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COUNTY PREMIUMS TO FARMERS.

Spur Will Supplement State Premiums to Dickens County Farmers.

To further stimulate and induce the farmers of Dickens county to enter the state contest for the ten thousand dollars in premiums offered for the best ten acres of cotton and ten acres of corn grown on one farm and under one management the merchants and business men of Spur will give additional premiums to the amount of more than one hundred and thirty dollars to the farmers growing the best ten acres of corn and ten acres of cotton in Dickens county.

The county premiums was made up and will be contributed as follows:

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| S. M. Swenson & Sons, | \$25.00 |
| W. T. Wilson, | 10.00 |
| Sol Davis, | 5.00 |
| First State Bank, | 5.00 |
| F. & M. State Bank, | 5.00 |
| Spur National Bank, | 5.00 |
| Texas Spur, | 5.00 |
| P. H. Miller, | 5.00 |
| Spur Hardware Co., | 5.00 |
| Dr. Bachelor, | 5.00 |
| Brazelton-Pryor Co., | 5.00 |
| Richardson Lumber Co., | 5.00 |
| J. B. Conner, Feed Store, | 2.50 |
| Spur Drug Co., | 2.50 |
| Jackson Realty Co., | 2.50 |
| Eastside Barber Shop, | 2.50 |
| Barber & Hancock, | 2.50 |
| Westside Barber Shop, | 1.00 |
| Dr. Standifer, | 1.00 |
| Bryant-Link Co., | 200 pounds |
| Light Crust Flour, | |
| Riter Hardware Co., | \$10.00 |
| Heating Stove, | |
| Campbell & Campbell, | \$3.00 |
| Rug, | |
| Western Grocery Co., | \$2.50 in |
| Groceries, | |
| Hisey Grocery Co., | \$2.50 in |
| Groceries, | |

There are no fees of any character whatsoever to the contestants for these prizes, and the only requirements are that each contestant send in his name to the Industrial Congress, Dallas, Texas, before the first day of April, stating that you will contest for the prizes in the twenty are contest and give the location of your land so that the state inspectors will know where to find you. After planting let the Congress know the general conditions of your crop on the first of each month; also keep a careful record of what fertilizers were used, just how and how often your crop was worked during the season.

All premiums will be awarded and paid after a careful investigation by an awarding committee appointed by the Congress, and to save trouble to all it is made a condition precedent that there shall be no appeal by any contestant from the decision of the committee.

The Texas Spur will be glad to see every farmer in Dickens county enter this contest, and the premium to be given by Spur insures to those growing the best crops a handsome county prize in connection with the possibility if not probability of securing one of the fourteen state prizes ranging from one hundred to twenty five dollars each. The farmers of Dickens coun-

ty who enter this contest will have not only an opportunity to secure handsome premiums but benefit themselves and the country by growing better crops considering acreage.

Remember that your name must be sent to the Industrial Congress, Dallas, Texas, before the first day of April. Send in your name today.

BUILDING RURAL HOME.

This week J. C. Kellar, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city and bought of the Townsite Company a twenty acre block west of town and on which he immediately began the construction of a residence and making other improvements incident to a comfortable and convenient home.

Mr. Kellar is one of the most prosperous citizens of the country and we are glad to welcome him as a citizen of the town and wish him a pleasant home here.

GOOD SHOW COMING.

Perce R. Benton and his clever company is billed to appear at the Electric Theatre one week beginning Monday. Each night a change of program will be given. The company is spoken of very highly and no doubt will give the very best satisfaction here. They carry their own scenery and many changes will be made at each performance. Monday night they will present the famous Swedish Comedy "Ole Olson" which has been a success in the larger cities. Good specialties between acts.

MOVING TO SPUR COUNTRY

W. L. Powell and family, of Grandbury, have arrived in Spur and will begin the construction of a new home on a quarter section of land recently bought seven miles north west of Spur. Mr. Powell will clear up about sixty acres of land for cultivation this year, besides building a home and making other improvements. We extend a welcome to Mr. Powell and family and wish them much success in this country.

DICKENS ITEM.

A crowd of Liberty's young people passed through Dickens Saturday enroute to Spur. Those composing the crowd were Wallace Holly and Miss Nora Blakely, Gene Blakely and Miss Bulah Christopher, Hallet Holly and Miss Altha Blakely, Ira Dobbs, and Miss Agness Blakely.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FOR SPUR

Weather Bureau Station Will be Established in Spur at Once.

Another factor in the advancement of the interests of Spur and the Spur country will be the establishment of a United States Weather Bureau or Station in the city.

Such a station will be of value to the country in that it will secure and make reports concerning weather conditions, seasons, winds and rains and thus give the general public accurate information of the actual prevailing conditions in this section of the country.

The station, we understand, will be established at once and be prepared to make reports by the 16th of April.

FIRE AT FAT STOCK SHOW.

For Worth, Texas, March 14—Between five hundred and one thousand head of stock were burned when fire swept over an area of two acres today wiping out all the horse and mule barns on the south side of Exchange avenue from the new Exchange building on Marine Creek to the Swift Packing House.

Some of the finest blooded stock in the Southwest was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.00.

THE INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL.

The initiative, in politics, means that if a citizen of Texas should want a law closing the saloons at 6 o'clock p. m., and that they remain closed until 6 a. m., he writes the law and then a petition is passed among the voters, the usual requirement is ten per cent of the total voting strength, and when this required number signs the petition it is sent to the governor who orders an election upon the passage of the proposed law. If a majority of votes favor the law then it becomes effective.

The referendum means that the Legislature must refer all legislation to a vote of the people for approval before an act of the Legislature becomes effective.

The recall means that if upon a petition of a certain percentage of the voters, say ten per cent, any officer may be voted out of office, or any law, already

in force, may be repealed in the same way.

This initiative, referendum and recall is being agitated all over the country and will be a leading issue in the political campaigns of next year.

BIGGEST CROP YEAR.

E. Luce and wife, of Tap, were in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants of the city. Mr. Luce says this winter has been one of the mildest since 1890. That year he said snow fell in February while this year we had a seven inch rain fall. The following year he said was one of the best crop years and the prospects now are that this year will be one of the biggest crop years in the history of the country.

