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Volume Two

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 23, 1910,

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## Grand Fire-Works Display Friday Evening, December 23.

EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD OF SPUR AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY IS INVITED TO COME.

In view of the fact that all of the fire-works, including Roman candles, sky rockets, cannon crackers, fire crackers, etc., were recently bought of the dealers by the Commercial Club and citizens of the town in order to prevent the promiscuous shooting on the streets and the resultant danger of fire therefrom, the Texas Spur is requested by Secretary Jeff D. Reagan to announce that Friday night, December 23rd, a grand fire-works display will be had on the hill north of the city. In the display will be some fifty or sixty thousand pieces of shooting material, all of which will be turned over to the children and older people present free of cost, and it is hoped that in supplying the young folks with fire-works free of cost on this occasion will somewhat compensate them for having been deprived of the privilege of promiscuous shooting heretofore.

Everybody in the Spur country and within forty miles surrounding the town is expected to come in Friday and stay over for the grand display of fireworks. It will be a big treat to those who participate in the shooting and a grand sight to those who witness the display.

Everybody come. We are expecting you and will give you a holiday to be long remembered.

## FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING.

Our Fellow Townsman, B. D. Glasgow, Highly Honored by Crosby County Bar

Memorial, presented to Hon. Jo. A. P. Dickson, Judge of the 50th Judicial District of Texas, sitting at Emma, the county seat of Crosby county, in said District:

Whereas, Hon. B. D. Glasgow, of Dickens, Dickens county, Texas, is now and has been for the past six years the regularly elected and acting District Attorney for the 50th Judicial District of Texas; and

Whereas, it is conceded by the citizenship of said District that he has conducted said office in a manner conspicuous for its fairness and honesty and characterized by the highest degree of personal ability and integrity and that in the conduct thereof he has shown neither fear nor favor, but in all manners proceeded with candor and dignity; and

Whereas, it is conceded that

during his terms of office he has conducted more business and handled more cases, both in importance and number, than have ever been handled by said office in this District; and

Whereas, said Hon. B. D. Glasgow is about to retire from said office:

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Bar of Crosby county, together with the citizenship thereof, do express in a public manner their appreciation of the labors of said Glasgow in said office for the betterment of conditions in said District, and do hereby publicly acknowledge and publish to the world their appreciation of his high worth as a private and public citizen, and do hereby request the Court to cause this resolution to be spread upon the minutes of the District Court of Crosby county so that it may remain as an everlasting testimonial to the ability, faithfulness and honor of Hon. B. D. Glasgow.

### DUCK CREEK LOCALS

Rev. Bomgardner of Bugscuffle school house filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday.

The young people spent an enjoyable hour singing at Lee Billberry's Sunday night.

Duck Creek had a fine slow rain towards the first of the week, all of it going in the ground.

The Duck Creek school has about 40 pupils in regular attendance.

A. B. Hughes of Dallas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jonas Carlisle.

L. L. Jeter has moved across the Railroad on his new place.

Edgar Carlisle has moved in his new home. Jim Swaringer will move in the place vacated by Edgar.

W. H. Taylor has lumber on the ground for putting up a two story residence.

Rev. S. A. Coob of Jayton, Texas, has moved back on old J. V. Billberry place. Xmas gift to you Bro. Cobb.

Everybody is about through picking cotton and fixing for Santa Claus.

School Chap.

## SOLD COTTON AT FIFTEEN CENTS.

The Spur Cotton Buyers Continue to Make Spur The Leading Market.

S. B. Scott, one of the most prosperous farmers of the coun-

try was here recently from Afton and sold cotton for fifteen cents a pound. Mr. Scott made a big crop this year and is fortunate in securing a big price for his staple.

### NEW HOPE NOTES.

Miss Emma Buchanan who has been attending Draughn's Business College at Fort Worth came home last Monday.

The Literary and Debating Society will not meet again until second Friday night in Jan.

Miss Lee Wilson who has been attending College at Lockney, is at home for vacation.

Wyatt Taylor and wife of the Plainview community are visiting Minor Wilson.

New Hope and Liberty will both have a Xmas Tree Saturday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker have been visiting relatives in Paducah.

Frank Speer, our teacher, will spend the holidays at Matador.

Miss Willie Ballard is visiting in our community.

Correspondent.

## FIRST MONDAY TRADES DAY.

A Big Crowd and A Big Showing of Stock Expected on This Occasion.

Monday, the Second day of January, will be the second monthly trades day held in Spur, and preparations are now being made to make the occasion one of the biggest days at the beginning of the New Year.

Aside from the premiums to be given away for the best showing of stock, arrangements have been made for several stock-buyers to be here on that occasion and all who have stock to sell as well as all character of country produce will find a ready and a high market for anything sold.

Among the amusing and entertaining features on the program for the day will be broncobusting and possibly a "balloon ascension."

Not only will the people of the surrounding country be furnished a market for their stock and other produce, but the business men and merchants of the town will make special prices that day on goods of all kinds, and as was the case at our first trades day, the second trades day will be made one of pleasure and of profit to all.

We extend a cordial invitation to every individual in this and the surrounding territory to Spur Monday, the second day of January, participate in the general merriment and entertainments of the occasion as well as profit by the inducements and opportunities to be offered in trade and commercial lines.

## Buying, Building and Improving The Spur Farm Lands.

RECENT RAINS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS PLACES THE SPUR COUNTRY IN AN ENVIABLE POSITION.

Recently D. O. Young, of Tullia, bought a quarter section of the Spur Farm Lands six miles south of Spur and expects to move his family here at an early date, build a home and begin improving the place and clearing up land for cultivation another year.

