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AN ELECTION ORDERED TO INCORPORATE TOWN OF SPUR

A Mass Meeting Held Monday Night to Discuss Proposition And Select Candidates For Municipal Offices.

In response to a petition signed by sixty-four citizens of Spur, County Judge F. C. Gipson has ordered an election to be held in Spur on the fourth day of February to determine whether or not the town shall incorporate for municipal and sanitary purposes under the commission form of government, and as a result of such an order a mass meeting was held Monday night at the Commercial Club rooms to discuss the proposition and also to select suitable men to serve as mayor and commissioners.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Jeff D. Reagan who briefly stated the object of the meeting, stating that the incorporation of the city had been contemplated and urged by some at an earlier date but that since Spur property was not subject to taxation at that time the matter of incorporating had been deferred until this time when such fund is available. He then called for nomination for a chairman of the meeting, Dr. G. M. Bachelor being unanimously selected as chairman and Sam T. Clemmons as secretary of the meeting.

Dr. Bachelor stated that the meeting should be a representative house and that every citizen present should express his opinion whether he be for or against the incorporation and that the proposition was open for discussion.

Dr. Standifer was first called upon to give his views concerning the incorporation. He said that he favored the incorporation especially for sanitary purposes, and in his opinion he thought the expense of such action would be more than made up in the savings of doctor's bills and medicines to the public as a result should unsanitary conditions prevail. He gave instances of typhoid and other contagious diseases and said that such diseases were a direct result of filth and unsanitary conditions, and that such conditions in many instances could not be controlled other than by system and legal authority and demands.

Many others present expressed themselves in favor of the incorporation, among the number being Messrs. Edmonds, Sherrod, Griffin, Tom Davis, Prof. Adams, Harvey, Baker, Bennett, Vernon, Young, Love, and Chas. A. Jones who said that he was for the incorporation with his whole heart and that the meeting reminded him of the old Democratic gentlemen who lived in a Republican community, and on one occasion being present at a Republican meeting he was asked to what party he belonged, the questioner being informed that he was a Democrat. The question was then asked why he was a Democrat. He said that his father was a Democrat, his grandfather was a Democrat and that

of course he, too, was a Democrat. The Republican then said, well if your father had been a fool and your grand-father also a fool then what would you have been. The Democrat replied that he guessed he would have been a Republican in that case.

After the discussion of the incorporation proposition the matter of selecting men to serve as mayor and two commissioners was brought before the meeting, and nominations for these offices being in order G. L. Barber nominated L. C. Link for Mayor and E. C. Edmonds and W. G. Sherrod for Commissioners, the nominees being unanimously adopted by the meeting as candidates and most suitable men for the respective offices. The gentlemen selected have had experience in municipal affairs, are well qualified and fitted to fill the positions and launch our municipal government on a safe, conservative and progressive plane, and no better men could have been selected to serve in the organization of the city.

All business being concluded the meeting adjourned with the admonition for all to work for the incorporation since there would probably be some opposition by the citizenship within the proposed limits of such incorporation.

The Texas Spur is heartily in favor of the incorporation and has heretofore urged that such a step be taken, and in view of the fact that some voters do not fully understand the importance of such action, do not appreciate the benefits and are not familiar with the methods of disbursing funds and general proceedings of municipal government, we will attempt to give our readers and the general public a brief outline of the proposition as clearly and completely as is within our knowledge.

The incorporation of Spur at this time is desired for the specific purpose of regulating and enforcing sanitary conditions, prevent an epidemic of typhoid and all contagious diseases, promote health and suppress disease, prevent incumbering streets, alleys and sidewalks and keep them not only in passable condition but in first-class shape, abate nuisances of all kinds and compel the cleansing of premises, out-houses and all other nauseous and unwholesome places, prevent the erection and enforce the removal of undesirable and dangerous buildings and make and enforce other laws for the protection and benefit of the town and its citizenship.

The only arguments against the incorporation is the expense and necessary tax incidental to such action. According to the Statutes of Texas, Chapter 5, and Article 484, the limit of taxation by an incorporated town is twenty-five cents on the

one hundred dollar valuation of property. The Article reads as follows: "The city council shall have power to levy and collect taxes, not exceeding one fourth of one per cent on the assessed value of all real and personal estate and property in the city not exempt from taxation by the constitution and laws of the state."

It is not expected if this election carries that the citizenship will elect a corps of high salaried officials to begin with. The plan, as the Texas Spur understands it, is to elect an honorary mayor and two commissioners who will appoint a marshal to look after matters and enforce the laws adopted, collect taxes, etc., being paid a per cent of the collections and possibly a salary for other duties. By such a proceeding the expense to the public will be no greater than at present, and much less to each individual. In a town there are always a few who never subscribe money to any public enterprise of any character, and unless a tax is levied on all, those few escape the payment of necessary expenses to keep up public works and the more generous bear all the burden.

It is a fact that no order or system of government can be maintained or enforced without the stamp of legal authority, therefore to enforce law and order, as well as sanitary conditions, it is necessary to put on a cloak of authority by voting for the incorporation. The expense of a systematic government will be no greater than if conducted in an unauthorized manner by the business men of the town, and the municipal authorities will be clothed with the power to enforce sanitary conditions, improve streets and sidewalks and maintain law and order to the advancement of the interests of the town and benefit of the people.

An incorporation for municipal purposes simply means the organization or united efforts of the people within the proposed corporate limits to keep the town clean, promote progress and the enactment of such laws as will result in the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people within the town limits. Without an incorporation no protection or inducements can be insured to either capital or homeseekers—they can be only invited to come and take chances with an unorganized populace and look out for self. An organization for municipal government denotes not only progress but a willingness on the part of the people to promote the interests of all, protect those who are here and those who may come later, and insure to homeseekers a clean and healthful city, encourage business men and investors to locate and make permanent and substantial improvements, and afford an inviting field in which capital and capitalist will not otherwise operate or seek.

A progressive and enlightened people can not afford to, and we believe will never, vote down an incorporation for municipal benefit on account of a tax which amounts to a mere bagatelle

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compared to the benefits and protection of such action. Gold is not our god, nor will our existence be devoted to making and hoarding dollars, but rather to the upbuilding of our country and the betterment of mankind. Spur is not satisfied in becoming a mere town or village but has higher aspirations and ideals. She has laid the foundation for a great city, and her citizenship will not entertain a thought of scotching the wheel of progress on account of a pittance of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of real property. The coming election is a cog in the wheel of progress and progressive development of Spur, and its successful passage over all impediments will in no manner retard the growth and progress of the town, but means a stride to a higher plane of civilization and social intercourse in that it promotes healthfulness and cleanliness which is next in importance to Godliness, and a step in the creation of an ideal residential section, the promotion of commercial interests and the building of a greater Spur. Its failure to carry means a willingness on the part of a majority of the citizen ship to content themselves with the present circumstances and advancement, subject themselves, families and the populace to contagious and dangerous diseases as a result of unsanitary conditions and clog the wheels of progress—all through fear of being taxed a paltry sum of filthy lucre and the possibility of enacting a stock law to prevent cattle taking possession of the streets.

