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TRIP TO EMMA AND THE PLAINS.

Railroad Nearing Completion And New Town to be Created.

By special request and urgent solicitation on the part of Messrs C. C. and A. J. Tyler, the writer consented to act as "chauffeur" and drive them upon the Plains, and after making all necessary arrangements we boarded the Texas Spur auto and left the city Tuesday morning between nine and ten o'clock, arriving at Emma about the noon hour.

At Emma we met a number of the citizens, Jno. R. Ralls, Hugh McLaughlin, Big Travis, Little Travis, J. J. Cutler, Judge Murry and others being among the number, all of whom are largely interested in that section and enthusiastic as to its future possibilities in agriculture and its early settlement by farmers and the establishment and creation of towns for the convenience of the people and general betterment of conditions.

Mr. Ralls is making preparations to open up a new town on the South-Plains railroad now building from Lubbock into Crosbyton and which is nearing completion, and with Messrs. Ralls, McLaulin and Travis we drove out to the proposed townsite which will be located three miles north of Emma and ten miles west of Crosbyton. Messrs. Ralls and McLaughlin own several thousands of acres of land, and the section selected for the town site is one of the most beautiful, natural town sites in all of Texas, and being centrally located for the convenience of a large majority of the farmers of that section and in the center of a rich and vast agricultural body of land the proposed new town of Ralls has the very brightest prospects and it is expected to grow, thrive and prosper from the very beginning.

Standing on the proposed townsite one can see in every direction section after section of farm lands, the soil of which is rich and adapted to the growth of every character of farm product known to this climate, and practically every foot of which is smooth, tillable soil. The town site is on an elevated plat of ground sufficiently rolling in every direction to give the town a natural drainage, thus insuring a clean, healthy and ideal location to a large population of city dwellers and home builders.

Plans are already materializing for the construction of a twenty thousand dollar school building, and this together with lodges and churches contemplated insures the home seeker the best educational facilities and moral surroundings.

The surrounding farm lands will be cut into small tracts and sold to farmers on most liberal terms of one fourth cash, one fourth after two years and ten years on the remaining half, the notes to bear a small rate of interest. There are at present about seventy five families located in the immediate surrounding territory and from which the new town will draw its trade from the beginning, and this in

connection with the settlement of new homes, the coming of immigrants and home seekers as a natural result of the advent of the railway and the opening up for sale of rich agricultural lands, insures the building of a substantial town and the rapid settlement of that part of the Plains immediately surrounding the proposed new town of Ralls.

After leaving Ralls and bidding our friends good bye we drove back through Crosbyton where several pleasant moments were spent, during which time we made a fraternal call at the Crosbyton Review office, after which we made the trip back home and, aside from the mere accident incident to autoing, the tramp of a few miles and an exciting encounter with two monster Stag hounds in which Tyler proved his ability at self protection and demonstrated the active possibilities of a walking cane, we arrived home in good condition.

Altogether the trip was a most pleasant one, and our visit to Emma and the Plains country more forcibly impressed us with the unlimited possibilities and boundless resources of the Great West, and the acquaintances formed assures us that with such men as promoters this section will continue to develop, towns prosper and within a few years this territory will be recognized and conceded the Empire of Texas.

COUNTRY IN FINE SHAPE.

A. L. Jobe, a prominent citizen of Merkel, was in the city several days this week looking after his interests here. At the beginning of Spur Mr. Jobe was among the buyers of Spur property, and it is possible that some time in the future he will become a permanent resident with us. Mr. Jobe reports that the Merkel country is in fine shape, had plenty rain and wheat, oats and other small grain looking fine in that section and the country as a whole expecting a prosperous year.

CAUGHT THE FISH.

Milt Trout was in the city recently from his home several miles east of Spur. He reports having caught about three hundred fish in Duck Creek last week, taking the fish to the Wilson lake six miles east of town. He thinks the fish will thrive in this lake and within a short time fine fishing can be had.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

New Directors Elected And Other Important Matters Discussed.

A regular meeting of the Commercial Club was held Thursday night for the purpose of electing a new board of directors for the ensuing year.

Ten members compose the board of directors and in the election five of the old members were retained, including C. A. Jones, C. L. Love, Y. L. Jones, F. A. Prideaux and Geo. S. Link, while the new membership elected were S. R. Davis, E. C. Edmonds, N. A. Baker, W. S. Campbell and W. G. Sherrrod.

The new board of directors will meet Friday morning at ten o'clock to elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

At the meeting the matter of ten thousand dollars in premiums offered farmers by the State Industrial Congress was discussed and it was the opinion of the club that all assistance possible should be given farmers of Dickens county who will enter the contest, and since the contest will close the first of April all Dickens county farmers are urged to send in their application before the expiration of that time. It is very probable that the business men of Spur will make up a purse in addition to the ten thousand dollars offered by the state to encourage Dickens county farmers to enter the contest, and by so doing have an opportunity to secure both a state and county prize.

Mayor Geo. S. Link was called upon to give the Club an outline of what the Commission had done and intended to do, and in response stated that at the several meetings held by the City Commissioners ordinances had been outlined for adoption at the regular meeting to be held the last Monday night in this month.

The railroad proposition and prospects were discussed, and from information thus obtained the prospects are very bright in securing another railroad for Spur within the year. Along this line the Texas Spur is informed that the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Company has asked for and secured the issuance of bonds to the extent of several thousands of dollars for the extension of that line of railway, and from every point of

view we are convinced that the Quanah, Acme & Pacific will build through Spur when that road is extended out of Paducah.

