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Spur is the Youngest and Most Rapid Growing Town in Texas.

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Number One

WEST IS IMPROVING

**Aided by Scientific Methods
 And Introduction of Drouth
 Resisting Plants.**

We pride ourselves on being the possessors of wisdom and experience of the ages. And yet, when we were first confronted with the conditions of the arid and semi-arid regions of our country we seemed to have altogether forgotten that the early agricultural development of mankind was all in regions of limited rainfall, and that the mighty empires of ancient days depended largely for their wealth and strength on the products of agriculture under artificial irrigation, writes Congressman F. W. Mondell in Field and Farm. Two generations of men have been engaged in the west in reviving and improving the methods of ancient irrigation until the advantages of that method of agriculture have been fully and triumphantly re-established.

We are now engaged in reviving and improving in the new west another form of agriculture long practiced in the far east—that of farming in regions of limited moisture by the conservation of the natural rainfall. So accustomed had our people become to farming in regions where the rainfall is ordinarily more than sufficient and often superabundant that we had accepted as a truism the false idea that agriculture depending upon natural precipitation could not be successful except where nature plagued the husbandman with rain and snow to such an extent that most of his labor was expended in an effort to overcome the loss and damage of frequent and copious deliveries of moisture from the skies.

Error and misconception are tenacious of life and it has taken a generation of discovery and experiment to demonstrate that a wide range of agricultural crops can be successfully grown in certain soils where mud and slush are rare and damage from excessive moisture almost unknown: in other words, with an annual precipitation heretofore considered entirely inadequate. Thirty inches of moisture per annum was once considered the minimum for safe crop growing. The pioneer of the plains reduced this to 20 inches and now the thorough farmer, aided by scientific methods and the introduction and development of drouth-resisting plants, has demonstrated on an extensive scale and in many localities in the west that a considerable variety of agricultural products can be successfully and profitably grown with an annual precipitation of less than 12 inches.

This new-old system of agriculture, long practiced in many parts of the world and improved and perfected by American genius, energy, and enterprise, has come to be known as dry farming. Some object to the name, and in a sense it is a misnomer, for the dry farmer is most emphatically a moist-soil farmer, but our language does not seem

to contain a word which more nearly describes these simple, yet essential methods, easily learned and readily applied, whereby the dry farmer amid climatic conditions comfortable and pleasing, produces his crops with more than ordinary certainty.

BIG LUMBER DEAL

This week a deal was consummated by which the Caylor-Leard Lumber Company sold their entire business and stock of lumber and building material to the five other lumber firms of Spur, thus giving Spur only five yards instead of six in the past.

Floyd Caylor, as manager of the lumber business at Spur, has been successful and a formidable competitor in his line. He is not only an experienced lumberman but one of exceptional ability, and we wish and predict for him much success in the future.

MOVING TO SPUR

W. A. Smith, of Red Mud, bought lots in Spur and is now having a residence built preparatory to moving his family to town for the benefit of the Spur School.

Mr. Smith is one of the old timers of this section, having settled his place in the Red Mud country about twenty years ago. He has the distinction of being one of the citizens who assisted in the organization of both Dickens and Kent counties and says this country will produce at least fifty per cent better to day than when first settled. He says he has always made a good living on his farm although in the years past many disadvantages were encountered.

Mr. Smith says in moving to Spur he does so to give his children the benefit of a good school and that he will probably remain on the farm himself to look after his crops. We are glad to welcome Mr. Smith and family to Spur.

WILL BUILD IN SPUR.

Mr. Vaught, of near Dickens, bought a lot in Spur the first of the week and we understand that he will build a residence at once and become a citizen of the town. The lot was sold by J. B. George through J. H. Neeley the real estate man.

BUILDING BRIDGE

**Work on Bridge Over Duck
 Creek Progressing Rapidly
 and Nearing Completion**

Work on the big iron bridge over Duck Creek on the Dickens and Spur road about two miles north of Spur has been under headway during the past several days and is now nearing completion. When completed this will be one of the best bridges in the country and will be not only a great convenience to the general public but contribute materially to Spur in a commercial way.

Since the creation of Spur one year ago the business men of the town and the citizens of the country in general have looked closely to the interests of public improvements, and especially is this true of road improvements. Many new roads have been opened up and put in first-class condition, and as the country settles more roads and better roads will continue to be the slogan.

RETURNS FROM FAIR.

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan returned this week from the Dallas Fair where he has been several weeks taking care of the Dickens county exhibit and otherwise advertising this section of the country. He reports that the exhibit and advertising done will result in bringing a number of people here to look at the country. While the Dickens county exhibit failed to capture any of the prizes, Secretary Reagan said that if he had gone with the proper affidavits of parties who produced the stuff we could have secured one or two prizes. The exhibit, while possibly not as large as other exhibits, compared favorably with others in quality and another year we expect Dickens county to bring in some of the many prizes given at the State Fair.

MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS.

W. H. Teague has moved his blacksmith shop from the Blue Front Stable north one block on Fifth Street, near postoffice building. Horseshoeing and buggy work a specialty. See us for all kinds of blacksmithing and wood work. All work guaranteed. W. H. TEAGUE & SON.

