

**Cotton 12c**

The price of Cotton has been from 12 cents to 12 1-4 in Spur This Week

# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

**Cotton Seed \$35**

Cotton Seed is bringing \$35 per ton on the Spur market and going higher

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### MERRY WIVES CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Merry Wives Club met with Mrs. P. H. Miller at her home in the city Friday afternoon, January 14, and after a short program to which Miss Rich of Abilene contributed a delightful reading, the following officers for 1916 were elected: Mrs. Oran McClure, President; Mrs. M. E. Manning, Vice President; Mrs. W. Neilon, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Senning, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Ray Dickson, Reporter.

Refreshments of pressed chicken, hot rolls, cake and coffee were served to Mesdames S. R. Davis, M. E. Manning, L. E. Williams, Oran McClure, C. F. Cates, E. C. Edmonds, W. Neilon, C. H. Senning, F. W. Jennings, Ray Dickson.—Reporter.

### FIRE AT THE CITIZENS GIN SATURDAY NIGHT

About nine o'clock Saturday night fire of an unknown origin broke out in the milling department of the Citizens Gin & Power Company, which did considerable damage to that part of the plant.

It could not be learned as to the extent of the damage but we are informed the amount was fully covered by insurance.

The city water was cut off on account of the pumping engine being out of commission. This was somewhat of a handicap to the fire fighters, but this company have some tanks that were full of water and the alert crew, with the assistance of the citizens of the town who came with buckets, soon had the fire under control.

The manager of this company states that the fire of Saturday night will cause the postponement of the opening of the Oil Mill until about February 1st, instead of this week as was contemplated. However, they desire the public to know that the gin was not damaged and that they are now ginning every day as usual.

### A REAL ASSET

J. Carlisle was here last week from his home in the Gilpin community. Mr. Carlisle is an old timer in this country, a good citizen and successful farmer. He is always ready to assist and push any move to advance and develop his section and the country in general and is one of the real assets of the great Spur country. There is always room in any country for such men as Mr. Carlisle and we are glad to number him among our friends.

### SHIPPING PEANUTS

D. H. Sullivan is now buying peanuts and shipping them to other parts of the state. He shipped the first car load last week and expects to ship several more before the end of the season in this country. Mr. Sullivan is maintaining a local market for all classes of farm products and is becoming noted as a persistent price booster, he having bought cotton seed throughout the past season at prices ranging from one to three dollars per ton higher than other nearby markets.

### PERRY FITE ON TRIAL AT SEYMOUR, TEXAS

The trial of Perry Fite, charged with the "theft of cows" in Dickens county, is now being heard at Seymour, Texas. This case was transferred from Dickens county upon the statement to Judge Dickson by Sheriff Conner that he did not think twelve men in Dickens county would qualify as jurors. Other powers that be in official circles may have testified that the citizenship of Dickens county could or would not give the defendant a verdict of conviction regardless of testimony. However that may be, the case is being heard in Baylor county instead of Dickens county, and a hundred or more witnesses have been forced to attend this trial at the expense of both the county of Dickens and the individuals.

Among those in attendance are: W. J. Elliot, Tom McArthur, Luther Jones, Ned Bowers, J. B. Conner, J. J. Rogers, A. C. Lewis, J. O. Yopp, Witt Springer, Joe Terry, George Avrell, G. B. Jopling, W. C. Martin, J. Anderson Davis, Mr. Gibson, J. B. Morrison, J. E. Borden, D. A. Young, W. D. Wilson, C. F. Cates, B. D. Glasgow, Perry Fite and wife and two daughters, W. L. Hyatt, W. F. Shugart, C. D. Copeland, J. I. Mecom, B. F. Bural, T. S. Lambert, J. A. Koon, L. N. Riter, Sam Clemmons, R. L. Collier, J. N. Luce, N. Q. Brannen, W. R. Stafford, J. M. McMahan, Cephus Hogan, Frank Goff, N. A. Baker, J. E. Counts, Sol Davis, H. P. Cole, George Greenwade, J. M. Foster, T. A. Ham, W. J. Lewis, B. T. McArthur, H. J. Derrick, W. Neilon, G. A. Howsley, A. S. Jackson, C. H. Senning, Jeff D. Harkey, Frank Hastings, A. J. Swenson, P. H. Miller, W. K. Perry, J. F. Vernon and R. L. Dickerson.

We understand that the expense of this trial will amount to no less than twenty five hundred dollars to Dickens county tax payers.

While the evidence is not yet in on this case, from the best information we can gather the state will try to prove that Perry Fite shipped and sold a number of cow hides from stock owned by W. J. Lewis. The defendant, Perry Fite, will try to prove that he purchased the cattle from parties within the Spur country and that the charge of theft is wholly unfounded.

No evidence has yet been given in the case, and pending convicting evidence this writer for one will continue our faith in Perry Fite as an honest, upright citizen. This writer has been yanked up by officers on one or two occasions upon unfounded charges, been forced to expend good hard earned dollars to show and prove our innocence, and for these reasons we will be on the side of the defendant until substantial evidence is offered to prove us wrong.

We believe that the citizenship of Dickens county could and would have given Perry Fite a fair trial and thus saved the tax payers many dollars.

### BRIGHTEN UP

Don't you find that a baby brightens up a household wonderfully? "Yes," sighed the brand-new parent, "we have the lights going most of the night now."

Now as we enter 1916 let us try to be bright, cheerful, encouraging and helping all we can to lighten the hearts of those about us. Now to the husbands we would suggest getting your wife a New Lilly Darling Cook Stove. Nothing better to lighten her burdens and it will lighten the biscuits. Now men you don't always tote fair with your wife. When you need a \$65 plow you proceed to go to town and buy it whether you have the money or not and maybe your wife is using an old worn out sewing machine. Possibly you think you can't afford to buy her a new one. Be consistent, we are offering the White Machine, the same as you pay \$60 for from an agent, at \$40 out of stock. Why not take advantage of this opportunity and buy one of these exceptional values which will lighten the good wife's burdens.

Uncle Bill Perry and J. F. Vernon of our force are enjoying a visit to Seymour this week. Sanders Taylor's little son is very much improved and Sanders is on the job again. Mr. Ensey and wife have returned from their Christmas vacation and Mr. Ensey is ready to serve you in his department. Mr. Austin Rogers has been gripping but is able to come to the store again. Higginbotham is holding his good looks notwithstanding the extreme cold weather.

Wire! Wire! Wire! We have lots of it now and you had better supply your wants because everything that has iron in it is advancing rapidly. Let us sell you a Buster Planter, sight feed. The one that keeps your rows straight and makes your horses laugh on account of its lightness. One of our Stag Sulky plows will fix your land right. It pays to get your seed bed well prepared before planting. You can't wait until the weeds get knee high in the spring and then expect to make a crop even in Dickens county.

We want to meet the new comers. Come around and tell us your troubles. Our Mr. Link has spent his life in West Texas, also most of our boys are West Texas broke and we know something about farming and ranching as well as merchandising. Let us help you if we can.