With respect to Commercial Club work, the benefits in advertising and other ways, C. A. Jones stated that he at one time became discouraged and formed the conclusion that the expense along this line was greater than the benefits derived. However, upon further investigation he was convinced that it pays to advertise. He said that the Swensons had spent thousands of dollars for advertising and in his investigation Mr. Jones traced at least twenty five percent of the sales of Spur Farm Lands directly to advertising. As an advertiser he said that while possibly the result in every instance could not be traced to the direct source, but that in his investigations he was also convinced that the Commercial Club had been an important factor in advertising Spur and the Spur Lands. The very existence of a commercial club is an advertisement, and is a source from which reliable information can be sent out and the collective interests of the town and country can be promoted. Taxation and even life at times may seem a burden but it is our duty and to the interests of all that such things be fostered, succored to the welfare of our government, development of the country and advancement of the interests of the people, commerce, agriculture and the country.

CULTIVATING NEW LAND.

Fred O. McFall was in the city Thursday from his place a few miles north of Spur and reports everything moving along nicely in his section of country. Mr. McFall has cleared up a number of acres of new land for cultivation this year and says he has most of his land plowed and ready for planting. A good season is in the ground and every section of the Spur country is expected to harvest bountiful yields of every character of farm products during the year.

QUIT PAYING RENT.

I represent one of the strongest financial loan companies and can secure a loan for you to build a home with not more than seven and a half dollars payment a month. Own your own home and let it pay for itself.

Nat P. Shaw at Shaw's Feed Store.

LAND CLEARED FOR CULTIVATION

More Than Fifteen Thousand Acres Cleared Immediately Tributary to Spur.

During the year more than fifteen thousand acres of new land will be cultivated in the immediate territory surrounding Spur, and this new land together with several thousand acres of old land which has been cultivated for years, and also many acres of both old and new lands to be cultivated in other sections within the Spur trade territory, will give Spur a considerable acreage from which to draw its support and upon which it depends for its resources.

With the above figures it can be safely estimated that twenty five or thirty thousand acres of land will be cultivated this year within the Spur trade territory, more than half of which will possibly be planted to cotton. The prospects now are that the Spur country will make from one-half to one bale of cotton to the acre, and considering only half of the acreage will grow cotton and produce only half bale to the acre Spur will have at least seven thousand bales within its immediate territory, and this with an equal acreage of other farm products is most encouraging to the country and business interests and insures abundant resources for the year.

Taking everything into consideration Spur and the Spur country has the very brightest prospects and the town and country as a whole is expecting to grow, prosper and develop to the limit of its capacity.

WILL ENTER CONTEST.

T. E. Rucker, of Afton, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday and had the paper sent to his brother, M. O. Rucker at Hico another term for which he has our thanks. Mr. Rucker says he will enter the State contest for the best ten acres of cotton and corn with the intention of securing one of the prizes. He has already planted ten acres of corn and ten acres of maize and has all of his ground in shape for planting. Mr. Rucker first came to this country in 1889 and says that he never has made a failure in growing corn and always plants early. He is making a crop this year on R. L. Collier's place. Mr. Rucker, aside from being an old timer of this section, is one of the most enthusiastic men with respect to the productiveness of this section. He says that with proper seasons not even the Red River bottom lands of Texas will produce more cotton to the acre than the soil of Dickens county, and he says the main reason this section has not settled more rapidly is for the simple reason that the lands could not be bought earlier. However, since the Spur ranch has been cut up lands can be secured at reasonable prices and easy terms and within a few years the country will be thickly settled and all agricultural lands tilled.

COME DRINK AT OUR FOUNTAIN

We Extend to You The Very Best Service in Our Line in Every Respect.

Your especial attention is called to our complete line of Base Ball goods and Tennis equipments. Our cigars are choice, our cold drinks invigorating, our drugs fresh and pure and you will have felt better by calling at

The Spur Drug Company

C. B. COOK, Mgr.

GROCERIES, GROCERIES, GROCERIES

For the remainder of the month we will make the following very low prices on groceries for CASH.

100 lb. sacks std. granulated sugar.....\$5.50	3 lb. " " dozen..... 1.10
25 " " " " " " " " " " 1.40	3 lb. Krout per can..... 10c
100 lbs. Best flour (Baker Boy)..... 3.00	3 lb Krout per dozen..... 1.10
10c less on 300 pounds	3 lb. Hominy per can..... 10c
Meal per bushel..... 65c	3 lb. " " " " " 1.10
Bucket coffee..... 1.00	2 lb. Corn per can..... 10c
10 lb. Lard compound..... 1.25	2 lb. Corn per doz..... 1.10
5 lb. " " " " " " " " " " 65	Wrapped Bacon per pound..... 16
3 lb. Tomatoes per can..... 10c	Dry Salt Bacon per lb..... 15c

R. R. Morrison.

NO. 9611.

Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, March 7th, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....\$ 85,689.93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 2,109.26
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 25,000.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures..... 33,138.98
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)..... 9,591.76
Due from approved Reserve agents..... 24,209.70
Checks and other cash Items..... 516.74
Notes of other National Banks..... 2,655.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents..... 57.25
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie.....\$5,806.95
Legal-tender notes—2,750.00—..... 8,556.95
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)..... 1,250.00
Total.....\$192,775.57

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....\$100,000.00
Surplus fund..... 4,000.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and Taxes paid..... 1,678.18
National Bank Notes outstanding..... 24,000.00
Due to other National Banks..... 1,294.20
Individual deposits subject to check..... 61,803.19
Total.....\$192,775.57

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1911.

