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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1911,

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NEW BUILDING NOW GOING UP.

**The Standifer Sanitarium Now
Going Up at Rapid
Rate.**

The laying of brick in the construction of the Dr. Standifer Sanitarium was commenced the latter part of the week and the work is being pushed as fast as the material arrives and the workmen can handle it. The contract was let to R. L. Roberts and the building is expected to be completed within sixty days.

The upper story of the building will be specially designed for the comfort and convenience of patrons and sufficiently large to care for a number of patients in the surgical and medical departments.

Since coming to Spur Dr. Standifer has established a wide reputation as an able physician and successful and expert surgeon, and in furnishing a hospital and sanitarium Dr. Standifer is to be highly commended for placing Spur in the front ranks as to surgery and medical facilities and accommodations.

PRIZES FOR TRASH PILES.

Next Saturday, March 11, will be clean-up day in Spur. Everybody is urged to clean up all trash and rubbish and pile it where it can be loaded in a trash wagon that will be provided to haul it off.

There will be given through the Commercial Club eight prizes to the boys who collect and put in neat piles the largest and best piles of trash. Four of these prizes will be given for the trash piles east of Burlington Avenue and four of Burlington Avenue. By this means we want to get all of the alleys and vacant lots cleaned up. The prizes will be, first, \$1.00, second, 75 cents, third, fifty cents, fourth, 25 cents.

Let us have a thorough cleaning up, and then keep the town clean. Nearly every city and town in Texas will have a clean-up day, and the people who travel will see and compare the appearance of the different places, and will talk about how well or poorly the towns have been cleaned. Spur will get its share of inspection. Get the town shining up so that a visitor will be able to say that it is the cleanest town he has seen.

Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

BACK TO THE SOIL.

C. B. New, formerly a member of the firm of Barber, Hancock & New and later book-keeper for the First State Bank and Spur Grain & Coal Company, rented this week the W. M. Bender twenty acre block of land one mile east of Spur and will move immediately to the place and begin the labors of raising chickens, hogs, cotton and feed stuff.

Mr. New says he will secure incubators and go into the chicken business on a large scale and will also try his hand at raising hogs for the market as well as a few acres of cotton with which to supply a few surplus coins for Christmas pleasures.

FINE PROSPECTS.

C. L. Love returned Monday from Stamford where he spent Thursday and Sunday with his family. Mr. Love reports that the country around Stamford and along the route from Spur to that city is in fine shape with respect to crop prospects, and that the wheat crops are looking fine and practically made by the recent rains.

The country as a whole never had better crop prospects than at the present time, and the year is not only expected to be a prosperous one but an eye opener to those eastern people who have an idea that it never rains here and that the principal crops are of semi arid growth. Western Texas is the greatest country of America and we expect this year's crop to fully demonstrate its possibilities.

Keep your eye on Western Texas and especially the Spur country and you will be convinced that we have an agricultural section of bountiful harvests and unlimited possibilities and destined at an early date to become recognized as a factor in the commercial world.

BUILDING AND PROGRESSING.

Uncle Tom Coulter, an old timer of this western country and one of the most prominent citizens of the Rotan country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent several days here with friends. Uncle Tom says that the country has the very brightest crop prospects at this time. The town, he says, is progressing and improving and expects to begin the construction of an eighteen thousand dollar City Hall at an early date. The bonds for this building have already been voted, issued and sold and the money in hand to push the work. Business, he reports, is very good at the present time and the farmers all smiling with the prospects of bumper crops.

ON TRADING EXPEDITION.

W. M. Bender rented his farm, twenty acre block and town property this week with the intention of going to Alpine and other western points to spend the next six months trading, buying, selling, etc. Mr. Bender is one of our most prosperous citizens and among the leading citizenship. We wish him a successful trading expedition and an early return to Spur.

SATURDAY WILL BE CLEAN-UP DAY.

**Prizes Will be Given For The
Largest Trash Piles
on Streets.**

Mayor Link and Jeff D. Reagan will give eight prizes to the boys who rake up the largest trash piles on the east and west sides of Burlington Avenue Saturday.

Although March tenth is designated by other towns of the country as general clean-up day, it was thought that Saturday, March 11th, would be the most appropriate and convenient day for cleaning up Spur, and every citizen of the town is respectfully asked and urged to observe the day by cleaning up the premises and having the trash man call and haul away the rubbish.

The prizes offered the boys is for the purpose of cleaning up the public streets and alleys in the principal part of town while the citizenship is expected to clean up private premises and property.

JERUSALEM CORN.

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan brought in a few grains of what is supposed to be Jerusalem corn last week and says he intends to plant it and see what such corn will do in this soil.

Each grain on the cob of this corn is covered by a separate shuck similar to the shuck over the regular Indian corn. The grains are large and soft, and if such corn is adapted to growth in this section we believe it will prove better shuck than our grain. The husk or shuck on each grain is a superior fodder and together with the grain gives stock substantial food and roughness.

LOOKING DIFFERENT.

Since moving to their new location the Riter Hardware Company is making things look different. The company now occupies the two lots on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Fifth Street and since moving their farm implements and vehicles from various former warehouses their big stock makes a showing worthy the consideration of the farmers of the Spur trade territory.

FORSALE.

Two good farm horses, wagon and harness. See J. V. McCormick at Richardson Lumber Company. 19-tf

PROSPERED HERE.

J. P. Higgins was in town Thursday from his Cat Fish ranch and reports everything moving along nice. Uncle Pink says that when he came to this country ten years ago he borrowed money to get here. At this time he could cash out his holdings for thirty five thousand dollars. We have heretofore said and repeat that the man who comes to this country, rolls up his sleeves and goes to work and stays with it will become independent if not rich within a few years. The opportunities and possibilities here are unlimited.

LEFT FOR DOG CAMP.

A big wagon load of boys left town Thursday for the dog camp six miles west of Spur and will be employed in killing dogs in that and other sections of the country. We understand that several of the boys who had been working went out on strike for a five dollar a month raise of wages the first of the week, and the boys who went out Thursday will supply the vacancies in the camp.

ODD FELLOW ENTERTAINMENT.

The Odd Fellows Lodge met Monday night and after attending to the business of the meeting the lodge members were entertained with music and lunch and coffee. The music was furnished by Messrs. Edwards, Haines, Williams, Edmonds and New.

The entertainment was highly enjoyed by the lodge membership and the musicians thanked for contributing to the pleasure of the lodge.

TO THE PEOPLE OF DICKENS CO.

