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FIRST MONDAY A BIG DAY IN SPUR.

A Fine Exhibit of Horses, Mules,
Chickens, Turkeys
and Hogs.

Monday being trades day in Spur people began coming in from every direction early in the morning and throughout the day the streets were lined with people from every section of the Spur trade territory.

In response to liberal prizes offered for the best exhibits of stock and farm products a fine showing was made and the entries for prizes included the following:

M. A. Jordan, two-year old horse and Langshang chickens.

W. D. Evans, mare and colt, Rhode Island Red chickens and pair of turkeys.

T. V. Davis, Black Minorca chickens.

S. B. Scott, mule, yearling past.

J. F. Crump, mule, two years, past.

W. V. Wilson two Berkshire pigs and Brown Leghorn chickens.

S. H. Bruce, Buff Cochin chickens.

J. V. McCormick, Warhorse Game chickens.

E. D. Chambers, White Bramah rooster.

Thomas Teague, Rhode Island Red and White Bantam chickens.

W. H. Taylor, mare and mule colt.

J. O. Hughey, yearling and two year old horses.

J. J. Cloud, Poland China hogs

H. E. Carter, mare and two colts.

W. A. Sprayberry, two year old mule.

A. R. Lake, two year old horse.

W. H. Heflin, yearling filly.

W. A. Johnson, two year old filly.

A. B. Morgan, Rhode Island Red chickens.

The prizes were awarded as follows, S. W. Rather, W. A. Neighbors and J. C. McKeever being the judges:

Best mare with horse colt, \$5, to W. D. Evans.

Best mare with mule colt, \$5, to W. H. Taylor.

Best horse colt, \$2.50, W. D. Evans.

Best mule colt, \$2.50, to W. H. Taylor.

Best yearling horse, \$2.50, to D. E. Parton.

Best yearling filly, \$2.50, to W. H. Heflin.

Best yearling mule, \$2.50, to S. B. Scott.

Best two year old horse, \$2.50 to A. R. Lake.

Best two year old filly, \$2.50, to W. A. Johnson.

Best two year old mule, \$2.50, to W. A. Sprayberry.

Best pair of pigs under six months old, \$2.50, to J. J. Cloud.

Second best pair of pigs under six months old, \$1.50, to W. T. Wilson.

Best collection of chickens, \$1.50, to A. B. Morgan.

Second best collection of chickens, \$1.00, to W. A. Jordan.

Best turkeys, \$2.00, to W. D. Evans.

The exhibit of pigs, horses, mules, chickens demonstrated

beyond a doubt that the Spur trade territory produces the very best, and the showing made is further proof that the people of the country are interested in raising high grade stock and take pride in showing the results of effort and care. There is no better country than the Spur country and the people are among the most progressive in all lines of development of the farm and the country.

WORK ON BRICK BUILDING.

Work in removing the buildings now occupied by Dr. Standifer was commenced Wednesday preparatory to building a two-story brick building on the lots. The upper story of this building will be constructed especially for the Standifer Hospital and will be equipped with every convenience for patients and supplied with every instrument and necessity for the medical and surgical departments.

This sanitarium will be quite an addition to the town and Dr. Standifer deserves much credit in supplying Spur with such an institution at this time.

Dr. Standifer has demonstrated that he is a surgeon of practicable ability and knowledge and when located in the new sanitarium he will be prepared to care for every case in surgery as well as the medical profession.

A BIG ADVERTISER.

The Final Clearance Sale now in progress at Morrison's is attracting the attention of the country, and the prices being made are most persuasive to the buying public. R. R. Morrison came to this section of Western Texas the same time as this writer and during that time has paid us more than one thousand dollars for advertising. He knows how to advertise and is not afraid to invest fifty or one hundred dollars at one time in printers ink to let the people know what he has to sell and at what price he is selling them. Morrison is not only a big advertiser but a big merchant and a big help to any town, and we venture the assertion that he will bear us out in the statement that the money he has invested in advertising has brought him bigger returns than the same amount of money invested in any other one thing. Advertising is a paying proposition and the successful businesses conducted by Morrison in Spur and other places is conclusive demonstration of the fact. The sale being conducted here now will continue until the 18th of February. Read his ad on another page and we guarantee that every price quoted and every statement made will be adhered to in every particular.

ALMOST RECOVERED.

Sheriff Cole was over from Dickens Saturday. We are glad to note that Mr. Cole is now almost completely recovered from the injuries received here during the holidays. It was thought at first that Mr. Cole would probably be crippled for life, but by efficient work on the part of Dr. Standifer we are glad to note that the Sheriff will suffer little from the effects of the accident.

WILL PUT IN A BROOM FACTORY.

Will Grow Broom Corn and
Manufacture Brooms
on The Farm.

G. G. Selder recently moved to the Spur country from New Mexico, and in a conversation with a reporter for the Texas Spur stated that he would cultivate eighty acres of land on the Dunn farm two and a half miles south of Spur this year. Fifteen acres of this land will be devoted to growing broom corn, while the remaining acreage will be planted to cotton and feed stuff.

Mr. Selder has had considerable experience in growing broom corn and also in manufacturing brooms, and is confident that the soil here will produce broom corn in abundance and in such quantity as to be a paying crop. He has a small broom factory which will be installed on his farm and during the fall he will manufacture brooms to supply this trade territory.

We are glad to see Mr. Selder locate here and believe that his crop methods will prove most satisfactory and that his operations in the manufacture and sale of brooms will be a success and most remunerative.

The soil of this section is adapted to growing broom corn, and in fact everything adapted to this climate, and in the years to come with more diversified farming this section will become the richest and most productive land on the American Continent.

DOLLARS COMING IN.

During the past week we added a number of names to our subscription list and old subscribers came in and shoved dollars at us as if we had on a special sale. The Texas Spur now has a bonafide, paid up subscription list four times as big as any other paper in the county and as a result we are going to make the paper worth four times as much to its readers within the year as any other paper. If you are not a regular reader get in the band-wagon now. We will not only appreciate the favor but will give you more than value received.

MARRIED.

Wednesday Burley Griffin and Mrs. M. M. Humphry were married at Aspermont, returning to Spur Thursday.

The Texas Spur extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and wishes them a long, happy and prosperous married life.

ANOTHER FIRE IN SPUR.

Saturday night about one o'clock the fire alarm was given and the people responded promptly and found the Westside Barber Shop burning. It is supposed that the fire originated from a cigarette or cigar stub thrown on the floor during the working hours. Before closing up the shop about twelve o'clock Mr. Verner swept the floor leaving the trash in a corner of the back room, and it is supposed that the fire came from this trash. The fire-fighters were supplied

with a number of fire-extinguishers and plenty water and did most efficient work and soon had the blaze under control. Considerable damage was done to both the building and shop fixtures, the latter owned by T. M. Verner and the former by Tip Foy of Rotan. Mr. Verner carried insurance and it is not known if Mr. Foy had insurance.

MADE GOOD CROPS.

Rush McLaughlin, a prominent citizen of the Plains country north of Dickens, was in the city Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, paying us two dollars and fifty cents for two year's subscription to the paper and Fort Worth Record for which he has our sincere thanks. Mr. McLaughlin says that they made good crops the past year in his section and of course are expecting a bumper crop again this year.

A SUBSTANTIAL CHECK.

G. W. Robertson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Tuesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our growing subscription list, giving us a substantial check in return for which we extend thanks. Mr. Robertson reports that Mr. Gollihar who was recently severely cut in an affray at Afton is now recovering. Everything is looking good in the Afton country he says, the farmers all plowing and the old land in fine shape.

WILL MOVE TO FARM.

Mrs. Will Stephens recently bought the millinery stock of goods of Mrs. Robertson at the Ladies Bazaar and will later add a complete stock of millinery and ladies furnishings. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson will move to their farm in the Afton country and Mr. Robertson promises to bring this writer some of the finest yam potatoes we ever saw, and in the meantime we will patiently await potato grabbing time.

