

SPUR BOYS VISIT THE REPUBLICS OF SOUTH AMERICA.

H. E. McClain, Son of A. J. McClain, Makes Trip to South America and Relates Interesting Incidents of the Voyage Over Sea, the Country, Cities and People of The Republics.

The S. S. Terrence was to have sailed at 8 a. m. December, 20, 1910, but as usual ships are from one to four hours late, yet that does pretty well considering that when they leave port they are a long time gone.

At 1 p. m. the last of the cargo was aboard. The Terrence carried 7000 tons, mostly machinery, farming implements, threshing machines, automobiles, motors and etc.

Then the insurance inspectors, health inspectors, customs, etc. went over the ship. Then the mail was taken on, and last of all the passengers filed on.

The Terrence swung her mast slowly around to the southward, past the Goddess of Liberty leaving little old New York in the midst of a snowstorm, out past Fort Wadsworth, and Sandy Hook, sent her pilot a shore and then steamed south by southeast and land was not sighted till noon, January, 1st, 1911.

The Terrence carried 170, passengers. She is not a regular passenger, and only carries a limited number on board.

I soon made the acquaintance of several western boys, one from Canada—Dutchman, Mr. Crowder, of South Dakota, Smith, of Wyoming, two boys from Nebraska, Forbs, and Brewer, Dunn and son from Oregon, Ed Holland, of California, Albert Mattox and my self from Texas, Sykes, from Montanna, all cowboys, and all got to be good friends, and are yet.

Time passed slowly at first with only the ships amusements, music, reading, etc. We had pretty rough weather for the first two or three days, rain, hail and breakers over deck. The Dutchman went on deck one morning and a wave crossing over came near carrying him away. As it was, he had a good bath.

On the evening of the 24th the S. S. Reliance passed on her way to New York. She reported everything o. k. down the line. Several had been pretty sick, but all were up Christmas morning to see the sun rise clear and calm, with flocks of flying fish retreating from the ships approach. Although Santa Claus failed to overtake us, we all thoroughly enjoyed this day aboard the first Sunday out of Uncle Sam.

The ship carried live stock for fresh meat. They were on the main deck aft, when the first was to be killed. Smith, Crowder and myself formed a committee and begged to be allowed to do the butchering, just to help pass the time. The chief steward granted our wishes, as they had never killed a beef, been running from England and using mutton. We rigged a crane and soon had the largest

one done up in western style. It weighed 612 pounds dressed. We boys took the brains and other choice pieces and built a cowboy sonofagun cooked it ourselves and invited the ships officers to dine, they did so and all parties implicated spent a most enjoyable evening, even if we did sleep late next morning. Thereafter we were requested to do the butchering which we did to our utmost.

On December 19, 1910, before leaving New York one of the ships crew, a master fireman, slipped and fell on the ice, breaking three ribs. After we were out several days blood poison set up and at 4 p. m., Dec. 30, 1910, the ships doctor said he could not live two hours. At 5:40 p. m. he gave up the ghost, and passed to the great beyond. He left a wife and seven children, who reside at Liverpool.

The funeral services were held by the captain, and at 8 p. m. (8 bells) he slipped over the rail to his last resting place. Thus witnessed my first and I hope my last, burial at sea.

We had midnight supper in honor of the new year, the night of December, 31st, 1910. The bells rang, the whistles blew, and all retired in a jolly good humor.

On newyear's day at noon land was sighted off starboard, immediately all the glasses aboard came into action, but as we were some thirty miles off shore, were not of much benefit. The next day we were only four miles off and could get a good view. One of the boys had a camera and got some good ones.

The coast along here is only sand hills, like those back of Mr. Brantner's, except where a river empties then there are coconut, palm and a negro village, who live by fishing and hunting. We passed through a fleet of their catamarans, consisting of two logs lashed together and a small sail of Buenos Ayres flour sacks hoisted, and a box of some kind to sit on. Most all of them are bare headed, some wear cloths some none. Their fishing is mostly for porpoise, which is valuable for their hides for making boots.

The third dawned bright and clear, the shore became higher with grass covered hills, and high mountains in the distance, large groves of palms on the shore among which are the native villages.

