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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, MAY 27, 1910,

Number Thirty-One

COME WEST.

Contribute to its Development and Prosper With the Citizenship.

C. L. Love returned Saturday from a business trip to Dallas and Fort Worth. He reports that from observation along the route that the Spur country is far ahead of the eastern part of the state with respect to crops.

The crop conditions in this section are ideal at the present time and with one or two more rains at the proper time the various crops of this section will yield an abundant harvest and will surpass many of the older and more established farming sections of the country. The only drawback to this country is the lack of farmers to farm, and this defect is rapidly being overcome. People in every section of Texas now realize that the western part of the state is not only adapted to stockfarming but that its agricultural possibilities are as great or greater than elsewhere. Come west, brother, and assist in the development of a rich, productive country and prosper with the citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman, of the Afton country, were visitors in the city Thursday. It is very probable that Mr. and Mrs. Holman will move to Spur sometime in the near future. We have plenty room here for all good people and we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Holman to make their home with us at any time.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Make your Contract Bonds with the National Surety Company of New York and save the embarrassment to both yourself and your friends by asking them to sign a bond for you. Rates very reasonable. See M. H. Herring, local agent.

W. J. Attebury and family moved Thursday from the Spur Cafe to the R. J. Heflin place in the eastern part of town. Mr. Heflin and family moved to the western part of town.

J. B. Richburg and wife returned this week from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Hamilton county. They also attended the Battle of Flowers at San Antonio and report having had a most pleasant trip and visit.

W. F. Cray, of Dickens, passed through the city this week in route to Lubbock on business.

Miss Pearl Gunn, who has been in Crosbyton passed through the city this week in route to her home at Dickens.

J. R. Curling, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

W. A. Johnson, editor of the Memphis Herald and candidate for State Senator of this the 29th District, was here Monday in the interest of his campaign. Mr. Johnson is qualified to ably serve the public in the Senate and is making his campaign principally upon the rights of the press to contract with railroads for advertising in payment for mileage pass books. While we are not anxious to swap advertising for passes over the railroad, and individually would prefer to get the cash since we rarely have time to run around over the country, yet we believe the law prohibiting such exchange absolutely wrong in principle. The law was made, we presume, to prevent the abuse of such privilege in that railroads would issue any amount of mileage to newspapers in the hope to secure the good will of the papers in moulding public sentiment in their favor. We do not believe the editors and managers of a majority of the newspapers are made of that kind of stuff, and because there may possibly be a few who would consider such favors in forming and writing editorials we see no justice in preventing all newspaper men from making a legitimate exchange of their advertising space for anything of value that they may desire. It is not reasonable to suppose that a newspaper published for the benefit of the public and from whom it gets its support would advocate anything against that public in favor of a railroad for the mere sake of a pass book over a railway.

Notice To Bankers.

The National Surety Co. of New York now writes Forgery Bonds, protecting banks against loss due to payment on forged instruments.

M. H. Herring, Agent.

Misses Minnie Smith and Myra Wilson, two charming young ladies of the Red Mud country, were visitors in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Byrd, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. J. A. C. Davis and family.

Lewis McCarty, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city Friday on business.

Jas. A. Rutherford, one of the leading business men of Rotan, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday on business.

George Jones and family, of Dickens, were in the city Monday trading and visiting friends.

Miss Anna Ola Holman, who has been teaching school at Dickens during the session just closed, passed through the city this week on her return to her home at Seymour.

WATCH SPUR.

The Business Men Will Establish a Cotton and Produce Market Second to None.

Cotton Buyer Morgan, of Jayton, was up Monday looking after the cotton situation in Spur and the Spur country. During the past season, although the town was established at a late date, the Spur merchants and cotton buyers have established a cotton market here second to none in the country.

When the cotton marketing season again rolls round the general public and especially farmers are advised to keep their eyes on Spur. The business men of Spur will make this a cotton and produce market second to none.

R. V. Colbert came up the latter part of last week from Stamford looking after the interests of the Spur National Bank.

Frank Hastings, general superintendent of the cattle interests, came up from Stamford and spent several days here on business.

Mark Hardin is assisting in the protracted meeting now in progress at Dickens. A successful and interesting meeting is reported.

Dennis Harkey and Miss Jewell Hogue, of Dickens, spent Sunday in the city with T. G. Harkey and family.

Surveyor Williams and family moved to their new home in the city the latter part of last week from Dickens.

PROGRESSIVE BUILDERS

Last week we reported that there would be two hundred and twentyfive or more scholastics for this school district. When enumerator Cates finished the work there were two hundred and thirty four. The results of the elections held Saturday to create an independent district and elect a board of trustees have been turned in to the proper authorities at Dickens and approved and commissions issued to the members selected on the board. The board is now prepared to act in matters pertaining to the school and will take immediate steps in securing teachers and looking to furnishing adequate buildings. It is very probable that a bond election will be ordered at an early date for the purpose of securing funds to erect a school building and in this election as well as in the creation of an independent district we expect a unanimous vote. The people of Spur are progressive builders and in no town of America will a more enlightened and progressive citizenship be found.

Fifteen new names added to the Texas Spur subscription list one day this week is very encouraging and is appreciated. We have been trying for the past several months to get in our new building where we can do business and better serve the public in the publishing business. During the time we have been publishing the Texas Spur it has been done under adverse circumstances and on account of our present quarters we are forced to do double work and in a very unsatisfactory manner to patrons and ourselves. We made a contract to have our new concrete shop finished by the first day of April, but this was not done. We have now employed a first-class-workman to complete the job and remove as much as possible all evidence of scab workmanship, and if no providential hindrance comes about we will move in next week and will do our best to make up for the short-comings of the past.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

To the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens County, Texas:

You are hereby notified that the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens County, Texas, has called a meeting of said Committee to meet at the Court house in Dickens on the Third Monday in June 1910, the same being the 20th day of said month, for the purpose of determining the order in which the names of all candidates for Nomination at the July Primary of the Democratic Party shall be printed on the ballot, and to transact such other business as may come before said Committee for attention.

F. C. Gipson, Chairman.

O. S. Ferguson, Secretary.

MONEY.

Money to loan on your improved ranch lands. Quick inspection. We especially desire to make a few large loans in Dickens and adjoining counties. Duggan & Duggan, Stamford, Texas.

County Attorney B. G. Warswick was here Thursday from the county capital and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that one of the little children of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy was bitten by a Rattle snake one day this week. The child was reported doing nicely. Mr. Warswick will probably be a candidate for re-election to the office of County Attorney at the coming Primary election. He has made a worthy and able prosecutor in the past and is a gentleman in which the public can trust and depends to uphold the laws of the country, prosecute the violators and not persecute individuals.

SCHOOL ELECTION.

Spur Creates Independent School District and Elect School Board to Superintend School Matters.

An election was held Saturday at the school house for the purpose of creating an Independent School District and also to elect a board of trustees.

There were sixty eight votes polled in the election, and not a single vote was polled against the creation of an Independent District. This is evidence that the citizenship of Spur is of one mind in the progress of educational matters and the upbuilding of the Spur schools. The educational facilities is of paramount importance to any country and especially is this true of a new town and a new country, and we are proud to publish the fact that the citizenship of Spur is unanimous along this line.

In the election of a school board to be composed of seven men there was considerable interest manifest. A number of citizens met the day previous to the election and appointed a committee of three men to select names to be placed on the tickets. After the committee selection of names to appear on the tickets a committee was appointed to have tickets printed with the fourteen names selected. The names and number of votes received was as follows:

J. P. Horton	44
P. A. Fite	24
Hansom Womack	8
D. A. Young	9
J. V. McCormick	45
Chas. A. Jones	44
Geo. S. Link	29
J. D. Powell	22
J. P. Vernon	45
N. A. Baker	32
Floyd Caylor	45
C. F. Cates	35
G. L. Barber	17
Dr. T. E. Standifer	42

The trustees elected were J. P. Horton, J. V. McCormick, Chas. A. Jones, J. P. Vernon, Floyd Caylor, C. F. Cates and Dr. Standifer. The men selected will make a good board of trustees and will do everything possible for the betterment of our educational facilities and establishing a school here second to none.

