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DICKENS COUNTY PRODUCE EXHIBIT

In response to the offer of prizes made by the business men of Spur for the best collection of farm and orchard products of Dickens county there is now a fine collection of maize, kaffir corn, cotton, June corn, oats, broom corn, peanuts, peas, squash, cucumbers, watermelons and twelve or fifteen kinds of canned fruits on display at the Commercial Club room in the city.

This exhibit from the farms and orchards of Dickens county is a fair sample of the products of the county and if carried to the Dallas fair and properly arranged for display will compare favorably to the very best exhibits to be shown this year.

Dickens county is by no means a one crop country as is evidenced by the display of its products of various kinds, and that the soil is exceedingly productive is now and has been for a number of years demonstrated by the farming interests of the country. A great variety of products can be grown in the various character of soil of Dickens county, and that too with the least effort in method of cultivation on the part of the farmer and agriculturist, and when this fact is considered in connection with the exhibit of products there are few who will doubt but that Dickens county ranks among the best agricultural sections of the state in diversified farming and abundant yields of all products, and when scientific methods of cultivation and moisture conservation are generally practiced in this section of Western Texas no country will excel Dickens county in quality and quantity of yields of all character of produce.

During the past twenty years a limited amount of farming has been done under adverse circumstances and at a great disadvantage, yet the farmers of this section are the most prosperous and best fixed men of the country. Heretofore the farming interests were hampered by the cattle interests, no produce markets were afforded and the farm yields were principally of products for home consumption. However, since the advent of railroads things have now changed. Towns are building, produce markets established and the cattle interests have not only given away to the demands of the farmer but in every way encourage agricultural and commercial interests and are cutting up the big pastures and selling in small and suitable tracts and on the very best terms to the farmer and agriculturist, and chief among them all are the Swensons. They are cutting up the noted Spur Ranch into small areas of farm lands and are doing everything in their power to promote the agricultural interests of this section, and since this is a procedure for which the farming interests have been clamoring for years it is right and proper that we should cooperate in the rapid settlement

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The purest Rx's looked after first and last. Night calls the same.

Cigars

The very best brands, put up secrete, is well taken care of

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If its not an Eastman its not a Kodak.

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A complete line of the very best to be, just as represented to you.

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Nunlies' High Grade, Chocolate always on ice.

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Fine box paper, school tablets and supplies.

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One of the best lines, and a good assortment, with the right price.

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Anything a lady needs to look pretty.

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We get the latest songs and music every month.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE,

BOTH PHONES NO. 2.

EASTMAN KODAKS

EDISON PHONOGRAHPS

and development of the agricultural resources of the country, and in no more convincing and substantial manner can this be done than by a demonstration of the agricultural possibilities and an exhibit of the products of the soil of this section.

Secretary Reagan of the Spur Commercial Club has made arrangements for a place of exhibit at the Dallas Fair which opens October 15th, and is now collecting an exhibit of Dickens county products for the purpose of showing the outside world the character and quality of products of this section. No better place of exhibit can be had than at the Dallas fair, and the people of this section should cooperate in this matter, not only in securing the various products but in contributing to the expense of such an undertaking. It is to the individual farming interests, the interests of the country and to the advancement of the development of Western Texas.

Red Mitchell, sheriff of King county, was in Spur Thursday on business.

MUSICAL RECITAL.

Spur has never had such a musical treat as was afforded by the recital given by Miss McNeil and the Misses Hinkle on Tuesday night at the Methodist Tabernacle for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. All three were artists and it is an impossibility to discriminate between them.

Miss McNeil as accompanist played with exquisite taste and her voice—a lyric soprano of great range and sweetness—was shown especially in her rendition of the "Indian Love Lyrices" and "May Morn." Miss Margaret Hinkle has also a fine soprano and her high notes were unusually clear and pure. This was shown especially in her rendering of "Song of the Soul" and "Sing On." Miss Hinkle's voice was a very sweet and rich contralto. Her sympathetic rendition of Tosti's famous "Good Bye" was classical music of unusual culture. Aside from their musical ability the young ladies were rare types of beautiful womanhood so they were a pleasure to the eye as well as to the ear. They are

from Galveston and are guests of Mrs. J. C. McNeil at the Alamo ranch.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Saturday morning of last week Sam Golightly fell from a wagon in which he was riding to Matador and was instantly killed by the fall. Sam Golightly was an old timer of that section of the country and was well known all over the country. He was a brother-in-law of J. Y. Higgins of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. Higgins attended the funeral Sunday at Matador. Mr. Golightly leaves a large family of children and numerous relatives in different parts of Western Texas. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and W. O. W. and the funeral services were conducted under the auspices of those orders.

J. M. Bennett returned Thursday from Stamford where he spent several days with his family at that place. We understand that Mr. Bennett will move his family to Spur at an early date and make this their permanent home in the future.

We are showing a full line of the Newest Styles in men and ladies

High Class Shoes

Also School shoes for the large size Misses, boys and girls. We give you your moneys worth in Honest Shoes for any size. Yours anxious to serve,

B. SHACKLETT
Wendell Brick

Spur, Texas

SPUR GIN NOW IN OPERATION

Thursday the Spur gin blowed its first whistle and ginned its first bale of the season. There has been some delay in installing the machinery, but now everything is in readiness for the ginning of all cotton brought to Spur.

