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ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF SPUR

Adopted at the Regular Meeting, Monday, March 27th, 1911, and Will Be in Full Force and Effect After Passage and Publication.

TAXATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 12.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur, that there shall be levied upon and collected from every person, firm, company or association of persons, pursuing any of the occupations within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, named in the following articles, an annual occupation tax, which shall be paid annually in advance, except when herein otherwise provided; on every such occupation or separate establishment as follows:

From every traveling person selling patent or other medicine within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) and no traveling person shall so sell until said tax is paid.

From every fortune teller or mesmerist, or phrenologist the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00.)

From every person or firm keeping a knife, cane or doll rack, or any other device upon which rings are pitched, or at which balls are thrown, the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00.)

From every billiard, pool table, or anything of the kind used for profits, the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00.)

From all persons keeping, or using for profits any hobby-horse, flying jenny, or device of that character, with or without name, the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00.)

From every foot-peddler, the sum of (Two Dollars) \$2.00.

From every theatre, or dramatic representation for which pay for admission is demanded, or received, the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each and every performance—provided, however, that this tax shall not be collected where the performances are exhibited by home talent, for charitable purposes.

From every circus wherein equestrian or acrobatic feats and performances are exhibited, the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00.)

DOG TAX.

ORDINANCE NO. 13.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur, that there is hereby levied upon every dog, owned within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, the following annual tax:

For each and every male dog, the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and for each and every female dog One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50); which said tax is due and payable on the first day of May in each year, and it is hereby made the duty of every owner, or anyone who shall harbor any dog as described herein to pay to the collector of City Taxes the said tax on or before the first day of May in each year.

Upon payment of said tax, the City Collector shall furnish the owner of said animal with a tag on which is stamped the words "Tax Paid" together with the year for which the tax is paid. And while said tag is on the neck of said animal, it may run at large in the town.

VAGRANCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 14.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur that every vagrant in the town of Spur, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum, not exceeding Ten Dollars (\$10.00.)

OFFENSE AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH.

ORDINANCE NO. 15.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the Town of Spur, that if any person shall carry on within the

town of Spur any trade, business or occupation, injurious to the health of those who may reside in the vicinity or shall suffer any substances which shall have that effect to remain on premises in his possession, he shall be punished by fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each separate day of carrying on such business, trade or occupation, or of permitting such substances to remain, shall be considered a separate offense.

Any person who shall own, keep, or use any building or premises in this town, in such manner as to be injurious to the health of the people, or offensive to the neighborhood or to any private family or person, or detrimental to the public health, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

Any person who shall own, keep or use, any pen or enclosure within the corporate limits of this town, in which hides, cattle, hogs, or other animals are kept in such manner as to become a nuisance, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not to exceed the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

Any person who shall place, conduct or deposit in or upon any street, alley or gutter, sidewalk or public place or private lot, within this town, where the same will become offensive to others any putrid, or unsound beef, pork or other meats, fish, hides of any kind, or any filth, dead cats, dead chickens or other animals, any slops or water that stands in basins or pools, tin cans, papers or other unwholesome or offensive liquid or substance whatever shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00.)

All persons conducting feed or livery stables within the town limits shall remove all manure or filth of whatever kind beyond the City Limits, at least once in each month. Any person violating this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00.)

PRIVIES.

ORDINANCE NO. 16.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the Town of Spur, that every person owning or controlling a privy or water closet within the corporate limits of the town of

Spur, place same on alley lines, and in a manner that would be accessible to the scavenger, and shall fill with dirt, all pits or sinks under same, and shall place hinged shutters, or flaps, on back of same, so as to hide contents from view, and prevent the escape of papers. Any person failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

NUISANCES.

ORDINANCE NO. 17.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur that whenever any animal, or fowl, shall die within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, and the owner thereof is known, he shall remove the same at his own expense, immediately after death of such animal or fowl, and upon his failure or refusal to do so, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof he shall be fined in the sum of not more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00.)

Any person throwing out papers, or handing out or distributing any circulars or posters on the streets, sidewalks or public places, in this town, where such papers, circulars or posters may be scattered over or on the streets, sidewalks or public places of the town, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars (\$10.00.)

OFFENSES AFFECTING SAFETY.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur that any person or persons having charge of any public or private improvements in the town of Spur, who shall leave any hole, ditch, excavation or obstruction of any character in or adjoining any public place, street, alley or sidewalk, without guarding, or covering the same so as to prevent persons and animals from danger of falling therein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Five Dollars or more than One Hundred Dollars.

Any person or persons who shall engage in throwing balls, clods of dirt, rocks, shooting nigger-shooters, or in any other sport, or exercise, in any public street or high-way in this town, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the sum of

not less than One Dollar nor more than Ten Dollars.

Any person or persons who shall fire off, or discharge any sort of fireworks or combustions within the corporate limits of this town, except on his or her own premises, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than Ten Dollars.

Any person or persons who shall ride a bicycle, tricycle or skate upon roller skates upon any sidewalk within the corporate limits of the town of Spur, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined any sum not exceeding Five Dollars (\$5.00.)

Any person or persons driving a wagon, buggy, dray, or any other vehicle over any sidewalk within the corporate limits of the City of Spur—except at crossings designated by streets and alleys, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum of not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00.)

PERSONS LIABLE TO STREET WORK.

ORDINANCE NO. 19.—Be it ordered by the Commissioners of the town of Spur that every male inhabitant of the town of Spur, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years, who has been a resident of the said town for fifteen days shall be required to work upon the streets of said town, not exceeding five days in any year, or furnish a substitute or sum of money, not to exceed One Dollar per day for each days work, demanded to employ a substitute, except Ministers of the Gospel and members of any regular organized fire company.

BILL POSTING.

Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur that any person or persons who shall, without first having obtained permission from the owner, stick, paint or stamp upon any house, fence, wall, pavement, or other object not his own, within the corporate limits of the town of Spur any written, printed or other notice, bills, signs, circulars, posters or advertisement, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00.)

Any person or persons who shall wilfully deface, injure, remove or destroy any building, ornament, bulletin board, sign, show frame, platform or other object—not his own, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor

and on conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00.)

PENALTY FOR REFUSING TO WORK STREETS.

ORDINANCE NO. 20.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur, that if any person or persons, liable under the ordinance of this city to work upon the streets thereof after being legally summoned shall fail or refuse to attend, either in person or by substitute, at the time and place designated by the City Marshall, shall fail or refuse on or before the day for which he is summoned to attend to pay to the City Marshall, the sum of One Dollar per day for each day he may have been summoned to work on the streets or having attended, shall fail to perform any duty required of him by law or by the City Marshall, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than the amount he is due for working on said streets, nor more than the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars.