Chas. A. Jones has been out of the city several days looking after business interests on the Plains.

H. K. Parks returned from a trip of several days to Fort Worth, Dallas, Amarillo and Oklahoma City.

Wanted—Board and room with private family. Permanent place preferred. Apply at this office, or phone 47.

R. R. Morrison's Big Stock REDUCTION SALE!!

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The people of Spur and surrounding country have the opportunity of buying Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes and Groceries at the Lowest Prices ever made in Spur from now until the first day of June.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

We must turn more of our stock into cash. Our loss is your gain. Get busy and buy what goods you need while the opportunity is offered you to save money

<p>Groceries.</p> <p>At unheard of prices. Don't expect to get groceries after the sale at these prices.</p> <p>Best flour per hundred \$3.35 5 gal best oil 56c Best oil single gallon 15c Potatoes by sack per lb. 11-2c Ribbon cane syrup per gal 40c Three 3 lb. cans tomatoes 25c Three Cans Mt. Royal corn 25c Three 3 lb cans Homney 25c Three 3 lb. cans Kraut 25c Three 2 lb. cans Peas 25c 10 lb Bucket Swifts Com. \$1.20 Five lb. bucket Swifts Com. 60c Twenty-five lb. Sugar 1.50 \$1 bucket coffee 85c</p>	<p>Men's Furnishing Goods</p> <p>\$1.2c Dress shirts 98c \$1.00 Dress shirts 89c 75c Dress shirts 48c 50c Work shirts 39c 35c Men's underwear 23c 50c Men's underwear 39c 25c Guyot style suspenders 15c 50c President suspender 39c 15c Boy's suspenders 10c</p>	<p>LADIES SKIRTS</p> <p>\$15.00 Voil skirts 9.98 12.00 Voil skirts 8.98 10.00 Voil skirts at 7.98 7.50 Voil skirts at 4.98 5.00 Panama skirts 3.98 3.50 Panama skirts 2.48 2.50 Heatherbloom petticoats 1.69 Big lot of new styles in ladies' ready made dresses at about half price.</p>	<p>Men's Hats.</p> <p>AT GREAT SAVING.</p> <p>\$5 Stetson hats all styles 3.85 3.50 Beaver hats 2.69 2.50 Hats all styles 1.95 2.00 Hats all styles 1.45 1.50 Boys hats 98c 75c Boy's hats now 48c</p>
<p>Novelties.</p> <p>\$1.00 Ladies long silk gloves all colors 48c 75c Ladies' long Lisle gloves black or white 25c 75c Umbrellas and parasols 48c 1.50 Umbrellas and parasols 98c 20c Turban pads 23c 5c Ladies' handkerchiefs 3c 10c Ladies' handkerchiefs 5c 20c Ladies' handkerchiefs 12c 75c grade fancy silks 45c 1.2c Grade 36 inch black tafeta silk 95c Laces, embroideries and ribbons at a big reduction.</p>	<p>Table Dry Goods.</p> <p>AT FACTORY COST</p> <p>12 1-2c Gingham entire stock 9c 20c Grade lawns 12 1-2c 12 1-2c Grade lawns 9c 7 1-2c Grade lawns 5c Best calicos 5c 10c Apron check ginghams, 7 1-2 12 1-1c Bleaching 9c Good as Gold bleaching 10c Good cotton checks 5c 10-4 Sheeting 29c 25c Table oil cloth white and colors per yd. 10c No matter what you want in dry goods you can get it at a saving.</p>	<p>Hosiery At Cut Prices</p> <p>Ladies 15c black and tan hose 8c Ladies 25c black, tan hose, 18c Ladies' 35c " " " " 23c Misses 15c ribbed hoes 8c Misses 20c ribbed hose 12c Men's heavy gray hose 5c Men's 15c black and tan hose 8c Men's 20c black and tan hose 12c Men's 35c fancy hose 23c A saving of 4c to 15c per pair on hosiery.</p>	<p>Clothing.</p> <p>Clothing for Men's Youth and Boys odd pants and work clothes at prices cut almost in half. Our clothing stock must be reduced. Cost on former prices will not be considered.</p> <p>\$22.50 Men's suits the very best patterns, all latest styles 16.89 20.00 Suits, our entire stock all new goods 14.98 16.50 Suits, our entire stock all new goods 12.98 15.00 Suits, our entire stock all new goods 9.98 12.50 Suits, our entire stock all new goods 7.48 10.00 Suits, our entire stock all new goods 6.49 25 Suits, odds and ends worth up to 10.00 go at 4.98 6.00 Boys Suits 4.48 5.00 " " 3.39 4.00 " " 2.93 2.50 " " 1.98 2.00 " " 1.29</p>
<p>Men's Odd Pants.</p> <p>\$6.00 Grade men's odd pants \$4.75 5.00 Grade Men's odd pants 3.95 \$4 " " " " 3.25 3.00 " " " " 2.25 2.0 " " " " 1.95 2.00 " " " " 1.35 Ferks and Carharts overalls 95c \$1 Overalls all other brands 68c</p>			

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J. B. Conner,

Dealer in Grain
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WAGON YARD IN CONNECTION. SPUR, TEXAS

H. E. Carter and wife, of the Plains country, came to Spur Wednesday and will make this place their home in the future. Mr. Carter will engage in the real estate business here and says that he has been all over the country looking for a location and finds that Spur has the country surrounding and the very best advantages in every respect to become a city. He says that Spur is known and being watched by people everywhere and that the general opinion is that it is the coming city of this western country. We are of the same opinion and this opinion is based upon a solid foundation. Spur has the country to support it, and the right kind of people are here to build it and push it along.

Guy Deen left Sunday for Comanche county where he goes to visit relatives. Guy has been with the Texas Spur since we first started up in the town, and during that time has been faithful and attentive to business. He is a man worthy the respect and confidence of any man, and wherever he goes we wish him success and prosperity.

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OFFICE UPSTAIRS IN JONES NEW BUILDING

E. J. Cowan, who is the present Justice of the Peace of this precinct, is being urged to make his announcement for re-election to that office and it is very probable that he will do so at the proper time. Mr. Cowan has filled the office satisfactorily heretofore and is eminently fitted and qualified to serve as justice of the peace. He is well posted in law and in dispensing justice will not discriminate.

H. T. Burgoon is having two residences built in the city and will move his family here at an early date from Grapevine.

Mrs. Mack Gipson, of Brownwood, passed through the city this week on her way to visit relatives on the Plains.

Miss Lina Gray, who has been teaching in the Stamford schools passed through Spur this week on her return from the Plains where she has been visiting relatives the past several weeks.

J. B. George returned Monday from Abilene where he spent several days on business. He reports that until the recent rain that section of country was also dry.

Miss Morris, who has been teaching in the schools of Stamford, was in the city this week visiting her brother, Dr. Morris.

NOTICE.

If it is good milk cows and Poland China pigs of the best breeding you want, come to the Docum Valley Stock Farm, 3 miles northwest of Spur, will sell for cash or on six months time. W. A. Johnson.

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making your deposits absolutely safe. It is our purpose to aid in the advancement and upbuilding of Spur and its adjacent territory. Call in when in town and let us become acquainted.

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G. H. Connell, M. B. Loyd, S. B. Burnett, Robert Hamilton, W. E. Connell, I. D. Scoggins, R. A. Jay, Jno. T. George, G. A. Pursley, S. R. Davis, J. D. Harkey, F. M. Gardner, T. E. Standifer, R. H. Miller, Chas. Windham, E. C. Edmonds

Directors,

C. H. Connell, T. E. Standifer, I. D. Scoggins, R. A. Jay, J. D. Harkey, S. R. Davis, E. C. Edmonds.

The majority of stock in this bank is owned by residents of Dickens and Kent Counties.