J. Henry Boothe, of Crews in Runnels county, was also here recently to fence and improve a quarter section which he bought, and expects to move out in time to make a crop next year.

A number of other sales have been made within the past week by the Spur Farm Lands management, and as a result a number of other tracts of land will be cleared for cultivation and new homes built at the beginning of the new year.

The rain which came last week will be of great benefit to the country and contributes materially to the bright prospects for bumper crops of all kinds another year. Taking everything into consideration Spur and the Spur country has the very brightest prospects for the future, and during the next year we expect the country to make wonderful strides in the development progress, bumper crops grown and the people prosper.

### SOCIALIST MEETING

The Socialist Local of Spur met Saturday night in regular session and adopted resolutions condemning the methods practiced by the courts in convicting and sentencing Fred D. Warren to jail for offering a reward of one thousand dollars for the kidnapping of ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky who was a fugitive from justice and under indictment for murder.

J. E. Murphy, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dickens country, was in Spur recently with cotton to sell to the buyers here. Mr. Murphy secured fifteen cents for his cotton and of course returned home smiling.

W. J. Young, of near Afton, was in Spur Tuesday with cotton and other produce from his farm.

## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

An Organized and United Effort Will Make Spur the Leading City of West Texas.

The Commercial Club of Spur will in the future publish a com-

plete list of the members in the first issue in each month of the local newspaper. At present the membership is composed principally of the business firms of the town. The directors of the club want to have a personal membership including all who are interested in the welfare of Spur. To this end a committee was appointed at the last meeting to solicit membership among the business men, not on a subscription basis, but as personal members. Under this plan all, whether owners, managers or clerks, will have full membership, and have an opportunity to give the town the benefit of their ideas for its upbuilding.

A town the size of Spur should have an active membership of two hundred and fifty live wires, and every citizen should take a personal pride in being a unit in the makeup of an organization that is maintained for the common benefit of all. This membership need not be confined to those living in town, but should include those having any interest here, whether in the town or adjoining country. An organized and united effort will make Spur the leading city of West Texas.

Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

## SETTING OUT TREES IN SPUR.

The Foundation is Now Being Laid For City Beautiful in Years to Come.

During the past week the Spur Inn set out quite a number of shade and ornamental trees and otherwise beautifying the Inn grounds. Many other individuals of the city are putting out trees, ornamental bushes, and otherwise beautifying their premises.

We commend the citizenship of Spur in tree planting at this time and thus laying the foundation for a City Beautiful in the years to come, and which will be enjoyed and appreciated not only by the present but future generations. Wise and generous men have said, Plant a tree and thus contribute an enduring monument for the pleasure of generations to follow, and that is what the people of Spur are doing today. We are building not only for today but for the future. Let the good work go on.

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

**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.

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**GREETING!!**

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

**A**T this, the holiday season and the beginning of a new year, we wish to thank our friends and customers for liberal patronage in the past and solicit a share of your business in future. We at all times carry a complete stock of fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries, buy and sell country produce, and will be glad to serve you in our line. Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Prosperous New Year,

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**USEFUL XMAS GIFTS,**

Such as gold headed umbrellas, swell all leather hand bags, gold pins, silver thimbles, jewel cases, high grade barrettes, mufflers, gloves, collars, etc., make appropriate and acceptable Xmas Gifts. A swell line of these are shown at the

**Ladies Bazaar,** Mrs. Nelle Robertson, Proprietress.

**TAP TELLINGS**

Some of the farmers are thru gathering and are now plowing while others are still chasing for the last boll of cotton.

Murphy Danforth who has been here visiting relatives, returned home first of the week. Mr. Danforth resides in New Mexico.

W. D. Clay and G. M. Hill were pleasant caller in our town Sunday.

The public School opened here Monday with Nat Patton at the helm, the attendance is small however after the holidays will have a full school.

B. F. Hinson, S. S. Allcorn and others attended Justice Court at Spur Monday.

Clarence Dallam who has been visiting his sister Mrs. C. J. Smith returned Friday to his home at Ranger.

T. B. Danforth and daughter Miss Lucy, left Sunday to spend Xmas with relatives in Mexico.

Chas Smith has finished his crop and left last week for his New Mexico home.

J. E. Sparks and wife visited Geo. Odom and family of Spur Sunday.

B. B. Boone has secured a position with Teague & Son of Spur in their shop. Gadabout.

**FOLK LORE OF DAY**

**BELGIAN CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS THAT ARE DYING OUT.**

Celebration of Festival Still Presents Much That Is Interesting—Old Customs Traceable to Heathen Rites and Practices.



**A**LTHOUGH not so keenly followed up as in Germany and England, the festival of Christmas, as celebrated in Belgium, still presents a certain amount of interest, especially in respect to its traditional aspect. Many of the old customs, which today are but a mere mockery of their original selves, are traceable to old heathen rites and practices.

The priesthood, realizing the veneration in which these customs are still held, not only refrain from discountenancing practices which the holy church regards as heretical on account of their origin, but even enjoins the due observance on the people. Wherever possible, details of these customs have been modified with a view of bringing them into as close obedience as possible with the instructions of the Vatican.

One of the easiest tasks in this respect was the encouragement of the old custom of ceasing work for 12 days after Christmas and postponing the discussion of all differences and legal disputes for the same period. Among the "seasonable customs and beliefs" which have for the most part been dying out, if they are not already dead in many parts of the country, are the following:

Christmas eve being dedicated to Adam and Eve, boys born on that day were christened Adam, and girls Eve.