CONTEST CLOSES

The organ, diamond ring, watch and umbrella contest which has been in progress the past several months and conducted by a number of business firms of Spur closed Monday night, the votes being counted by R. D. Campbell, N. A. Baker, W. E. Lyle, Carl Lowery, Fred Hisey, J. B. Conner, Perry Fite, and Mrs. Graham. The votes as counted stood as follows:

Nell Mahon	215,978
Thera Reavis	94,209
Lena Roberts	143,456
Alta Shemerhorn	83,196
Spur Baptist Church	21,287
Spur M. E. Church	9,501
Middle Red Mud	513,967
Noview	853
Tap Church	575
Spur Presbyterian Ch.	1,177
Dickens Church	23
Spur Christian Church	195
Emma Benson	575
Lillian Denton	6,089
Cordie Harrell	1,085

NEW BUSINESS FOR SPUR.

G. A. Howsley, formerly of Albany, has just completed his new blacksmith shop in Spur and is now doing business in his line. The building is designed specially for his line of business and is one of the finest of its kind in the country. It has frontage on the south and east and most conveniently arranged. It is equipped with new tools, etc., and Mr. Howsley being an experienced and expert workman is prepared to do high-class work on short notice. He extends a cordial invitation to his place and also that he be given a share of your business.

WINDING UP COTTON PICKING SEASON.

R. L. Holley, formerly a citizen of Spur but now of near Girard, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants. Mr. Holley says that he is now winding up his cotton picking and that most of the farmers of that section are now making their last picking of the season. He says he made several bales of cotton and also plenty of feed to run him.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

Rev. H. M. Smith of Abilene, will hold services for the Presbyterian people next Sunday at the school house.

COTTON COMING

**About Sixteen Hundred Bales
 Weighed at Farmers Union
 Cotton Yard.**

Up to Thursday at noon there had been weighed in Spur at the Farmers Union Cotton Yard fifteen hundred and seventy-three bales of cotton.

With the exception of a few days cold, rainy weather the past few weeks cotton has been coming in at a rapid rate and from all sections of the country and before the end of the season we expect several thousands of bales to be marketed and weighed here for shipment.

Throughout the fall season the merchants and cotton buyers of Spur have maintained one of the highest cotton markets of the country, and each day, without prevarication, have paid several dollars more per bale for cotton than was justified by the general market quotations, and as a result the Spur market is recognized by all of the surrounding country as the very best selling market of the whole country.

It is not only to the interests of cotton producers to market their staple here but also to the general public to buy their supplies and general merchandise. As you will see from the advertisement of the merchants they are well supplied with every character of merchandise and are making prices to secure and hold the trade of this territory.

EMMA-CROSBYTON COUNTY SITE CONTROVERSY

The attorneys for Crosbyton in the county seat injunction case received a wire message from Fort Worth Monday morning to the effect that the case would come up for a hearing on November 12th.

The case was recently appealed from the District Court at Benjamin, Texas, and taken to the Court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth, on the motion of the attorneys for Crosbyton.

The contention of the lawyers for the town of Emma is to the effect that Emma is within the five mile limit and that a two-thirds majority was necessary to remove the county seat. They were, therefore, asking the county commissioners to declare the result of the recent county seat election to be in favor of the town of Emma, inasmuch as Crosbyton lacked a few votes of a two-thirds majority.

The contention of the attorneys for Crosbyton is that the election was held under the latter and recognized survey which leaves Emma, or part of Emma containing the courthouse and jail, outside the five-mile limit, and that only a majority of the votes were necessary to change the county seat from Emma to Crosbyton, the latter being within the five-mile limit.

Two injunction cases arose out of these contentions, Emma asking that the result of the election be declared under the old survey and Crosbyton contending that the county judge declare the result under the later and recognized survey.—Crosbyton Review.

Have You a Singer Machine?

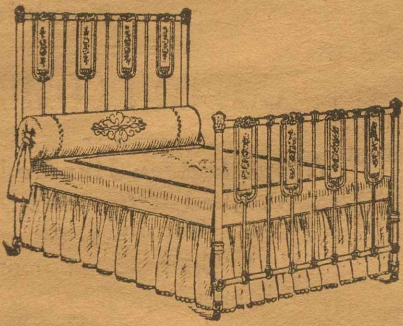
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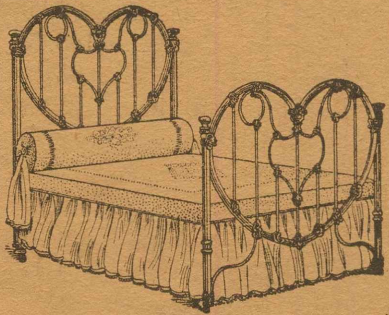
**We Have Just Received a
CAR OF NEW FURNITURE**



Consisting of iron beds, springs, mattresses, sideboards, buffets, china closets, dining tables, dining chairs, oak and reed rockers, go-carts, chifforobes, kitchen cabinets. The finest line of cabinets that have been shipped to Spur.

Call and let us show them to you and give you prices on that bill of furniture you have been promising yourself you were going to buy this fall. **NOW IS THE TIME.** We have a swell line of art squars, rugs, carpets, window shades, shades for the extra wide windows.

Will sell you wall paper for the next 60 days at 25 per cent discount from our regular price, any pattern we have in stock goes. Must have room for 1911 patterns. Don't forget to call for tickets which entitles the holder to guess on jar of beans.