Old rags wanted at this office, will pay 5c per pound for same.

A. R. Fouts returned this week from Rotan where he spent several days visiting his family and looking after his business at that place.

Will Miller, of near Dickens, was here Monday and purchased farming implements with which to do business on his place. The fact that most of the farmers of this country are prosperous and have faith in the productiveness of this soil.

L. N. Riter returned Monday from Hamlin where he spent several days with his family and looking after his business interests at that place.

N. A. Barker made a business trip this week to Sweetwater and other points in that section of the country.

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SPUR, - - - - TEXAS

F. P. Gipson came in this week from Port Arthur and will immediately begin the construction of a fine hotel for Mrs. Mahon on lots in the northern part of the city.

Miss Susie Alcorn, of Dickens, passed through the city this week on her way to Clairmont where she will be employed as telephone operator for the telephone company at that place.

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Miss Lula Ellis and little sister returned this week from Anson where they have been visiting relatives the past two or three weeks. Their cousin, Miss Violet Burdine, accompanied them and will spend a few weeks in the city.

Prof. N. L. Clark was in Saturday from Red Mud and reports everything lovely. His school at Red Mud will close at an early date and Mr. Clark will return to his home at Matador.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the July Democratic primary.

For District Attorney:

ISAAC O. NEWTON

B. D. GLASGOW, (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:

CEPHUS HOGAN

For County Judge

F. C. GIPSON

O. S. FERGUSON

For Tax Assessor

E. L. HARKEY

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For County Attorney

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For Sheriff

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TAP TELLINGS.

The weather conditions the past week have been fine for growing crops, and all vegetation is doing its best since old mother earth has been soaked by the fine rain this week, insuring plenty of moisture for some time to come. Stock looks to be in good condition for the time of the year and the grass is sure fine for work teams in connection with matured feed which the farmer may perchance have at this time of the year. The orchards in the Tap community are loaded with fruit having escaped the cold snaps this far, and should there be no wind or hail to destroy the fruit, there will be much gathered here this year. Chopping cotton, well, yes sir, there is plenty of it and the people are busy in their fields keeping up with their farm work. We can count fourteen farm residences while standing in our school-room door, quite a sight in a partially settled country and there is quite a number who live out of sight here or beyond the hill from the school-room. All are good-looking pleasant folks and a more hospitable people this writer never met.

Health of this community is very good.

Grandma Sparks has the asthma very bad in cold weather.

George Martin is sick with a crippled hip.

The Nimrods report for this week consists of three dead rats, two dead rabbits, sighted seven wolves, killed one coyote and trapped one bald eagle, a very good showing for the first of February. Spur up boys, you will kill some game yet if you try.

This writer enjoyed the hospitality of S. T. Lambert and wife Thursday evening in an ice cream treat at their home. Sister Lambert tells it on John Sparks that he washed the ax to beat the ice with so as to put it in the cream, but she showed him how to put the salt in a mixture around the can in the freezer thereby producing an excellent freezer of cream. We are sure glad she did not let him spoil the cream.

Miss Callie Smith who has been clerking at Spur the past several months is at home for a summer vacation to the delight of her many friends.

D. C. Abney has gone to farming on a grand scale, he says he has the ground already for several acres of pie melons, and a few stalks of cotton scattered among them, which, if he can get it picked, he will be all right. Well, D. C., put in a few water-melons and some tobacco plants, and brother Lambert and I will

help you gather your entire crop.

Bruce Brantner, our cistern builder, has been making some improvements lately, he says his last construction of cistern work was just completed when the rain came, but the cistern stood firm and is nearly full of water.

The Literary Friday night was a success in every way. The song by Cleo and Jimmy Allcorn was very nice, and the recitation by little Georgia Martin was excellent and the valedictory by S. S. Allcorn was out of sight, but the pinnacle of superbness was reached when the troupe rendered the act entitled "The quiet evening at home," Messrs Sparks and Harrell are beyond doubt the greatest actors since the days of John Wilkes Booth.

Mr. editor come out and see us.
Pencil Pusher.

Luther Harbin, recently of Breckenridge, arrived in the city Monday and will hereafter be one of the Texas Spur force. Luther worked for us four or five years ago on the Eastland Chronicle-Bulletin and we know that he can deliver the goods and we are glad to again have him with us.

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Rev. J. C. Robinson, of Abilene, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church of Spur and will move his family here at an early date.

We are glad to have Rev. Robinson and family with us, and may his work here be of great good to christianity.

Miss Jeanette Maynard is visiting friends in the city this week.

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Party Goes From West Texas To Encampment at Palacios.

Goin' a fishing' this summer? That is a pleasure that but few West Texas people have, owing to the fact that it is so far to any very good fishing grounds, but a party this summer will combine two trips in one and go to the coast in special cars and spend ten days camping, fishing, boating, bathing, etc. A special railroad rate of one fare plus \$100 will be given on account of the Texas B. Y. P. U. convention and Encampment at Palacios, June 20-30. The party, which is being worked up by W. T. Curtis of Abilene, will start June 19 on the trip and return July 2.

This encampment is an annual affair and during the past few years has become very popular especially among the Baptists of the state. The camp grounds consists of several acres along the bay front in the edge of the town of Palacios. The property with its pavillions, auditorium, rooming houses, large bath house, landing warfs, boats restaurant building, etc., is valued at \$40,000 and owned by the Baptists of Texas. The grounds are open the year round for campers, the main winter sport being duck hunting and the summer sport fishing, boating and bathing.

The convention program takes up part of each morning and an hour at night, leaving the remainder of the time for fishing, boating, bathing, or recreation in other ways. You can rarely ever have the privilege of hearing, all on one occasion, such an array of strong, instructive and attractive speakers as you will hear at this encampment. They are the leading speakers in the Baptist denomination.

The West Texas party that is being worked up by Mr. Curtis is already large enough to secure one special car but he hopes

A BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND RING

A Gold Watch and Valuable Organ and Other Handsome Presents

GIVEN AWAY

BY CERTAIN BUSINESS FIRMS OF SPUR, TEXAS

A number of the business firms of Spur have interested themselves in giving away, absolutely free, a beautiful Diamond Ring, a Gold Watch, and other valuable presents.

The Organ is to be given to the organization receiving the greatest number of votes, the Diamond Ring to the young lady having the largest number of votes at the close and the Gold Watch and other presents to the young lady making the largest gains from time to time, which will be announced as the contest progresses.

The plan is a novel one and at once commends itself to the public, there being no outlay on the part of anyone other than the people who are doing this to stimulate cash trade, and at the same time, bestow valuable gifts that will be permanent advertising for them.

Briefly stated, the plan is this: Each firm that is interested in the contest is provided with voting tickets, and for every ten cents' worth of goods purchased or work done issues a ticket entitling the holder to one vote. The ticket can be voted for the church, school, lodge or club, or individual of the purchasers' preference.

A 10 cent purchase entitles to one vote, 20 cents to two votes, \$1 to ten votes, \$5 to fifty votes, and so on. Tickets can be had only from the firms who have secured an interest in the contest and on cash purchases; the number of votes on each ticket should be marked with ink or indelible pencil.

No charge whatever is made for tickets. You vote free for the organization and individual of your choice on each ticket. Each week the vote will be counted and the standing of the contestants announced in the Texas Spur. A disinterested committee will be selected to count the votes. The closing date of the contest will be announced later.

The following firms will supply tickets free of charge, on lines of goods indicated, and will take pleasure in explaining all about the contest.