I want to tell you that I am in Spur to make my home. I am now putting in an up-to-date repair shop for watches, clocks, jewelry and spectacles. I will be ready in a few days to do the best work done in Western Texas. If you have had trouble with your watch, clock or your eyes come to me and I will give you entire satisfaction. I will also keep a small selected stock of watches, clocks, jewelry and spectacles. I am in the Barber & Hancock Hardware Store. Come and see me whether you want anything or not. I want to meet you. A. T. ODENEAL, Remember the place. Barber & Hancock Hardware Store Spur Texas.

SPUR SCHOOL BUILDING SITE.

**Townsite Company Donates
Half Block For School
Building.**

The Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Company has made it known that they will donate the south half of block 64 on which to build the proposed eighteen thousand dollar school building.

The site is in the northwest part of the city and is one of the most desirable and beautiful locations to be had within the city limits. The proposed site will be two hundred twenty-five feet by three hundred fifty feet square, and being one of the highest points of the townsite, naturally and well drained and conveniently located it is a most desirable site. The Townsite Company further states that if it is so desired the surrounding property will be reserved for school grounds, thus giving all necessary ground for buildings and play grounds.

While the bonds for this building have not yet been voted, the election has been ordered for such a purpose, to be held March 4th, and since we have not heard a single objection to the proposed issue of bonds it is probable that the bonds will be issued without a dissenting vote.

NEW JEWELRY BUSINESS.

A. T. Odeneal, who recently came to Spur from Paris, is making preparations to open up a jewelry and watch repairing establishment and will probably be located in the Barber & Hancock hardware store.

Mr. Odeneal formerly had a jewelry business at Rotan and is well known by this writer. He is an expert and conscientious workman and able business man in his line and we can recommend him to the people of this section as trustworthy and competent.

FALSE ALARM.

Tuesday night about five o'clock the townspeople were awakened by a false fire alarm. A number of shots were fired and the fire yell given and immediately lights were twinkling in many residences and a number of citizens hurrying out in response to the call. However, upon further investigation the alarm proved to be false.

BOUGHT TWENTY ACRES

Burley Griffin bought the Blake twenty acre block of land just north of Spur this week and will move soon to the new home. We wish Burley much success truck farming. Mr. Blake, we understand will move to another section of country.

OATS COMING.

M. A. Jordan, of six miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Thursday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Jordan says he has ten acres of pretty oats coming up now and looking fine. He is just improving his place this year, having built his home about three months ago.

Increasing Our Stock.

In view of the increased volume of our business we have added a larger and fresher stock of drugs, drug sundries and toilet articles and are prepared to supply your requirements and will be glad to serve you. We also have a large selection of the choicest cigars made.

The Spur Drug Company

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J. H. Edwards was in the city Saturday from his home north of Dickens and reports everything in fine shape.

Mace Hunter was in Saturday from his home several miles east of Spur and reports everything in fine condition in his section of the country.

John Smith, a prominent farmer and ranchman of the Cat Fish country, had business in Spur Saturday and reports everything in fine shape in his section.

J. E. Murphey, a prosperous citizen of the Croton country, was here Monday and hauled out posts and other material for the improvement of his place.

A. T. Odeneal, of Paris, arrived in the city Saturday and is visiting at the home of J. V. McCormick and family. Mr. Odeneal will buy lots and build a home here and engage in the jewelry and watch repairing business. Mr. Odeneal is a fine citizen, an experienced jeweler and able business man and we are glad to welcome him as a permanent citizen of this section.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Friday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. The Judge says everything is looking fine in his section at this time and that the farmers are practically up with their work until planting time comes.

E. Luce, of Tap, was here Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Luce informed us that if he could secure a twenty acre block in the desired place he would buy and build a residence and make Spur his home in the future. We will be glad to see Mr. Luce become a citizen of the town and hope he can secure the desired location.

Dock Edwards was in the city Monday from his home north of Dickens and spent the day here trading with the First Monday crowd.

Willis Smith was in the city Saturday from his place in the Tap country and reports everything in fine shape and everybody up with farm work and waiting for planting time.

J. E. Sparks and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday. Mr. Sparks hauled out a load of lumber which indicates that more improvements will be made in the Tap country.

John Wooten, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of near Wake, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here trading and looking after other business matters.

Eight or ten new names have been added during the past week to the Texas Spur subscription list which fact is appreciated. If you are not a regular subscriber we will be glad to add your name to our list.

W. H. Smith was in from the Cat Fish country the first of the week and had his name placed on the Spur subscription list for which he has our thanks. Mr. Smith was formerly editor of the Clairemont News but is making a crop this year in the Cat Fish country.

Miss Pike arrived this week from Lubbock and will be permanently identified with the Fashion, millinery establishment in the city in the future. The Fashion has one of the largest and most select stock of millinery we have seen in this section of the country, and we wish the proprietors, Mrs. Stephens and Misses Nelson and Pike a successful and prosperous season

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C. J. Smith, a prosperous citizen of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday on business.

Jno. C. Stephens, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was in the city Monday and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Stephens reports everything in fine shape in his country, farmers all up with their work and expecting to grow bumper crops of all kinds during the year.

We are glad to note that Barber Simmons is able to be up after several days confinement of rheumatism.

J. D. Harkey was in the city Saturday from Dickens and reports everything moving along nicely in that city.

Miss Gracie Ham, teacher of the Dockum school and her sister, Miss Enda, were the guests of Miss Nona Peters Sunday.

Mr. Cap Peters and wife, of Claude, arrived in Spur this week and will make this their future home.

I. D. Gamble and Oscar Jackson returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to Anson where they spent several days.

J. B. George recently returned from a business trip to Hamlin where he has interests to look after. He reports everything in good condition in that section.

Sheriff Cole was here Monday from Dickens and says that work on the new jail is progressing and that work will begin on the new school building about the first of May. The Dickens school building will be a fine structure with modern equipments and furnishings. Dickens county is most progressive along educational as well as commercial and agricultural lines.

John Crump, of the Tap country, was in the city Monday and has our thanks for a dollar for the Texas Spur one year. He reports losing a team of horses recently, and says that he does not know whether they just strayed off or were stolen. The team came from one of the livery stables of Spur. Mr. Crump had secured a buggy and team here and drove out to Tap to some entertainment. The horses were unharnessed from the buggy and put in a lot and fed. At the close of the entertainment the horses were gone and nothing has been heard of them since. We hope that they will soon be found and feel confident that they are on the range eating Spur grass.

JEWELRY.

OUR SPRING NOVELTIES IN JEWELRY HAVE JUST ARRIVED.