CAMPBELL & CAMPBELL
Both Phones No. 33.

E. Ham, of the Croton Flat country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, and has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to the paper. At the beginning of the campaign for Democratic nomination to county office Mr. Ham entered the race for County Attorney, but by default of application within the required time his name failed to appear on the ticket and for that reason he withdrew from the race. Mr. Ham will teach the Duck Creek school this year.

Mrs. W. H. Stephens has been using a crutch the past several days on account of a sprained ankle sustained while skating at the rink now being operated at the Electric Theatre building. It is thought that one of the ankle bones was broken in connection with the sprain.

M. T. Peters, a prosperous citizen of the Duck Creek country southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

T. J. Braddock, of three miles east of Afton, was in Spur Saturday having Dr. Bachelor do dental work for him.

T. E. Marshall, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in town Saturday and had his name added to the growing subscription list of the Texas Spur for which he has our thanks. Mr. Marshall reports that since the cold snap the cotton on his place is opening up rapidly and that the cotton picking season will close with another picking over the crop. The cotton crop in general over the Spur country is turning out much better than anticipated in the beginning of the season and as a result this section of the country will remain in pretty goodshape.

W. P. C. Smith, a prominent citizen of the country, was in the city Saturday from his place several miles west of Spur and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section. Mr. Smith recently returned to this section from Mexico where he spent part of three years, and is now improving his place and clearing land for cultivation another year. We welcome Mr. Smith and family back to the Spur country and wish them much prosperity and a pleasant home with us.

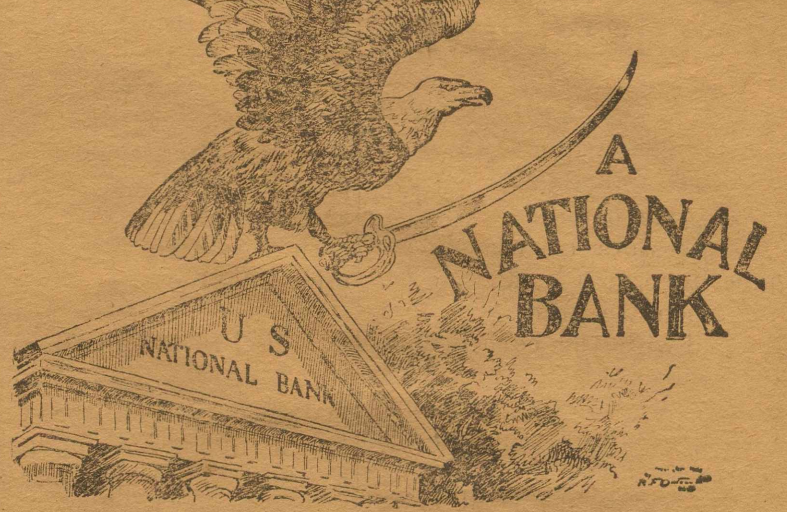
Dr. Burnum, one of the most prominent citizens of the Croton country, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur. He reports everything in pretty good shape in his section of the country.

J. W. Thompson, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription in connection with the Dallas News.

Mr. McGuire, a prosperous farmer of near Paducah, was in Spur Saturday with five bales of cotton which were sold to the Spur buyers. During the past week or ten days the cotton market here as well as elsewhere has been somewhat changeable, going up and down without regard to local buyers or sellers. However, throughout the time the Spur buyers have maintained a local market price here at all times above the quotations by which all local buyers are guided, and at the present time they are paying between fourteen and fifteen cents. It is predicted by those in a position to have a very good idea of the situation that the Spur market will be paying fifteen cents and possibly more within a very short time. We are all hoping that these parties are correct in such predictions and that the farmers of the Spur country will have many bales of cotton to sell at such a price.

H. C. Allen came in Monday and had us to place his name on our clubbing list with the Farm and Ranch. Mr. Allen recently came to Spur from the Plains country and is now a substantial and permanent citizen with us.

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IS IN**



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DRUGS

We have just received a new lot of the latest and newest designs in Watches, Chains, Rings, Brooches, Stick Pins and Locketts. Also a good assortment of the very highest grade of Cut Glass, which we assure you our prices are right. Would be pleased to have you come in and look at our line. A complete line of Drugs and Drug Sundries at all time.

DRUGS

**RED FRONT DRUG STORE, BOTH PHONES
NO. 2.**
Edison Phonograph - Eastman Kodaks

The infant child of Rev. and Mrs. Stewart is reported quite sick this week.

Mr. Hatfield, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, moved last week his hotel equipments to the Old Western Hotel building where he will do business in the future under the latter name. Mr. Hatfield is an experienced hotel man and entertains guests in the most inviting and substantial manner. We wish him much success in his new location at the Old Western Hotel.

F. L. Allcorn, a prominent citizen of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and while here had his name added to our subscription list for which he has our thanks. Mr. Allcorn recently purchased a crop between Dickens and Spur and is now on the place gathering the crop. He is one of our best and most prosperous citizens.

W. F. Walker, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in town Saturday accompanied by his daughter, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

\$5.00 REWARD

For return of one cow, 7 years old, curved horn, spotted, and one Jersey heifer, 18 months old, fawn color, short horns.