E. J. COWAN,
Notary Public

Correct Attest:

C. A. Jones,
R. V. Colbert,
W. T. Andrews,

THE DIFFERENCE.

In announcing an increase in the subscription price of his paper the editor of a certain paper gives the following reason:

"Labor that cost \$1.00 a year ago now cost us \$1.75. Paper that cost \$1.70 a few years ago now costs \$2.35, postage that formerly cost the publisher a cent a pound out side the county and free inside the county, now costs the publisher when a subscriber is a year or more in arrears, a cent on each paper. A few years ago it took two shocks of corn to pay a year's subscription, now one shock will bring enough money to pay for two years subscription. Not many years ago it took the price of two turkeys to pay for one year's subscription, now one turkey will sell for enough to pay for two years subscription. One lamb, several years ago, sold for the price of twenty-four months subscription, now one lamb will sell for enough to pay for forty-eight months reading matter."

HOW TO KILL FLIES.

To clear the room of flies, carbolic acid may be used as follows: Heat a shovel or similar article and drop thereon 20 drops of carbolic acid. The vapor kills the flies.

A cheap and perfectly reliable fly poison, one which is not dangerous to human life, is bichromate of potash in solution. Dissolve one drachm, which can be bought at any drug store, in two ounces of water, and add a little sugar. Put some of this solution in shallow dishes, and distribute them about the house.

Sticky fly paper, traps and liquid poisons are among the things to use in killing flies, but the latest, best and cheapest is a solution of formalin or formaldehyde in water. A spoonful of this liquid put into a quarter or a pint of water and exposed in the room will be enough to kill all the flies.

To quickly clear the room where there are lots of flies, burn

pyrethrum powder in the room. This stupefies the flies when they may be swept up and burned. — Bulletin of American Civic Association.

Miss Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harvey, returned this week to Spur after an absence of several months with relatives. Miss Harvey is now employed at the C. H. McDonald confectionery store.

TAP TELLINGS.

Everything is looking good out this way. The earth is putting on her green carpet, the birds are gayly singing and we hear the merry whistle of the farmer in the early morn as he hies away to his work.

Some are planting corn this week.

The out fields are looking fine. Mr. Sparks has completed the house on his new farm for Mr. Perry and family, and they are well pleased with their new home. Mr. Perry's brother-in-law does the farm work while Mr. Perry hunts for kangaroo rats.

W. A. Copland made a business trip to Spur first of the week.

A Mr. Peters, of Tarrant county, was here a few days ago, the guest of J. L. Johnson. Mr. Peters was here some years ago and expressed himself as being much surprised at the rapid development of the country.

Misses Susie and Stella Allcorn visited homefolks in Kent county Saturday and Sunday.

Tom McArthur had a right serious runaway this week while plowing. The plow struck an underground stump causing the double-tree to break and frightening the team. They ran over a wire fence, disabling one for work for some time at least.

Mat Howell and family, of near Spur, were visiting Judge McClain on Cat Fish Sunday.

Hatten Perry and J. E. Sparks made a flying trip to Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. P. Hinson has put her old man to work and she is carrying the mail over the Tap-Spur line at present. Pat says this is pretty hard fare but guess he can endure it till the weather gets too hot.

Gadabout.

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

TERM "DRY FARMING" IS NEW

Incorrect and Should Be Replaced By "Scientific Farming" as More Nearly Correct.

(By Dr. V. T. Cooke, Dry Farming Expert.)

The term dry farming is somewhat new to the popular mind and needs defining. The term is scientifically incorrect and should be replaced by "scientific farming," as more nearly describing the special line of agriculture thus designated. From the general talk anyone would suppose that there were some special new methods, ideas and implements which must be used in order that dry farming may be a success. As a matter of fact dry farming is the oldest kind of farming, for crops have been raised since agriculture began with scanty amount of moisture furnished by rainfall. Dry farming is raising crops with natural precipitation with no artificial application of water to the soil. In the arid west, where it has been considered impossible to raise crops save by irrigation, dry farming means the raising of profitable crops where the rainfall is as low as eight inches per annum. This kind of farming has been practiced in California for over 40 years and in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington for over 25 years. In these states it has been demonstrated that by deep plowing and a proper system of cultivation, two years' moisture may be held for one big crop. This is the system of summer fallowing and tilling one-half the farm area without crop each year, using the other half to produce crops.

The proper feeding of poultry is a science, and one that not only affords pleasure in its investigation, but profit in its mastery.

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?"

Reminiscences.

"There are no pirates now to make you walk the plank."

"No. But a few got me last summer on the board walk at a seaside resort."

Unreliable Assertions.

"What makes you think your publisher is unscrupulous?"

"The things he says about me and my books in his advertisements," replied the author.

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J. M. NEELY

Jackson Realty Co.

WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF TRADE PROPOSITIONS

If you want to buy a farm, sell a farm or trade a farm for something, Come in and see us. We can fit you up in almost anything. We are continually on the hustle. Let us hustle for you.

INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS COUNTRY PROMPTLY ANSWERED.
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SPUR, - - Dickens County, - - TEXAS

Buy That Hat You Need Today

You owe yourself a new hat, and there is none better for the money than the

"Davis" \$3.00 Hat.

We carry in stock at all times a complete line of John B. Stetson Hats. We have a large stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods and are selling

"Star Brand" Shoes.

In a word, we are prepared to properly dress you from crown to toe, from collars to hosiery.

The Best is the Cheapest
SOL DAVIS.

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.

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.

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

Amis Faver was in the city Monday from the Afton country and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

FOR SALE.

Two good farm horses, wagon and harness. See J. V. McCormick at Richardson Lumber Company. 19-1f

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.

C O L L A R S.

We have the best line of collars made. We specially recommend the **The Famous Gall Cure Collar**

Best stock of buggy harness in this part. All hand made.

W. E. KELLAR, SPUR Shoe Shop in Connection...

Luzon Telephone Co. Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

Sebe Lambert, of Red Mud, was among the many visitors to town Saturday.

Luther Jones was in the city Monday from his place on the ranch near Espeula. Mr. Jones is one of the head men on the Spur ranch range and is one among our best citizenship.

John R. Ralls, one of the most prominent citizens of Crosby county, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here. We understand that Mr. Ralls intends to open up a townsite proposition on his land near Emma at an early date.

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.

WHAT CONGRESS ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT IT LEFT UNDONE.

Out of the grist of bills that went to the mill of congress in the session that ended Saturday emerge these results of more or less imperative interest:

POSITIVE RESULTS.

Provision of \$3,000,000 for the fortification of the Panama canal.

Provision for two new battleships.

Recodification of the judicial code—regarded as most important for the amelioration of the laws' delays.

Creation of forest reserves in the southern Appalachian and White mountains.

Provision for the construction of embassy and legation buildings abroad.

Requiring the inspection of locomotive boilers.

Creating Robert E. Peary a rear admiral on the retired list of the navy and formerly tendering the thanks of congress to him.

Creating a commission of five senators and five representatives to investigate conditions in Alaska.

NEGATIVE.

Failure of the Canadian reciprocity agreement in the senate and consequent certainty of an extra session.

Failure of the resolution to admit to statehood Arizona and New Mexico following a filibuster in the senate.

Failure of the proposal to increase the rate of postage on the advertising sections of the large magazines, but provision for a commission to investigate the subject.

Failure of senate resolution providing for direct election of the United States senators.

Failure of general age pension bill.

Failure to enact the ocean mail subsidy passed by the senate alone.

Failure of the effort to unseat William Lorimer as senator from Illinois on the grounds of alleged bribery in his election.

Failure of bill fixing canal tools and settling form of government for Panama canal zone.

Failure of congressional reapportionment bill based on the new census.—Ft. Worth Record.

..Hisey Wants Money Too..

And to Get it Will Sell you the Best Groceries at the Best Prices

We carry everything in Staple and Groceries. Our stock is New, Fresh & Complete. We invite you especially to

Try a Sack of
W. O. W. Flour,
The Best.

Our W. O. W. Flour is guaranteed to give satisfaction. It is a high grade flour sold at low grade prices.

We want your trade and in order to get it we are selling the Best Goods, making the Best Prices and Giving our Customers the Very Best Service. Store on 5th Street next to Post Office

HISEY GROCERY COMPANY
PHONES 73

A town is judged by its local newspaper. When a good sensible man has a notion of going to a new country he sends for a copy of the local paper. He looks first at the locals to see how many prominent people come to town from the tributary country, then he looks at the letters from the outlying country settlements, then he turns to the column of church, lodge and school announcements, then looks at the business and professional directory and ads, then at the display and personal ads, and then he reads what the editor has to say for his town and county. But he never looks to see whether the paper is a Republican or a Democratic newspaper, for if he is a sensible man, he knows that politics is no indication of the volume or character of business.

The moral of it is, as all real business men know, that the amount of patronage given a local newspaper is an unfailing index to the volume of business done in the town and the character of the business men, so that one can read the local paper and tell whether the town is a real live business town or living on expectations.

Unless a merchant has something to sell and somebody to sell to, it is nonsense to advertise, but if both conditions exist, he is the loser if he fails to keep

his business before the public. It works three ways, for himself and his country, and also for the local paper.—Ex.

FORECAST OF THE FUTURE.

"The next generation of New Yorkers and New Englanders will first hear at school of steam locomotives, but will never see them unless they go to some state that has neither much power nor much population. Electricity will run all the railroads that traverse regions in which there is abundant water power."

"Steel," he says, "is destined to become the material of which furniture is made."

"Within thirty years, all construction will be of re-enforced concrete, from the finest mansions to the tallest skyscrapers."

"Cloth, buttons, thread, tissue paper and pasteboard will be fed into one end of a machine, and suits of clothing, packed in boxes will come out the other."

"In place of the present farmer will come a shrewd business man who will be at once a soil-chemist, a botanist and an economist."

"I believe," said he "that all England will some day stop at the sound of one command, and that the sound of the working man."

"There will be no poverty in the world a hundred years from now."—Thomas Edison.

G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

CARPENTER SHOP

EAST SIDE BURLINGTON AVE. N. H. STEPHENS, PROPRIETOR

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

BARBER SHOP

VERNER & PATTERSON, Props.