BUILDING FINE RESIDENCE.

Sol Davis is having a ten room residence built in the north part of the city.

When complete this building will be the largest and one of the finest residences in Spur.

Mr. Davis will move his family here from Dickens at an early date and become resident citizens with us.

KEEPING IN PROCESSION.

Ollie Scott, of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Scott will have one hundred acres of sod land to break this year and which is evidence that the Afton country is keeping in the procession of development progress.

W. E. Lyles has accepted a position with Day Brothers at Rotan and will go down some time this week to assume his position in the tin shop. Day Brothers is a big firm, do a big business and are among the best men of Western Texas. They do an extensive business in the hardware line and before the establishment of Spur supplied this trade territory with much of its supplies.

THE SPUR ELEC- TION CARRIED.

Spur Takes First Step in City
Building and Promotion of
Municipal Affairs.

The election held Saturday to determine whether or not Spur should incorporate for municipal and sanitary purposes resulted in favor of the incorporation by a vote of nearly five to one.

There were a total of 133 votes polled, 107 for the incorporation, 23 against the incorporation and three ballots not counted.

In the election of officers Geo. S. Link received 125 votes for Mayor, and for Commissioners W. G. Sherrod received 127 votes and E. C. Edmonds 126. Tom Harkey received two complimentary votes and Frank Goff one vote for Mayor, and N. A. Baker was given one vote for Commissioner.

The municipal affairs of Spur will be regulated under the commission form of government, and while the growth and progress of the town during the past fifteen months since its creation has been unparalleled in the history of town building in Western Texas the action taken Saturday was the first step from the town and village class to a distinctive place among the recognized commercial and industrial cities of the state, and notwithstanding the fact that there were those who opposed the incorporation action the citizenship will be united in upholding and promoting the affairs of an organized populace, and while we all can not be leaders, the Texas Spur among others will be among those who push every progressive move for the upbuilding of the city and the betterment of its people.

The officials elected to serve the city are among our very best citizens and are recognized as business men of exceptional ability, and the Texas Spur is pardonably boastful in stating now that no city has a superior and more efficient head and its municipal affairs will be conducted wisely, honorably, conservatively and to the interest and advantage of the entire citizenship.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

Our correspondent, Ruby Reagan, has scarlet fever and we are anxiously waiting her return.

Mr. Adams has sent for about five hundred Congressional Readers which we expect in a few days. The Mothers' Club lack about \$10 in getting \$25 worth of subscriptions for the Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine. This will give us 40 more volumes in our library. When we receive these we will have about 700 volumes. These books will be of interest to everybody. A fee card can be obtained for a dollar from any High School pupil. These cards are transferable and are good as long as we have a library.

R. B. F. Craig came up from Aspermont and spent some time here with his family. He says he will return in about one month to Spur and reopen his photograph gallery here.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT ADVERTISING.

A Recognized Authority Proves That Advertising is An Economy and Not an Expense, But a Real Saving

I have heard persons say they would not buy advertised goods because they did not care to help pay for the advertising. They wanted full value in goods themselves. I have heard salesmen argue that their firms did not advertise and for that reason could sell cheaper. I have heard merchants say they would not handle advertised goods: I know a cigar dealer who will not have an advertised cigar in his cases.

Sometime ago I began an investigation which I have practically completed. I had tests made of various lines of advertised and unadvertised goods, full and complete comparisons made of their respective qualities. I priced goods and bought goods in stores which did not advertise, and compared prices and qualities. I caused goods to be purchased from merchants who did not advertise liberally, and made careful comparisons of the goods purchased.

Who pays for the advertising?

If it were possible, I would like to answer this question in a word, but as the cost of all advertising is distributed among so many people I must needs go into detail. Before doing that let me set your mind at rest on one point: When you buy an advertised cigar you do not pay for the advertising. When you buy a brand of advertised ham you do not pay for the advertising. When you travel on a railroad train you do not pay for the advertising of that railroad. When you buy a pair of shoes you do not pay for the advertising. This applies to every conceivable article of merchandise, every conceivable thing which enters into the commerce of the world.

Who pays for the advertising?

Advertising is an economy and not an expense—not even an investment. Advertising is a saving. You don't believe that. I didn't expect you to; I didn't believe it myself until I had absolute and convincing proof that the buyer of merchandise does not pay for the advertising.

In order to make this matter clear to the lay mind I must use some rather homely examples: A clothing merchant on one corner does not advertise, but he pays \$100 per month rent, employs four clerks at \$75 per month each, pays \$50 per month for his light and \$100 per month for incidental expenses, bookkeeping, etc. On this total expense of \$550 per month he sells four suits of clothes per day at a gross profit of \$7.50 per suit. This business for twenty-five business days a month brings in a total

gross profit of \$750, and after deducting his expenses of \$550 leaves a margin of \$200 per month as the dealer's remuneration for his personal services and for interest on his investment. Another merchant on the next corner pays the same rent, a trifle more for clerk hire, a trifle more for light and a trifle more for general expenses, bookkeeping, etc., and finds that the total expenses for the month is \$600—but this merchant spends \$500 a month in advertising. Somebody pays that. Is it the man who buys the suit of clothes? No. The customer has nothing to do with it and pays no part of it either directly or indirectly. These two merchants handle the same grades of clothing and sell the same goods at the same price. At the end of the month the advertising merchant finds that he has sold eight suits of clothes per day—twice as many as the merchant who does not advertise—and making the same profit on each suit, he finds he has a profit for the month of \$1,500. He deducts his expenses of \$600, his advertising of \$500, and finds he has \$400 left as a remuneration for his own service and interest on his investment. Who paid for this \$500 worth of advertising? Well, in this case the owner of the building paid part of it, because he received no more rent from the advertising merchant who sold eight suits per day than he did from the merchant who did not advertise and sold only four suits per day. That accounts for \$100 of the \$500 which is paid by the landlord, and then the electric light company paid \$45 of it, because the light bill of the non-advertising merchant was \$50 per month and of the advertising merchant \$55 per month instead of being doubled at the same time he doubled his sales. So the electric light company and the landlord paid part of it. Then the four salesmen paid the other portion and were glad to pay it. They had once worked for a non-advertising merchant at \$75 per month and they are now working for the advertising merchant at an advance of 10 per cent in salary. They are getting \$82.50 per month each and each man sells two suits of clothes per day, while previously they received only \$75 per month and sold an average of one suit per day. So these four salesmen pay \$270.00 of the advertising bill, and by so doing gain an increase in salary of 10 per cent. And then the bookkeeper

and the general expense paid \$85 toward the advertising bill, because the bookkeeper's salary was increased 15 per cent and the general expense increased 15 per cent, while the business doubled, so that an economy of \$85 per month was effected. This amount went toward the advertising fund of \$500 per month. Now there is a comparison of your advertising merchant and your non-advertising merchant in the same business on the same street, selling the same grade of goods and employing the same grade of help. Two men, we will say, of equal ability, one of them believing that if he advertises he must increase the price of his goods, and the other knowing that the mere fact that he does advertise will enable him to sell more goods for the same price or possibly at a less price.

Who pays for the advertising?

When I buy a hat from an advertising merchant I am not at all interested in who pays for the advertising, as I am quite sure I do not. The hat merchant who advertises assuming that he knows how, can sell hats for \$2.50 while the same quality of hat must bring \$3 in a store of the merchant who does not advertise.

Get the point fixed clearly in your mind. Advertising is an economic saving and not an extra expense. It is unquestionably a saving and convenience to the consumers.

In talking with a retail druggist regarding advertising, he told me his business was not one that could be profitably advertised, and that he could not afford to advertise. I suggested to this merchant that he spend one-half of the net profits of his business in advertising and he adopted my suggestion with the result that his business for 1906 was three and one-half times his business for 1905. His profits were sufficient to pay his expenses, to pay for his advertising, to pay him \$285 per month more than he had been accustomed to draw for himself, sufficient to enable him to increase his stock of goods as his added sales furnished additional capital and he is today selling every article in his store on which the price is not regulated by the manufacturers or by the retail druggists' association at from 5 per cent to 15 per cent less than he was selling or could sell before he began advertising.

