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# THE TEXAS SPUR

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

**Dickens County**  
**Abstract Co.**  
OFFICES SPUR & DICKENS  
**P. C. MAYNARD, Mgr.**

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## SELLING SPUR FARM LANDS.

**Six More Quarter Sections Sold  
The Past Week And  
Will Be Improved.**

During this and last week the Spur Farm Lands management has sold six one hundred and sixty acre tracts of farm lands to six different parties who will move their families here at an early date and improve their places and clear land for cultivation another year.

More farmers is what is most needed in the Spur country and we are glad to note that they are coming in, buying homes and preparing to become permanent citizens. During the past year and since the Spur Farm Lands was opened up to settlement thousands of acres of land has been sold to substantial and thrifty farmers, and before the end of another year considerable demands on the six hundred and seventy three square miles of territory and much more development and improvements will have been made in the country.

There is no country which offers more inducements and better inducements to the home-seeker and home builder than the Spur country and the Spur Farm Lands interests. The soil is rich, varied and most productive. The price of land is as cheap and in most instances much cheaper than can be found anywhere in the state, and the terms of sale are so liberal that any man who desires to secure a home could not hesitate to buy.

We extend a hearty welcome to those who have already cast their lot with us, and cordially invite others to come and secure homes before the advance in price which is sure to follow the development now in progress, and we extend this invitation believing and knowing that the country will prosper those who come not expecting to pick golden eagles growing promiscuously on bushes, but with sleeves rolled up prepared to earn bread by the sweat of the brow, stay with the country and as a result become independent if not rich.

## BIG SALES NOW ON IN SPUR.

**Spur the Leading Trading Point  
And Commercial Center  
of This Territory.**

The big sales of merchandise now in progress at the big stores of R. R. Morrison, J. A. Lambdin & Co., Spur Furniture Company and Dixie Store, together with the sale of Holiday goods by the Red Front Drug Store, Spur Drug Company, Bryant-Link Company, Campbell & Campbell, S. R. Davis, Barber & Hancock and other big firms and businesses of the town is evidence that Spur is bidding high for the trade of this territory and is here with the goods to accommodate that trade with every character of merchandise and at prices that are not only attractive but of benefit to the

country and a great saving to the people.

Spur never lags in any line and one will have sufficient evidence by reading the advertising pages and columns of the Texas Spur that the business men of the town are very much alive to the interests of this trade territory and show their appreciation of the business by carrying large stocks of goods of every character, soliciting the business and making the very lowest prices to secure the trade of this entire section of country.

We want the people of this territory to read the advertisements in this paper, come to Spur to do your trading and we assure you that the merchants and business men of the town can accommodate you in any line, will appreciate your business and will make you better prices than can be secured elsewhere.

## COTTON SELLING FOR 15 CENTS.

**Spur Always Pays the Top  
Prices For the Staple of the  
Surrounding Country.**

The latter part of last week the price of cotton in the Spur market reached the fifteen cent limit and a number of bales were sold here at that price.

During the week W. J. Young; D. N. Power, Joe A. Jackson, Chas. Touchon and others of the Afton country came in with a number of bales of cotton to sell, but at the time they arrived the prices being paid were not satisfactory so they decided to stay over a few days and await the government report and its result on the market. Soon after the report came in they sold out their staple at a price of fourteen-seventy-five. While these gentlemen failed to get the de-

sired fifteen cents, others were paid that price later on.

Throughout the year Spur has maintained the very highest cotton market in the country, and although the buyers here have many times paid more than the market quotations they have been fortunate in holding and selling later for a price to come out whole in their dealings.

Spur is not only a noted cotton market but furnishes a market for all country produce and will at all times pay the very highest prices for every character of country produce, hides, etc.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY.

On last Saturday night, the Misses Reede entertained their pupils with a party in Miss Jennie's school room. Games were played and punch was served to about fifty children who enjoyed a very pleasant evening,

## THE BABY SHOW AND XMAS BAZAAR

**Presbyterian Ladies Hold Bazaar And  
Award Premiums to the Pret-  
tiest Babies.**

One of the most amusing, entertaining and enjoyable affairs of the season was the Presbyterian Ladies Bazaar and Baby Show held Saturday at the former stand of the Royal Hotel in this city.

The show was scheduled for three o'clock, and at that hour a large number of women and babies had congregated at the appointed place. Some delay was experienced in securing judges to act in the show of babies, during which time some of the little folks became discouraged and showed their ill feeling in a manner contrary to the wishes of proud parents.

However, after a time Dr. Morris, R. R. Morrison and Jeff D. Reagan were prevailed upon to perform the judgeship duties. An admission fee of twenty five cents was charged for the entree of babies into the show, there being some fifteen or twenty contestants for the four prizes offered, and although all babies present deserved premiums for good looks and manners there were only four prizes to award and the judges began their duties somewhat reluctantly.

The first prize, a bath tub given by the Spur Hardware Co. was awarded to Baby Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Humphrey. The second prize, a Signet Ring given by the Red Front Drug Store, went to young Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Patton. The third premium given by Campbell & Campbell, was awarded to little Miss Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hill. The fourth and last premium, a pair of shoes and stockings given by R. R. Morrison, was awarded to Master Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shelton.

The show of babies on this occasion is evidence beyond contradiction that Spur and the Spur country can produce among other things the finest, most handsome and prettiest collection of babies of any town or country and, although on this occasion, many mothers were disappointed in the prize awards there is no question but that the showing made would capture the first prize above all others.

During the day the bazaar was conducted in one part of the building, and the articles for sale, consisting of many pieces of fancy work, bric-a-bracs and other ornamental and useful things, was presided over by one of the ladies, and during the time a number of sales were made. The proceeds of the baby show as well as the bazaar will be devoted to the Presbyterian church work.

commendable. Should a fire get started in the city under the existing circumstances we could do little but stand by and watch it go up in smoke, and it is hoped that all will give the situation due consideration and that the lack of fireworks display on the streets will not detract in the least from the general merriment and enjoyment of the holiday season.

# .. TOYLAND ..

**Santa Claus Headquarters will be at Spur Drug Co, again this year.  
TOYLAND WILL SOON BE READY.**

Everything in gift goods for little folks and grown-ups as well. Santa Claus will have his shop and phones in Spur Drug Co's. window from about Dec. 18th to 24th. He will use both phones and all the good little children may talk to him all they want to. Call him up and tell him what you would like most for him to bring you. He has everything that is made in Toyland—nice things for the older ones too. Come to the store and see the many things he has to show you.

## SPUR DRUG CO.

Both Phones No. 40. :: C. B. COOK, Mgr.

## SPUR CONTINUES TO BUILD.

**From the Beginning Spur Has  
Maintained a Rapid,  
Substantial Growth**

W. E. Kellar is having a nice residence built in the Western part of the city and which is now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

During the past several weeks quite a number of new residences have been built in the city and the building progress continues uninterruptedly. A number of citizens are now contemplating building and it is very probable that at the beginning of the New Year several new residences will be under construction.

From the very beginning of the town and up to the present time Spur has maintained a rapid, substantial and permanent growth unparalleled in the history of town building in Western Texas. From a bald uninhabited prairie it has developed within one year to a city of fifteen hundred people, and can boast of not only some of the finest residences, cottages and homes to be found in larger and older cities but has more subst-

antial business houses and stronger firms than any city its age in Texas. Among other things it has the finest hotel in the state, the town is supplied with electric lights, first-class sewer system, cement side-walks, schools, churches and lodges.