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

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

SPUR FARM LANDS

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

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

\$12 to \$17.50
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a
HOME.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

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

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

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

TEXAS SPUR

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GRAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

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. J. L. Hearn, C.; N. H. Stephens, Clerk.

Praetorians meet every Friday night of each month. J. E. Shelton, S. A.; C. C. Tyler, Recorder.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. J. E. Shelton, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, R. of R. S.

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

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.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 3rd. 1911. Well, we boys have taken quite a look around, and other boys are satisfied and are leaving to-day for home via London.

We went south to Bahia Blanca over the F. C. S. R. R. Then northward to Mendoza. From there to Cardoba via Villa Marie, then to San Francisco, Santa Fe, and then north to Resistencia; crossed the river to Corrientes, thence southward through Uruguay to Montevideo, and from there back here by a river steamer. We had a most excellent trip.

South of Buenos Ayres is the wheat country. The crop is short on account of the drouth which is general. It is dry every place we have been.

Around Mendoza is the grape country with quite a bit of alfalfa. We stopped off and visited several estancias, or farms, and in each instance were royally entertained. The estancias having an English manager are invariably more thrifty than those managed by the natives. The natives are quite a bit behind the times on farming both as to mode and implements.

It is a false report that farm implements sell cheaper here than in the states. Everything here is very dear.

As we were only traveling by day, we stopped one night at a small station where we were pretty sure of finding no English speakers. When we reached the only hotel the burg boasted, the proprietor said, ah, Ingles, and rushed away. Soon he came back and said, I got another

American, and was followed by the blackest negro one would care to see.

One day as our train ran into a small station a native boy about 17 years old started across the track ahead of the train and fell. He was cut in half and the lower limbs were carried about 100 yards. It was very sad, yet the train crew seemed disappointed that they did not get more.

From Villa Marie east to the river is the corn country, but it is a complete failure this year. They are much afflicted with locusts also. In some places they stopped our trains, they were so thick on the track. The people are fighting them as they can.

The people of the interior show the Indian blood very much. In Uruguay the Indian does not snow scarcely at all.

The Argentine cattle and horses are better than in the states, while in Uruguay they are not. Yesterday I met Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer and spent the evening with them. He has been in the Argentine for several years. Mr. Farmer is the man who brought the Wild West show down here a few years ago.

I hate to see the boys go back so soon, but if they will I cannot stay them.

I think I shall go down in the provinces of Rio Negro and Nenquen, for a week or so, and then I guess I'll be ready to go back to good old Dickens county which can't be beat.

G. S. Greenwade—divorce yourself from the Argentine idea at once and locate at Ft. Worth.

You can get land cheaper there and with a title. Here such a thing as a title is unknown.

Yours truly,
A. E. McCLAIN.

LETTER TO CO. JUDGE GIPSON.
Dickens, Texas.

Dear Sir: The Trustees of Fair Ground, Cobleskill, N. Y., were glad to pay 15 cents a gallon more for Devoe; and no wonder. Two other paint agents said it would take 150 gallons of their paint to cover the buildings. Our agent put it at 125 or less. It took 115.

We saved them 35 gallons of paint and painting (worth \$4 to \$5 a gallon, as the painting costs two or three times as much as the paint) less 15 cents a gallon on 115 gallons. Say \$140.

That's how to count the cost of paint. The cost of putting it on is \$3 or \$4 a gallon. You see what that means. Go buy Devoe.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & Co
35
New York.
P. S.—P. H. Miller Lumber Co. sell our paint.

Willis Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours here. Willis is one of the most prosperous citizens of the country and says that no section is ahead of the Red Mud country as to productiveness and that the crop prospects this year were never better. In fact all the old timers of this section say that the conditions were never better at this season of the year for bumper crop yields of all kinds.

Professional Cards.

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

J. Carlisle was in the city Saturday from his place in the Gilpin country. Mr. Carlisle is one of the oldest and most prosperous citizen of the country. He came here in the early days and has not only prospered but is one among the leading and most prominent citizenship.

Mrs. S. R. Davis came over Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours in the city, Mr. Davis returning with her to spend Sunday with his family. The Davis residence in Spur will soon be complete and he and family will become permanent residents of Spur.

The Fashion is making trips to the various towns of the surrounding country where they spend one or two days showing and selling millinery goods. The Fashion has one of the largest and most complete selection of millinery and ladies supplies of any establishment of the country.

F. W. Jennings returned Saturday from Waco where he attended the State meeting of Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. There are eight hundred lodges within the state and there were about two thousand delegates in attendance upon the occasion. Mr. Jennings reports a most pleasant trip and says that the next annual meeting will be held in Dallas.

Clinton Funk, of Rotan, came up last week and made arrangements to move to Spur, having secured a position with the Riter Hardware Company. Mr. Funk is a fine citizen and business man and we are glad to know that he and family are to become permanent residents with us, and we wish him a pleasant and prosperous home in Spur.

P. H. Miller made a business trip to Peacock and other towns on the Stamford & Northwestern Monday looking after his lumber interests.

J. D. Martin was in Saturday from the Red Mud camp and reports everything moving along nicely, the grass coming rapidly and but little more feeding to be done on the ranch this year.

Recently C. C. Haile informed us that his milk cow had twin calves, both being as frisky and promising as any calves of the country. The cow is only four years old and has brought him three calves. The Spur country is making good in the stock line as well as agriculture and commerce, and we want to say again that no town and country in all things is ahead of Spur and the Spur country.