Wheat is advancing and flour is high, but the prospects are for higher flour. We want to supply you with Light Crust. It is no economy to buy cheap flour. We could handle flour that we could sell for 75 cents less per hundred, but we find the people of the country want quality.

Yes it is cold but maybe it will stop the boll weevil and other insects that seem to be marching westward like the Germans invading Russia. Say let's try and see good in all God's provinces during 1916. If we do this it surely will be a great year. In the meantime come to Bryant-Link Company to spend your extra CASH.

Bryant-Link Company.

### MARVIN JONES ADDRESSES VOTERS IN THIS SECTION

Hon. Marvin Jones, of Amarillo, and who is making the race for Congress from this, the Thirteenth Congressional District, opened his campaign in this section by addressing the voters here Saturday afternoon.

In a few well chosen words Rev. E. E. White introduced the speaker who took his stand in an auto in front of the Riter Hardware Company's store and presented to the voters his claims for the office.

Mr. Jones is a self-made man and one who deserves due consideration of every voter in this district. He believes in a business administration and promises if elected to do all he can for the development of this Western country instead of trying to depopulate it by securing homes in the Indian Reservations in Oklahoma for people in this district as he says the present incumbent is now doing.

He challenged anyone to show or name one thing that Mr. Stephens had ever done that was a direct benefit to the people of this district, and says that it seems that a man who had drawn \$117,500 from the treasury of the United States, who had accomplished absolutely nothing for his constituents, ought to be willing to retire and give some one else a chance to do something for the people who had honored him for twenty years.

Among the things that Mr. Jones advocates is the withdrawal of all ambassadors to foreign countries and sending trade representatives instead. He will advocate a Rural Credits bill and the Government ownership of a merchant marine.

For an hour the speaker held a large crowd attentively that had gathered on the street to hear him. His address was well received as was evidenced by the large number who came to him after he had finished his talk and promised him their support.

From here Mr. Jones went to Amarillo, going through the country in an auto.

### RECEIVES A GIFT

C. F. Cates is now driving a new Ford car. This car was presented to Mr. Cates by the Spur Farm Lands management for a Christmas present. Mr. Cates is one of the best real estate salesmen in the country, a good citizen, a real booster and in fact is a good man any way you take him. The Spur country is lucky to have such men as Mr. Cates numbered in its citizenship.

### CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce Crawford Cobb as a candidate for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk of Dickens county subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held in July. Crawford Cobb has held the office of County and District Clerk during the past three terms and his record is before the people for their approval or rejection. Mr. Cobb is well known to the majority of the voters of Dickens county. He is qualified to fill the office and if re-elected will no doubt make Dickens county an efficient officer.

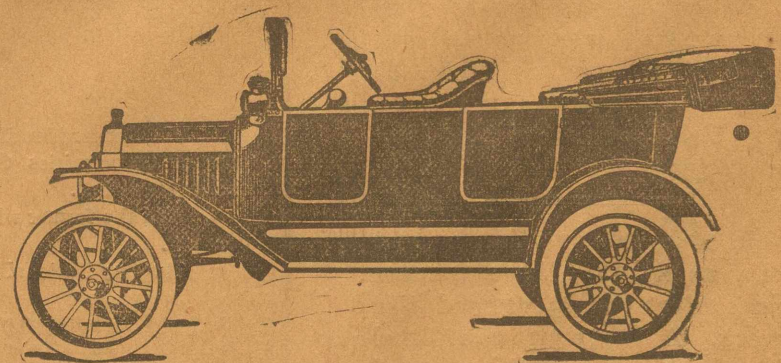
We ask every voter to give the candidacy of Crawford Cobb a deserved consideration before voting in the July primary.

### BIG YIELD ON SMALL FARM IN SPUR COUNTRY

A. L. King was in the city Friday from his home in the Cat Fish country and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and greeting his friends. While here he was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and gave us some figures regarding the yield of different farm products raised on his place in 1915 which are as follows: 1026 1-2 bushels of peanuts on 30 acres, 260 bushels corn on 16 acres, six tons maize on 6 acres, three bales of cotton on six acres, and five loads of sorghum on one acre. We believe this yield will compare favorably with the one hundred dollar lands of other sections of this and other states. Incidentally Mr. King had one and one-fourth acres in orchard and garden plots from which he sold over sixty dollars worth of products after the family had used a liberal quantity.

### BRIGHTENS OUR LIFE

R. P. Davis was among the visitors to Spur Monday. While here he was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and handed us a check for five dollars for five years subscription to the Texas Spur and for which he has our sincere thanks. Mr. Davis is one the men who dates the beginning of his subscription to the first issue of this paper. Such men as Mr. Davis are the ones who brighten the editor's life and encourage us to do our utmost for the country.



**Fords and Buicks--- CAR LOAD**  
Just Received  
**W. F. GODFREY**  
Salesman Spur, Texas

Touring Cars, \$440 00  
Roadsters . . \$390 00  
F. O. B. Detroit

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**IN** Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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#### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Another week has passed and no new candidates for sheriff.

You have but a few days in which to pay your poll tax. Do it today.

Hon. Morris Sheppard has introduced a bill in Congress to reduce the postage on letters from two cents to one cent.

Submission will again be on the ballot in the July primaries and if carried a statewide prohibition election will be held in 1917.

The coming year seems to be one in which ever one will get his money's worth for what he spends for a poll tax receipt. All officers are to be elected from constable to president.

It pays to advertize, and we offer as proof for this statement an incident which occurred this week. A fur muff was found Monday between Dickens and Spur, and the finder called in and inserted a little notice to this effect and the owner of the muff was found before the paper came out.

An article elsewhere in this issue of the Texas Spur says Texas has 92,000 farms that have no cows and 124,000 farms that have no pigs. We don't believe that Dickens county has many farms in this class, if any.

Hon. Marvin Jones, candidate for Congress from this district, is making a thorough canvass of the Panhandle country. He is seeing the people and making friends where ever he goes. In his address here Saturday he made a strong impression on the voters of this section.

The killing of nineteen Americans by Mexicans bandits near Chihuahua was a deplorable affair, and one which causes many to wish for an invasion of Mexico by the United States. These unfortunate men went into Mexico where these treacherous outlaws are committing such deeds continually—they went there on their own accord, but if this country was plunged into war many a young man would be

forced to shed his blood upon the land where the greasers dwell. Let's be thankful that we have a man in the White House who believes in peace.

To say that twelve men could not be secured in Dickens county who would render a verdict according to law and evidence for or against Perry Fite is absurd. Dickens county has as good a citizenship as any county in the Lone Star State and the public official who is inclined to believe otherwise has little or no confidence in the integrity of the people he has aspired to serve.

We observe from the Waco Morning News that Bob Collier is the champion pig raiser of McLennan county. For this accomplishment he received a cash prize of twelve dollars and fifty cents. He raised nine pigs in one litter. That's nothing. Dickens county has a Bob Collier that can beat that, to say nothing of him being the next Sheriff of this county.

#### TAP TELLINGS

Christmas has come and gone and the children will not be good any more for a year.

Grandpa, Grandma and Lotella Sparks are on the sick list this week.

Our school is now in progress with Miss Goode, of Plainview, in charge.