Who pays for his advertising?

The answer is the same as in the case of the clothing merchant. The advertising bills are liquidated by the landlord, the light company, the clerk and even the sprinkling wagon that passes before the front of store. He paid during 1905 \$1 per month toward the sprinkling of the street in front of his store, and in 1906, although his business was three and one-half times as much, he still paid only \$1 for the street sprinkler.

Who pays for the advertising?

The sprinkling cart. Being a manufacturer you say that this does not apply to your business particularly, and fits only the retail business. This applies to the manufacturer and to the jobber and to the retailer, to the mail order house. The manufacturer has certain fixed overhead expense which will not increase more than 10 to 20 per cent with the doubling of his output. I know factories that are closed at least one to three months each year, the major part of the overhead expenses continuing while no goods are

SPECIAL SALE Of Underwear.

Good, serviceable underwear is worth all it cost, much if you buy it here during the next week. We have a large stock of Mens' Ladies' and Childrens underwear that must be sold during the next few days. We offer them at following prices:

Mens 50c fleece line underwear per garment	40c
\$2.00 fleece line underwear, per garment.	1.45
\$1.2b Wright's health underwear, per garment,	95c
Ladies \$1.00 Union Suits now	80c
Ladies' 60c Union Suits now	40c
Misses & Childrens Union Suits at first cost	

While you are inspecting our underwear, let us also show you our many snappy footwear creations. You'll find that

"STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER."

SOL. DAVIS

being made. Advertising will keep these factories open twelve months in the year, would enable the manufacturer to work a night shift in the same building with the same machinery, thus materially decreasing the cost of his product and enabling him to sell his product more profitably and at a less price.

Who pays for the advertising? The man who doesn't—advertiser.

FORMER GOV. HOCH SAYS PARCELS POST IS A DETRIMENT.

Former Governor Hoch of Kansas is somewhat alarmed over the fact that the census shows that cities are growing relatively faster than the country. He sees grave danger to the republic in this and lays the blame to the railroads and mail order houses. The parcels post, he says will aid in this destruction of the country. Discussing the matter he says: "One of the alarming revelations of the new census is that the cities are growing relatively much faster than the country, and in the term 'country' is included not only rural regions but small towns, and the country communities are the hope of the republic. Large cities are notoriously more corrupt than small towns, and their government is the greatest problem of the age. Chicago, for instance, shows a greater money order business through its postoffice than New York, Philadelphia and Boston combined, chiefly the result of its enormous mail order busi-

ness. The farmers and many residents of small towns are responsible for this suicidal policy that is crippling and retarding the small towns, and this penny-wise pound foolish policy will ultimately cost them far more than they make in this discrimination against their local merchants. It is unpatriotic and largely accounts for the alarming statistics I am discussing. If all these millions of dollars sent off to mail order houses had been spent at home wouldn't the country be safer?"

"The parcel post is going to lend stimulus to this alarming tendency. It means more business for big towns and less business for little ones and that means municipal corruption and ultimately more national corruption, for heaven pity this country when the cities ket big enough to control the government."

S. W. Rather, of Cat Fish, was among those here trades day to show fine stock and encourage the success of farming and stock raising. The first Monday in each month is now established as trades day in Spur and it will result in promoting more successful methods on the farm in the exchange of ideas and methods in social intercourse and friendly meetings. Remember the First Monday and tell your neighbors about it. Premiums will be given away each Monday.

Go to Sol Davis' and find out why "Star Brand Shoes are better."

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

WHEN YOU NEED FRESH GROCERIES

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White Front Grocery Store

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HOW TO MAKE OLD JEWELRY LOOK NEW

BRING IT TO
GRUBEN, The Jeweler

TO BE CLEANED, REPAIRED AND POLISHED
Located in Lambdins' Store, Spur, Texas

W. T. Wilson, of the Steel Hill country, was here Monday. Mr. Wilson wanted to know if the people of Spur and Dickens county intended to supplement the prizes offered to farmers by the State Agricultural Congress. Mr. Wilson stated that if the Congress would make the premiums in cotton and corn separately that he would enter the contest, but since other sections of the state might beat him on raising corn he was afraid to enter the contest. The Texas Spur will be glad to see a purse for county premiums raised under the same conditions as made by the Congress and will start such a list by contributing ten dollars. Mr. Wilson says he will give five dollars. Others will come forward and let us get up a competitive interest in farm production.

W. M. Bender, of near the city, was here Monday mixing with the trades day crowds. Mr. Bender is one of the most substantial citizens of the county and owns two or three of the finest places in this section.

Tom McArthur was in Monday trading, buying and selling with the crowd of traders.

Bill McArthur was in Monday from the Red Mud country mixing with the many people here on the trades day occasion. Bill was called on to chin the big white horse and did so with ease. Bill says he never saw the horse yet that he couldn't lay his chin over, but also says that much of his ability in that direction depends upon just how good he feels. Anyhow, Bill has to be looked upon by we common fellows at all times.

Boney Scott, who lives ten or twelve miles west of Spur, brought in one of the finest mule colts to be found in the country, and of course he got the first money at the trades day stock show. Fine stock is a paying proposition and such shows as we are having in Spur stimulates the general public to have and to show the best.

Mace Hunter was in Monday from his place four or five miles east of Spur. Mace has one of the finest places in the country, and although he just recently settled the place it is one of the best improved and most attractive homes in the country.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

"OPPORTUNITY"

A Sonnet by Walter Malone, replying to "Opportunity" written by Sen. Jno. J. Ingalls, Kans.

They do me wrong who say I come no more,
When once I knock and fail to find you in,
For every day I stand outside your door
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.
Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day;
At sunrise every soul is born again.
Laugh like a school boy at splendors that have fled,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come
Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep
Though I lend my ark to all who say "I can."
No shame faced outcast ever sank so deep
But yet he may rise and be a man again.
Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell!
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven!
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven!

WITH OUR GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR, WE ARE YOURS

..RICHARDSON LUMBER CO'Y..

The First State Bank, Spur, Texas

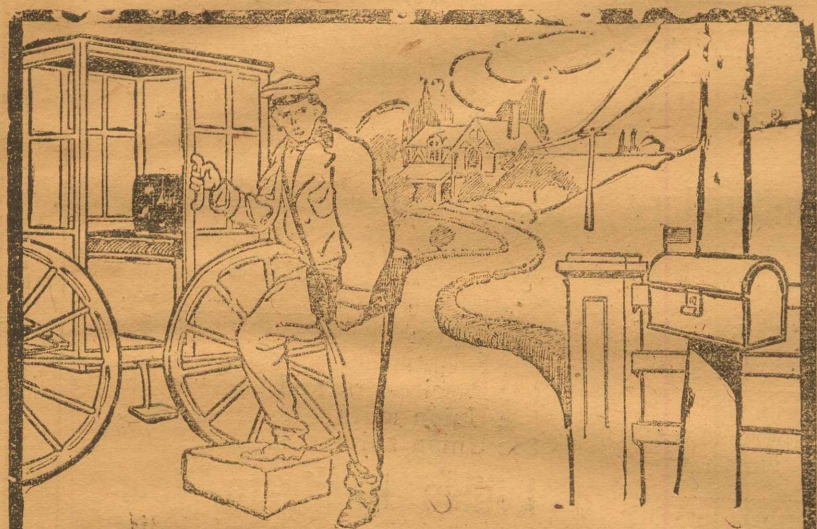
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THE RURAL MAIL COMES ONCE A DAY

THE TELEPHONE keeps you in touch with neighbors, friends and the city every minute of every day. Progressive farmers throughout the South are installing telephones in their homes and connecting with the Bell System. The cost is low; the service is satisfactory.