ORDINANCE NO. 21.—Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the town of Spur, that every person owning or controlling a privy or water closet adjacent to any private residence shall have same cleaned once in each month, and that every person or persons owning or controlling a water closet adjacent to any business house hotel or other public place shall have same cleaned twice in each month, and any failure upon the part of any person or persons to comply with this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00.)

ORDINANCE NO. 22.—Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur that no building other than brick, stone or concrete, shall be placed or erected on the east half of Blocks 5, 12, 21 28 and 37, and on the west half of Blocks 6, 11, 22, 27 and 38, in the town of Spur, according to the official map or plat of record in the county clerks office of Dickens County Texas.

Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100.00, and each days violation shall constitute a separate offense.

ORDINANCE NO. 23.—Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur that any person driving an Automobile, Motorcycle, Electric car or other vehicle at a speed greater than, or at, the rate of 16 miles per hour, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$50.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 24.—Be it ordained by the town Commissioners of the town of Spur that any person owning or controlling any water closet, or privy, shall be required to use at least once a week, some disinfectant, such as lime, ashes or other acknowledged disinfectant.

Any person failing to comply with this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$10.00.

Rev. J. V. Billberry, of near Dickens, was among the business visitors to Spur Saturday,

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

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HAVE FAITH IN YOUR TOWN.

Faint Hearted People Never Build Towns Nor Surmount Any Obstacles.

It is true that doubting generals do not win battles, and faint hearts do not win fair ladies, and it is no less true that doubting, fainthearted people never build towns. The man who sees no insurmountable obstacles, who knows not the word "fail," who forges ahead unmindful of difficulties, and with a faith and courage sublime, is the man who does things worth while.

What is true of a single individual is no less true of a number of individuals. The right kind of men can build a town almost anywhere in the world. It often requires a superabundance of "grit, grace and greenbacks." In fact, people must close their eyes, as it were, to seeming obstacles, have faith in their town, just know that they are going to build a town.

It is a piece of inexhaustible stupidity for any man to feel that he is "donating" his money and time to any legitimate and desirable enterprise for his town. It is one of the best investments, from every conceivable standpoint, that he can make. Sometimes, one hears a business man say: "I am going to look out for self strictly." If by this he means that he is going to invest liberally of his time and money in every enterprise that makes for the upbuilding of his town, realizing that only in so doing can he best serve his own interest, well and good. But if he means that he is going to withhold his money and time from every legitimate enterprise, looking only to his own little self and reaping all he can off the labors of others, he is a nuisance,

a deadbeat, a disgrace to any town and ought to crawl into some rat hole of forgetfulness and die out of respect for decent people. Such miserable misfits wouldn't build a town anywhere in the world, no matter how favorable the conditions. It is pitiable, that too often a spell of dry weather and little talk about a railroad frightens some people out of their wits. They sit down with folded hands

or stand around for months like so many dried mullin stalks in a sheep pasture waiting to see "what's going to turn up" instead of getting out and turning up things. By united, dogged efforts, they could have the town so well and substantially established and moving forward in the few months of their waiting that dry weather or railroads could not possibly effect it. In fact, give some people a few months in which to lay plans, and they will have the world so to speak, by tail and a down hill pull on it, and no power on earth could prevent them building a town. —Rule Review.

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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

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Seed Wheat and Oats.

WE HANDLE THE McALLISTER AND NEW MEXICO COAL. PHONE US YOUR ORDER.

We pay the highest cash price for hides

in case of any dissatisfaction.

The citizen who cares nothing for his neighbors or the prosperity of the community in which he lives, who turns up his nose at its factories and shops and show places as inferior to those of "Shecawgo" or some distant city, and who thinks nothing that is homemade is anything but shoddy, is what President Roosevelt would describe as "undesirable." Yet there are many such in all the smaller cities, some of whom even have

stands by the goods.

Because I sell what I produce here at home.

Because the man I buy from pays his part of the town, county and city taxes.

Because the man I buy from gives value received always.

Because the man I buy from helps support my school, my church, my lodge, my home.

Because, when ill luck, misfortune or bereavement come the man I buy from is here with his kindly expressions of greeting, his words of cheer and his pocketbook, if need be.

Here I live and here I buy.

I buy at home.

Do you?

The only way in which we can build up our small factories and encourage others to come is to patronize them to the fullest extent possible and to manifest an interest in their progress and prosperity, and this we can do without any loss to our pocketbooks, for we can rely upon them as we could not upon strangers. —San Antonio Express.

Do you intend to raise your children up to be renters? Of course you do not. No man does. You expect some day to buy a piece of land and have a home of your own, but you keep putting it off and all this time this land is growing costlier and you are getting no more able to buy than you were a few years ago. Now is the time to buy, while the land is in reach of the poor man, for as sure as you live it is not many years off when the poor man can no more buy a piece of land in this country than he can now buy a bank. —Ex.

STRAYED—Bay mare, four years old, star in forehead branded Y bar connected. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery.
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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

There are people in every community having such pride of habit and such patriotic regard for home interests that they will patronize the home merchant or home industry in preference to sending away for the thing that can be got at home.

On the other hand, there are persons who seem to think that nothing is worth while that has not a foreign trademark or that is not "ordered" from the East or from somewhere else. These latter persons have their tailor shop in New York, Chicago or St. Louis and may wear ill-fitting clothes that cost them considerably more than well-dressed folks pay for the wearing apparel purchased from local tailors or from local dealers. It is not always, however, the main idea of the purchaser in either case to consult economy of expenditure. The patriotic citizen is sometimes moved to patronize home industry from a sense of obligation and self-interest, because in so doing he is helping those who may help him, is in a measure, at least, keeping the money at home and aiding to promote and build up home industry. He would rather pay a little more to his neighbor in whom he feels some interest than to an outsider who is not a neighbor and one in whom he has no personal interest. Another consideration is that the local manufacturer or dealer can be called on to correct or adjust any discrepancy or make good

their laundry done hundreds of miles from home. The Tradesman gives the following reasons why one should buy at home:

Because my interests are here.

Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.

Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.

Because I want to see the goods.

Because I want to get what I buy when I pay for it.

Because my home dealer "carries" me when I am run short.

Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and helps work for the welfare of the city.

Because the man I buy from

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We specially recommend the

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

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

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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.