R. A. Pirkle, of Cleburne, is in our section this week visiting relatives and prospecting.

T. S. Lambert was among the number who had to attend court at Seymour this week. Ye scribe didn't know anything and didn't have to go.

Some of our farmers have as much cotton to gather yet as the most farmers made "back-east" where the land is selling to some "Hay-seed" for three times as much as it is here.

Mrs. Mattie Smith died Sunday, January 16, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Harrell. Mattie had been suffering for several months of consumption when the Death Angel came and sum-

moned her to her reward in that Great Beyond. She leaves a husband and four little children and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Mr. Campbell, a salesman for the Spalding Buggy Company, is in this section this week. He has made several sales.

Some farmers have already begun turning the soil for another crop. When we tell a man that's from "Back-East" that we make big crops here in less than six months he don't call you a liar but they look like they don't believe it. Nevertheless its so.

I want all the writers to the Texas Spur from over the country to come on with the items. I enjoy reading them. Tell us what your community is doing. We are wide awake over here in this neck of the woods. Preaching twice a month and a good Sunday School in connection. If this doesn't find the waste basket I'll come again next week.  
—Kid-a-lude.

Why buy bread baked out of town when the home-baked bread is better in every respect and bigger in the loaf? Get your next loaf from the German Kitchen and be convinced. 49-ff.

W. A. Valentine, formerly of Archer county but who is now making his home on P. Hinson's farm in the Tap country, was in Spur Thursday on business. While here Mr. Valentine called in at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our subscription list, he also took advantage of clubbing rate with the Dallas News. We sincerely thank Mr. Valentine and hope that he will make more cotton and feed stuff per acre than he has ever raised before.

### The Farmer and His Bank

The farmer identified with the City National Bank as a depositor is better prepared to take advantage of opportunities than one who has no balance in the bank, no acquaintance there and no banking credit established.

And the farmer who knows clearly how to use the bank has a great advantage over the one who does not.

The City National Bank gives especial attention to the business of farmers and invites their accounts.

#### THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000  
E. C. EDMONDS Cashier C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier G. H. CONNELL, President S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres. J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

# When You Turn Under Bolls, You Protect

## Weevil and other Insects through the winter

Pull all the bolls, opened and unopened, and bring them to the gin. We get out the cotton for you and burn the hulls and all insects in our furnace. You make good money by doing this. We gin every day. We are well prepared to handle this rough stuff and give you good turnout and sample. The fire of Saturday Night has not prevented us from ginning.

# Citizens Gin & Power Company,

Spur, Texas

### LET TEXAS FEED HERSELF CAMPAIGN NOW ON

The "Let-Texas-Feed-Herself" campaign starts off with some very disagreeable facts to face. There are in Texas 92,000 farms which have no cows, and a farm without cows is no farm at all. It means a farm whose occupants are poorly fed because of the lack of milk and butter, a table that is not supplied with the wholesome food of which both milk and butter are ingredients, and a family treasury depleted of the money which cows bring to the thrifty housewife. It also means a farm without the garden that barn lot manure would make possible.

Two cows on each of these 92,000 farms would in food value be worth \$9,200,000 to the occupants of the farm and realize enough money to pay taxes on the farms.

There are 124,000 farms in Texas which have no pigs, and each of them could, without expense, produce ten hogs annually worth at the lowest estimate \$120. That would mean \$14,880,000 to the occupants of these farms and would

more than pay for the cured meat that is now bought at the store.

There are 60,000 farms without poultry. In food for the table, and poultry and eggs for sale, poultry on these farms would yield \$6,000,000 that the occupants lose by the lack of thrift.

There are 306,000 farms in Texas which produce no forage. That means a loss of at least \$20,000,000 for which there is no excuse. Texas is capable of producing forage enough to feed ten times the number of animals within her border without diminishing production in other lines.

There are 369,000 farms in Texas which do not raise sweet potatoes. Here nearly \$4,000,000 at the lowest estimate is lost to the tables of these farms, to say nothing of the millions of dollars that might come in cash for a surplus.

If agriculture in the German empire were conducted as it is in Texas, the German nation would have starved to death by now, but with far less arable area than Texas, Germany has fed a population of more than 60,000,000 people, or nearly fifteen times the population of Texas. With resources scarcely paralleled by any similar

area in the world, Texas is compelled to spend the proceeds of her money crop to buy food outside.

This condition lies at the very basis of such poverty as exists in this state. It is an obstacle to the progress of the state. It is a prime cause of discontent. It is the weight that keeps our standards of living down. It obstructs the progress of education. It renders farm life unendurable for tens of thousands.

It the "Let-Texas-Feed-Herself" campaign can be prosecuted to a complete victory, it will be a greater victory than has been won in the European war.—Houston Post.

### LET'S PREVENT FIRES

The year 1915 is now history. Its fire record has been made and cannot be corrected. To the future only may we look with the hope of reducing fire waste in this state and conserving the resources that have been built at the expense of time, energy and money. During the year 1916, the State Fire Insurance Commission expects to make the hardest fight of its existence against preventable fires. In this fight, we solicit the co-operation of all good citizens and public officials and, particularly, do we believe the Department has a right to expect the loyal assistance and cordial support of every fire marshal whose especial duty it is to work to prevent fires. It being an admitted fact that more than fifty per cent of the fire waste in this state is preventable, it should be the laudable ambition of everyone to be able to say, at the end of the year, that not a single fire occurred owing to a condition which could have been or should have been corrected or removed.

In the fight against preventable fires, we shall expect that every city fire marshal will co-operate with us; that they may make regular inspection for the purpose of locating and having removed physical fire damages; that reports of such inspections be made to the State Fire Insurance Commission at the end of each month; that every fire that occurs be investigated and a report of the result of such investigation made to this Department; that prompt reports on the correction of hazards pointed out by Inspectors of the State Fire Insurance Commission be made. And, more than all, we shall urge a vigorous enforcement of all local fire prevention ordinances, and the Department here and now pledges its co-operation to the end that all of these things may be done in such a manner as to bring the best results in fire prevention during the current year.—S. W. English, State Fire Marshal.

### SERMON BY A LAYMAN

We know a man who started active live about thirty years ago, a brilliant young fellow with a very good salary as a start and whose future seemed an assured success. But he was loose in his methods, he contracted debts he could not pay, he used every known variety of excuse for not paying, he was regarded as doubtful, and later as a dangerous risk. In the course of time he lost his position and then tried to embark in business for himself, but his reputation as a payer could not be hid under a bushel; he has drifted here and there and today those who know him would be no more inclined to credit, trust or have confidence in his word than they would be disposed to drop a lighted match into a cargo of loose powder.

The fatal step is taken when a man uses his first excuse for non-payment, when, with a little sacrifice, he could send a check instead. The first excuse works, it puts off the day of payment, it leads to other excuses to stay off other creditors and it does not take long in this way to destroy all prospects of further credit or confidence.

The business world looks upon with distrust and will not recommend any man, who, to any considerable extent, uses excuses at

the proper time for non-payment of honest debts instead of sending checks. Furthermore those who are chronically late in paying hurt themselves far more than they do others. Last but not least they cannot be tardy in such matters and keep it a secret.—Ex.