R. F. McGILL, Spur, Tex.

LOST—Between Spur and Clairemont a 22-Winchester rifle. Finder return to The Texas Spur office for reward.

H. P. COLE, Pres.

J. F. VERNON, Cashier

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank
SPUR, TEXAS.**

LOSES \$500 CASH IN FIRE.

Tenant on Haskell County Farm
Also Loses Household
Goods in Blazs.

O'Brien, Haskell Co., Tex., Oct. 8th.—A small tenant house burned to the ground on the farm of J. D. Smith, about two miles south of town. The building was occupied by T. C. Smith, who lost all his household goods besides \$500 in cash and several land notes and accounts.

If this man had of had his money in the bank it would have been safe. So Mr. Farmer don't do like this man but leave your money on deposit with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank where it is safe from fire and where it is secured by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the great state of Texas.

No account too small for us. Plenty of room for your valuable papers.

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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.

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The deposits of this Bank are protected by the
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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.

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Be careful don't buy a lawsuit. Order an Abstract of Title and have it passed on before you pay your money for that lot. See the Dickens County Abstract Company about it.

The City Bakery and Restaurant is now putting out a bread equal to any in the country. Will be delivered at any time, any place in town. Phone 71.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of Lum Heflin which occurred some two weeks ago at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Heflin, in Spur. Lum, while at Crosbyton, was stricken with typhoid fever and meningitis. He was removed to his home and given the best medical attention and nursing. The remains were interred in the Spur cemetery, a number of relatives and friends being in attendance to perform the sad burial tribute. Lum was a young man of twenty years, and the friends and relatives have the sincere sympathy of all in this bereavement.

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**LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,**

And All Kinds Building Material

Chunk Traweek, formerly a citizen of Spur, was in town Friday and Saturday gathering up his carpenter tools preparatory to building a house for some gentleman twenty miles west of Spur. Buildings and improvements of various character are reported from every section of this country and from all indications the day is not far distant when the Spur country will be highly developed and densely populated with a prosperous, thrifty and intelligent class of people. Today there are thousands of acres of unimproved agricultural lands in this section awaiting the man with the hoe and the plow but another day is rapidly approaching when unimproved agricultural lands will be a thing of the past, and the man who fails to grasp the opportunities presented today will be forced to pay tribute to far-sighted landlords and those who accept the opportunities as presented. A home is the very foundation of happiness, success and prosperity and the most encouraging means to that end is now being presented to thousands in the settlement of the Spur Farm Lands.

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RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Spur Grain & Coal Co.

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Seed Wheat and Oats.

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If you place a mortgage, or negotiate a note, you are expected to know the amount as well as the quality of the security back of it. I represent the Home Ins. Co. of N. Y., The Liverpool & London & Globe, Liv. Eng., The Firemans Fund, The Fidelity-Phenix, N. Y., The Boston Ins. Co., The New York Underwriters Agency of the Hartford Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford Conn., and several other of the largest companies doing business in the U. S., having back of them millions of dollars capital and surplus to policy holders, furnishing an unexcelled "margin of safety." Is not that the sort of security you prefer-especially when it cost you no more.

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J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Crosbyton Automobile Line.

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

J. J. Rushing, a popular real estate dealer of Plainview, passed through Spur Friday on his return home from a ten days trip in the eastern part of the state where he had been to encourage the settlement of this part of the country, and he reports that a number of families are coming at a later date. Years ago this writer was intimately associated with J. J. Rushing and we are glad to note that he is now one of the leading and most successful men of this western country. He is a worthy citizen and a never-failing stand-by to his friends and is deserving of the success and prosperity he now enjoys.

NOTED LAND CASE.

We are informed that the land case between citizens of near Afton and the Matador land interests has been reversed in the Fort Worth court of Appeals. This suit is to determine the location of certain land lines between the Matadors and citizens of that section.

Nat Patton has secured the Tap school for the 1910-11 term and will move his family to Spur and attend the school from here, it being only about eight miles out. Mr. Patton will build a new home on his lots in the northwest part of town.

About fifteen new names have been added this and last week to our subscription list which is very gratifying and substantial evidence that the Texas-Spur is pleasing its readers. Many times we overlook news items and personal items of general interest, but we do our best to get all the news all the time. We will continue to print a readable paper and solicit your subscription and patronage, and will appreciate any favors shown in any way.

Full blood barred Plymouth Rock roosters for sale.
Mrs. H. T. Burgoon.

Mrs. F. W. West, teacher of the Red Hill school, writes us that a mistake was made last week in announcing that she would teach the Steel Hill school. A new school district has been formed in that section of country known as the Red Hill School District and Mrs. West will teach the 1910-11 term. This new district was formerly a part of the Duck Creek District. A new house has been built and everything is now in readiness for the beginning of the term of school Monday, November 7th.

Cecil Humphrey, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Humphrey is reported quite sick of typhoid fever. We hope for the little fellow a speedy recovery.

Prof. N. L. Clark, of Matador, passed through Spur Sunday on his way to Jayton and other points looking after business matters.

RECITAL

Miss Williams' Expression Class will give a Recital Friday evening Nov. 18th, benefit of the Public School Library. Admission 25c and 35c.

Folding bed for sale very cheap by H. T. Burgoon.