At the polls on the fourth day of February let us cast a unanimous ballot for the incorporation, and by united efforts strive to surpass the past records of progress and advancement, cast petty bickerings, personal animosities and jealousies to the winds, put our shoulders to the wheel and work side by side for the common good of all and the advancement of the town and country to the end that peace and plenty will surround us and the strong arm of prosperity and progress be our guide.

MARRIED.

Miss Georgia Riter and J. L. King were married January first at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter of Spur. Mr. King is bookkeeper for the Riter Hardware Company at Hamlin and has been with the firm a number of years. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. King left for Hamlin where they will make their home in the future. The Texas Spur extends congratulations and wishes Mr. and Mrs. King a long, happy and prosperous voyage over the matrimonial sea.

In order to accommodate the people of this section of the county Sheriff Cole has made arrangements with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Spur to supply all with blanks and later issue poll tax receipts from the same place. This will be a great convenience to tax payers of this part of the county in that it will save many a trip to Dickens for the purpose of attending to this matter.

According to the election laws no man can vote in any election to be held during the year unless he has a poll tax receipt issued and dated before the first day of February.

During the year there will probably be several elections held in Dickens county, and possibly a state election on the state wide prohibition question. At present a city election is ordered to determine whether or not Spur shall incorporate for municipal purposes, and every man within the proposed limits of such incorporation should be prepared to cast a ballot. It is also very probable that at no distant date an election will be ordered in this Independent School District for the purpose of issuing bonds to build a school house adequate for present demands and future necessity.

However distasteful the idea of being forced to pay for the privilege of voting may be, it is nevertheless a requirement of the law, and since a vote in elections is about all the voice we have in the manipulation of governmental affairs, every good citizen should exercise that privilege, pay his poll tax and be a citizen in reality as well as name.

Again we urge that every citizen in this part of the county either call at the above mentioned bank or go to Dickens and pay the required poll tax before the first day of February or be totally disfranchised throughout the year.

BIG HOG

R. S. Holman claims to be one of the best hog men of the country and as evidence of such claim he cites us to the fact that he had a hog killed the first of the week which weighed five hundred and thirty pounds. The hog was two years old and was raised on the Holman farm in the Afton country. There is no country in the world that can head this section in the hog raising business. Here an abundance of feed is grown for fattening purposes and the hogs are not subject to cholera and other diseases, and taking it all in all there is the finest opening here for extensive hog raising, and the prices being paid for pork is most encouraging to that end.

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SCHOLASTIC CENSUS BULLETIN.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.—The State Department of Education today received from the printer a bulletin showing the scholastic population and the State apportionment of the available school fund for the fiscal year 1910-1911. The total scholastic census is 968,269, the amount appropriated at \$6.50 per capita, \$6,293,748. The counties receiving an apportionment number twenty four and the independent school districts 545.

The census shows seventy-one blind, 208 deaf and dumb and

232 feeble minded children within the scholastic age. The fact the number of feeble minded children shown in the census exceeds the number of deaf and dumb and blind is regarded by advocates of a State school for feeble minded children as an evidence of the correctness of their contention. This has recently been recommended by several State officials, among them Supt. Williams of the Deaf and Dum Institute and Supt. C. L. Gregory of the North Texas Insane Asylum.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Texas, County of Dickens.

To the creditors of R. W. Scurry. You are hereby notified that R. W. Scurry, of the county of Jones, on the 47th day of December 1910, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of such of his creditors as will consent to accept their respective share of his estate, and discharge him from their respective claims, and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months after the publication of this notice, make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from the date of this notice file their claim prescribed by law, with the undersigned who resides at Spur, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of January 1911.

M. E. MANNING,
Assignee.

We have been informed that the Spur Market is selling for cash only.

Election Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens,
Office of the County Judge of Dickens County, Texas.

Whereas, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910, there was presented to the undersigned County Judge of Dickens County, Texas, a petition signed by 64 persons, Citizens of the town of Spur, in said Dickens County, Texas, praying for an election to be ordered to determine whether the said town of Spur shall adopt the commission form of government, and it appearing that said town of Spur is now unincorporated and is a town located in said Dickens County, having a population of less than 10,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding federal census, and said petition is signed by at least 10 per centage of the qualified voters of said town and that said 64 persons are qualified voters of the town of Spur under the Constitution and laws of this State, and it further appearing that the territory to be embraced in the town of Spur and covered by the incorporation prayed for in said petition is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Sterley Avenue with the South line of Harris Street; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to a point in the South right of way line of the Wichita Valley Railway, said point being 100 feet Southward from and at right angles to the center line of the main line track of said Railway; thence North on degrees 26 minutes West, parallel with and 100 feet southward from said center line to a point in the south line of Section 244; thence westward with the south line of Section 244 to a point 200 feet southward from and at right angles to the center line of said main line track; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West parallel with and 200 feet southward from the center line track to a point located by the intersection of the West line of Calvert Avenue, if produced southward; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes East with the West line of Calvert Avenue to the intersection with the South line of Harris Street; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the West line of Williams Avenue; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes east with the West line of Williams Avenue to the intersection with North line of Mill Street; thence 66 degrees 26 minutes East with the North line of Mill Street to the intersection with the West line of Miller Avenue; thence Northeastward with the West line of Miller Avenue to the intersection with the North line of the alley that runs north of Blocks 57, 58, 59, and 60; thence Northeastward with the North line of said alley to intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to the intersection with the North line of Hill Street to the intersection with the East line of Sterley Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 36 minutes West with the East line of Sterley Avenue to the place of beginning. All streets, avenues,

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blocks and alleys as shown on the map of Spur as recorded in the Records of Deeds of Dickens Co., Texas.

It is therefore ordered that an election be held by the qualified voters of said town of Spur within the boundaries above set forth at Commercial Club thereon on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1911, to determine whether said town shall adopt the Commission form of government, and J. F. Vernon and J. V. McCormick, qualified voters of said town are hereby appointed Judges and S. T. Clemmons and N. A. Baker clerks to hold said election, and J. F. Vernon is hereby designated as the presiding Judge of said election, who shall hold the same in accordance with the general election laws of State on the date and at the place aforesaid and at such election there shall be elected from the qualified voters of said town a Mayor and two Commissioners who shall serve until the first Tuesday in April, 1911, and said election officers are hereby directed to make returns of said election to me in two days after said election in the manner and form provided by law, and it is further ordered that notice of said election be given by posting three written or printed notices thereof at three public places and by publishing the same in some news paper published in said town.