Write today to our nearest manager for pamphlet, or address

The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.
DALLAS, TEXAS



Tol Merriman was in Monday from his place south of town and was shaking hands with his friends here on the trades day occasion. Tol Merriman is one of the old settlers here, having been with the Spur ranch people many years.

J. B. Morrison was here Monday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports every body busy farming in his section; and that the prospects are good for another bumper crop this year in his country.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One sorrel mare eight years old, branded 4 on left hip. Any information leading to her recovery will be reasonably rewarded.
J. D. Martin, Spur, Texas.
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NOTICE.

To our Customers:
—In order to close up the Bennett estate we find it necessary to close our books and sell for cash after Feb. 1911.
Spur Grain & Coal Co.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

J. B. Spears vs. W. M. Martin, In District Court of Dickens County Texas.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed in the above entitled cause, from the District Court of Dickens County, in the State of Texas, dated the 28th day of December A. D. 1910, and numbered 349, I on the 23d day of January A. D. 1911 have levied upon and will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on the 4th day of March A. D. 1911, being the first Tuesday in March A. D. 1911, at the court house door of Dickens county, Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., the following described property to-wit. Lot No. 8 in block No. 46 in the town of Spur, Dickens county, Texas. Said property being levied upon as the property of W. M. Martin Jr. to satisfy a judgment issued out of said Court in favor of J. B. Spears and against W. M. Martin for the sum of \$411 with interest thereon from the 28th day of December A. D. 1910, and all cost of suit, with a foreclosure of a vendors lien.

This the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1911.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff,
Dickens County Texas.

Mat Howell was here Monday from his place several miles west of town and reports that the rain we have been getting in and around Spur did not reach his place. Mr. Howell is another of the old time ranch men of the country and is now among our best fixed citizens.

Rev. Stewart went up in the Afton country Tuesday to accompany Mrs. Stewart home. Mrs. Stewart has been spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ham on account of ill health and we are informed that the visit has been very beneficial to her health.

E. Ham, who is teaching the Gilpin school this year, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Ham is one of the foremost young men of the country.

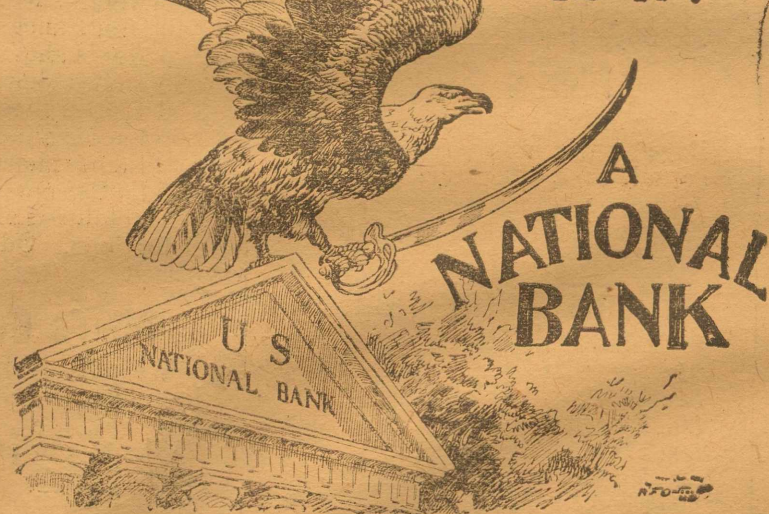
We want your trade on wire and nails, and prices are right.
—Barber & Hancock.

After reading the Texas Spur if you like it and think it is worth one dollar a year, come in drop a dollar in the slot and let the paper come to your address. We do not cut the price to fifty cents, do not persuade anyone to subscribe for it just to help us out, but want every man in the country to take it with the understanding that we will give value received for the amount it costs you.

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.

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

YOU KNOW WHO IS
GUARDING
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 UR Bank YOUR Bank.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

SALE
STARTS
SATURDAY
FEB. 4,
1911.

All Winter Dry Goods
Clothing and Shoes!

SALE
ENDS
SATURDAY
FEB. 18,
1911.

BEGINS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1911,
AND WILL BE CONCLUDED SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.---JUST 14 DAYS

EVERY Dollars worth of Winter Goods will be Closed Out at Manufacturers Cost and in many cases Less. Hundreds of dollars worth of goods suitable for spring and summer wear will be placed on sale at great price reductions. We are going to cut our stock half in two in two short weeks, and to accomplish this we are going to make the

LOWEST PRICES EVER MADE ON GOOD MERCHANDISE IN THE CITY OF SPUR

COME and lay in a 6-months supply while you can save money. Remember, on account of the high price of cotton, dry goods are advancing every day and will be much higher in the spring. Take advantage of this great sale while you can save at least one-third on any article in the dry goods line. Come at once before the assortment is broken. Great price reductions will be made on dress goods, gingham, outings, calicos, percales, domestics, notions, shoes, hats and clothing, in fact the entire stock. All we ask is that you come and see for yourself, if you don't find the lowest prices ever made in Spur don't buy a penny's worth. A glance at the following prices will give you an idea, but come see as hundreds of articles are priced even lower than prices quoted:

Men's Hats.

Get under one of our hats and smile while price is below zero.
\$5 Stetson hats, all shapes 3.85
3.50 Beaver hats, " " 2.48
2.00 Hats 1.25
1.25 Boys' hats 89c
75c Boys' hats 45c

Men's Suits

Our entire stock of Men's and Boys' suits and Overcoats at actual cost. Get you a suit while you have this opportunity. No goods will be charged at these prices.

Men's Furnishings.

\$1.25 Dress shirts 85c
75c Work shirt 48c
50c Work shirts 39c
50c Fleece underwear 33c
50c Fleece drawers 33c
50c Ribbed undershirts 33c
50c Fleece drawers 33c
1.50 Sweaters 1.10
1.00 Sweaters 79c
75c Sweaters 45c
50c Sweaters 35c
1.75 Men's gloves 1.45
1.50 Men's gloves 1.19
1.25 Men's gloves 89c
Canvass gloves 7c

Shoes

Lay in your supply of shoes for a year while the tariff is off.
\$5 Men's shoes, our entire stock 3.95

4.00 Men's shoes, " " 3.15
3.50 Men's shoes, " " 2.85
2.40 Men's shoes, " " 1.89
2.00 Men's shoes, " " 1.50
3.50 Ladies shoes, " " 2.85
3.00 Ladies shoes, " " 2.35
2.50 Ladies shoes, " " 1.85
2.00 Ladies shoes, " " 1.50
1.75 Ladies shoes " " 1.39

All children shoes at similar reductions. Odd lots specially priced

Men's Odd Pants.

We are overstocked in this line, hence apply the knife freely.

\$5 Pants, our entire stock 3.95
4.00 " " " " 3.15
3.50 " " " " 2.85
2.50 " " " " 1.85
1.50 " " " " 1.19
1.00 Overalls and Jumpers 75c

Trunks

Big stocks of Trunks specially priced.

Staple Dry Goods

At less than present wholesale costs.

Best calico, entire stock 4c
12 1-2c Dress gingham 9c
10c Apron checks 7c
12 1-2c Sheeting 9c
10c Bleached Domestic 7 1-2c
10c Brown Domestic 7c
10c Outings 7c

Dress goods of all kinds at big reductions.

Laces and Embroidery

New spring laces and embroideries specially priced for the sale.

1000 yards of laces, vals torchons and linens worth 10c per yard, special 5c

2000 yards embroideries Swiss and Hamberg edges and insertions worth up to 20c per yd. 10c

35c Corset cover embroidery 19c
Thousands of yards baby sets, corset covers, flounces and all overs at low prices.

Sewing Machines.

The famous White machine sells at \$50 the world over. During this sale \$30

Small Notions

Small notions at a small price.