At 10 a. m. we entered Bahia Bay and dropped anchor as the docks there don't accommodate ships of the Terrence calibre.

The bay is very beautiful with its mountainous islands of which there is 360 in sight covered with a dense growth of timber of all kinds, from bannana to the hardest of wood known.

The city of Bahia has 170,000 population, is the oldest city of Brazil, they make no difference in color, the difference is in dress, as example: The Shirt Tail Brigade.

The Terrence only stopped four hours to leave the mail and some 260 tons cargo, so about a dozen of us boys went ashore to pass the time. It being 90 in the shade we went in our shirt sleeves for comfort. We noticed we attracted quite a lot of attention as soon as we landed but suppose it was because we were strangers.

We went first into an exchange to get some money. Brazilian money runs Reis, Milreis, 1000 Reis, one Milres, three Milreis \$1 N. S.

The city is in two parts, lower and upper, divided by a bluff some 300 feet high. Transportation between the two cities is by elevator, cable car and climbit, the latter being the oldest and safest.

After looking over the lower city which is mostly the market place where everything that grows in these tropics are to be found for sale, and was quite a show to us boys.

One thing of great interest is the absence of flies and other insects that usually haunt such places in midsummer, as it is here now.

The buildings are all of brick or stone, are of massive thickness, have no glass windows, all doors, windows, no screen doors not even at the meat markets. Inside there is delicious coolness. The buildings are mostly two-story, occasionally a three-story, all covered with tile or sheet iron. There are many vacant buildings.

The wagons are two wheeled carts drawn by mules or oxen, led by natives.

A great deal of the transportation is done by the negro-head route.

The streets are cobble paved, with the grass growing in between.

After looking over the lower city we approached an elevator for the upper part, when low and behold, we could not enter the elevator or cars because we had no coats. But were not to be out done, so we straightway hoisted ourselves on the climbit which is most excellent, then as we were barred from the cars we chartered three cart, four to each cart, and you can imagine how we looked going down the street at a brisk trot with a native leading our mule.

We visited the public parks and other important places, till we heard our ship give a warning then we turned homeward.

Catholic is the predominating religion, there are 363 churches many of which show the marks

of time, riot and revolution.

At the dock we purchased some green cocoanuts and sure enough bananas, which are only about three inches long and will melt in ones mouth, and has a most delicious flavor. The bananas that go to the states are called phatons here.

Seeing some natives butchering a horse we boys tried to converse with them and learned that it was to go aboard the Terrence as food, and speaking from experience, I say that it was as good as beef.

At 4:30 p. m. the Terrence weighed anchor and we steamed southward. Our next stop being Rio de Janerio, the capitol of Brazil, 900,000 population. Portuguese is the prevailing language, although, there are many English spoken.

There were so many ships in port that we failed to get a berth at dock, so had to anchor and transfer our cargo by lighter as at Bahia.

Rio Bay is very beautiful with out the city, and both together are not to be surpassed. At the left as you enter the bay, rises Sugar Loaf Mountain almost perpendicular, so steep infact that it has never been ascended but twice, some foreign nation planted her flag here, and it remained for years, and until an English girl, 18 years old climbed up and pulled it down, and received quite a fortune from the Brazil government for the favor. Then there in Cocovade Mountain, one third higher than Sugar Loaf to the summit of which runs a cog-track, and you get an excellent view of the surrounding country, also of the city. As one ascends the mountain he sees the greatest mixture of natural vegetation that can be imagined. Toward the top you find every kind of berry growing in the wildest profusion.

The city of Rio is indiscribable. Suffice to say that no where is there a city to compare with it. The cleanest I ever saw, no flies here either.

These Spanish have the Americans beat as to art, architecture, courtesy to each other, and no limit to the speed of automobiles.

Everything is opposite to what it is in the States, as all passing is on the left, hand shaking by the left, sleep by day and knock around at night.

We saw nothing here in the way of edibles from the States except apples, coming from Hood River, Oregon.

We spent one day and night in Rio, and left at six a. m. by train for Soa Paulo, arriving there at six p. m. the same day. We were glad to get there as Soa Paulo was not under martial law as was Rio on account of the mutiny of the navy.