A number of bales have already come in and have been waiting for the gin to get in shape, while others aware of the delay are holding their cotton at home until the gin is prepared for business. From this time on we expect to see the cotton coming in from every direction and the fall season open up in earnest.

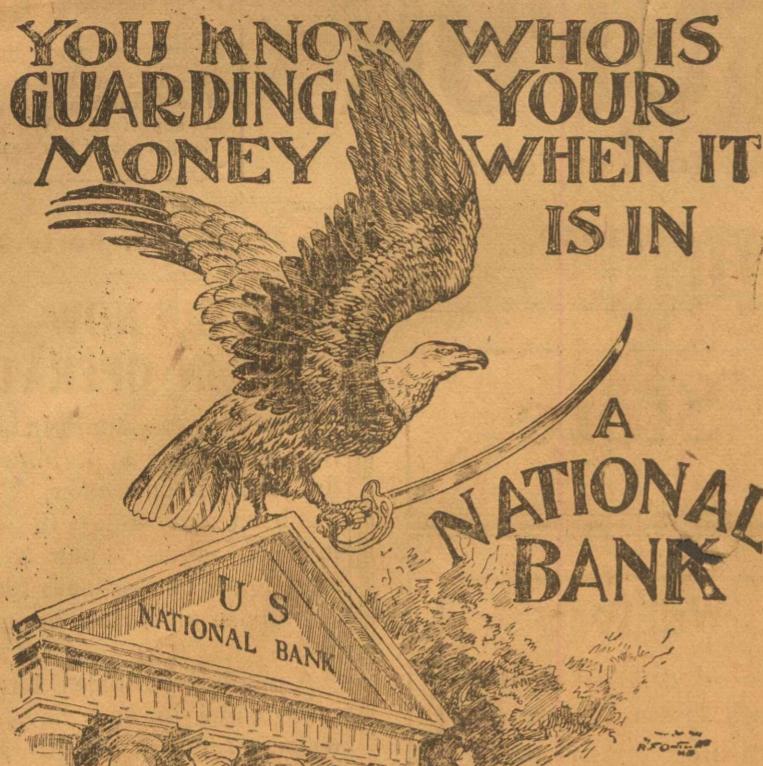
It is estimated by those in a position to know that possibly six thousand bales of cotton will be marketed in Spur during the fall and that at least four thousand of that number will be grown on farms within the county. Spur will be not only the cotton market for Dickens county but expects to get cotton from the surrounding counties throughout the fall season. The buyers here will pay the top prices at all times and will make Spur second to no other market point of the country. Arrangements are now being made to establish an exchange or cotton market bureau here and if these arrangements materialize Spur buyers will be in a position to be advised of the price of the staple at all points and at all times throughout each day. Such arrangements will also insure the farmer the regulation market price of the country and make the town a standard market point.

Others familiar with the conditions of the country state that the crop of the country in their opinion is being underestimated at this time and that much more cotton will be made than is expected. We have often heard it said that Western Texas could promise less and produce more than any section of America, and in this instance the statement will be verified.

EX-CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Saturday at Dickens there was a reunion of the old ex-Confederate soldiers of this section of country. In the morning Judge Ferguson made the welcome address. The welcome address was followed by appropriate speeches by Prof. Branen and Jeff D. Reagan. At twelve o'clock a sumptuous basket dinner was spread in the Court House square and enjoyed by all. It is reported that not more than ten or twelve of the old soldiers were present to enjoy the occasion. The old soldiers are rapidly departing into the great beyond and within a few years they will all have passed over the great divide, but their memory will be everlasting.

Judge McClain was in one day this week after a load of lumber to be used in the construction of his five room bungalow on his Cat Fish ranch. Buildings continue to go up in all parts of the Spur trade territory.



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

Chas. Perrin was here Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur. Mr. Perrin lives in the Wichita country and reports that section in fine shape with respect to crops and general conditions.

Cephus Hogan bought last week the Dr. Blackwell residence in the city on Burlington Avenue and will move his family to the place at an early date.

Tuesday the J. R. Leach tin shop was purchased by Riter Hardware Company and all the tools and stock were moved to their place of business on Fifth Street. The J. R. Leach place of business was purchased by the Spur Sheet Metal Works and Mr. Leach and family will soon move back to Childress and make their home. As a result of this sale the Riter Hardware Company's tin shop will be better prepared to do tin work in the future. The Spur Sheet Metal Works, we suppose, will soon move to their new quarters and the town will have one less tin shop in the future.

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

Fresh oysters at City Restaurant and Bakery.

Mrs. Flowers is in Dickens superintending the T. G. Harkey mercantile business at that place during the absence of Dennis Harkey who has gone to market.

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Try us once and be convinced.

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East Side Burlington Avenue

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Board and Lodging \$5 Per Week

R. L. Self, a prominent citizen of Garza county, was in town recently and hauled out a load of lumber with which to make improvements on his place. From every section of country come reports of improvements of various character and such reports denote not only prosperity but progressiveness on the part of the country and its citizenship.