Given under my official signature and seal at my office in the town of Dickens, Texas, this the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910.

(L. S.) (Signed) F. C. Gipson,
County Judge, Dickens County, Texas.

J. P. Higgins and son, Judge C. C. Higgins of Floydada, were in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here shaking hand with friends and attending to business matters,

GILPIN LOCALS.

Last week opened up with a very cold norther, being the coldest weather of the winter so far.

A newcomer at Mr. Jeters. Duck Creek school is doing nicely with 55 pupils enrolled. The following pupils won Bell Medals for this month: High; Charlie Carlisle; Intermediate, Harvey Hollie; Low, Mattie Hagins.

Al Sullivan is having a nice residence put up on his place to be occupied by Johnson Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Taylor have a fine girl at their place.

Rev. Bomgardner filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Jones is having a fire place and chimney built on Jonas Carlisle's residence.

Bob Morgan, of Spur, is down on the creek buying cattle.

F. E. & C. U. of A. of Duck creek met Monday night, carrying on a very lively business.

H. B. Hughes, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. Jonas Carlisle, leaves on today's train for his home, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Lovell, of near Jayton, Texas, has moved in on Hagins' place vacated by Perry Taylor.

Charlie Brooks and his wife leaves today for his old home in Comanche county.

School Chap.

M. E. Manning recently moved to Spur from Stamford, he having a position in the Spur National Bank. We welcome Mr. Manning and family to Spur and wish them a pleasant home with us.

We appreciate all of our customers who pay their bills, but in order to protect ourselves against those who will not pay we have adopted the cash system.

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

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horses. Fall time.
Dr. Bachelor.

B. F. Brock, a prominent citi-
zen of Dickens, was in the city
recently on business.

T. H. Gilmore was in Saturday
from the ranch and reports ev-
erything moving along smooth-
ly.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons returned
this week from Stamford where
she spent the holidays with rela-
tives and friends.

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.

C. B. New has been assisting
in the book keeping department
of the Barber & Hancock hard-
ware firm this week. Mr. New
is an expert book-keeper and
business man of ability.

R. F. McGill returned this
week from a vacation trip dur-
ing the holidays to Belton and
other places where he spent the
time with relatives and old time
friends. Mr. McGill reports
having had a most pleasant trip.

N. P. Shaw is building an ad-
dition to his business house in
the north part of town and we
understand that he intends to
put in a stock of feed and
grain and all kinds of seeds.
Still Spur grows.

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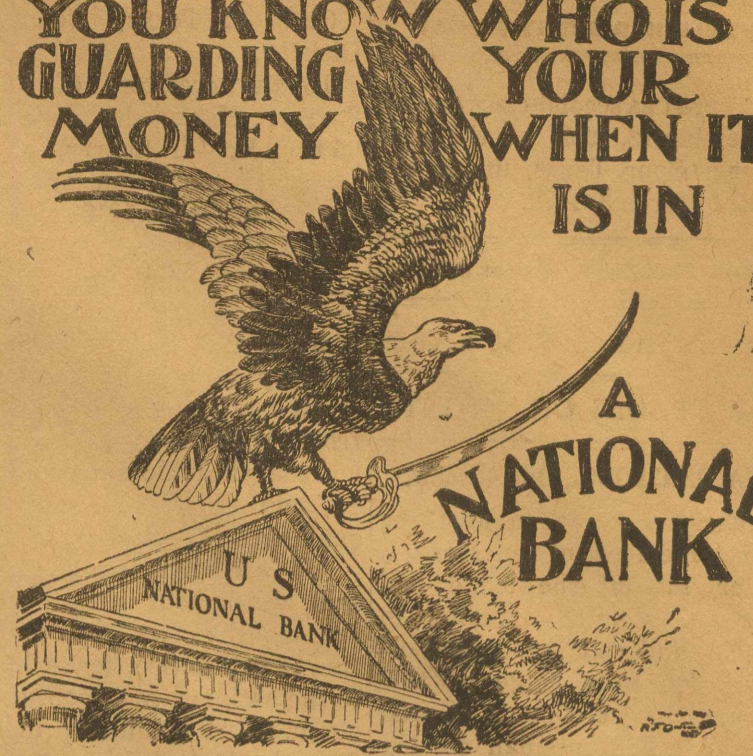
J. B. Morrison, a prominent
citizen of the Lower Red Mud
country, was a recent visitor in
the city and reports that section
of country in fine shape. Mr.
Morrison is one of the most
prosperous farmers and is among
our most substantial citizens.

Miss Tot Morrison, daughter
of R. R. Morrison, of Rotan, is
in the city visiting her brother,
R. C. Morrison and family. Tot
has been attending the Stamford
College the past year and is an
accomplished and most charm-
ing young lady.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent
citizen and prosperous farmer
of the Cat Fish country, was in
Spur Saturday trading with the
merchants and looking after
other business matters. Mr.
Fuquay is another of the old
timers of this section of the
country and is one of our lead-
ing men.

Judge McClain was in recent-
ly from his Cat Fish ranch and
reports everything in fine shape
in that section. Throughout the
latter part of the year the
Judge has been making improve-
ments on his place, he having
built a fine residence, barns,
lots, etc. and is now fixed to
live comfortably.

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Will Stephens has been quite
sick the past several days of
pneumonia.

Mrs. Stewart, of Sherman,
is in the city visiting her brother,
R. C. Morrison and family.

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quick service phone Hisey Gro-
cery Co.

Mrs. Bryant left this week on
an extended visit to her parents
and other relatives at Stamford.

Glen Rector was a recent
visitor to Mr. and Mrs. Clay
Smart at their home in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Darnell, of
Hico, are in the city visiting her
sister, Mrs. R. C. Morrison and
family.

Cop Baily and family recently
moved to Spnr from the Plains
country and will make this place
their home in the future.

Jas. Mahon returned recently
to Stamford after spending
several days in the city with his
family at the New Western
Hotel.

R. O. Owen and Jake Foy,
two prominent citizens and busi-
ness men of Rotan spent
Wednesday and Thursday in
Spur looking after business
matters and viewing the town.

Tom F. Gresham, a prominent
attorney of Abilene, was in
Spur this week prospecting for
a location and after looking over
the town and viewing the situa-
tion he had decided to move
here and engage in the practice
of law. He will office temporari-
ly, at least, with Attorney R. S.
Holman, and probably the two
will later form a partnership.
Mr. Gresham is highly recom-
mended as an attorney and
citizen and we extend a welcome
to him to Spur.