Best class pins, paper 3c
5c Hair pins 3c
5c Needles 3c
6 Shoe strings 5c
10c Elastic 5c
5c Pearl buttons, Doz. 3c
10c Pearl buttons, Doz. 7c
7 Spools Clarks O N T thread 25c
15c Towels 11c
15c Ladies hose 8c
15c Misses hose 8c
15c Men's hose 8c
10c Heavy gray hose 5c

Knit Goods

35c Ladies Vests 19c
50c Ladies Vests 33c
35c Fascinators and shawls 19c
50c Fascinators and shawls 33c
50c Union suits 39c
35c Union suits 19c

Ladies Ready-to-Wear

Our entire stock of ladies Tailored Skirts, Coats and Capes at actual cost to close out.
Black silk Petticoats worth \$4.00 at 2.48
Heatherbloom Petticoat 2.00 value at 1.19
1.25 Sattene 89c

THE Object of this sale is not Profit, but to turn our surplus stock into cash, and as soon as the people of Spur and surrounding country find out the marvelous low prices we are making the sale will gather from day to day, each customer will be a walking advertisement. It will pay you to make your summer purchases now and even buy your heavy goods for next winter. **COME EXPECTING THE BIGGEST BARGAINS EVER OFFERED IN SPUR. WE WONT DISAPPOINT YOU. COME.**

REMEMBER THE DATE
SATURDAY, FEB. 4

R. R. Morrison

SALE CONTINUES TILL
SATURDAY, FEB. 18

DODGING THE DENTIST

Vedderman really should have gone to the dentist some time before he mentioned the fact that his tooth was hurting him.

Vedderman is six feet one way and correspondingly broad the other and his competitors in business simply lie down and give up the fight if he chooses to make them perform tricks, so of course it would be heresy to say he was a coward. The fact remains that when the first little twinge in the tooth made him sit up and take notice he kept still about it. He had a sneaking hope that it was a false alarm.

It was not. Anything cold or anything hot he learned to eat on the other side of his mouth and occasional moments of forgetfulness brought him tortures of retributory anguish. Still, he kept his sorrow to himself. Nobody knew anything about the disturbed condition of his dental apparatus till the grapefruit at breakfast one morning hit the tender nerve.

"Ouch!" said Vedderman, involuntarily, as he clapped his hand to his face.

"Why, Henry!" said Mrs. Vedderman. "You must have a cavity in a tooth! You must go to the dentist!"

"I s'pose so," agreed Vedderman, with great reluctance.

"I know you dread the dentist," went on his wife, "but—"

"What!" Vedderman exploded, indignantly. "Whatever put such an idea into your head? I'd just as soon go to the dentist as 'smoke a cigar! What do you take me for?"

"Well, I'm glad you feel that way about it," said his wife. "You'd better make an appointment today. It doesn't do to let those things run!"

It was three days later that Mrs. Vedderman casually inquired about her husband's appointment with the dentist.

"Oh!" said Vedderman, with an elaborate start. "I have been so busy that I've forgotten to run in. My tooth doesn't hurt so much, anyhow."

The next night at dinner Mrs. Vedderman smiled sweetly at her husband. "I called up Dr. Swift today, Henry," she said, "and made an appointment for you next Thursday morning at ten. I thought it would save you the trouble!"

Vedderman put down his napkin and stared at her in a startled way. Then he coughed. "You meant kindly, no doubt, my dear," he told her, "but it is just another instance of a woman's interfering in something she knows nothing about! I have a business engagement for next Thursday that is extremely important. Kindly phone Dr. Swift and cancel the appointment! I'm just as anxious as you are to get that tooth filled."

"Well, you don't act that way!" said his wife, tartly.

Every day thereafter Mrs. Vedderman inquired whether he had seen Dr. Swift, until Vedderman, in sheer self-defense arranged to have his tooth attended to. When he came home to dinner the night of the day he was to have gone to the dentist's his wife beamed cheerfully at him.

"I'm so glad it's all over," she said. "Did he hurt you much?"

Vedderman turned his back on her as he hung up his overcoat with extreme care. Then he coughed. "I didn't go to the dentist's today," he said, rapidly. "I had to phone him to set another date. Our eastern man was in town and I had to see him—"

"Henry Vedderman!" interrupted his wife, in indignant tones. "I never would have thought of you! I'm ashamed—"

"Look here, Mary!" said her husband, defiantly. "I don't like the way you treat this affair! You act as though I were postponing it on purpose! You don't think I'm afraid to go to the dentist, do you?"

"Oh, no!" said his wife, with sarcasm.

"Anyhow," Vedderman said, lamely, "it hasn't hurt nearly so much!"

He bit on an unexpected fragment of bone in the roast that sent him to the ceiling. Mrs. Vedderman merely looked at him, but the look was withering. "The constant dull ache got on his temper, too."

Finally, the fourth time he postponed his appointment, Dr. Swift set the hour at 9:00 a. m. and Vedderman saw no hope looming up ahead of him. He ate his breakfast like a condemned criminal and his brow was gloomy.

That night when he got home his wife looked at him inquiringly.

"What do you think?" Vedderman said, in great indignation. "When I got to the dentist's today he wasn't there and the girl said he'd been suddenly called away on important business! After all the time I've been trying to get at that man it seems he might have had a little consideration for a patient and stay at home and attend to business instead of gal-

ivanting around! It makes me tired! Here I've tried and tried to get work done and sat around and waited and then he runs away as though it didn't matter! Doesn't he think my time is worth anything—"

"Henry," interrupted his wife, "as a good, all-around bluffer you are everlastingly beyond the limit! Go up head! You know you're tickled to death to get off again!"

"No such thing!" growled Vedderman. "Anyhow, he'll be gone only two days and the duffer left an appointment for me for the very first day!"

TEST DRY FARMING THEORY

Many Experiments Made in Western States—One in Montana Serves as Indicator of System.

Testing the dry farming theory has become general in almost all of the western states, and foremost among the experimenters are the various state agricultural colleges.

Those methods which have proven best are given to the public in numerous bulletins. The State Agricultural college of Montana, after prolonged investigation as to the method to be pursued in order to insure good crops, has formulated and published the following, which may serve as a fair indicator of the purposes of the system:

(a) The formation of a deep seed bed to act as a soil moisture reservoir.

(b) Careful packing of the soil to establish the contact of soil particles and assist in the rise of moisture from the lower layers.

(c) Constant surface cultivation of the soil, when possible, to prevent the escape of the moisture.

(d) Summer fallowing each alternate year, and by summer cultivation, storing the moisture for the succeeding crop.

(e) Growing hardy strains of the different crops, so that the largest possible percentage of the moisture present will be utilized.

(f) Growing fall and early ripening strains of spring grain, in order that growth may be attained during the growing months, i. e., April, May, June and July.

(g) Thin seeding so that the moisture may not be wasted in producing numerous stems, and none be present to ripen the grain.

(h) Growing inter-tilled crops like corn and potatoes as the possible constant cultivation retains the moisture for growth.

(i) Growing some nitrogen-gathering crops occasionally to keep up the supply of this element in the soil.

But it is quite true, also, that it is impossible to fix a hard and fast rule for so-called "dry farming," for, in every state and under every different condition of climate, it is necessary for the farmer to give careful study to his own requirements.

POULTRY NOTES.

Gather eggs every day and when a new nest is found keep those separate from the freshly gathered ones. Have your buyer test them and pay what they are worth. This will not lower the value of good eggs.

Keep out small and double yolked eggs to use at home. The very small eggs bring a lower price in the market and the objection to the double yolked ones is that they break easily in shipping.

"Two hundred and forty egg" hens are scarce and probably always will be. They produce but few that come up to their standard. Sometimes the fault is on the part of the male.

Hatch ducks by incubator or use a chicken hen.

Keep a supply of copperas water where the fowls can obtain it.

Keep down the weeds and grass, where the small chicks must go.