LADIES: Pins Belt Buckles, Veil Pins, Collar Pins, Neck Chains, Locketts, and Hat Pins, Watches, and Fobs
GENTS: Stick Pins, Tie Clasps, Coat Chains, Cuff Links, Watches & Fobs.
A complete line of Seth Thomas and Eight Day Clocks, and Alarm Clocks.
We take a pleasure in showing you, whether you buy or not.

Red Front Drug Store

EASTMAN KODAK

Both Phones No. 2

EDISON PHONOGRAPH

Sebe Lambert was among the visitors to Spur Saturday and said that any report that he had drowned out during the recent big rains was a mistake, but that he is up with his farm work and waiting for the planting time to roll round. Sebe Lambert is one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of the country.

B. F. Brock was in the city Monday from Dickens and spent several hours here looking after business matters and trading with the merchants.

R. L. Holly, of the Gilpin country, was here Monday on business. Mr. Holly recently bought land south of Spur and will build a home and improve the place during the year.

Frank Smith was in the city Monday from the Cat Fish country and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Frank says he has planted water melons and will bring us in a two or three-footer this fall.

J. T. Harrison was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday and has our thanks for a dollar on subscription. Mr. Harrison says that the country was never in better condition with respect to farming than at the present time and that if we fail to make bumper crops this year there is absolutely nothing in prospects and indications.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hisey, of Stamford, are in the city at the home of Fred Hisey. We are informed that Mr. Hisey will build a five thousand dollar residence in the city and make Spur his permanent home in the future. Mr. Hisey has purchased the three lots between the P. H. Miller and Dr. Morris residences. We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. Hisey and family and wish them a pleasant home here.

Ben Hagins, a prosperous citizen and old timer of the Gilpin country, was here Monday.

P. H. Leatherwood, a prosperous citizen of the Wake country, was in Spur Monday on business.

M. L. Blakeley, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was here Monday on business and while in the city called at the Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar for the paper another year. Mr. Blakeley says that the Afton country is sure on top this year and that everybody is expecting to make bumper crops of all kinds. The whole country now has a fine season in the ground and with a shower or two along about planting time and one later will insure the biggest crop of years.

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LETTER TO MRS. M. M. HUMPHRY, Spur Texas.

Dear Madam: We suppose you'd like the tale, how a woman beat two hardware dealers in Girard, Pa.

We tried our best to get those men to sell Devoe lead-and-zinc in that bright town; and failed. Reluctantly took Mrs E. R. Bowman, druggist.

They said they couldn't sell paint for more than \$1.25 a gallon. Mrs Bowman can. She has sold about all the paint that has been sold there since.

She knew Devoe; had sold our artists' materials. Had some sense and force, besides; she easily learned that cheap is dear in paint, and told the people.

Mr Burt Young bought a gallon Devoe for rooms that had always taken a gallon of other paint; had half left.

Mr E. H. Hiler, Jeweler, painted Devoe, and says it goes further—no particulars.

Mr John Hanna, Grocer, thought it expensive before he bought it; brought back nearly half of his paint, and said it was the cheapest job he ever had.

Mrs Bowman reports universal satisfaction. So much for a cheap-paint town with a bright woman in it.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOE & CO.
P. S.—P. H. Miller Lumber Co. sell our paint.

NFW HOPE.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Shields were in the New Hope community. Mr. Shields transacting business.

Mrs. Gay, mother of townsman Martin Gay, is visiting in our community.

Miss Ella Worswick went to Dickens one day this week.

The following named gentlemen went to Dickens Saturday: J. L. Law, Henry Elmore, Olen Arthur and Clyde Walker.

Mark Harden Jr., was initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft Saturday night.

A dinner was given to the young people last Sunday by Eugene Blakely Sr. A nice time is reported and an abundance of the good things to eat were spread before them. Those present besides their own family were as follows: Sam Clinton Wallace, Tony and Hollet Holly, Ed Harvy, Robert Worswick, Buster Arthur, Steve Austin, Florence Elmore, Bulah Christopher, and two or more of other girls whose names are not reported.

A most beautiful couple came walking into the Midway church at singing Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ragsdale, just newly married. We wish them much joy and happiness on lifes journey.

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FARMING WITH LITTLE RAIN

Fundamental Ideas Are the Storage of Limited Rainfall in the Soil to Raise Crops.

(By Prof. J. D. Tinsley, Soil Physicist and Field Expert, New Mexico Experiment Station.)

Dry farming is a term which has been introduced in recent years to designate an agricultural method differing from the production of crops by an abundance of rainfall and by irrigation. This farming with a limited rainfall, while having become widely known only within the last few years, is not a new thing in New Mexico, for in certain sections the Indians and Mexicans have practiced it for a long time, especially with corn and beans. The Indians usually select the sandy land at the mouths of arroyos and thus take advantage of the natural mulching of the sand and the irrigation from the flood waters of the arroyos. The Mexican name of it is temporal farming, to distinguish it from farming by irrigation. Dry farming conditions range from the conditions found in humid climates to those where the rainfall is so small that only an occasional crop can be obtained. The fundamental ideas of dry farming are the storage of the limited rainfall in the soil and the growing of those varieties of crops which can mature with a minimum amount of water. It does not at all imply the growing of crops without water. There are two principal cropping methods depending on the amount of rain; that of growing a crop every year and that of only planting once in two years, saving the moisture from the first to assist the crop during the second season.

DRY FARMING IS HARD WORK

There is No Mystic Spell to Produce Plant Life in Semi-Arid Districts—Labor Needed.

In high altitudes, with 12 to 14 inches precipitation utilized under alternate or biennial systems, every crop possible of production under irrigation is profitably grown without irrigation.

With precipitation of 15 to 24 inches, many farmers in high altitudes are cropping annually.

Then again, many farmers under all of the above named conditions are falling continually.

Bankers fail when they refuse to bank along legitimate lines.

Merchants fail when they attempt to conduct their business without due regard for the requirements of their trade.

Farmers fail in every part of the world and under the most favorable conditions unless they endeavor to educate themselves into the methods necessary for their particular soil, climate and markets.

Dry farming demands unceasing labor. There is no mystic spell to produce plant life in a semi-arid district. The price of success is work—work—work—and the expenditure of energy enough to meet the immediate requirements of each section of land and each crop.

An "easy-going" farmer should not attempt dry farming, neither should a man who is financially unable to purchase the necessary machinery and to support himself while transforming his farm from the time-hardened prairie to a productive field.

VARIED USES OF THE EGG

Hen Produces One of the Most Delicious Morsels to the Human Palate.

The uses of the egg are varied. As a food it is unexcelled. The invalid and the strong use the egg without question as to its high nutritive qualities, and it has never yet been successfully substituted or adulterated.