### RESIGNS MANAGEMENT

Julian M. Bassett, of Crosbyton, has resigned the management of the business of the C. B. Livestock Company, large land and cattle holders of that county, and will devote his time to his personal business. His resignation became effective January 1.

A. B. Spencer, former manager of the Crosbyton Plains Railway Co., has succeeded Mr. Bassett as manager of the C. B. Livestock Company.—Floydada Hesperian.

Herman Suttles, an employee on the Paddle Ranch, was in Spur on business Tuesday of this week.

W. C. Borley, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was among the large number of business visitors here Tuesday.

B. F. Rogers came in Tuesday from his home in the Dry Lake community and spent some time in the city greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

No. 10703  
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1915.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b) \$102,708.13	
Total loans	102,708.13
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$7,669.02; unsecured, \$1,594.92	9,263.94
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) \$10,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds	10,000.00
4. e Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stock) owned unpledged 4,643.05	4,643.05
Total bonds, securities, etc.	4,643.05
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank 3,000.00	
a Less amount unpaid 1,500.00	1,500.00
7. Banking house (if unencumbered)	7,750.00
8. Furniture and fixtures	2,150.00
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	4,396.11
11. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis 1,556.34	
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities 9,605.49	11,161.83
12. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)	263.63
14. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	553.68
15. a Outside checks and other cash items 325.00	
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents 101.80	426.80
16. Notes of other national banks	3,660.00
18. Coin and certificates	1,907.05
19. Legal-tender notes	3,500.00
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	500.00
22. Customers' liability account of "Acceptances"	26,245.48
Total	\$190,629.70
LIABILITIES	
24. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
25. Surplus fund	10,000.00
26. Undivided profits \$3,692.74	3,692.74
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid 0	3,692.74
27. Circulating notes	10,000.00
31. Dividends unpaid	2,000.00
Demand deposits:	
32. Individual deposits subject to check	104,121.58
35. Cashier's checks outstanding	950.25
Total demand deposits, Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39. 105,071.83	
Time Deposits (payable after 30 days or requiring 30 days notice):	
40. Certificates of deposit	600.00
Total of time deposits, Items 40, 41 and 42. 600.00	
46. a Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank	1,265.13
47. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	18,000.00
Total	\$190,629.70

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Jan., 1916.  
OSCAR JACKSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
P. H. Miller,  
T. E. Standifer,  
S. R. Davis,  
Directors.

No. 9611  
Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas at the close of business December 31st, 1915.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b) \$235,631.89	
Total loans	\$235,631.89
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$2,497.68; unsecured, \$2,497.68	2,497.68
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 25,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds	25,000.00
4. e Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged 366.21	366.21
Total bonds, securities, etc.	366.21
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank \$7,200.00	
a Less amount unpaid 3,600.00	3,600.00
7. Banking house (if unencumbered)	25,000.00
8. Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
9. Other real estate owned	500.00
10. Due from Federal Reserve Bank	8,950.19
11. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis 11,106.17	
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities 14,473.94	25,580.11
12. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)	18,256.91
14. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	355.74
15. a Outside checks and other cash items \$111.91	
b Fractional currency, nickels and cents 24.55	136.46
16. Notes of other national banks	500.00
17. Federal Reserve notes	250.00
18. Coin and certificates	11,391.35
19. Legal-tender notes	1,000.00
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
Total	\$365,266.54
LIABILITIES.	
24. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
25. Surplus fund	20,000.00
26. Undivided profits 12,098.57	12,098.57
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid, 1915 taxes 2,115.51	9,983.06
27. Circulating notes outstanding	24,550.00
Demand deposits:	
32. Individual deposits	207,672.47
35. Cashier's checks outstanding	945.50
Total demand deposits, Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 208,617.97	
51. Liabilities other than those above stated: Set aside to pay 1915 taxes not yet due 2,115.51	
Total	\$365,266.54

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, M. E. Manning, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
M. E. Manning, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Jan., 1916.  
S. T. CLEMMONS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
R. C. Forbis,  
R. V. Colbert,  
Clifford B. Jones,  
Directors.

# A Better Program at the Lyric

We are pleased to inform our patrons that we will soon receive the new \$8,000,000.00 Mutual Program which will give us four reels each day at the same price--10c. Come out and enjoy an hour's entertainment these long nights. There is no other way that you can spend a dime that will give you as much pleasure as you will get here for ten cents. Below is our program for Fariday and Saturday:

Friday, January 21

Only A Messenger Boy..... Keystone  
 Only A Messenger Boy—Part Two..... Keystone  
 A Bold Impersonation..... Reliance  
 A Bold Impersonation—Part Two..... Reliance

Saturday, January 22

A Child of the Surf..... Majestic  
 A Child of the Surf—Part Two..... Majestic  
 Mutual Weekly 39..... Mutual  
 Dottie's New Doll..... Thanhouser

A Masterpicture  
Each Week

## THE LYRIC THEATRE

SPUR, TEXAS

The Goddess on  
Thursdays

### EVERYBODY!

COMES TO

### JOE'S PLACE

MEET THEM

### THERE!

#### WILSON AND BRYAN

William Jennings Bryan has thrown down the gauntlet to President Wilson. William Jennings Bryan and forty Texas immortals claimed the credit of the nomination of Woodrow Wilson at Baltimore. William Jennings Bryan entered the presidential cabinet as secretary of state. William Jennings Bryan held the job down for fourteen months. Then he resigned and took to the road as an apostle of peace. The last issue of the Commoner has been received. Under the caption, "Why Not Trust the Democrats?" the man who nominated Wilson at Baltimore says:

"Is it expecting too much of the President to expect him to trust the Democrats in congress to share with him the responsibility of deciding for what amount of preparedness the party shall stand?"

"This having been declared by the President to be the paramount issue, is it fair to ignore the Democratic majority in both houses and ask Republicans to help him force his views upon his own party?"

"What reason has he to question the patriotism of Democratic sena-

tors and representatives? Were they not elected by the tame voters who elected dim? And have they not stood by him in carrying out the pledges of his platform when Republicans did their best to defeat his measures?"

"Now a new question has arisen and, on the ground that the war compels it, he asks for the adoption of a military and naval policy which the leading Republicans favored before the war, but which the Democratic party has opposed. Why does he, elected before the war began, discredit the judgment of the Democrats of the house, all of whom were elected after the war commenced?"

"All of these congressmen, if candidates for re-election, will be effected by the action taken on preparedness—do they not deserve to be consulted?"—W. J. Bryan.

This number of the Commoner fairly bristles with spears thrust at the national administration and Democrats who are for preparedness. Editor Bryan says the Democratic opposition in the house to the preparedness programme has grown from thirty to ninety in three months and that manufacturers of munitions insist on immediate action.

"Rush the preparedness programme through in haste and repent at leisure seems to be the motto of the jingoes," is a Bryanian accusation. Readers of the Commoner and voters who are not readers are urged by Editor Bryan to write to their congressmen, to their senators and to the President protesting against the preparedness programme.