The Dickens County Abstract Company can furnish that Abstract on short notice.

J. P. Goen of Dickens, was in town Wednesday on business.

H. E. CARTER,

**Dealer in West Texas Lands
and Spur Town Property.**

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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

TAP TELLINGS

Everybody is all smiles and still gathering the fleecy staple. Quite a lot of cotton yet to gather here. The freeze of last week will be an advantage to cotton, causing it to open.

Chas Overman, who has been here for the past several days prospecting, returned to Norton Tuesday, and will wind up his business there and move to this locality, having secured a place of W. A. McKay.

B. G. Boone of Abilene, came in Monday and will spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. W. C. Hinson.

Ed Massey of New Mexico, is here helping the cotton farmers gather their crop.

Bud Williams came in on the mail hack Monday having been down the road on business.

Sam McKay moved on his brother's farm this week and will farm there next year.

Boss Copeland, who farmed in Garza county this year, has secured a place here for next year

A home seeker a few days since made J. E. Sparks back down on his own proposition on his farm here. Everyone that comes our way wants a home here but why not when we have the best county this side of Paradise.

Gadabout,

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

Children's Hose supporters at half price, at Mrs. Humphrey's Monday, Nov. 7th, one day only.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood, W. S. Campbell and Miss Williams, W. F. Godfrey and Miss Smith and A. J. Tyler and Miss Thomas spent Sunday at the Crow Springs near Dickens. They all report having had a most pleasant day.

SPECIAL SALE

Mrs. Humphrey will have a special sale Monday, Nov. 7th, one day only, don't fail to come. \$1.00 Union Suits for 75 cents. \$1.00 Sweaters for 75 cts. 75c Sweaters for 40 cts. 50c gloves for 25c. 50c Dutch Collars for 35c. Three boxes Talcum Powder 25c

Will give \$10.00 per week and give as good instruction as can be gotten in any training school for nurses for the right woman to begin work at once in the Spur Sanitarium.

T. E. STANDIFER, M. D.

J. D. Powell and G. C. Pass returned last week from Dallas and Fort Worth where they attended the fair and saw the sights.

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

GODFREY-TYLER Realty Company.

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DENTIST

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Be careful don't buy a lawsuit. Order an Abstract of Title and have it passed on before you pay your money for that lot. See the Dickens County Abstract Company about it.

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

**On Fifth Street
Opposite Texas Spur Office**

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We are here for business and should we fail it will be through no lack of concerted efforts or unity of interest. In order that we may reach out in new territory and convince the buying public that better facilities are here for the handling of your business than can be found in this section of Texas and in order that you may come and see, we, the undersigned merchants of Spur offer you the following prizes for the parties who can submit to us the nearest number of beans contained in glass jar, same to be seen in window of J. A. Lambdin & Co. We will give to you free of all cost to you. These prizes will be graded and information can be furnished by any of the merchants names who appear here below. We guarantee prices equal to those of any concerns in Texas and solicit your attention to our places of business, to our merchandise and get better acquainted with Spur and our methods of business.

PRIZE NO. 1	PRIZE NO. 2	PRIZE NO. 3	PRIZE NO. 4	PRIZE NO. 5
We will give one handsome Three Piece Oak Bed Room Suite. We earnestly invite you to our place of business to see the greatest congregation of values shown in west Texas. Campbell & Campbell furniture, carpet, matting and general household goods.	In order to further our mutual interest and to demonstrate that we are fully equipped to care for all needs of farmer, ranch or individual, we offer one Garland cook stove known the world over for superior general use. Barber, Hancock & New, general hardware dealers.	In presenting our claim for business we assure you that quality talks; why deceive your appetite and use a cheap substitute when the better kind cost no more here: In order that we may induce those of you who so far have failed to visit us; we will give free \$25 worth of groceries as third prize. Western Grocery Store	There's a why, and this is it. When you purchase drugs, toilet articles or have prescriptions filled we assure you satisfaction in price and accuracy by efficient and courteous salespeople. Our line is extensive this season and to demonstrate the esteem interest in your valued patronage we give you one handsome doll, value \$15.00. Spur Drug Co.	That fall bill of Dry Goods demands your attention now. Never were we better prepared to serve your interest than now. May we have the pleasure of showing new swell togs for men, women and children. We are giving to some good judge \$25 worth of anything in our store. For particulars see our window. J. A. Lambdin & Co., Spur.

In conclusion: This offer is good for 60 days, closing Wednesday night November 30th. For information inquire of any of the merchants interested who will gladly furnish all information desired.

Respectfully yours,

**Campbell & Campbell, Barber, Hancock & New,
Spur Drug Co., Western Grocery Co. J. A. Lambdin & Co.**

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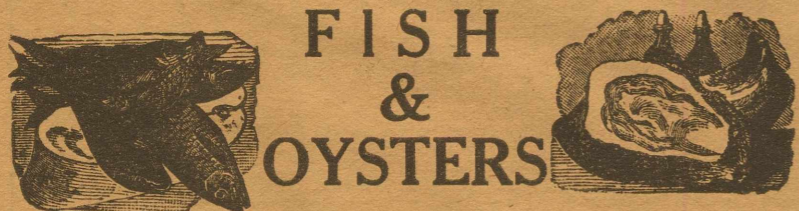
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Notice to Tax Payers of Dickens County Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I, H. P. Cole, Tax Collector, in and for Dickens County Texas, or my duly constituted deputy, will be at the following named places for the purpose of collecting the state and county taxes for the year 1910, and shall remain at each of said named places for at least two days from date given each of said named places.