W. A. Johnson was in town Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm and reports everything in fine shape. Mr. Johnson is raising fine hogs as well as cattle on his place and says he never had better prospects with respect to crops on his farm. Before going out he added a new name to the Texas Spur subscription list and made us a dollar richer for which he has our thanks. The Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow, and at the present time we can boast of the largest paid up subscription list of any paper in the county considering volume, number and population.

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GUARDING YOUR
MONEY WHEN IT
IS IN**



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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

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

The little child of Baxter Scoggin of twelve miles southwest of Spur, has been quite sick the past week or so but is now reported much improved.

Tom McArthur was in Saturday and handed us a dollar and said keep the Texas Spur coming. Tom will cultivate about one hundred and fifty acres of land this year and says the prospects are that he will grow a big crop. He now has a family from Georgia with him and assisting on the place.

G. W. Robertson, who recently moved from Spur to Afton, was in town one day last week and handed us a dollar for the Texas Spur another year. Mr. Robertson says he is going to make fine crops of everything planted this year and invites us out to eat chicken, water melons and peaches.

We are informed that operations on the deep well is suspended temporarily on account of lack of material. However, operations are expected to resume at an early date. With the men behind the deep well proposition there is little doubt but that something will be brought to light from the under world, whether it be water, gas or oil. The drillers have now been at work on the well nearly two years, having gone through something near eighteen hundred feet of solid rock, and it is very probable that something will be found under this big rock.

Riter Wants Your Trade!

In Farm Implements and Hardware we can supply the every need of this trade territory and make prices to compete with any legitimate firm. We sell only the highest grades and standard makes of all kinds of Implements, Buggies, Wagons, Windmills, etc., and make lowest prices. We also have a tin shop in connection, and we not only want your trade but will appreciate it and will give you better service and better goods.

RITER HARDWARE COMPANY

B. F. Brock, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Monday.

H. S. Bartley made a business trip the latter part of last week to Floydada and other Plains towns.

J. E. Shelton, of the Spur Hardware Company, has secured a twenty acre block east of Spur and will move his family to the place at an early date. Mr. Shelton will continue in the employment of the firm, making daily trips from his rural home. Mr. Shelton will probably engage in truck-farming and chicken raising as well as selling hardware and farm implements. We wish him a pleasant home and much success in his rural undertakings, and may he become the cotton king of the country.

J. P. Higgins was in Saturday and hauled out material for building and improvement purposes. In every section of the country reports come in of improvements of various character.

The Eastside Barber Shop

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First-class Tonsorial Work, hot and cold baths and up-to-date service in every respect. Call to see us.

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.

Campbell & Campbell

Judge A. J. McClain was in Monday from his Cat Fish ranch and spent the day here looking after business matters. The Judge is all smiles on account of the crop prospects and says we never had a better season at this time of year. He says he has twenty acres of the finest wheat ever grown in Western Texas. He sowed a few acres of alfalfa which he says is doing nicely at this time. However, he said that the alfalfa he sowed last spring did not do much on account of hot winds and dry weather, but he thought he plowed it under a little too early since what he left came out and looks fine. The grass in that section he says is coming out fine.

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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.

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.

Mr. Hughey, who has been employed at the Brazelton, Pryor Co., has resigned his position and is now employed at the deep well.

C. C. Haile made a business trip Sunday to Afton, returning Monday to Spur. While in Afton Mr. Haile traded for a hundred dollar Jersey cow and calf. He intends to have milk and butter in sufficient quantity to supply his hotel.

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

THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE.

If you will show me a farmer who has a little corn, wheat oats, hay, meat and lard to sell along through the year, I will show

stood that the farm is to remain the property of the family and their ancestors and that all improvements are to be worthy of those who live from the products of the soil.

There are times when cheap improvements seem desirable because of short crops and lack of capital; but even under these conditions, it is better to secure capital, if it can be obtained on reasonable terms, than to make poor, temporary or inadequate improvements. It is far better to make the needed improvements before the demand is so urgent that time cannot be had. It is usually possible to anticipate new buildings and provide the funds with which to build

DOCUM VALLEY DOTS.

The Valley is flourishing since the rains. Much plowing and gardening has been done.

Brother Stewart preached a fine sermon at the school house Sunday.

Miss Lottie Johnson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Grace Ham visited in Spur Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Edice and Erma West visited Miss Bettie and Fannie Cartwright Sunday evening.

The dance at Mr. Smith's last week was enjoyed by all the young folks.

We noticed a new buggy at Hill-top, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tabor, of Chillicothe, Texas, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright Sunday.

Mr. Will West visited Spur Sunday.

Schoolchap.

CLIPPINGS.

D. D. Parten of Spur was here Thursday on his way to Ellis county, where he has some real estate interests. He will return by Fort Worth and take in the big show.

Mrs. S. T. Chapman and children returned Monday morning to their home in Spur after a visit with the family of B. B. Greenwood.

C. L. Love of Spur spent Sunday with the home folks in this city, returning Monday morning.

Frank B. Johnson has returned from Spur and is back at his work in Stamford College.

Chas. Brewington and W. W. Pryor made business trips to Spur this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Colbert visited in Spur this week.—Stamford News Tribune.

We Want Your Lumber Trade

Just received a large stock of extra well manufactured lumber, highest grades. We also have large line of cedar posts, brick, Portland cement, and lime. Come to us for good building material.