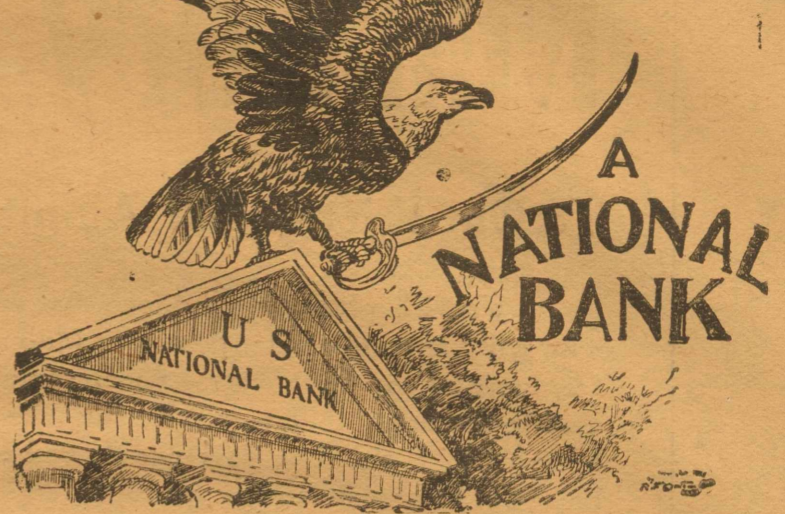
Eggs vary greatly in flavor and quality. Undesirable flavors may be detected in the egg after feeding the hens heavily on foods of strong or high flavor. If fed in sufficient quantity, beef scrap will give an odor to the egg. It is important that no beef scraps should be fed except of good quality. Onions will give an undesirable flavor in the egg, and if a sufficient quantity be eaten by the hen the eggs will be unfit for use.

It has been shown that certain foods affect the color of the egg; feeding alfalfa liberally will give yolks of high color.

The size of the egg is influenced by factors under the control of the poultryman. Eggs from fowls having free range where worms, insects and green food were obtained weighed more than eggs from similar hens kept in small yards.

Eggs for the fancy market should weigh not less than 22 ounces per dozen, with quality and color unobjectionable. The color of the shell is immaterial, though in some markets the white shell egg and in others the brown shell egg brings the higher price. There is no difference, however, in quality between the brown shell and the white shell egg.

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

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

Dying and dry cleaning our specialty. Hamill & Edwards 1t

Watch our show window Monday for special bargains.

White Front Grocery.

Will Craig was in Spur Monday with the big Percheron stallion recently purchased by the Dickens Horse Development Company. The horse is one of the finest three-year olds of the country. He weighs 1620 pounds, well made and fully developed in every particular. The horse will stand the season at Dickens and the Garner place several miles southeast of Spur and will be kept at each place about three days each week. The Dickens Horse Development Company is composed of G. T. Davis, K. H. Kennedy, Hodges Haile, Will Craig and L. B. Haile, and the horse was purchased at a price of three thousand dollars. Thorough bred stock should be considered by every farmer and we wish this company success in the development along this line and call especial attention to their advertisement in another column of this paper.

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AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

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.

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Millinery Announcement

To Our Friends and All Interested:

We with pleasure announce that we have again been so fortunate as to secure the services of Miss Burnett, who will have entire charge of our Millinery Department. It is useless for us to tell you of her ability as a trimmer for many of you have worn or seen some of her excellent productions, and they are indisputable evidences of her skill in the art of millinery. We take the liberty of saying for Miss Burnett what her modesty forbids her saying for herself, that she has few equals and no superiors in her profession. She is indeed an artist in her line, and you have but to explain to her your ideal in head wear and she can bring it into existence. Back of her own beautiful creations she has the famous Elzies the acknowledged in tailored style and effect of St. Louis. Also The Grace, Kansas City's boasted perfections in tailored productions, in fact she has gathered the very cream of millinery from the markets of Dallas, St. Louis, and Kansas City and offers them for your inspection and selection. All she asks is a careful visit to her department.

Your Friends,

BRYANT-LINK CO.

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Recently the Commissioners Court met at Dickens and selected the First National Bank of Dickens as the county depository.

We are informed that in response to the advertisement for bids in the matter of securing the county funds deposits, two sealed bids were received, the First State Bank of Spur bidding four and a half per cent interest on daily depository balances and the First National Bank of Dickens bidding two and a half per cent. However, it is reported that after the bids were open the Commissioners granted the Dickens Bank permission to withdraw its bid and put in another, the latter bid being four and a half per cent, and on this bid the Commissioners gave the Dickens Bank the preference as the county depository.

While the members of the Commissioners Court are all good men and we believe are men who desire to do the right thing, yet we are constrained to say that in this instance, however more convenient or preferable the selected depository may be, they made a breach of official capacity, and the First State

Bank of Spur was not given the consideration due it at the hands of the court in the matter of letting the contract for the deposit of county funds.

READ THIS.

For every ill beneath the sun, There is some remedy or none, If there be one resolve to find it, If not submit and never mind it, But go to Shaw's Feed Store for your Corn and Chops. Luzon Phone 143.

Mr. Carsey, a teacher of band music from Rising Star, passed through Spur Thursday on his way to Mexico. Mr. Carsey says that the Star country has fine crop prospects at this time and that since the railroad has been built through that place considerable building and improvements are being made.

W. C. McArthur, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of the Tap country, was in Spur Thursday on business and spent several hours here. Mr. McArthur came to this country in the early days and is now one of the most prosperous citizens of the country.

JOKE ON SECRETARY WILSON

Not Knowing French, He Joined In the Applause Given to Praise of Himself.

James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, knows pretty much all there is to know about trees, vegetables and soils; but he does not shine as a French scholar. Accordingly, he was at a disadvantage when he presided at a dinner at the Cosmos club, where many of the speeches were delivered in French. All the speakers were distinguished scientists, and they dwelt on subjects of an abstruse nature. Naturally, when their remarks were in French, they were puzzling to the secretary. Finally a particularly demonstrative Frenchman began to talk about fields and vineyards and how to improve them according to modern methods. He was applauded several times, and when he came to his peroration, which was full of long words and set off with many powerful gestures, the hand-clapping and cheering grew so boisterous that Mr. Wilson thought it incumbent on him to join in the demonstration of approval. As he got a late start in the hand-clapping, he was still at it when the rest of the assemblage had quieted down. "Do you know exactly what that fellow was saying?" asked a friend of the secretary, when the Frenchman had taken his seat. "No-o, not exactly," admitted Mr. Wilson; "but I applauded because everybody else was doing it, and I wanted to be polite." "He was saying," explained the friend, "that you were the best secretary of agriculture in the world."