Fortune telling on Christmas day was indulged in; at Brussels, for example, the burghers assembled around the fire and roasted chestnuts, listening to their "fortunes" meanwhile. At Spa, a handful of salt was cast upon the table by the host; if it melted there would be a death in the family or else a wet year in the country, though if the salt remained hard a guest would die, if, by chance, one of the lights went out at the critical moment.

Among the metal workers of the province of Hainaut molten lead was plunged into water, and the figures produced by the operation were supposed to represent incidents in the life of the "plunger."

In the Ardennes, the weather for the coming year was determined by placing lighted candles in walnut shells, which were allowed to float on a basin of water. If the candles went out the year would be a bad one, agriculturally speaking; if the remained alight until the end it would be a good year.

Nuts thrown on the fire by lovers foretold joy if they burned with a sputtering; sorrow, if there was any noise.

According to an existing belief, everything living changes its position at the hour of midnight on Christmas day. Everything sown in the fields that day is bound to bear fruit—even though it be sown on the snow itself.

While it is considered unlucky to spin flax on Christmas day, a shirt made from flax on that night is "good for many ills." Christmas day eggs always produce fine chicks. A farmer could ensure good crops from his fruit trees by striking them with an ax on Christmas day, always provided that nobody went near the trees with a spinning wheel within 24 hours.

In the province of Antwerp the peasants say that a "hellwagen" or chariot of blood is driven through the sky at full gallop on Christmas night, the explanation being that some impious peasant dared to go out wood gathering with his wagon one Christmas night, and that, by way of punishment, he is condemned to drive through the sky year by year.

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

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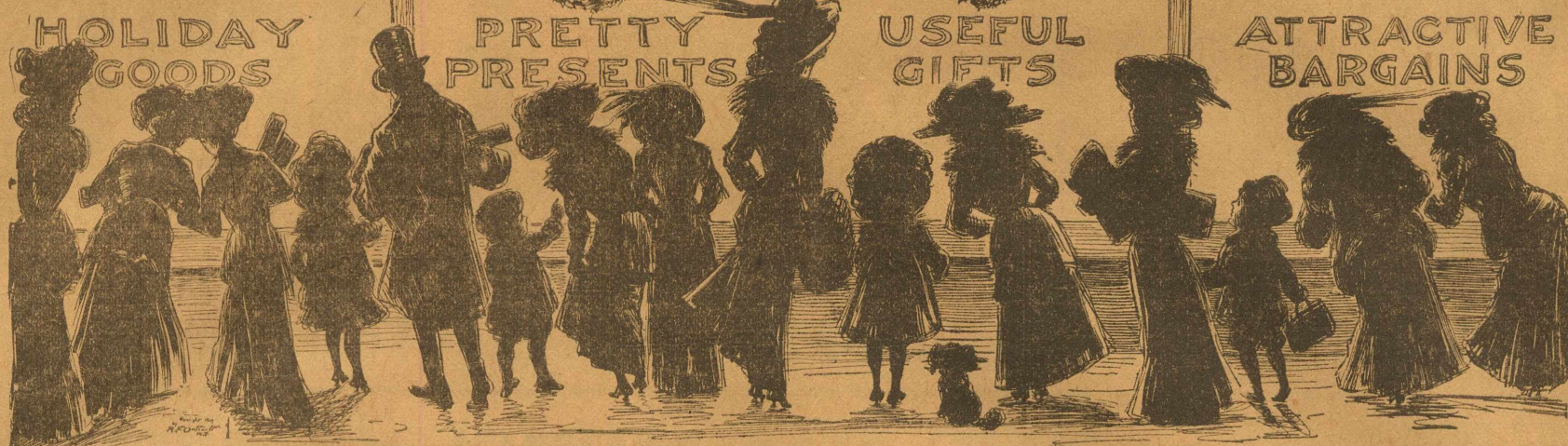
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**tAcky PaRty**

you aiR all give A Invite tu cum tu A taCKy paRty whitch the women folks uv the Hoam Mishunary Siety is goin tu give Thursday nite down tu the Roil hotel. everybody what has On Tacky Riggins gets in fur 25c. If they haint tacky they Has tu pay 35c. Gurls is expected tu Ware thare CallyKose an sich like. An all the men folks thare Sellyloids an red Necktise an old klose and sich like. No Biled shirts tu be wore. a prize Will be give tu the Wun that has on the Tackiest Duins. the Women folks is going to hav sumthin tu ete whitch Don't Cost you nuthin. don't Furgit the Thing Cums off Thusday, Dec 29 nite at The Roil hotel and the fun Begins. At 7:30 Cum an enjoy yourself.

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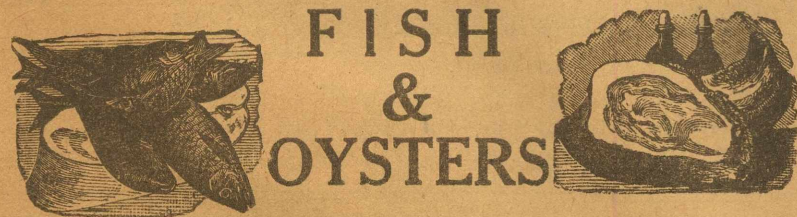
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### A Christmas Carol

Pause a while, O earth and heaven;  
draw ye near in wonder dread,  
For the Lord of Life Eternal lieth  
in a stable bed;  
Cradle lowly!  
Yet made holy,  
By that resting Infant Head.

Come, ye shepherds, come, ye  
wise men—high and low your  
homage bring,  
For the sleeping Babe you worship  
cometh as your Saviour King!  
'Tis the Christ-Child,  
Who, self-exiled,  
Left His throne on love's swift wing.

Come ye here, and taste the  
earnest of a joy above!  
Ye shall find within this manger,  
guarded by the Holy Dove,  
Life immortal,  
Through the portal  
Opened by a Saviour's Love!