Editor Bryan says that individual letters are better than petitions because they express a personal interest, and personal interest expressed has its influence on a public servant.

Editor Bryan makes sharp comment on the sinking of the Persia. "American citizens should not be

#### NOTICE

Dr. Daly, of Abilene, will be in Spur January 26th and 27th. Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear and Throat and fitting glasses.

—References from people who were once blind but who can now see to read.

Office With Dr. Morris.

permitted to travel on belligerent ships," he writes. "Why should an American, by his foolhardiness, drag his country into war or even to the verge of a diplomatic break? If he has no consideration for his own safety or for his government's welfare he should be restrained by law."

Belligerent ships, the Commoner says, should be denied clearance or entry if they carry American passengers; that will keep this country out of controversy that may hereafter be raised by submarine warfare. This isn't all. Editor Bryan says congress should act at once, and it should be made a violation of statutory law for passenger ships of neutral countries, including our own, to carry contraband and passengers.—Fort Worth Record.

For Sale—640 acres land located in Kent county 6 miles north of Jayton, 4 miles south of Girard and 20 miles south of Spur. 500 acres in cultivation, all entire section fenced hog proof with 36 inch hog fence of 1 by 4 inch mesh, 2 wells and windmills, 1 gasoline engine 5 1-2 horse power, all necessary tools to work land such as binders, harrows, cultivators, gang plows, disc plows, lister planters, go-devils, etc., harness for 16 head work stock, large barn, plank lots, hog houses thoroughly equipped to raise hogs, large 7-room house with bath room and fixtures, gas lighting system also gas cooking, large gas plant, 2 large zinc cisterns, 1 cement cistern. This is a handsome bungalow with plate glass doors and windows. There are 12 work horses and mules, all young stock, 6 fine milk cows, 50 head of thoroughbred hogs. Will sell at \$35 per acre, one-half down, balance to suit purchaser.—Gertrude Pursley, Jayton, Texas. 12-3mo.

N. B. Fuqua came in Thursday from his home twelve miles southeast and spent a short time in the city trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

#### FROM THE WATCH TOWER

Taking stock of yourself on New Year's day is like talking things over with your wife. The way you survey past and future is almost identical in both cases. Suppose the two of you are checking up the past together; it is not usually the matters that are pleasantest to contemplate that you dwell on, but the errors, the plans badly laid or badly executed, the ambitions wrongly directed, the children overindulged or narrow-mindedly shackled, the needless misunderstandings, bickerings, recriminations, and heartaches. This is the mood in which you look back, alike when you chat with your better half or converse silently with the better half of yourself. Or suppose it is the future that is at issue. With what high resolve you peer at the horizon. Now your surmise is all of the good things that may lie ahead; the confidence that you will be brave enough to slough off the littleness and weakness of long standing, the clearness of vision that will enable you to detect reefs in time, the resolve to be broad-minded and tolerant, the determination to resent the sight of injustice or untruth, the anticipated joy of noble deeds planned and accomplished. This is the rosy dream. Not all of it will or possibly can come true. But yours the task—alike in marriage and in all life—so to mold the future that each new year will make it less painful for you to look back upon the past.—Collier's.

N. A. Hinson, of the Tap community, called at the Texas Spur office Thursday and handed us a check for one dollar and six bits for a year's subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas News and for which he has our thanks.

### THE BEST CAR

Value for 1916  
IS

### THE NEW GRANT SIX

AT

\$865.00 Delivered

Will "show you" for only your address on post card, too.

### DARDEN & TAYLOR

Clairemont, Texas

I am in the market for second hand furniture.—A. A. Fry at the Racket Store.

J. H. Meadors came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours in the city on business.

Dennis J. Harkey, of Dickens, was among the number of visitors in the city Tuesday.

County Clerk Crawford Cobb, of Dickens, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Tuesday.

T. D. Ford received a painful injury Monday when he slipped and fell on the sidewalk, tearing the cartilage in his arm. It was necessary for him to undergo an operation in treatment for the limb.

Strayed—Out of pasture 2 miles north and 8 miles east of Lubbock: 1 bay horse mule, 16 1-2 hands, 6; 1 gray horse mule, 16 hands, 8; 1 bay mare mule, 16 hands, 2; 1 gray mare, 15 1-2 hands, 7; 4 pony mules about 14 hands; 2 coming yearling colts, all unbranded. Reward for return or information. W. E. Bell, Lubbock, Texas. 12-1

### The City Garage

GENERAL REPAIR WORK

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

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

Oil and Gas

### Westside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

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

## SPECIAL SALE!

At the Racket Store

Beginning Mon., Jan. 24, Lasting 10 Days

We will give ten per cent off on every bill of goods bought in our store during these ten days. This is a special get acquainted, and get our line of high grade merchandise before the people, Sale. Remember, the date, beginning January 24, and lasting ten days only, at the Racket Store.

## A. A. FRY, Prop.

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

**..J. P. SIMMONS..**

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

**PICTURE PROGRAM**

Following is the program at the Lyric Theatre for the week beginning Monday, January 24.

<b>Monday</b>	
The Man and the Law.....	Gaumont
Two Parts	
Hidden Crime.....	Reliance
<b>Tuesday</b>	
The Father.....	Reliance
Two Parts	
In Danger Hour.....	Thanhouser
A Bully Affair.....	Beauty
<b>Wednesday</b>	
In Trust.....	American
Two Parts	
The Indian Trappers Vindication.....	Reliance
Pansy's Prison Pies.....	Falstaff
<b>Thursday</b>	
The Bowl Bearer.....	Thanhouser
Two Parts	
For Love of Mary Ellen.....	Majestic
Plot and Counterplot.....	Beauty
<b>Friday</b>	
The Unsuspected Isles.....	Rialto
Three Part Masterpicture	
Jerry and the Gunman.....	Cub
<b>Saturday</b>	
The Conscience of Juror 10.....	Thanhouser
See America First and Keeping Up With the Joneses.....	Gaumont
Touring With Tillie.....	Beauty

**V. C. Smart Spur-Roaring Springs**

Auto Service via Dickens and Afton  
Phone Southwestern No. 78  
Leave Spur 8:00 Arrive Roaring Springs 11:20  
Leave Roaring Springs 12:30 Arrive Spur 5:20

**PUBLICITY IS THE THING**

Is there to be a battle royal between the auto and the gun makers? Henry Ford and Walter Durant are the principals in financial struggle in which millions of dollars will be expended in competition, according to men close to both magnates. The two men hold exactly opposite views on international affairs.

Ford opposes war and all plans for war, while the Du Pont Powder Company is said to be behind Durant. It is asserted that Durant is about to place on the market a car that will compete with the Ford. Rumor now says James Couzens, who recently left the Ford organization, will be employed as the chief director of this new organization, although Couzens' friends deny this. Ford is said to be maintaining a paid lobby of newspaper men at Washington to fight President Wilson's preparedness program and it is alleged that these agents are meeting opposition at every point from Durant's paid agents. Then there are publicity agents for the powder makers who are for preparedness, and war publicity agents for the auto maker who is for peace and plenty and prosperity for all. Washington is crowded with publicity agents. Are these wise and patriotic sons of the fourth estate on the pay rolls of plutocracy? If so, there should be a fighting brigade of publicity agents organized to lead the army of intervention in Mexico. Then it could be demonstrated once and for all if the sword is mightier the typewriter. Turn them loose! —Fort Worth Record.