SWIFT GAIT.

"And the Highfliers haven't separated yet?"
"No. They declare they simply haven't had time to get a divorce."

Alvis and Harrah Hansford has the measles this week, but in a very light form.

After visiting the schools to determine the per cent of pupils that have had measles, and finding that much the greater per cent have had them, and on account of the very light form existing, the trustees of the school have decided to leave the matter to discretion of the parents as to whether or not they will allow their children, who have not had measles to continue in school.

During the past several days between twenty and thirty cases of measles have been reported in Spur. However, all cases reported are in mild form.

Mr. J. E. Shelby is reported quite sick this week of kidney trouble. We hope to report his recovery soon.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon has been suffering the past several days of a rising in her head.

W. J. Duncan, of Casco, was in Spur on business Friday of this week.

Buy your Corn and Chops at Shaw's Feed Store. Phone 143.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Mrs. Morgan, of the city, is reported quite sick this week.

Judge Gipson was in Spur the latter part of last week from the county capitol and spent several hours here shaking hands with his friends and looking after business matters.

Clinton Funk, a prominent citizen of Rotan and formerly of the Funk Hardware Company of that place, was in Spur the latter part of this week on business.

T. H. Gilmore was in the city Wednesday from the ranch and reports everything in fine shape and that grass is growing nicely since the recent rains.

Mr. Whitaker, a prosperous citizen and old timer of the Afton country, was in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants of Spur.

It takes cash to buy our goods but we give you the best Corn and Chops for the least money. Shaw's Feed Store.

Rev. Berryman returned Thursday from Haskell where he had been several days doing church work.

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SCIENTIFIC CULTURE OF SOIL

Interesting Paragraphs Taken from
Prof. Tinsley's Article on "Soil
Moisture"—Different Terms.

That the philosophy of scientific soil culture may be thoroughly understood, the following paragraphs are from an article written by Prof. J. D. Tinsley of the New Mexico experiment station.

"Water in the soil may take the form of 'free water,' 'capillary water' or 'hygroscopic water.' 'Free water' is water under the influence of gravity, percolating through the spaces in the soil, and seeking a lower and lower level; ultimately it forms films around the soil particles and fills in the minute spaces between them. In this condition it no longer tends to sink deeper into the ground; it is no longer influenced by gravity; it has, in fact, ceased to be 'free water,' but has become 'capillary water.'

"When every soil grain has been covered with a film of 'capillary water,' and all the spaces are filled, the soil is said to be saturated; it will hold no more, and any excess is 'free water,' sinking deeper into the soil and saturating it to still greater depth.

"The 'capillary water' is held to the surface of each minute grain of soil by the force of adhesion. Its tendency is to move toward the place where the soil is driest—whether that be up, down or horizontally. This movement along the soil particles is similar to the movement of oil along a lamp wick; and is what is meant when the term 'capillary attraction,' or 'capillarity' is used. If one end of a small tube be immersed in water, it will be noticed that the liquid will rise higher in the tube than in the vessel in which the water is contained. This, also, is due to capillarity. Experiment shows that the smaller the tube the higher the water will rise, but the larger the tube the faster the movement. Now, the soil may be imagined as filled with multitudes of these tiny tubes, through which capillary water rises to the surface, when the surface becomes dry enough to attract it. This force of capillarity is the one thing upon which the farmer must depend to bring the water in the soil close enough to the surface to be reached by the roots of crop plants. At the same time his greatest care must be to prevent the moisture from being lost by evaporation, which proceeds with extraordinary rapidity in the excessively dry atmosphere of semi-arid America. From the capillary water the plant roots derive their supply of water and with it they take up the soil elements necessary to their growth.

"The third form of soil moisture is 'hygroscopic water.' This is water that cannot be 'dried out' or removed from the soil by natural evaporation. It is a wholly negligible quantity."

Mixed Peroration.

The preacher had been eloquent in his remarks concerning the young girl over whose remains the funeral services were being held. Tears were in the eyes of all present. Even the speaker's voice trembled with the force of his emotion. He concluded his sermon with this outburst: "Can any one doubt that this fair, fragile flower has been transplanted to the hothouse of the Lord?"

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ARID SOIL CULTURE

Dry Farming Produces Crops
Where Rainfall Is Limited.

Immense Tracts of Land Which Cannot Be Brought Under Irrigation and Utilization as Farms Vastly Important.

Dry farming, sometimes called "arid" or "soil culture" farming, is the production of crops without irrigation in regions that possess but a limited rainfall. The economic importance of the problem will be obvious to anyone who considers how much land in the west comes under this category. The results attained by individual farmers and government agricultural stations are such as to encourage effort and inspire hope on the part of those directly interested in dry farming. And the community at large is hardly less interested than the farmers who are toiling at a solution of the problem.

A considerable portion of the west is desert land, now, or soon to be, under irrigation and wonderfully fertile. A large portion is irremediably bad. And there are immense semi-arid regions which cannot be brought under irrigation and where there is less than 20 inches average annual rainfall. The utilization of these lands for other agricultural purposes than grazing would mean a highly important accession of wealth to the United States.

Farming in the semi-arid regions was formerly of the "hit or miss" variety—the growing of a wide acreage of crops with rough husbandry and with profits practically wiped out in dry years. But better farming methods are being applied, the aim of which are mainly to secure the collection within the soil of all the water falling on it, the retention within the soil of all the water absorbed, and the growth of crops suitable to semi-arid conditions. The method pursued is "summer fallowing"—planting every other year, but cultivating every year. The soil is plowed deep, harrowed three or four times a year and covered with a blanket of soil "mulch" to conserve the moisture.

The selection of the right crops and the right variety of each is of prime importance. The durum or macaroni wheat and Turkey Red are well adapted to semi-arid regions. In corn, a small, early maturing variety is recommended by experts, with Kaffir corn and sorghum for feed crops. There is great likelihood that certain varieties of alfalfa are widely suitable. Oats, barley, millet, field peas, western wheat grass, potatoes and other root vegetables have given good results on the plains.

The necessity (under proper methods of dry farming) of cropping the soil in alternate years, made the 160 acre limit of the homestead law seem unsuitable to the needs of the farmer of the semi-arid regions. A recent amendment to the land laws permits the homesteader to enter 320 acres of dry land in specified localities, that amount being generally considered as useful for the successful application of the "summer fallowing" method.