Wichita in magistrate precinct No. 4 the 14th day of November 1910 and will be found at the Wichita School House.

North East Corner in magistrate precinct No. 2 the 16th day of November 1910 and will be found at the Buford School House.

Afton in magistrate precinct No. 2 the 18th day of November 1910 and will be found at the Afton post office or at Hale & Loyd Store.

Spur in magistrate precinct No. 3 the 22nd day of November 1910 and will be found at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 19th day of October A. D. 1910.

H. P. COLE, Tax Collector,
Dickens County Texas.

Mrs. Oliver Gray has been on the sick list this week.

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Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

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

An Absolute Cancer Cure.

I have an absolute cure for cancer and under my treatment will guarantee to remove every particle of cancer roots and as a result effect a permanent cure. For references write to Geo. Fulfer or Mr. Yarborough of Matador, or to Mrs. Sarah Allbury of Turkey, Hall county, from whom I have removed cancers and who are now permanently cured. I also do veterinary work. See or write me at Matador, Texas.

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

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PREPARE FOR WINTER



WINTER'S CHILLY BLASTS WILL HAVE NO TERRORS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE WARMLY CLAD. YOU WILL FEEL HAPPY IN YOUR CLOTHES IF YOU BUY THEM FROM US; BECAUSE, DEPEND UPON IT, THE STYLE WILL BE PROPER. OUR PRICES ARE ALWAYS REASONABLE.

DO NOT LET THE COLD DAYS CREEP UPON YOU WITHOUT BEING PREPARED. OUR LINE OF WINTER WEARABLES AND MATERIALS FOR WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN IS NOW VERY LONG. COME TO US AND KNOW THAT YOU CAN PROPERLY PREPARE FOR WINTER.

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Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

TIMELY SERMON TO FARMERS FULL OF WISDOM.

Many officers and members have asked me to amplify the views expressed last week regarding the personal responsibility of the farmer in solution of the rural problem. No other issue now before the American people equals this one in national significance. Upon its proper consideration depends the present and the future of America, from every angle of industry and citizenship. For the old demagogic cry that the "farmer is the backbone of the nation" is but the faint stating of a truth borne in upon our most candid thinkers today with sledgehammer emphasis.

I spoke last week of the obligation of the farmer toward his children, and line of giving them the best educational facilities at his command and equipping them for the struggle of life that they might record yet more progress over their parents.

It is doubly important to discharge this obligation with fidelity, for the reason that it is the educated few who rule in this or any other country.

You will hear it stated on every side that the majority dominates our government. Analyze closely and you will find it is not the majority. Our actual ruler is that comparatively small host of trained brains and disciplined minds that have first learned self-government, and that have next absorbed the true lessons of leadership and of general success in life.

The principle holds, whether under a republican, a monarchical or a despotic form of government.

Are you going to fit your boy to be one of the rulers, or one of the great mass of the ruled? That is one of the questions you must face if you wish to do your just part in the solution of the rural problem.

In educating your boy for leadership and for sane thinking, you are educating him for success in every other commercial activity.

Today there are more opportunities for the young man than ever in our history. Politicians to the contrary notwithstanding, the trusts have not closed fast the doors of opportunity. Every day business people in all lines ask me for young men who can and will do things. The cry everywhere is for young men who are willing to work. And the young man is first taught the gospel of work inside his own home.

No farmer's duty ends, however, when he provides his family with the best facilities, and the best livelihood, possible to his means. For he must then consider his duty to his community, and in so doing he must realize the truth of the Biblical saying that "no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." That means that no matter how hard we try, we can't get away from each other and that if we strive to do so, the penalty is stagnation for ourselves and for those around us. The principle of co-operation begun with the Garden of Eden and it is still on the job.

I am an enthusiastic advocate of the "home mission" idea in the solution of the rural problem, with every farmer as a home missionary. I believe every man living was born with more or less yearning to reform somebody, or something, to help somebody or something. Well the place to exercise that instinct is right in your own township, your own militia district, your own county.

I know it is human nature, to get in a huff with those folks at the church, or the lodge, to become irritated or pull out just because they didn't see fit to

elect you deacon, or Sunday school superintendent, or that the preacher, or the president or master of your lodge doesn't suit you. Maybe you are the best man for the place, and maybe your neighbors were mistaken in selecting somebody else. But it isn't going to help matters for you to quit in a rage. If you wait a little while, nine chances to one things will come right. And then, you know maybe it's yourself, after all, that is in the wrong. Size up the thing honestly, search your own soul, and try to see honestly whether or not you deserved such consideration at the hands of your friends or neighbors.

Some men tell me they can't get along with Bill Jones or Tom Smith or Jim Anybody-else, or can't work with them for the benefit of the community because they're such contrary cusses." My observation is that, in the great majority of cases, they didn't try hard enough to get along with Bill, Tom or Jim. The first thing either one of the three said that didn't agree with his special ideas, he didn't wait to reason it out, but flew the coop without ceremony.