### OLD STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

Some Have Interest, Freshness and  
Beauty That Keep Them Al-  
ways 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.

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#### 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 agri-

culture. 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 witnessed 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.

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#### 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.

**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.

#### 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.

#### SHEPHERDS WATCH AT NIGHT

Refutation of Contention That They Could Not Have Watched on December Night.

Some historians contend that the shepherds could not have watched by night on the Bethlehem plains in December, it being a period of great inclemency. In answer to this a well-known student says: "Bethlehem is not a cold region. The mercury usually stands all the month of December at 46 degrees. Corn is sown during this time, and grass and herbs spring up after the rains, so that the Arabs drive their flocks down from the mountains into the plains. The most delicate never make fires till about the end of November, and some pass the whole winter without them. From these facts I think it is established without doubt that our Saviour was born on the 25th of December, the day which the church throughout the world has united to celebrate in honor of Christ's coming in the flesh."

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.

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### Clothing

MENS AND BOYS

We sell Schwab Clothes. They are the best. From \$1.50 to \$25. We have a few last season's suits we offer at one half our regular price. SEE THEM.

### Big Saving in Millinery

ALL MILLINERY AT 20 PER CENT

DISCOUNT, STARTING TODAY....

### Buy A Hat For Xmas!

### Ladies Ready to Wear

“THE PALMER LINE”

There is no better. We guarantee a fit, they look as good as the best and wear the longest. We offer our Ladies Cloaks at Half Price. Our Ladies Tailored Suits at 20 per cent discount.

### Boots & Shoes.

We are sole agents for Hamilton Brown Shoes, Florsheim Shoes for Men, Queen Quality “Women”. Our prices are right, our shoes are new and we “Keep the Quality Up.”

See our Bargain Counter for Cheap Shoes, all sizes.

## “Keen Kutter” Hardware And John Deere Implements

SHOOT AN L. C. SMITH SHOT GUN ON XMAS DAY. USE PETERS CHILLED SHOT. “WE SELL THEM”

### 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.

### Our Grocery Stock is Complete

Our Prices are Right and we will give you as good as money can buy. If you are not Satisfied tell us and we will refund your money.

“ F L O U R ”

We Guarantee our Flour to be as Good as the Best.  
THE BEST IS WHAT YOU WANT

### Farm Implements

We are sole agents for 14 inch Stag Sulkies, 12 inch Gang Stag Sulkies, Planters with Middle Buster Attachments, Go-Devils, Drag and Disc Cultivators; Disc Drag and Acme Harrows, Turning Plows, Walking Middle Busters, Stalk Cutters, New Moline Wagons, Standard Wind Mills, Barb Wire.

## 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,

**W. C. BOWMAN**  
**Lumber Comp'y**  
**LUMBER, SASH**  
**DOORS, PAINT,**  
**And All Kinds Building Material**

**BARBER SHOP**

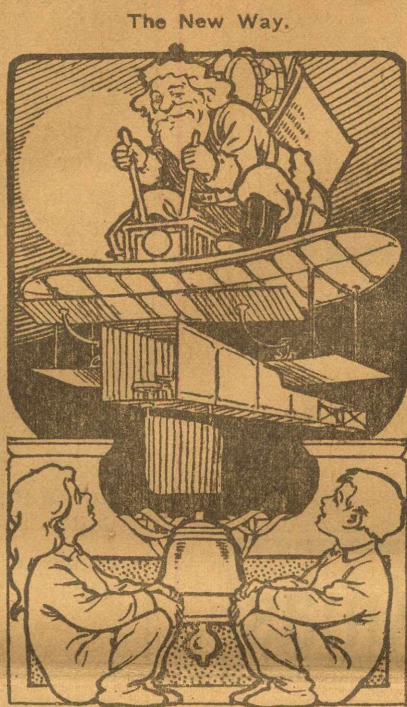
W. P. SIMPSON Prop.  
**FIRST-CLASS WORK. HOT OR COLD BATHS**  
**AGENTS FOR STAMFORD STEAM LAUNDRY**  
 Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

**CHRISTMAS AND MISTLETOE**

Nature Worship Reflected in Use of Mistletoe at Christmas Time.

A great many years ago, before the time of Christianity, the oak tree, and especially the mistletoe, growing out of the heart of the oak, were revered for their supposed affinity with the sun. The Druids worshiped the sun as the one supreme god, and believed the oak to be in some way associated with the sun because they made fire by rubbing oak sticks together, the oak being at once the most common tree and the most suitable for the purpose. Twice each year these Celtic priests gave a religious festival in honor of the sun, their places of worship being in the oak groves. In June, when the sun was known to have ceased mounting higher in the heavens, the Druids gave thanks, because a nearer approach of the sun was thought to be possible, and this, of course, would result in the burning up of the earth. In December, at the time of the shortest days, the Druids prepared a celebration in honor of the sun's turning back from his downward journey, which was recognized as the days began to grow longer. This second celebration was quite naturally the happiest time, the people holding the sun in such fear in June. It was then the mistletoe was honored as being the very essence of the oak.

When eventually the church was established and its followers turned the ancient December celebration into Christmas, the mistletoe was hung up by way of compromise, although it had nothing to do with the new religion. And so even today, in our use of evergreen and holly, and eke the occasional sprig of mistletoe, we reflect the nature worship which gave us, perhaps, not only the foundation of our Christmas, but for our love of nature as well.



**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**

☆☆☆  
 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."