EVERYTHING IN FINE SHAPE

W. J. Elliott was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm home and reports everything in fine shape in that section. Mr. Elliott was among the first settlers of this country and is now one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens. All who came here in the early days and staid with the country are now prosperous and independent. The country is a more desirable location today, in that it has railroad connections, the advantages of markets for all kinds of farm produce, superior trading points and a city centrally located and which extends to the people of the surrounding country every accommodation in commerce and superior advantages in educational facilities, religious and fraternal orders and extends every inducement and convenience to the homeseeker and home-builder to become one of a prosperous and contented citizenship. The Spur Farm Lands cover a vast territory and no richer and more productive body of land can be found in America. The soil is varied in character and will not only produce in abundance and great variety but can be secured on the best terms. This country has more advantages and as few disadvantages as any section of Texas, and the man who is looking for a home will find it to his interest to investigate the possibilities and inducements of this section before permanently locating elsewhere.

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

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

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

ing a bumper crop this year. The fact of the business is that all of this western country has the very finest prospects for big crop yields of every character and the country is expecting to break all former records as to crop yields.

PROGRAM.

Program of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Association to be held with the Red Mud Church eleven miles southwest of Spur, beginning Thursday before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1911.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30 Introductory sermon, S. A. Cobb.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9:30 Devotional service J. B. Cotton.

10:00 My Field and How to Meet the Demand, J. H. Vinson, F. M. Elliot.

11:00 Sermon, W. A. North.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00 Devotional Services, J. E. McKenzie,

2:30 The Difference between Us as Missionary Baptists and the Hardshell Baptists, the Cause of the Split, J. T. Nicholson, B. F. Whitten.

3:30 Woman's Work—Paper, Mrs. W. T. Daniels, Mrs. Colacot and Miss Vena Elkins.

FRIDAY EVENING.

8:00 Sermon, J. H. Vinson.

SATURDAY MORNING

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

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THE OLD SOLDIERS.

Grey uniforms are plentiful in Austin. Inmates of the Confederate Home are seen on every corner. Age has laid his palsied hand upon them, and frosted locks and wrinkled faces indicate that there is nothing for them to do but wait outside the gate till it is opened for them. They have earned the long sweet rest that's

right. Away back yonder in the past that's fled, they were young and strong, and hope ran high, and hearts beat fast, as they went forth with banners floating gaily, while martial strains stirred every southern soul to die for home and country. They did their best, God bless them all, and when the gory fields were silent from the boom of many guns, and all the dull dead eyes were closed, and mutilated corpses laid beneath the sod, their arms all stacked, their last charge made, they turned their wan and weary faces toward their homes where ruin and wanton waste awaited them. They fought as hard to make a home again as only Southern men have fought. Some built mansions on the ruins of once proud estates, while others failed to successfully come back. Now they are in the "Home." No braver, and truer, race ever graced the fields and plains of earth. Martyrs all for what they thought was duty. I am the last one who would say that they have not ten thousand times paid twice the prices for comfort in declining years. Let the Home be added to until 'tis ample for them all to occupy, where, harbored from rough gales and storm skies, they may dream of the glorious golden days now dead, when hope was alive, and in their happy homes sat darling wives and toddling children's merry laughter made heavenly music around the house.—Cleburne Enterprise.

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WILL BREAK THE RECORD.

Mr. Sparks, a prominent citizen of Tap, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Sparks reports everything in fine shape in the Tap country with respect to crop conditions and that everybody is expect-

9:00 Devotional Services, D. Barton.

9:30 The Deacon, His office and How to Fill It, B. F. Whitten, J. H. Vinson.

10:00 What Does a Church Gain by Soul Winning S. A. Cobb, Brother Bennett.

What Does a Church Lose by not being a Soul Winner, P. Bumgardner.

11:00 Sermon B. F. Whitten.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00 What Does a Church Member Lose by not Attending the Regular Meeting, J. T. Nicholson.

Why Do We Stay Away, W. C. Lowery, P. Hinson.

3:30 Board Meeting.

SATURDAY EVENING.

7:30 Preaching to be arranged

SUNDAY MORNING.

10:00 Our Sunday School—to be arranged.

11:00 Sermon, J. T. Nicholson.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

3:00 B. O. H. Led by J. B. Cotton.

SUNDAY EVENING.

7:00 Preaching to be arranged. There will be a committee to meet the trains at Spur Thursday and Friday with conveyance to the place of meeting.

Committee, Church and Pastor.

soon to come. Upon their worn and wasted bodies are the scars of many battles, honorable wounds received in contests for a cause they felt was just and

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To Secure a
HOME.

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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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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Spur Masonic Lodge Number 1023 will meet Thursday night, April 6th, at the lodge hall over the Dixie Store. Work in the first and second degrees will be conferred and visiting members are extended an invitation to be present on this occasion.

Remember the millinery opening at The Fashion Saturday and Monday, April 1st and 3rd. Come and see the swellest line of hats shown in this section of country. Every lady in the Spur country is urged to attend this showing of millinery.

STEEL HILL ITEMS.

The farmers are about to get done plowing and planting feed and are resting their teams for that busy day that is sure to come soon.

There were two men seen going down the Clairemont road Tuesday morning at full speed. One man was bareheaded, this man was about one hundred yards ahead of the other. We thought that it was an officer after the bareheaded man, but after a close view of the situation

there was seen a hat about three hundred yards ahead of the front man. All who are familiar with the showers of west Texas know the rest.

J. P. Gipson and family, W. D. Evans and family, A. W. Jordan and family, Ellis Jordan and Robert Gilbert, were the guests of M. A. Jordan and family Sunday.

There was preaching at Steel Hill Sunday evening by Brother Bennett. A large crowd was present. Come again, Mr. Bennett.

The young people attended a singing at T. E. Marshalls' Sunday night.

Mr. York and lady, of the experimental farm, west of Spur, spent a few hours with J. P. Gipson and family Monday.

John and Mike Edwards have taken a contract to put in a cellar for M. A. Jordan. Jordan says he is preparing for a cloudy day.

The County Missionary will preach at Steel Hill Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night and will organize a Sunday school at Steel Hill Sunday evening at four o'clock. Everybody invited to come.

We presume Mr. Bill Neighbors has quit hunting and looking for work as he was seen going down the Dickens road Tuesday with an ax in his hand. Be careful Mr. Neighbors, don't work too hard.

W. D. Evans and M. A. Jordan left Thursday morning for the Plains country.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

TAP TELLINGS.

Everything is moving at a lively rate. Farm work is well advanced for the time of year and most everyone is through breaking land and now ready for planting. We have a west Texas shower Sandstorm occasionally, but we old timers enjoy them. They make the new comer a little blue but will be in the front ranks at gathering time.

The dog poisoning crew is working on the border of the settlement this week.

