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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 9, 1910,

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## ELECTRIC PLANT IN OPERATION.

The first whistle at the electric light plant was blown Thursday of last week, and the first lights were turned on Tuesday night of this week, and now Spur is in the city class with respect to light as well as other city conveniences.

In connection with a first class electric light plant Spur has a first-class sewerage system now in operation, has the finest and most modern hotel in Western Texas, three banks with a capital stock of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars, six well stocked dry goods stores, five grocery stores, three hardware, three millinery establishments, three tin shops, two meat markets, three stables, three feed stores, three restaurants, five hotels, six lumber yards, two wagon yards, two furniture stores, two blacksmith shops, five cold drink and confectionery stands, one variety store, two telephone systems, two abstract offices, one bakery, one electric theatre, one saddle shop, three barber shops, one jewelry store, two tailor shops, one ice house and cold storage, four land and real estate offices, one gin, four churches, one high school, etc. A deep well is being drilled for artesian water and other public enterprises under way.

The town is not yet a year old and before its first anniversary we expect to see other enterprises established in Spur. At the present time the town is well prepared to care for the needs of the country and its trade territory in every respect.

## GROUND SOAKING RAIN IN CAT FISH COUNTRY.

The biggest rain of the season in the country to the southwest of Spur was reported to have fallen Monday and Monday night in the Tap and Cat Fish countries. The rain was said to be not only a ground soaker but a gully washer. Some hail also fell which did damage to crops further west and south, but within the Spur trade territory the hail was small and light and did but little damage.

This rain, although too late to benefit the feed crops, will be of great benefit to June corn, peanuts and cotton, and places that section of the country in the finest condition with respect to crop season at this time.

Just a day or two before this rain several of the farmers of that section informed us that they were beginning to need rain, but no damage was done since their needs were supplied at the proper time.

Dickens county and the Spur trade territory has been most fortunate throughout the year in getting good rains at the proper time, and, notwithstanding the poor crop conditions that prevail in many sections, we have excellent crop prospects here.

Mesdames W. R. Hollingshead and Wilburn Rose, of Jayton, are visiting Mrs. H. R. Stephens this week, in the city.

## New Lot of Wall Paper Received

WHICH GIVES YOU A COMPLETE STOCK TO SELECT FROM

Our Prices are so low that you cannot help but buy, so be sure and come in. Still have some paint which is now being sold below wholesale cost long as it lasts

**RED FRONT DRUG STORE,**  
BOTH PHONES NO. 2.  
EASTMAN KODAKS EDISON PHONOGRAPHS

## SUIT AGAINST S. M. SWENSON & SONS REVERSED.

The suit had at Wichita Falls in July and wherein the court rendered a verdict for \$600,000.00 against S. M. Swenson & Sons in favor of McKay and McKenzie was reversed and remanded for a new trial recently by the Court of Appeals.

The suit was brought by McKenzie and McKay to recover their share of the profits in the sale of the Spur ranch to S. M. Swenson & Sons by English and Scotch stockholders who owned the ranch at that time, alleging their share in the profits to be \$1,000,000.00.

We are not advised of the merits of the case on either side, but since the suit is one which involves land in this section to the amount of something like 2,500,000 acres and 30,000 head of cattle the purchase price of which was seven or eight million dollars, and the verdict rendered said to be the largest ever returned in a civil suit in Texas, we heard something of the claims to in the suit.

In 1902 the plaintiffs and defendants were negotiating for the purchase of the Spur ranch, and to avoid competition in the matter it is alleged that an agreement was made that they work together and take shares in the property. The property was purchased, and after a time it is alleged that McKenzie and McKay failed to come up with their part of the purchase money and that S. M. Swenson & Sons took over the whole prop-

erty, thus leaving McKay and McKenzie out of the deal. The plaintiffs claim to have a verbal agreement with Swenson to enter into a share of the profits, their part being \$1,000,000.00. The suit was brought for that amount and after a legal battle extending over fifteen days the jury in the case returned a verdict against Swenson for plaintiffs in the sum of \$600,000.00. The case was appealed and the higher courts remanded the case for a new trial which will be had at the next regular term of court.

## MAN DROWNED IN DOUBLE MOUNTAIN RIVER.

The report came to Spur this week of the death of Jack Trimble who was drowned in the Double Mountain River Monday. The river was up as a result of a heavy rain in that section of country, and in trying to cross the river on horse-back the rider and horse were both carried down by the swift current.

Mr. Trimble lived near Clairemont and leaves a wife and two children in his home and other relatives near Rotan, in Fisher county.

The Texas Spur extends sincere condolence to the bereaved relatives.

The Spur school opened Monday with a good attendance. Although disadvantages are encountered, the term promises exceptional results from the able corps of teachers.

## DICKENS COUNTY AHEAD IN CROPS AND DEVELOPMENT

H. E. Carter and family moved the first of this week to Spur from Gaines county and will make this their permanent home in the future. Mr. Carter has just completed a nice residence on his twenty-acre block near town and now has one of the neatest and most convenient suburban homes of the country. Mr. Carter will be engaged in the real estate business here, and being a man of exceptional ability in this line and well informed as to the needs and conditions of this western country we wish and predict for him much success in the business. During the past several weeks Mr. Carter has been over a considerable portion of the country and says that the Spur country and Dickens county is far ahead of anything he has seen with respect not only to good crops but in the rapid and substantial development of the country. Dickens county is truly coming to the front and we welcome such men as Mr. Carter to help shove things along and promote continued developments and progress.

Mr. Riter, of the Riter Hardware Company, returned this week from Hamlin where he spent several days with his family and looking after his business interests at that place. Miss Georgie Riter, his daughter, returned with him to spend the week in Spur.

## FIRST BALE SOLD FOR \$13.10

The Spur Cotton Market is now wide open and the buyers of the town are paying more than the market price for the staple.

The first bale of the season to sell in Spur was brought in Thursday by J. J. Randall and sold to Bryant-Link Company who paid \$13.10, being a much higher price than the quotation price. The bale weighed 580 pounds and was classed as middling.

The cotton was grown on Mr. Randall's place five miles southeast of Spur and was ginned at Girard, the bale being the second one ginned at that place and the only two bales ginned in the county up to that date.

While the Randall bale was the first sold in Spur, two other bales in the seed have been brought in and stored until the Spur gin is ready for ginning, Poet Hagins of Gilpin bringing in the first premium bale and Mr. Scott of the Cat Fish country bringing in another seed bale Thursday which was also stored.

From this time on we expect to see many bales of cotton come in every day in the week and throughout the fall the Spur buyers intend to pay the very top prices and make Spur the very best cotton market of Western Texas. The fact of the business is that the buyers here intend to pay all there is in the cotton buying business to the farmers of the country in order to establish a superior market here.

The merchants will also make Spur the best trading point in the whole country. They have large and well selected stocks of goods and will make prices to compete with other towns.

## HELPS TO SETTLE THE SPUR COUNTRY

One of our substantial subscribers informed us this week that he recently mailed two copies of the paper to parties in the eastern part of the state, and as a result he received a letter that the paper had been remailed to other parties and that three families were making preparations to move to this section of country. We know of a number of other instances where the Texas Spur has been instrumental in bringing substantial citizens and business men to Spur and the Spur country. If you have friends in the east or elsewhere whom you would like to settle in this section come in and have the paper sent to them. We will endeavor at some time to tell them something that will attract them to this country.

## MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

L. L. Jeter, a prosperous citizen of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Tuesday and hauled out lumber with which to make improvements on his place in that section of country. From all parts of Dickens county come reports of buildings and improvements of all kinds. Dickens county is not only a leader in good crops this year but is the most rapidly developing section in the West.

## CLOTHING

We have received some of the **NEW FALL** styles in Men's, Boys and Childrens, suits that we can "**SHOW YOU.**" Have the quality, style and price to merit your patronage.

We are sole agents for the **JACK AND JILL** hose for Boy's and Girl's that are the best 25c values and for the benefit of school children have reduced them to

**20 cents per pair or 3 pair for 50 cents**

We want your trade and will merit it by giving you the best values for the money.

## B. SHACKLETT

Wendell Brick - - - - - Spur, Texas

**DR. MORRIS**  
 PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
 Office in Spur Drug Co. Phone No. 40.

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**DR. G. M. BACHELOR.**  
 DENTIST  
 Office at Spur Drug Company.  
 at Jayton 1st Mon. & Tues. each  
 mo. Dickens 3rd Mon. and Tues.

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**T. T. Bouldin P. C. Maynard**  
**BOULDIN & MAYNARD,**  
 ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
 Special attention given to exami-  
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**DR. ALECK SPENCER**  
 Specialist  
 Practices Eye, Ear, Nose and  
 Throat. Glasses correctly fitted.  
 Abbott Building, Stamford, Tex.

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**DR. T. E. STANDIFER**  
 PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
 Diseases of women and children  
 and Electrotherapy a specialty.  
 Local Surgeon for Wichita Val-  
 ley Railroad.  
 Residence 'phone 49. Office 39.

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**W. A. WINN, M. D.**  
 PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
 Office Red Front Drug Store.  
 Office phone No.  
 Residence phone No.

Sunday a party composed of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link, Mr.  
 and Mrs. R. D. Campell, Mr.  
 and Mrs. McGuirt, Misses Wil-  
 liams and Lillian Denton, Mrs.  
 Graham, W. G. Sherrod, W. S.  
 Campbell, A. J. Tyler, and C. G.  
 Chandler went to the home of  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Brown  
 north of the city and spent the  
 day. The guests enjoyed a fine  
 dinner and during the afternoon  
 fruits and watermelons were  
 served. The guests report hav-  
 ing had a most delightful time.

An Epworth League was or-  
 ganized Sunday at the Metho-  
 dist tabernacle. The following  
 officers were elected: Cephus  
 Hogan, Pres.; J. L. Hearn, Vice-  
 Pres.; A. J. Tyler, 2nd Vice-Pres.;  
 Miss Lyde Dickson, 3rd Vice-  
 Pres.; Miss Iva Johnson, Secre-  
 tary; W. C. Gruben, Treasurer.  
 Several committees were ap-  
 pointed and the League has a  
 very promising beginning.

Finley Bishop, formerly as-  
 sistant freight agent at Spur  
 but now of Abilene, accompa-  
 nied by his father of Hamlin,  
 was in the city several days this  
 week shaking hands with  
 friends.

Mr. King, Auditor of the  
 Southwestern Telephone Com-  
 pany, returned to Stamford  
 Wednesday after spending sev-  
 eral days in Spur auditing the  
 books of the company at this  
 place.

E. A. Ellis, of Moran, came to  
 Spur recently and will engage  
 in the real estate business with  
 his brother, T. H. Ellis. We  
 welcome Mr. Ellis to Spur and  
 wish the new firm much busi-  
 ness and prosperity.

Messrs. White and Hill of  
 Crosbyton and Tahoka, were in  
 the city Tuesday and Wednes-  
 day and were pleasant callers at  
 the Texas Spur office.

**THE FORT WORTH**  
**Confectionery & Lunch Room**  
 AT DECK POWERS OLD STAND

Everything first class. Fresh oysters ANY STYLE, Ham-  
 burgers, [chilli, etc. Try us once and you will call again.

**MRS. W. T. HAYWOOD, Prop.**

**NO. 9611.**

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**  
 at Spur, in the State of Texas,  
 at the close of business, Sep-  
 tember 1, 1910.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 94,672.23
Overdrafts secured & Unsecured	5,111.16
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking house, Fur- niture, & Fixtures	28,881.50
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	3,350.38
Due from approved Reserve Agents	26,087.67
Checks & other cash Items	5,275.58
Notes of other National Banks	3,455.00
Fractional Paper cur- rency, Nickels, and Cents	26.25
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	\$3,346.00
Legal tender Notes	5,000.0
Redemption Fund with U.S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circula- tion)	1,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196,707.77</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	368.30
National Bank Notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	125.40
Individual deposits subject to check	44,189.07
Bills payable, includ- ing certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated.	
Rent Account	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196,707.77</b>

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:  
 I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Correct Attest:  
 C. A. Jones,  
 R. V. Colbert,  
 W. T. Andrews,  
 Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of September 1910.  
 E. J. COWAN,  
 Notary Public.

J. W. Carlisle and Mr. Boothe, of the Gilpin country, were in Spur this week making prepara- tions to open up the Farmers' Union Cotton Yard and Ware- house. The yard will be located just across the railroad track from town and will be ready for business at an early date. Mr. Carlisle will be manager of the business and will be prepared to do weighing and also grading.

Frank M. Torbet came over the first of the week from As- permont and spent several days here looking after business mat- ters.

F. W. Clinkscales and Mr. Mayhugh, of Plainview, came over Wednesday in an automo- bile, looking after business in- terests here. These gentlemen own some choice property in Spur and we are informed that they are considering a proposi- tion to build a brick business house on the lots. We will be glad to see the proposition ma- terialize and the bricks going up on the lots at an early date. At the present time Spur has more substantial business hous- es of any city its age within the state. Spur is one of the best and fastest growing towns in every particular and before many years will be in the city class along all lines.

I have just opened up a full and complete stock of dry goods and notions in the store building west of the post-office and will be glad to show you our stock. We have a complete line of the Brown, M. D. Wells and X5X Shoes and will make prices that will interest you. Call in to see us, we have the goods and will appreciate your trade.  
 Yours for business,  
 R. S. Holman.

**The Remington Typewriter**

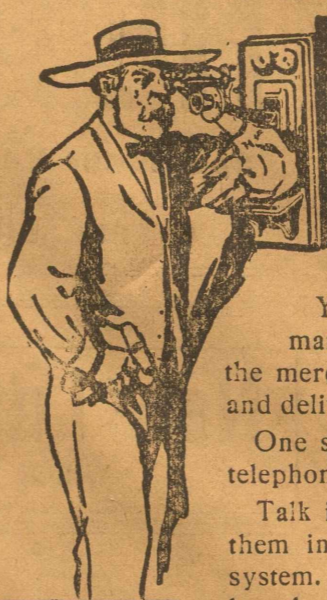
Leads in Improvements, Simplicity, Efficiency, Sales. It not only led at the start but has main- tained its position by sheer force of superiority. It pays to use a Remington. It will pay you to see the new models 10 and 11, on which the writing can be seen as written.

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 349 Main Street,  
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**Emmett Lee**  
**Carpenter & Contractor..**  
 WORK GUARANTEED  
 Plans and Specifications Furnished

W. S. Taylor is now employed at the Western Grocery Compa- ny store, having resigned his position with the windmill crew of the Spur ranch.