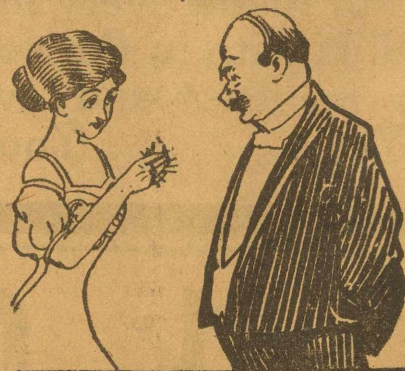
**THE GOOD TIME COMING**

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:

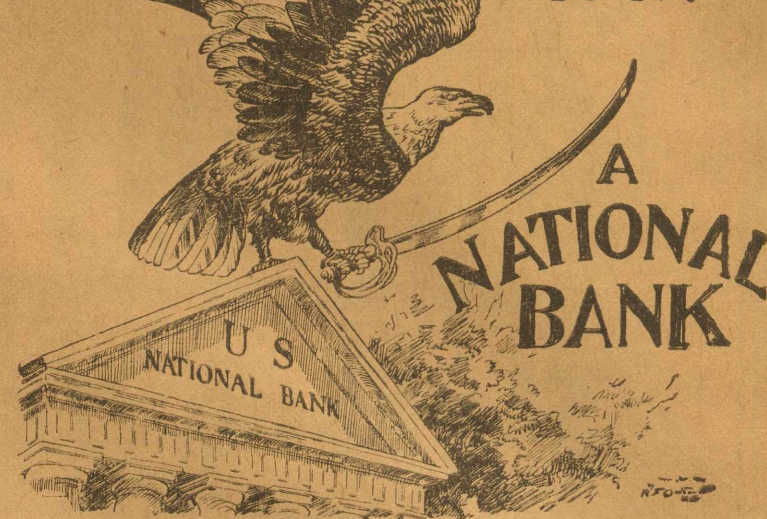
"Tis where the home is pure,  
 'Tis where the bread is sure,  
 'Tis where the wants are fewer  
 And each want fed:  
 Where plenty and peace abide,  
 Where health dwells heavenly eyed,  
 Where in nooks beautiful  
 Slumber the dead."

**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?

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



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

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

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

**Livery Feed & Sale Stable**

H. K. PARKS, Prop.

We have nice rigs and good teams at all times. Furnish drivers to any part of the country and give the very best service and most courteous treatment to all.

**COME IN AND SEE US**  
 Once a Customer Always a Customer.

**Spur Grain & Coal Co.**

**HAY, GRAIN AND ALL KINDS FEED**

**Feed Wheat and Oats.**

**WE HANDLE THE McALLISTER AND NEW MEXICO COAL. PHONE US YOUR ORDER.**

**We pay the highest cash price for hides**

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 Blaze.

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 it 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. Make our bank your bank.

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

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

**First State Bank of Spur, Texas.**

**CAPITAL STOCK - - - \$50,000.00**

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

**Stockholders, and Directors,**

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

# "LAMBDDIN'S"

## THE ONE AND ONLY SALE

In Spur continues to attract throngs of eager buyers who readily realize that we offer **ACTUAL CUT PRICES** and **NOT HOT AIR**. We never advertise cut prices and offer advance prices instead, as is the case now existing by some concerns who through misquotations catch the dollar of the buyer who misjudges. Our price is to one and all alike and just as advertised.

**This Entire Stock Must Move & Prices are Doing the Work**

Come now and bring the whole family, we will save you 25 per cent. on your fall purchase. Not one item reserved. We handle nothing but first-class goods and have extra salespeople to give you the proper and courteous attention. If you have failed to visit this sale don't delay longer. Its of interest to the wise money spender.

### J. A. LAMBDDIN & COMPANY

C. L. LOVE, Manager

SPUR, TEXAS

W. S. Campbell returned recently from a trip to Munday in Haskell county. He reports that they had more rain there than here and that the wheat crops are looking fine in that section.

G. C. Pass and Mr. Foster made a trip last week into the Lower Red Mud and Cat Fish countries hunting Mr. Foster's horses which got away from him here. They found the horses.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.

J. A. MOORE.

Mr. and Mrs. Wooten, of the Plains country were visitors recently in the city at the home of W. S. Taylor and wife.

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

Attorney P. C. Maynard made a business trip last week to Stamford.

#### LOST

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

WILL DUNCAN,

Afton, Texas.

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

## AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

### Richardson Lumber Com'y

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Mrs. W. A. Hamilton returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.

J. A. MOORE.

#### 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.

Hats below cost—just a few left at Mrs. Humphrey's.

See H. T. Burgoon for rent houses. tf.

C. L. Love returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to Stamford and other points.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.

J. A. MOORE.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

#### 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.

All kinds of Muslin underwear at Mrs. Humphrey's.

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.

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.

### 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.

**100 W A N T E D 100**  
**Between Ages of 1 and 100**

BY THE

**WESTERN GROCERY**  
**C O M P A N Y**

**100 NEW CUSTOMERS FOR THE COMING YEAR, 1911**

While we are very thankful to our many friends who have been so liberal with us and are well pleased with the volume of business we have had the past six months we have been here, yet there is room for more, and as we have at all times tried to give 100 cts. worth for \$1.00 we are justifiable in soliciting your future business. With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, we remain yours truly,

**WESTERN GROCERY COMPANY**

BOTH PHONES 93.

O. J. WEAVER, Proprietor.

SPUR, TEXAS

T. G. Harkey and wife returned the first of the week from San Saba where they had been several days to attend the bedside of Mr. Harkey's father who died while they were there. Mr. Harkey's father was an old gentleman, nearing the three score and ten years limit of age, and although the call to that "Long Home" coming at this time was not unexpected it is with regret that the Texas Spur chronicles the death and we extend sincere condolence to Uncle Tom and other relatives in their bereavement.