It is better to begin the poultry business in the fall than in the spring. Beginners should remember this.

Give the poultry houses a heavy coat of whitewash. This is one of the best treatments for lice and mites.

Orange boxes make excellent nests. They are cheap and can be burned up if you are so neglectful as to allow them to become lousy.

One rooster is sufficient for ten or twelve hens or pullets.

Vegetables of some kind should be fed the poultry the year round; cabbage, potatoes, beets, turnips, etc.

Ash is the mineral portion of most feeding stuffs, and is used largely in making bones, eggshells, etc.

The man who said the best poultry men on the farms are women, knew what he was talking about.

Demands of Dry Farming.

Dry farming demands the establishment of a natural reservoir in the soil by the conservation of the limited rainfall or other form of moisture through methods by which waste and evaporation are prevented. In some localities enough water can be conserved to crop annually—in others two years rainfall should be reserved for the crop.

DRY-LAND FARMING

Important Problem Is to Conserve Moisture in the Soil.

To Properly Summer-Till Land Requires as Much or More Labor and Attention Than Raising Crop—Other Essentials.

The most important problem in dry-land farming is to conserve the moisture in the soil—distributing it throughout the season of growth. The total annual precipitation is usually sufficient to grow a large crop, but some of it comes when not needed and in larger quantities than can be used and often fails to come when most needed by the crop. The soil may be used as a vast reservoir for storing the water until it is used by the plant. By keeping the soil loose on top we stop evaporation from the soil so that all the water may be used by the plant. In this way we save the water in the soil until it is needed by the crop.

Surface tillage is a means of tapping the rainfall. The surface soil is made loose and the capillary connection between the loose surface and the moisture soil below is broken, making it more difficult for the water in the soil to reach the surface where it is lost by evaporation. The depth of cultivation desirable in the formation of the soil mulch will depend on the frequency of cultivation and the amount of rainfall. During a long dry period a mulch three or four inches thick is not too much. If a crust forms on the surface water is lost rapidly by evaporation. If a crust forms under the mulch it prevents the circulation of air in the soil and also favors the escape of the water. This crust must be broken by deeper cultivation.

Land is summer-tilled to store the moisture of one season in order that a crop may be grown the next. The more thorough the tillage the better this moisture is conserved. When a small grain crop is being harvested the disk should follow the binder. The ground may be plowed later in the fall and packed with a harrow and soil packer. As soon as the frost is gone in the spring the ground should be made loose on top. It should be kept in this condition all summer or until the next crop is seeded. The disk and harrow should be used as often as necessary to keep the surface loose. When the ground is not plowed in the fall it will be necessary to disk early in the spring and plow before July 15. Deep plowing increases the capacity of the soil to hold water. If weeds are allowed to grow the effects of summer tilling are lost. The surface should never be allowed to become hard for this gives the same conditions as leaving a hole in the bottom of a water tank—it permits the escape of the water. To properly summer-till land requires as much or more labor and attention than raising a crop.

Sub-surface packing is the firming of the soil beneath the mulch. This is not done to hold the moisture, but to allow the moisture to come up within reach of the plant roots—to make a road for the water to climb up, for water cannot go upward without a connected line along which to travel. When the soil is very loose and full of air spaces the line is unjoined, but when the soil has been packed the air spaces are squeezed out, the soil grains brought together and a fine roadbed is made for the upward movement of the water.

However, the tilling of the soil is not the sum total of dry-land farming. Drought-resisting varieties, rotations and fertility are also very important factors. The durum varieties of wheat are out-yielding the common spring wheat by many bushels per acre and the best varieties of winter wheat are in turn out-yielding the durum. Kheron and other early varieties of oats are fast replacing the common varieties. Alfalfa is destined to produce a wonderful change in the west, both in its effect upon the soil and as a forage crop. Rotations often give as great increase in yield as tillage or varieties. All these factors should be given equal attention in a comprehensive system of crop production.

Paying Crops Raised.

Experiments in so-called dry-land farming have proven incontestably that paying crops can be raised with far less rainfall than was thought necessary.

The principle which underlies this system is one that has been practically proven and accepted by the farmers in the west, namely that water enough falls on the land, but not always at the right time, for the growth and maturing of a crop, hence the water that otherwise would go to waste must be conserved.

By plowing the land the run-off is arrested and the waters sink into the soil. By stirring the surface evaporation, or drying out of the land below, is retarded if not entirely prevented.

M. S. Faver was here Tuesday from Afton country and brought in eight bales of cotton which were sold on the Spur market at the prevailing high prices paid here throughout the year. Mr. Faver is one of the most substantial citizens of the country and is a successful farmer, having made a big crop and marketed a number of bales of cotton here during the past year.

J. C. Garrett, of Tap, was in the city recently and had his name added to the growing subscription list of the Texas Spur. The Texas Spur list keeps on growing and which fact is appreciated and we try to give our readers a better paper. Tell your neighbors to come in and get the Texas Spur.

Jake Foy came up Tuesday from Rotan to look after the settlement of damages by fire to his building occupied by the West Side Barber Shop. Jake is cashier of the Cowboy State Bank at Rotan and is one among the most substantial citizens of Western Texas.

W. J. Clark, of near Dickens, was in the city Friday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, and has our thanks for another dollar for the paper for another year. Mr. Clark reports everything all o. k. in his section of the country.

R. R. Morrison went over to Rotan the latter part of last week and will move his family to Spur this week. We are glad to have this family as permanent residents of the city and wish them a most pleasant home here.

Mr. McGuirt and family and Bob Campbell and wife moved this week to the Caylor house recently vacated by Oran McClure and family, the latter having moved to the new house just completed north of the business portion of the city.

J. M. Jones, prosperous citizen of the Afton country, came in one day last week and made us smile by leaving a big silver dollar with us for the paper another year.

Sol Davis informs us that he will move his family from Dickens to Spur at an early date and become a resident citizen with us.

Phone Western Grocery Co. for the best of everything in the grocery line.

Amis Faver was in the city Wednesday with cotton which he shipped from Spur to sell in the bigger markets.

Phone Western Grocery Co. for the best of everything in the grocery line.

Miss Inez Wysong, of Hico, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. R. C. Morrison.

For the best tailoring see Mack, the Tailor, next door to Red Front Drug Store.

Tom Davis has some nice brood sows to sell out of the Bar N Bar Stock of hogs.

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A VERY WISE YOUNG MAN

Fred Somers and his widowed mother were having a family talk in the library. Fred was still in college, but he was a very wise young man. He was so wise that he had attempted to dictate to his sister, Edith, as to how her smiles were to be distributed.

"Yes, I wish Edith were more tractable," sighed the mother.

"Tractable!" exclaimed the son. "Why, I hadn't spoken 20 words to her when she flamed up and said I needed a guardian myself. I'm 24 and she is under 20 and yet she will not take my advice. What are you going to do with such a girl?"

"We will have to argue with her."

"Can you argue with a girl who has her fists doubled up? Now let's go over the list again. There is Waters, who is a perfect ninny. There is Thompson, who hasn't got a dollar. There is Rush, who is a perfect sissy. There is Alvord, who sings passably well, but will never earn \$25 a week. There is Clingham, who is living on his poor old mother's bounty. The whole five rolled into one wouldn't make a man and yet she keeps them dangling around her."

Edith Somers had at least the five callers named at the family council. Two or three of them had escorted her to the theater. Another had taken her to the horse show. She had bowed to them on the avenue or in the park and she had chatted and smiled at home. What of it? Can't a girl do that and much more without being in love? Her 24-year-old brother will say no. Edith Somers hadn't yet given a thought to marriage.

In his class were three different young men Fred liked exceedingly well. He invited them by turns to run down home with him and of course sister Edith met them. As far as Fred could make out they were simply added to the five heretofore mentioned. He believed they were impressed, but just as soon as he began sounding their praises Miss Edith began talking with the canary or playing with the cat. When he turned and began criticising them she would go to the piano and strike up ragtime.