**LODGE DIRECTORY.**  
 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month  
 J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.  
 I. O. O. F. meets every Mon- day night. Jno. B. Pruden, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.  
 M. W. A. meets every Thurs- day night. Emmett Lee, Clerk.  
 Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.  
 K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, Sec.  
 Painters Union meets every Wednesday night. J. E. Mont- gomery, Pres.; J. Y. Jordan, Secretary.



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You can keep in touch with the market to the minute—talk directly to the merchant—make your bargain at once and deliver at your leisure.

One such transaction will pay for your telephone.


Talk it over with your neighbors. Get them interested in this modern telephone system. The cost to each of you will be less than half a bale of cotton.

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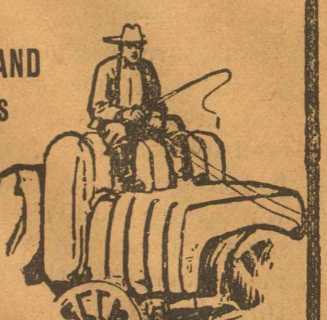
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 Daily except Sunday, connect- ing Spur, Lubbock, Floydada via Crosbyton. Arrives and de- parts in connection with trains.

**FOR ICE**  
**Phone 76**  
 Free delivery from 7 to 11 a. m.

Miss Estes returned recently to her home in Oklahoma after spending two weeks with J. W. Hodges.

For good fresh Groceries and quic service phone Hisey Gro- cery Co.

Aubry Loyd and wife, of Af- ton, were in the city Wednesday spending the day here with friends.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Mrs. Cook, of Seymour, is here this week visiting her sis- ter, Mrs. Tidwell and family.

Wayne Van Leer, who is mak- ing a crop this year on his place several miles north of town, was in Saturday and reports that his crops are looking nicely at this time.

For staple and Fancy Groceries Phone Hisey Grocery Co.

J. M. Jones, a prosperous farmer of the Afton community, was in the city Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at the Tex- as Spur office. Mr. Jones brought in five big ears of corn, maize and kaffir corn grown on his farm this year. The five ears of corn weighed six pounds and was fine as any corn grown in the state. He has forty acres of corn and expects to get twenty-five bushels to the acre. Mr. Jones says that his cotton crop is doing nicely and that it will probably average more than one-half bale to the acre. The Afton country is considered one of the best sections of counrv in the agricultural and fruit growing lines of all of western Texas, and the farmers of that section are among the most sub- stantial citizens of the country.

**A CONCERT.**

A concert will be given at the Methodist tabernacle next Tues- day night by Miss McNeil and the Misses Hinkle of Galveston. A delightful musical program of vocal solos, duetts and quar- tettes and piano selections has been arranged and a musical treat is promised to all who at- tend. An admission fee of 25c will be charged and proceeds be for the Presbyterian church.

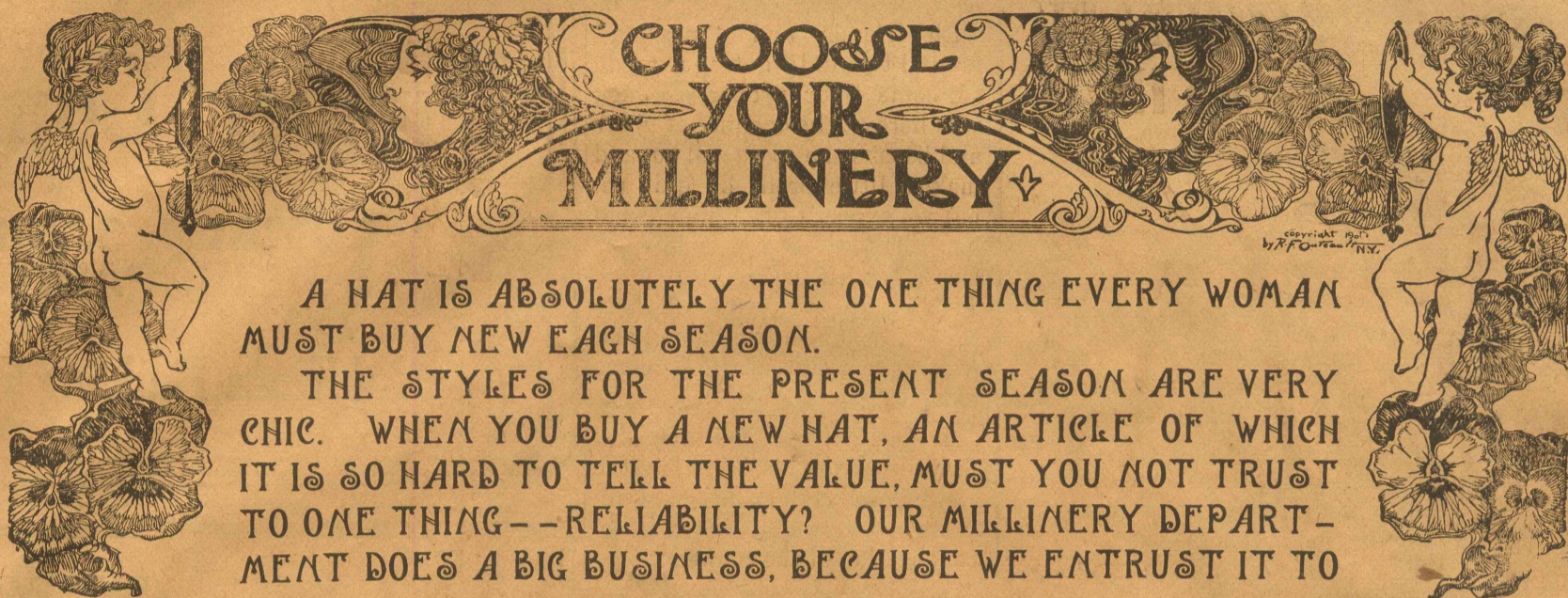
**We Lead the Way**



To better things in Gro- ceries and to lower pri- ces for lifes necessities.

If you are not getting the satisfaction you de- sire in these particulars, we can render you ma- terial assistance and save you many a dollar. One trial is sufficient to convince, our line of Coffee, Teas, Extracts, Can Goods. In fact everything we carry is the best and freshest to be found in Dickens Co.

**GIVE US A TRIAL AND BE CONVINCED**  
**WESTERN GROCERY CO.**  
 BOTH PHONES, 93.



A HAT IS ABSOLUTELY THE ONE THING EVERY WOMAN MUST BUY NEW EACH SEASON.

THE STYLES FOR THE PRESENT SEASON ARE VERY CHIC. WHEN YOU BUY A NEW HAT, AN ARTICLE OF WHICH IT IS SO HARD TO TELL THE VALUE, MUST YOU NOT TRUST TO ONE THING--RELIABILITY? OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT DOES A BIG BUSINESS, BECAUSE WE ENTRUST IT TO ONLY TO EXPERTS HANDS. WHEN YOUR HAT COMES FROM OUR ESTABLISHMENT IT IS "CORRECT." WHEN YOU WISH YOUR PICTURE MADE, YOU VISIT THE PHOTOGRAPHER WHO KNOWS HOW TO POST YOU. WHEN YOU WISH A NEW HAT VISIT THE STORE THAT KNOWS HOW TO HELP YOU SELECT THE HAT IN WHICH YOU WILL LOOK BEST.

## BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

### A TRUE FRIEND.

There is an infinite distance between the meaning of "acquaintance" and friend." The longer I live the more profoundly I believe that no one has actually more than two or three friends. He is a friend—and only he—to whom you can lay bear your heart without the pledge of secrecy. And where is the safety in that? Has not the mere acquaintance a bosom friend of his own? The real friend is interested in you—he'll listen to your faults and weakness and will neither condemn and chide. Your joys, your triumphs, and failures become his very own. No one dare refuse the friend who has stood with him in the darkest hour or that has walked with him through the deepest valley. Where is the heart—and how many?—to whom can you throw wide open the closeted secrets of your breast? Where is the bosom on

which you are willing to pillow your head with the same confidence that a baby slumbers on its mother's breast? Where is the one before whose eyes you would not hesitate to lift the veil that hides the inner heart? Such a friend will not pass the secret on—rather he hides it from a misunderstanding and misjudging world. When you have found a friend like that cling to him with a deadless passion! The very rareness makes him more precious than all the diamonds in the world.—Ex.

City Restaurant & Bakery for your fresh bread, cookies, pies, cakes, etc.

Cecil Smith, son of Sam Smith of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He says that everything is looking good in the Red Mud country.

The Texas Spur, \$1 per year

### BETTER THAN DIAMONDS.

Away out on the desert a poor Bedouin was dragging his body along over the burning sands. It had been days since he had tasted food. Worn with hunger he at last caught sight of a traveler's bag dropped by the way by some one who had gone over the road before him. Near by was a beautiful fountain.

With a heart full of joy at the thought that the sack must be filled with something he could eat and already anticipating a feast by the side of the laughing fountain, he hastened to undo the string which bound the mouth of the bag.

But his trembling fingers turned out of the sack, not bread but jewels which sparkled in the sun like lovely diamonds. The joy died out of his heart and he sank back dying on the sandy desert, crying piteously, "Diamonds! Only Diamonds!"

Have you never dreamed in the daytime of a time far in the future when you would be worth a fortune? Perhaps at first you thought a hundred dollars would make you happy. A man who had such a dream says when he had earned the first hundred dollars, he was no better satisfied than he was at first. Now he longed for a thousand. Even the thousand was not enough. More, always more, was the cry of his heart, and he never saw the day when the craving of his heart found its full fruition.

Diamonds have no power to make one happy. There are things so much better. Think of some of them.

Strength of body is worth more than money. With that one may win everything that is worth winning. Work hard to keep the body pure and clean.

A high purpose is better than diamonds. You may never win great wealth, but with a strong desire to do just the best you can in life for yourself, for others and for God, your life will be full of peace and joy.

A good name is better than great riches. Have we not the

word of the Wise Man for this? He has tasted every fountain and at last came back to the simple truth. Be the desert through which you journey ever so wide, be its sands as drear as they may, you never will starve if you have with you the golden treasure of a name worthy of respect.

But best of all there is the jewel of the Name which is above every name. Have you that in your heart? Then you can go out bravely to meet every hard thing that may come to you in life. Journey far tho you may, your sack never will be empty of the food which will refresh and make you strong.

Have you this rarest of diamonds hidden in your heart?—Kind Words.

Miss Louis Fox, of near Spur, was in town several days this week visiting Miss Ione Johnson.—Dickens Item.

J. H. Edwards, of several miles east of Afton, was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports his crop in fine shape but says that he never grows cotton since he can neither price it nor grow it to his own advantage. Mr. Edwards has the right idea in his cotton growing business and if every farmer in the county would take the same view along agricultural lines the farming business would become the most remunerative of all other businesses. The truth of the business is that the farming business is done in such a slipshod manner and in such a hap-hazard way that it is rarely considered a business but rather a means of promoting business for the skinners, grafters and mortgagees of the land. When the farmers of the country diversify and cooperate then the business of farming will come into its own and the farmers will be recognized as the business men of the country.

H. P. COLE, Pres.

J. F. VERNON, Cashier

## Farmers & Merchants State Bank

SPUR, TEXAS.

Customers of a Bank have the right to expect something of the bank which has the benefit of the use of their money

TO OUR CUSTOMERS WE OFFER  
ABSOLUTE SAFETY      COURTEOUS TREATMENT

National Banks may become insolvent and in that event, You have no assurance of ever getting your money. When State Banks become insolvent you are assured of your deposit by a guaranty fund with state of Texas.

Deposit your money where it is protected  
Deposit your money where it is safe  
DEPOSIT YOUR MONEY WITH

**F. & M. State Bank**  
SPUR, TEXAS.  
MAY WE SERVE YOU

G. H. Connell, Pres.    S. R. Davis, Vice Pt.    E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.

## First State Bank of Spur, Texas.

Temporary Location in Spur Furniture Co.

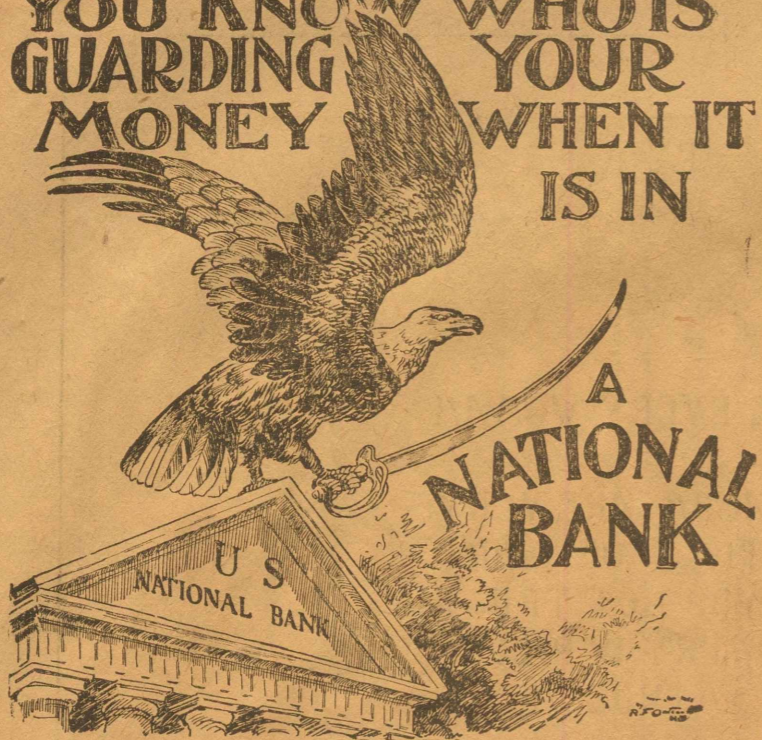
CAPITAL STOCK - - - \$50,000.00

The deposits of this Bank are protected by the  
Guaranty Fund Plan of the State of Texas.

Stockholders, and Directors,

Jno. T. George, Cattleman; G. H. Connell, Banker; S. R. Gardner of Pitch Fork Ranch; P. H. Miller, Lumberman; M. B. Loyd, Banker; S. B. Burnett, Cattleman; R. A. Jay, Banker; Chas. Windham, Cattleman; Robert Hamilton, Capitalist; I. D. Scoggins, Cattleman; W. E. Connell, Banker; S. R. Davis, Merchant; G. A. Pursley, Cattleman; J. D. Harkey, Cattleman; T. E. Standifer, Physician; I. R. Powell, Cattleman; E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.