Mrs. W. E. Kellar is visiting relatives at Rotan, Merkel and Haskell and will probably spend Christmas at the latter place before returning home. In her absence Mr. Kellar is having a nice residence built in the west part of town for her as a New Year's gift.

Mr. Fay, of Snyder is in the city this week organizing a lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America. This is the only lodge or order with which we have ever been able to identify ourselves, and that being the case we wish him success in securing a large membership at this place.

G. A. Howsley returned this week from Hamlin where he attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. A. Howsley, who died Monday of last week in Sweetwater.

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

**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.

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.

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

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

McDonald has the largest assortment of Fruits, Nuts and Christmas Candies. We also make candy.

Goods bought and sold at the Second Hand Store.

J. A. MOORE.

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

R. M. Dickenson, a prominent business man of Stamford, and also identified with the Spur Grain & Coal Co. of Spur, was in the city recently looking after his interests here.

S. R. Davis spent Sunday at Dickens with his family, returning Monday morning on the Dickens and Spur mail hack. Mr. Davis will probably move his family to Spur within the next few months.

Lost - Pocket book containing \$5 bill and \$2.25 in silver. Reward for return to J. O. Wooten, Dickens, Texas.

Messrs. Love, Predeaux, Coon, Lowery and McGill spent Sunday at the home of Chas. Windham, twelve miles northeast of Dickens. They report having spent the day most pleasantly and in one of the most hospitable homes of the country. Mr. Windham is one of the most substantial citizens of Dickens county.

Tom McArthur and Mr. Fuquay, of the Lower Red Mud country, were in Spur Tuesday with cotton which was sold on the Spur market. Tom says he intends to plant a hundred acres in cotton next year and about fifty in feed stuff.

W. J. Duncan, a prosperous citizen and business man of Draper, was in Spur Monday on business and reports everything all o. k. in his section of the country.

E. Luce an old timer of this section and a prominent citizen of Tap, was in Spur Monday on business.

Call and examine Mrs. Humphrey's line of Christmas goods, YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

For staple and Fancy Groceries Phone Hisey Grocery Co.

See H. T. Burgoon for rent houses. tf.

**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.

**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**



## Luzon Telephone Co.

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.

## Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

Simmons & Williams, Props.

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

Phone Us at No. 114

and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

W. M. Hunter came down from Spur Sunday to be with his father-in-law, W. M. McGinty.

Miss Ola Price, who had been here at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. N. A. Cooper, returned to her home at Spur Sunday.

J. M. Estes and wife and Mrs. V. P. Newton of Mattie community, returned from a visit to Spur Tuesday.

We are truly glad to know that our old friend and fellow townsman, Prof. S. W. Adams, has secured the principalship of the Spur school for the coming term, and wish him a successful and pleasant year's work. Prof. Adams is the highest type of a gentleman and an instructor of more than ordinary ability. He will make good with Spur school and Spur people, both socially and in a business way.—Aspermont Star.

A. R. Bilberry came in Tuesday and had the address of his paper changed from Gilpin to Dickens, he having recently moved to the country north of Dickens.

The cotton market is still booming. Bring your cotton to Spur where the highest prices will be paid and goods will be sold you cheapest.

The Spur Exchange has a nice list of town property for sale. Also improved farms at a bargain. Call in and see about it.

FOR SALE—One Jersey cow and calf. Price \$75. Apply to V. C. Smart at Morrison's store.

Mrs. L. O. Mullennix went to Dickens last Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives.

Get your school tablets and lead pencils at Mrs. Humphrey's.

For staple and Fancy Groceries Phone Hisey Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey received a box of fruit consisting of peaches and apples shipped to them this week from Rising Star by Mrs. Humphrey's father, J. W. Tunnell. Mr. Humphrey says the fruit was fine and as good as any he ever ate from the larger and more noted fruit belts.

The contest for five handsome prizes given by J. A. Lambdin & Co., Barber, Hancock & New, Campbell & Campbell, Spur Drug Co., and Western Grocery Co., is attracting considerable attention from the buying public. The prizes offered are worth trying for and aside from that you get the goods at the regulation price and good quality. With each fifty cent purchase you are given an opportunity to tell how many beans is contained in a jar on display at Lambdin's. The nearest estimate of the number of beans secures the premiums. It is worth trying for and for particulars read this ad in another page of the paper.

J. H. Barber and J. B. George have opened up a skating rink in the old Electric Theatre building and each afternoon and night the young people enjoy the sport to the full extent.

Zade Polk and J. P. Horton made a trip out in the eastern part of the county Tuesday, returning Wednesday. They spent the night with J. E. Kellar of the Croton county.

Sheriff Cole has been spending several days here this week on official business.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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

**\$3.50 Per Dozen Photo for \$2.50**  
I will also give a  
**Medallion Photo FREE.**

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

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

Have you seen the Garland stove we are offering in the guessing contest? It is worth while. Barber, Hancock & New.

W. N. Blackwell, who is now working for Scoggin & Brown near Clairemont, was in Spur Wednesday on business and to visit his family here.

For anything in hardware, see Barber, Hancock & New.

### NOTICE TO THE COTTON BUYERS OF SPUR AND PUBLIC GENERALLY

Notice is hereby given that I am the owner of all the cotton, maize and all other products, that was raised this year on the Sol Davis place, six miles north from Spur, by virtue of a purchase by me from R. R. Steel; said crop having been raised by the said R. R. Steel.

This notice is given as a warning to those that the cotton, maize, or other products might be offered to for sale.

H. D. Marshall.

Sept. 30th, 1910.