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J. V. McCORMACK, Manager.

Will Walker and wife were in Spur Saturday from their home a few miles east of Spur, and while here Mr. Walker had the Texas Spur shoved up another notch. Mr. Walker says he has nearly all his land broke and ready for planting. He has put in a number of acres of new land and in connection with his old land will have considerable crop this year. At the present time the prospects were never better for bumper crops and we expect the Spur country to make good as a superior agricultural section.

you a man who pays cash and has a bank account. Then if you will show me a farmer who has all these things to buy, regardless of how much land he cultivates, and especially if he plants it all in cotton, I will show you a man who buys on fall payment and is dependent and in order to meet his honest debts he must sell his cotton which is the product of his and his family's labor, to highest bidder, regardless as to what that may be. Under these conditions, how can a man ever expect to better his condition?—W. T. Loudermilk, President of Texas Farmers Union.

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE.

In improving the country home and laying out rotation plans, we should provide for the future as well as for the present needs. To make temporary improvements and inadequate repairs is a waste of time and money that the progressive planter cannot afford.

Before buildings are erected, or fences begun, plans should be studied and future needs considered in order that no mistake may be made. Let it be under-

before the demand is so great that they cannot be deferred longer.

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

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IF you wait to buy your spring things until spring really comes you will be late in having them. The styles for Spring are now on show in our store. The moment winter breaks be ready to drop your old heavy worn clothes and put on new ones. Remember our's is the store that sells good goods reasonably the year 'round.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

Editor Hill made a trip to Crosbyton the latter part of the week, returning Tuesday to Spur.

E. B. Traweek and family moved this week to Berclair where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Traweek has been employed at the deep well during the past year, but since operations are suspended for thirty or sixty days on account of material, he decided to leave us at this time. We wish Mr. Traweek and family much success in their new home.

Mr. Scott, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city this week on business and spent some time here.

Mrs. P. Hinson, of near Tap, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Wednesday. Mrs. Hinson reports that the fruit crop prospects in the Tap country was injured very little if any by the recent freeze, and says that garden truck is now up and growing nicely in that section. The Red Mud and Tap country is one of the leaders in agriculture, fruit and truck farming.

TO SPUR SCHOOL PATRONS.

You, no doubt, are ready to further the welfare of Spur School. This is our first year. The record begins this year. In a large book, bought for the purpose, each child's name who has been enrolled in school this session, will be enrolled, and under each name will be written a statement of facts as to work, deportment, grade, etc. This shall become a part of the permanent record of the school, and will be added to each year until the child is graduated.

At the beginning of next session, no pupil who drops out before the last day will be admitted to any grade except on examination.

We have five more weeks, school closes April 21st. It is your duty to keep your child in school every day of the remainder of the term.

Feeling that you will at once see your duty in this matter, and in respect for the progress of Spur School, do it, I address you this notice.

Any pupil who will now enter school and make the last examination for this year satisfactory, will not be required to stand an examination before entering next year.

Respectfully,
S. W. Adams. Prin.

Mrs. A. L. Smith, of Kansas City, arrived in the city last week and has assumed the management of the Spur Inn. Mrs. Smith comes highly recommended and under her supervision the Spur Inn is expected to not only maintain its reputation as among the best hotels of the state, but if possible add to and broaden such reputation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin moved this week to the twenty acre block purchased recently of Edwin Blake, the latter moving to the place vacated in town by Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Will Jackson, of the Jackson Realty Company, arrived in the city Tuesday from Texas City where he has been the past several months. Mr. Jackson says that Texas City, although about fourteen years old at the present time, renewed its existence during the past eighteen months and is now one of the principal commercial centers and shipping points of the state. The town has a population of near twenty-five hundred people, and being located on the Gulf coast and directly connected with all railway lines running into Houston and Galveston it is in a position to control and care for a large volume of transit business.

LOST: A watch and fob between school house and Mr. J. F. Vernons' residence. Finder will be rewarded. Ruth Thomas.

E. C. House, C. W. Carlisle, Edwin Blake and Al Sullivan were among those who attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth this week.

Miss Mary Jane Smith, who has been employed in the Sol Davis dry goods department store, is spending the week with friends and relatives in Stamford.

Mr. Meacham, who recently came to Spur from near Port Arthur, made a business trip the first of the week to Crosbyton where he spent several days.

Mr. Pierson, who is in Spur representing the Praetorian Lodge, went over to Anson and spent Sunday with his family, returning Tuesday.

W. F. Godfrey.

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VISIT CROW SPRINGS.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cook, Mrs. Oran McClure and children and the writer as "Chauffeur" drove over to Dickens and out to Crow Springs where several pleasant hours were spent. At the proper time the edibles prepared by the ladies was uncovered and being spread in one of the most picturesque spots of Dickens county, the dinner hour was prolonged until only scraps remained of the several dainty dishes.

Crow Springs is located about three-fourth of a mile northeast of Dickens and is the property of that town, five acres immediately surrounding the place having been deeded to the city of Dickens a number of years ago by the widow Crow who at that time lived in Dickens and owned considerable of the surrounding lands and property. The spring is at the head of a canyon several hundred feet deep and the water pours from a large rock at the rate of about seventy five barrels an hour, the crevice from which the water comes being about ten feet from the bottom of the canyon. Water continually drips from the surrounding banks, the whole forming a considerable stream which flows down the canyon a distance of nearly one mile at which place it again takes an underground course. The waters have been analyzed and tested, the analysis showing ninety eight hundredths pure water to two hundredths gypsum and other minerals. At the head and along the stream are growing wild ferns hanging in profusion over the banks, beautiful shrubbery, trees, and together with the surrounding high cliffs and large boulders makes the place one of the most picturesque and beautiful spots of the country, and by assisting nature in the merest details one of the most attractive and noted parks of the whole country could be created.