CONSIDERING PLANS.

The Spur School Board met Wednesday to consider plans and other details with respect to the proposed construction of an eighteen thousand dollar school building in the city.

While nothing definite can be done until the bonds are voted, it is presumed that everything will be in readiness and no delays will be encountered at that time. Watch Spur build, progress and prosper.

TRUCK FARMERS.

Farmers New and Griffin, of near the city, were here this week securing farm implements and supplies with which to operate their respective twenty acre farms. These gentlemen recently moved out of town to engage in the truck farming business and we wish them much success in their undertakings.

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.

CLOSE IN FARMING TRACTS.

I control and offer for sale some choice close-in tracts in blocks of forty acres and upward.
 Clifford B. Jones, Spur Inn.

BUILDING RESIDENCES HERE.

The Building Progress Continues Uninterruptedly in The City.

At this time when many towns of the country are on a standstill and business activity is somewhat lagging, Spur continues to build and activity in both business and residence sections is very evident.

At the present time there are a number of fine residences and neat cottages under construction in the resident portion of town, while in the business part a fine two-story brick business house and sanitarium is going up at a rapid rate.

In the north part of the city Sol Davis is building a fine ten room residence which is now nearing completion; A. T. Ode-Neal has a nice five-room house under construction; L. W. Davis is building a neat cottage; Fred Hisey has a residence nearly complete and J. C. Kellar began the construction of an attractive home in the west part of the city, while the two-story brick business house and sanitarium being erected by Dr. Standifer is going up rapidly on Burlington Avenue.

Spur in comparison with other towns is very much alive. The business men are selling car loads of hardware and farm implements and the dry goods and grocery men are keeping their stocks pretty well cleaned up and the country as a whole has the very brightest prospects for bumper crops and the year is expected to be a most prosperous one in both town and country.

MAKING BROOMS.

W. P. Sampson, a citizen of the Gilpin country several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city one day this week with a number of brooms manufactured on his place.

The straw from which these brooms were manufactured was grown in the Gilpin country, and its texture is evidence that the soil of this country will produce the very best grade of broom corn.

Mr. Sampson has a small factory installed on his place and will probably be in a position to furnish quite a number of brooms to the public. The brooms are well made and of the best material, and home products and home factories should be given the preference and encouraged in every way possible.

RAILROAD VISITORS.

Superintendent Fitzpatrick, Road Master Porter, Master Mechanic Goodale and Mr. Kelley, of the Fort Worth & Denver Railway, were in Spur this week on business matters pertaining to railroads.

W. T. Wilson, of several miles east of Spur, is in Stamford with Mrs. Wilson who is at the Stamford Sanitarium for an operation. We wish Mrs. Wilson a speedy recovery and an early return home.

W. C. McArthur, one of the most prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

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.

MR. BAILEY AND THE PEOPLE.

In his speech defending Mr. Lorimer, Senator Bailey, of Texas, said: "Have we fallen to such a low estate in the United States senate that we must stoop to kiss the ground our constituents walk upon?"

No one expects senators to "kiss the ground their constituents walk upon," but it is an old democratic notion that senators, as well as representatives show due concern for the well defined principles for which they stood prior to election day. It is also an old fashioned democratic notion that when a man discovered (as Lorimer must have discovered) that bribe money was used in electing him to office he would not wait to be removed from office (provided he was innocent) but would retire inde- fense of his own honor.

No, Senator Bailey, the people do not ask senators to "kiss the ground their constituents walk upon." They do ask, however, that they refrain from licking the boots of trust magnates and doing the bidding of systems that prey upon the people.— Bryan's Commoner.

A well patronized local newspaper of the right character is one of the best advertisements a town or a city can send out. A paper full of bright crispy business announcements carries the impression that such a town is a live one. Advertising money spent with the newspapers does two fold good; it brings direct results to the advertiser because he reaches an intelligent and interested audience and it also advertises the town in a general way. Money dribbled away on first one scheme and another does no one any good and keeps the paper from being able to do the good it should do.— Palestine Herald.

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

GROCERIES, GROCERIES, GROCERIES

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

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| 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.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Tuesday trading with the Spur merchants and attending to other business matters. Mr. Fuquay reports everything in Cat Fish country in fine shape with respect to season and crop prospects. In fact the whole of the Spur trade territory never had better crop prospects than at the present time.

J. C. Bryant, of Stamford, was in Spur Tuesday looking after business interests here.

After April 4th R. B. F. Craig will be prepared to make all kinds of photos at the Spur gallery.

Bud Broyles, a prominent citizen of Lockney, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

R. B. F. Craig will take charge of photograph business here April 4th and will be prepared to do first class work in his line.

W. F. Walker was in town Tuesday from his place near Spur to the east and reports everything all right.

Sheriff Cole was in the city Tuesday on official business, returning to the county capitol in the afternoon.

Bishop Temple, of Dallas, and Rev. Weary were in Spur this week and preached to the Episcopal membership at the Methodist tabernacle Sunday and Monday.

F. L. Allcorn and daughters, of Tap country, were in the city Tuesday trading. Mr. Allcorn hauled out farm implements which is evidence of activity in the farming line on his place.

R. B. F. Craig, who has been doing photograph work at Jayton and other towns on the railroad, was in the city Tuesday and says that he will soon return to Spur and again take charge of his gallery here.

J. W. Johnson, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and said that he never saw prettier weather for cropping and every indication points to the fulfillment of the prediction for bumper crops.

A boy was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shelby at their home in the north east part of the city. The Texas Spur extends congratulations and wishes that young Mr. Shelby will be as progressive as the city of his birth and may his days be long and prosperous.

A representative of the Ballard Snow Liniment Company was in the city Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, offering us a contract for advertising their medicines, but since all patent medicine concerns pay not more than one third the regular rates for advertising the offer was declined. We have said here-to-fore that if we can afford to cut down the rates on advertising that home people and home institutions will be given the benefit of such rates. However, we see that other papers continue to accept such advertising for one-third the prices charged home people. If newspapers can live at such rates the prices should also be given to local advertisers.

BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the First 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 24th day of March 1911.

RESOURCES.