And most important of all the town is surrounded by the richest and most fertile country that can be found in all this broad land.

## BOUGHT 800 ACRES OF LAND.

Recently Mr. King and wife of Haskell came to Spur and bought eight hundred acres of land from J. P. Higgins twelve miles southwest of Spur. We understand that Mr. King will clear up land for cultivation, build several houses and otherwise improve the land purchased.

While in Spur Mrs. King was thrown from a buggy and since that time has been confined at the Standifer Hospital suffering of a broken limb. Since the accident Mr. and Mrs. King, we understand, have decided to buy lots and build a residence in Spur and make their permanent home in the future.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. King to Spur and wish them a pleasant and prosperous home here.

## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

**Special Meeting Called to Control  
the Fire Situation  
During Holidays.**

In response to a call from Secretary Jeff D. Reagan a number of the business men and members of the Commercial Club met Monday afternoon at the Commercial Club rooms for the purpose of discussing the fire situation during the holidays, and to formulate plans to prevent if possible any danger of fires from fireworks and other causes.

After a discussion of the subject it was unanimously agreed that a purse be made up sufficiently large to purchase all fireworks from the stores and take them up on the hill Christmas eve and let the boys have a grand display of fireworks without the fire danger limit. The purse was soon secured and it is understood that no more fireworks will be ordered by the dealers.

There is great danger of fire from the promiscuous shooting of fireworks and the precaution taken by the business men and citizens of our city is



# TOYLAND NOW OPEN

We have Large Line of Xmas Goods and Most Suitable Gifts  
We Invite You to Come in And see Them.

## THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

### EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

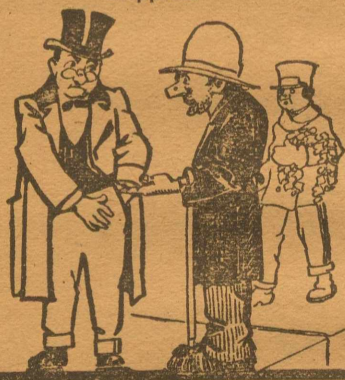
Throw Forebodings to the Winds and  
Let Christmas Season Be One  
of Joy.

Let joy reign! Let care go to the dogs. Throw forebodings to the winds! Christmas comes but once a year. Let the young folks enjoy it to the full! Let the old folks stop their croaking about rheumatism for that day at least, and remember the time when they, too, were young and could dance with the merriest.

And let the little stockings be filled, and let us all bear with equanimity the blowing on toy trumpets, and the tooting on mouth organs, and the drumming on sixpenny-halfpenny drums, which are sure to follow! The boys can be boys but once, and what is a boy if he cannot make a noise?

And so the years go on, and one Christmas follows another, and we eat and drink and are merry; we greet our friends, and we part with them, and our lives march along, and through faith in the sacrifice which our Christmas day commemorates we look forward to a more perfect Christmas when the guests shall gather in the Father's house.

#### Crippled.



Beggar (piteously)—Please help a poor cripple at this festive season, sir.

Kind Old Gent (handing him some money)—Bless me! Why, of course. How are you crippled, my poor fellow?

Beggar (pocketing the money)—Financially crippled, sir.

#### Christmas Giving.

There are a great many people in the world whom we know more or less, but to whom for various reasons we cannot very well send a Christmas gift. But there is hardly one, in all the circles of our acquaintances, with whom we may not exchange the touch of Christmas life.

In the outer circles, cheerful greetings, courtesy, consideration; in the inner circles, sympathetic interest, hearty congratulations, honest encouragement; in the inmost circles, comradeship, helpfulness, tenderness.

After all, Christmas-giving is the best kind of Christmas giving.—Henry Van Dyke.

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

### OLD STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

Some Have Interest, Freshness and Beauty That Keep Them Always New.

There are some so-called "old stories" that are really not old, for they have an interest, a freshness and a beauty that keep them always new. Of such are the story of Christmas and all the legends and tales that belong to the great festival.

There is a legend in Germany that when Eve plucked the fatal apple the leaves of the tree immediately shriveled into needle points and its bright green turned dark. The nature of the tree changed and it became an evergreen, in all seasons preaching the story of man's fall through that first act of disobedience. Only on Christmas does it bloom brightly with lights and become beautiful with love gifts. The curse is turned into a blessing by the coming of the Christ child, and thus we have our Christmas tree.

The visits of St. Nicholas to the homes of the people on Christmas eve as an annual custom grew out of a festival in honor of Hertha, a Norse goddess. At this festival the house was decorated with evergreens and an altar of stone was set up at the end of the hall, where the family assembled. From Hertha's stone we get our word "hearthstone." On the stones so set up were heaped fir branches, which were set afire, and through the smoke and flame Hertha was supposed to descend and influence the direction of the flames, from which were predicted the fortunes of those present.

#### Decorations in Middle Ages.

They did their Christmas decorations very thoroughly in the middle ages. "Every man's house, as also the parish churches, were decked with holm, ivy, bays and whatever the season of the year afforded to be green," we read in Stow, but he omits to mention that decking with evergreens in the month of December, like most of the details of our Christmas festivities, was heathen in origin. It originated, for all that, in a very poetic idea, for the Druids did it so that the woodland spirits might have a warm place in which to take shelter until the spring came round again and the trees out of doors once more had leaves of their own.

#### No Leavings.

Tramp (to little Willie, who has opened the door)—Have yer had yer Christmas dinner yet, little boy?

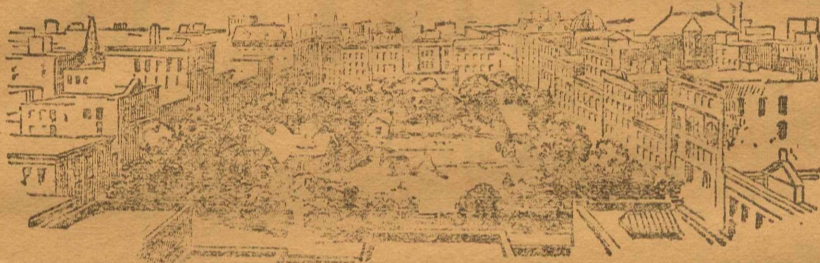
Willie—No; we're just going to eat it now.

Tramp—Then perhaps if I wait around I can get some of the eatables left over?

Little Willie (feeling of his stomach)—There ain't going to be anything left.

#### Just a Smart Boy.

There is nothing the matter with the small boy who presents his mother with a pair of felt slippers for Christmas. He is just a smart boy, that is all.



### Bringing the Farm to Town

MAIL delivery helps bridge the gap between farm and city. The telephone carries the farm into the very heart of the city itself. It has been said that the rural free delivery of mail and the introduction of the telephone have been the two most important factors in bettering farm conditions both socially and financially.

By means of the telephone a farmer can keep advised of the city's events. He can order supplies, converse with friends, consult a doctor, learn the day's prices of the produce he may have for sale. In a hundred and one ways the telephone on the farm proves its usefulness.

Why not bring your farm within the city by means of Bell telephone service? Why not get a Bell telephone? Rates are reasonable. Write our nearest manager for pamphlet or address.



The Southwestern Telegraph  
and Telephone Company  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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### Now is The Time To Think. Christmas is Not Far Off!