LADIES BAZAAR—Mrs. Nellie Roberson, Prop., millinery, ladies furnishings, novelty goods.
RED FRONT DRUG STORE—Drugs, jewelry, toilet articles, paints and wall paper.
SPUR FURNITURE STORE—Furniture, pianos, rugs, art squares, etc.
SPUR HARDWARE STORE—Hardware, implements, windmills, etc.
THE DIXIE STORE—Dry goods, notions, shoes, clothing.
HISEY GROCERY COMPANY—Staple and fancy groceries.
SPUR SHEET IRON METAL WORKS—Tank builders, makers of everything in sheet metal.
R. W. SCURRY—Confectioner, cold drinks, candies, cigars.
R. B. SPENCER & COMPANY—Lumber and building material.
THE SPUR MARKET, Fresh meats and always the best to be had; phone.
THE VARIETY STORE—Everything, anything, novelties of all description.
MACK, THE TAILOR, cleaning, pressing, repairing, at the Variety Store.
THE TEXAS SPUR—Tickets issued on all cash subscriptions.
J. B. CONNER—Grain, hay, chops, and all kinds of feed stuff; wagon yard in connection.

REMEMBER That you can get tickets only at places above mentioned, that all tickets voted will be kept until close of contest and will be subject to investigation at any time, insuring an honest and fair contest. No lady connected with any firm in contest will be permitted to enter contest as a candidate.

SPECIAL GIFTS Ten Dollars in gold will be given to the lady having the greatest number of votes on June 18th, 6 p. m. A magnificent Umbrella will also be given to the lady making the greatest gain of votes from June 18th to July 23, 6 p. m. The handsome gold watch for greatest gain from July 23rd to September 3rd. The lady or ladies securing the special gifts will continue in contest until close.

Diamond Ring, Watch and Umbrella on Exhibition at Red Front Drug Store. Organ at Spur Furniture Co. Voting box at Red Front Drug Store.
When You Make a Purchase Be Sure to Ask For Tickets.

enough others will go to fill at least one more car. Those who would like to have

information about joining the party that goes to Palacios June 19 will please let me hear from

you at your earliest convenience W. T. Curtis, Box 538. Abilene, Texas.

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Walker's Bakery for fresh bread, cakes, buns, rolls, pies, barbecue. All goods baked fresh every day. Three doors east of postoffice.

Mrs. R. W. Scurry came in last week from Stamford and joined her husband here and will make their home here in the future. We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Scurry permanently located with us at Spur, the coming city of the west.

Miss Nell Mahon, who has been attending a business college at Fort Worth the past several months, returned last week.

Mrs. Sanlin and little daughter, May, of Matador, are in the city visiting their father and grandfather, A. Kanzler of the City Restaurant and Bakery.

J. V. McCormick made a business trip Monday to the Tap country where he traded for a buggy horse.

"Our Very Best" is the very best. Barber, Hancock & New.

J. E. Sparks and wife, of Red Mud, came in Saturday to see the dentist and have dental work done for Mrs Sparks. They remained in the city over Sunday with friends.

Bill McArthur was in the city Saturday from his place in the Red Mud country. He reports everything blooming and the people all smiling on account of the recent rains and the now promising crop prospects.

E. Luce was in Saturday from Tap to get supplies for his store at that place. Mr. Luce informs us that he sells lots of supplies in the Tap and Red Mud sections of the country. The fact of the business is that the Tap and Red Mud sections are not only fine farming sections but are the oldest settled and among the most densely populated communities in this part of the country, and the people are all contented.

Don't heat your room to cook meat. The Spur Market keeps cooked meat and fresh bread.

Lee Johnson, of near Tap, was here trading Saturday with the merchants and shaking hands with friends in the city.

W. C. BOWMAN

Lumber Comp'y

**LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,**

And All Kinds Building Material

SPUR SHEET METAL WORKS

Don't do cheap work, but do good work cheap.
Try us once and be convinced.

:: EVERYTHING IN SHEET METAL ::

W. G. Broyles, L. B. Bryant, T. D. Humphrey and R. P. Cole made a business trip to Crosbyton and Emma Friday of last week.

Mr. Jeter, a prominent citizen of south of town, was here Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

B. G. Hagins, of near Gilpin, was in the city Saturday on business.

Cooked meat and fresh bread at Spur Meat Market.

Jentz Phillips was here Saturday from the Red Mud country and reports farming in that section is now the order of the day and that the prospects for crops were never brighter.

Have you bought your freezer? Let us show you our line of White Mountain and Frigidis.

Barber, Hancock & New.

The electric Theatre is now in operation again and entertaining the crowds with the latest moving pictures each night.

Messrs. Eldridge and Abernathy, prominent citizens of the Plains country, were here Monday to buy farming implements of the Spur hardware firms.

See us for Posts, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement

AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Richardson Lumber Com'y

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

John Smith had business in the city Saturday from his place in the Red Mud country.

G. A. Draypert, of near Rule in Haskell county, was in Spur last week and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Draypert has bought land near town and will make improvements this summer on his purchase. We will be glad to have Mr. Draypert as a citizen of the country and wish him a pleasant and prosperous home here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen, of this city, visited relatives Saturday night and Sunday at Jayton. Mr. Brannen's brothers, R. E. and J. E. Brannen and families were also visitors to Jayton from Dickens.

L. C. Arrington, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was here Saturday trading with the merchants of the city. The Afton country is reported in fine shape since the recent rains.

Don't heat your room to cook meat. The Spur Market keeps cooked meat and fresh bread.

C. I. Cannon, a prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was here Monday and bought supplies of the Spur merchants.

Short orders at all hours at City Restaurant.

A New Grocery Store

WE have just opened up a grocery business first door east of post office on Fifth street and will carry a complete line of Staple Fancy groceries. Call in to see us, we will treat you right, and solicit a share of your patronage.

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Bartley Feed and Fuel

Grain, Hay and All Kinds of Feed and Fuel

North Side of 5th Street. Opposite Texas Spur office

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THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

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JOKE TURNED ON THE JOKER

Scheme of "Social Climber" that Didn't Turn Out Just as It Was Intended.

Two women who live on country places near Philadelphia are great friends and great rivals. Each has long desired that her husband buy her an automobile; each has feared lest the other attain the object of her desire first.

Not long ago a small man, who is well known in financial circles, called at the home of one of these women and suggested that he take the young woman to call on her friend. The invitation was accepted.

"You get under the seat, I want Mrs. — to think this is my car," commanded the fair guest, as the machine rolled through the gate of the other woman's home. The broker did as he was told. Mrs. — alighted majestically and was received with a constrained air by her friend. "See my nice car," smiled the visitor. "My husband bought it for me yesterday."

"He did, did he?" said Mrs. —, unable to conceal her vexation. "Well, my Harry shall buy me one at once." After a time the car drove away with the broker still under the seat.

The joke in the end was on the joker. Mrs. B.'s husband, taunted by his wife, bought her an automobile, while Mrs. A. hasn't got her car yet.

**B. SHACKLETT'S
REMOVAL SALE**

will last only a short time and as our new building is nearing completion reminds us that the

Matchless Values

we are offering will be taken up by the busy shoppers

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CROW'S GREETING.

"Well," exclaimed Congressman Crow of Missouri, as he extended his hand to a Washington friend he had not seen since the last session of congress. "I'm as glad to see you as if I had stepped on a rusty tack. You know, that was the greeting which always was extended to me by one of my dearest friends when we would meet back in Missouri. I assure you it is a compliment."—Washington Correspondent St. Louis Star.

Miss Pearl Stradley, a charming young lady of Dickens, was in the city Thursday visiting friends.

Mr. Chandler of the Spur National Bank made a business trip Thursday to Stamford.

T. G. Harkey made a business trip Saturday to Dickens.

Mrs. T. G. Harkey visited friends and relatives this week at Dickens, spending several days in that city.

J. A. Lambdin came up Wednesday from Stamford and spent several hours in the city.

Mrs. T. B. Griffin returned this week from a six weeks visit to friends and relatives at Haskell and Cleburne.