Another family council was called. "I throw up my hands!" announced Fred in tones of despair.

"What's she done now?" meaning Edith.

"Got two more! One has been in an insane asylum, I believe, and the other will soon get there. I started to say something to her an hour ago, but she elevated her nose and walked off."

"I—I had five beaux at one time myself," replied the mother, who thought the case had not yet arrived at the danger point.

"But she's got 10 and more coming every minute!"

"But she can't care for them all!"

"But you see she'll pick out the poorest one of the lot!"

Summer opened; Fred came home on his vacation and the trio went to a lake resort. The dozen danglers were heart-broken, but Edith Somers didn't seem a bit cast down. At the end of a fortnight a new face appeared at the Somers' table. Fred sized up the stranger and said to himself:

"Homely enough to stop a clock. No fear of Edith taking to him."

And after several furtive glances across the table Edith said to herself:

"Strong, sensible, unromantic. I might like him."

After three or four days there were introductions. The stranger was George French, mining engineer.

Mr. French was invited to go out in a sail boat with the trio. Mr. Fred was 24 years old and he took charge of the boat. There was no great call for wisdom in the managing of a sail boat in a gusty day. All that is needed is about five years' experience.

Ten minutes of exhilaration and then a gust struck her and she went over. The wise Fred was tangled up with the sail and the two ladies were ready to go to the bottom when Mr. French got clear of the rope tangled about his legs and began work. He reached out an arm for all and gathered them to the overturned boat and directed and chided and encouraged until the rescuer came.

It was three months later that Fred Somers said to his sister:

"Eddie, what's become of that civil engineer?"

"Out west, I believe," was the answer.

"Say, now, I was in hopes—"

"Yes?"

"Why don't you?"

"He hasn't quite asked me to yet, but I expect he will in his next letter."

"And you'll—?"

"Oh, run along and have me committed to a private asylum! You are 24 years old and a very, very wise young man!"

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

J. W. Johnson, of several miles east of Spur, was in town Monday looking at the fine chickens, hog, horses and mules brought in on account of trades day.

Mr. Meadows, of Peacock, came up Sunday and spent the day here with his brother who is manager of the Bowman Lumber Company.

Ed Cornelius, straw boss on the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Monday looking after business matters.

Do you read The Texas Spur?

Take your family washing to Tidwell & Haines at the East-side Barber shop. Washing and starching done for thirty cents a dozen pieces.

Will Smith, of several miles west of the city, was here Monday and reports everything all o. k. in his section.

Three, young full blood Rhode Island Red roosters for sale. See Steve Bennett at Spur Grain & Coal Co.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

Letter From Our Representative

To The Editor of The Texas Spur, Spur, Texas.

Sir: Permit me to say through the columns of your valuable paper that the time will soon pass wherein applications for Notary Public may receive their appointment, and I take this method of saying that if there are any in your county, either men or women, who desire to be appointed Notary Public, they should file their application with me as early as possible, to the end that I may have them appointed at the proper time.

I will further say that, if any citizen of your county desires anything done at the State Capitol, which they think I might do for them, I will be glad to have them call on me.

Respectfully,
J. E. Hamilton.

Arch Barnard, who has been in Colorado the past year rail-roading, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Arch says that the principal crops of that country are alfalfa and potatoes, raised by irrigation. He says when the legislature regulates the railroad differences he will return to Texas and help extend the roads in this section. He owns a fine place near Girard and which he intends to make his permanent home.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, was here Monday.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

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. R. B. F. Craig, 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.; C. H. Perry, Sec.

Masons—Spur Lodge No. 1023, meet Thursday evening before full moon in each month. Nat Patton, W. M.; O. J. Weaver, Sec.

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Farm Implements

NOW is the time to begin preparation for another crop, and in the selection of farm implements we desire to inform the farmers of this section that we have a complete stock of all farming implements and tools, including plows, single and double disc sulkeys and harrows, cultivators, planters and everything needed on the farm. Our stock is of high grade and standard brands and our prices are the very lowest. We also have a complete line of shelf hardware, stoves, windmills, buggies and wagons. **Come to see us. We will be glad to do business with you.**

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Will S. Cooper, editor of the Kent County News of Clairemont, was in the city Sunday and Monday. Will just recently entered the journalistic field, and although he was inexperienced in every department of the printing business he is publishing a neat, well printed paper, and pushes the quill with the ease, grace and dignity of one of years experience. If the business men of Clairemont will give the paper the patronage it deserves Will Cooper will make it a credit to the town and of inestimable value to the business interests. There is nothing that promotes the interests of a town and country more than a good, live newspaper and the money spent for advertising space in such a paper is an investment that will return one hundred per cent more on the dollar than will the same amount return invested elsewhere—while money spent on a sorry paper is worse than thrown away because such a paper is a reflection on the town, appreciated by none and read by few. Stand by your home paper, make it the best in the land or let it move to an appreciative and remunerative field.

T. A. Smith was in Monday from the Lower Red Mud country Monday and reports every body busy in that section. Uncle Tom was suffering of a severe cold and sore throat as the result of taking his regular annual bath in the waters of Cat Fish.

Frank Smith was here Monday to get lumber with which to build another residence on the T. A. Smith ranch in the Cat Fish country. This is the second house built during the year 1911 on this place, and these with many other buildings in every section of the great Spur trade territory is evidence that the people are not only prosperous but progressive and are developing the country rapidly and substantially.

C. L. Love went up to Stamford Tuesday and spent several days in that city looking after business matters.

R. S. Holman and G. C. Pass attended court Tuesday at Dickens.

WARNING NOTICE.

We have commenced poisoning prairie dogs and will cover our entire ownership in the East Pasture of the Spur Ranch. There is danger of killing live stock running on the range, especially such stock as has been grain fed. The public is warned that we will not be responsible for any losses of this character, and any stock allowed to run on the land will be at the risk of the owner.

S. M. Swenson & Sons
13-8t. C. A. Jones, Mgr.

Judge A. J. McClain was here Monday from the Cat Fish country and in speaking of Uncle Tom Smith of that section of country, he said that it was a great pity that Tom is now losing his voice. The Judge and Uncle Pink Higgins relate interesting incidents of pioneer days and in which Uncle Tom played a conspicuous part. In former days before the advent of the railroad and the establishment of Spur the country was sparsely settled and the few people, though living miles apart, were neighbors and considered as of one family and naturally were more interested in the affairs of each other, even to watching through spy-glasses the maneuvers of each, and especially the more noted men. The past days are no doubt pleasant memories to all the old timers, but the future is brighter and more promising.

F. A. Jones, who has been one of the Texas Spur force, went over to Dickens Monday to take charge of the mechanical department of the Dickens Item during the absence of H. A. Mullenix who has gone to Mexico on other business.

CITY MEAT MARKET

All Kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats
Prompt attention given all orders.
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First-class Tonsorial Work, hot and cold baths and up-to-date service in every respect. Call to see us.

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AGENTS FOR STAMFORD STEAM LAUNDRY

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

J. P. Higgins was in the city Monday from his Cat Fish ranch and says everything is moving along nicely in that section. Uncle Pink recently had Dr. Standifer cut from his throat a growing bump which he feared might develop into a cancer. Uncle Pink said that the cutting operation was a little painful but that he required neither a bracer nor nerve. We hope that Uncle Pink will get along without serious results or complications.

Dock Edwards, of north of Dickens, was in the city Monday and reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country.

M. A. Jordan, a prosperous farmer of near the city, was here Monday and was a contestant for prizes given the best exhibits on trades day. Mr. Jordan had his name added to the growing subscription list of the Texas Spur for which he has our thanks. Our list keeps on growing and it will not be many days until we will have more than one thousand bonafide subscribers to the Texas Spur. If there are others in this trade territory who do not get the paper we will be glad if they will let us send them the Texas Spur. We will try to give all more than one dollar's worth of news within the year.