A real Christmas is what we all want to make it in having tokens and kind remembrances. If you intend to buy a Christmas present nothing would be appreciated as much as something in the FURNITURE line. We have in stock many beautiful things that have value and will last. We want our customers to remember that they can come, select and have anything bought and put away for them until wanted. This will be our pleasure and a help to you. Do not put off for some future time what can be done now.

## Campbell & Campbell

### THIS IN THE SUMMER DAYS

When They Played Poker on the  
Housetops in the Metropolis of  
the Country.

It was so warm that the flat dweller who lives among the weather vanes couldn't sleep. She got up and began prowling about in search of a breath of fresh air, going finally into the kitchen to see if she couldn't find one there and at the same time get a drink of water. She was amazed at the liveliness of the scene which met her view from that window. In the first place the roof across the area was hung with white clothes, straight and still, without the breeze that should have blown but didn't. Then these clothes were partly lighted by the flicker of a candle that made them very picturesque. The candle was set flat on the roof and around it was grouped a party of four, playing cards.

It was a gypsy-like scene that really should have been out on the green grass in the daytime. The dark starlit night back of the white, still hanging clothes, the faces, some of them picked out by the light of the candle, some in shadow, all intent on the game; the quiet, as if they were four spirits out there playing cards in the night, instead of four absorbed people.

The flat dweller stood looking at them awhile, then went back into her den, picked up the little clock there and looked at the time. Three!

"It must be poker they are playing," she said, as she went back to bed.—New York Press.

### AT THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

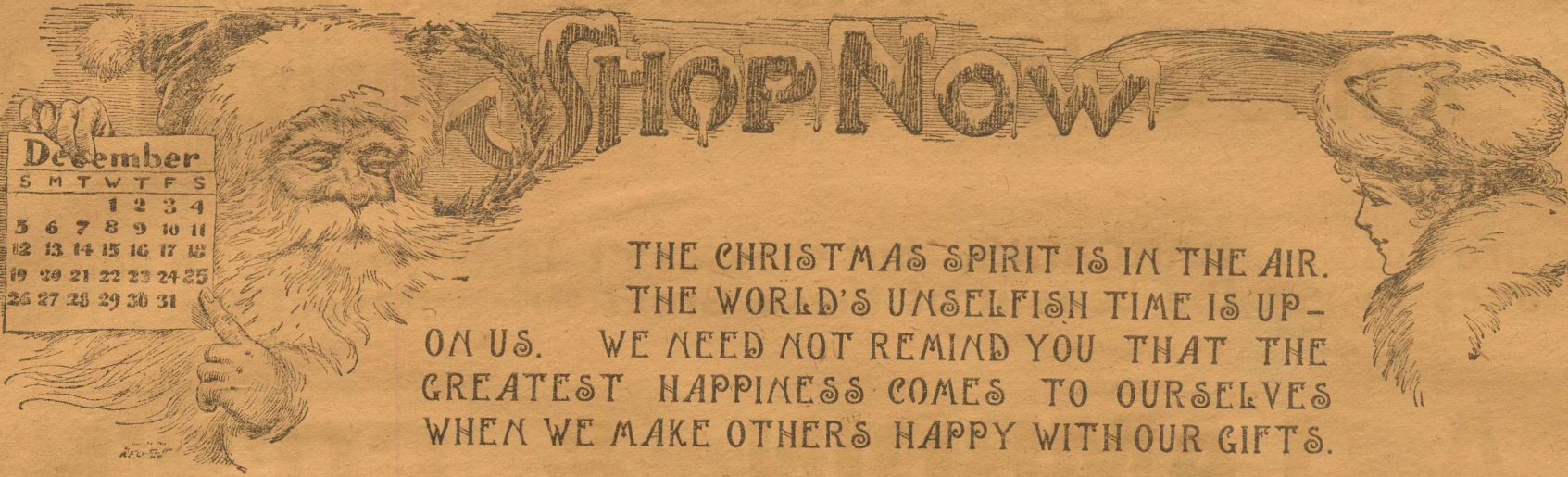


"What! You here again? Why I got you a situation only yesterday!"

"But I don't want to stay there." "Why? Have you had a quarrel with your mistress?"

"O, not a word! I merely locked her in the bathroom, and took my things and left!"





THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS IN THE AIR.  
THE WORLD'S UNSELFISH TIME IS UP-  
ON US. WE NEED NOT REMIND YOU THAT THE  
GREATEST HAPPINESS COMES TO OURSELVES  
WHEN WE MAKE OTHERS HAPPY WITH OUR GIFTS.

BUT WE WILL REMIND YOU THAT OUR STORE IS THE "CHRISTMAS STORE" WHERE  
YOU CAN BUY "QUALITY" MERCHANDISE AT REASONABLE PRICES. WE RESPECT-  
FULLY INVITE YOU TO MAKE OUR STORE YOUR STORE FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

## BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

### SUREST WAY FROM POVERTY

Most men are born poor, but no man, who has average capabilities and tolerable luck need remain so. And the farmer's calling, though proffering no sudden leaps, no ready shortcuts to opulence, is the surest of all ways from poverty and want to comfort and independence. Other men must climb; the temperate, frugal, dilligent, provident farmer may grow into competence and every external accessory to happiness. Each year of his devotion to his homestead may find it more valuable, more attractive than the last and leave it better still.

There are discoveries in natural science and improvements in mechanics conduce to the efficiency of a culture, but the principles which underly the first of arts are as old as agriculture. Greek and Roman sages

made observations so acute and practical that the farmers of today may ponder them with profit, while modern literature is padded with essays on farming not worth the paper they have spoiled. And yet the generation where of I am a part has witnessod great strides in your vocation while the generation preparing to take our places will doubtless witness still greater. I bid you hold fast to the good with minds receptive of and eager for the better, and rejoice in your knowledge that there is no nobler pursuit, and no more inviting soil than those which you proudly call your own.—Horace Greeley.

W. J. Young, of Afton, will furnish the people of Spur with dressed hogs. Notify Tom Davis at Spur Market who will dress and deliver to your home. tf.

### 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.

### Ladies Bazaar

Has just received an exclusive line of fancy silk and Persian Collars and Jabots in great assortment. A swell line of handsome all LEATHER HAND BAGS that make most acceptable Christmas Gifts. Also Persian Belts, latest designs in belt and solid gold jabot pins. Examine my line of useful gifts before buying your holiday goods. Prices are right.

MRS. NELLE ROBERTSON,  
PROP.

### C. D. PULLIN,

Transfer, Baggage &  
Express Wagon.

We will be at your service at any and all times and solicit your business in our line.

### LOST

1 Sorrel blazed-face horse, about 13 1-2 hands, branded J on the left jaw. \$5 reward.

WILL DUNCAN,  
Afton, Texas.

### STRAYED OR STOLEN.

One brown mare mule, 4 years old, white spot in face. \$10 reward for information. Notify C. E. Wilson, Afton, Texas.

C. A. Jones a prominent citizen of a few miles north of Spur, and G. W. Robertson of near Dickens, killed a five-prong buck one day last week in the Lower Red Mud country.

W. E. Gates was in Spur last week from the Afton country with cotton.

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

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.  
J. A. MOORE.

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.

Sebe Lambert was here Saturday from the Red Mud country and said tell the people he was prospering since he had ten cents left after coming to town.