Miss Emma Benson, of Tap, was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Kelley and family moved the latter part of last week to Spur from the Afton country and will make this their home in the future. Mr. Kelley will be assistant cashier in the First State Bank.

Miss Talley, who has been teaching school at Afton this year, was a visitor in the city this week. Miss Talley's home is at Crowell.

The recital given under the auspices of the Womans Home Mission Society at the Methodist tabernacle was very much enjoyed by all those who attended. The readings, recitations, songs and music were first-class in every respect.

Miss Edith Crego and Mrs. Viola Flowers, of Dickens, were visitors Tuesday to friends in the city.

Miss Alma Young, of Afton, is here spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Squires while Mr. Squires is assisting in the building of stock pens in what is known as the West Pasture of the Spur Ranch.

J. P. Higgins was in one day this week from his Cat Fish ranch.

Bill Hyatt and family were visitors in the city Saturday from Dickens.

J. W. Denton was in the latter part of last week from the surveying camp near Post City. He reports that he has been confined to the camp on account of the mumps.

A SQUIRREL BAROMETER.

A merchant in Ottawa, Kan., has a unique barometer. It is a domesticated fox squirrel. He keeps the little pet in a big paint barrel, all inclosed with the exception of a small round hole for a door in one end. Inside the barrel is a good supply of straw, old paper and leaves. During a run of weather of any kind, hot, cold, wet or dry, the little animal is in and out of his house, keeping an open door. But should there be a change coming, say 12 or 24 hours off, he plugs up that hole with the stuff from his bed and keeps it closed until the change comes. "He never makes mistakes," says the owner. "There are no false alarms with him."

France's New Glory.

In this conquest of the air France has earned a glory of which nothing can deprive her. After all the foolish talk about French decadence it is refreshing to see the aspiring germs of France soaring triumphant into untraveled heights. Only America contests her supremacy in a domain which she has made her own. France may be proud of what is happening at Betheny. The spectacle is one full of reproach to ourselves but we do not grudge France her glory. We rejoice in her renaissance. She has resumed her role as a pioneer of humanity.—London Chronicle.

GOOD JOKE ON JOURNALIST

Clerk of Parisian Hotel Had All the Best of Encounter with "Green" Correspondent.

Since M. Bjoernstein-Bjornson, who is in feeble health, has come to Paris to receive medical care, the hotel where he resides has been invaded by newspaper correspondents of the entire world, desirous of informing themselves of the state of health of the great writer, says a Parisian journal. The clerk of the hotel has been bothered greatly by their inquiries, but has answered them with good grace. He finds that the German journalists, more than others, abuse his complaisance. The other day the correspondent of a great Berlin weekly asked with much insistence: "How is the master?"

"Better, much better," was the answer.

"Is that so? Well, then, I am going to see him, to congratulate him."

"Impossible; he has just gone out."

"You say so?"

"Yes, he has gone to breakfast with Tolstoy."

The journalist remained a moment, surprised by this marvelous cure. He then said: "Certainly, not on foot."

"Just so, came in hand."

The journalist jumped for the telegraph office and sent, with many embellishments, the good news to Berlin.

An hour later he heard from his journal: "You are an astonishing idiot. How can Bjornson breakfast with Tolstoy, who is at Yasnaia Poliana?"

Furious, the journalist returned to the hotel, demanding that the clerk pay for his erroneous telegram.

"How much did your telegram cost?" inquired the clerk.

"Thirty-two francs 50 centimes."

"Very well. I set a price on the time I lose in these interviews. You have interviewed me 32 times, and you owe me a balance of 27 francs 50 centimes."

New Geographical Distinction.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is the arctic circle?"

"The arctic circle, my son, is an he had to keep to his room, but, get of uncorroborated evidence."

**Meritorious
Merchandise.**

The one kind of merchandise that should appeal to a wise purchaser are goods of character and style. Its not a question of price altogether that makes a purchase good. You can go to some stores "perhaps there may be places of this kind in Dickens county" and find styles of 20 years back, when you do, you realize that they were not made yesterday. Hence the price must be low, as the values are evidently worthless from age. This store contains merchandise of the better make and kind. We can easily verify and convince the truthfulness of this statement. May we ask your attention here to look for comparing.

**Special Cut Prices
On all Clothing**

Hats, and Dry Goods, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear. Come in and let us get better acquainted.

J. A. Lambdin & Co.
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WE'LL MAKE A SMILE
GROW WHERE THERE
WAS A FROWN
BEFORE**



SAY!!

Do you know who I am?

Well if you don't, ask somebody.

I've come here to stay a few years and tell you where to buy Hardware and things.

I'll do something different each week. Lots of my young friends are going to cut me out of the paper each week and make a scrap book. You'll find this lots of fun.

Spur Hardware Co.
SPUR, TEXAS

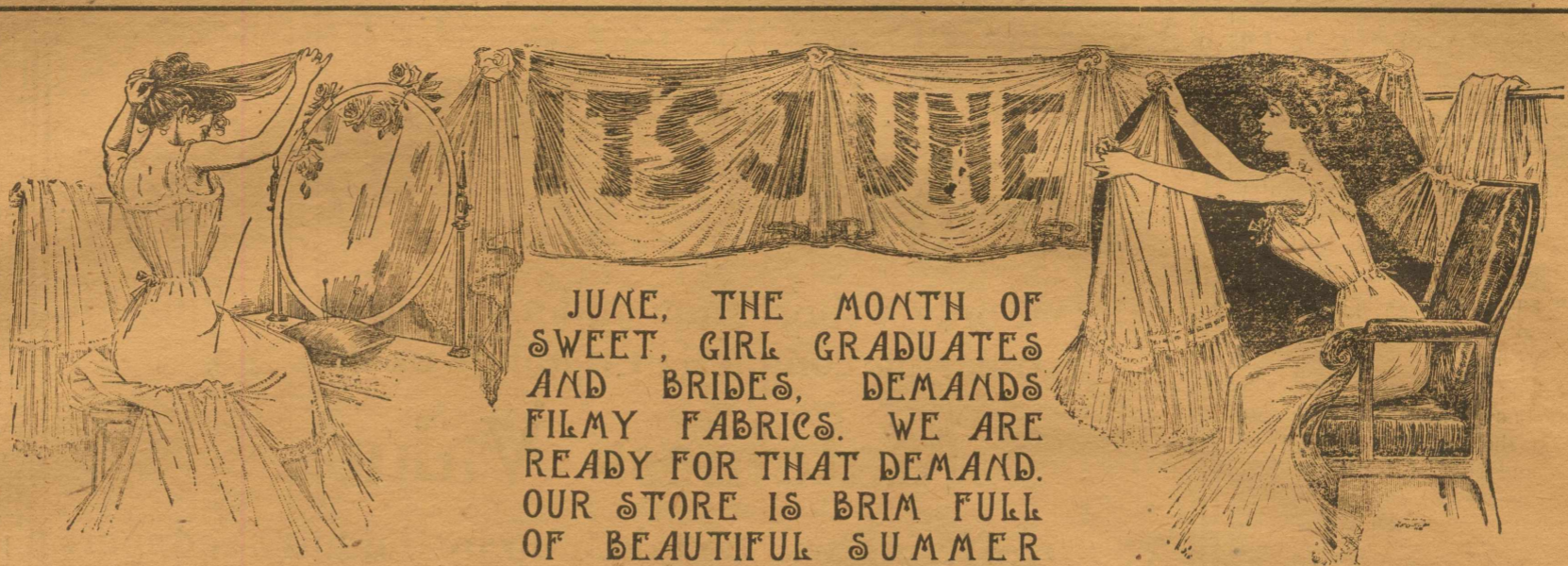
A UNION MAN.

Method of Marketing Cotton More Effective to Price Than Supply and Demand.