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| Loans and Discounts | |
| personal or collateral | \$40,247.46 |
| Loans, real estate | 7,804.46 |
| Overdrafts | 7,619.13 |
| Real Estate (banking house) | 7,763.58 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 2,149.40 |
| Due from approved Reserve agents net | \$6,125.80 |
| Due from other banks and bankers subject to check net | 262.84 |
| Cash Items | 197.17 |
| Currency | 1,175.00 |
| Specie | 1,334.20 |
| Other resources as follows: Int. in depositors guaranty fund | 1,500.00 |
| Total | \$76,179.04 |

LIABILITIES

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| Capital Stock paid in | \$50,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, net | 3,393.25 |
| Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net | 69.12 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 22,016.08 |
| Cashier's Checks | 669.00 |
| Other Liabilities as follows: suspense ac. | 31.59 |
| Total | \$76,179.04 |

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

We, G. H. Connell, as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. CONNELL, Pres.
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier
Sworn and subscribed to by E. C. Edmonds, cashier, before me this 15th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

E. J. COWAN,
Notary Public, Dickens County, Texas.

Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell before me, this 18th day of March, 1911.

NORMAN, E. NELSON,
Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas.

Correct Attest:
S. R. Davis,
T. E. Standifer,
J. D. Harkey,
Directors.

We are ready with the goods and the service. If it is

Dry Goods AND Groceries

YOU WANT, WE HAVE IT.

We are showing merchandise that is second to none in the great west. A comparison is all we ask. We know what the result will be.

Come in and Get Acquainted With Us.

We are anxious to meet you and have you look and examine the quality of our merchandise. Our stocks are complete and we can fill your bill, every item of it.

Remember the 16th of April is Easter.

Get Ready Now. Buy Your Easter Dress While you have a complete stock to pick from.

WE HAVE THE GOODS THAT WILL SUIT YOU

SOL DAVIS

The Best is the Cheapest.

WHEN YOU WANT GROCERIES

PHONE NUMBER SEVENTY-THREE

Our stock is complete and fresh in both lines of Staple and Fancy Groceries and we can supply your orders on shortest notice.

We want you to try one sack of our W. O. W. FLOUR

It is the highest grade at the lowest price and will give satisfaction in every instance. Our can goods are the best and prices right. When you want anything in the grocery line, try

Hisey Grocery Com'y.

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G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

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.

INTEREST CON- TINUES UNABATED

Many Counties Enter Contest
For Prizes.

Dallas, Texas, March 3rd, 1911. Interest continues unabated in the contests for the valuable cash prizes aggregating \$10,000 offered to the farmers of the state by the Texas Industrial Congress for the best yields of corn and cotton, and the Dallas headquarters of the Congress are deluged daily by a flood of applications.

The territory represented in the contest extends from the crimson waters of Red River to tawny current of the Rio Grande and from the "Llano Estacado" to the western boundary of Louisiana, contestants from 112 counties having entered to date: Austin, Anderson, Baylor, Bell, Bosque, Burleson, Borden Brazos, Brown, Blanco, Bexar, Bastrop, Bowie, Childress, Collin, Coleman, Comanche, Cooke, Cass Cherokee, Clay, Colorado, Callahan, Coryell, Coke, Caldwell, Dallas, Denton, Delta, DeWitt, Erath, Eastland, Ellis, Fisher, Fannin, Foard, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Fort Bend, Gonzales, Gillespie, Grayson, Goliad, Gaudalupe, Grimes, Harrison, Hamilton, Hopkins, Hill, Haskell, Hunt, Hall, Henderson, Houston, Hutchinson, Hardeman, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Knox, Kent, Lavaca, Limestone, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Live Oak, Lampasas, Lynn, McLennon, Milam, McCulloch, Marion, Mantague, Mitchell, Newton, Navarro, Nacogdoches, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Panola, Rockwall, Rusk, Red River, Robertson, Smith, Somersville, San Patricio, Starr, Scurry, San Augustine, Stonewall, Tarrant, Travis, Titus, Taylor, Throckmorton, Upsher, Van Zandt, Williamson, Wise, Wharton, Wood, Wichita, Wilson and Wilbarger. Collin county leads in the number of contestants, with fifty-one entries to date. Dallas county is second, Kaufman, third, Johnson, fourth, Falls, fifth and Hill and Limestone counties are tied for sixth place. Entries in the contest will not be received after April 1st, and as but a few weeks remain until that date, those who intend trying for the rich prizes ranging from \$100 to \$2,500, are urged to send in their names at

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.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

One of Stonewall county's good citizens committed suicide sometime Sunday night by hanging himself. Early Monday morning the sheriff was notified that T. D. Earl, who lives south of Aspermont, had committed suicide, and the body of the deceased was left hanging until the arrival of the Sheriff. The cause of his rash act cannot be accounted for. Sometime between midnight and day he slipped out of the house and went out to the barn and secured a new rope and went down the hill about one hundred yards from the house and climbed up in a tree, tied the rope around his neck in two knots and also two knots around the limb and jumped off into eternity, his neck being broken by the fall. The family found the body about 6 o'clock a. m. T. D. Earl was a good man and liked by all, and it is a mystery to his family and friends why he should take his own life. He leaves a wife and three daughters

once, to the Industrial Congress of Dallas. There are no entrance fees or costs of any kind to those who enter the competition.

Dan Hogan, the painter, came in last week and spent several days in the city. Dan has been doing painting in the Dickens and Afton countries the past several months.

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.

The Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & HAYNES, Props.

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

AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—
Barber & Hancock.

A LETTER IN REPLY.

Bob Ingersoll sent a friend a bottle of whiskey, accompanied by a letter. This friend, admiring the language so much in which it was written, sent it to

the lark, the breath of June, the dew of night, the wealth of summer, and autumn's rich content. All golden with imprisoned light. Drink it, and you will hear the voices of men and maidens singing the harvest home, mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it, and you will feel within your blood the starred and dawns, and dreamy, tawny dusks of perfect days.

For forty years the liquid joy has been within staves of oak, longing to touch the lips of men.

BISHOP POTTER'S LETTER.

I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet of painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of men. This, the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies.

In it you will find a transient sunshine, chased by a shadow as cold as an arctic midnight, in which the breath of June grows icy, and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding cry of the raven.