A. R. Fouts came up the first of the week from Rotan and spent several days here looking after his business interests. Mr. Fouts reports everything all o. k. in the Rotan country and things looking better since the recent rains.

S. R. Davis was over Tuesday from Dickens looking after matters in connection with his moving to Spur at an early date and opening up a general mercantile business in the new First State Bank building.

T. H. Gilmore was in Wednesday from the Spur Ranch and spent several hours here.

L. C. Arrington, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city Saturday on business.

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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

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

J. H. Miller was here Tuesday from his home in the Afton country and spent several hours in the city on business and trading with our merchants.

S. W. Odom, a prominent citizen of several miles south of town was in the city Saturday on business.

H. W. Jennings has quit the transfer business and has accepted a position with the Bryant Link Company in their store at Spur.

J. Y. Higgins returned the first of the week from Mayador where he spent several days with friends while recuperating from a severe burn on his foot.

Jeff D. Reagan, Jr. who has been sick some time, is now up we are glad to state and will soon be able to attend school.

E. C. Edmonds, cashier of the First State Bank, made a business trip this week to Eastland and other points east.

Dennis Harkey passed through the city the latter part of last week in route to Kansas City to purchase the fall stock of goods for the T. G. Harkey mercantile establishment at Dickens.

Miss Lilly Smith, of Jayton, is now employed as chief operator for the Luzon Telephone Company.

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Star and Leader Windmills

Pipe and Pipe Fittings, Tanks of All sizes

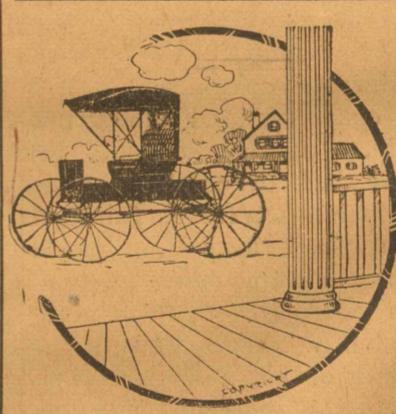
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Buy your buggy right here at home where you can register any "kick" coming.
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tf W. J. CLARK

Dr. Morris is spending the week in Haskell visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. Harrington, superintendent of the State Experimental Farm at Spur, was in the city Wednesday looking after the interests of the work at this place. Thursday, he in company with Jeff D. Reagan and others made a trip over to Lubbock in an automobile.

W. M. Randall, of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Wednesday on business.

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BANKS

Official statement of the condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Spur, State Texas, at the close of business on the First day of September 1910, published in the Texas Spur a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the First day of September 1910.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts,	
personal or collateral.	\$17,340.15
Loans, real estate	3,576.52
Overdrafts	941.48
Bonds and Stocks	.00
Real Estate (banking house)	1,517.88
Other real estate	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,499.58
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	\$3,996.40
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check	1,692.74 5,689.14
Cash Items	106.66
Currency	1,459.00
Specie	487.50 2,053.16
Other resources as follow:	
Int in Depositors	
Guarantee Fund	450.00
Total	\$34,567.91

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	.00
Undivided profits, net	264.40
Due to banks and bankers subject to check	.00
Individual deposits subject to check	14,290.66
Time certificates of deposit	.00
Demand certificates of deposit	.00
Cashier's checks	12.85
Bills payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
Other liabilities as follows:	
Total	\$34,567.91

State of Texas,
County of Dickens. We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. P. COLE, President.
[L. s.] J. F. VERNON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of Sept., A. D. nineteen hundred and 10.

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

R. S. HOLMAN,
Notary Public in and for Dickens Co., Texas.

Correct—Attest:
F. A. Predeaux,
W. A. Wilkinson,
J. E. Davis,
Directors.

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

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. Jno. H. Pruden, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk. Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, Sec.

Painters Union meets every Wednesday night. J. E. Montgomery, Pres.; J. Y. Jordan, Secretary.

NO. 9611.**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, September 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, Furniture, & 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	527.58
Notes of other National Banks	3,455.00
Fractional Paper currency, Nickels, and Cents	26.25
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	\$3,346.00
Legal tender Notes	5,000.00
Redemption Fund with U.S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$196,707.77

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, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated. Rent Account	25.00
Total	\$196,707.77

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

I. W. G. Sherron, 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 3rd day of September 1910. E. J. COWAN, Notary Public.

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In 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 accomodate 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 out 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.

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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.

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Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

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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

SHELTERING MANHOOD.
The following extract from a sermon by Rev. Bradfield recently is one of the best we have heard and is worth reading. His text was Isaiah xxxii, 1-2:

"Behold a King shall reign in righteousness and Princes rule in judgment. And a man shall

be as a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest;

as rivers of water in a dry place;

as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." He said in part:

"The text is Isaiah's dream of a just government. A King shall reign in righteousness and Princes rule in judgment."

It is remarkable that Isaiah's loftiest conception of the Messianic reign is a just government. A King his Messiah should be who reigns in righteousness. Isaia-

ah's dream is the dream of the ages. History is little more than a record of the struggles for just government. A gov-

ernment allowing equal oppor-

tunities for all, giving every man a "square deal," has been

the desire of all peoples. Men

want justice here and now.