Sheriff Cole was here a few days ago on business.

Rev. J. V. Billberry filled his regular appointment here Sunday, preaching to a crowded house.

Sam Smith, one of our leading farmers, returned Monday from a trip down in goober land with a load of peanuts for planting. The acreage in peanuts will be largely increased this year.

B. F. Hinson was visiting J. N. Self and family down the river Sunday.

Singing Sunday night at J. E. Sparks' was well attended despite the windy weather.

A. A. Smith passed through first of the week enroute to his home at Knowles, New Mexico. Gadabout.

J. A. Lambdin came up Wednesday from Stamford and spent two days in the city looking after his business interests.

I. D. Gamble sold his stock of goods this week to Mr. Robertson and another gentleman of Peacock, and as a result the store is now closed while the stock is being invoiced.

W. J. Young, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, had business in Spur Wednesday and reports everything in fine shape in his country.

The Fashion has a complete line of ladies dresses made of the finest fabrics and designed from the very latest styles in ladies up-to-date wearing apparel. See them. First floor of Stephens Rooming House.

Clinton Funk and family arrived in the city the first of the week from Rotan and will make Spur their home in the future, Mr. Funk having accepted a position with the Riter Hardware Company. We welcome Mr. Funk and family to Spur and wish them a pleasant and prosperous home here.

Mrs. J. Morris, President of the West Texas W. O. W. Association, and Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, were in the city Wednesday and were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, and while here left a nice order for printing for the Association for which they have our thanks.

I want the people of Dickens county and the town of Spur to know I am in the market to sell the best Watches and Clocks on earth. I have the different makes of watches from seven jewels to twenty-one jewels. Will sell very close. And just got in a lot of the best clocks on earth. The Seth Thomas. I am doing the best watch repairing possible. Come to see me at Barber & Hancocks' Hardware Store, Spur Texas.

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**ORDINANCES OF
THE TOWN OF SPUR**

(Continued from page 1)

Be it ordained by the town commissioners of the town of Spur that The Texas Spur is selected as the official paper.
GEO. S. LINK, Mayor,
ATTEST,
J. M. NEELY, Clerk.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETING.

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Club Mrs. Miller gave a splendid talk, her subject being The Mother and the Teacher, in which she urged mothers to take an active part in their children's schooling. She said in part: "Cooperation between mothers and teachers invariably leads to good results, indifference on the part also has its effect. The mother who gets acquainted with the teacher, visits the school and takes an understanding interest in the school work is the mother who gives strength to the child. A teacher soon recognizes home influence upon children. Little can be done for the child whose mother openly and unjustly criticizes the teacher, and the mother who is unacquainted with the school work or with the teacher cannot fairly criticize either."

Mrs. Miller's talk was convincing and to the point, and a general discussion followed, in which every one present agreed that mothers should, at least, visit the schools, and that the teachers are anxious to have them do so.

The next regular meeting of the Mothers Club will be held Saturday afternoon, April 1st, at three o'clock. Visitors are invited.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, Pres.
Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

GREAT PROSPECTS.

D. C. Sparks, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the north part of the county, was in the city Mon-

day and Tuesday and reports his section of the country in fine shape with respect to crop conditions. As evidence of the crop prospects Mr. Sparks hauled out farm implements including a double row planter and other material, and from this we judge that in view of the promising prospects he intends to not only enjoy an increased yield but cultivate an increased acreage on his place this year. No country ever had better crop prospects than the country surrounding Spur and everybody is smiling and have great prospects.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

The City Commission met Monday in regular session adjourning from day to day to complete the necessary work.

The City Ordinances have been adopted and are published in this week's issue of the Texas Spur, this paper being selected as the official newspaper for the city.

J. H. Neely was appointed assessor and collector of City Taxes and Marshall.

Oscar Jackson was appointed City Recorder and Secretary.

The work of adopting the ordinances complete is a big undertaking and requires much work and careful consideration. However the Commissioners are making rapid headway and have the laws of the city ready for publication.

As stated and predicted heretofore the Mayor and Commissioners are giving the city intelligent, conservative and progressive service in the creation of laws and administration of public affairs, and the Texas Spur congratulates the Commission on both quality and quantity of work done to date.

DICKENS ITEM.

Nat Patton, Springer, E. L. Clay and Sanders Taylor were the visiting Masons who came up from Spur Saturday night.

Luke and Sol Davis are making preparations to move their families to Spur at once.

SCHOOL PICNIC.

Friday the children of the first and second grades in the Spur school enjoyed a picnic on Duck Creek. The children went out in two wagons driven by Messrs. Yopp and Ellis, while the picnickers were chaperoned by Mesdames York and Chatman and Odeneal.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

Revival services will begin at the Methodist Tabernacle Sunday in which the pastor will be assisted by Rev. C. B. Meadors of Haskell Texas. Everybody is respectfully requested to be present at all the services. It is hoped that the meeting may be a blessing to all the churches, in increasing their effectiveness as soul savers. We earnestly request all the churches to join us in this campaign against sin. Let us claim, this young town, so rich in its possibilities for Christ.

R. A. Stewart, Pastor.

PROMISED YAM POTATOES.

G. W. Robertson came in Wednesday from the Afton country and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Robertson recently moved from Spur to a farm in the Afton country and says that he will plant one hundred acres of cotton and has already planted twenty acres of maize and eight acres of corn. He says that farmers of that section are all busy plowing and preparing for the planting season. Mr. Robertson has promised us some of the biggest yam potatoes we ever ate, as well as water melons and we hope that he will look carefully to these things as well as cotton and corn during the planting and cultivating seasons.

Mrs. Monteith and daughter, Miss Laura, Miss Irene and Raligh Harkey and Charley Mitchell, of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday night to attend the Perce R. Benton show.

COME ALONG

Come and get the biggest hat values ever offered. "All" kinds at cheap prices Saturday and all next week. Good snaps in Men's Suits and odd pants. "Cash is King."

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SPUR, TEXAS.

Mrs. Greenwade, of Dickens, was in Spur trading Wednesday.

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Mesdames J. D. Harkey and Henson, of Dickens, were visitors in the city Tuesday.

Mesdames Jno. A. Green and Luke Davis, of Dickens, were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Welch, of Rule, is in the city visiting at the home of R. L. Roberts and family.

Mrs. Jones, of Dallas, is visiting her son, Y. L. Jones and family in the city.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

Mr. Bates, of Stamford, is in the city visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stephens.

Mrs. Henry Michael, of Fort Worth, is in the city on an extended visit to her brother, C. H. McDonald and wife.

Henry Michael came to Spur and spent Saturday and Sunday with his wife who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McDonald.