There is more stagnation, more devilry in rural communities today from these misunderstandings that are born of nothing, than of anything else in the category of "pulling down." You've got to be mighty sure the fault isn't your own before you announce boldly that you can't agree with your neighbor.

Another thing: It may come to the point where you make concession after confession, call on Bill, Tom or Jim, reason with them, try to get them to join you to get that new school, or church, or lodge, or road, or rural free delivery route, and find that every attempt falls through.

When that happens it may be that you're in the wrong place. You might try a move and get in a locality where the folks understand you better or where

they're more responsive to your efforts. And don't you ever forget that you yourself may not be a paragon of perfection and that you make Jim, Tom or Bill a good deal more tired than they make you.

One of the first principles of the creed of the farmer ought to be to "avoid too much office seeking." It's likely your conscience will get too tough to be parboiled if you run for office. Very probably you'd have to mortgage your home to pay campaign expenses. It is extremely probable you'd have to shake hands with folks you wouldn't recognize before you ran for office, and it's a dead certainty you'd make any number of promises you couldn't keep—and sometimes never intended to keep. You ought to remember, also, that once you get into politics, your family skeletons will come just a-poppin' out of the closet. You private life and your past record and those of your family, will be turned inside out, like a glove, and henceforth and forever you'll cease to enjoy the privileges of living as a private citizen.

I know that little office of legislator, or town clerk, or bailiff, or jailor, or sheriff, or what not, looks mighty dazzling. But how many men do you know personally who having once succeeded in attaining office, have never been worth their salt afterward? How many do you know who stayed in office a year or two, then were kicked out, and, having got the political bug in their systems, went from one failure to another and finally to seed? Why, the woods, and especially the cemeteries, are just full of them.

We must have the best men in office. But you can assure that we will have the best men by watching the politicians and candidates in your community, making them taw the mark and redeem their promises, or kick them out if they don't. That is

your obligation, as a citizen, to yourself, to your family and to your community. Another thing that would be to watch the average public speaker appealing for your support.

Stop being led by the speaker who brags on you most and abuses the fellow who is absent and whom you may dislike. Turn down the politician who is always playing to the galleries or the grand stand. Learn to distinguish between the false and the true in politics, not letting yourself be carried off your feet by a fellow who is good at shaking hands or bellowing about your enemies or promising you the "earth in a sling." When you elect to office the man who does things and who regards his political promises, you will be taking a long step toward the solution of the rural problem.

I have repeated the warning about working with and bearing with and understanding your neighbor, because that is true co-operation, and because true co-operation is the only way in which we will ever solve problems that press for solution.

They have learned that already in the cities; they are learning it now in the country. In the cities a man may dislike officeholders, or may distrust his neighbor or be unable to get along with him, but he gets over it and goes to work for that community's success, which means his own individual success. In the country the farmer generally "gets his back up" and it stays up for a good, long time, and meanwhile his community is on the down grade and he wonders what in the world is the matter.

You won't find these things in any text-book with a high-sounding title; but they are the very life of the rural problem. Until we understand them and put them in force, all our other efforts will be like a man trying to lift himself by his bootstraps. You know how far he gets!

Charles S. Barrett.
Union City, Ga., Sept. 26, 1910.

....MORRISON'S STORE....

THE PLACE TO TRADE

**The Store that carries the stock and does the business.
The largest and best line of Dry Goods and Groceries in Dickens Co.
We want to buy your cotton and sell you your fall supplies.**

**Remember we are loaded with Low Prices the year round.
A big volume of business at a small margin is our way of doing business**

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We have a large stock of Men's and Boys clothing from the best manufactures at the lowest possible price.

Men's Suits.....\$7.50 to 25.00
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Boys' Suits.....\$1.50 to 5.00
Odd Pants.....\$1.00 to 6.00

Full stock of standard overalls and work clothing.

Hats

A full stock of hats for men and boys from the cheapest up to the Stetson's.

Novelties

We are showing the latest in Hand Bags, Belts, Ribbons, Collars, Back Combs, Barretts, Etc.

Dress Goods

We carry a good selection of both cotton and wool Dress Goods at the correct price.

Best Calico per yd 5c
Apron Checks gingham, 10c, and 7 1-2c
Dress Gingham..... 15c, 12 1-2c
Extra Heavy Outing 10c
Light Outing 7 1-2c
Best Sheeting 10c
Heavy Cotton Flannel 10c
All-wool Panama, all colors 50c
A nice showing of Fancy Dress Goods at 75c
Better grades of Dress Goods and silks up to \$1.50 yd.

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.....Sewing Machines.....

Shoes

We have 3,000 pairs of Shoes from the best makers for your selection at rock bottom prices.

Men's Shoes \$2.00 up to\$5.00
Ladies' " 1.00 " "4.00
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No matter what you want in the shoe line we have it.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

We have just received a new line of ladies' Skirts, Long Coats and Coat Suits.

Ladies' Skirts.....\$3.00 to 12.50
" Long Coats3.00 to 20.00
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Call and let us show you this line.

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We buy heavy groceries in car lots and practically make jobbing prices on groceries.

Our stock of fancy groceries is always complete.

We take great pride in our grocery department.

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Just received a large shipment of Trunks and Bags.

Trunks \$2.50 up to\$20.00
Suit Cases \$1.50 up to\$10.00

Come to Spur to do your Fall Trading.