The Farmers Congress of Western Texas will meet at Haskell the 19th and 20th. All farmers are invited to attend. Methods of farming and diversification of crops will be discussed by experienced and scientific men, and no doubt those who attend and hear their lectures will be benefitted or at least hear something that will contribute to the success of farming.

Remember that the special train of hogs and the hog experts will be in Spur this afternoon at six o'clock. Everybody interested in the hog business is urged to come out and hear the lecture and see some fine hogs. The train is expected to remain here several hours.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick was in the city Thursday on business and spent several hours here.

The Spur Exchange has two houses and lots to sell in the city. If you want to buy call in and see about them.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

### 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.

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## AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

**Richardson Lumber Com'y**

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

### PRIZES OFFERED

Spur, Texas, June 25, 1910.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. L. Love made a business trip Thursday to Stamford where he will remain until Saturday.

The Bijou Cafe is prepared to serve the public with short orders of the very best the market affords.

Mr. Farmer, we want your order for that wagon you are going to need. We have the right prices. Barber, Hancock & New.

If old father "North" continues bringing his weather down this way the ice man will have to kindle fires over town to keep his business from freezing.

A. R. Fouts, who has been spending several days in the city looking after business matters, returned Tuesday to his home at Rotan.

P. H. MILLER

## Lumber Company

CARRY AT ALL TIMES A FULL LINE OF

**LUMBER**

AND ALL KIND OF BUILDING MATERIAL

**We want to figure your bills.**

We sell the Devco Paint

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

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

## GODFREY-TYLER

Realty Company.

We sell Farms, Ranches and Town Property  
Also write Fire and Tornado Insurance in strong and  
Reliable Companies.

CALL AND SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY

# SPUR FARM LANDS

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

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

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

With some additions when close to town

## THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a  
**HOME.**

### STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

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

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

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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

#### SPUR LACKS KNOCKERS

There will be calamity howlers in Heaven if any can ever slip by the watchman at the gate. Like the poor we have them with us always and everywhere. The garden of Eden had one, and since that time there has never been a town or country, no matter how rich in natural resources, but has had some people who spend most of their time sitting on goods boxes and telling how the whole country in general and their own town in particular is going to ruin faster than an express train. There may be an excuse for such a class of people in some places, but there is no excuse for knockers in Rule.—Rule Review.

There is no good reason for the existence of knockers in any community. We are glad to say that Spur is lacking in that commodity. Everybody is too busy boosting and working for Spur to give any attention to a knocker should he invade our busy precincts. Come to Spur.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have opened a shop in the building formerly occupied by the Spur Sheet Metal Works, and am now prepared to do all kinds of carriage painting. Only First Class Work at prices to suit you.

J. W. BRAMHALL,  
The Sign Man.

#### MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.

A newspaper man has ups and downs the same as any body, or a little "samer." He is considered by some people as a public person who does things for the public for the pleasure of doing so. An exchange truthfully says: "A lawyer charges a man ten dollars for ten minutes conversation—the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges his price for a prescription and the patient says 'O pshaw! Is that enough?' An undertaker charges \$100 for conducting a funeral and he is perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside of the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten before. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts about a death, wedding or social function and spends three hours writing it up and tells lies and praises people until he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant omission or error, charges five cents straight for three extra copies, he is stingy, careless, good for nothing old cuss who never gets anything right and charges four times the price of city papers twice as large. In short, he is a confounded most any old thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man, how would you like to run a newspaper?"—Claude Courier.

#### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

The regular services of the Presbyterian church will be held next Sunday as usual in the northwest school house. Rev. Mr. Burney, of Anson, will preach. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., and preaching services at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. You are cordially invited to come.

#### NOTICE TO THE COTTON BUYERS OF SPUR AND PUBLIC GENERALLY

Notice is hereby given that I am the owner of all the cotton, maize and all other products, that was raised this year on the Sol Davis place, six miles north from Spur, by virtue of a purchase by me from R. R. Steel; said crop having been raised by the said R. R. Steel.

This notice is given as a warning to those that the cotton, maize, or other products might be offered to for sale.

H. D. Marshall.  
Sept. 30th, 1910.

#### 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.

#### PRIZES OFFERED

Spur, Texas, June 25, 1910.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**H. S. BARTLEY,  
FEED AND FUEL**

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

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Opposite Texas Spur Office**

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In Centralization of Business There Is Minimum of Expense in a Maximum Output

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.**

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

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Office at Spur Drug Company.  
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Specialist  
Practices Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses correctly fitted. Abbott Building, Stamford, Tex.

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Diseases of women and children and Electrotherapy a specialty. Local Surgeon for Wichita Valley Railroad.  
Residence phone 49. Office 39.

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

FOR SALE  
Spring hatched Rhode Island Red roosters. Spur Grain and Coal Co.

Rev. T. F. Medlin, of Croton Flat, was in Spur on business last Saturday. He reports everything going nicely on the Flat.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Ben Hagins, of Gilpin, was in Spur transacting business last Saturday.

Prof. J. C. Allison, of Afton, was in Spur last Saturday on business. Mr. Allison reports everything going nicely in the Afton community.

E. L. Harkey, one of the prominent business men of Dickens, was in the city on business last Friday.

Walter Gwynn, a prominent citizen of Rotan, was a visitor in the city Sunday between trains. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country, but says on account of short crops money matters are just a little tight at this time.

Floyd Caylor made a business trip Friday down the Stamford & Northwestern railway, returning Saturday.

J. J. Martin and wife were in the city Monday from their home in the Tap country and were doing some trading with the merchants of the city.

J. H. Pearce, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday and hauled out telephone poles for the Luzon Telephone Company and coal for W. J. Duncan of Draper.