Drink it, and your eyes shall behold strange things, and your heart shall utter perverse things.

Drink it, and you shall have woe, sorrow, babbling, and worse, orphaned children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep, and you will hear women wailing and demons shrieking. Drink deep and long, and serpents will shriek in your ears, twine themselves about your body, and seize you with their fangs. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

For forty years this liquid death has been within staves of oak, as harmless there as the purest water.

I send it to you that you may put an enemy to your mouth to steal away your brains, and yet—I call myself your friend.

Perry Fite, wife and child returned this week from Mineral Wells where they spent several days as delegates to an annual lodge meeting.

Tom Davis has closed up the Spur Meat Market for lack of fat cattle to butcher. He says the market will be reopened as soon as the cattle fatten sufficiently on the grass now growing rapidly.

OSCAR JACKSON

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.
CITY PROPERTY A SPECIALTY

Jackson Realty Com'p'y.
SPUR, - - Dickens County, - - TEXAS

J. E. Johnson, of Stamford and interested in the Spur Electric Light Plant, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday looking after his interest here.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

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

ters to mourn his untimely death. His last remains were interred in Aspermont cemetery Tuesday evening, Rev. B. F. Whitten officiating at the grave. The Star joins all in extending condolence to the bereaved family.—The Aspermont Star.

RESOLUTION.

Sheriff Tom McClure of Jones county received a letter recently from a party in Oklahoma enclosing a postal order for \$1.00 and the writer explained that 27 years ago when a collection was being taken up in church in the town where Tom was raised the party borrowed a dime from Tom when a mere lad, to put into the contribution, and for years he had been seeking to "straighten out every crooked thing." Hence the one dollar was to square the loan of ten cents made 27 years ago.

the press. Bishop Potter replied to it.

INGERSOLL'S LETTER.

I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the feast, or painted landscapes on the brain of men. 'Tis the mingled souls of wheat and corn.

In it you find the sunshine and shadow that chased each other o'er billowy fields; the carol of

COLLARS.

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...

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.**

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ORAN 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.; H. R. 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 DICKENS ITEM.

S. E. Gunn made a business trip to Spur Monday.

W. J. Thompson paid Spur a visit on business last week.

Joe Arthur of this place made a business trip to Spur Wednesday.

Nat Patton and family came up from Spur Saturday and spent the day with old friends here.

Mrs. Maye Squires and baby of Spur are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young.

D. Green left Saturday morning for Spur where he took the train for Montana.

Mrs. Mollie Haile has been visiting relatives at Spur for the past few weeks.

Mesdames R. S. Holman and G. M. Williams of Spur visited Mrs. J. H. Stradley of this place Wednesday.

Amis Faver of Cottonwood community stopped and made item a pleasant call while on his way to Spur Monday.

W. J. Duncan of Afton passed through Dickens Wednesday enroute home from Spur, where he had been to take R. C. Forbis to the train.

Mrs. Maye Squires, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, for the past few days returned to Spur Wednesday.

Ned Hogan and Duke Henson and wife of Spur spent Sunday in Dickens, guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Langham.

Mrs. Stephens and Miss Neely, Milliners of Spur, were in Dickens with a number of ladies' hats which they put on display at the residence of Mrs. John A. Green. We understand that they made several sales while here.

Warren Squires of Afton made us a pleasant call Thursday, and reported that B. F. Yates, Wm. Yates and J. A. Jackson of his community left Thursday to attend the fat stock show at Fort Worth.

G. W. Gollihar of Afton passed through Dickens this morning enroute to Spur. He reports that he has been suffering considerably internally of late from the knife wounds received several weeks ago.

B. F. Whittaker, one of Afton's prominent farmers and stockmen, passed through Dickens Monday enroute to Spur with a bunch of horses which he was preparing to ship to Henderson county. This is another evidence of the possible prosperity of settlers of this county. For grazing and agriculture this section of the country is unsurpassed.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1911

Miss Fay Pitman, of Stepenville, is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. Roy Bledsoe.

N. Q. Brannen and wife visited friends and relatives Sunday in Jayton.

New roofing is being placed on the Spur National Bank building this week.

Attorney P. C. Maynard is spending the week with his parents at Bastrop.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow returned this week from an absence of several days spent in other parts of the country.

Mr. Snell, a prominent citizen of Crosby county, passed through the city Thursday on his way to Fort Worth and Dallas.

J. D. Martin was in the city Wednesday from the Red Mud camp and reports everything moving along nicely.

Henry McCarty, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday trading with the merchants.

Mrs. L. W. Davis, of Dickens, was a visitor in the city Tuesday and also to view her new home now under construction in the city.

Poet Hagins was in the city Wednesday from his place several miles southeast of Spur and reports everything all right in his section.

A FUTURE HETTY GREEN.

The aviator, Count Jacques de Lesseps, apropos of the American girl's head for business, said at a dinner in Baltimore:

"The American girl's financial powers develop early. I know a Detroit millionaire who gave his little daughter, on Christmas, a superb doll's house—a doll's house, lighted with electricity, that had baths and a garage and even, in one corner of its garage, a tiny doll monoplane.

"Well, my dear, do you like your new doll's house?" the little girl's father asked her one day during Christmas week.

"Oh, yes, papa: tremendously," she replied. "But I've let it furnished to Cousin Angelina for \$10 a month."

SCIENTIFIC CULTURE

Dry Farmer Does Not Raise Crops Without Water.

Great Difficulty with Which Agriculturist in Semi-Arid Regions Has to Contend Is Lack of Moisture When Needed.

While the term dry farming has taken root so firmly that it seems improbable that any other name will ever be applied to farming the lands of the semi-arid region without irrigation, yet it is a term to which Mr. H. D. Campbell—the father of dry farming—strenuously objects. "It means nothing," says he, "it stands for nothing but farming in a dry country and trusting to Providence for results." From this it must not be inferred that Mr. Campbell puts little trust in Providence. But he does believe that faith without work is a poor crop producer. Not only does he believe in work, but that work must be intelligent. It must be performed at the right time, in the right way, with a full understanding of the reasons for every step. Hence he prefers to call it "scientific soil culture."