Earl Wright was here Tuesday from Draper.

J. E. Wright, of the Draper country, is reported quite sick this week.

W. E. Duke, of several miles south, was in Spur this week on business and trading with the merchants.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS**

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Spur, Texas. When calling for same please say "advertised".

- Baker, G. L.
- Barnard, Harvey
- Bitton, Earnest
- Bloodworth, L. P.
- Bossey, J. B.
- Brwiant, William
- Brown, Willie
- Bryant, Etherage
- Childress, J. T.
- Coplin, Bass
- Cooley, R. B.
- Colman, Josh
- Criswell, George
- Cuny, Bailey M.
- Davis, Ben
- Dodds, A. G.
- Dulse, W. E.
- Dupree, Sam (2)
- Fox, J. A.
- Gillman, R.
- Greer & Hatfield Show
- Hammons, Oma
- Harley, Will
- Harris, Dency
- Henderson, J. T.
- Hopper, Philip
- Huges, Tommie
- Jarvis, John
- Jayner, Chas.
- Johnson, Earnest
- Kelly, Chuin
- Kinard, J. R.
- Lamb, J. D.
- Lewis, L. W.
- Love, Andrew
- Maxey, Leo
- Minihan, H. P.
- Murry, Andrew
- Price, Hallie
- Rucker, Bill
- Sample, C. W.
- Simpson, T. M.
- Sullivan, Fred
- Swadley, Ed
- Taymon, W. B.
- Thornton, Hattie
- Thomas, Mathew
- Tim, J. B.
- Williams, J. H.
- Wilbert, Will
- Wright, J. P.
- Wyatt Zabe Dill
- Young, T. S.
- McConnell, Walter
- McCay, Sam (2)
- McDaniel, Ray
- McKnight, William E.
- Breyles, Myrtle
- Butler, Mrs. Isiac
- Birdwell, Mary
- Cooper, Mrs. Jauna
- Dunn, Jennita
- Franklin, L. B. (2)
- Green, Mrs. F. C.
- Harrison Mrs. Tommie
- Harvey, R. E.
- Harris, Mrs. Ida L.
- Hanson, Mollie
- Jones, Willie
- Robison, Alice M.
- Smith Mollie
- Stephenson, Bell
- Travis, Mrs. Ada
- Wiley, Mrs. B.
- Williams, Eliza
- Wilson, May
- Wright, Willie
- McKnight, Eliza
- Banner, J. H.
- Ballard, Lee
- Burner, G. W.
- Colbert, T. A.
- Ethridge, R.
- Fisher, J. & W.
- Franklin, J. H.
- Harvey, R. E.
- Harrison, L. C.
- Hall, Joe
- Hawkens, Frankie
- Jackson, Drew
- Jackson, Tom
- Jones, Tom
- Kellar, Andy
- Krant, Albert
- Maley, Manrol
- Moore, Byron
- Moore, J. A.
- Morris, Noah
- McCammant, J. H.
- McDonald, C. E.
- Niels, Elmo

**JACKSON REALTY CO.**

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.

**Notary Public in the Office.**

- Overton, Robert
- Pool, W. M.
- Potts, Chester
- Polk, Jessie
- Roberson, Will
- Shepard, Willie
- Texas Furniture Co.
- Warren, R. C.
- Cross, Mrs. Nat
- Elrod, Miss Ethel
- Harrison, Miss Mamie H.
- Hammer, Robert
- Harvey, Mrs. R. E.
- Hoosier, Mrs. Bettie
- Liggon, Mrs. Pete
- Onyon, Miss Velma
- Robison, Miss Alice
- Stone, Miss Maud
- Watt, Mrs. Winnie
- Williams, Malinda

O. B. Martin is a victim of the gripe.

J. W. Dunn, the congenial proprietor of the German Kitchen, has been confined to his bed for several days suffering of the la grip.

For Sale—Good four-room house and lot in Spur, conveniently located.—For price and terms address J. R. Green, Girard, Texas. 12-2t.

Miss Effie Collins returned the first of the week from Dallas where she underwent an operation several weeks ago and has resumed her duties in the Spur Schools. During her absence Mrs. V. C. Smart taught in her stead.

Chas. Jaye, of Dickens, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to Stacy, Texas, where he will spend some time under the treatment of a noted physician. Mr. Jaye has been in bad health for the past several months and his many friends hope that he will soon regain his former good health.

We are glad to note that L. S. Taylor, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Taylor, who has been quite sick of pneumonia, is much improved and is expected to be out in a few days.

Pete McClure and Harvey Moore, of Roby in Fisher county, spent several days of last week in Spur. They came up through the country driving wagons loaded with household goods belonging to Mr. Winkle who was moving from that section to the Afton country where he recently purchased the W. J. Young farm and where he and family will make their home in the future.

**EASY TO TAKE NO PAIN OR ACHE.**

It's no longer necessary to bear the weakening sickness and terrible nausea that always follows a dose of calomel.

LIV-VER-LAX cleanses the torpid liver, and livens up the whole system by ridding it of the clogging poisons. Yet it works you so gently and pleasantly that you hardly know you've taken it.

LIV-VER-LAX, being purely vegetable, is absolutely harmless, and does not tear up the system like calomel. And it's guaranteed to be satisfactory, or the druggist will return your money. For sale at 50c and \$1 at Spur Drug Company.

John Johnson, one of the most successful farmers and prominent citizens of this section, was in the city Tuesday on business from his farm home in the Soldier Mound country.

**Murray Brothers...**

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

**To Automobile Owners:**

You are respectfully invited to make our place Headquarters while in Spur. Nothing but experienced men will work on your car.

Gas, Oils and Plenty of FREE AIR

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**THE JOY OF HOME**

The entire household revolves around the Telephone. Neighbors, friends, market, doctor, and store can be reached in an instant by the home having Telephone service.

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LUMBER, SASH DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

**Concrete Sidewalks**

See me for sidewalks, curbing and ornamental work. I furnish grades and lines FREE.

**CHAS. WHITENER**

Office With Brazelton-Pryor & Co. Spur, Texas

# That Sanitary White Steel Kitchen Cabinet

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO ONE HOLDING THE MOST VOTES!

The Fine Sanitary White Steel Kitchen Cabinet will be given to the one holding the most votes at 8 o'clock p. m., February 1st, 1916. Be sure and pay your accounts by that time if you want the benefit of your votes for yourself or some one else.

The ones who have intered this contest are as follows:

Miss Cordeliah Boothe  
 „ Fannie May Cherry  
 P. E. Copeland  
 Mrs. J. W. Dunn  
 „ Tom Davis  
 „ George Erath  
 „ Ed Hulse  
 „ R. L. Jones  
 „ J. M. McMahan  
 „ R. F. Rogers  
 „ Jim Smith  
 „ J. E. Wedekind  
 A. A. Fry  
 Spur Hotel  
 M. Haile

## Brannen Brothers Company, SPUR, TEXAS

Everything good to eat. Give us a call.—German Kitchen. 11 tf

Fred O. McFall was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business.