It was our pleasure to hear Mr. Campbell on the science of farming, and believe he is right and should be followed, but he is like all agriculturists. He tells us how to make more and lots of stuff but never tells us how to market to any advantage for profit.

The past season has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that by slow marketing and a curtailment of the cotton crop the farmer can realize a reasonably fair price for his cotton.

Of course there are some men who have never given the subject very serious thought, who contend that the short crop the past season is the primary cause of the farmer having sold for higher prices than for several years. But, brother, this is far from being true, and to prove the assertion, I ask you to turn with me to page 816 of the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture for 1902. Here we find that the average price of middling upland cotton at New Orleans from July 1 to December 31, 1901, was 8 1-16c per pound, and on page 670 of the same book for 1907 we find that there were produced in the United States in 1901 only 9,478,564 bales of cotton. Now that is about 1,000,000 bales less than we produced in 1909, and it seems to me that if short crops enhance prices we would have received more for cotton in 1901 than in 1909. Instead however, we received an average of about 5c per pound more for our cotton during 1909 than we did in 1901, and have sold about 1,000,000



JUNE, THE MONTH OF SWEET, GIRL GRADUATES AND BRIDES, DEMANDS FILMY FABRICS. WE ARE READY FOR THAT DEMAND. OUR STORE IS BRIM FULL OF BEAUTIFUL SUMMER

SILKS, WASH GOODS, MUSLINS, HOSIERY AND "NICK-NACKS"—MATERIALS AND TAILORED GARMENTS. JUNE WILL BE A HAPPY MONTH IF YOU BUY YOUR APPAREL FROM OUR ESTABLISHMENT, BECAUSE WE HAVE COUNTLESS THINGS THAT WILL PLEASE BOTH YOUR EYE AND PURSE

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, Where Quality Tells and Price Sells.

bales more cotton.

Now don't you believe that had we practiced the same method of marketing cotton during 1909 that we did in 1901 that the 1909 cotton would have sold for far less than it has sold for? Of course you do.

Well, that 5c per pound which we received for 1909 cotton over and above the 1901 corresponding "short crop price," is all profit, and as we have sold about 10,000,000 bales during 1909, is it not plain that we have saved for ourselves, some way or another, over and above the short crop prices of 1901, the very enticing little amount of about \$50,000,000?

The above facts, it seems to me, are sufficient to quiet forever that familiar old howl of "supply and demand" when applied to the relative price of cotton, and also to prove that by concerted action of all the men who produce cotton they can sell

for a reasonably fair price just as easily with 60,000,000 bales on hand as they can with only 10,000,000 on hand.

This has been claimed all along by some few, and at last, by the untiring efforts of our Farmers' Union officials and other loyal union men, the "boys" have begun to realize the truthfulness of the claim and are acting accordingly.

Now I claim that the Farmers Union is the "why," the "how," the "wherefore," and the "way" that has enabled the Southern farmer to increase his profits the above \$250,000,000 on his little 10,000,000 bale crop of 1909, over and above the profits he received on his corresponding short crop of 1901. If not, why not?

The conditions are just the same now as in 1901, with the union added. Hence we are compelled to realize, whether we admit it or not, that the Farmers Union is a great benefactor and is annually saving millions and millions of dollars for the "green old hayseeds" all over the fair land of grafter-fleeced America.

Let the Farmers Union cease to operate now, and you will see cotton sell for less than 10c next fall, no matter how short the crop; while if all Southern farmers would join the union and act in unison along business lines a fair price could be obtained, no matter how much cotton we shall have produced.

In view of the foregoing, is it not strange to you that you are not a member of the Farmers Union? Why don't you join?

Now, brother, listen. If you want to rise above buying supplies on time and renting land, just join the union and help to push the good thing along. The main object of the Farmers Union is to make farming a profitable business. Once this is accomplished, we can soon get upon a cash basis and afterwards buy and pay for a little farm of our own. Then we can enjoy the blessed privilege of running our farms as we please, and can raise an abundance of nearly every kind of food for ourselves and all the feed stuff we want for our farm animals, and there-

by avoid being compelled to pay some good (?) credit merchant an outrageous profit on nearly everything that we consume.

This is why it gives some merchants and all grafters the toothache to know that we have espoused the cause of the Farmers Union.

But still, even though cotton is now 15c and all the world is today doffing its hat to the

Southern farmer and congratulating him upon his ability to market his cotton at a fair price, would it not be wise for us to carefully consider the relatively fair prices of other farm products and plant our 1910 crops in accordance with the final findings of such careful consideration? The problem is, whether or not we can plant, cultivate and harvest any other certain crop with more profit than we can plant, cultivate and harvest a crop of cotton. I believe we can. Cotton will occupy our land from about April 1 to December 31, and we must remember that we can not mature any other crop on said land before cotton is planted. So we see that cotton will wholly engross the land about eight or nine months and, excepting August, either the work of cultivation or harvesting will be very likely to continue all the while, and then the "rush" will come at a time when farm labor is scarce and wages high.

Also, we must remember that all kinds of stock are commanding probably still more profitable prices than cotton, and especially those that are suitable for conversion into meats. Then again, the fair prices of all kinds of food products, and especially the seemingly high prices of all meat products, will doubtless make the production of all food products, both animal and vegetable, a great deal more profitable than cotton, as the farmer can, with such food products, abundantly supply his table and thereby avoid paying seemingly high prices for them at town.

"How to supply the world with meat" is today the most knotty problem which confronts the governments of this ever chang-

ing little globe; but if all the world was as well adapted to the production of animals suitable for slaughter as is Texas, this problem would be easily solved, for it is a proven fact that all kinds of domestic fowls, cattle and hogs can be most successfully and profitably grown in this wonderful section.

Therefore, with the fair prices commanded by such fowls and live stock, and the remunerative prices of all other food products, with ideal conditions of climate, with the admirable adaptability of our soils to the production of all kinds of feed stuff and pastures, and our close proximity to good markets, does it not seem to you that we can engage in the production of at least some of these different products, with more profit and less labor than if we should endeavor to get rich quick trying to produce 15c cotton?

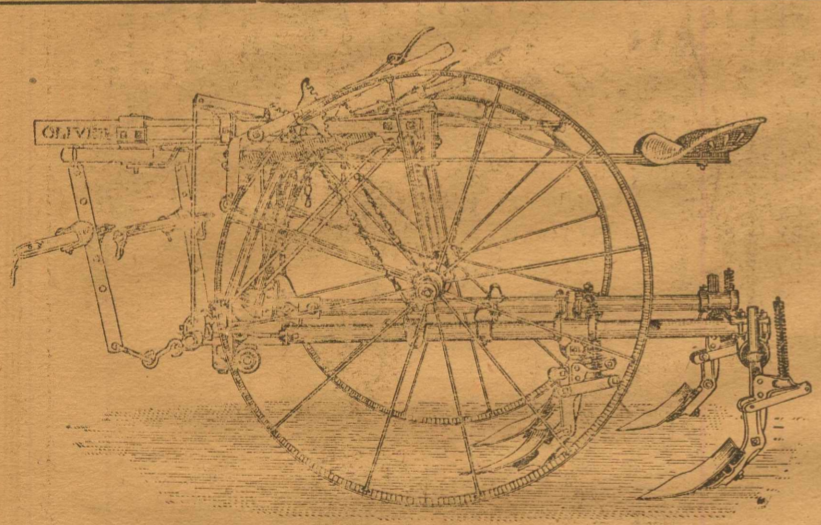
It certainly seems so to me. And now, once more, if each of us will produce an abundance of such products for only home supply, we will thereby, to some extent cut down the final production of cotton, and at the same time enable us to hold the cotton we do produce indefinitely thereby insuring a fair price, and when we sell we will not be owing all the proceeds for supplies.

Reducing the production of cotton in accordance with the above suggestions will enable us to obtain a better price in two ways. First, by so doing, we will enable ourselves to hold without any financial embarrassment, and, second, such reduction will greatly encourage the boys out on the forks of the creek to hold with us.—R. S. BOOTHE:

Cooked meat and fresh bread at Spur Meat Market.