**YOU KNOW WHO IS  
GUARDING YOUR  
MONEY WHEN IT  
IS IN**



A National Bank is an absolutely safe place to put your money, because the United States Government examines regularly all National Banks.

Ask our patrons how we treat you.  
We invite you to make OUR Bank YOUR Bank.

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

A square meal or short order at City Restaurant and Bakery.

Jack Maben, of Rotan, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here shaking hands with friends and "messaging" around trying to get up a trade for some Spur property. Jack was here at the opening of Spur and because he could sell out and make a little profit he quit us, but we expect to see him come back and become permanently located with us before long. Jack is a fine man and will help to keep things moving along and we will be glad to see him "come home to roost."

J. B. Morrison was in the city Saturday from his home in the Lower Red Mud country and reports everything in fine shape in that section of the country.

Jack Maben and family are visiting at the home of J. B. Morrison and family in the Lower Red Mud country. Jack reports that he has a new boy at his home, he being about one month old at this time.

Sheriff H. P. Cole was over from Dickens last Tuesday on business.

**W. C. BOWMAN  
Lumber Comp'y**

**LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, PAINT,**

**And All Kinds Building Material**

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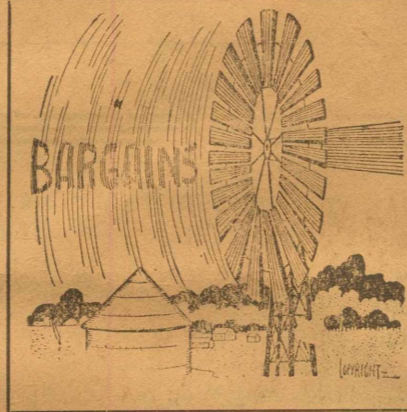
**Meets all trains and prepared to haul  
passengers to any part of the country**

**Good Teams and Rigs, Wagon Yard & Camp House**

J. P. Higgins was in Saturday from his Cat Fish ranch and reports everything moving along nicely in that section. Uncle Pink has one of the finest ranches in that part of the country and because he does not wish to cultivate all the agricultural land on the ranch he desires to sell a part of it to some man who will cultivate it and has listed the land with the Exchange for sale. He only wants \$8.00 per acre for the land and anybody who wants to put in a farm can't beat the price nor the land. It is improved to the extent of a good four room house, orchard, two wind mills, fenced and cross-fenced and no grubbing to be done. If you want the cheapest agricultural lands in western Texas this is the opportunity to get it.

Sam Smith was in the city Saturday looking after business matters. Mr. Smith is now in the well drilling business and is doing a considerable business in that line. Mr. Smith is also in the farming business and has fine crop prospects, and unless something unforeseen turns up he will make a big crop of cotton as well as feed stuff. Mr. Smith is one of the old timers in this country and has gone through the rubs with a few others here. When you meet any of the old timers here you can count them as among our best and most substantial citizenship.

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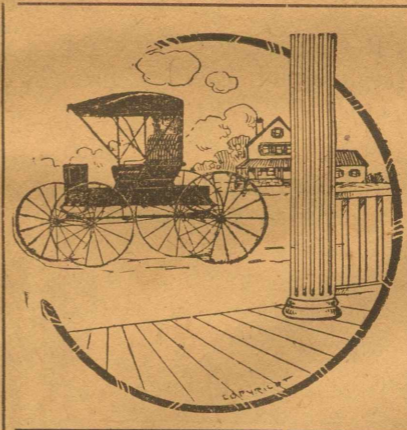
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**THE STUDEBAKER  
Buggies and Wagons**

**THERE ARE NO BETTER  
VEHICLES TO BE FOUND**



Buy your buggy right here at home where you can register any "kick" coming. Buy it only after a thorough examination, but don't buy from catalogue pictures  
**RITER HARDWARE COMPANY, Spur, Texas**

Mrs. C. M. Buchanan was in town selling peaches last Tuesday.

Dr. Hale was over from Dickens Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, of Jones county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Owens at their home in the city.

Bill Stewart, of Eastland, is here with a view of making Spur his home some time in the future. Mr. Stewart is a carpenter by trade and we would be glad to have him as a citizen of the town.

Pair of pet deer for sale at my place 7 miles east of Afton.  
J. H. EDWARDS.

Fresh oysters at City Restaurant and Bakery.

Jeff Harkey was over from Dickens Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lawson, of Stamford, spent several days in the city with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Morris and family.

Van Piercy and wife returned Sunday from an extended visit to relatives at Rising Star and Stephenville.

Chas. A. Jones made a business trip this week to New York City in the interests of the Spur Farm Lands and S. M. Swenson & Sons.

C. L. Love made a business trip the first of the week to Stamford where he spent several days.

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

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**THE ROYAL HOTEL**

MACK POWERS, Proprietor

East Side Burlington Avenue

**TRAVELING TRADE SOLICITED.**

Table Board \$4.00 Per Week  
Board and Lodging \$5 Per Week

George Dodson left Spur last Tuesday loaded with lumber for his new residence north of Dickens. There is a lot of lumber going out that way this summer.

H. D. Harvey returned the first of this week from a trip to Leuders, Grand Saline and others points where he attended meetings of the Socialists. He reports having had a pleasant time and heard some fine speeches by leaders of the Socialist party.

**FOR SALE.**

Eight head of well broke, small farm mules, and good farm of 175 acres, 85 in cultivation, 3 acres in good orchard, good well with lots of water. For information see owner 5 miles north of Dickens.

tf J. W. CLARK

**CROWLEY-SUTHERLAND COMMISSION CO.**

sold more Live Stock on the Fort Worth market in 1909 than any other Commission Co. doing business there. We give the best service and ask for shipments on our merits. Give us your shipments and we will do the rest

**JOE STOKES, - Special Representative.**

**The Plainview Nursery**

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By going to the Spur Drug Co. and making purchases to the amount of \$5.00 you, will be issued an accident policy of \$1,000 fully paid up for 1 yr., for only 34c.

This policy is issued by the American National Insurance Company of Galveston, one of the strongest companies in the south.

Why not protect yourself and family when it costs you so little?

**SPUR DRUG CO.**

F. L. Allcorn, of Dickens, was in the city Saturday on business.

Cephus Hogan went over to Dickens Saturday evening and spent Sunday with his family at that place. Mr. Hogan and family intend to move over just as soon as he can get a house.

Mr. Blackwood came in the latter part of last week to visit his family. They are making preparations to move to Abilene and will ship their household goods some time this week.

The Spur Inn opened up for business Wednesday and will be under the management of W. D. Baugh. Mr. Baugh was formerly with a Pullman Cafe Company and is highly recommended as a first-class hotel man, and under his management and backed up by the Swensons, who do things, the Spur Inn is expected to establish and maintain a wide reputation as one of the best and most up-to-date hotels of the country. The Spur Inn building is one of the finest of its kind in the state. It is built of brick with stucco finish and staff ornaments and has some forty-five or fifty guest rooms.

Mrs. Dudley Adams, of Stamford, is here spending a few days with D. D. Adams and family.