W. A. Johnson was in Monday circulating among the crowds here on account of trades day. Mr. Johnson has some of the finest hogs in the country but said that it was not convenient for him to bring any of them to town to show on this occasion. Mr. Johnson is one of Dickens county's most successful farmers and prosperous citizens, and the secret of it all is that he diversifies, raises fine hogs, cattle and a variety of crops as well as cotton.

Dave Sparks, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country was in the city Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything flourishing in his section but says that it is just a little dry and ground-soaking rains would be acceptable at this time.

Mr. Harvey, of Jones county, is in Spur with a big, white Percheron horse which he desires to sell to the people of this section. The horse is seven years old, weighs 1840 pounds and is one of the best looking horses we have seen in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. McDonald, of the Plains country, were visitors in the city Saturday, spend the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

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

C. F. Cates is just now getting out after being confined to his room several days on account of grippe. Mr. Cates is the land salesman for the Spur Farm Lands management and reports that he has been making a number of sales the past few weeks. He says that just before his recent attack of la grippe he sold the old Espeula farm and ranch house to Mr. Carr of Chillicothe who will move his family here at an early date and make his home here. The old Espeula farm is one of the oldest and best places in the country and we wish Mr. Carr much prosperity and a most pleasant home here.

Rev. Berryman and family moved Saturday to Spur where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at this place. Saturday night the people of the town pounded the preacher and family.

J. H. Edwards was here trades day from his ranch north of Dickens.

W. F. Walker and wife, of a few miles east of the city, where here trades day. Mr. Walker said that if he had known that W. A. Johnson did not intend to bring in some pigs to enter into the contest for prizes that he would have brought two of the finest pigs shown on such an occasion. Mr. Walker secured the five dollar premium for fine work horses at the first trades day exhibit and he is now content to see what others have to show.

F. W. Jennings and P. H. Miller attended court Tuesday at Dickens.

J. H. STRADLEY

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HAY, GRAIN AND
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Seed Wheat and Oats.

WE HANDLE THE McALLISTER
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PHONE US YOUR ORDER.

We pay the highest cash price for hides

A Team Wanted

WE WANT small team about 15-hands, to work to light wagon. Will trade a Kimball Piano or Farrand Organ for same

Spur Furniture Co'p'y.

P. S.—We are agents for Singer Sewing Machines. Buy one now and pay later.

J. M. Neely has been quite sick this week.

E. L. Clay has been on the sick list the past week.

For cleaning, pressing and all kinds of tailoring phone Mack, the Tailor.

Earnest Davies, of Post City was a visitor in the city this week.

Miss Emma Benson, of Tap, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore in the city.

T. D. Humphrey made a trip Sunday to the Wake country on the Plains, returning Monday.

J. F. Vaughn and family, of Mexico, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jennings in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, of Rule, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Broyles.

Milt Trout was in town one day last week and had us place his name on the Texas Spur subscription list for which he has our thanks. The Texas Spur keeps on growing.

R. L. Holly, of near Gilpin, was in the city Saturday and said that he would probably move back to Spur in the near future. We will be glad to have Mr. Holly and family with us again.

For Sale—Two of the choicest residence lots in the city. Terms cash, but a bargain to someone if sold at once. I need the money. Write HOSEA C. DAKAN, Box 314, Wichita Falls, Texas, Owner. 14 2t.

Wall Paper!

WE have just received a big shipment of the 1911 patterns of ART WALL PAPER. Call and let us show you what we have in stock. If you have been thinking of papering your rooms in the near future, come and get first choice. Will be glad to show you. Phone 33.

Campbell & Campbell

TAP TELLINGS.

Some indications of rain at this writing but all signs fail in West Texas but the Indian's sign.

Mr. Perry of Bryant-Link Co. of Spur with his family were the guests of J. E. Sparks and T. S. Lambert a few days the past week.

Mrs. J. I. Greer was reported to be quite sick last week.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Fred Danforth has improved so much that she was able to be moved to her father's E. E. Turner's this week.

A school house has just been built near Mr. Parsons. This section of the country has until this winter been very thinly settled, but a sufficient number of people have moved in and settled to maintain a good school.

Messrs. Smith and Allcorn have completed the contract with parties on the Spur Farm Lands and moved their machine here. They are now drilling a well for P. Hinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKay's infant babe died at an early hour Saturday morning and was buried in the Tap cemetery.

Mr. Atkinson, a relative of our R. D. Williams, is located for the year on W. J. Elliott's place a

Hundreds of acres of new land will be cultivated in this section this year.

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We carry in stock a complete line of drugs, patent medicine and toilet articles. Prescriptions are promptly and accurately filled at any and all hours. Call on us and we will give you the purest drugs, the very best service and will appreciate your patronage.

The Spur Drug Company

C. W. COOK, Mgr.

R. L. Collier, one of the most prominent citizens of the county and a substantial farmer of the Afton country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Wednesday and made us smile by leaving with us a silver dollar for the paper another year.

Mrs. Mary Nichols, of Indiana, is here visiting her brother, L. N. Riter and family. This is her first visit to Western Texas, and having witnessed a genuine "Western Texas Rain" she no doubt has formed a lasting impression of Western Texas life, its comforts, advantages and greatness.

few miles north of here.

C. W. Hinson and family returned Sunday from an extended visit in Nolan and Runnels counties.

Uncle Buck Hardin preached here Sunday but due to weather conditions the attendance was small.

We are informed that J. E. Sparks has rented one of his farms here to a Mr. Berry of Spur.

Gadabout.

Mr. and Mrs. King came up from Hamlin and are spending the week with Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter of the city.

C. C. Haile is again proprietor of the Spur Hotel and is bidding for the trade of the traveling public. Mr. Haile is one of the best hotel men of the country and being owner of the Spur Hotel we predict that he will soon be doing a successful and profitable business.

Jas. B. Dickson and family left Spur recently for Southern Texas where they will make their home in the future. During the past year Mr. Dickson has been operating the Spur hotel and during the time made many friends in the city and general traveling public.

CARPENTER SHOP

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The Shop is well equipped with machinery and prepared to do all kinds of shop work. We will appreciate your patronage.

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The Best Prices on All Kinds of Feed Stuff..

Located on Burlington Ave. three doors north of Sol Davis store

A big fine boy was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Squyres, of the city. Here is hoping that young Mr. Squyres will live long and in the years to come will be among the leading men of Western Texas.

R. B. Bryant is packing up his household goods preparatory to moving to Missouri where he has secured a position with a big mercantile firm. Since the beginning of Spur Mr. Bryant has been manager of the Bryant-Link establishment here and has many friends who will regret to see him leave us. However, we wish him a successful and pleasant home in Missouri.

Let Mack, the Tailor, make your old clothes new. Next to Red Front Drug Store.

T. H. Gilmore was in the city Tuesday from the ranch and reports everything moving along nicely.

Since the fire Saturday night the Westside Barber Shop is closed up and Mr. Verner is doing business at the Patterson shop, and his customers are requested to call at that place.

For rooms and board see C. C. Haile at the Spur Hotel. Rates are reasonable, nice rooms furnished and the very best table board the market affords.

B. F. Huntsman, of Aspermont, has been in the city several days giving Masonic instruction to the members of the recent organization in Spur.

There are a number of new advertisements appearing in this paper and we request that our readers look them over and profit by the inducements offered to trade at these places.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Senning contributed to the weeks gaiety with a party. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Reagan, Batchelor, Burgoon Broyles Mrs. Bennett, of Rotan, Miss Little and Jennings. Delicious refreshments were served.

I am at my old stand doing business again. I wish to thank my friends for their patronage while in the hotel business before, and solicit your trade back again. I will handle all the country produce I possibly can. Come and see us at the Spur Hotel.

C. C. Haile & Wife, Props.

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WE ARE REPLENISHING our stock of work clothes with new shipment of work pants, gloves and work shirts. We sell you the best work shoes made.

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