Jas. Mahon, of Walnut Springs, is spending several days in the city with his family at the Western Hotel.

Cut down your fuel bill and excessive heat in the kitchen this summer by buying a new Perfection oil stove at Barber, Hancock & New.



HERE IT IS!

Built for the man who knows----the progressive farmer.

The "Oliver" Cultivator

takes front rank among cultivators. It is the best constructed, easiest operated and lightest running machine of its kind on the market. We invite the inspection of every farmer.

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The Store "Handling" the Better Kind.

This statement is frequently made by merchants who sell "shoddy". All people who buy clothes and study make and brands can testify that better clothes were never sold than the makes we sell

Stein-Bloch, High Art, Eiderheimer, Stein & Co.

You pay us no more price for these better made garments than cheap ones are bringing. Come in and take a lesson on better made clothes. We are capable of showing you all points pertaining to clothes construction. Special prices now on in many lines. Come to us to look. We assure courteous treatment and a money back guarantee when value falls short of purchase price.

J. A. LAMBDIN & COMPANY.

"MERCHANTS"

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SPUR, TEXAS

R. S. Dalton handed us a dollar this week, having the Texas Spur sent to his father, E. L. Dalton at Pickwick, Texas. Mr. Dalton and family moved to Spur last week and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Dalton and father have also bought land seven miles from town and will make improvements and clear land for cultivation next year. We are glad to have them as citizens of Spur country and wish them much prospect here.

Mrs. Z. V. Williams and children returned the latter part of last week from Gilpin where they visited her father, J. Carlisle and family.

Dr. Stanifer, is attending lectures this week at Rochester, Minn., and will be out of city several weeks.

Sherif McCombs, of Kent county, came to Spur Monday, bringing a prisoner Mr. Whatley, charged with forgery at Emma. The Crosby county Sheriff met Mr. McCombs here and conveyed prisoner to Emma. The charge against prisoner is of two year standing, he having been out of the country until a few days ago here turned to Jayton where the Sheriff made the arrest.

A party composed of Sam Clemmons, C. B. New and others made a flying trip to Haskell Saturday, returning early Sunday morning.

Nat Patton and J. C. Allison, of the Afton country, were visitors in the city Monday and Tuesday.

G. L. Barber and H. T. Burgoon recently made a business trip to Rotan where Mr. Barber sold to Mr. Burgoon a residence in that city, Rotan is one of the best towns in Western Texas and has a fine surrounding country.

Mrs. Bob Brown came over from Dickens and spent several days with friends here.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of the Red Mud country, preached Sunday at the Christian tabernacle.

Mrs. Blackwell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, at the Spur ranch several days recently.

Mr. Goodman, a prominent real estate man of Lubbock, spent several days here this week on business.

Misses Pearl and Jim Blackwell, Viola George and Mary Potts spent several days last week at the Spur ranch.

S. P. Odam, who is making a crop this year a few miles south of town, was in the city Monday and while here had his name added to the Spur subscription list. Mr. Odam moved here from his place in Dickens county on the Plains. He formerly lived in Jones county. We are glad to have Mr. Odam as a citizen of the Spur country.

Sam McCombs came up from Luzon and spent several days in the city looking after the interests of the Luzon Telephone Company.

Mrs. G. L. Barber entertained the Womans Home Mission Society Monday afternoon at her home in the western part of the city.

Matador Mention.

The weather conditions here the past week have changed very much from mild to sultry then a cold norther. The thermometer stood 101 in the shade June 3rd. All vegetation is doing well, and grass is the finest we have had for years.

This week has been court week at Matador. All criminal cases have been continued and but one civil case has been tried.

We met Ben Warswick going to his office. He very kindly invited us to stop at his home any old time and we hereby assure him that we will try to do so the next time we are in that settlement.

The W. O. W. of Matador gave an entertainment Thursday night. Noted speakers were there and produced some fine speeches to the merriment of all in attendance. Ice cream and cake were served at a late hour.

Come to see us Bro. McClure, and show the people the best paper published in West Texas. Citizen.

TO SHOW ROSES BY THE TON

A Pennsylvania Project That if Consummated Promises to Produce Fragrance and Profit.

A hothouse, which will be the world's largest structure of the kind, is being erected at North Wales, Pa., and will be devoted exclusively to the growth of American Beauty roses. 100,000 bushes of which will find shelter beneath its immense expanse of glass. The flowers will be grown by the ton. The house will be 700 feet long, 172 feet wide and 36 feet in height at its highest point. In its construction, there will be used no less than 122½ tons of glass. It will be heated by steam, 65 tons of piping being required for the purpose. The foundation and sides of the structure will be of concrete. Its temperature must be maintained at about 60 degrees during the winter.

The American Beauty rose evidently is a product worthy of expensive cultural attention. At the height of the social season, from Christmas until after Easter, the roses sell at six dollars to \$18 a dozen.—Van Norden's Magazine.

OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

It is estimated that the census of 1910 will show that the United States has a school population of at least 14,000,000. The school army ten years ago was 13,367,147. Of that number 4,266,302 were between the ages of five and nine, and 6,453,394 ranged from nine to fourteen. About 13 per cent. of the whole number were from 15 to 17 years old, and about five per cent. were 18 years of age or upward. Of all the children between five and nine reported in the census of 1900 only about one-half regularly attended school; of those from nine to fourteen, four-fifths attended, and of those from 15 to 17 a little more than two-fifths.—Chicago Examiner

INDIA A MOSAIC OF CASTES

Society in Eastern Land Divided into Numberless Forms of Grotesque Distinctions.

No other country on earth furnishes even a distant parallel to the structure of Indian society, a society in which the lines of division are still the primitive lines of race, religion and caste, deepened by centuries of incessant warfare; in which more than 40 different tribes or nationalities, speaking over a hundred and eighty different tongues and dialects and confessing nine different religions, are jumbled together in a formless and inextricable mosaic and subdivided again into something like 2,400 castes, each caste a distinctive, exclusive, separate entity; in which three-fourths of the people live by the land and nineteen-twentieths of them are wholly illiterate; in which faiths usages, habits and customs are preserved with a jealousy and intensity far beyond the range of occidental experience; and in which power is held, government administered, justice dispensed and progress furthered under the authority and direction of a handful of rulers summoned from a distant northern island to guide the destinies of one-fifth of the human race.—North American Review.

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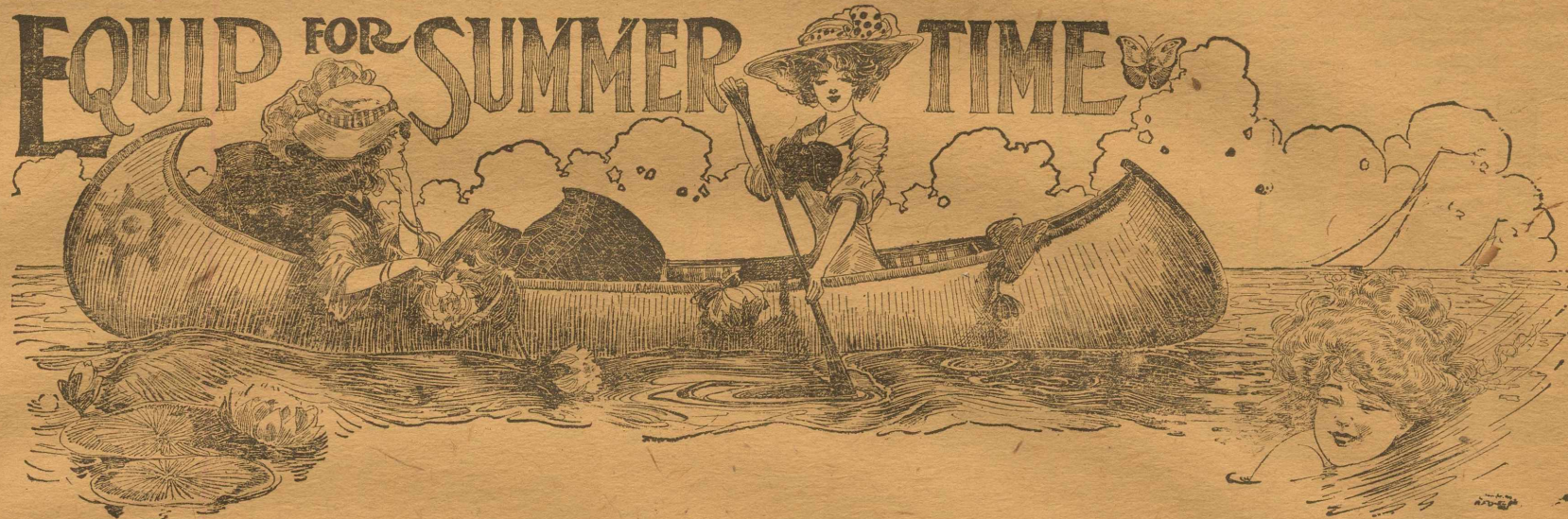
"Are you fond of the oriental atmosphere in your home?"