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J. T. Harrison, a prominent
citizen of the Cottonwood or
Afton country, was here recent-
ly and reports that he has fin-
ished his crop and now ready
for the 1911 crop year. Mr. Har-
rison is one of the most substan-
tial men of the country, and be-
ing an old timer here is well
known by all of the older settlers.

F. L. Alcorn, we are informed,
recently moved from near Dick-
ens to the Tap country where he
will make a crop this year. The
Tap country has the reputation
of being one of the finest farm-
ing sections of this entire west-
ern country, and we hope this
year that it will maintain that
distinction and all grow bumper
crops.

E. L. Harkey came over the
first of the week to begin his
labors as tax-assessor of the
county. He will probably be in
Spur several weeks before he
completes his assessment of this
section. The reason he came to
Spur first was by request of
Spur citizens in order that we
could get the valuation of prop-
erty within this independent
school district for the purpose
of issuing bonds for the building
of a school house to meet the
present needs and future de-
mands.

For Guns and Ammunition see
Barber & Hancock.

R. S. Holman has just recieved
a new law library consisting
of a large number of the latest
reports and court rulings and
his office is now well equipped
for the study and practice of
law.

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

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MASONIC LODGE ORGANIZED.

Thursday afternoon at three o'clock members of the Masonic Order met at the lodge hall over the Wendell building in the city and completed the organization of a lodge at this place, District Deputy Grand Master B. F. Huntsman coming over from Aspermont and putting the order to work under charter number 1023.

In the organization the following officers were elected: Nat Patton, W. M.; W. S. Taylor, S. W.; W. A. Hamilton, J. W.; W. G. Sherrod, Treas.; O. J. Weaver, Sec.; J. C. McNeill, S. D.; E. C. Edmonds, J. D.; C. H. Lovelace, J. S.; T. B. Griffin, S. S.; E. F. Springer, Tyler.

The first regular meeting was held Thursday night after the organization work. After the meeting closed the membership was entertained with music by the Spur string band composed of Messrs. E. C. Edmonds, S. R. Davis, Ross Edwards, C. B. New, O. T. Laws, after which the entire membership repaired to the cafe where a sumptuous oyster supper had been prepared for the occasion.

The Lodge will hereafter meet Thursday night before the full moon in each month.

The Secretary of the Commercial Club has received from the Department of Agriculture a list of bulletins covering practically all matters pertaining to the farm, garden, orchard, poultry, hogs, horses, cattle, etc., and will secure copies of the bulletins for persons interested in these subjects. The list is too long to be published, but will be shown, and the bulletins secured free of cost to those who want them. A list covering a great variety of subjects has been asked for and upon the arrival of the bulletins notice will be given.

The Tacky party, under the auspices of the Methodist ladies, had Thursday night at the old bank building was a most enjoyable and amusing entertainment. Quite a number were in attendance and dressed in their tackiest clothes, and during the evening the old game of snap was indulged to the delight of onlookers and the pleasure of those who participated. Prizes for the most spectacular make-up were awarded to Mrs. Cole and Mr. Hill. The proceeds derived from the entertainment will be devoted to Methodist church work.

Mrs. T. A. O'Reilly left this week for Crosbyton where she will join her husband and spend some time before returning to Spur to again take up her work as teacher of a music class. Mr. O'Reilly for some time has been employed as book-keeper for a firm at Crosbyton.

Mike M. Young will preach at the Christian tabernacle Saturday night, Sunday and night. Everybody respectfully invited to attend the services.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Texas, County of Dickens.

To the creditors of R. W. Scurry. You are hereby notified that R. W. Scurry, of the county of Jones, on the 27th day of December 1910, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of such of his creditors as will consent to accept their respective share of his estate, and discharge him from their respective claims, and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months after the publication of this notice, make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from the date of this notice file their claim prescribed by law, with the undersigned who resides at Spur, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of January 1911.

M. E. MANNING,
1-13-3t Assignee.

Jno. Crump, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of Garza county, was in Spur recently trading. Mr. Crump moved to this section about three years ago from Fisher county, and since coming here has not only made good crops and prospered but has made considerable improvements on his place. It takes just such men to develop a country and make it prosperous.

Call and examine my new line of outings and gingham.

Mrs. Humphrey.

Uncle Tom Cochran is circulating a petition in this commission precinct asking that the court appoint Mr. Garner of the Duck Creek country as our commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. M. Bennett.

For two and four room rent houses, see H. T. Burgoon. tf

R. Q. Smelser, of the Tap country, was a pleasant caller last week at the Texas Spur office and had his paper sent to Chappell, Texas, where he has gone to reside at least temporarily.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and four room rent houses. tf

The Upshaw residence in the city was recently sold to Mr. Hill who has moved here from an adjoining county and will make Spur his home in the future.

All kinds of new embroideries at Mrs. Humphrey's.

Mrs. H. W. Jennings' sister is here on an extended visit at their home in the northwest part of the city.

TAKE THIS.

I offer for sale at a rare bargain if taken at once, my 8-room residence in east Spur. Will take good team on same.

R. L. Roberts.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and four room houses for rent. tf

E. D. Chambers, a prosperous citizen and farmer of the Afton country was in Spur Wednesday with five big hogs killed and dressed for the market. Mr. Chambers was selling them at ten cents a pound and said that he had twenty more head at home and which he intended to kill and sell in Spur at the same price. He says that ten cents gives him all the profit he wants and that he considers pork worth not more than that price.

See H. T. Burgoon for two and four room houses for rent. tf

All kinds of neckwear at Mrs. Humphrey's.

DRAYAGE
When you want any kind of hauling promptly, Phone 100
J. O. YOPP, SPUR,

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. Luzon Phone 25.

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

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.

Throughout the week cotton has been coming in, and the number of loaded wagons and numerous bales reminds one of the busy fall season. The price has ranged from fourteen to fourteen and a half cents. There are a number of bales being held in the country for higher prices and it is probable that the Spur market will receive considerable more cotton before the season ends.

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.

Get Your Washing Done Cheap

Get your washing done for what you can get soap and water for. Then you can do your ironing at home at your leisure. We will gather your

ROUGH DRY WASHING
..AT 30c PER POUND..

Special prices on flat work. Laundry leaves and arrives Monday's and Thursday's. All work guaranteed.

TIDWELL & HAINES

LUZON PHONE NO. 65

THE FOOL'S SEARCH

EPISODE IN JOSTLING THROG OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

Order for Purchase of a Fool's Calendar Brings Funny Experiences—Men, Women and Children All Are Mad.