The dry farmer (so called) does not "farm without water," as some have expressed it. If he is a follower of the Campbell system he uses as much water as any farmer in humid regions or even in irrigation districts. He differs from the hap-hazard plains farmer, from the irrigation farmer and from the farmer in regions in which the rainfall is abundant, simply in the particular that he has learned how to make use of water. He has learned a lesson that all other farmers ought to learn. If the irrigation farmer would learn it, he would save the half or three-fourths of his expense for water and the reservoirs now constructed would suffice for two or three times as much land as at present. If the farmer in humid regions would learn it his crops would be insured against drought (which sometimes comes, even in the most favorable places) and in normal seasons his harvest would be much greater. The principles of scientific soil culture are universal. Throughout the semi-arid region they must be applied or failure is inevitable. In other regions they may be neglected and a certain measure of success yet be attained; but if they were applied everywhere the rewards of the farmer would be far greater.

The great difficulty with which the farmer in the semi-arid region has to contend is the lack of moisture at the time his crops need it. The rainfall—even though it be but ten or twelve inches—is sufficient if it would come at the right time. Sometimes it does, and then the farmer who follows the traditional methods of humid regions rejoices in good crops. More often it does not, with the consequence of crops ranging anywhere from fairly good to total failures, depending upon just how untimely the rains fall.

Under such conditions farming is a hazardous speculation and the usual fate of speculators is ruin. It is the claim of the exponents of scientific soil culture that the element of risk can be almost entirely removed; that no matter at what time the rains come, their moisture can be stored in the soil, where it will be available for plant growth whenever needed, so that prolonged drought need never cause disaster.

"NO PEANUTS NOR CANDY"

Miss Molly Kemple and her widowed mother were suburbanites. Miss Molly herself was more than that. She was a good-looking young lady and very coquetted over it.

Miss Molly's troubles began one day when she had gone up to the city to do some shopping. In a dry goods store she caught a young man looking at her. She gave her head a toss to show her resentment.

At the depot she saw the young man again. In fact, he had the impudence to follow her to the ticket window and purchase a ticket on the same line. Also, he took the same coach she did. Also, he looked at her over the top of his newspaper.

Miss Kemple had completed half her journey when the young man arose and approached her. She was looking out of the corner of her eye and saw him. He stood at the end of her seat for a moment and coughed his embarrassment, and then quietly said:

"I beg pardon."
"No candy or peanuts wanted today!" she replied quickly.

The young man coughed again and fell back. He was completely overcome. And Miss Molly turned her shoulder a little more and chuckled and giggled. She left the train at her station with her chin held high.

As she reached the platform he passed out of her life forever, as she thought. Great was her surprise, the next afternoon, to discover that she had been mistaken. He was before her at the front door when she answered the ring.

"Miss Kemple," he said after presenting a card bearing the address of "Phil H. Montgomery, Sculptor." "I have called to make a little explanation."

"I thought," she said—"I thought—" "You thought you had made it clear to me that you wanted neither peanuts nor candy," he finished. "I am not in that line at present. I must plead guilty to having stared at you, but let me explain. I took you for another person. That is, I wondered if you were not another young lady."

"A Miss Jones, for instance!"
"Not at all, but a young lady who called at my studio a few days ago, but whose address I have mislaid. She was charmingly beautiful. I simply wished to ask if you were the person, and you appeared to put another interpretation on my conduct. Therefore, this call. When I come to look at you now in a different light and costume I see what a mistake I made. Good day, Miss Kemple!"

The next afternoon Mrs. and Miss Kemple started out in their auto to attend a lawn party at Hempstead. At the end of two miles the machine stopped and couldn't be coaxed to move another foot. The first person to come along was Mr. Montgomery. He was driving his own auto. He stopped and lifted his cap and asked if there was any trouble.

He found the petrol tank empty, filled it from a case he carried, and then cranked up the machine and waved his hand to signify all right. The mother thanked him, but not a word from the daughter.

Just across the road from the Kemple manor was a small lake. Miss Molly had read up on canoes and made a purchase of a birch bark. One mid-forenoon it was carried down to the water for her. It was when she started out over the placid bosom of the lake that the canoe turned over and spilled her out. She was choking and gasping and clutching the craft when the sculptor drew the whole outfit ashore and wrung himself out and simply said:

"I had the good fortune to meet the charmingly beautiful young lady as I came down on the train this morning. I must ask you again to excuse me for my mistake. I can't possibly see how I could have made it. There, there, you are very wet and should go to the house at once. Don't stop to talk."

A week later she was at the village depot to take the train for the city again, when she heard people shouting on the street, and was picked up by strong arms and whisked into the building.

"Sir, how dare you?" she exclaimed as she turned to confront her enemy.

"You didn't hear them crying 'mad dog' out there, and might have been bitten, you know," apologetically explained Mr. Montgomery. "There—they have shot the beast. I hope all the crowd escapes. Rather singular that you didn't see nor hear."

"Mr. Montgomery," she said, and there was a quaver in her voice, "I shall hope you will call at the house this evening."

"With pleasure."
"I want other explanations. I want to know how all these things come to happen. I want to know why I am as homely as a hedge-fence, and that other girl charmingly beautiful. I want to know why I can't paddle a canoe as well as other girls."

And Mr. Montgomery called. Miss Molly's chin was not in the air. She was strangely demure. She was demure when he came in and demure when he departed, and the mother shook her head and said to herself:

"He certainly admires her, and he is certainly a masterful man. If he falls in love with Molly she'll have to marry him whether she really wants to or not."

But according to gossip, she was willing.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

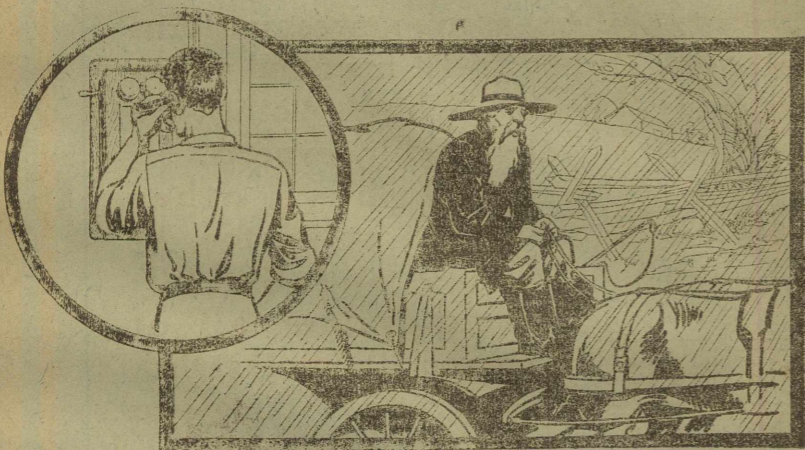
To arrive at an early date. A complete line of watches, clocks and jewelry. Call and see them at Spur Drug Co.