More than benevolence or chari-

ty, men demand simple justice.

It is too late now to seek to

compensate men for injustice

here by the promise of justice af-

ter they are dead. Shelterless

people here are no longer com-

firmed by the promise of man-

sions in the skies. Hungry peo-

ple are no longer compensated

for hunger here by the promise

of eating bread in the kingdom

of God. Men demand justice

here, and the dream of millions

of hearts is for the just govern-

ment which Isaiah foresaw.

The text gives us Isaiah's con-

ception of the fountain force of

society: "A man shall be as a

hiding place from the wind"—a

man. Society is composed of an

aggregation of individuals and

no scheme for social betterment

is worth while which has a goal

other than the improvement of

the character of individual men.

The fountain force of govern-

ment and society is the individ-

ual. "A man shall be as a hid-

ing place from the wind"—a

man. The word "masses" was

not in the vocabulary of the

Christ. He did not seek to

reach men en masse. He aimed

at the personal character of in-

dividual men and women. His

ministry was much to individu-

als, now to a ruined woman wea-

ry of her sin, now to a confused

seeker by night. The sum total

of his three years' work was the

training of a half dozen or more

individual men. The fountain

force of society is the individual

man or woman. Disseminate

learning, distribute wealth, do

what you will, but you have

done nothing permanent for so-

cieties until you have reached and bettered the personal character of individual men and women. Exactly this is the fountain force of society as Isaiah saw it. "A man shall be"—a man.

The text is Isaiah's portrait of a sheltering manhood.

The Texas Spur, \$1 per year

J. M. Miller, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants of Spur. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

N. Q. Brannen and wife were recent visitors to relatives and friends at Peacock and Jayton.

We Lead the Way



To better things in Groceries and to lower prices for life's necessities.

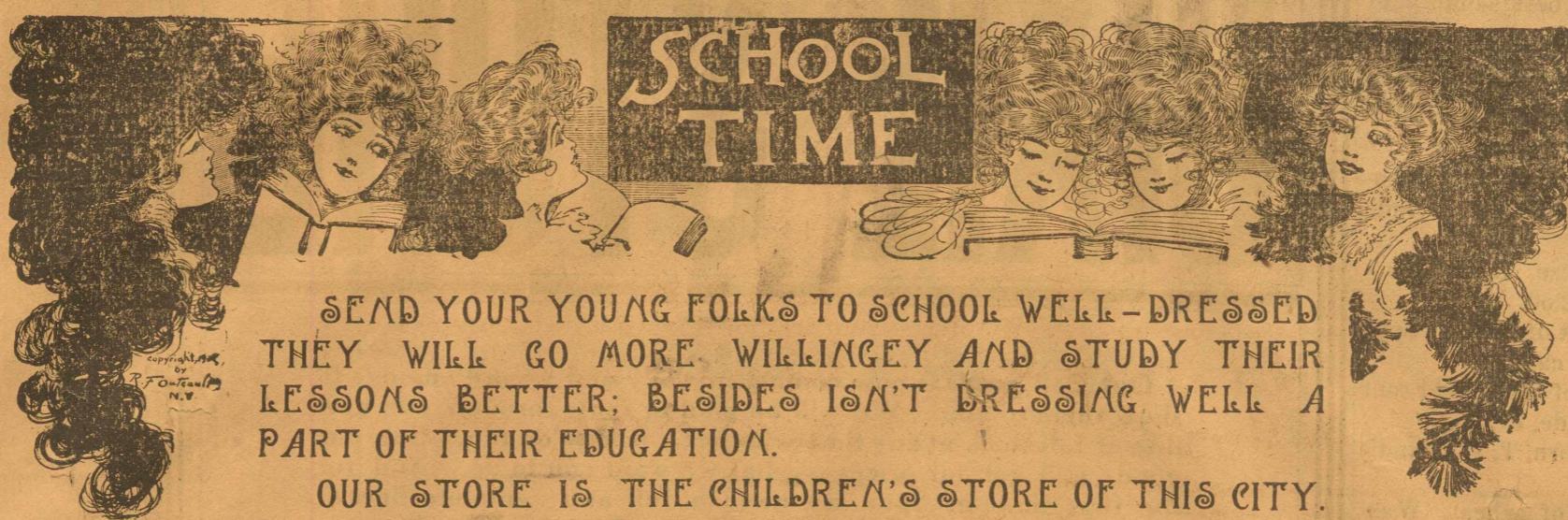
If you are not getting the satisfaction you desire in these particulars, we can render you material assistance and save you many a dollar. One trial is sufficient to convince, our line of Coffee, Teas, Extracts, Can Goods. In fact everything we carry is the best and freshest to be found in Dickens Co.

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THEY WILL GO MORE WILLINGLY AND STUDY THEIR
LESSONS BETTER; BESIDES ISN'T DRESSING WELL A
PART OF THEIR EDUCATION.

OUR STORE IS THE CHILDREN'S STORE OF THIS CITY.