Soa Paulo is some 800 miles in-

land, northwest from Rio, has about 370,000 population, and like Rio is a great coffee market.

On the way up we passed many large cane and coffee farms, each having a depot on the road. The most of the way was through dense forests till we came out on the prairies then it was rolling with scattering, open timber. Many cattle, horses and mules were seen through these parts.

We attended a picture show, and the first thing on the canvas was Teddy R. and his Rough Riders, and all these people seem to enjoy it.

All the electric shows, lights and street railways in Soa Paulo are owned and operated by American capital.

Our hotel furnished us an English spoken guide, who, the next day showed us over town, through a coffee roasting and sugar refining establishment, and stock yards.

Coffee sells to the highest bidder as does cotton in the states. More vegetables are grown here than at Bahia or Reo. In all these Brazilian towns everyone seems prosperous, even the laboring class dress better in every respect except shoes, (most of them go bare foot,) than in the States. All are kind and obliging, making it as easy as possible for the stranger, even if he can't comprehend the language.

At 2:30 p. m. January 9, 1911, we left Soa Paulo for Santos, on the coast where we again took ship the 10th at noon.

Between Soa Paulo and Santos is the greatest piece of railway engineering known. It is the Cable line, 15 miles long, where two trains run on three rails and an endless cable, the train coming down pulling the other up. From the foot of the mountain on to Santos is banana farms.

Santas is only the shipping point for Soa Paulo, and is an old place, of about 7000 or 8000 population. There were many big ships in port from all parts of the world, with their various cargoes. The docks are well equipped for loading and unloading ships. Huge cranes that reach over and lift from a ship's hold boxes and articles that weigh several tons, and places them on a railway car or ware house truck as easily and carefully as a house wifedoes a basket of eggs.

Santos Bay is narrow and dredges are at work all the time to keep the entrance open for large boats. A letter S is formed in coming in and going out. Down on the peninsula as we go out we saw the first cow-wagon remutha in this country.

Clouds settled down and began raining pretty soon after leaving and continued raining and foggy all the way to Montevideo which

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Every pupil should attend school regularly.

All the pupils must learn their lessons and obey all the rules of the school.

We should not come to school and be idle.

We should have some aim in view.

We must prepare ourselves to make a good man or woman in the world.

When we talk about the school we must try to say a good word about it.

Every pupil should like his teacher, because if he does not like his teacher he will not do any good in school.

We should read good books,

and go to Sunday School.

Every pupil ought to be neat with his work and do his best.

We should not waste our time playing on the streets.

All the larger pupils should set the example for the smaller ones.

We want to make our school a success, so we will be proud of it.

The pupils and teachers cannot make the school a success without the help of the parents.

Mary Copeland, 9th. grade.

Each and every pupil should be very obedient, and not talk about the teacher when he keeps you in for talking on something else.

He should give all his attention to his teacher when reciting his lessons.

He should not be absent or tardy when it can be avoided.

Every pupil should not be rough or use bad language on the campus.

He should get up all of his lessons as perfectly as he can.

This would help make Spur School the best.

Harvey Lee, 8th. grade.

CLUB WILL ELECT NEW OFFICERS.

The Spur Commercial Club Will Elect New Officers March 16th.

The Texas Spur is requested to call attention to the fact that an election will be had March 16th, at the Commercial Club room for the purpose of electing new officers of the ensuing years work.

The election of officers will be left to a vote of the Club membership, and every member is requested to be present and take part in the selection of officers.

The commercial club work is one of the most important factors not only in commercial progress but in the building of a substantial and attractive town and development of a country, and one of the most important factors in commercial club work is unity and co-operation not only of the membership but the entire citizenship. In answer to the question "What Makes a Town?" an exchange says: "Is it the wealth evidenced by fine homes and splendid store buildings? These may attest the stability and thrift of certain people, but they offer no great inducements to commercial and moral progress. Is it the spirit of good order and law observance? That is a factor only. The sleepest, old hamlets that dot the map have this spirit in rank abundance. Is it the schools and churches? May their number ever increase, but they don't make a town—they only culture it. Is it the geographical location, the character of the country surrounding, the shipping facilities,

the natural advantages?