J. C. McNeill, one of the most prominent citizens of the country, was in the city Saturday from his place twelve miles west of Spur.

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.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of The Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held at the Banking House of said bank in Spur, Texas on the second Tuesday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1911, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.  
6-4t Spur, Texas, Dec. 1, 1910.

### LODGE DIRECTORY.

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

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. Jno. B. 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.

## The Best is The Cheapest

During the many years that we have been doing business in Dickens county it has been the intention of this firm to handle the very best grades of goods in every department and to make the very lowest prices on everything sold. We have just recently moved to Spur and have a large stock of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc. and extend a cordial invitation to all within the Spur trade territory to call in and look at our goods, get our prices and we are sure you will be surprised at prices and quality of goods and pleased with your purchases.

We also have a complete stock of fresh staple and fancy groceries and will appreciate your patronage in that line and will give you the very best service. Phone your order to 139 and it will be promptly delivered to your home.

## S. R. DAVIS

In First State Bank Building

## L. W. Davis

### ABSTRACTS

OFFICE OVER THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

We have a complete abstract of all Dickens county land and can furnish accurate and complete abstracts to any tract of land in the county on short notice. We also represent a number of the oldest and most substantial Fire Insurance Companies and respectfully solicit a share of the business in that line as well.



# Lest You Forget The Great Lambdin Xmas Sale Which Lasts only to 24th

There are Lots of **BARGAINS**, but they can't last long. Be among the early ones to get the benefit of these Great Price Reductions on Goods.

## J. A. LAMBDIN & CO'P'NY.

### MOTHERS CLUB MEETING.

On Saturday, December 3, the Mothers' Club of Spur held its first regular meeting. After the transaction of business a good program was given. Dr. Standifers's talk on ventilation was specially instructive. A most encouraging communication received by Prof. Adams from P. W. Horn, Supt. of Houston's Public Schools, was read. Mr. Horn congratulated Spur upon having a well organized Mother's Club.

The working principles of the club may be stated as follows:

1. It has a definite and specific object in view; That of securing cooperation between mothers and teachers for the betterment of the pupils, and helping to provide a public school library.
2. It will work in cooperation with the regular school authorities.
3. Its work will be partly utilitarian and partly cultural.
4. It will supplement the work of the School Board.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, Pres.  
Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

B. Shacklett left Monday on a business trip to different points of the country.

C. J. Smith, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the many visitors here Saturday and reports everything all o. k. in his section.

N. P. Shaw returned recently from a trip to Clarendon where he had been summoned on account of the illness of his nephew.

**LOST**—Year old past horse colt, dark brown or black, white spot in forehead, no brand, large and heavy built, perfectly gentle. \$10 reward for return to Geo. M. Williams, Spur, Texas.

Examine Mrs. Humphrey's Christmas goods before buying elsewhere.

W. A. Walthall left Sunday for his home in East Texas, where he will join his family and make his home in the future, he having closed out his blacksmith business in Spur.

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.

Van Piercy, who has been confined to his room the past several days on account of a knife wound in his side, is again at his post in the tin shop department of the Riter Hardware Company.

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Hats below cost at Mrs. Humphrey's.

### TAP TELLINGS.

The past few days of dreary weather has retarded the farm work in this part. Just the same we are all enjoying life and truly thankful for the good crop we've just gathered.

Luther Greer and others have gone on several days hunting and trapping, will here some big ones when they return.

Joe Lambart of Matador passed through enroute to Claytonville to visit his mother who has been ill for some time.

Miss Lucy Pirkle of Oklahoma is visiting her sisters Mrs. J. E. Sparks of this place and Mrs. Geo Odom of Spur.

Eldridge McClain left a few days ago for South America.

J. J. Rodgers of Crosby county had business in our town one day this week.

Clarence Morris who recently come in from Commanche Co. has secured a location in Garza county.

Ed and Ike Massey are putting in a new farm for Judge McClain.

Albert Smelser who farmed in Kent this year will soon move to Tap.

A. C. Peterson has gone to Montgomery county to meet Mrs. Peterson from there they will go to California to reside in the future.

Henry Parsons and family are now domiciled in their new home near hear:

Gadabout.

Mrs. R. W. Scurry and children left Friday for their former home in Stamford where they will reside in future. Mr. Scurry will remain in Spur and continue his cold drink and confectionery business.

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Mark Hardin, Jr., made a business trip Tuesday to Dickens.

J. W. Hodges moved his stock of groceries this week to the new building just completed on the lot adjoining the Campbell & Campbell furniture store. We wish and believe that Mr. Hodges will do a big business in his present location.

T. H. Gilmore was in Saturday from the ranch and reports everything moving along nicely. Mr. Gilmore has been with the Spur Ranch people twenty years.

A number of the young people enjoyed a dance Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Day in the west part of the city. It is reported that they tripped the light fantastic until the wee sma' hours.

Misses Morris and Thomas, two charming young ladies of Girard, were visiting friends in the city between trains Saturday.

Mesdames Berry Pursley and H. K. Parks, of Girard, were visitors in the city the latter part of the week.

Recently while out hunting J. M. Harris had one of his arms broken by his horse falling on him. He was following the dogs at a lively pace when his horse stepped in a dog hole, falling and throwing Mr. Harris with the above result. We hope soon to report his complete recovery.

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Miss Reede's pupils will give a Christmas entertainment at the Electric Theatre Wednesday night, December 21st. The house will be well heated. Admission, 15c and 25c.

Sam Smith and son, Cecil, were in the city on business Saturday and hauled out supplies for the Tap gin, and from this we judge that there will be several more bales of cotton to be ginned in that section before the end of the season. The Spur country beats anything we have heard of in producing crops, even in a dry year as the one just closing. The cotton just keeps coming into the gins!

W. H. Weatherby, of New York, is here this week looking after the interests of S. M. Swenson & Sons.

Mr. Foster and family, of the Plains country, are here this week visiting G. C. Pass and family.

All kinds of Christmas novelties at Mrs. Humphry's.

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.

## The Best is The Cheapest

During the many years that we have been doing business in Dickens county it has been the intention of this firm to handle the very best grades of goods in every department and to make the very lowest prices on everything sold. We have just recently moved to Spur and have a large stock of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc. and extend a cordial invitation to all within the Spur trade territory to call in and look at our goods, get our prices and we are sure you will be surprised at prices and quality of goods and pleased with your purchases.

We also have a complete stock of fresh staple and fancy groceries and will appreciate your patronage in that line and will give you the very best service. Phone your order to 139 and it will be promptly delivered to your home.

## S. R. DAVIS

In First State Bank Building

## Useful Xmas Gifts!

SERVICEABLE, USEFUL AND APPRECIATIVE GOODS.

Hand-painted Chinaware  
Rogers 1847 Silverware  
Boys Express Wagons  
Mens and Boys Watches  
Safety Razors  
Carving sets  
Bicycles  
Guns

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## Barber & Hancock.



**H. E. CARTER,**  
 Dealer in West Texas Lands  
 and Spur Town Property  
**Exchanges a Specialty**  
 Trades what you have for what you want.  
 Office up stairs over Spur National Bank.

**J. H. STRADLEY**  
 DEALER IN  
 Family Groceries, Shelf Hardware and Undertakers Goods  
**Dickens, - Texas.**

Dock Edwards, of northwest of Dickens, was in town latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving sufficient coin of the realm with us to extend his paper another year for which he has our thanks. Mr. Edwards was here in the interest of his case which we are informed was reversed in the higher courts and remanded for a new trial. The case will probably come up at the term of court which meets the first Monday in January at Dickens. Dock was injured some months ago by a horse falling on him and he says that he has not yet completely recovered from the injuries.