W. C. GRUBEN, FIRST-CLASS Watch Repair.

"WORK TIME"

In buying work gloves for clearing and fencing, try our double finger and palm glove, they give the wear of two ordinary pair and cost but little more. We are making special prices on several Close-Out Lines. Special cut prices all next week on Ladies Skirts and Petticoats.

J. A. Lambdin & Co. Spur, Tex.



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Instead of spoiling a day in going to town, the farmer goes to his Bell Telephone and does his business. The time saved can be spent profitably.

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Your Free Disposal. Bring
in Your Valuable Papers, Etc.**

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

Miss Mary Jane Smith returned this week from a week's visit to relatives and friends at Stamford.

J. H. Edwards was in Spur recently on business from his place several miles north of Dickens. Mr. Edwards reports everything in good shape in that section.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the later part of last week and reports everything in that section in fine shape.

Mace Hunter was in the city Sunday from his place several miles east of Spur and reports everything looking good in that section.

Jno. Swor, a prominent citizen of Rotan, was in Spur this week and will probably remain here some time and engage in the cistern building business. John is an expert cistern builder and no doubt his services in that line will be appreciated and in demand here at this time.

J. W. Hodges returned this week from Oklahoma where he spent several days. He reports that while Oklahoma did not get as good season as we have here the country is in good shape, the towns building and prospering and the country developing rapidly.

KILLED EAGLE.

A crowd of autoists went out to the Wilson tank recently and killed an eagle which measured more than five feet from tip to tip. Bob Mullins sent it out of town to have it mounted.

Rev. Mike M. Young was in the city Monday and spent some time here on business.

A. L. Brantner, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, had business in Spur Monday.

Dr and Mrs. J. E. Morris left Monday for Haskell where they will spend several days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill was in the city Monday from her home several miles west of Spur.

Miss Myra Wilson spent Sunday with home folks at Afton, returning Monday to Spur.

Dr. and Mrs. Hale, of Dickens, were visitors Monday in Spur and spent several hours here.

G. C. Carter, of Dalhart, is in the city visiting at the home of his brother, H. E. Carter.

Mrs. E. H. Clemmons returned recently from an extended visit in east and southern Texas.

Carl Lowery returned this week from a business trip to Cisco and other towns further east.

J. C. Presslar, a prominent citizen of the Pitchfork Ranch, had business in Spur Monday.

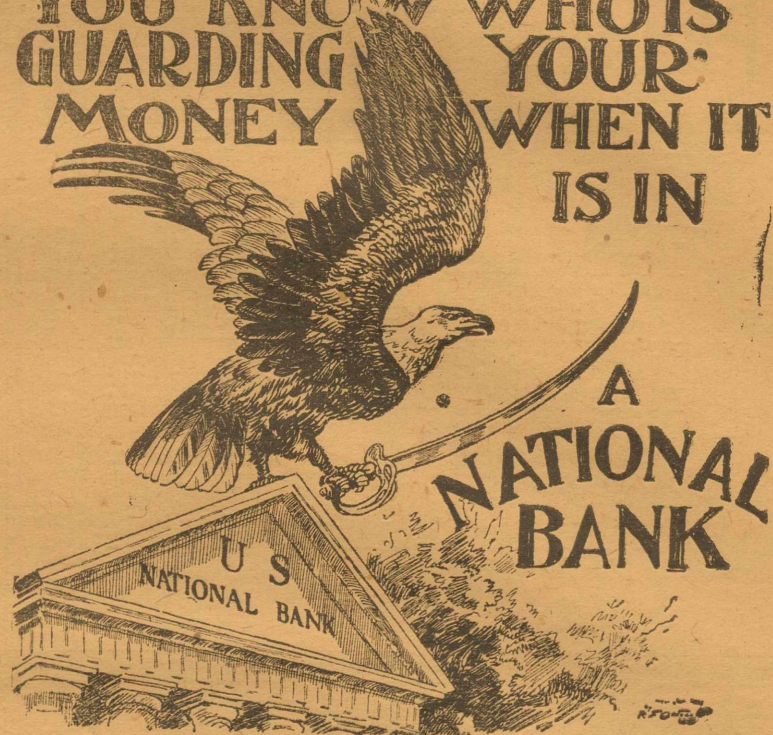
Jim Foster was in Monday from the Camps, west of Spur and spent some time in the city.

E. R. Rorie was in the city Monday from the Ranch and spent several hours here on business.

Bill McArthur was in town Monday from the Red Mud country and reports everything moving along nicely.

W. J. Atterberry, who has been confined to his room several days of an attack of a complication of Yellow Jaundice, gall stone and other ailments, we are glad to note was able to be on the streets again the latter part of last week.

**YOU KNOW WHO IS
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IS IN**



A National Bank is an absolutely safe place to put your money, because the United States Government examines regularly all National Banks.

Ask our patrons how we treat you.
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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

Miss Edna Shields came over from Dickens and spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Bob Mullins and Sam Mitchell made a trip over to Plainview Monday returning to Spur later in the week.

H. D. Baugh and family left last week for Amarillo where he has accepted the temporary management of an hotel, and from which place he will later go to Denver, Colorado, and again assume supervision of the railway dining car service from that place. Since the opening of the Spur Inn more than a year ago Mr. Baugh has been manager, and during the time has made the Spur Inn among the leading hotels of the country and second to none in the state. Mr. Baugh is an experienced and capable hotel man and in his new field of labor we wish him success.

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

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION.