WE SELL EVERYTHING FOR CHILDREN AT A LOW PROFIT FOR A GOOD BUSINESS
REASON. CHILDREN BECOME GROWN FOLKS. WE WISH FOR THEM TO GET INTO THE
HABIT OF COMING INTO OUR STORE WHILE THEY ARE YOUNG.

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Perhaps there never has been a period in the history of Texas when the people were more alive to the spirit of universal progress which is manifest in the one question of building better public highways. And this movement is not confined to Texas—it is taking strong hold in almost every state of the Union, and is being supported by the very best thought of the land and upheld by the most conservative economic writers. Coming down to the simplest analysis, it is purely a matter of the people helping themselves to better things in the affairs of life, advancing in civilization and using the combined strength of communities, districts, counties and states vouchsafed in the power of reasonable taxation, to secure to the people as a whole and to the coming generations, the very

best in public comforts and conveniences. A country without good highways, is fast falling behind this age of material development, and the people who look well to such improvements add much to their material wealth and civic supremacy.—Western Reporter.

John Mayfield, of the Jayton country, passed through the city Monday on his way to Mexico and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that while the crops of his section are not exceedingly good yet compared to crops of other sections they will do very well. He is going to Mexico on a prospecting trip and we are confident that he will return better satisfied with this section.

Miss Ola Holcomb, of Erick, Oklahoma, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shep Holley in this city.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of advertised letters since last report.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Mr. Sam Allen
Wm L Bentley
Dr. M Badt
Ellis Bentley
A L Boone
Cain & Roberts
C C Caldwell
S Carter
W F Cathey
Buster Davis
Calaway Davis
A B Dewald
G P Ellis
W H Ellison
Willie Eldridge
J F Fowler
Ira Fullerton
E R Greenwood
Marcus Gresham
Claude Glover
Leonard Harrison
Poet Hagins
Albert Jones
Monroe Kirkpatrick
T N Morgan
Sid Mills
Sam Parks
J M Powel
Henry Puckett
Dr Howard Reager
T R Rodgers
Beren Smith
W T Filghman
J B Walker
W A Walker
S F Walker

LADIES' LIST.

Mrs. L. A. Bouldin
" C C Caldwell
Miss Celia Clarke
" Mollie Eldridge
" Myrtle Fykes
Maude Goodwall
Nettie D Murchison
Mrs. Minnie Mosley
" Jessie Parker
" Viola Pair
" Mike Reed
Miss Annie Laura Reynolds
Mrs. Medie Smith
" Mary Wilson
Miss George Walker

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office.
When calling for letters, say the word advertised.

N. A. BAKER, p. m.

Ollie Scott, of the Afton country, passed through the city Monday on his return from a visit to relatives at Cleburne.

For staple and Fancy Groceries
Phone Hisey Grocery Co.

Sheriff Cole was over this week looking after business in connection with his office.

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

J. H. Neely returned Sunday with two wagon loads of household goods from his former home at Texico, New Mexico.

Dr. F. A. Burnum, a prominent citizen and physician of a few miles east of Dickens, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and attending to other business matters.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick and his father-in-law, Mr. Berlin, were over Monday looking after legal matters.

The following definition of a dollar is, in our judgment, a pretty good one: "A dollar is what some men promise to pay for a country paper. It is something a newspaper man enjoys more in anticipation than in reality. It is the price of a day's work for some men and a single night's drink for others. It is what the wife frequently needs, but seldom has. It is the power that make and unmakes men. It is the hardest thing to get and the easiest thing to get rid of known to mankind. It is a blessing in a small measure and a curse in many instances. It is mighty and scarce. No man ever had more than he wanted and no man ever will. A dollar is a snare and delusion and every one is chasing the delusion.—Ex.

C. C. Tyler is assisting in the J. A. Lambdin store during the absence of C. L. Love.

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. Harry, Cattleman; T. E. Standifer, Physician; I. R. Powell, Cattleman; E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.

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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
DEPOSI YOUR MONEY WITH

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

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 bolls 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.

Crosbyton Automobile Line.
Daily except Sunday, connecting Spur, Lubbock, Floydada via Crosbyton. Arrives and departs in connection with trains.

For good fresh Groceries and quick service phone Hisey Grocery Co.

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.

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Teacher of Piano
Latest methods used.

TERMS \$3 PER MONTH

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Plans and Specifications Furnished

Miss Elizette Reede

TEACHER OF

PIANO (Leschetizky
Method) and Elecution

SPUR CITY SCHOOL.

T. B. Danforth was in Saturday from the Red Mud country and reports that things are moving along smoothly in that section. Mr. Danforth is a candidate on the Socialist ticket for tax assessor of Dickens county.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan has been quite sick the past week.

DIXIE STORE

Our Fall goods is now coming in daily and we are anxious to show them to you. We will be glad to show through our new line of fall stock at any time whether you buy or not. See our goods and get our prices is what we want you to do. And for the first time in Spur we have a full and complete line of Womens, Misses and Childrens Shoes. In order to make more room and show our new goods we are going to give you a few

SPECIAL PRICES ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY Sept. 17-19

SPECIAL ON SHOES.