J. M. Dennison, of Arkansas, spent several days here this week with his nephew, D. D. Adams and family. While here he met Mrs. Dudley Adams whom he had not seen for a number of years. Mr. Dennison says that the crops in Arkansas are short this year on account of too much rain. He was surprised at the substantial growth since the creation of the town less than one year ago. He had been over the Plains country and said that the country was also a surprise to him in development along agricultural lines, but that he was too old to move out to a new country and begin the development work at this time. However, he realizes that the country has a great future and will prosper the young man who comes here now and stays with it. In Arkansas he says the greatest work is now being done along educational lines and that colleges, normal schools and high schools are being built and established in all parts of the country and the people in general consider educational matters above commercial, agricultural and all other interests of the country.

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W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

## GODFREY-TYLER Realty Company.

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Also write Fire and Tornado Insurance in strong and  
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J. P. Horton and family moved Monday to the residence recently vacated by J. B. Pruden and family.

Judge McClain was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He is building a fine five-room bungalow on his place in the Cat Fish country, and says that his wife told him that other people of the country were building nice houses and since they were living in the house built when they first came to this country, a number of years ago, that she intended to live in a fine house too. The Judge reports that it is again getting a little dry in that section of country and that a good rain at this time would be very much appreciated.

R. S. Holman made a business trip the first of the week to Afton. He transferred the post-office department at that place to Messrs Hale and Loyd since he is moving to Spur to become permanently located here.

Mrs. John Montgomery, of Jayton, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller in the city.

Rev. Welch, of Belview, is in the city this week assisting in the Baptist meeting.

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

## AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

**Richardson Lumber Com'y**

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Mrs. J. E. Shelton and children, who have been on an extended visit to relatives at Tolar and other points, returned Sunday to their home in Spur.

### PRIZES OFFERED

Spur, Texas, June 25, 1910.

We, the undersigned, agree to give the prizes set after our names for the best samples of farm, garden and orchard products raised in the Spur country and brought to the Spur commercial Club.

Collection of plums and peaches, J. A. Lambdin & Co., in trade coupons, \$5.

For best Maize, Bryant-Link Co., in trade, \$2.50.

For best stalk of cotton, Spur National Bank, cash, \$1.

Best bundle of oats, Red Front Drug Store, trade, \$1.

Best 5 ears corn, T. E. Standifer, cash, \$1.

Best bundle of wheat, Western Grocery Co., trade, \$1.

Stalk of cotton with most boles on it, Dixie Store, cash or trade, \$1.

Best specimen of broom corn, Spur Grain Co., \$1.

Best watermelon, Brazelton-Pryor & Co., trade \$2.

Best peanuts, Spur Hardware Co., cash or trade, \$2.

Best Kershaw, Jeff D. Reagan, \$1.

Alfalfa, \$2.50 Sweet potatoes, \$2.50, Indian corn, \$2.50, June corn, \$2.50, \$10. for best assortment of farm products \$10.00, making a total prize of \$20 by Stamford & Northwestern Town site Company.

Postmaster Duncan, of Draper, had business in the city the first of the week.

## BARBER SHOP

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First Class Work. Hot or Cold Baths.  
Also agent for Stamford Steam Laundry.

Located Wst Side Burlington Ave. Opposite Royal Hotel.

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CARRY AT ALL TIMES A FULL LINE OF

**L U M B E R**

AND ALL KIND OF BUILDING MATERIAL

**We want to figure your bills.**

We sell the Devco Paint

The trade of Spur and the surrounding country is solicited and will be appreciated. We carry a large stock in our line and can supply your needs.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

For 20 days I will give Cut Prices on all Photographs except Post Cards. I will make you a

**\$3.50 Per Dozen Photo for \$2.50**

I will also give a

**Medallion Photo FREE.**

With each dozen. These Photos are made of the best material. All work guaranteed. Yours truly,

**R. B. F. CRAIG, SPUR, TEXAS**  
Across the street from Post Office.

## Farmers Union Cotton Yard & Warehouse

J. W. CARLISLE, Mgr.

Yard located south of railroad track

Prepared to weigh and Grade all Cotton for ten cents per bale, weights and grade absolutely accurate.

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**We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most Productive Territory**

Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

**\$12 to \$17.50**  
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

## THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a  
**.HOME.**

### STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstrations on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation; and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable prices. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,  
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following are the Democratic Nominees as a result of the Democratic Primary held July 23.

For District Attorney:  
ISAAC O. NEWTON

For County and District Clerk:  
CRAWFORD COBB

For County Judge  
F. C. GIPSON

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. CREGO.

For Tax Assessor  
E. L. HARKEY

For Sheriff  
H. P. COLE

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3:  
J. M. BENNETT.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3.  
E. J. COWAN

### DRY FARMING

Dry farming is crop insurance in districts where the annual precipitation ranges from eight to twenty inches, provided certain principles and methods are followed. There is nothing mysterious about the art, nor does the most enthusiastic dry farmer claim to be able to raise crops without moisture. Dry farming at its best is moisture conservation, which is brought about by plowing, packing, cultivating and cropping to insure the reception and preservation of the largest possible amount of the natural rainfall. In plowed land on the prairie, where the surface is made fine for a mulch, moisture rapidly penetrates and permeates the soil and within a few months can be found continuous to a depth of from 30 to 50 inches, while on contiguous sod it is rare that five inches of moisture can be found in the summer months. The so-called "Missouri test" will satisfy the most skeptical. The land must be plowed to sufficient depth to offer a body of loose soil for the reception of rainfall. Newly plowed land should be packed or made reasonably firm to prevent drying out by air and wind.

The dust mulch, kept from one to six inches deep, depending soil and climatic conditions,

is an important feature. It acts as a blanket to preserve the moisture below and is essential in any dry farming region. Not only does the practical farmer recognize the value of the mulch but also scientists have handled huge tanks of soil arranged with windlasses, to enable daily weighings. Some of the soil tanks are cultivated, others are left to form a crust on the top layers. The invariable results of these experiments show that the saving of moisture depends wholly on the depth and fineness of the dust blanket maintained over the lower soil layers.

One of the essentials of handling land in regions of limited rainfall is seed, plant and crop selection. Plants grown in humid lands or under irrigation are not adapted to and cannot succeed under dry farming. It is possible, of course, to slowly acclimate such plants to the semi-arid conditions, but meanwhile the crops are small and unprofitable. Not only the various State and Federal experimental stations, but private individuals are taking up the work of adapting, by breeding and selection, grain, grasses and forage crops to the use of the dry farmer.

The same methods do not succeed equally well in the various parts of the dry farming belt.

The system that will bring heavy returns to the wheat farmers of the Palouse country in eastern Washington, would probably need to be much revised for New Mexico or Arizona. In some districts of the semi-arid belt profitable crops can be assured practically every year by using the essentials of the dry farming system. In other regions biennial cropping is necessary. The rain of one year must be stored and saved by summer cultivation, and this added to the next year's precipitation to grow a profitable crop. The latter plan has proven successful in the Big Bend wheat district and other parts of Washington and in some of the grain belts of Oregon and California.

To set the limits that make it necessary to substitute dry farming for the methods of the rain belt, and to set those that call the halt on any kind of culture and make the way for the cattlemen and sheep man is difficult. Many factors enter into the problem for the practice of the dry farming system. A retentive soil underlaid with tight subsoil is far more favorable to crop production than either sandy surface or subsoil. Amount of sunshine, wind velocity, average temperatures, amount of evaporation and dis-

tribution of rainfall throughout the year are features that must be considered.—E. J. Iddling.