None of these is an essential. Well, what is it that makes a town anyway? Just one thing—the unity of the people, the existence of a common bond which causes business and social enemies to put a side all differences when it comes to boosting the town. No town ever made real progress on the way to substantial success without the get-together spirit unanimously adopted. It has rejuvenated old hulks of town that were yawning their way into endless sleep. It has infused new lifeblood into the heart of commercial life and made thriving cities out of paralytic villages. Natural advantages count for much, and prosperity cannot be built on shifting sand, but any town with half a chance can be made to grow and expand and thrive when its citizens join with one accord in the

boosting program."

Let us unite and co-operate in the work to be done by the Spur Club. Come out and take part in the meetings and the work will become more interesting. The Spur Commercial Club is organized for the benefit of the town as a whole, and the town as a whole should attend the meetings and assist and encourage the work to be done at least by attendance.

Mrs. B. B. Gainer, of Gomez, is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer.

L. W. Simmons, of the Eastside Barber Shop, has been confined to his room the past several days of rheumatism, and is reported not improving at this time. His family arrived last week from Merkel and will make Spur their future home.

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CITY ELECTION NOW ORDERED.

**New Mayor and Commissioners
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The Spur City Commission has ordered an election to be held April 4th for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners to serve the city during the term of two years following the election.

The Texas Spur has heard no probable candidates mentioned, but it is presumed that the present officers who were elected by unanimous acclimation at the creation of the commission government and who have only served one or two months, will again be elected to their respective places. These gentlemen, Messrs. George S. Link as Mayor and W. G. Sherrod and E. C. Edmonds as Commissioners, being among our ablest business men are in every respect qualified to launch our city government and steer it successfully over adverse circumstances as well as favorable advantages, and in the selection of officers for the ensuing term of two years no better men could be nominated. With these gentlemen at the head of our city affairs we are assured of an economical and conservative administration as well as a representative government.

LOST HORSE.

Tol Merriman was in Spur Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Some time ago Mr. Merriman sold a horse to a gentleman here who was supposed to be a rich ranchman and prospector from one of the Western States and for which he failed to get value received. Said gentleman rode the horse out of the country and the last seen of the horse was near Guthrie, while the rider is supposed to have sold or disposed of the property before going on to Arkansas and other eastern states. A description of the horse is given elsewhere in this paper, and any information concerning the horse will be appreciated by Mr. Merriman, while several other gentlemen of the city would be glad to know of the ranchman.

The Spur Farm Lands is made up of an unlimited area of cotton lands, corn land, fruit land and alfalfa land, in fact the soil here will produce in abundance any character of products adapted to the south land. If you want a home and continue to wait to see what this country is going to do in the agricultural line, the day will soon come when you have to go elsewhere to secure land at prices within the reach of the man of limited means.

You fellows in the east who think it never rains in West Texas come out and we will show you a seven inch rainfall during the month of February. If you come later you can see a bale of cotton growing to the acre and the most prosperous farmers of any country.

Oscar Jackson has a new corner at his home which arrived several weeks ago and expects to remain with them permanently.

J. E. Shelby, who has been drilling wells in the country north of Dickens, returned this week to Spur.

W. F. Clay, of Dickens, was in the city recently visiting his sons, E. L. and W. D. Clay and families.

Mr. Wright, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, had business in Spur Wednesday.

Mr. McGuirt, of Big Springs, attended the funeral Sunday of his son, H. M. McGuirt.

W. D. Blair was in the city Wednesday from his place several miles east of Spur.

T. A. Smith was here Thursday from his place in the Red Mud country.

Mrs. Haile, of Afton, is in the city visiting her son, C. C. Haile and family.

Mr. Graham is in the city visiting his mother and sisters of the city.

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We Have Some Bargains in City Property

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SPUR, - - Dickens County, - - TEXAS

B. D. Glasgow and P. C. Maynard have formed a partnership in the law business and have office rooms over the Spur National Bank. We wish Messrs. Glasgow and Maynard a liberal share of the law practice of the country.