Aside from the beautiful, Crow Springs could be made of material benefit and inestimable value in the supply of pure and wholesome water in sufficient quantity to supply thousands of inhabitants and to a city would become an asset worth thousands of dollars.

Not being imbued with the

visions of spring poets, nor gifted with the language of orators we cannot do justice to the beauty of the place, but if one desires to spend a pleasant hour surrounded by nature's creative gift to mankind we recommend a visit to Crow Springs.

STARTLE NATIVES.

M. A. Jordan and J. P. Gibson of the Steel Hill community, were in the city the latter part of last week and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They report everything looking good in their section and farmers preparing land for bumper crops. It has been said that Western Texas could promise less and produce more than any country, and should this saying hold good with the present prospects this year we will startle the natives in the east when the crops are harvested. We want the eastern man to keep his eyes on Western Texas and especially that part of it known as Dickens county and Spur Farm Lands. This writer was born in West Texas, having lived here thirty odd years and we know that the soil is rich and productive and that unlimited possibilities exist in the agricultural line, and from observation and experience know that the man who comes here and stays with the country will prosper and become independent if not rich.

FOR SALE.—Twenty five or thirty bushels of Oklahoma ear corn. See J. V. McCormick at Richardson Lumber Company.

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BANKS

Official statement of the condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Spur, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of March, 1911, published in The Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 17th day of March 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts personal or collateral	\$20,581.04	
Loans, real estate	5,302.00	
Overdrafts	487.77	
Real Estate (banking house)	1,811.80	
Other real estate	1,589.00	
Furniture & Fixtures	1,608.08	
Due from approved Reserve agents net	\$3,696.56	
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check net	1,627.31	
Cash Items	39.90	
Currency	2,220.00	
Specie	852.85	8,436.62
Other resources as follows: Int. in depositors guaranty fund	450.00	
Cotton acceptances	3,781.73	
Total	\$44,048.04	

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,211.46
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	2,621.36
Individual deposits subject to check	20,141.05
Cashier's Checks	74.17
Bills payable and re-discounts	5,000.00
Total	\$44,048.04

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge.

H. P. COLE Pres.

J. F. VERNON, Cashier

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

R. S. HOLMAN,

Notary Public, Dickens County, Texas.

Correct Attest:

F. A. Prideaux,
W. A. Wilkinson,
J. E. Davis,
Directors.

Mrs. L. N. Riter left Thursday for Dallas and Fort Worth where she will spend several days.

G. W. Jackson and Cal Martin, two prominent citizens of the Croton Flat country, were in Spur Monday night to attend a meeting of the Masonic Lodge.

Rev. J. A. Gray, a Presbyterian minister of Abilene, will preach at the school house Saturday night, Sunday morning and night. All are invited to attend these services.

STEEL HILL ITEMS.

Will Neighbors began planting maize Thursday of this week.

Ollie Scott has begun the improvement on his half section of land this week.

J. P. Gipson and M. A. Jordan went to the dog camps last Friday west of Spur, and secured poison enough to kill the dogs on eight hundred acres. They commenced poisoning Saturday.

W. D. Juens will finish his grubbing this week. He is breaking land at a rapid speed. Come on W. D., we will all be at work when you are done.

J. P. Gipson, wife and family, M. A. Jordan, wife and family, were the guests of A. W. Jordan Sunday.

Ben Holly says he will get the Randles farm turned over in thirty days. Ben, you look mighty small.

John Randles says this is the finest weather he ever saw. Johnnie, there is a cold day coming for you.

J. P. Gipson has let a contract to have another well drilled this week.

The people of Steel Hill community will meet in the future for the purpose of organizing a

Sunday school. Announcement will be made in the Steel Hill Items of this paper as to the date. Let the good work go on.

The Spur and Gilpin road is almost impassable at the north east corner of Jim Neighbors' farm across Duck creek. The stream is narrow at this place and deep. The overseer of this road says there can be a good bridge put over this crossing at a very little cost. We believe the commissioners should take a view of the situation as there is nothing that ads any more to a town or country than good roads.
Rip Saw.

W. S. Wilson, of Lockney, arrived in the city the latter part of last week to take charge of, and do the tonsorial act on the first chair in the swell and up-to-date four-chair barber shop of Tidwell & Haines. W. S. Wilson is an artist in this line, and the management of the Eastside Barber Shop can congratulate themselves on securing the services of this gentleman.

Mrs. Ada Travis and Mrs. Lucinda Morgan, of Duke, Oklahoma, are in the city on an extended visit at the home of G. C. Pass and family.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETING.

The principal discussion of the last regular meeting of the Mothers Club was Compulsory Education. Mr. Holman will address the club at the next meeting, held Saturday, March 18th, at 3:30 o'clock. His subject being, "school laws and the possibility of compulsory education." Mrs. Miller will give a paper, "The child and the school."

Anyone interested in the welfare of children is eligible for membership in this club, and visitors are always welcomed.

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