\$3.00 Ladies shoes Vici Kid with or without cap	\$2.48
2.50 Ladies shoes high or low heel	1.98
2.00 shoes Misses or Ladies	1.69
1.75 Misses shoes for school	1.48
1.50 " " "	1.18
1.25 Children shoes	1.05
1.00 " " "	.69
.50 Soft sole baby shoes	.35

SPECIAL COLLAR SALE.

We want to clean up our stock of collars. They will be down below cost	
Saturday and Monday	
\$1.00 Linen lace collars.....	80c
75c " " "	48c
50c Dutch or standing collar	25c
35c " " "	17 1-2c
25c " " "	15c

SPECIAL EMBROIDERY SALE.

We have about 30 pieces of Emb. 3 1-2 to 6 yds, beautifully worked and extra heavy, sell from 10 to 25c. During this two days sale, whole piece.....7 1-2c yd.

Henderson and LaPrinces Corsets

A new and complete line double and single front lace, extra lace in back from waist line down which permits absolutely perfect fit over back and hips prices \$1.00 to 4.00. Come in and see them.

New Notions.

Automobile Bonnets new Persian and Patent leather belts, hand bags solid leather, imitation of frog legs Auto scarfs. All will be at a reduced price Sat. and Mon. Now is the time before they are picked over.

Yours Very truly,

THE DIXIE STORE

E. D. Chambers unloaded a car of bagging and ties here Saturday and hauled it out to Afton. Mr. Chambers owns the Afton gin and will operate it this year and quite a number of bales is expected to be ginned at that point throughout the fall season. Crops in the Afton country are reported in fine condition at this time and it is said that more cotton will be ginned in that section and Dickens county as a whole than in any portion of Western Texas, acreage considered.

Zade Polk and wife, after spending several days at the home of J. P. Horton and wife, returned Saturday to their home in Fisher county. Zade says that he will soon return to Spur and make this his home. He likes this country, the town and is enthusiastic of the future prospects of this section. We are glad to note that he and family will make this their permanent home and wish them much prosperity and a pleasant home here.

Jno. W. Scott, formerly of Sweetwater, has located in Spur and will open up a law office here at once. Mr. Scott is an attorney of prominence and lawyer of ability and we are glad to have him locate with us. He will move his family here at an early date. He has secured offices over the Spur National Bank and will soon be prepared for business in his profession.

W. J. Clark, of six miles north of Dickens, was in the city Monday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Clark brought in some products from his place and left the exhibit at the Commercial Club room to show the people what can be grown in Dickens county. Mr. Clark is one of our most substantial citizens and has one of the finest places in Dickens county.

Mrs. Hearn, who has been on an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state, returned the latter part of the week to her home in Spur.

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Regular Meals, Short Orders

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Fresh Bread

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Little Misses Wille and Linsey Young, of Afton, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Squires in the city.

Mrs. Willie Ray left recently for Houston where she will join her husband and make their home in the future.

L. L. Kelley passed through the city last week on his way to Mexico where he goes for treatment, he having been a sufferer from rheumatism for some time. We hope to soon report Mr. Kelley's complete recovery and that he will be able to return home at an early date.

Mrs. L. L. Kelley, of near Afton, was in the city the latter part of last week visiting at the home of Mrs. Hugh Squires.

Miss Faver, daughter of M. S. Faver of the Afton country, was visiting this week at the home of R. S. Holman.

Mrs. Young, of Afton, passed through the city recently on her way to Colorado City to visit relatives and friends.

W. D. Bender and wife, of several miles southeast of Spur, were in the city Monday.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

And it came to pass that after he advertised his goods, there came unto him great multitudes from all the regions around and did buy of him. And when his competitors saw, they marveled among themselves, saying: "How be it that this man is busy while we loaf idly about our doors?" And we spake unto him: In this age of push and hustle it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a business man to flourish without advertising.—Ex.

I would rather fill my purse with money and keep its beautiful gate forever ajar to my happy girls while yet they linger under my roof, than to clutch it with a miser's hand until the harpstrings of youth are broken and all its music forever fled. I would rather spend my last nickel for a little bag of striped marbles for my barefooted boys, than to deny them their childish pleasure and leave them a bag of gold to quarrel over when I am dead.—Bob Taylor.

H. K. Parks

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THE FORT WORTH Confectionery & Lunch Room

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Everything first class. Fresh oysters ANY STYLE, Hamburgers, chilli, etc. Try us once and you will call again.

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Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

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We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line.

Phone Us at No. 41

and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

T. A. Smith of the Cat Fish country, came in Wednesday with a bale of cotton to be ginned here. However, the gin here was not in readiness and he waited over Thursday to get the ginning done. He says the cotton in the Cat Fish country is beginning to open rapidly now and before many days we expect to see the cotton rolling in from every direction.

Mesdames C. B. Cook and Clay Smart left Wednesday for Rotan, where they will spend a week or ten days with relatives. In the meantime Messrs. Smart and Cook are expected to become experienced in the culinary art and well posted in receipts and methods of cookbooks.

Deck Powers came over from Aspermont Wednesday and remained over to Thursday looking after business interests here. Deck is operating a hotel in Aspermont and says that things in that section are very promising at this time.