The new residence being built in the west part of the city by Fred Hisey is now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. At the present time several new buildings are going up in the city which denotes not only prosperity but a continued activity and growing city. Spur is among the liveliest and most progressive towns in the western country, and its past record in growth and development is unparalleled in the history of town building in Western Texas.

Keep your eyes on Spur, watch it grow and prosper and in a few years develop into a metropolitan city and commercial center of a vast territory.

**NOW IS THE TIME
...TO GET YOUR COTTON PLANTER...**

SEE OURS BEFORE YOU BUY.

.Spur Hardware Co'y.
EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE . DIAMOND EDGE TOOLS

W. G. Sherrod and W. J. Lewis left Monday for San Antonio to attend the cattle convention now in session.

J. L. Haskew came up Monday from Haskell and spent several days in Spur looking after his business interests.

I. C. Hinson was in Spur Saturday, and while here had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list and for which he has our thanks. The Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow.

Dell Fulfer was in the city Saturday from his home four miles north of Spur trading with the merchants of Spur. Mr. Fulfer bought a fine buggy of the Spur Hardware Company. He is among the prosperous citizens of the country and says the prospects are fine for a big crop this year.

W. P. Williamson, a prosperous citizen of the Tap country, was in town Saturday and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list for which he has our thanks. Mr. Williamson reports everything looking good in the Tap country and the farmers all expect to grow bumper crops during the year.

H. H. Hazlewood returned Sunday from Fort Worth where he had been seeing the sights at the Fat Stock Show.

FOR SALE:—S. C. Rhode Island Red eggs for hatching \$1.00 per fifteen. H. H. Hazlewood.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned Sunday from Fort Worth where he had been taking in the Fat Stock Show. He reports that much damage and considerable loss was the result of the recent fire, but that Fort Worth will make all damage to stock and other loss good to those who suffered as a result of the fire.

LOOKING OVER COUNTRY.

Mr. Kennedy, a prominent citizen of Quanah, was in Spur several days this and last week looking over the town and country with a view of buying farm lands. Mr. Kennedy expressed himself as well pleased with the country and its future prospects and it is very probable that he will buy farm lands and later become permanently identified with this section of the country. We will be glad to have Mr. Kennedy as a citizen of the Spur country and feel confident that he will make no mistake in investing in Spur Farm Lands.

Don't Forget

THAT WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR
Palmetto and Gold Brand Can Goods, Cupid Brand Olives and Pickles, Chase & Sanborn Coffees, Marechal Neil Flour. We also receive three a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) shipments of fresh vegetables.

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THE STORE OF QUALITY
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Lumber Comp'y

**LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,**

And All Kinds Building Material

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.

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.

A RUNAWAY.

Tom McArthur was in last week to have repairs made on farm implements which were damaged recently by a run-away. He had four horses pulling a gang sulkey when the team became frightened, ran away and into the wire fence cutting one horse severely. However, Tom says it was the sorriest horse in the lot and but little other damage except breaking the double tree was done.

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

STAYING WITH EMMA.

Mr. Travis, a prominent citizen of Emma, was a recent visitor in Spur and spent the day at the home of G. C. Pass and fami-

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.

Mrs. G. M. Bachelor is spending the week in Fort Worth with friends and attending the Fat Stock Show.

J. C. Counts, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was a recent business visitor in the city.

R. M. Dickenson came up Wednesday from Stamford and spent some time here looking after the interests of the Spur Grain & Coal Company business.

LETTER TO BUCK HARDEN. Spur Texas.

Dear Sir: There are several ways of cheating in milk. An old-fashioned way is to water it. Nobody waters it now. A Better way is to take out the cream—rich milk with the cream taken out is as good as poor milk with its cream all in.

But we needn't go into particulars.

You don't rob your milk and your customers.

Paint is as easy as milk to cheat with. Good paint is as rare as good milk; for human nature is much the same in milkmen and paint men

You are just and true with your milk; so are we with our paint. Devoe lead-and-zinc is twice as good as mixed paints: There's twice as much butter in it.

Mr. J. T. Tadd, Cheraw, S. C. writes:

"When Mr Evans painted his house with Devoe, he figured on how other paints covered and had enough left to paint three large rooms. He was so pleased that he has used Devoe on two other houses."

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & Co

36 New York.
P. S.—P. H. Miller Lumber Co. sell our paint.

Ross Edwards made a business trip to the towns along the Stamford & Northwestern Railway last week.

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.

..RICHARDSON LUMBER CO'Y..

J. V. McCORMACK, Manager.

BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE.

L. W. Davis has let the contract for the building and completion of a residence on his lots in the northwest part of the city. Work on the building was commenced last week and the contractors to have it complete and ready for occupancy at an early date, at which time Mr. Davis will move his family to Spur and become permanently located in the city. We wish Mr. Davis and family a most pleasant home in Spur.

ly. Mr. Travis is one among the number of old time and substantial citizens who are staying with Emma in the contest with Crosbyton for the county site, and he says that Emma is still the county site of Crosby county, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, and that it will possibly be a cold day in August when Emma gives up the site of government in response to the recent election. Since other contentions have been decided in the courts, the election is now being contested and the results will be closely watched by outsiders and anxiously awaited by those directly interested.

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.

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OUR SPRING LINE IS COMPLETE.

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Where Quality Tells and Price Sells.

W. L. Croom was in the city Tuesday from the Spur Ranch where he with the windmill crew is now located. He reports everything moving along nicely.

Rev. Gray, of Abilene, has been conducting a protracted meeting during the week in Spur, holding the services at one of the tabernacles. Rev. Gray is a Presbyterian Minister and it is reported that he will probably move to Spur and assume the pastorate of that church.

M. W. Overfelt was in the city Monday from the Kellar Ranch east of Spur and spent several hours here looking after the interests of Mr. Kellar who intends to build a residence and locate on a twenty acre block adjoining the townsite. Mr. Overfelt says that work on the new residence will probably begin at an early date.

G. A. Howsley returned this week from a visit of several days to his family at Albany.

T. D. Humphrey and W. F. Godfrey made a trip Wednesday to the Plains country where Mr. Humphrey owns a quarter section of land.