Y. L. Jones returned this week from a business trip to Paris and other eastern cities where he spent several days.

H. S. Bartley left this week on a visit to Fort Worth and other cities of the eastern part of the state.

Miss Kate Hare arrived in the city last week from Forney and will make her home here with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

C. H. Chumbley, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was here Wednesday on business.

R. R. Morrison returned Wednesday from Rotan where he spent several days looking after his business interests.

C. L. Love spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Stamford with his family and also looking after business interests.

Prof. Allison passed through Spur Wednesday on his return to Dickens from Carbon where he spent several days with his mother.

Carl Lowery, the efficient manager of the Red Front Drug Store, returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Albany, Cisco and Fort Worth where he spent several days on business and pleasure.

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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.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Cole returned this week from a visit of several days to Mrs. Cole's parents at Rule.

Misses Ella and Frankie Andrews, daughters of Judge and Mrs. Andrews of Stamford, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones.

Prof. Brannen, of Dickens, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business and visiting his brother, N. Q. Brannen and family.

LOST:—Black leather hand bag containing \$1.05 in change, also deposit slip on First State Bank. Finder return to Texas Spur or Miss Jennie Shields.

Mr. Sandlin has closed up the City Bakery and Restaurant and he and Mrs. Sandlin will return to Matador at an early date. Mr. Sandlin says that he will probably return this fall and reopen the business here.

W. H. L. Ward showed us a receipt in the sale of a bale of cotton sold by himself June 15th, 1869. The bale of cotton weighed 496 pounds, sold for twenty-six and a half cents a pound and brought \$122.78. Mr. Ward said that this bale of cotton was the last one he ever sold, but that since the price of the staple is again looking up he will try ten acres this year.

J. P. Crump was in the city Wednesday and Thursday after well casing with which to complete his well being drilled on his place in the Cat Fish country. He expects to have to drill a hundred and fifty or two hundred feet, and on account of the recent rains the walls are caving. Mr. Crump reports everything in fine shape in his section and says crop prospects are the very best.

Bud Williams, a prominent citizen of Post City, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Viola, came to Spur Monday to meet another daughter, Mrs. Faire, of Jayton, who will return with them for an extended visit in Post. While here Mr. Williams met W. K. Perry, a cousin, whom he had not seen in the past thirty years, remaining with Mr. Perry and family several days.

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100 lb. sacks std. granulated sugar.....\$5.25	Wrapped Bacon per pound.....	15
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Oil per case.....2.00	Bucket coffee.....	1.00

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STEEL HILL ITEMS.

The farmers are all about done breaking land and some are planting corn and maize this week.

Oats are looking fine in this part of the pasture. One or two more good rains and the farmers will reap a large crop.

Ben Holly and John Randles have let a contract to have the rest of their grubbing done this week.

M. A. Jordan, J. P. Gipson, A. W. Jordan and family were the guests of W. D. Evans and family Sunday. All report a nice time. However, Mr. Evans began to get a little uneasy when about eleven o'clock Ellie Jordan and Professor Gilbert came in. Mr. Evans whispered to one of his little boys and said, "you had better go catch another rabbit." The whole crowd were expecting to have to put up with a rabbit dinner but when dinner time came there was almost anything to eat that one could wish for, but rabbit. But the boy caught the rabbit just the same.

Jim Neighbors and family and Will Neighbors visited John Ran-

dles and family Sunday.

Both young and old attended a singing at J. P. Gibson's Sunday night. All report a nice time and good singing.

Brother Bennett will preach at Steel Hill Sunday evening at three o'clock. Everybody invited to come each fourth Sunday evening.

J. P. Gibson, M. A. Jordan, W. D. Evans, A. W. Jordan took a flying trip over the Spur pasture this week, each one selected a section of land and expect to buy same as soon as time, means and opportunity affords.

Will Craig was a man of leisure the fore part of the week. He was gone to town the middle of the week, and is doing nothing at present. Look out Bill, don't work too hard.

Ollie Scott returned to Afton Saturday, where he contemplates planting two hundred acres of cotton this year. He says he expects to buy a section of the Spur land this fall.

Otis Evans left Saturday for Snyder, Texas, to attend college.

Mike Edwards, of Galveston, has located with his brother,

John Edwards. His wife will be in as soon as she completes her visit with relatives in Hico, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Jim Crump and A. W. Jordan finished breaking land this week.

M. A. Jordan is putting in a two hundred barrel cistern this week. He says he expects to get it full of water and make three fourths of a bale of cotton to the acre this year.

Rip Saw.

Mrs. L. N. Riter returned this week from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Forney and other places in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. Oliver Gray came up last week from Jayton and is spending the week in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Potts.

**LETTER TO DR. T. E. STANDIFER
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It's nobody's business what we put in our paint, of course; but we want it known. For lead-and-zinc and linseed oil, ground together by machinery, are the stuff to paint with: and lead-and-oil mixed by hand is not.

We want it known that one word describes the best paint in the world; and that word is Devoe.

Are you going to paint?
Yours truly,

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P. S.—P. H. Miller Lumber Co. sell our paint.

Tol Merriman was in the city the latter part of last week from his place several miles south of Spur and reports everything in fine shape in that section. Mr. Merriman is one of the old timers of this section and is one among our most prosperous citizenship.

FINEST CROP PROSPECTS.

L. S. Scott, a prominent citizen of Tap, was in the city Saturday and was a caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us a silver dollar for the paper another year. Mr. Scott has been living in this section of country eleven years and says that he never saw better crop prospects than at the present time. He says during the time he has been farming in the Spur country he has had feed to sell every year. On his farm this year he will plant twenty-five acres of cotton and fifty-five acres of feed, making eighty acres to be cultivated. Mr. Scott is among our most prosperous citizens and we wish and predict a bumper crop for him this year.

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.
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S. B. Scott was in Spur Monday from his home twelve or fifteen miles west and reports everything moving along nicely in that section. He says crop prospects in that section were never better than at the present time and that all the farmers are expecting plenty hog and hominy and general prosperity.

Edwin Blake returned the latter part of last week from Fort Worth and other places where he spent several days taking in the Fat Stock Show and also with a view of finding a new location. Mr. Blake recently sold his twenty acre block of land and home near Spur with the intention of moving to another section of country.

THE GOOD OF ADVERTISING.

The business men of small towns are learning what the business men of the large towns have known for some time—that it is impossible under modern conditions to achieve a considerable success without the aid of publicity. These days everybody reads, and everybody reads advertising, for advertising columns are the clearing houses of retail business. The women do the buying for the home and family, and they are all readers of advertising, because they have learned that advertising not only saves them money but time and labor as well. People who do not read do not have enough money to make their trade worth striving for. Men who go into business now must either be willing and able to advertise intelligently or go out.—Dallas News.