### TELL THE TRUTH.

A man who has lived his life so successful that he now occupies a position of great responsibility once said:

"I have seen many men rise and fall in the world, but I never have seen anybody who seriously injured his prospects by telling the truth. When I was a very young man I made up my mind that there was nothing in this world that was worth a lie, and I can safely say that much of my success is due to this fact. I have had several employers in my life, but I never worked for a man without winning his confidence. I always told him the truth, and he soon saw I was to be trusted. It is one of the laws of success."—Crosbyton Review.

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**Niggerhead and Lump Coal, Post Oak Wood.  
All Kinds of Hay, Grain and Cow Feed**

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#### PRIZES FOR PRODUCE.

In another column of the paper is published a list of prizes being offered by the business men of the town for the best exhibit of farm and orchard products of the county. A nice exhibit has been secured and is now on display at the Commercial Club room.

The plan is to take this exhibit to the Dallas Fair where arrangements have already been made for a place of exhibit. To get up an exhibit that will do the county justice and properly place before the outside world an actual demonstration of what can be grown in the county will entail considerable expense and time, and every citizen of the county should not only be interested in securing the very best exhibit possible but should also contribute funds and assist in securing the necessary funds to properly display and care for the exhibit booth at the fair. A nice exhibit of the products of the county will be more convincing evidence that Dickens county is an exceptionally fine agricultural and fruit growing section than much advertising in other ways. An exhibit is an actual demonstration that the stuff is produced and since people attend the Dallas fair from all quarters of the country the advertising thus secured will not only be extensive but uncontrovertible evidence that farm, orchard and garden products of Dickens county are good as the best in both quality and quantity of production.

The Dallas fair will begin October 15th, and in the meantime let every citizen and farmer of the county take an interest in the matter of securing the very best possible exhibit and also contribute of funds in bearing the expense of such an undertaking. There are always a few who are willing to contribute to funds of this character but the expense is too great for the few to bear and if all will assist and contribute the expense will be small to each and a great benefit to all. The matter of settling and developing a country is not the duty of one man, but is an undertaking in which the whole country should cooperate.

#### CITY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY

Regular Meals, Short Orders

AND

Fresh Bread

Mrs. J. B. Conner, who has been confined the past several days at the Spur Hospital, we are glad to note is very much improved and will soon be removed to her home in the city. Dr. Standifer performed a very delicate operation, removing a large tumor which had been affecting Mrs. Conner's health for some time. There are now four patients in the Dr. Standifer Hospital, all of whom are doing nicely since being operated on by Dr. Standifer for various causes.

Mrs. W. T. Haywood, of Fort Worth, recently purchased the Deck Powers cold drink business in the city and with Mr. Haywood now has charge of the business. They have added a lunch counter and will serve lunches as well as cold drinks. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Haywood to Spur and wish them a successful business here.

## The Connecting Link of Rapid Development in Western Texas.

**I**N large cities the commission merchant is recognized as a great factor in the sale of produce and all kinds of products. He brings the farmer and stock raiser close to the buying public and insures to the purchaser and the seller not only the very best market prices and the best products on the market but is at all times in a position to accommodate the public in his line. Life is too short for a man to run all over town trying to get the best price for a bushel of potatoes when he can give a commission man 5 per cent of the sale, close the deal at once and get the price.

So it is with the real estate man in Western Texas. He has a list of the property for sale in the country, tell the prospector the advantages and resources of the country, refers to his list for something that will suit the buyer and makes the sale, when if every man who wants to sell or buy acts as his own salesman or purchaser and chases over the country to make a deal the chances are that he will spend many days in a fruitless search for what he wants.

The real estate man is the connecting link in promoting rapid development in Western Texas. He, with the newspaper, do more boosting, booming and talking for the development progress of the country and get less out of it than any other class. We have had much for and much against the real estate men are the most ardent promoters and workers in the settlement of the country, have more faith and confidence in its future possibilities and spend more money in advertising and telling the outside world of this Western country than all other men combined.

When you want to buy property in Spur or the Spur country, or wish to sell anything in this section call on the SPUR EXCHANGE in The Texas Spur Building and list your property with us or see what we have that will suit you to buy.

### A SPECIAL BARGAIN

..FOR THIRTY DAYS..

I have a 5-room residence, porch, lot and barn, house painted and nicely finished that we can sell for \$1,000 easy terms. The lot on which this property is located will be worth the money some day.

## THE SPUR EXCHANGE

### Farms and Town Property

### Office in Texas Spur Building

#### TAP TELLINGS.

A fine rain fell here Monday evening which will be of great benefit to late feed crops, and cotton that is not fully matured.

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday night which closes Pastor Bilberry's year's work here. The church made a unanimous call for Rev. Bilberry as pastor again.

R. D. Williams has purchased a farm from H. C. Peterson, on Cat Fish. Mr. Peterson will go to California and Mr. Williams will move on his farm. We are truly glad to have Uncle Bob with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparks returned Saturday from a two months visit in Wheeler county. Mr. Sparks reports splendid crops in the Panhandle.

B. F. Hinson raided a rattlesnake den one day this week, finding a large one near the den, killed it and discovered that more snakes were about. When the battle was over he had killed nine.

Mr. Gardener and family are visiting out on the plains this week.

The little son of P. Hinson was badly hurt Monday, being kicked by a horse which cut an ugly gash on the lower jaw and loosening some teeth. However, no bones were broken and the little fellow will soon be well again.

The Christian people have a carpenter at work on their church building this week, and when completed and painted will be a nice building.

J. E. Sparks and wife accompanied Rev. J. M. Rankin to his home at Post Monday.

Chas. Smith, mother and sisters came in from Mexico and will remain through crop gathering season.

Gadabout.

#### MUSIC

MRS. T. A. O'REILLY

Teacher of Piano  
Latest methods used.

**TERMS \$3 PER MONTH**

Also Musical Kindergarten  
Method for Beginners

#### VOTING CONTEST.

The following is the standing of the contest for the organ, diamond ring and watch contest being conducted by several of the business men of the town:

Red Mud	3,602
Lillian Denton	739
Presbyterian Church	627
Christian Church	110
Cordie Harrell	35
M. E. Church	4,527
Baptist Church	12,098
Noview Church	130
Threa Revis	6,513
Alta Shemerhorn	13,282

Miss Shemerhorn was awarded the watch, she having secured the largest number of votes. The next prize to be given away will be the diamond ring. The ring is not only valuable but a beauty and the lady who gets it will indeed be fortunate.

Coupons can be secured on ten cent purchases at the following places: Dixie Store, Spur Hardware Co., Spur Furniture Co., Red Front Drug Store, The Variety Store. R. B. Spencer & Co., Ladies' Bazaar, Spur Sheet Metal Works, Spur Market, Scurry's Confectionery Store, Conner's Feed Store, Hisey Grocery Co., and the Texas Spur.

**If you are in need of anything in the Ladies' line  
THE LADIES BAZAAR HAS IT.**

My line includes millinery, skirts, waists, sweaters, capes, petticoats, muslin and knit underwear, new Persian and plaid silks, gloves, auto veils, hand bags, latest novelties in belt and collar pins, hair ornaments, etc. In fact everything for Ladies. Examine my line and compare prices.