The results of dry farming must obviously be proportioned to the thoroughness, experience and intelligence of the individual farmer—a condition which, of course, applies more or less to all farming. Those about to engage in dry farming are reminded by the United States department of agriculture that the farmer "should investigate carefully the possibilities of the particular region in which he expects to settle; he should have clearly in mind beforehand the kind of crop which he will produce, and he should not undertake dry farming if a failure of crops at the beginning will mean to him a complete and permanent disaster."

Failure.

Enemies of western progress openly claim that dry farming is—and always must be—a failure. Many who have given the matter no serious thought believe—from hearsay—that the dry farmers must fail. Many dry farmers have failed—but dry farming never.

Limited Rainfall.

Dry farming—so-called—is farm operation under limited rainfall in districts where irrigation water cannot be obtained or where the supply of irrigation water is inadequate to meet the requirements of the acreage.

Something New in Stories.

Marguerite Andoux is forty-six years old and has been a seamstress since she was twenty-one years of age, and she cannot spell correctly, and yet she has written a book within the last few months that is considered of almost perfect style by the critics. There is no moralizing, no description of emotion, no character sketching in "Marie-Claire," but every line is truth and pictures come crowding upon one another as one reads the sweet, simple story.

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FIXING THINGS

"Really, I'm sorry," Harold told his sister. "I would if I could, but I can't."

"Who is the girl?" asked Marjory. "If you must know, it's Dorothy," responded Harold.

"Then be a dear and call her up. Tell her that your own and only sister entertains the Noyes-Bryce bridal party on Saturday evening. You, being the best man, are indispensable. She won't mind changing her engagement with you for another evening. If you are not here who will move the bride tables? Who will take the groom's uninteresting sister in to supper? Who will pass the cigars? Who will do everything? Without you the whole affair will be one dismal failure."

"I hate to refuse you quite as much as I dislike missing the party. But listen to my thrilling story."

"Four weeks ago next Saturday," related Harold, "Dorothy and I had a theater engagement. You know, mother's uncle died on that evening. I had to act as chief funeral director, so I was compelled to break my engagement with Dorothy. We decided to go on the following Wednesday."

"On that evening my boss came on from New York. He wanted to discuss with me matters of importance. He was to return to New York the next day. Could I say to him, 'Tonight I take the sweetest girl on earth to the theater, so I can't talk business?' I could not. It was up to me again to break our engagement. The following Wednesday was amicably settled upon for a real celebration, for Dorothy is the most obliging girl in the world."

"That Wednesday was the first day I had my new auto. You recollect that I was arrested for scorching. I had to hang around the police station until it was too late to appear in respectable society. Poor Dorothy sat waiting for me for hours. We made another appointment for next Saturday. Now, do you insist that I again disappoint the best of all girls?"

"It does seem dreadful," sighed Marjory.

"Why not change your party to another evening?" suggested her brother. "Utterly out of the question," answered Marjory. "I couldn't change the date for my own mother-in-law,

if I were married. Don't ask me to do anything so hopelessly impossible."

The next evening brother and sister came to the dinner table with beaming faces.

"I have asked seven girls and seven men to break fourteen engagements so my big brother could be present at my party," announced Marjory.

"You are an angel," said Harold. "On what night is the famous Noyes-Bryce bridal party going to take place?"

"Next Thursday evening, dear," Marjory answered, sweetly.

"Next Thursday evening? You don't mean it! It's all a joke! Speak, Marjory! Tell me it's not to be Thursday evening," roared Harold.

"What is the matter with Thursday evening?" asked his surprised sister.

"Everything," declared Harold. "I thought I had acted selfish about that blasted affair of yours, so I decided to do my painful duty. I closed my desk at two o'clock, took a taxi to Dorothy's and explained the situation to her. That girl has the most irresistible sense of humor. She laughed till the tears rolled down her cheeks. Then she and I decided that if ten of my mother's uncles died, if twenty bosses of mine came from New York, if thirty police courts detained me and if forty sisters gave forty parties, we would go to the theater next Thursday evening."

"I wish I had Dorothy's irresistible sense of humor for about five minutes," said Marjory. "Let's call her up."

No Complaints, Please.

Claude Grahame White, the English aviator, at the New York Horse Show, was praising American hotels.

"They are stupendous," he said. "There's nothing like them abroad. And as a rule their service is as incomparable as their size and their magnificence."

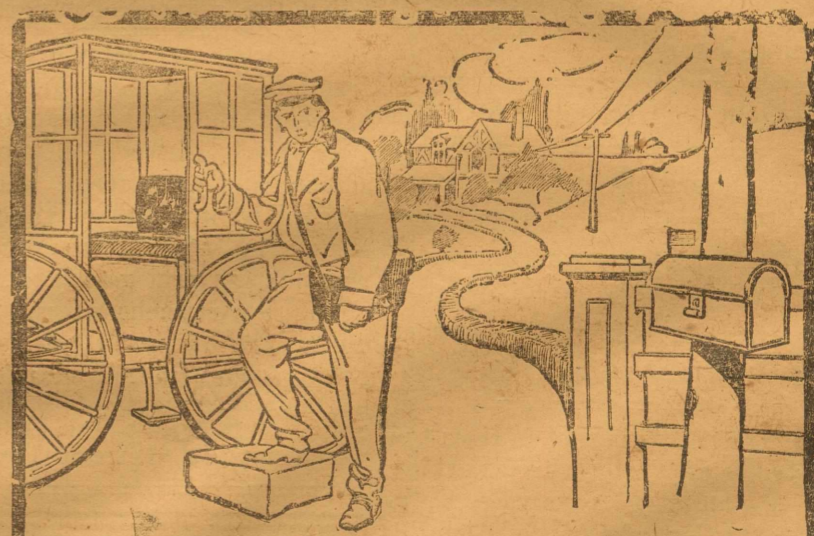
"Sometimes, though—not often, but sometimes—the American hotel guest is treated more like a boy in a boarding-school than a paying visitor in a hotel. Thus a friend of mine went to the desk in his hotel the other day to lodge a complaint.

"'A complaint, eh?' said the clerk. 'Well, I guess you'll have to see the boss about that. That's him there.'"

"My friend turned to the boss, who stood at his elbow, smoking a cigar. 'Are you the proprietor of this hotel?' he began.

"The proprietor took his cigar from his mouth, looked my friend up and down, and drawled:

"'Well, I thought I was till you came.'"



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Unity and co-operation are the watch-words of success, progress and prosperity in city building and country development. Let us stand together and push ahead.