HEY are all mad; men, women, children, spinsters and bachelors, floorwalkers and clerks, drivers and delivery boys, it would seem there could be no madder, merrier time.

The funniest things happen, if one only had time to dwell on them and laugh over them, but such enjoyment is denied in these days of strain and struggle.

In a moment of thoughtless good-nature we promised to do the family shopping. Among the thousand and one commissions handed over in immediate response to the thoughtless good-nature was the order for purchase of "The Fool's Calendar." We set forth, a list three-times-forty long in our groaning, much-abused hand-bag, and entered the first shop come upon, in our sub-consciousness feeling that we, like the rest of the jostlers, fitted in pretty well with the title of that calendar. Down the aisle came a rattled-looking, hair-disturbed, generally disturbed gentleman whose province seemed the directing of frenzied fanciers to the respective departments of their fancy, but the Christmas spirit so possessed him he was not quite himself, not able to place his "Madames" and "Sirs." As short-skirted, rose-wreathed hatted, we steered his way, he glanced with wrinkled brow and questioning worry to what might be our demand. "Do you sell calendars here?" We asked in heat of hurry, to which he replied glibly, "Yes, Sir," and never knew he was not using the usual form of address to a woman. He led us then with rapid step to the calendar square, where spread out and uprose floor, roof and pillars of calendars, it would seem every time—chronicler for every taste. And then feeling very like a fool ourselves, we asked in a low voice, "Have you 'The Fool's Calendar'?" "No," says he, "But," and a gleam of keen intellect lights his eye, "We have 'Saints and Sinners.'"

We wanted to shriek with laughter, we forgot all the hurry and not-money-enough or time-enough. It paid for all the crowding and mobbing and back-ache and heart-ache of the day. Funny enough was the woman encountered in mid-afternoon entering the much-advertised, much-crowded book-room of a department store in haste to get at the forty-eight centers and thirty-niners; she was high and broad and muscular, an Amazon that need not have put on extra effort to make her way—but the spirit of Christmas—the modern—was strong upon her,—and as we passed her on the way out into blessed out-of-doors, even in our hurry we could not but notice her wild look, her panting breath, her elbows out on defensive and offensive the way in which she marched on, unswervingly, unrelentingly, like an avalanche, toward the bargain books.

Overheard at the book counter: "Don't you think a nice little book like this is a good present to give?" "A little book? What is the name?" "Why I don't know, but it's a nice little book in clean white binding. I believe I'll get a dozen. A dozen, please, and see that they're all fresh." The calendar square again. Women madly struggling; another Amazon, this one brow-beating a pale-faced girl afflicted with a cold and, wearing

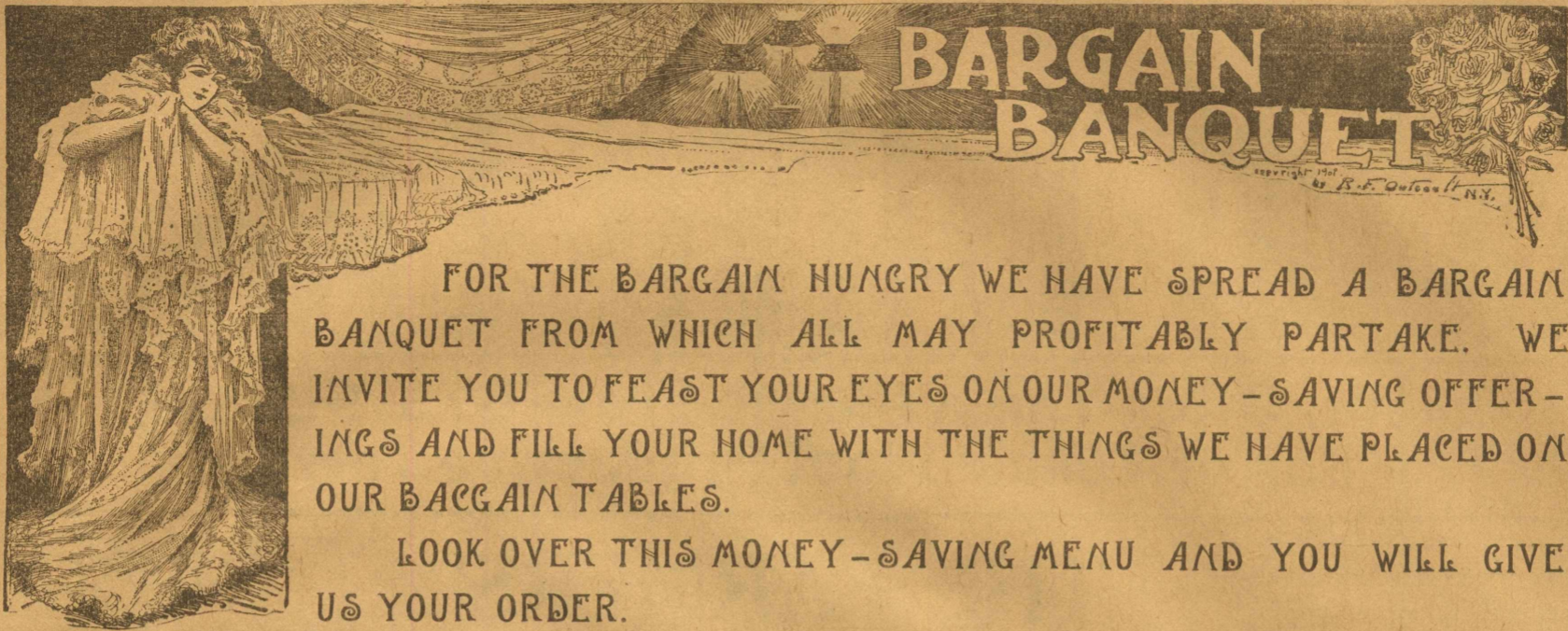
Farm Implements & H'wd.

We carry a full line of Farm Implements of standard make and brand, including cultivators, sulkeys, disc harrows, planters and everything needed on the farm. We sell the famous Studebaker buggies and wagons and handle the Star and Leader Windmills as well as a complete line of shelf hardware.

Our goods are the best and our prices are right.

Come in and see us. We will appreciate your business and give you courteous treatment, the best goods and the very lowest prices on hardware and etc.

RITER HARDWARE COMPANY, Spur, Texas



FOR THE BARGAIN HUNGRY WE HAVE SPREAD A BARGAIN BANQUET FROM WHICH ALL MAY PROFITABLY PARTAKE. WE INVITE YOU TO FEAST YOUR EYES ON OUR MONEY-SAVING OFFERINGS AND FILL YOUR HOME WITH THE THINGS WE HAVE PLACED ON OUR BARGAIN TABLES.