Luther Jones was here Friday on business, coming in from his ranch home seven miles north of town.

Mrs. E. J. Cairns came in Saturday from her home in Kent county and spent some time here with her friends.

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J. B. Yantis came over Monday from Dickens and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

W. M. Randall was here last week from his home in the Steel Hill country and spent some time in the city trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends.

J. P. Koonsman, a prominent citizen of the Croton community, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday, spending several hours here with friends.

J. N. Zumwalt came in Saturday from his home twenty miles west and spent several hours in the city trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

J. I. Greer, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west, was in the city the latter part of last week greeting friends and shopping with the merchants.

J. A. Murchison, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Draper country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday.

T. S. Lambert was among the number in Spur Saturday, coming in from his farm home in the Tap country. He reports everything progressing nicely in his section at the present and that the crop gathering is about completed.

John Weathers, of several miles southwest, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business.

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Jean Hatcher was in the city Saturday from his home on the 24-Ranch in Kent county and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.

J. C. Davis was here Saturday from his farm and ranch home north of Afton and spent a few hours here looking after his business interests.

R. L. Jones came in Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and spent an hour or two in Spur trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends.

J. C. McNeill came in Saturday from the Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west and spent an hour or two trading with the merchants and looking after business matters.

M. C. Hobson, who recently moved to the Sol Davis place north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

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Mace Hunter and wife, of four miles east of Spur, were in the city Tuesday visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Mr. Williams, who recently purchased land near Girard, was in Spur Saturday figuring with our lumbermen for material with which to improve his place.

Jim Kimble, a progressive citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles north, was among the large crowds of people in the city Saturday last.

Strayed—A 78 Jersey cow, 5 years old, dark brown, branded lazy H on left side. Will pay \$5 for her return. Notify C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 11-3tp.

R. J. Hairgrove was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Hairgrove is a good citizen and a successful farmer and is making money in the great Spur country.

Judge A. J. McClain was here Saturday from his farm and ranch home in the Cat Fish country. The Judge is getting up in years but is still young in spirit and is one among the most enterprising citizens of the Spur country today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For County and District Clerk:  
 LESLIE E. WILLIAMS  
 J. A. KOON  
 M. GAY  
 CRAWFORD COBB

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
 R. L. COLLIER  
 J. H. LATHAM  
 J. B. CONNER  
 BUD MILLER  
 T. W. MORGAN  
 G. L. BARBER  
 G. T. SNODGRASS

For Tax Assessor:  
 G. B. JOPLING

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial Dist.  
 BERT KING

For County Treasurer:  
 J. B. YANTIS

Found—A ladies fur muff; between H. T. Garner's home and Dickens. The owner may have same by calling at the Texas Spur office and paying for this notice. 12-tf.

#### NOTICE.

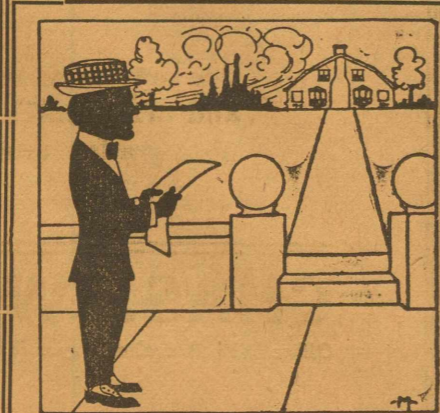
You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons, by Bert N. Brown, Manager. 1 26.

#### NOTICE!

Parties knowing themselves to be indebted to us please call and settle at once.—German Kitchen, J. W. Dunn, Mgr.

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You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the Half Circle S pastures.—I. R. Powell, Manager. Mar. 1 p



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will have the desired appearance if you purchase your Lumber from our Yard.

HIGH GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

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The Dixy Telephone Company offers you the best, most efficient service in either the local or long distance branch of the business. If you do not have a Dixy telephone in your home or place of business, see the manager, who will be pleased to furnish you with any information you may desire.

**Dixy Telephone Co.** Jim Gibbs, Manager  
SPUR, TEXAS

**BILLIONS FOR PENSIONS**

Uncle Sam carries the richest and the juiciest pension rolls under the sun. Uncle Sam has paid billions for pensions. Uncle Sam is asked to keep on paying billions for pensions. More than fifty years ago the war between the states terminated. Today, or a half century after the coming of peace, Uncle Sam's pension bill is \$100,000,000 a year. Thomas F. Logan is a northerner. He is a magazine writer and he is unafraid. Leslie's Weekly is published in the city of New York. It is a northern periodical. In a recent article Mr. Logan says:

"The amount which has been expended in pensions paid as a result of the civil war has cost the nation \$4,457,974,496.47. This includes all disbursements resulting from the civil war up to June 30, 1914. The total bill for pensions in the year of 1914 was \$173,092,065. For the civil war alone the government's pension bill now amounts approximately to \$100,000,000 a year. Yet pensions for the civil list are now being agitated. Nobody cares for the taxpayer. The law of averages indicates that by the year 1955 there will not be more than one or two survivors of the war between the states. Even if a man had entered the war as a drummer boy at the age of 15 he would then be 109 years old. The pension list should begin to diminish next year. In the past score of years instead of diminishing it has increased, but this condition cannot possibly be continued. In fifteen years the pensions for the civil war should be cut in two, and from that time on the pension appropriations should diminish rap-

idly. Yet not a single statesman seems to recognize this fact or that the United States should adopt a financial plan extending over a score of years. The present generation is being forced to bear not only the entire pension burden, but also all the current expenses for the construction and operation of the Panama canal and the new increases in the army and navy. A bond issue would distribute the burden over as many years as might be deemed desirable, leading up to the time when the government could easily take care of any debts by using the money now paid for pensions. Instead of an equitable decision of this kind, additional taxes are being suggested, so that the present generation may be even more heavily than heretofore and will have to pay for benefits likely to be reached only in the distant future. A private corporation would not last very long if it were to adopt such methods."

Billions for pensions and the wealth producers of the nation pay the freight. Champions of preparedness who talk in millions and billions are reminded that Uncle Sam is carrying the heaviest load of any civilized ruler. As this Leslie writer says, there are champions of pensions for the civil list everywhere. There are reformers who believe in old age pensions. Pension attorneys are as numerous as ever in the city of Washington. Congressional bankers of private pension claims are as brazen as ever. Jones appears to be without friends at court. Jones is the political nonentity that pays the freight.—Fort Worth Record.

I will buy your second hand furniture.—A. A. Fry.

**METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE**

At the Sunday night's service, January 23rd, Mrs. J. B. Smith, President of the Northwest Texas Conference Auxiliary, will speak at the Methodist Church on "The Social Evils of the Day." All men, women and children invited to attend. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. Smith will speak on "The Different Phrases of the Mission Society Work." The ladies of the church are urged to be present and all ladies of the town are cordially invited to attend.