The petitions sent in from the people of Western Texas asking legislators to pass the Katy-Texas Central Consolidation Bill seems to not meet the approval of Governor Colquitt since he says that he will veto the bill if passed by the legislature. His only reason given for such veto is to follow up his campaign slogan of "Legislative Peace and Rest." Legislative rest and peace is all right, but we of Western Texas want to see business pick up in railroad construction, and unless the present legislature takes some action with reference to restrictive legislation heretofore enacted we will continue to also have rest if no peace as to railroad construction. Turn Texas loose and watch it grow.

The man who opposes every progressive move in the upbuilding of a city and development of a country will by natural evolution be relegated to the back seat and delegated among the "has beens." When in Rome do as the Romans. We are living in a progressive age, the town and country is progressing and if you can't keep in the procession either move or quit trying to scotch the wheels of progress.

A weather forecaster of California says that an obstruction of several thousand miles dimensions is now between the earth and sun and as a result uncertain and rainy weather will continue over the country during the next several weeks. With already seven inches of rainfall during February and the prospects of more in March makes us more confident of bumper crops. Who was it said that it never rains in Western Texas?

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

S. A. Coleman bought the Hill stock of second hand goods last week and has added the stock to his store on Fifth Street. We call the attention of readers to his add in another column. The fact of the business is that we would like for all readers of this paper to not only read the advertisements but tell the business men that you saw it in the Texas Spur. Advertisements will help the general public to select a good place to trade and in many instances help purchasers to make selections of goods. Advertisers often quote prices and generally tell you what they have to sell, and telling them that you read the ads you encourage more ads which convenience you, help the advertiser and the paper.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets every Saturday night in each month, C. H. Perry Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C. I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday, R. B. S. Craig N. G. C. H. Perry Sec.
M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk. Praetorians meets every 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.
B. F. Brock was in the city Monday from Dickens and spent several hours here looking after business matters and trading with the merchants.

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HOW TO MAKE SPUR SCHOOL THE BEST.

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These Compositions are offered just as the pupils wrote them. We do this, that you good people of Spur may see what they think, and "how" they think it.
S. W. ADAMS, Prin.

Pupils in the High School, if you will set good examples for the pupils in the lower grades to follow, you will greatly help to make Spur school the best.

Pupils in the Intermediate grades, if you will follow the good examples set you by the High School pupils, you will also help to make Spur School the best. Because if you follow these good examples Primary pupils will follow them.

Pupils in all grades, if you will be orderly on and off the school grounds you will help to make Spur School the best. By doing your work quickly, accurately, and neatly. By bringing every lesson up on time, by studying your lessons one hour every night. By speaking good about the school and faculty. Try your best to make better grades than anyone in your room. If every pupil does this then will all make good grades. Be neither tardy nor absent. Be sure to give your full attention to all recitations, because you will learn more from a good recitation than any one other thing.

If all the pupils carry out this advice they will succeed in making Spur School the best.

Lilbur Standifer, 9th grade

The pupils should always get the lesson the teacher assigns them. They should study and keep their lessons learned well. If they are not studying they should keep quiet so the others can study.

Never be tardy if you can avoid it. Always be on time and never be absent unless sick or bad weather. Don't stay out of school to go hunting or have a good time.

Be orderly while in the school room or on the campus. Keep the rules and regulations of the teacher. Tell the people how

the school is progressing and try to get new pupils to come to school.

Boyd Williams, 9th grade.

One of the first things we should consider would be our aim, which is merely trying to prepare ourselves for our future life or career.

Let not our school days be spent in idleness and neglect, let us not shudder and feel liking because we think it is too hard for us, only try the harder to overcome these obstacles.

The fact that each of us dwell in the midst of opportunities, and all that is necessary to enable one to see these opportunities is to put away from the eyes the scale of prejudice, to cultivate faith in our ability, and to be not content with merely plodding along with nothing better in sight.

We should plan now what we want to accomplish. "Move on," is the watch word of to-day, we will never again have so much time in which to carry out our plans as we have now.

Let Spur School be known by its successful students, the results it gets, it is not furniture, brick and mortar that make Spur School.

Norma Smith, 9th grade.

First, the pupils must be interested in their work that they may learn. No teacher can teach a pupil who is not interested a great deal, and to be interested we must never be tardy or absent unless we are sick, and must study hard and bring up all lessons assigned by the teacher.

Second, we must always be ready and anxious to speak a good word for our school. If we hear others talking against it, begin and make those people believe they are wrong, by saying everyting good we can about the Spur School.

Willie Gilpin, 9th grade.

We should have an interest in school from the day we start until we graduate.

Every pupil should endeavor to do his best.

The teacher is to instruct us but he can't have any success in school without the aid of the pupils.

We should not be absent un-

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less it is on account of sickness.

Some pupils think if they live a short distance from a village that it is impossible for them to attend school regularly. This is only a wrong idea, going to school is just a habit. We form habits every day of our lives, why not make going to school one?

We should never be tardy. The pupil thinks it does not amount to very much for being tardy. We really can't imagine what it will lead to. One reason is, if you are in such habits while attending school, when you grow up to man or womanhood and go to working for a "boss" and late several mornings how long will you hold your position?

But the opportunities we have to-day for an education, we should only strive to be in the future, "boss" instead of "bossed."

Neatness is very important in a school room. You can usually judge pupils by the paper around in the room, if there is a great deal scattered over the floor most of their knowledge is

on the paper instead of in their minds.

We should always be kind and friendly to all our school mates, and especially courteous to our teacher.

We should in every instance say a good word for our Spur School.

There is only about one hundred and twenty five of us now, but we will grow.

We have established this motto: "Help make Spur School The Best." We are striving to carry it out. Won't you help us?

Lena Bell Neely, 9th grade.

CITY ELECTION DECLARED.

County Judge Gipson recently declared Spur a city incorporated under the Commission form of Government with Geo. S. Link Mayor and W. G. Sherrod and E. C. Edmonds as Commissioners with full power to act as legal representatives of Spur in an official capacity.

Spur is now in the city class and we predict that she will move along serenely to the betterment of conditions, progress of commerce and prosperity of the citizenship.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Monday and reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country

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 - P Is for people who mean to till it.
 - U Understanding linked with muscle you know,
 - R Is for rain to make the crops grow.
 - L Is for land bought cheaply may be,
 - A Is for air famed for true purity,
 - N Stands for newness, a ranch it has been,
 - D Is for Dickens, the county 'tis in,
 - S Is for Swenson, the man who is selling,
- SPUR LANDS to all who are ready and willing.
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TAP TELLINGS.

Spring time again and everyone that will work is busy, and those who won't work have left the country.

J. E. Sparks hauled out material last week and is now building a nice house on his new farm near here. Hatten Perry, of Spur, will occupy the house and farm the land this year.