LOOK OVER THIS MONEY-SAVING MENU AND YOU WILL GIVE US YOUR ORDER.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

a too-much Christmas air: "Can't you get me envelopes to put those calendars in?"—dimensions of calendars 18 by 24 inches—"It's so hard when you get home to hunt around and pack things. I wouldn't have bought the calendars if I hadn't thought you would pack 'em. Say, take that new one out of that nice box, hang it up and give me the box. Not allowed to? What's the dif, they'll never know." And the pale-faced clerk bends to the Amazon's will.

A large, canny, prosperous gentleman at a candy store, carefully selecting and considering purchase of 25 cents worth of Kindergarten mixed.

Brave, foolish, big-hearted shop girls many spending their present-all, and drawing on the future, to make a Christmas for the army at home.

We do a generous deed, one that calls for large sacrifice. We have gone down town all saddled, all bridled, for the day's work, three neat long pencils neatly sharpened to long points, when we become one of a mob assailing the enclosure where blank-books, tissue-paper, holly-stickers and all that are confirmed from the greedy hands of thousands hungry to get their share for the urgent necessity of doing up gifts with approved ornate complexity. The clerks here all pale and grippey looking; one, so wee and pallid, has momentarily lost her rea-

son because of the loss of her pencil. A line of people wait with feverish impatience, scowls deepen, muttered growls are heard, the wee, pallid girl grows more pallid and grippey looking. With mighty effort of the will,

we hand forth one of those precious, neat, long-pointed pencils; the pale face glows, the tension of the crowd lessens, we feel ourselves both private and public benefactor.

Another pale-faced, grippey looking clerk, this one standing looking wistfully at cases where bright silver gleams through the glass. "Give me a spoon for a child, something cheap." And she herself needs a pair of shoes!

Husband and wife shopping in unwonted personal partnership, always the talk of what "it" will like, The Child. And the sight of the deeply interested faces of the many husband-and-wife groups, sets us to believe, after all. There is method in the general madness, for who would not be a fool for The Child's sake!

KATHERINE POPE.

Producing Profit Maker,
The breeding of a bull whose dam and grandam were great producers to a cow known to be a producer and with a like ancestry is pretty sure to produce a profit maker.



FARM NOTES.

Now plan a good garden.
Bought your clover seed yet?
Send for needed plow-irons now, so as to be ready.

Remedies for San Jose scale are now confined largely to winter applications.

A farmer should use common sense in spreading manure, just as in any other operation.

Straw is of practically no value to feed to cows or other animals that are making flesh.

The desire to earn money seems to be just at this moment the uppermost impulse in the mind among women.

Most soils, naturally well drained, seem to be suitable for alfalfa, provided their physical condition is good.

There is a man who operates a serpent farm in Texas for the hides which are tanned into belts, purses, etc.

Ten cents' worth of preservative treatment will often extend the life of a fence post from 2 to nearly 20 years.

Broom corn is bringing prices this year that will cause many a southwestern farmer to wish he had planted more or less acreage.

On the average, the hay produced on an acre of land in five years will contain 16.5 per cent of protein, or an equivalent of 2.65 per cent of nitrogen.

Pasturing the rye will cause it to "stool," and thus the crop is improved—making a gain in two ways. Do not allow it to be eaten too closely.

Seed corn, to be properly dried, should be placed in a warm, dry, well ventilated room where there is an even temperature which does not go below 35 degrees.

My own experience with alfalfa covers eight years, with many failures, but I firmly believe that with inoculation, lime, fertility and drainage, four things any farmer can give, alfalfa can be grown anywhere. The value of inoculation is shown in the cut. The stalk marked e was inoculated; d, inoculation and lime; c, fertilizer; b, lime; a, no treatment. This shows that my field needed inoculation, that lime was not needed, that fertilizer alone would not make a growth.

It is worth much effort and expense to get a stand of alfalfa. It has been fed to Hunt farm Jerseys for eight years, and we know that it saves more than one-half the expense

We appreciate all of our customers who pay their bills, but in order to protect ourselves against those who will not pay we have adopted the cash system.

Spur Market
By Tom Davis.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

One black horse, blaze face left hind foot white; one black mare blind in right eye; one roan horse shod in front; one bay horse four years old bell on when lost.

Juan Sutierrez,
camp east of town.

Read the Texas Spur. \$1.00.

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.

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

New Year Greeting!!

We greet our friends and customers at this season with very best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. We thank all for liberal patronage during the year just passed, and will say that throughout 1911 we will be glad to serve the trade in Hardware and all Farm Implements. We carry a complete stock and can supply your every need.

Barber & Hancock.

A New Years GREETING!!

At this the beginning of a new year, we greet all friends and customers and wish to impress the fact that in groceries and dry goods, that always

The Best is
The Cheapest

S. R. DAVIS

In First State Bank Building

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

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

Dickens Item.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell made a visit to Spur last Thursday.

Postmaster Reynolds made a business trip to Spur last Thursday.

Wayne Vanleer, of near Spur was in Dickens last Saturday.

District Court adjourned last Saturday night. Very little business was transacted. The grand jury did but very little, only three bills being turned in.

C. H. Millican and Miss L. M. Stephens, of the Afton country were married in Dickens Wednesday of this week, Judge F. C. Gipson officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cobb are the happy parents of a fine girl who made her appearance at their home Monday. All parties reported doing nicely, and Crawford was able to be at his post Tuesday.

A large crowd attended a double wedding at the residence of W. P. Sampson, Christmas Day, at 3:30 P. M. Mr. Herman Marshall and Miss Ruth Sampson, Mr. Charlie Brooks and Miss Edith Sampson being the contracting parties, Rev. Bennett officiating.

Nat Patton, of Spur, and R. E. Thomas, of Trinity county, were in Dickens last Saturday and while here called at the

Item office. Mr. Thomas is a farmer and was out looking for a place, and said he would locate in Dickens county if he could secure a place. Dickens county is attracting the attention of the people of all parts of the state, and all who come and see our fine country are ready to locate. Come to Dickens.—Dickens Item.

W. S. Dunn left Tuesday for Cross Plains in Callahan county to attend the town lot sale to be pulled off the twelfth of January. The Texas Central railway has just completed its extension from DeLeon to Cross Plains and within the year sales of town lots will occur at each of the intervening towns. For many years that section of country has had no railway connections and now since the railroad has come it will develop more rapidly and substantially. That section of country was the former home of the writer and we know that there is no richer agricultural and fruit growing section in the whole country and we want to see the country fully developed and the people prosper and feel confident that such will be the case since the advent of a railway and with such men as W. E. Spencer and H. J. Cureton behind the townsites propositions to push the development era and progressive movements.

