for only a fraction (and a very small fraction) of the land in America is used. And yet it is all owned. And I have never met a land-owner who did not feel that his land was worth from 50 to 100 per cent. more than it would really pro-

duce. Try to buy farming land within twenty miles of any large city and see the prices which are asked. Study the metropolitan values asked for business sites in the Western cities.

The cities of Australasia as well as those of northwest Canada have already recognized the justice as well as the expediency of exempting improvements from local taxation. Nearly a hundred communities in Australasia have abolished the house and improvement-tax, while within the last few years quite a number of the new cities in western Canada have, by municipal action, done the same thing. The inspiration of this action was in each case the same. It was the desire to

check land-speculation and encourage building. And the testimony of all these experiments is to the same effect. Officials, business men, and ordinary citizens unite in admitting that the burden of taxation has tended to the breaking-up of great estates; it has led to an encouragement to building that was unprecedented, and has stimulated not only the building of homes but their ownership as well.

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SPUR, - - - - - TEXAS.

Don H. Biggers, of Lubbock, passed through Spur Thursday. For some time Mr. Biggers has been commercial club secretary at Lubbock and Tahoka. Don Biggers is not only a booster of this Western country but is familiar with its history from the Ranger days, and is one of the most forceful, effective and best writers of all Western Texas. He is a noted character and some day we hope to see Don Biggers reap the reward of his ability and efforts, and become independent of fortune as he is today in character.

C. A. Bobo, of Ranger, came to Spur recently and assumed the management of the Southwestern Telephone Company. Mr. Bobo formerly had charge of the exchange at Ranger. He will move his family here about the first of February and become a resident citizen with us.

Mrs. Annie Adkins returned this week from Flomot where she had been several days on account of the sickness of her father who died at that place Tuesday. The Texas Spur extends sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

Mrs. M. E. Manning and children, of Stamford, arrived in the city Sunday and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Manning having secured a position as assistant cashier of the Spur National Bank.

T. H. Gilmore, of the Spur Ranch, called at the Texas Spur office one day last week and left a silver wheel to keep the paper coming to his address.

The Western Grocery Co. carries a full line of fancy and staple groceries. Call in and see.

J. D. Martin, of the Spur Ranch, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the latter part of last week and left the coin of the realm to have the paper go to his address at Tap, he being located at Red Mud camp at the present time. Mr. Martin has been with the Spurs a number of years and is one of our best citizens.

While in town Tuesday, J. E. Sparks handed us a dollar and said that he just wanted to surprise us. Those kind of surprises are very gratifying and appreciative and contribute to the publication of a bigger and better paper.

Rev. Mike M. Young, formerly of this section of country, came up Saturday and preached interesting sermons to an appreciative audiences at the Christian tabernacle Saturday and Sunday.

E. C. Edmonds, cashier of the First State Bank, went down Thursday to Stamford to meet Mrs. Edmonds and children who have been in Fort Worth several weeks.

R. S. Holman went up to Crosbyton Tuesday to defend a suit in the court against W. A. Craddock of the Wake country.

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F. S. Hastings came up this week from Stamford to attend the meeting of the directors of the Spur National Bank.

C. B. New has accepted a position as book-keeper for the Spur Grain & Coal Company.

Come and examine Mrs. Humphrey's stock of novelties.

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Dr. Bachelor returned the latter part of last week from Dallas where he spent several days on business. We had been informed that Dr. Bachelor attended the sale of town lots at Cross Plains, the terminal town of the T. C. extension, and invested several thousands of dollars for merely speculative purposes, but he informs us that such is not the case.

W. J. Elliott was in the latter part of last week from his Spring Creek ranch and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. For years Mr. Elliott was proprietor of the old Espeula store and has been a factor in the development progress of the country and has contributed much to its present prosperity.

Tol Merriman, of six miles south of Spur, was in the city last week on business. He is one of the old-timers of this section and as a result is one of the best fixed and most substantial men of the country.

R. M. Dickenson came up the latter part of last week from Stamford to look after the Spur Grain & Coal Company's business, of which firm he is a member.

C. L. Love made a business trip Saturday to Stamford and also to visit his family, returning Monday to Spur.

The Western Grocery Co. carries a full line of fancy and staple groceries. Call in and see.

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Call and see the new line of gingham at Mrs. Humphrey's.

### NEW HOPE NOTES.

James Elmore of the state of Colorado, is here on business and to see relatives.

Mrs. W. C. Ballard and daughter, Willie, two of Dicken's most accomplished people, dined at C. M. Buchanan's Saturday.

James Kerlin sold 240 yearling steers for \$21 per head.

M. L. Blakely has built a nice, two story cottage adjoining his other building. Mr. Blakely has also put more land in cultivation.

Dink Arthur has under construction an up-to-date dwelling.

On the evening of January 13 there was a gathering of much interest at the beautiful mansion of Jno. L. Laws. A supper and party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Law's tenth anniversary wedding. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. Supper was served to probably one hundred persons including both old and young. A written ballot was taken and a present given to the most popular married girl, and the prettiest young girl. Mrs. Lillie and Miss Lela Law received the highest number of votes.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry has been called and accepted as pastor of Midway Baptist church.  
Onion.

G. W. Glasgow, of Alpine, is in the city visiting his son, Attorney B. D. Glasgow, and daughter, Mrs. Cephus Hogan and family.

W. F. Godfrey left Monday for Cross Plains, the new terminal town on the Texas Central extension out of De Leon.

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### TAP TELLINGS

The favorable weather the past several days has enabled the farmers to gather the remainder of their cotton.

The gin here made its final run last Friday and Saturday.

C. W. Hinson and family left a few days ago for Roscoe, Champion and other points visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Florence Jenkins and children have returned to their home in Haskel county, after a few days visit here with relatives.

Billie Smith and wife, of Dickens, were here Sunday.

J. H. Sparks has completed a house for S. P. Preslar, which will be occupied by Arney Baker at Spur. Mr. Baker will move this week.

F. L. Allcorn's daughters, Stella and Susie, are here staying with their uncle and attending school here.

Sherrad Smith left a few days since to visit kinfolks near Stamford.

J. E. Sparks has just received a fine registered hog shipped from Oklahoma. People here are paying more attention to fine stock of all kinds.

Gadabout.

Bob Shields and family moved this week to Spur from Alpine where they have made their home during the past four years. Before that time Mr. Shields was a business man, of Dickens and one of the most prominent citizens of the country. The old time friends of Mr. Shields will be glad to note their return and welcome this estimable family back to old Dickens county.

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