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Well, Mr. Editor I see you all are boasting of a fine season you have down there. Well, I am glad you have a good one, and we can boast too, for it has been snowing here about 16 hours, the snow being six inches on a level and still snowing. We already had a good season in the ground and this insures us a good feed crop, and the way we will make cotton here this year. There will be lots of cotton planted here if the people can get the seed. Some are planting corn now. There is one piece of corn up now.

Mr. Jeff Smith is here, I do not know what brought him out, but I saw him sailing out north of Red Land so I guess there is a girl living out that way. It is a long ways to come to see her. You know how that is Mr. Editor, since you was once a boy. The worst thing that happened to Jeff was that he got lost the first night he got here. Jeff says it was the other boys that were lost. Mr. Jim Walker came with him. Jim said when he got to the Mexico line he jumped out and opened the gate, for it was the first time he ever was out of Texas. He sure was proud of it. When Jim gets back he will tell the boys if the world is as big the other way as it is this way it is a whopper. Jim and Jeff are alright. They are good boys.

Mr. Editor you have been on the Plains and can have some idea of how our country looks. We are on the Plains, only our land is more sandy than the land you saw. It will stand a drouth better than the hard land. People are preparing to farm here this year. They have never done much heretofore. There is a fine season in the ground and they can prepare land much better than heretofore. We have lost our constitution but that makes no difference, we do not expect much from the old parties. We are most all Socialists out here. I saw a piece in the Spur you wrote about Colquitt not signing the charter of Texarkana. You seem to think the people ought to rule.

I thought you knew who ruled this country. It is the money power, and they are not going to give the people any string on them. They know what the re-

constitutional if it does not suit the money power. They have set aside twenty-one national laws and over fifty State laws in the last twenty-five years. What use have we for our Congress? I recon the people will come to their senses some day. Watch Uncle Sam go into Mexico and subdue those poor fellows who are fighting for their freedom. I think he ought to keep his hands off, but he has to do as the money power says. Taft is not President at all. He just sits there and does as the money power says.

T. B. Danforth.

STORY OF A DOLLAR BILL.

"Ten years ago a farmer put his initials on a dollar bill. The next day he went to the nearest town and spent it with a merchant. Before the year was out he had got the dollar bill back four times and in six years the dollar came back to him for produce, and three or four times he heard of it in the pockets of his neighbors.

"The last time he got it back, four years ago he sent it to a mail order house. He never has seen

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TRUE LIVING.

There is no relation of cause and effect between moral goodness and worldly success. There is a false system of ethics, common in books and pupils, that daily exercising of all the virtues and the keeping of one's moral muscles in prime condition will bring wealth and prosperity. If it was true it would be placing the material side of life as the

obeying the laws that make the success. Some of these laws belong to morals, some parallel, some cut across on the bias. But they are not identical. The angel Gabriel would probably not be able to make a day's wages in Wall Street. The only reason for being right and living right is—because it is right.

True living consists of our living at our best without thought of reward, doing what seems the highest right and facing results calmly and unquestioningly, it means unselfishness, thinking more of what we radiate than what we absorb, more of what we give than what we have. Humanity dreams golden dreams of what it would do if it only had the money, happiness, cheer and comfort, joy and peace, it could bring to the thousands. But wealth cannot buy for itself or others, those things which the world hungers most for today—loves kindness, calmness, peace, trust, truth and justice. —Finis, in Lockney Beacon.

AFTON NEWS.

Rev. J. A. Zinn, pastor of the Methodist church, has gone to Oklahoma. He received a message that his mother was sick and not expected to live many days.

Columbus Haile, of Spur, was in the Afton community Saturday on business.

A most excellent party was given at R. C. Forbis' and everybody had a good time.

Mr. George Dobbs attended church at Afton Sunday.

Rev. M. M. Morris preached Sunday at eleven, and Elder Allen, a Christian Evangelist, preached in the afternoon.

Miss Edna Shields and Finn Whittaker were at church and intended to go as far as Dutchman on their tour.

The Methodist have partly re-organized Sunday school and meets promptly at ten o'clock every Sunday morning. M. L. Blakely was elected secretary.

Luther Stork, Miss Edite Shields, Amos Faver and Miss Ella Whittaker, attended church Sunday.

Light Bread.

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call means, if we had it in the Constitution of the United States I think about four-fifths of our Congressmen would be at home where they belong. I don't see what use we have for them any way. If they pass a law in the interest of the people those nine Supreme Judges will say it is un-

that dollar bill since, and never will. That dollar bill will never pay any more school tax for him, will never build or brighten any more houses in the community. He sent it entirely out of the circle of usefulness to himself and his neighbors when he sent it to a mail order house.

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OYSTER SUPPER.

Friday night last the Praetorian Lodge entertained at the lodge rooms over the Dixie Store, an oyster supper being the feature of the evening.

During the process of preparing supper the lodge was called to order by presiding officer J. E. Shelton, and in open council the following proceedings were had:

Immediately after the sounding of the gavel, Sublime Augustus Shelton ordered the offi-

cers to their proper places and the doors properly guarded. He said that he had been requested to make an address of welcome to the assembled guests but that since in his general make-up he lacked the gift of language and the endowments of oratory, and the Deputy Grand Organizer C. E. Pierson being present was called upon to deliver the address. Mr. Pierson reluctantly responded to the call, and after complimenting the ladies and welcoming the guests to the

feast, stated that in the organization of the Praetorians at this place a larger membership of ladies especially was desired, and while the membership, considering everything, was large at the present time, yet a larger membership was desired. Mr. Pierson said the Praetorian order originated in ancient Rome in the time of the early Caesars, before the birth of Christ, and the name was born first by the body guard of the Roman Emperors. He said that ancient Praetorianism taught valor, the laying down of life, if need be, for the life of friend, and the unfaltering defense of home against intrusion, and that modern Praetorianism taught virtue, the laying out the line of life for perfecting the graces of human brotherhood and shielding the eternal sanctity of home and all her holy ties by the best gifts of usefulness. The address was full of information concerning Praetorianism and was well received by his hearers.

For the entertainment of visitors it was announced that side-degrees would be administered and as candidates for this performance W. F. Godfrey and A. J. Tyler were selected and were requested to retire from the hall. Mrs. W. S. Dunn acted as Queen of the occasion, and as the candidate for the degree re-entered he was introduced to the Queen, and after being blind-folded was informed that a test of his sense of touch would be required. A knife was first handed to the candidate who promptly and accurately responded as to the character of the article. Next a coin was submitted, and last a hen egg was handed the candidate and upon recognizing each an egg

shell filled with water was broken on the candidates head by the Queen. The side degrees were enjoyed by all except the candidates.