We are informed that during the wet weather a daily hack line will be operated between Spur and Crosbyton, since the auto line is out of commission during such weather as we have had the past week or two.

Miss Smith, of the Red Mud country, was a visitor in the city Wednesday. Miss Smith formerly had a position as clerk in the Dixie Store and has many friends in the city.

Dan Hogan, the painter, was in the city Thursday from the Afton country where he has been the past month or two doing work in that section.

Rev J. V. Bilberry and wife, of the Dickens country, were in the city Wednesday and Thursday trading with the merchants and visiting friends of Spur.

Mr. Browning and family, of Rule, moved this week to Spur and will make this their home in the future. We understand that Mr. Browning has accepted a position as manager of the Bryant-Link Company.

Mr. Sandlin, of Matador, now has charge of the City Bakery and Restaurant and will continue the business at the same place in the future. We wish Mr. Sandlin a continued liberal patronage in the business.

The Fashion has just received and now has on display one of the largest and most select stock of ladies and childrens hats, caps and ladies dress goods. Call and see at the Stephens Rooming House.

John Wooten, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in the city this week, and while here had Dr. Bachelor to do some dental work.

Miss Bess C. Morris, who is teaching the Girard school, was a visitor in the city last week, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor.

John Smith was in the city Wednesday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports the rain abundant and a bottom season that couldn't be beat.

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W. J. Elliot was in the city Wednesday from his Spring Creek farm and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

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C. M. Buchanan came in this week from his place north of Dickens, and is having Dr. Bachelor do dental work for him.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

From every section of Western Texas comes the report of heavy rains and taking the country as a whole it now has a fine season, and the reports are that this section of the state will produce abundant crops of every variety during the year. Western Texas is a great country and before many years it will be conceded by all as among the richest and most productive agricultural sections of America.

Governor Colquitt is looking closely to the financial interests of the state, and from figures, his statement shows an actual deficit of near one million dollars to conduct the affairs of government as heretofore. It remains to be seen whether or not the expenses will be cut or taxes raised to meet the deficit. In the management of individual and corporate business the expenses are generally cut to meet the income, but affairs of public the income is generally gauged to meet the expenses thought necessary by our representatives. Put the affairs of our government in the hands of honorable and honest business men in every instance and you will see a change in the expense deficit.

These long, cold, rainy days have a depressing tendency to one engaged in the pursuit of trade or news, and especially is this true of an editor who has mashed fingers and can neither set type nor use the typewriter except through absolute necessity and under trying conditions. Then, too, the first of the month rolls round and we pay out more than comes in, some fellow kicks because you don't do to suit him and various items make one feel like thirty cents. Yet, we see good rains come, everything promising big crops and we brighten up with the hope of what may come to us in the future. Hope is a wonderful thing, and sometimes we think it is one of the main springs of existence.

The redistricting of Texas will mean more representatives for this section. Such procedure may be of importance but the thing of most importance at this time is more representatives on the farm and a larger agricultural product from this section. We suggest that the legislature make an appropriation of money now in the treasury to the building of homes and breaking sod land and adjourn sine die until the new census is returned in 1920, and in the meantime everybody keep busy building factories and mills and producing something to keep them going, and also for home consumption. We believe the old fellow who said that "a people least governed were best governed" had a pretty level head.

A millionaire chemist, Dr. Hille, claims to have discovered the real elixir of life. He shows a bottle of amber colored fluid which he claims contains every element which goes to make up the human body. Such a discovery may benefit some sections of country but in the West the climate and open air treatment are elixirs of life and the people suffer only of overindulgence, excesses and old age, and it is conclusive in our mind that when the true elixir is discovered it will be found within the limits of Western Texas.

United States Senators seem to be afraid to allow the Lorimer case to come to a vote as to whether or not that body shall recognize the election of Lorimer to the Senate. It is claimed that Lorimer or his friends bought votes to elect him to the place, and from all reports it is generally conceded that money was used in his election. In defense of Lorimer, Senator Bailey in effect says the public sentiment be darned—that he and other members of the body should vote according to the dictates of their own ideas and conscience. Senator Bailey may be right in this instance, but on the whole we had an idea that all public officials of this country were elected to serve the people and in all governmental affairs the will of the majority should be reflected in official acts.