Mr. Perry, of Spur, is assisting Mr. Sparks in building his house this week.

Sam McKay has secured the Cross place and Sam is indeed lucky, for this is one of the best little farms in Red Mud valley.

J. A. Hinson and family were visiting old time friends and kinfolks here a few days ago. Miss Mildred Rash, of Spur, visited at J. E. Sparks and T. S. Lamberts Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Hardin preached here Sunday to a large congregation.

Frank Abney has leased some land from Mrs. Turner, and will make a crop this year. Now girls set your caps, Frank is in need of a housekeeper.

Singing Sunday night at Mr. Luce's was enjoyed by a large crowd of young folks.

Miss Essie Lambert was on the sick list this week. We are glad to report her condition much improved at present.

It was with much pleasure and interest that we read in last issue of the Texas Spur the descriptive letter from one of our neighbor boys who is now in South America. This copy alone was worth the price of the paper for a year, but Mr. Editor don't charge it up to us for we have just got a dollar and are fixing to get married the very first chance we get, we are tired working for wages and want a bright energetic girl who is willing to make a living for two.

Gadabout.

I. D. Gamble has just received a new line of goods, including percales, gingham, white goods.

Buy Red Ball Oranges from McDonald, save wrappers and get Rodgers Silverware. They are extra sweet and the cheapest.

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

STEEL HILL ITEMS.

As I escaped the waste basket last week will come again.

The farmers are very busy this pretty weather planting, grubbing and preparing for a large crop. It has been said that the majority of the people won't take time to go to town, thus borrowing from his neighbor until they all get out of grub. Lookout Spur we will all be in right away.

John Randals was on the sick list the first of the week, but is better now.

Both young and old attended a singing at M. A. Jordan's Sunday.

Brother Billberry preached at Steel Hill Monday night to a large congregation. Come again Mr. Billberry, we are glad to have you. Preaching Tuesday night by the County Missionary, Bro. North, leaving his appointment with the Steel Hill people to be with them on each Saturday night before the first Sunday and Sunday night. Everybody invited to come.

Brother Bennett preaches each fourth Sunday evening.

We notice uncle Harrison Lodge has located on Al Sullivan farm.

John Randals and wife were the guests of J. A. Neighbors and family Sunday.

Collins has received his new stump puller and is pulling mesquite trees in the old fashion way.

Ripsaw.

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.

Best grade of percales, 9 cents a yard, at I. D. Gamble's. 1t

Watch our show window Monday for special bargains.

White Front Grocery.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL LAND SALE.

Eastland County will offer for sale, to the highest and best bidder, 7898 acres of its school land, known as Blanco Canon ranch in Crosby County, at Eastland, Texas, April 10th, 1911, on the following terms:

1st. Will entertain bids for all cash.

2nd. Will entertain proposals to sell part on time and part for cash. The cash payment to be not less than ten per cent of entire purchase price; the entire deferred payment to be made in five, ten, twenty and forty years, at option of the purchaser, interest to be paid annually.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned on or before the date mentioned. Those desiring to bid will enclose within their bid a certified check for \$200.00, in order to guarantee a completion of their contract, according to the bid submitted, should same be accepted by the Court.

Should no sale be made, proposals to lease said land will be entertained by the Commissioners at the time and place above mentioned.

Eastland County reserves a right to reject any and all bids.

E. A. HILL,

County Juge, Eastland County, Texas. 19-5t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Frank J. Enger
vs
J. L. Haskew. In District Court of Jones County, Texas.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed in the above entitled cause, from the District Court of Jones County, in the State of Texas, dated the 15th day of July A. D. 1910 and numbered 903; I on the 6th day of March A. D. 1911, have levied upon and will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1911, being the first Monday in April 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:

Two double buggies, three single buggies, one surrey and one transfer buss, one sorrel mare braded)B on left shoulder, one bay horse branded, diamond, on left thigh, one bay horse branded, X7- on left thigh, one bay horse branded with dim brand on left shoulder, one dun horse branded, J on left shoulder and C on left thigh, one bay horse branded, TS on left shoulder, and two bay horses, brand not known. Said property being levied upon as the property of J. L. Haskew, to satisfy a judgement issued out of said Court in favor of Frank J. Enger, and against J. L. Haskew, for the sum of, two thousand and one hundred twenty-four & 38-100 Dollars (\$2124.38) less \$459.80 paid on the 4th day of January A. D. 1911, with interest thereon from the 15th day of July A. D. 1910 at the rate of 8 per cent per annum and all cost of suit with foreclosure of Mortgage.

This the 7th day of March A. D. 1911.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff
19-3t Dickens County, Texas.

Bring your hides to Morgan Bros. at City Meat Market. We pay highest cash prices for same.

E. Ham, who is teaching the Gilpin school this year, had business in Spur Saturday.

Nice line of India Linens and Dimities, 10, 12 1-2, 15 and 17 1-2 cents a yard at Gamble's. 1t

Planting Time Coming

The planting season is here and we want to supply the farmers of this territory with cotton and corn planters, plows, cultivators and all farm implements. Come and see us before buying elsewhere.

Barber & Hancock.

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.

NOTICE.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DICKENS: We the undersigned citizens of Dickens County, Texas, are willing to make affidavit that we are residents of Precinct No. 2, Dickens County, Texas, and that we voted at the General Election held on the 8th of November, 1910, in said Precinct and that we voted for J. H. Edwards for County Judge of Dickens County:

L. C. Arrington, C. I. Cannon, D. N. Power, Will Duncan, R. C. Palmer, W. L. McCarty, J. F. Young, Wm. Austin, J. J. Proctor, G. W. Robertson, Lon Greer. The Judges only gave me eight votes at Afton Precinct.
J. H. Edwards.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that A. T. Odeneal will preach Sunday at the Christian tabernacle, having for his subject "The Rich Man and Lazarus." Everybody is respectfully invited to come out and hear the subject discussed.

Mr. Perry, formerly of Fisher country and nephew of Uncle Pink Higgins, is moving his family to the Cat Fish country and will make a crop this year on the J. P. Higgins ranch.

E. J. Cowan returned Thursday from a trip to Mart, Waco and other eastern cities. He reports fine crop prospects in the sections visited.

Mrs. H. M. McGuirt and little child left Thursday with her brother, Mr. Graham, for Childress where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. Graham recently purchased the Dixie Store stock of goods and added to the Variety Store stock.

Highest cash prices paid for hides at Morgan Bros. City Meat Market.

Book Fold gingham, 10 cents a yard at I. D. Gamble's 1t

Two good heavy work horses for sale. See W. G. Potts.

Wall Paper

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