During the intermission of the program music was furnished by Messrs. New, Edwards, Laws, Haines with stringed instruments.

At ten o'clock the guests of the evening were invited to the supper table laden with oysters prepared in various styles by the efficient restaurateur

W. B. Griffin, coffee of the most pleasant aroma and contributed for the occasion by O. J. Weaver of the Western Grocery Company, crackers and pickles.

The occasion was one of pleasure in every respect and was enjoyed to the full extent by every one present. The Praetorians are royal entertainers and as a social organization is among the leading lodges of the country.

The occasion of the oyster supper will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant entertainments of the season.

Wall Paper

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We carry a larger variety of flour than any other house in town and can supply you in either hard or soft wheat flour in any grade.

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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.

Ben Hagins, one of the most prosperous citizens and an old timer of this section, was in the city Saturday on business and reports everything all right in his country.

LETTER TO CROOM & CLAY. Spur Texas.

Dear Sirs: Mr. ——— President of a cotton-mill at Union, S C—he don't want to see his name in print—had two offers of 500 gallons of paint: \$1.30 and \$1.25. Took the \$1.25; and got skinned if he'd taken the other.

The \$1.30 was full-gallon; the \$1.25 was 18 percent short. The full-measure paint was adulterated 40 per cent; the short-measure paint was adulterated 45 per cent, besides benzine in the oil, don't know how much.

Devoe lead-and-zinc wasn't sold in the town then.

It don't pay to monkey with paint.

Devoe costs less than any of 'em; not by the gallon, of course; by the house and year. That's how to recon it. Go by the name.

Yours truly,

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

Sol Davis went over Saturday to Dickens and spent Sunday with his family, returning Monday to Spur. Mr. Davis thinks he will have his new residence complete and move his family to Spur by the fifteenth of this month.

G. W. Robertson was in the city Monday from his place in the Afton country and says that everything is very promising for yam potatoes and watermelons as well as cotton, corn and maize on his farm. Mr. Robertson recently bought his farm in that section and expects to get rich within a few years. He has a fine place and we wish him much prosperity and even riches.

Mr. Peacock, of Peacock, with other gentlemen were in Spur this week prospecting with a view of buying Spur Farm Lands. They were shown over the lands, were well pleased and will probably buy. All prospectors who visit this section are pleased and realize that there are no better lands and no brighter future for any section than the Spur country.

Will Craig was in the city this week on business and spent several hours here.

Uncle Buck Hardin and J. D. Powell went to Claremont Saturday to attend court this week.

W. F. Walker and wife, of near Spur, were in the city Saturday trading with that merchants.

C. E. House left Saturday for Oklahoma where he will be some time on account of the illness of one of his boys.

N. N. Rogers and wife, of Garza county, are in the city this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer.

Miss Jettie Rogers, of Claremont, is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer this week.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor left Tuesday for Carbon, she having received a message that her mother is quite sick.

Mrs. Clay Smart has accepted a position to teach the Cat Fish school a term of two or three months to begin Monday.

Fred O. McFall was among the many visitors to Spur Monday and reports everything in good shape in his part of the country.

L. H. Edwards and family, of the north part of the county, were in Spur Monday. Mr. Edwards formerly lived in Spur but is making a crop this year.

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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

H. Z. Taylor, one of the prosperous farmers of near Spur was in the city Saturday and reports everything looking good with respect to crops.

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

W. F. Godfrey returned the first of the week from Paducah where he spent several days on business and also to visit his mother in the city.

J. A. Murchison, of Cisco, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours here shaking hands with his many friends and also trading with the merchants.

J. H. Driver, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the business men of Spur. Mr. Driver reports everything in fine shape in his section.

Throughout the week Rev. R. A. Stewart, assisted by Rev. Meador, has been conducting a protracted meeting at the Methodist tabernacle. Interesting services and a good attendance is reported.

N. P. Shaw sold his stock of feed last week to Bowse Conner and has closed up his store. During the time Mr. Shaw operated the feed store he sold lots of feed. In fact he could not keep a supply on hand at any time.

Deputy Grand Organizer, C. E. Pierson, of the Praetorian Lodge, made a trip Saturday to Anson where he spent several days, returning Monday to Spur. Mr. Pierson has been in Spur several weeks and has secured a number of new members for the lodge, the membership now being considerable.

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Saturday, January 14

and every Saturday thereafter as long as the patronage justifies. Our Corn Sheller Grist Mill and Crusher will be operated

FOR THE PUBLIC

At Reasonable Toll.

J. W. Denton came in Saturday from the Red Mud Camp where they have been dipping cattle the past several days.

Mayor Link made a business trip this week to Stamford, Rule and other points, returning the latter part of the week.

J. H. Edwards was in Monday from his place northwest of Dickens and while here was a pleasant caller at the The Texas Spur office.

Messrs. Hodges and Patton, two prominent citizens of Mator, were in the city Monday on business and also to visit C. C. Haile and family.

Edwin Blake left Monday for McKinney where he will take charge of a dry goods business at that place. His family will move later to McKinney.

Raymond Dolby, of the north part of the county, on the HK bar ranch, was in the city Saturday and reports everything moving along nicely.

Walter Powell, of Leuders, moved this week to Spur and is now improving a quarter section of land recently bought six miles northwest of town. He is building a residence, fencing and will probably clear up several acres for cultivation this year. We wish Mr. Powell much success and a prosperous home in the Spur country.

Mrs. L. W. Davis came over Monday with Luke from Dickens and spent the day here with friends. Mr. Davis expects to have his new residence completed in Spur soon and he and Mrs. Davis will then become permanent citizens with us.

Ike Killough was in the city Saturday for the first time in several weeks. He was looking good and said that he was enjoying the very best health at this time. Ike is one of the old ranch boys and has been in this section a number of years.

Don't Forget

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SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

School Building Bonds Favored
by Almost Unanimous
Vote.

The election held Monday to determine whether or not eighteen thousand dollars in bonds should be issued by the Spur Independent School District for the purpose of building a brick school house resulted in favor of the issue by a vote of ninety for and two against the bonds, there being a total of ninety-two votes polled in the election.

The votes polled in this election is another evidence of the progressiveness and unanimity of the people of this district in every move for the upbuilding of the town and country, and especially in matters pertaining to school interests and the advancement of every material benefit in the cause of education.