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K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; C. H. Perry, Sec.

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WILL MOVE TO SPUR.

J. C. Kellar, of the Kellar Ranch several miles east of Spur, bought a twenty acre block west of Spur this week. The block of land was bought of J. M. Bassett through the Jackson Realty Company. Mr. Kellar will immediately begin the construction of a fine residence and will move his family to Spur and make this their permanent home in the future. Mr. Kellar is one of the most prominent citizens of the country and we will be glad to have him as a citizen of the town.

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.

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J. Carlisle was in the city Wednesday from his place in the Gilpin country.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

We, the City Commission of the city of Spur, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby call an election to be held on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1911, at the office of the Spur Commercial Club, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners, and do hereby appoint E. F. Springer presiding officer of said election.

Geo. S. Link, Mayor.
W. G. Sherrod, Com.
E. C. Edmonds Com.

GARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the good people of Spur for their aid and kindness to my family and myself during our recent troubles. May God repay everyone with a long and profitable life.

Cincerely yours,
Henry S. Haines.

Misses Jewel and Vonita Neely of Spur, were the guests of Miss Carolyn Taylor for several days this week, returning home Wednesday. They were tendered a most enjoyable reception by the Dromats in their club room Tuesday night.—Stamford News.

The little child of J. D. Powell has been quite sick of pneumonia the past week. We hope soon to report its complete recovery.

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WILL ENTER CONTEST.

T. C. Copeland, of the Red Mud country, was in town Wednesday and told us that he intended to enter the state contest for the best ten acres of corn and cotton and felt sure of securing one of the prizes offered. He intends to plant his seed in new land. We hope T. C. will get the first prize.

RETURNED TO SPUR RANCH.

J. W. Denton, who has been with the Stamford-Eastern Railroad surveying crew, returned Tuesday to Spur and will again be employed on the Spur Ranch. Mr. Denton reports that the line of railway has been surveyed through from Ft. Worth to Stamford, and that actual construction work will soon be under headway.

Editor Allison, of the Dickens Item, was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Allison has been teaching the Afton school which closed for the term Friday, and he says he will now devote his whole time to the publication of the Item. Mr. Allison is now publishing an excellent paper and deserves not only the support but liberal patronage of his town.

I. D. Gamble and Oscar Jackson made a business trip Monday to Anson, returning the latter part of the week.

MOVING TO FLOYDADA.

J. Y. Higgins left this week with his bakery which he is installing at Floydada. We wish Mr. Higgins much success in his new place of business.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, we are glad to note, is now completely recovered of a protracted illness of scarletina.

F. A. Jones, who was formerly one of the Texas Spur force, but now superintending the mechanical department of the Dickens Item, was here Saturday and spent several hours here.

Ten dollars reward for information leading to recovery of a bay horse, 14 1-2 hands high, 10 years old, branded A on left thigh scar on left side. Last seen 18 miles south of Guthrie. Tol Merriman, Spur, Tex.

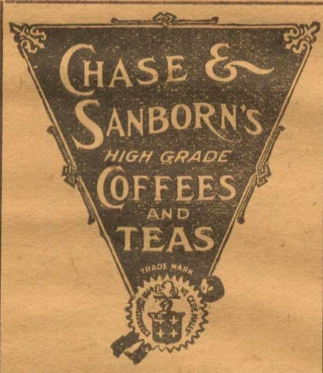
J. Y. Higgins returned Saturday from a trip to Matador and Floydada where he has gone to make preparations to put in a bakery at the latter place. During the past year Mr. Higgins has been proprietor of the City Restaurant and Bakery here and it is with regret that his friends see he and wife remove to Floydada. However, we all wish them much prosperity in their new home.

Al Sulivlan returned this week from Stamford where he spent several days on business.

Mrs. W. B. Griffin returned Tuesday from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. Buchanan, of the Dickens country, was in the city Wednesday on business.

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SCHOOL BUILDING PROPOSED.