H. C. Parsons, of Tap country, was here the latter part of last week on business and while here handed in his name to a representative of the Texas Spur and hereafter will be a permanent reader of the paper. Mr. Parsons recently bought farm land in the Tap country and is now improving and preparing to make a bumper crop next year, and we wish him all the success possible.

Mr. Cooper, of near Peacock, was here this week looking for a location and if he can get the land will make a crop in this section next year. Mr. Cooper is a former acquaintance and friend of this writer and we will be glad to see him located here with us.

Lost—One gentleman's shoe, No. 5 1-2, between Spur and Draper. Finder return to J. A. Lamblin & Co. pd  
 C. H. Ledbetter.

Mrs. J. W. Odom has been quite sick the past several weeks of typhoid fever. We hope soon to note her recovery.

**SPUR SHEET METAL WORKS**

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

:: EVERYTHING IN SHEET METAL ::

**J. L. HASKEW**  
**Livery and Transfer**  
 Meets all trains and prepared to haul passengers to any part of the country  
 Good Teams and Rigs, Wagon Yard & Camp House

J. M. Harris was in Saturday and turned in a silver wheel to a representative of the Texas Spur to continue the paper another year. We appreciate favors of this kind. We want everybody to take the paper and when the time is out we like to hear them say, let the paper come on another year. Of course we don't pretend to run a metropolitan paper, nor to give the news of the world, but we do try to keep up with the most important events of Spur and the Spur country and give our readers an intelligible report on these things.

Oscar Ellis, of Matador, was a recent visitor to Spur. Mr. Ellis reports that crops are good in his section of country and that this year's cotton crop will average from a third to one-half bale to the acre. He was here prospecting for a farm to rent another year.

LOST—Year old past horse colt, dark brown or black, white spot in forehead, no brand, large and heavy built, perfectly gentle. \$5 reward for return to Geo. M. Williams, Spur, Texas.

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

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

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 Texas Spur \$1.00 per year.

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 Also write Fire and Tornado Insurance in strong and Reliable Companies.

CALL AND SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY

L. N. Riter moved his family from Hamlin to Spur last week and is now a permanent and resident citizen with us. We are glad to see Mr. Riter and family move up and wish them a pleasant home in Spur.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.  
 J. A. MOORE.

W. F. Walker was in the city Saturday receiving congratulations on securing the first premium for the best team shown here on the first Trades Day. Mr. Walker is a fine farmer and has the very best teams to be seen in the country. However, another Trades Day is coming the first Monday in next month, and those who expect to get the premiums to be given on stock had better be "slicking them up" for the occasion, since there will be lots of them here on that day.

M. S. Faver and family, of the Afton country, were in the city Thursday and Friday, spending the night with R. S. Holman and family. Mr. Faver reports that he made about fifty bales of cotton and that he lacks only four or five bales having his whole crop picked out. He says everything in his section of the country is in fine shape and everybody pretty well up with their work.

W. D. Clay returned the latter part of last week from the northeast part of the county where he had been to put in an engine and pump for some party in that section.

We want your trade on wire and nails, and prices are right.—Barber & Hancock.

Judge A. J. McClain and son, of the Cat Fish country, were in the city Monday on business.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.  
 J. A. MOORE.

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

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

**AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER**

**Richardson Lumber Com'y**  
**J. V. McCORMICK, Manager**

T. M. Cain, a prosperous citizen of the Spur country, had a representative of the Texas Spur place his name on our growing subscription list this week. We wish Mr. Cain many pleasant hours perusing the pages of the Texas Spur, a saving of many dollars by trading with those who advertise in its columns, and a long and prosperous life in the great Spur country.

S. T. McDonald, a prosperous, citizen of the Wake country, was here the latter part of last week and had his name added to our growing subscription list, for which he has our thanks. While we may not be in a position to see every man personally in the country, we want to send the paper to every home in this section and will appreciate it if you will call at the Texas Spur office and let us put your name on the list.

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.

L. J. Greer was in from the Red Mud Country Monday and from all appearance he intends to do some trapping in the future. Mr. Greer says he has finished gathering his cotton.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.  
 J. A. MOORE.

W. A. McKay, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was here Monday on business.

We sell J. I. Case plows—Barber & Hancock.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

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

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**HOME.**

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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

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

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### RED MUD LOCALS

We are glad to state that the Cat Fish and Shinnery people of our country are going to erect a school building. This writer has been informed that a lady from Snyder, Texas has been employed to teach. The school building is to be completed at an early date, "hurrah" for the people of Catfish. There is a Petition being circulated for the establishment of a Post Office in our community. We think that we are just as much entitled to a P.O. as Mr. anybody. Of course we are not quite so BIG as some people but we are still growing some.

A. J. McClain, J. P. Higgins, J. N. Self, J. A. Davis, J. C. McKeever, hauled out lumber from Spur to build the Cat Fish school building.

W. H. Lewis and Frank Smith was in Spur and hauled out a threshing machine for Mr. Lewis, this Machine is for threshing Peanuts, it also has concaves for threshing maize.

Peanut threshing is all the go here just at present. Mr. Editor do you like Peanuts? if so come over and we will try to fill you. W. H. Smith, Editor of the Kent County News, was up visiting home folks this week. He reports everything moving along nicely down at the Count'y Cap-

itol.

Judge C. C. Higgins was in our community last week on business.

A. E. Whiten, from below Clairemont, was up visiting friends this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKeever on the 7th, a girl.

Rev. Mark Hardin, from near Spur, gave the people a sermon last Sunday. He left an appointment for every second Sunday.

We are having some cold weather at present.

Mrs. Audrey Shoults, and children, returned Monday, from a visit to relatives at Clairemont.

The singing at N. B. Faqua's was well attended Sunday eve.

Mr. Greer, and boys are having a pretty long batch, while Mrs. Greer is away.

"Big Boy."

### BOUGHT AUTO LINE.

Last week H. S. Bartley bought the Spur-Floydada auto line and hereafter his son, W. L. Bartley, will operate the business, continuing to give daily service in connection with the trains from Spur to Floydada. Mr. Bartley has been in the grain and coal business here during the past year and we wish him much success in the extension of his business in the auto line.

### DUCK CREEK LOCALS.

The week opened up with a first class sandstorm.

Prof. E. Ham left the Creek Saturday a wheeling and returned Sunday a walking.

Mrs. Adams, of Red Hill, is having a well drilled.

The first month school reports are out. The second month opened up with a larger attendance. The following pupils won Bell Medal in school: High, Charlie Carlisle; middle, Mary Bennett; low, Elze Holly.

We understand that Mr. Will Webb is going to put up a barber shop in Gilpin in a few days.

There are several new mansions going up in our neighborhood. Ol Taylor, Jim Morris and two Mr. Webbs southwest of town near the school house, and B. J. Hagins west of the schoolhouse has lumber on the ground for building.

Jas. Swaringer, of Spur, has moved down near Gilpin to put in a farm next year.

Uncle Jonas Carlisle, the first settler of Duck Creek says he is going to leave because the country is settling up too thick for him to keep healthy.