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

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CARRY AT ALL TIMES A FULL LINE OF
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AND ALL KIND OF BUILDING MATERIAL

We want to figure your bills.

We sell the Devoe 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.

A PROBLEM IN MOISTURE.

E. R. Parsons, a practical dry farmer of western Colorado, in a letter to the Dry Farming Bulletin, of August 15, says:—"The most vital point in the dry farming operations is the storing and economizing of moisture. Moisture means crops and good crops mean profit. Little attention is paid to this by some farmers. They will plow whole fields before harrowing. This allows thousands of tons of moisture to escape into the atmosphere and leaves the land dry and full of clods for the raising of an indifferent crop.

"Moisture is lost by not breaking up the surface as soon as a crop is taken off. A patch of forty acres may evaporate as much as 200 tons of water into thin air in one single warm day. This is like throwing away gold."

When we read this statement we thought the man was talking wildly, when we figured it out we saw that he was well within the bounds of reason.

Thus, 200 tons is equal to 400,000 gals. of water. At 8 lbs to the gallon that is 50,000 gallons. One-fortieth of that is 1,250 gallons to one acre. It requires 27,500 gallons to put water one

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

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THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

Otho Hale, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, was in the city one day this week on business.

TAP TELLINGS.

Cotton picking is pretty general now. Day Bros. have two bales picked, T. S. Lambert one, several others are picking this week.

Elder Joe Day preached to a large and appreciative audience Saturday night and Sunday. Our generous postmaster, E. Luce, has gone for a few days vacation over in Mexico.

Uncle Jim Garrett had some very urgent business in Snyder which demanded his personal attention, so he went down one day last week, but when he returned the secret was out. He brought his bride back with him. Three cheers for Uncle Jim and wife; long may they live.

A gloom was cast over our community Monday when a messenger came telling us that Will Fuqua was dead. Will was a noble young man with high aspirations and loved by all who knew him. A large procession followed the remains to the Tap cemetery Monday evening where he was laid to await the resurrection morn.

D. C. Abney and son, Frank, have gone to Crosbyton to ply their trade at the work bench. Gadabout.

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

AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Richardson Lumber Com'y

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Mr. Stephens, a fire insurance representative, spent several days in the city adjusting the rates heretofore made on policies.

inch deep on an acre. Divide this by 1,250 gallons gives .22 of an inch deep on an acre. In other words we find that 200 tons of water will cover 40 acres only .22 of an inch deep, and it is easy to believe that that much will evaporate during a hot day when the land is turned up to the sun and wind.

The moral or lesson is, follow your breaking closely with the harrow put a mulch on and save the moisture.

Helen Louise, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love, died Thursday of last week at their home in Stamford, after an illness of one week of typhoid fever. Mr. Love, manager of the Lambdin store at this place, left Spur the first of last week to be with his family during the illness of the child and also Mrs. Love. Friends of the family here extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Love in their bereavement.

W. B. Griffin opened up the Bijou Cafe Thursday and is now serving patrons in the restaurant business. Mr. Griffin is an expert restaurant man and says that when all his furniture and fixtures are installed he will not only have one of the nicest places in the country but will conduct a first-class place in every respect.

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.

BUSINESS OF PUBLIC SOLICITED.

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.

WAIT TO CHOOSE PARTNERS

British Statistics Show that Marriages Are Taking Place Later in Life.

The average age of the community is becoming older, it was pointed out by the president of the London, England, Royal Statistical Society recently. It is interesting to note that the age of marriage has also the same tendency. According to the available returns, as many as 40,000 girls marry in England under the age of 21, that is, in less than one-seventh of the marriages registered. Thirty years, a generation ago, more than one-fifth of the women marrying in a year were minors.

Another interesting fact that seems to prove this tendency to later marriages is provided by the figures of the last decade. In 1907 the number of marriages of women between the ages of 21 and 25 was just over 6,000 more than in 1898, while the marriage of women between the ages of 25 and 27 increased by just over 12,000.

The average or mean age of all spinsters who married in 1896 was 25 years and one month. This has advanced to 25 years and six and a half months in the last available returns. Widows at their second and third marriages are also older, having advanced from an average of 40 years and seven months to 40 years and 11 months.

Thus spinster brides are nearly six months and widow brides four months older than those of a few years ago.

THE MAKING OF A GOOD PLAY

Plot, Skillfully or Unskillfully Drawn, Is at the Bottom of Success or Failure.

A good plot is that sure edifice which slowly rises out of the interplay of circumstance on temperament, and temperament on circumstances, within the inclosing atmosphere of an idea, writes John Galsworthy, in the Atlantic. A human being is the best plot there is; it may be impossible to see why he is a good plot, because the idea within which he was brought forth cannot be fully grasped; but it is plain that he is a good plot. He is organic. And so it must be with a good play. Reason alone produces no good plots; they come by original sin, sure conception, and instinctive after power of selecting what benefits the germ. A bad plot, on the other hand, is simply a row of stakes, with a character impaled on each—characters who would have liked to live, but came to untimely grief; who started bravely, but fell on these stakes, placed beforehand in a row, and were transfixed one by one, while their ghosts stride on, squeaking and gibbering through the play. Whether these stakes are made of acts, or of ideas, according to the nature of the dramatist who planted them, their effect on the unfortunate characters is the same; the creatures were begotten to be staked, and staked they are!