"I'm not, but my wife is. She has Persian rugs all over the house, recently bought herself a Persian lamb coat, and just phoned me that she'd exchanged our dog for a Persian cat."

A. M. Sowell moved his family Monday to Post City where they will make their home in the future.

W. H. L. Ward, who has been doing carpenter work in Spur since the town first opened up, left this week for Quanah where he will be employed on a big job at that place. Mr. Ward is not only a first-class mechanic but is an honorable, hightoned gentleman in ever respect. He is an old ex-Confederate soldier, and wherever we meet one of these old soldiers we know they have been tried and are true. During the last few weeks of his stay here Mr. Ward was employed doing the finest work on the Texas Spur concrete office, and being closely associated with him the writer found Mr. Ward to be not only a first-class workman and mechanic but a man in every respect worthy the high esteem and respect in which we have ever held those who fought for the Confederacy. Our very best wishes go with Mr. Ward and wherever he may be we wish him contentment and prosperity, and in the final reunion we are confident Colonel Ward will be accepted among those who have fought a good fight.

Cooked meat and fresh bread at Spur Meat Market.



EQUIP AT THE STORE THAT CARRIES THE BEST LINE OF SUMMER GOODS AND VACATION GOODS KEPT IN THIS CITY. EQUIP AT THE STORE THAT EVER SINCE IT HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS HAS TRUSTED ITS FUTURE TO DEALING FAIRLY AND SQUARELY WITH ITS PATRONS.

BRYANT-LINK-COMPANY WHERE QUALITY TELLS AND PRICE SELLS

The Airship in War.

Defense in warfare usually keeps pace with the attack, and already special artillery is being designed to cope with the airship peril. At the worst an airship could only carry out an annoying exploit. The risk, however is great enough to make it advisable that the next Hague conference should turn its attention to this subject. Man kind may, perhaps, discover solidarity enough to decide that the last of its great discoveries shall be innocent.

Those who accomplish great things in the world are those who have great faith. There is nothing one can not accomplish when faith and self confidence accompanies the effort. The same truism may be applied to a town. A town whose people are or should be, a unit, much have faith in its possibilities, in order to call forth its best development and when that faith is manifest nothing is impossible for its accomplishment.—Albany News

It is the opinion of many of the most learned agriculturists that the day is not far distant when an 80-acre farm will be considered larger in the Southwest, and the 80-acre farm will return more profit in time than the larger farm land. But before that, the question of soil adaptation and soil conservation and soil up building will have received nearer their dues, and agriculture will have come to be generally regarded as a science verewith, by definite processes, approximately definite results can be obtained.—Peacock Signal.

Too many advertisers consider advertising a personal matter between the publisher and the proprietor of the store. If they do not like the publisher they won't advertise. The purchase of advertising space is like the renting of a store—it is immaterial who owns it, whether or not he is of a lovable disposition, so long as the property is desirable and worth the price. The man who buys advertising space on any other basis pays for hot air or something equally foolish.—Granbury News.

WHAT CAN A POOR WOMAN DO?

England, it is estimated by Animal Friends, uses 30,000,000 skins yearly; Europe, 150,000,000; America, 50,000,000. Yet back of the feather merchant and the plume hunter who supply the skins are the men who make a fashion for women and then impose it upon them, subtly, irresistibly. Much effort has been expended toward inducing women not to follow a fashion that is set. The futility of that! For, "What can a poor woman do?"—From "Who Killed Cock Robin?" in Everybody's Magazine.

THE STORE OF QUALITY

We are now open and ready for business and can supply the needs and demand of the trade in

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

We will pay the highest market price for butter, eggs and all country produce

We Sell For Cash Only.

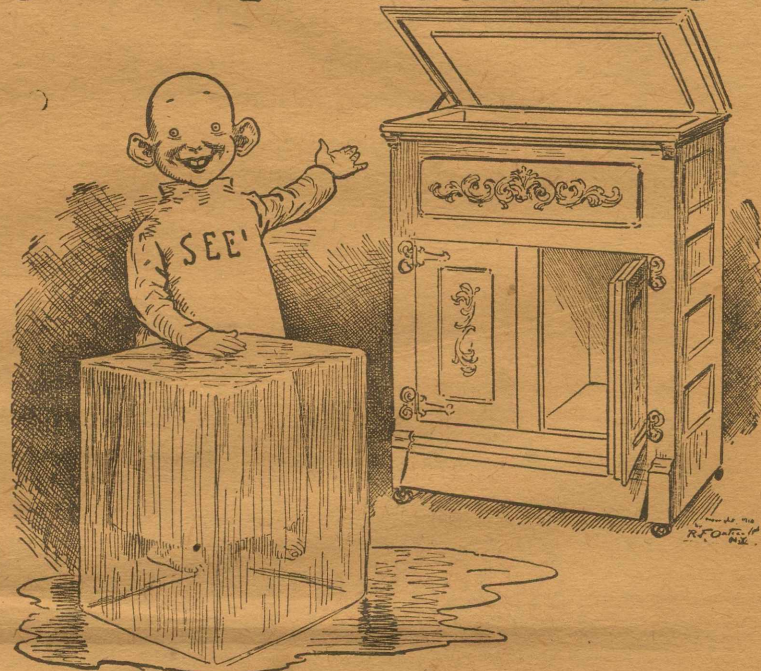
and require only a legitimate profit on each and every article we sell. We respectfully invite you to call in to see us, get acquainted and give us a share of your business.

Western Grocery Co.

3 Doors North of Wendell Bldg.

'Phone 93

REFRIGERATORS



All Refrigerators

are not alike. You want to get the right kind, the kind that insure proper air circulation. We sell the Leonard Refrigerator. This refrigerator will keep your foods fresh and prevent vegetable odors from making your butter and milk taste.

You need an Ice Cream Freezer too, we have them.

Spur Hardware Co.
SPUR, TEXAS

I have received my rubber tire machine and ready now for business in that line. I will have an expert workman in that line and will have plenty tires to accommodate all who desire work at

RED BLACKSMITH SHOP

Southeast part of Spur, Near Blue Front Livey Stable
W. H. TEAGUE & SON, Props.

We do all kinds of blacksmithing and wood work and guarantee all work.

Here With The Goods.

J. W. Smith, of the Plains country, was here one day last week on business. He reports that a considerable acreage of cotton is being planted in his section and that they intend to make Spur their main market place this fall. We assure the

people of the surrounding country that Spur will be here with the goods and will pay the very highest prices for cotton and all farm products. The merchants will not be undersold on any character of merchandise and will not allow other markets to pay higher prices for product and cotton.