TAP TELLINGS

The weather the past week has been fine and the farmers are busy preparing their land for another crop.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks returned a few days ago from a visit with her parents in Oklahoma.

Misses Deba Cross and Lizzie Perkin have taken their respective places in their schools since the holidays.

J. A. Henson, of near Dickens, was here on business first of the week.

C. J. Smith visited his brother on Dockum Valley Saturday night and Sunday.

Tom McArthur is buying up a bunch of yearlings.

Allcorn & Smith are drilling wells on the Spur Farm Lands recently sold to settlers.

Miss Shug, the daughter of Jno. Hinson who has been attending school here, was called home Monday on account of the condition of her mother.

W. A. Copland bought the remainder of Sam McKay's crop and Sam is turning the soil for another big crop.

Mrs. Sellers and sons have located on W. A. Smith's farm for another year.

P. Hinson is increasing his orchard this week by planting more trees. We are going to visit that orchard next summer. Gadabout.

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

Ned Hogan, who has been confined to his bed several weeks of typhoid fever, is again behind the counters in the S. R. Davis mercantile establishment.

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.

Newt Bittick and family left Tuesday for Rotan where they will spend some time with relatives after which they intend to move to Stamford and make their home. Newt has been in Spur since the opening of the town and it is with regret that we note the departure of he and family. However, we wish him success in his new home.

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.

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,
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Diseases of women and children and Electrotherapy a specialty. Local Surgeon for Wichita Valley Railroad.
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I am now located at Spur and office over the Spur Nat'l. Bank.

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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Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing
Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty
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Located Near Swenson Gin and Depot.

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.

SPUR SCHOOL.

The Spur Public School is four months old. Its development and growth has been phenomenal. With a corps of eight teachers (including the Misses Reede and Williams, who are doing a great deal towards adding an artistic tone to our school life the school is rapidly taking tangible form.

Over two hundred and fifty pupils have been enrolled during these four months and our attendance has been fair, considering the unsettled character of our citizenship.

Here are a few things we have done:

1. The school has been practically classified. We have only nine grades, but ample provisions for these grades has been made especially for the first five. Believing that the future success of the child depends upon the first five years of his school life, more than any other period, we have given the first five grades to four teachers, leaving the other four grades to the remaining two teachers. We unhesitatingly assert that few schools can make such a showing. It's almost innovation in public school work.

2. A Mothers' Club has been organized, and is now doing telling work for good. The school is lucky in this, for this club sees only the ultimate good of the child. The club is now engaged in enlarging our library.

3. A nucleus for a library has been made by Misses Reede and Williams. They have donated from the proceeds of their recitals, \$12 and \$7 respectfully. With this money we have bought over 100 volumes and pamphlets.

The school and town are mindful of this service, and hereby extend our warmest thanks to Misses Reede and Williams for their interest in our school, so

tangibly manifested,

4. The teachers are exerting themselves to make the school both pleasant and profitable to the child. They have bought self-help books, and some have taken pains to beautify the walls of the school room. This is being repaid by an increased interest on the part of the pupils. Our pupils are doing remarkably well, and we unhesitatingly say that they are worthy of our best efforts.

5. Last but not least, the forces for education are rapidly uniting, and we hope, by the end of the term, there will be a school sentiment in Spur second to none in the State.

We love the school and its work—don't you?

S. W. Adams,

During the past year the Texas Spur has enjoyed a liberal advertising patronage at the hands of the business men of the town, and also a liberal subscription patronage at the hands of the people of this trade territory and surrounding country, our subscription list now running up to near the one thousand mark, and all of which we sincerely appreciate. In the future as in the past we will endeavor to show our appreciation of these things not only in giving value received for the business received but in devoting our efforts to the upbuilding of the town, the development of the country, the betterment of conditions and the welfare of the people of the country as a whole and the Spur country particularly. We respectfully solicit a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore given us, as well as the united co-operation of the business men and citizens to the end that our efforts in the newspaper business will be more successful and effective along such lines.

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.

A GOOD YEAR IN AGRICULTURE.

Texas has had a good year in agriculture. There may have been some sections which suffered from either the absence or a surplus of moisture, but taken as a whole the state has fared reasonably well. One of the penalties of greatness in area lies in the failure of nature to evenly distribute prosperity, but now that the entire state has been blessed with a bountiful supply of rain, let us take an inventory of our 1910 crops.

We have ginned 586,973 bales of cotton more than we had this time last year. We have 223,000 head of live stock more than at this time last. We have an increased production in corn of 59,030,000 bushels; oats 12,825,000 bushels; wheat 13,730,000 bushels, and our fruit and vegetable show a corresponding increase.

Another noticeable feature in favor of the Texas farmer is that the price of products is far above the average throughout the United States. The average price of corn in the United States was 48.3 per bushel, in Texas 63; the average price of oats 34.3, in Texas 47; the average price of wheat 88.4, in Texas 98 cents per bushel.

Then the increase in yield per acre is very gratifying. Our corn crop jumped from 15 bushels per acre to 26.6 bushels; our oats from 18.7 to 35 bushels per acre; our wheat from 9.1 bushels to 15 bushels per acre. Our cotton shows an increase of 24 lbs. per acre and other products in proportion.

The total increase in the value of farm products of 1910 over 1909 will approximate \$100,000,000. Our cotton production will show an increase in value of \$50,000,000; our corn \$32,000,000; wheat \$12,000,000 and live stock, fruit, vegetables, etc. will show a corresponding increase.

According to statistics compiled by the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, which include fruit, vegetables and all produce consumed on the farm, our agricultural products last year had a market value of \$560,000,000 and the increase of \$100,000,000 this year makes our farm products nearly \$750,000,000. By proper cultivation and a reasonable crop the land now under cultivation should bring us a billion dollar crop in 1911 and we have four fifths of our area in reserve for settlers.

J. D. Harkey was over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours here looking after business matters.

W. F. Murry, the concrete man of Spur, left this week to do some work several miles east of Spur and will probably be out of the city several weeks. Mr. Murry is one of the best and most trustworthy concrete men of the country and as a consequence his services are in demand at all times.

Mr. Greer, of the Tap country, was in recently and reports that he has completed his building contracts in the Afton country and is again at home after several months absence. The building progress continues uninterruptedly in every section of the Spur country and before many years there will be little idle and undeveloped acreage within the limits of Spur trade territory. Let the good work go on. We are all here to build while we boost.

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

BARBER SHOP

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

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

See H. T. Burgoon for ren
houses. ff.