Ed E. White, Pastor.

Ten young work mules for sale at bargain prices. See W. F. Shugart. 9 tf.

For Sale—Pork and lard at money saving prices.—Mrs. Williamson, four miles west of Afton. 11-tf.

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Prompt service and safe delivery guaranteed.

Raldo Newman, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Afton country, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

J. P. Brown, of the Dry Lake community, was here the first of the week and spent several hours in the city greeting his friends and shopping with the merchants.

W. W. Ellis, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Tuesday greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

Henry McCarty and M. L. Blakeley, of the Afton country, were in Spur Tuesday and received a car of lumber with which to make some extensive improvements on their places. It is a noticeable feature that the farm homes in the Spur country are well improved almost without an exception, and one which denotes prosperity.

**Learning to Farm**

It is oh! to rise ere the wintry skies grow red with approaching day,  
To wake the cows as the stand and drowse 'mid the frost-be-dangled hay.  
There's a subtle charm to the dear old farm when it's covered with gleaming snow;  
There's a joyful thump to the frozen pump when the mercury's ten below.  
No throne for me, when at half-past three I can sit on a milking stool  
In delightful bliss—I have learned all this at a correspondence school.

To comb the locks of the placid ox as he solemnly chews his cud,  
While the snowflakes fall on the stable wall with a dull and sickening thud;  
To scatter the chaff for the new-weaned calf, while the rooster crows aloof;  
To teach the hen not to set again, to curry the shivering horse,  
You can learn to do—and you ought to, too—in a correspondence course.

Just sit by the light of a fire at night in a snug and sheltered nook,  
With pen and ink and a nice hot drink and a farm instruction book,  
And comfortably learn to milk and churn and to shake the potatoes down,  
And to harrow and reap till you fall asleep and dream you have moved to town.  
The course you will find will improve the mind; it's utterly free from harm—  
And, take it from me, it will always be the best way to learn to farm.

—James J. Montague.

**CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER  
OF DICKENS COUNTY**

Rupert Brannen, principal of the White River School, was in the city Saturday.

Miss Louise Rich, of Abilene, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller in the city.

S. Ellis, a prominent citizen and successful farmer came in from his farm home the first of the week and gave us his renewal to the Texas Spur and for which he has our thanks.

Bring us your peanuts. We will buy them any time. If we can get enough of them we will crush them. This will start a new enterprise and insure a future market at home. Will start to making cold pressed cake. Watch for announcement.—The Spur Oil Mill Company, Spur, Texas. 112t

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce J. B. Yantis as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Dickens county subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July, 1916. Mr. Yantis has served Dickens county as Treasurer the past term and is fully qualified to fill the office. He is competent, courteous and painstaking in the discharge of his duties as an officer. We respectfully ask every voter in Dickens county to give J. B. Yantis a deserved consideration in his candidacy for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Dickens county at the primary election to held in July.

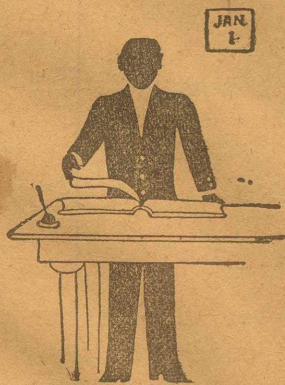
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If you will let us figure your next bill we will convince you that we can save you money.

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# Appealing Prices For Spot Cash!

OUR JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE is drawing to a close, yet it finds us heavy loaded with some lines that must be closed out this week. Our quotations must strongly appeal to you. Some prices far below production.

**Stetson Shoe Special**  
Just for this week we will sell you any Stetson shoes, prices \$6.00 and \$6.50,  
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First quality, Child's Artic Overshoes, while they last, January Red Tag price,  
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**Corduroy and Covert Coats**  
Our regular \$3.50 Work Coats, regardless of price, we offer them, January Red Tag,  
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To close out high price lines, size 2 to 5, mostly narrow widths, price \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5,  
**Red Tag \$2.50**

**Sheep Pelt Coats**  
The best Storm Coat ever made, worth \$6.00, they must be sold, a special value at  
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**Men's Flannel Shirts**  
The three collar kind in Grey, Blue, Tan, Brown, Wine, really worth \$1.50,  
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WE want to call your attention to Blankets, Men's and Ladies' Artics, Rubber Boots, Slicker Suits, Storm Coats, Overcoats, Cloaks, Men's Suits and etc. Strike a bee line for Love's. We have what you want and everybody knows it's cheaper here. If you are a cash man stay in cash company. Don't pay bad credit accounts for the other fellow.

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SPUR, TEXAS

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**DIED AT SUNSET**

J. G. Norris, of near McAdoo on the plains, passed through Spur Tuesday on his return from Sunset, Texas, where he had been to attend the funeral of his uncle, J. E. Norris. From the Sunset Signal we take the following:

"James Ewing Norris was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, in the year of our Lord, 1853, died at Sunset, Texas, January 4, 1916. Age 80 years and 29 days.

He professed religion and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church early in life. He served three years in the Civil War on the side of the South. After the war he settled in Ken-

tucky and farmed two years, after which he entered the mercantile business at Richelieu, Ky., and was very prosperous for a time but through security and losses on tobacco he and his partner, Levi Moore, failed in business. After which Mr. Norris came to Sunset, Texas, about the year 1881. For 35 years he has lived here most of the time in the dry goods and grocery business. J. G. Norris was in partnership with him at one time for about eight years. After which J. G. went west and started a cattle ranch. The senior partner continued his business here until about five years ago when he closed out his store and retired

from active life. He still looked after his interests and rents. He was a good citizen, greatly beloved. Most everybody called him Uncle Jimmie. He was devoted to his business, honest and industrious, very plain in his dress, but always had an open hand to the needs of his own people. He lived and died a bachelor. Boarded for many years at the same hotel. He leaves one brother, Rev. R. W. Norris of Austin, Texas, and fifteen nieces and nephews."

**BIG CATTLE DEAL**

Tom Renfro, of Jayton, has bought the A. B. Blackwell bunch of cattle, seven hundred head, consisting of cows and calves. This bunch of cattle is located on the Dick Oldham ranch northeast of Aspermont, and the lease of the ranch was transferred to the purchaser of the cattle. This is a fine ranch, consisting of about sixteen sections. So Tom Renfro will become a citizen of Stonewall county. And still they come. — Aspermont Star.

W. D. Thacker, of the Croton country, left the latter part of last week with a car of household goods and other things belonging to his father who is moving to Comanche county. W. D. Thacker will visit a few days in that section after which he will return to his home in the Croton country.

Myron Poole, of Afton, was taken to Houston Saturday for the benefit of his health. Mr. Poole has been sick for some time and this move was made in an effort to find a more congenial climate. We sincerely hope Mr. Poole will soon regain his former good health.

J. W. Thompson, of Dickens, spent several hours here Tuesday. While here he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and reported everything in first class shape in that city.

**NOTICE**

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52tf.

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This is to remind you how well equipped we are at our fountain to serve invigorating HOT DRINKS.

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