**MRS. NELLIE ROBERTSON, Prop.**

Minor Wilson, who lives several miles north of Dickens, was in the city Thursday on business and also to visit his daughter, Miss Myra who is chief nurse at the Standifer Hospital.

If in need of a good wagon see the Racine at Barber, Hancock & New.

R. R. Morrison moved into the new concrete building this week.

**The Eastside Barber Shop**

TIDWELL & HAYNES, Props.

**First-class Tonsorial Work, hot and cold baths and up-to-date service in every respect. Call to see us.**

AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

Zade Polk and wife, of Fisher county, are in the city visiting Prof. and Mrs. J. P. Horton. Zade says that he is here also with a view of buying some property and making his home in this section of the country. In our youthful days we knew Zade Polk and together we have chased rabbits through the sand-roughs and rode yearlings over the glades of old Eastland county, and we will be very glad to renew the association along different lines in Dickens county. Mr. Polk is a fine citizen and we want to see him permanently located here.

L. W. Davis was over from Dickens this week and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Davis is opening up an abstract office in the new bank building and will divide his time between the office here and the office at Dickens. We are glad to have Mr. Davis with us and wish him a successful business here.

Tom McArthur was in Saturday from the Red Mud country, and reports everything lovely and "the goose hanging high." He says he is still a matrimonial candidate, but is of the opinion that the campaign will soon end since prospects are brighter.

H. A. Mullenix and family moved over to Spur Monday from Dickens and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Mullenix has accepted a position with the Texas Spur and will hereafter assist in the publication of the paper.

The Spur Exchange will pay special attention to rental property as well as the sale of farms and town property. Call in and see them in the Texas Spur building.

Don't forget to see our line of Stoves and Heaters before you buy.

Barber, Hancock & New.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, of Stamford, visited Mrs. Dickson's aunt, Mrs. Springer, last week.

Will Fuquay of the Cat Fish country, is reported quite sick during the past several days.

Call and see our line of hand bags, belts and combs, at Mrs. M. M. Humphrey.

If you have a residence in the city to rent let the Spur Exchange look after the matter for you.

Minor Wilson and two daughters from Afton, spent Thursday night with Mrs. Taylor.

If it's a good Bicycle you want we have it. Barber, Hancock & New.

For sale at Mrs. Humphrey's, fancy ribbons skirts and underwear.

**PROGRAM**

Of the Concert to be given Tuesday night at the Methodist Tabernacle for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church, as announced in another column of this issue:

"Awake, Dearest One"	Ernest Ball.
"Song of the Soul"	Misses Hinkle.
(2) "Rosary"	Carl Breil.
"Indian Love Lyres"	Nervie.
(a) "Sweet and Low"	Miss Margaret Hinkle.
(2) "Dixie Kid"	Finden.
"Good-Bye"	Miss McNeill.
"Joy of the Morn"	Trio.
"Sing On"	Misses Hinkle
(a) Who'll Buy My Lavender"	Miss McNeill
(2) "May Morn"	Tosti.
"Memories os Old Kentucky"	Miss Hinkle
	INRRERMISSION.
	Harriet Ware.
	Miss McNeill
	Deuza.
	Miss Margaret Hinkle
	German.
	Deuza.
	Miss McNeill
	Misses Hinkle
	Mr. F. V. Jennings
	Mr. R. E. Edwards
	Miss McNeill, Accompanist.

Mr. Scott, who lives in the Cat Fish country, brought in a load of cotton Thursday, but on account of the gin not being ready to do ginning before Saturday he stored his cotton. Mr. Scott says he has the best cotton crop this year that he has ever grown in this country, and that aside from the good seasons and loaded stalks he has not noticed a single insect of any character bothering the crop. He says he expects to get at least thirty bales and that some of his neighbors say that he will get not less than fifty bales from his crop. We are glad to note that bumper crops are growing within the Spur trade territory.

J. Y. Higgins made a business trip this week to Matador where he spent several days. Mr. Higgins was suffering from a severe scald on his foot, having spilled hot water on it while engaged in his duties at the City Restaurant and Bakery.

Just received, a line of Rogers 1847 Silver Ware. Don't fail to see it. Barber, Hancock & New.

Amis Faver was in the city Thursday from his home in the Lower Cottonwood community and hauled out a load of coal. During the past several days Amis has been hauling out lumber, posts, etc. with which to build a barn, lots and make other improvements on their place. We are glad to note the improvements going on in all sections of Dickens county. Dickens county is not only one of the best counties of western Texas but her citizenship is among the very best and most prosperous.

J. E. Sanders, who has been doing the finishing work on the Crosbyton school house the past several weeks, was in the city this week. Mr. Sanders says he is going to take a few weeks lay-off from work for the first time in two years. He is going up to Oklahoma City to visit relatives and friends in that section and also to take in the Oklahoma fair. We wish Mr. Sanders a pleasant trip.

**BREWING THE CUP.**

Miss Mayne, the tea taster, says that more than 500 different varieties of tea are imported from China alone. From Ceylon and India come from hundred more. Japan sends us 100. The varieties give 2,000 different flavors of tea. Here is the way she makes tea: The water must be freshly boiled or it will not bring out the delicate flavor of the tea. It must be more than steaming—it must boil furiously at the moment it is poured on the leaves. The water should remain on the leaves not more than ten minutes and not less than seven. The infusion should then be poured off into another heated vessel. If allowed to stand on the leaves it draws out the tannin. Use one spoonful for each cup of water. Tea should make from 200 to 300 cups to the pound.

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**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.**

There will be the regular services of the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Sept. 11th, in one of the new school houses—the one on the northeast corner.

Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock a. m., and preaching services at 11 o'clock a. m. and 3:15 p. m. The night service will be in the nature of a song service. The Misses Hinkle and Miss McNeill will have charge of the music at both services. You are cordially invited to worship with us. J. F. HARDIE.

A Presbyterian church was organized in Spur this week with a membership of ten or fifteen. Hereafter they will have regular services and push the work of the organization.

T. A. Smith and son, Riley Smith, were in town Thursday from the Cat Fish country and report that they had a gully washer and ground soaking rain in that section Monday of this week. Uncle Tom says his goobers are coming since the rain and that other crops of the country are looking good.

Mrs. D. A. Young's mother and sister of Corsicana are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Parton of Stamford moved to Spur and will make their home here in the future.

A girl baby was born Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Anderson at their home in the city.

L. W. Stark, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, had business in the city Thursday.

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**THE GIRL EXPLAINS.**

"Yes, he squeezed my hand in the conservatory last night."

"I hope you had the grace to blush."

"Well, mother, there's no use blushing in a dark conservatory."—Houston Chronicle.

**Cause of Divorce.**

Miss Ella M. Haas, an inspector of workshops in Ohio, said at the Washington meeting of the American Federation of Labor, that sending girls out into the world unprepared for any of life's vicissitudes was the primary reason for the wide prevalence of the divorce actions. This might have been controverted, she said, if the education of these girls had been along technical rather than classical lines. Girls are not educated along domestic lines, and children are being turned out by the thousands not equipped for life's battles. She declared that the wonderful advance of the nation in industrial work makes it necessary that girls have industrial education.

**A Miracle of Science.**

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