School Chap.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

### Professional Cards.

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

**DR. G. M. BACHELOR,**  
DENTIST  
Office at Spur Drug Company.  
Office, both phones 40.  
Residence, both phones 80

T. T. Bouldin P. C. Maynard  
**BOULDIN & MAYNARD,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
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SPUR, TEXAS

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Diseases of women and children and Electrotherapy a specialty. Local Surgeon for Wichita Valley Railroad.  
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
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All Kinds of Hay, Grain and Cow Feed**

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Claus  
Head-  
Quarters

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**Red Front Drug Store**  
DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Santa  
Claus  
Head-  
Quarters

We have used the most precaution in selecting our mammoth stock of Holiday Goods, and we feel confident that we will have on display, during the Holidays, the swellest assortment and best selected stock of holiday goods ever shown in this part of the country. This advertisement is nothing more than an invitation to all young and old, to call at our place of business, and inspect our line of holiday goods before you buy, as we are aware of the fact of this being a hard year all over the country and are going to make our prices right. We quote a partial list of our many things in store for holiday buyers.

**Jewelry Guaranteed**

Diamonds \$75 to \$300.00.  
Watches from \$1.00 to \$30.00.  
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The latest designs of the very highest grade, with the very best price.

Arrange from \$1.00 to \$25.00.

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Hand Paint China, \$2.00 to \$20.  
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Childrens Book 5c to 50c.

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Iron toys of all kinds, trains, stoves, irons, tool chest, engines, horns, pistols, etc.  
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Extending to all a cordial invitation to visit our store during the Holidays, and thanking all for their liberal patronage for the year now coming to a close, We are

YOURS TRULY,

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# FLOUR,

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Best Grade, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.  
 Second " \$2.90 per 100 lbs.  
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 Every sack guaranteed. - - -

## R. R. Morrison,

## Spur, Texas

### CHARACTER BUILDING

#### The Real Object of Schooling is to Prepare Children For The Battles of Life

Character building is the great object of life. There are four great factors in the formation period; the home, the church the school and the neighborhood.

We know there are no hazzard results in child raising, -results follow causes as surely as in any other science. In the home the child breathes through the year an atmosphere which has more formative power than all the other agencies that shape it. The history of nations is made in the nursery, not on the battlefield.

We separate moral development from physical. Then how much depends on food? And how few mothers realize the importance of good food well prepared for their children?

The church is a decided factor, -religious belief is the backbone of a character. I believe in people having a religion, inculcating it in children in the Sunday School and teaching them to live up to it. If the teaching on the Sabbath is sincere and impressive enough the influence will last all the week. But for five days in the week the school has an immense opportunity. Personal influence is the greatest element in moral or immoral growth—so comes the grave responsibility of the teacher. Though I must say that the proper respect and obedience should be taught at home to give the teacher a cleaner and clearer field in which to plant the seed. Having brought the child to school—what will we do with him? Fill his head with a pollyglot of knowledge, some of it useless, most of it only a smat-

tering and very little of it clear and orderly enough to be of any real value? That, I am sorry to say, is what most of our schools do, forgetting that the main object of education should be the formation of character. What does it matter if a boy know all the dates of the famous battles in the Franco-Prussian war if he doesn't understand his own government, and has no adequate conception of party politics? Or can you expect a boy of twenty one to vote always for the best man when offered a job by the bad man, and has he no efficient training in civic honesty?

best policy, and give him the backbone to live up to it. Don't you suppose that the man who sells his vote in congress today is the same boy that used to cheat at marbles? But the teacher has no time for this, you will say. Take time. Leave off a grammar lesson sometime. Do you know that being a wife and mother is the most important business in world, and it is handled by unskilled labor?

Four Japanese gentlemen came to America and made an extensive investigation of our best girls' schools, went home and established a university for

preserve its youth and render them as perfect as possible, as well as a specialist in forest conservation.

To sum it all up I say again that the real object of schooling is to prepare children for the battle of life. We are laying the foundation of an empire with our boys as our future captains of industry, our girls as the home-makers. It is a truism to say the hope of the nation is in the home, the school. I count that teacher a success who has taught the boy how little he knows, educated him in civic pride until it is a principle next to religion,

"the truants of today are the vagabonds of tomorrow".

I realize that I am placing the burdens of the world on the mothers' and teachers' shoulders, but has it not always rested there? A wider outlook has brought increased responsibilities, and if this present unrest means better bodies and cleaner minds for the next generation can we not feel that we are pioneers for a nobler generation? The school cannot supply the deficiencies of the home, but it can, in a measure, overcome them. So the main object of schooling is to make good, clean citizens of our boys, and thoughtful, practical women of our girls, who will realize what is worth while and can train the next generation to a higher standard of living.

I will end by giving you the saying of a renowned specialist in child study. "When the child gets his rights morality will be perfected."

The above article was written by Mrs. R. W. Scurry and read at a recent meeting of the Mothers Club of Spur. The subject is one of importance to the world and the article is worth reading again. - Ed.

County Commissioner L. G. Grabtree of north of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He brought in eggs to sell and was looking for that forty cent market heretofore mentioned in the paper. Eggs are only selling for thirty-five cents a dozen at the present time, but it is very probable that they will be forty and even fifty cents before the holiday season is past. The farmer who has plenty of eggs to sell is just as well fixed or a little better than the man who has plenty of cotton.

## Star & 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.

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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  
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No, the way for women to be an influence in politics and clear out the charnel house of graft that exists both in national and state politics is not to wield the ballot but to educate our boys with a clear understanding of purity of politics. Impress upon him that honesty is still the

the education of their girls to better fit them to play their parts as wives and mothers. Compulsory courses in child psychology, child rearing and domestic hygiene are required. The Japanese are advancing more rapidly today than any known nation because they realize the value of practical education.

There are only two industrial schools in our own bonny Texas, and very few schools are trying to get in a course in Domestic Science. We cannot get away from the fact that "civilized men cannot live without cooks". Why, many a man has been given indigestion, became morbid and then became an anarchist as the result of his wife's bad cooking.

I realize that for the teachers to do all these things the school must be organized on a better and broader basis, but it is coming. As moral defects often results from physical defects, I believe that soon the public school physician will be engaged as regularly as the superintendent. For the state to realize on its best asset, its citizenship, will need specialists to

and when he reads his valedictory he realizes his education is only begun, for reading and writing are not education—they give you the means to be educated and are the articulate evidence of education.

"As the twig is bent the tree is inclined", so remember that

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Silk Shirt Waist Pattern, \$2.00 to \$3.50 each.

Dress Patterns from 35 cents to \$1.50 per yard.

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Childrens Sweaters

Xmas Boxes all Sizes

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### Xmas Gifts

We have a full line of Xmas Gifts in Silverware, Carving Sets, Percolators and many other articles. We have the Lily and Magic Darling Cook Stoves.

Buy your wife a Darling Cook Stove and she will call you Darling. Buy a Wilson Coal or Wood Heater and you will be a warm number.