## MUSIC

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Teacher of Piano  
Latest methods used.

TERMS \$3 PER MONTH

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The very latest designs in Ladies' Skirts, Dress Bandings in Persian and Gold. All over Laces, Novelty ribbons, etc. Everything for Ladies' and Misses. Get my prices before buying.

Mrs. Nellie Robertson prop

J. H. Driver, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Draper country, was here Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur and selling cotton to the cotton buyers.

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

Berry Pursley was up Saturday from Jayton and spent several hours in the city.

Miss Strickland was a visitor in the city Monday from the Draper country.

Mrs. Dave Gray and children left Sunday for and extended visit to relatives and friends at Rotan.

T. B. Danforth was in Saturday from Red Mud and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports things all o. k. in his section.

Mrs. Deck Powers came up from Aspermont the first of the week and spent several days in the city straightening up affairs here preparatory to moving permanently to Aspermont where Mr. Powers is doing a hotel business.

Dr. Morris returned this week from an extended trip to Old Mexico and reports having had a most pleasant trip, seeing the principal cities of Mexico and learning much of the ways of the world as well as the differences of the peoples. He will hereafter be prepared to serve the public in his profession and will be found in his office at the Spur Drug Company.

## The Remington Typewriter

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

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

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

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

**A BOY BORN.**

Friday of last week a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burgoon at their home in the north part of the city. While four other children have come to bless the home this is the first boy to make his appearance and as a consequence the proud father now meets his friends with a superior air and a noticeable condescension. The problem of a name is not yet solved, and the suggestion by friends that the young heir be christened Theodore Roosevelt, William Jennings Bryan and John Paul is entertained but barely considered by the head of the household, and it is very apparent that no such common names will meet the entire approval of the parental head. However, it is hoped that a suitable name can be procured and that the heir to the Burgoon estates will develop in mind and body and in the years to come may he become as broad and liberal as the land in which he was born, filling every requirement of manhood's estate and the expectations of a proud father and loving mother.

**W. C. BOWMAN**

**Lumber Comp'y**

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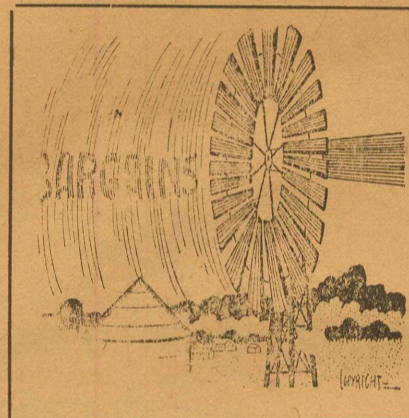
**Good Teams and Rigs, Wagon Yard & Camp House**

**TO SUBSCRIBERS**

According to the laws and rulings of the Post-office Department newspapers are not allowed to mail papers to readers who are more than one year in arrears in the payment of subscriptions, and since a number of subscriptions to the Texas Spur will expire by the first day of November we want each one to come in or send in their subscription money by that time. We are very willing to let the matter go for awhile, but since postal laws will not permit it, we are forced to either collect or stop the paper. We are going to make a special offer from now until the first of November to all subscribers who owe one year's subscription. All who come in, pay up and renew for another year paying in advance we will give them six months subscription free to any relative or friend in the United States, or will give you two subscriptions for three months each, mailed anywhere you want them to go.

Please don't forget this little matter, since it is of great importance to us. We want you to continue to get the paper, and in the future as in the past we will try to give the news of the town and country.

Ladies and gentlemen are invited to call in at the Bijou Cafe for anything desired of a first class, up-to-date cafe.



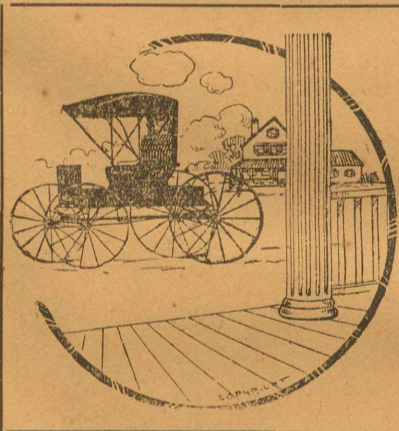
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Windmills**

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**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**

**ARM DISLOCATED.**

S. B. Scott, of several miles west of Spur, was in town Thursday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having two new names added to our growing subscription list for which he has our thanks. Mr. Scott recently fell from a windmill tower and has been suffering of a dislocated arm since that time. He was in to have Dr. Standifer dress the arm and also to bring in a load of cotton to the gin. We are glad to note that Mr. Scott is getting along so nicely and hope soon to see him completely well.

C. B. New returned the latter part of last week from Berclair where he spent several weeks with his wife who has been quite sick. He reports that Mrs. New is doing nicely and will return to Spur soon. Mr. New says that the crops in the Spur country are better than any he saw on the trip.

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.

A nice business lot in central locality is now on the market for the next thirty days. See Spur Exchange.

Cold weather is coming. Better get your stove pipe now. Barber, Hancock & New.

**SPUR SHEET METAL WORKS**

Don't do cheap work, but do good work cheap.  
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Table Board \$4.00 Per Week  
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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.

Mr. Nicholson, son of Rev. Nicholson of Hamlin, and formerly book-keeper for a prominent firm of that city, is in the city and will probably secure a position here and locate with us.

**FOR TRADE**—One-half interest in Drug business in Arlington Texas, to trade for Spur property or west Texas property. What have you to offer? See me at once. H. E. Carter.

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

**JOE STOKES, - Special Representative.**

**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.

**J. F. SPEER, Veterinary Surgeon and Cancer Doctor.**