W. S. Taylor and Earn Clay attended a lodge meeting Saturday night at Dickens, and thereby hangs a tale. It was thought by the keeper of the team and rig that upon their leaving simultaneously disappeared a lap robe and as a result they were summoned back to the county capitol Sunday morning to dispel the suspicion of light fingered operations. Taylor didn't state whether or not they were returned under legal custody, however the matter was adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties and to the entire justification of the suspicious characters.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

Texas affords the widest range of agricultural opportunities, perhaps, of any State in the Union. On account of its vast area and varied climate there is scarcely a product known to agriculture that can not be successfully raised in the State. From the wheat growing districts of the Panhandle to the fruit sections of the Gulf Coast country, there are opportunities for all classes and conditions, and the man who invests in Texas property makes a safe and sane investment.

Texas land is the cheapest land in the world today, considering its productive capacity, but its value is steadily increasing, and the opportunities for land investment are growing less as the State develops. Home-seekers from the older states and from Europe have been pouring into Texas as never before in the history of the State during the past year, and the idle lands are gradually becoming settled up, and the matter of procuring a home in Texas is easier now than will be the case in a few years.

The Texas steer scales tariff walls of foreign countries with as much ease as his ancestors climbed an ordinary farm fence. During 1910 the United States exported \$24,882,865 of packing house products (beef,) and Texas cattle are the prime factors in Uncle Sam's meat fleet. The Texas steer is as much at home traveling in a tin can on an ocean liner as he is on a special fast freight train, and he is welcomed in every market in the world.

Texas is the greatest cotton producing section in the South-

ern States, which have a practical monopoly of the cotton crop of the entire world. Texas produces enough cotton to give the entire world one suit of clothes apiece, and then have some left. In addition to the cotton industry, it will grow, equally well, alfalfa, corn, rice, oats, potatoes, and, in fact, most everything that can be raised in the temperate zone.

When the railroad construction now under way is all completed there will yet be twenty-five counties in the state without a mile of railroad. Texas needs railroad builders.

The uncultivated area of Texas exceeds the total area of the thirteen original colonies, excepting Georgia and North Carolina. The uncultivated area of Texas exceeds the total area of all states bordering on the Atlantic Ocean from Maine to North Carolina inclusive. The uncultivat-

ed area of Texas can support all the people in the United States, using as a basis of calculation two acres of cultivated land per capita, which is the world average. This land is not lacking in fertility, but in farmers to cultivate it.

In building a house material should be used that is stable and durable and in building a community the same care should be used, and lines of industry that are constructive should be encouraged. Among the classes of property that constitute building material for empires are public highways, railroads, factories, mines, irrigating canals, etc. These industries create and thrust values upon adjoining property, and the amount of unearned wealth they distribute depends upon their native characteristics and upon their surroundings. To build up Texas, we must study prosperity.

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APRIL 1ST

GRAND OPENING

.....NEW SPRING MILLINERY.....

MONDAY,

APRIL 3RD

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, AND MONDAY, APRIL 3rd.,

We will open to the people of Spur and surrounding country, one of the best selected and largely assorted millinery stocks, comprising the very latest shapes and new designs in "Hatdom." When you buy from us you will be assured you are getting the best and newest the market affords. Our trimmers are skilled and make their semi-annual trips to the best and largest markets and will be ever ready to serve you, and will extend the utmost courtesies to all. We cordially invite and expect every lady within miles of Spur to attend this opening.

FIRST FLOOR CENTRAL ROOMING HOUSE.

Yours

Respectfully,

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Miss Nelson,

Miss Pike

THE FASHION

SPUR.

Texas

P. S Don't forget we are sole agents for the "Gold Medal Hat" of St. Louis. We also have a nice line of ladies ready-made Dresses and Skirts.

TAP TELLINGS.

We are having some real spring weather and everthing is looking green. Farmers are busy planting and preparing to plant, and garden truck will soon be on our table.

Mr. Evans, a new settler of Steel Hill, was here a few days ago in search of some milk cows.

Jim Alston, from near Spur, was here first of the week buying cotton seed to plant 110 acres of cotton.

Hatten Perry and T. S. Lam-

bert attended the W. O. W. supper at Spur Saturday night. We guess Lambert didn't have the pass-word and had to stay on the outside, for Sunday he was suffering with a severe cold.

W. L. Wright and family, of the lower end of the valley, were up our way Sunday visiting.

The Christian folks had an all day meeting Sunday with two services and a fine dinner.

Jess Craddock, of Coke county, is here again. Jess spent a few monts here last fall and now he says that Dickens county has

attractions that one can't resist. We are glad to have Jess with us again.

Clay Rash, of Spur, was here Monday and Tuesday introducing Biglers Stock Remedies to the people here.

In last issue we charged Perry of hunting rats. He denies the charge and says he was after bigger game—the shinnery rabbits. We are glad to make the correction for we would tell a thing twenty different ways before we would tell a lie on a neighbor.

Gadabout.

GILPIN LOCALS.

Duck Creek is wearing a green coat to-day.

People are all recovering from last week's sickness.

Come out to the speaking contest at the school house night of March thirty first.

Boys won every medal in school last month. The girls say it is their time next month. How about it boys?

Harry Holly missed his first day out of this term of school last Friday on account of sickness. Hope he will be back again soon.

Charlie Carlisle is the only pupil now who has neither a tardy nor absent mark against him.

The teacher earnestly requests that the patrons keep their children in regularly the remaining five months of school. There will be final examinations at close of school, and to be promoted one must make an average of seventy-five per cent. If you want your children started off properly next year take the best advantage of the present opportunities by keeping them in school.

Let's work for a High School on Duck Creek. It will be cheap-

er than sending your shildren off to school. The present legislature fixed some kind of law in regard to High Schools in the country. Let's get busy and keep in rank with the leading schools of our country.

Rev. Bennett preached to a large crowd at Bird's Chapel Sunday.

School Chap.

FOR RENT.

A good four room house. Enquire at P. H. Millers' Lumber Yard.

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H. T. Garner, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Wednesday on business.

B. F. Brock, a prominent citizen of Dickens, had business in Spur Wednesday.

W. J. Duncan, of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday and reports his section of country in fine shape.

Editor Thomas, of the Jayton Herald, was a visitor in the city Wednesday and paid the Texas Spur office a fraternal call.

Wall Paper

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