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## OUR XMAS CANDIES, BULK AND CARTOON, ARE HERE

Hurry and make a new resolution to begin trading with Bryant-Link Company on January 1st, 1911. We wish to thank every man, woman, boy, girl and child for the business you have favored us with in the year 1910, and solicit a continuance of same in 1911. We wish for each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Yours to Please,

# Bryant-Link Company,



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**Lumber Comp'y**  
**LUMBER, SASH**  
**DOORS, PAINT,**  
**And All Kinds Building Material**

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**FIRST-CLASS WORK. HOT OR COLD BATHS**  
**AGENTS FOR STAMFORD STEAM LAUNDRY**  
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**Christmas Superstitions.**

The United States is almost poverty stricken in so far as its collection of superstitions is concerned, our early settlers having failed to import many from Europe, and not adopting those of the Indians. Of course some of us don't like to see the new moon over the left shoulder, or start on a journey on Friday, and the like, but few of us take even these very seriously. We must go to "the old countries" to get superstitions with any genuine thrill in them. There are a number which have to do with Christmas.

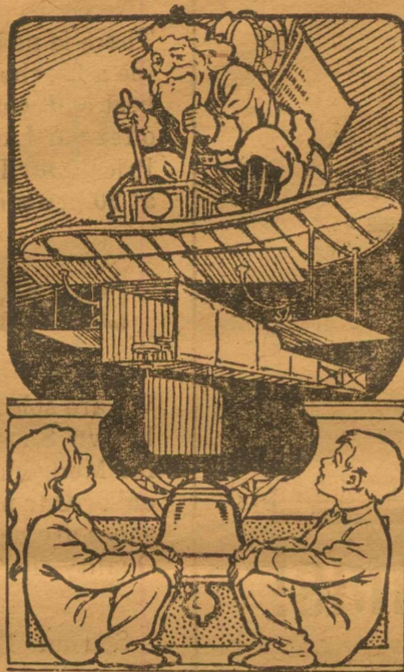
In North Germany, where the practical yet poetic spinning wheel still hums in the cottages, one must not spin during the 12 nights of Christmas lest he or she walk after death. (To the American reader it may occur that this would probably be more disturbing to others than to one's self.) If the spinning is done after sunset on Saturday, mice will eat the work. If one wishes to have money and good luck all the year, one should not fall to eat herring on New Year's day.

**Rustling of Leaves.**

Until a few years ago Hampshire rustics used to sit up till 12 o'clock on old Christmas night, and as soon as they heard the leaves rustling they went to the nearest constable to watch the animals get up and lie down on the other side. The idea of watching the animals arose from the belief that at 12 o'clock on the night of the Nativly oxen knelt in their stalls in honor of the event; that the rustling of the leaves refers to the tradition that thorn trees blossom at midnight to commemorate the Saviour's birth.

Cornish folk believe that sheep turn to the east and bow their heads on old Christmas night in memory of the sheep belonging to the shepherds at Bethlehem, and in Yorkshire bees hum in their alives on the same occasion.

**The New Way.**



Nellie—I don't like the man who invented airships.  
 Jack—Why?  
 Nellie—'Cause papa says they can't carry very much, and if Santa Claus uses one he can't bring all the things I want.

**Christmas Omens.**

Happy and prosperous will be the babe born at Christmas; long-lived and happy the bride that is married then; and it is very lucky for Christmas to fall on a Monday. It is good to give gifts of many kinds at this season; but let no housewife, be she the most free-handed woman in the world, throw or give away ashes or salt before breakfast on Christmas morning. A bright Christmas means a bright New Year, and may this Christmas be of brightest omen!

**The Real Culprit**

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A mistletoe berry  
 Had caught in her hair!  
 She wasn't to blame,  
 She had not put it there,  
 That mistletoe berry  
 A-tilt in her hair.

Lips red as a cherry,  
 It hardly was fair,—  
 Yet he wasn't to blame,  
 For it's clear that the same  
 Was the fault of the berry  
 That caught in her hair.

**THE CALL OF CHRISTMAS**

Inspiration of Time Should Bring Us  
 Deeper Sense of Personal Responsibility.

It is Christmas time, and at this moment the call is to lift up our hearts and welcome the Light of the World, to rest for a while in the glory of that light; not, indeed, forgetting the lessons he would have us learn, nor those great servants of his who taught us to know and love and work, and have passed away; but in thankfulness and adoration seeking to learn more and more how he would have us serve him. The inspiration of this blessed time should bring us a deeper sense of personal responsibility, and of our duty to our neighbor in regard to questions touching the general welfare; and, beyond all, a deeper faith—that faith by which mountains can be removed—and a truer love, a devotion that can bear even the reproach of the cross, if permission may but be granted to share in bearing a part of that burden.

The advent of Christ makes us debtors to God and man. It is therefore not for us to question whether others are kind to us, as whether there is love, gentleness, meekness, sympathy and helpfulness in our own lives, or not. With this spirit of the season reflected and perpetuated in the life, Christmas giving will resolve itself into Christ-like giving every day from Christmastide to Christmastide of every year of grace. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, to suffer, and to die for others, even his enemies. Rising far above the lower aim of getting and gaining solely for self, the grateful heart will ask: "What can I give to my Redeemer who gave himself for me, and what can I do for others, for his sake, and the gospel's?" That is the incarnation of the Christ spirit, and exalts him who said: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

**THE GOOD TIME COMING**

Christmas an Earnest of Better Day  
 When War and Devastation  
 Shall Cease.

Christmas is an earnest of that better day when the awful waste of war, the devastation of preventable disease and the burdens of poverty which so shame our overabundance shall die out like some evil dream of an ignorant past. Then, indeed, there will be no trace of mockery in the resounding professions of good will; the poet's forecast will take form in that realized state "wherein no lives are seen huddled in lanes unseen," but where a righteous plenty spreads itself far and wide:

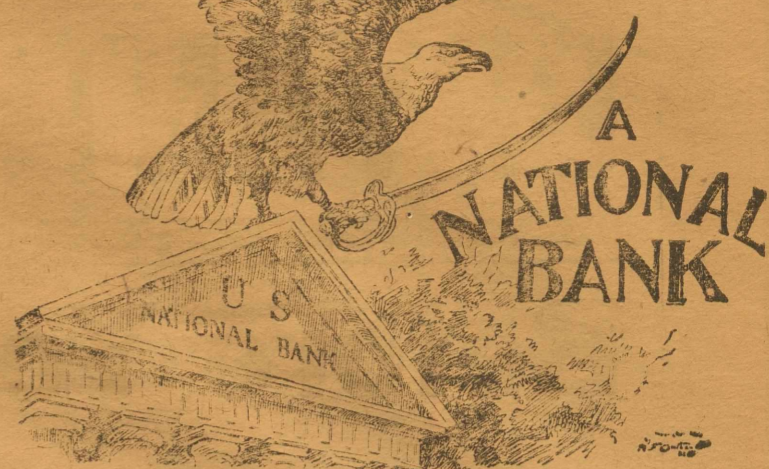
"Tis where the home is pure,  
 'Tis where the bread is sure,  
 'Tis where the wants are fewer  
 And each want fed:  
 Where plenty and peace abide,  
 Where health dwells heavenly eyed,  
 Where in nooks beautiful  
 Slumber the dead."

**Important.**



Millionaire (to his daughter—"Tell me, child—that young man who wants to marry you this Christmas, has he got any money?  
 Miss Innocence—Money, father? Why, he has just given me a cluster diamond ring studded with pearls!  
 Millionaire—Yes, I know. Has he any money left?

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 GUARDING YOUR  
 MONEY WHEN IT  
 IS IN**



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

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 ac-  
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If this man had of had his money in the bank it would have been safe. So Mr. Farmer don't do lie 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 to small for us. Plenty of room for your valuable papers.