\$18,000 Brick School House Proposed For Spur Independent School District.

A petition is being circulated by Secretary Jeff D. Reagan asking that an election be ordered for the Spur Independent School District to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued to the amount of \$18,000 for the purpose of building a brick structure adequate to meet the present and future demands of our educational facilities. The proposed bonds are to bear five per cent interest, payable twenty years from date of issue.

While the Texas Spur has no authoritative statement as to the taxable values of this school district yet it is estimated to be something near seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and based upon this estimate it will require only a tax of twenty five cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property to meet the interest and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the bonds at maturity.

It is very probable that the election will be ordered for some time near the first of April, and the only objection the Texas Spur has to the proposition is that the amount of the bonds is not large enough. The educational proposition is one of the most important to this or any other country, and only the very finest and best equipped buildings should be considered. We would like to see forty thousand dollars spent to give this section educational facilities of the highest type and be prepared to offer the present and future generations superior advantages and unexcelled by any town or country.

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FIRST MONDAY TRADES DAY.

Liberal Prizes Will Again be Given For The Best Exhibits

Remember that next Monday, March 6th., is the regular Trades Day in Spur and everybody is urged to come to town on that day and bring something to show the general public what is being raised and produced in the Spur country.

We have not been advised as to what premiums will be given for, but prizes will be awarded the best exhibits to be shown on that day.

The trades day not only encourage social and friendly relations among the country and townspeople, but also encourages the raising of better stock and production of better farm produce in that the exhibit stimulates a desire to show the best. It also helps the country in that exhibits demonstrate to the public that the Spur country will produce the very best of every character of farm produce.

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TAP TELLINGS.

Winter has come down upon us in reality with its cold drizzles and freezing. This reminds us of happy boyhood days down east in the piney woods when the ice laden timber would bend and break and blockade the country roads. However, we are glad for the rains and are sure for pretty good crops this year.

F. L. Allcorn and family, of lower Red Mud, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Joe Allison, who has been sick and confined at his mother's, was able to return to his home in Kent a few days ago.

Rev. Bilberry and wife passed

J. C. Hinson was here from near Dickens first of the week and purchased a span of black horses of Mr. Luce to drive to that new buggy. Look out somebody's girl.

John Sparks went off to a neighbor's the coldest day this week and left his wife to cut the wood and build the fires just like a man.

Mr. Selder, of Spur, now located at Judge McClain's, was here Sunday.

Jim Oliver, of Georgia, was visiting here Saturday and Sunday. Gadabout.

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EDISON PHONOGRAPH

DIED.

H. M. McGuirt died Saturday morning at 4 o'clock and the remains were interred Sunday in the Spur cemetery, a large number of friends being present to pay the last tribute to the deceased. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Berryman at the family home.

H. M. McGuirt conducted a tailoring business in Spur during the past year and during the time made many friends in both business and social circles, and his death at this time was unexpected, he having suffered only two or three days of locked bowels. An operation was performed but was too late to be of benefit.

He leaves a wife and one child and other relatives to whom we extend sincere condolence in this bereavement.

Mr. McGuirt was only twenty-eight years of age and his death is another evidence of the uncertainty of this life. Yesterday he was enjoying health and the associations of life, little thinking with the morrow a summons would come from the unknown beyond, and whatever that future may be the wise man will be prepared to meet the end and so live that the future will be of the brightest.

through our town Sunday, enroute to Verbena. Rev. Bilberry preached here Sunday to a large crowd.

J. E. Sparks, T. S. Lambert and A. W. Manning each have sown several acres of oats. This is rather an experimental crop and if profitable the acreage will be increased next year.

Mr. Gartman, who has been here for the past five months, boarded the train Monday for his home at Robert Lee.

Elliot Hinson, of Soldier Mound, was here Sunday casting googoo eyes at the girls.

J. A. Murchison, of the Casco country, was here Thursday on business. This is the first trip Mr. Murchison has made to Spur in several weeks, he having been a sufferer of la grippe. We are glad to note that he is able to get out again.

Clifford B. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Jones, arrived in the city Thursday from Colorado and will spend several days here with his parents.

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