J. H. Fox, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Friday on business.

PARTIAL TO IT.

"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."

Dr. Blackwell, of Dickens, was a recent visitor to the city.

Messrs. Linnington of Fort Worth and Foy of Abilene, were in the city this week looking after the Southwestern Telephone interests here.

W. J. Elliott was in Friday from his Spring Creek farm and spent some time in the city on business.

If you want to buy one of the addition blocks to Spur, well improved and at low figures and easy terms see the Spur Exchange.

Quite a number of new residences are going up in the city at this time. In fact at no time since the opening of the town in November has there been any idle time in the building progress.

Spur continues to build. Get in the procession and build while you boost.

PRSBYTERIAN SERVICES.

The regular morning services of the Presbyterian church will be held Sunday in the North West school house. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and preaching service at 11 o'clock a. m. There will be no night service on account of the Baptist meeting.

J. F. HARDIE.

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.

J. B. Yantis was over Thursday from Dickens and spent several hours in the city on business.



Fresh Bread, Cakes, Pies and Variety of Cookies.
City Restaurant and Bakery

FEELS GRATEFUL TO DOCTOR

Baltimore Man Shows Proper Appreciation of Treatment Accorded Him by Physician.

"When a man in comfortable circumstances is taken ill a long way from home he expects to have to pay the piper," said P. S. Stander of Baltimore at the Raleigh, according to the Washington Post.

"Some years ago I was traveling in western New York, looking into the fruit situation, orchard products being my business, when I was taken suddenly ill in the village of Pen Yan, and was laid up there for some time. A local physician was called and devoted his time and talents to me for ten days, after which I left the town as well as ever I was. Before departing, however, I asked the doctor for my bill, and I almost had a relapse when I was told by him that for the ten or fifteen visits he made to me his charge was only \$7.50. It was so unusual to get treated so honestly that I kept the doctor's name permanently on the tablet of my memory and every year he gets the first and best water melons that come to Baltimore. At Christmas time he receives the choicest oysters that the Baltimore market can supply, and in other ways I try to let him know that I appreciated the way he took care of me and his moderate charges."

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.

J. R. Leach sold his residence this week to Mr. Tidwell. We understand that Mr. Leach and family will leave Saturday for their former home at Childress.

French Birthrate Grows.
 France, after all, may not be failing. Last year's census of that country, where the signs of decadence are usually believed to reveal themselves in a declining population, shows that in 1908 there was an excess of births over deaths amounting to 46,411. In two years prior to 1907 there was an excess of deaths over births. But the excess of births over deaths last year was higher than the average for the preceding ten years. It is noteworthy that for 1908 the number of deaths was the smallest in 11 years and considerably smaller, of course, than in the average for the preceding ten years. The birthrate, then, is a recovery. And marriages are the largest in 11 years, five per cent. greater than the average for the decade.

BUTTONS MADE FROM HOOFs.

At the big beef-packing houses the hoofs are assorted into three grades, the white ones being used for a certain grade of button closely resembling the better quality of pearl buttons. A striped hoof is flattened into a plate through pressure under heat and used in the manufacture of hairpins; striped hoofs are also used in the manufacture of buttons. Black hoofs and hoof scrap are used in the manufacture of cyanide and chrome. Scraps of hoofs ground up into fine powder make nitrogenous fertilizer for grapes and other crops.

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 18,367,147. 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.

Have You a Singer Machine?

If not let us sell you one, CASH OR CREDIT "without interest."

We are agents for twenty of the best manufacturers of Pianos and Organs and will sell you one with easy payments.

Our stock of Furniture, Art Squares and Rugs is complete. Get our prices on your bill before buying - - - - -

Spur Furniture and Piano Company

Tol Merriman was in Thursday from his place six miles south of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

Miss Georgia Riter returned Friday to her home at Hamlin after spending several days in the city with her father.

Miss Williams returned Friday from Stamford where she has been visiting relatives the past several days.

Mr. Smith, a prominent citizen and cattle buyer of Childress, was in Spur Thursday to buy cattle in this section.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

Gray horse branded L up and L down on left shoulder, hobbled with chain hobbles, seen last at public watering tank Sunday. \$5.00 reward for his return to E. E. Hubbard, Spur, Texas.

Chas. Touchon and family, of the north part of the county, were in the city Thursday and Friday and spent the night here with friends. While here Mr. Touchon had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list for which he has our thanks.

Mr. Touchon says that crops in his section are very good and that he made this year about one thousand bushels of maize and plenty of roughness to run him through the year. He has about twenty-five acres of sod land in cotton in connection with old land cotton and will begin picking Monday of next week.

J. E. Sparks was in Thursday from the Red Mud country. He brought in an exhibit of maize to be added to the collection at the Commercial Club room. The maize is said to be the best yet shown. Mr. Sparks hauled out lumber with which to make improvements on his place. Let the good work go on in all sections.

H. S. Bartley is putting down large wagon scales on the lot adjoining his place of business and will soon be prepared to weigh anything from a lump of coal to a steam engine.

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