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**SPUR, TEXAS.**  
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7 Big Days

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# CHRISTMAS SALE

## AT MORRISON'S

\$100 in valuable Xmas Presents will be given away, hundreds of dollars worth of Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries will be sold at prices that can't be matched elsewhere. We have lots of good suitable for Xmas presents that are useful and at the same time appropriate for gifts. Come and see what we have before spending your money for trash that will be thrown away in a week after the holidays. Remember this sale is a supreme effort to dispose of hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise by Dec. 25th. We will make prices that competition can't meet, much less beat. Don't forget in this sale we are giving our customers in valuable merchandise the 10 per cent that others give to imported "hot air experts" to put on sales. There is nothing mysterious about our sales, we just cut prices. Come to Morrison's to do your fall trading and save money.

### Men's Furnishings

35c grade Men's four-in-hand ties at.....15c  
75c grade Men's Sweaters 45c.  
25c Grade Men's Suspenders 18c.  
50c Men's heavy Suspenders 24c  
\$5.00 Stetson Hats \$3.85.  
1.00 Sweaters 69c.

No matter what you want we save you money.

### Men's and Boys Suits

\$22.50 Men's suits go at... \$17.48  
\$20.00 Men's Suits go at... \$14.98  
15.00 men's suits go at... 10.98  
10.00 men's suits go at... 7.48  
8.50 men's suits go at... 6.48  
100 Suits, good styles, a few of a kind go at about half price.  
Boys suits and odd pants cheap.  
\$1.00 Overall and Jumpers 85c

We have a large stock of Clothing that we must sell. If you buy without looking thru our stock you will lose money.

### Ladies Tailored Suits

Just received the latest in Coat Suits and long Coats that go in this sale at half what you could you buy them at in a city.  
\$15.00 and \$17.50 values... \$11.98  
22.50 values go at... 18.98  
25.00 long coats go at... 18.98  
20.00 long coats go at... 14.98  
15.00 long coats go at... 11.98  
One big lot Ladies \$5.00 values in long coats go at... \$3.48  
\$10.00 values go at... 7.48  
9.50 values go at... 4.98

### Millinery

An immense stock of Millinery Ladies, Misses and children's Hats will positively be closed out during this sale.

### Shoes

We have the largest stock of Shoes in Spur; from the very best factories. Every pair is marked down. We will save you big money on your shoe bill.

### Staple Dry Goods

At less than present manufacturers cost.

4e and 6 1-2c grade Cotton plaids go at only..... 4c  
Thousands of yards of 10c Sea Island Domestic goes at.....7c  
12 1-2c. extra heavy Domestic, in this sale at..... 8 1-3  
9c extra heavy Outing, fancy colors and solids go at.....9c  
12 1-2c A F C and Red Seal Gingham at only..... 10c  
25c Table Oil Cloth at..... 12 1-2c  
50c bleached table linen.....29c

Don't miss this opportunity to save money on staple goods.

### Blankets and Comforts

69c good Gray Cotton Blanket, usually sold for \$1.00 go at...69c  
\$1.25 Cotton Blankets at..... 98c  
1.50 grade Cotton Blanket...1.19  
2.00 grade Cotton Blanket...1.48  
3.00 mixed, wool and cotton 2.19  
6.00 Wool Blankets go at...3.98  
1.25 grade Comforts go at...89c  
2.50 grade Comforts go at...1.48  
3.50 grade Comforts go at...2.75

### Groceries, Grain and Feed

At money saving prices.

### Hats

\$5.00 Stetson hats, all shapes go at..... 83.85  
\$3.00 Hats go at.....2.65  
2.50 Hats go at.....1.48  
Big lot of hats up to \$3.00 values go at..... 98c

## \$100.00 IN XMAS PRESENTS!

### Absolutely Given Away!!

Get your tickets with each dollar purchase in both Dry Goods and Grocery Departments. One present will be given away each afternoon at 4 o'clock as follows:

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, \$15 Ladies Tailored Suit  
MONDAY, " 19, 10yd Wool Dress Pattern  
TUESDAY, " 20, Ladies Silk Petticoat  
WEDNESDAY " 21, Man's Stetson Hat  
THURSDAY " 22, Pair \$5 Wool Blankets  
FRIDAY, " 23, Pair \$4 Dress Shoes  
SATURDAY, " 24, \$50 White Sewing Machine

BE ON HAND EACH DAY AT 4 O'CLOCK.

### Ladies Skirts and Petticoats

We have the "Jews" beat on Skirts and Petticoats.  
59c for a \$1.00 value in Black Sattin Petticoats..... 59c  
\$1.50 values in black sattin Pet-

ticoats.....98c  
\$5. values in silk Petticoats 3.48  
7.50 values in silk petticoats 4.98  
4.00 values in Ladies Panama Skirts go at... 2.48  
\$5 values, Ladies' Panama 3.48  
7.50 value, Ladies Panama 4.98

Remember Morrison is here to stay, his policy, "lots of sales at a small profit," to unload at dry goods at the end of the season regardless of profit. Come to Spur the next 7 days and be with the crowd at Morrison's. Your friends will all be here. We are going to do the biggest business the next seven days, we have ever done in Spur in the same length of time. Drastic Price concession will be the order of the day.

# R. R. Morrison, Spur, Texas



We want to see you Saturday, Dec. 17th

# AT OUR BIG SALE!!

Our buyer has just returned from the factory where he bought

## Loads And Car Loads!!

of everything worth while in Furniture at a big Reduction in Prices

**O**ur Store is the place and now is the time to solve your Christmas Gift Problem. Can you think of anything more appropriate for a gift than a good piece of Furniture or a Rug.

Our Big Store is full of many Beautiful Pieces that any Home would be glad to have. Look over a few of our Prices and compare them with the prices you have paid and you will see how much you can save by buying what you need in Furniture, Carpets and Rugs from us during this Big Sale.

### BEDS

Assorted colors Iron Beds, regular \$3.50 bed, our sale price with slats, only **2.60**

Assorted colors Iron Beds, regular \$7.50 Bed, sale price with slats **5.85**

One lot White, only 2 1-2 inch post, Iron Bed, regular price \$17.50, cut for this sale only **11.95**

### ROCKERS

We have a big assortment for you to select from and they are

just the thing for a Christmas gift.

One lot solid oak rockers, regular price \$3.50, price for this sale, while they last, **2.35**

One lot large size solid oak, regular price \$5.00, cut to **3.45**

Big Cut Prices on All Others.

### DRESSERS

Our assortment is complete and special prices on all for this sale.

We have one lot that we closed

from the factory, regular \$12.50 Dresser. They are yours while they last **8.90**

### RUGS

Can you think of anything more appropriate to give than a nice rug and at prices you never heard of before.

One lot, size 27-54, velvet rug, never sold for less than \$2.50, our sale price only **1.90**

Body Brussels Rugs, regular \$4.00 rug, cut for this sale **2.10**

### THINGS NEEDED.

A list of a few things that you need that we have cut the price on for this sale.

Kitchen Cabinets  
Center Tables  
Dining Tables  
Library Tables  
Mattresses  
Safes  
Chiffoniers  
Dressers  
Art Squares  
Linoleum  
Matting  
Springs

Remember The Date, Saturday, Dec. 17th.

We are sole Agents for Sealy Mattresses, Globe Wernicke Book Cases and Singer Sewing Machines

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