Come right to Morrison's where you will find the best stock to select from and a competent and courteous set of salespeople to wait on you.

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You can't always stay at home when the weather is bad, that's true. But there are a great many times when there would be no necessity for traveling—whether the weather be bad or good—if you had a **Rural Telephone** connected with the system of the Southwestern Company. Get the U. S. weather reports daily; keep in touch with the markets and with your family if away from home.

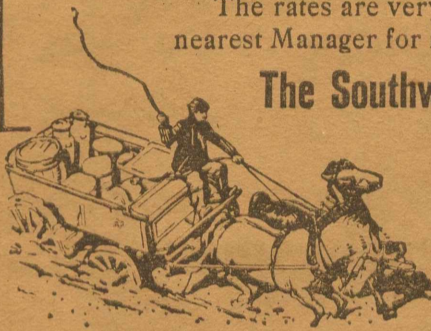
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Miss Ruth McNaught, of Fort Worth, is visiting the Misses Mahon at the New Western Hotel.

Mr. Vinson is now recovering from a recent operation for appendicitis.

E. Luce and wife, of Tap, were visitors in Spur one day this week.

Have your old buggy made new at Bramhall's Paint Shop.

Mrs. Humphrey carries a full line of needles, machine needles and pins of all kinds.

R. F. McGill came over this week from Dickens and will hereafter be identified with the business interests of Spur. We welcome Mr. McGill and wish him much success in Spur.

Mr. Moore, recently of Lubbock, purchased last week the second-hand goods and will conduct the business at the same stand on Fifth Street.

R. B. Spencer, of the R. B. Spencer Lumber Company, was in Spur this week looking after his lumber interests here.

We Wish to Announce

We have opened our store for business. We have an incomplete stock, as our Fall goods have not been received, so don't be disappointed if we haven't what you want. We will have them in a few days. We especially ask you to call in and look at our line of

SHOES

We handle the entire Star brand line. Can you find a better one. We have a complete line of

Groceries

Nothing but goods of highest quality will be put on the shelves. Phone 139 your order in and give us a trial. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. "The Best is the Cheapest."

S. R. DAVIS

For staple and Fancy Groceries Phone Hisey Grocery Co.

Miss Kate Mahon returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where she spent several days.

Ned Hogan is reported quite sick of typhoid fever. We hope soon to note his recovery.

T. M. Lockett has been campaigning in the city this week in the interest of his candidacy for County Judge of Dickens county. Mr. Lockett is making his campaign on the independent ticket.

Jim Edwards, a prominent farmer of the Girard country, was a recent visitor to Spur. Jim says he is making a good crop this year and that he has some as fine corn as you will find anywhere.

Fish, oysters and short orders served at the Bijou Cafe.

Star and Leader Windmills

Pipe and Pipe Fittings, Tanks of All sizes

WINDMILL BARGAINS are often more windy than real. There are men going about who will put you up a windmill for almost any old price. They get your money and go away, and then something usually happens and your mill doesn't work. Better let us put up your windmill. We are agents for the best kinds and we put them up properly and securely. If anything happens we are right here to make it good, and you'll find that our charges are not much, if any higher than the wandering windmill man.

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

L. G. Crabtree, one of Croton Flat's substantial citizens and county commissioner from his precinct, was in Spur on business Thursday.

R. P. Criswell, of Dumont, brought his wife down to Spur last week for an operation. She was operated on by Dr. Standifer last Thursday.

We are requested to announce that next Sunday will close this conference year and all members of the Methodist church are requested to be present. There will be communion service and other things of importance to be attended to.

Mrs. Hindman's sister, of Stamford, spent several days here this week with Mr. and Mrs. Hindman at their home.

J. M. Zumwaldt, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur one day this week.

Mr. Clothing Buyer:

We are today offering Matchless Prices on all Men's, Boys and childrens clothes. Wise buyers are taking advantage of our

CUT PRICES

We believe that every one who looks will readily see a difference in grade on comparison with those offered by other dealers. Come in and bring the Boys and see. You will notice the sacrifice at a glance. Cut prices on all Ladies' Ready-to-Wear including cloaks, suits and and skirts. Special prices on all men's boots, men's ladils, and childrens shoes. We have values to offer in new style merchandise no shop worn stuff to offer.

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Also Stamford and Goree.

FOR SALE

Two five room houses with bath, one four room house and four two room houses. See Floyd Caylor.

Mrs. Joe Shelton entertained Monday night at her home in the city with a Halloween party. The home was decorated in owls cats, bats, etc., and attended by a number of ghosts, witches, etc. During the evening fortunes were told, refreshments served and the occasion highly enjoyed by all. After the entertainment the ghosts made calls over the city and left remembrances in many places of their visit.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent citizen of the Lower Red Mud country, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and made us smile by handing in a silver dollar to extend his subscription to the paper.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.

J. A. MOORE.

J. W. Denton was in the city this week from the West Pasture.

A girl baby was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey at their home in the city, and as a result Mr. Humphrey is now wearing the broadest smile.

Miss Lillian Denton returned this week from Dallas where she attended the State Fair.

STRAYED—One 3-weeks old pig, white spotted. Liberal reward for its return.

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TIDWELL & HAYNES, Props.

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

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