Sam Smith, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in the city recently and reports everything moving along nicely in his section of country. The cotton picking and ginning season is about ended in that section and the farmers are now preparing for another crop year with the expectation from all indications of another bountiful crop yield. So mote it be.

Barber & Hancock are having a business house erected on the lot adjoining the R. R. Morrison establishment on the north and will soon move their business to the new quarters. Barber & Hancock are not only strong and able business men, carrying everything in the hardware and implement lines, but are fair and square in their business dealings and among our very best citizens. We are glad to see them prosper and they deserve the liberal patronage which is given them at the hands of the public within the Spur trade territory.

Mr. Johnson, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city this week marketing eggs and other produce for which the merchants are now paying the highest prices. There is no better market point for all character of produce than Spur. The merchants always pay the top price and more than the standard markets and quoted prices. The moral is that if you have anything to sell bring it to Spur with the expectation of securing more than elsewhere. In combination with a good produce market the merchants are making prices on all character of merchandise to compete even with the eastern and larger commercial centers.

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

D. J. Dunn, who has been employed the past year as prescription druggist at the Red Front Drug Store, resigned his position the first of the year and left for the eastern part of the state where he has secured a position. We wish Mr. Dunn a pleasant and prosperous home in the east, but should he become dissatisfied in that section we stand ready to welcome him back to Spur.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Monday. Mr. Gibson has been hauling out lumber the past several days to make improvements in that section. From every direction come reports of building and improvements, and before the end of this year there will have been many new farm homes built and hundreds of acres of new land cleared for cultivation. The Spur country is developing rapidly and substantially and in the years to come will be densely populated and among the richest agricultural sections of America.

J. B. Speegle, a prominent citizen of Matador country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday with cotton which he sold at the prevailing high price of near fourteen cents. Others from that section of country were here with Mr. Speegle, bringing in quite a number of bales to the Spur market. Mr. Speegle reports that the cotton is about all picked out and that the country is in fine shape at the present time for another good crop year. While here he was a pleasant caller to the Texas Spur office and had his subscription to the paper extended another year for which he has our thanks.

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OLD FELLOWS ORPHAN HOME.

S. C. Harris, of Matador, returned the first of the week from Corsicana where he had been to place the Golightly children in the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at that place. Mr. Harris says that the Orphans home is a most interesting place and that it is highly improved and well prepared to care for the inmates in a comfortable manner. The Home comprises two hundred and thirty acres of land and has three three-story buildings, a hospital, electric light plant, power house and dairy. At the present time there are about three hundred inmates made up of old men, widows and orphan children. While there Mr. Harris said that he saw three hundred eating at the same time. The institution also has two bands to furnish music for the pleasure of those who love music. The Odd Fellows are doing a great work in this home, and in establishing and maintaining such an institution they evidence a true christian spirit.

Jack Maben and Guy Patterson, two prominent citizens and business men of Rotan, were in Spur Thursday looking after business matters.

Mr. King and family moved this week from Haskell to Spur, having purchased a residence in the northwestern part of the city. Mr. King also bought a large track of land on the Higgins & Scoggin ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur. We are glad to welcome this family to Spur and wish Mr. and Mrs. King a pleasant and prosperous home with us.

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.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in the city Thursday.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

One black horse, blaze face left hind foot white; one black mare blind in right eye; one roan horse shod in front; one bay horse four years old bell on when lost.

Juan Sutierrez,
tf. camp east of town.

J. M. BENNETT KILLED ACCIDENTALLY.

While out hunting Tuesday morning J. M. Bennett was killed by the accidental discharge of his rifle. About sunup he ate breakfast and told his children at home that he would walk down around about the deep well and see if he could not kill a wolf, and with that intention he went by the store and got his 30-30 rifle and started out. No one saw him after this until his dead body was found about eleven o'clock on the Stamford & Northwestern right-of-way just below the section house.

From all appearances the indications are that Mr. Bennett, while crossing the right-of-way along the road, saw something at which to shoot and after working the breech of the gun he failed to get a shot and neglected to let down the hammer, and in crossing through the wire fence his clothes hung on a barb and in trying to loose his clothing with one hand and with the other holding the gun it was accidentally discharged, the load entering the head just back of the right ear and blowing off the top of his head. During the morning a number of people passed along the wagon road which is about seventy-five yards from where the body was found, but those who saw it thought a scare-crow had been placed there for some purpose and did not investigate further until two or three who had seen the object began discussing the matter at the gin. Will Walker, who had just passed along the road, thought it was a man and with two other gentlemen went back to see, and the body was found. Justice of the Peace Senning and Deputy Anderton were immediately informed and together they went out and viewed the remains, after which the body was brought to the Spur Grain & Coal Co. store and prepared for burial by Drs. Standifer and Morris.

Mrs. Bennett, who at the time was in Throckmorton at the bedside of her sick father, with other relatives, was informed of the accident. The remains were carried to the depot by the K. P. members and shipped on the afternoon train to Stamford where interment with Masonic honors was made Wednesday in the Stamford cemetery. Messrs. T. D. Humphrey, E. A. Williams, J. F. Vernon and H. H. Hazlewood, members of the K. P. Lodge, with Rev. Stewart, accompanied

the remains to Stamford, and Miss Kelley accompanied the children.

J. M. Bennett was about 53 years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the Knights of Phythias, Praetorian and Masonic Lodges. For years he was a citizen of Albany in Shackelford county, later removing to Stamford, and at the beginning of Spur he came here and established the Spur Grain & Coal Company business, of which firm he was a member until his death. There are no better citizens than was J. M. Bennett. He was broad guaged, high-minded, generous, progressive, and his untimely ending at this time was a severe shock and a great loss to the entire town and country.

The Texas Spur joins the people of the town and country in extending sincere condolence to the bereaved family, and feel confident that whatever may be in that Great Beyond the very brightest is for such men as J. M. Bennett.

W. W. Johnson, of Roby, was here Monday and Tuesday looking after business matters.

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BAPTIST SECURE PASTOR IN SPUR

Rev. G. Carroll Berryman, of Alamagorda, N. M., has been called to fill the pastorate of the Baptist church of Spur. Rev. Berryman spent several days here looking over the field, returning the latter part of last week to make arrangements to move here. He will begin his duties about the first of February. For some time the Baptist church has been without a pastor and we are glad to note that the vacancy is now supplied. Rev. Berryman comes highly recommended as a preacher and citizen and we hope that his labors here in the church work will be most successful and beneficial to the town and country.

Throughout the week cotton has been coming in, and the number of loaded wagons and numerous bales reminds one of the busy fall season. The price has ranged from fourteen to fourteen and a half cents. There are a number of bales being held in the country for higher prices and it is probable that the Spur market will receive considerable more cotton before the season ends.

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