Plans for the new school building are already being considered by the school board, and the bonds will probably be issued and sold and work begin on the building at an early date. The building planned will be a modern structure of substantial brick material, two or three stories with basement and so built that additions can be made later as school conditions demand more room and facilities.

H. D. Harvey and daughter left this week for California where Mr. Harvey will make his home in the future. Mr. Harvey has many friends here who wish him a pleasant and prosperous home in California and The Texas Spur joins these friends in wishing Mr. Harvey the very best in life.

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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.

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EGGS FOR SALE.

Pure-bred Barred Plymouth Rock Eggs, \$3 per 15
White Holland Turkey Eggs, \$3.00 per 12

MRS. J. C. McNEILL,

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CITY OFFICERS ELECTED TUESDAY

Regular Election Held Tuesday
And Mayor And Commissioners Elected.

At the regular election held Tuesday for the election of city officers for the ensuing term Geo. S. Link was elected Mayor and E. C. Edmonds and W. G. Sherrod Commissioners.

In the election there were sixty two votes cast, two of the number being not counted because of errors in making the ballots. Geo. S. Link received 50 and J. V. McCormick 1 vote for Mayor; E. C. Edmonds and W. G. Sherrod each receiving the full complement of 60 votes as Commissioners.

At the the time of the incorporation of the city under the commission form of government these gentlemen were elected by acclamation as officers and the services rendered the city during their short term demonstrated that they are efficient, conservative and will give Spur a wise and progressive administration of city affairs. The Texas Spur congratulates the citizenship in the selection of city officers, and under their guidance may the town continue to grow, prosper and become the leading commercial center of this western country.

Prof. S. W. Adams and Nat Patton attended the meeting of the Northwest Texas Teachers Association held in Stamford last week and report a grand time. They tried to land the next meeting for Spur but the committee favored Stamford again on account of railroad facilities and central location.

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

A PROPHET.

T. A. Smith and J. P. Higgins, of the Cat Fish country, came in Monday. Mr. Higgins has been suffering of heart trouble the past several weeks and came in to have the doctor treat his case. Mr. Smith reports that a good rain fell Sunday night in the Cat Fish country and as a result that section of the country continues to be in the first class with respect to ideal crop prospects and conditions. Uncle Tom, notwithstanding the fact that he is an old timer, says that he is looking for more rain and a severe cold spell and has fears for the fruit crop this year.

Mr. Elzy came to Spur this week to look after his property interests here.

Mace Hunter was in Tuesday from his place several miles east of Spur and says that everything is looking good with respect to crop prospects.

W. H. Smith, formerly editor of the Clairemont Enterprise but who is making a crop this year in the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday and reports his crop prospects fine. We wish Mr. Smith much success as a farmer.

R. W. Self, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer and stockman of twenty miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us another dollar for the paper another year. Mr. Self says that everything is looking good in his section of the country and reports another good rain Sunday night.

The Perce R. Benton Comedy Company closed a most successful performance of one week in the city. Each night the house was crowded and the several plays were rendered in a most pleasing and entertaining manner. On the stage the company displayed its own scenery which contributed to the performances in a realistic manner. The Perce R. Benton Company is first class in every respect and should they return to Spur will be heartily welcomed by theatre goers.

I have a few Durham milk cows for sale from \$50 to \$75 each, at Wake, Crosby county. 23-3t. John Wooten

Sam McCombs, of Luzon, spent several days this week in Spur looking after his business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ray returned last week to Spur from Houston where they have been making their home since September.

W. E. Warren and J. W. Lovelady, commission men of Colorado City, passed through Spur Tuesday enroute to Floydada to buy cattle at that place.

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

Mat Mitchell and P. Chandler, two prominent citizens of Motley county, were in Spur Wednesday and Thursday trading with the merchants of the city. They report everything in good shape in Motley county with fine crop prospects.

LOST—A gold engraved bar pin between New Western Hotel and Bryant-Link Company. Finder return to Miss Burnett at Bryant-Link Company.

Joe Payne and wife, of Jayton, were visitors in the city Thursday. Mr. Payne is manager of a large mercantile establishment of Jayton.

J. R. Nations, who owns a quarter section of land near Spur, writes us to send him the Spur to Oklahoma where he is now living.

Mrs. Welch, who has been visiting Mrs. R. L. Roberts the past several days, returned the first of the week to her home at Rule.

Mrs. Ashburn, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, returned this week to Stamford.

Mesdames Hale and Causey, of Dickens, were in the city Wednesday trading with the Spur merchants.

J. D. Martin was in the city Wednesday from the Ranch Camp and spent several hours here on business.

Mr. Oneal, of Mineral Wells, who has been spending several days in Spur, returned Wednesday to his home.

Mrs. Harold and daughter, of Tap, were in the city Wednesday trading with the Spur merchants.

Miss Burnett, of the Bryant-Link millinery department, visited friends in Stamford this week.

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

Miss Lillian Denton left Wednesday for Pecos where she will spend several days with friends.

W. C. Gruhen made a business trip this week to Royston and also to visit relatives.

Mrs. T. D. Humphrey and children spent several days this week in Stamford.

Red Front Drug Store

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Pure Fresh Drugs and a select line of Toilet Articles and Drug Sundries.

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TAP TELLINGS.

Everybody is as busy as an old hen with one chick and planting will soon be the order of the day.

Those living along the road line have set their fences back and giving a broad road leading to Post City.

Prof. Nat Patton attended the Teachers Association at Stamford last week, leaving his school in care of Miss Stella Allcorn.

John Callahan, of Spur, moved to the Elzy Cross place a few days ago and will farm this year. John is rather late getting started but he will get there this fall.

W. F. Wright and wife attended the Primitive Baptist meeting at Afton Saturday, returning Monday.

Rev. Will North preached an interesting sermon Friday night to a large crowd.

The W. O. W. supper Saturday night was a success in every respect. Quite a crowd from Spur attended and several from other nearby Camps.

The school board has purchased six dozen steel desks for Red Mud school.

P. Hinson and sister, Mrs. Seth Allcorn left Friday for Winters to be with their mother who is seriously ill and not expected to recover.

Gadabout.

The Texas Spur \$1 per year.

DICKENS ITEMS.

Sheriff H. P. Cole is attending court at Benjamin this week.

Luke Davis and wife of this place had business in Spur Monday.

Postmaster, N. A. Baker, of Spur, was in town Monday transacting business.

S. P. Preslar and W. G. Garrett of Tap were in town Monday on business.

Miss Edna Shields and Mrs. Mildred Harkey made a business trip to Spur Friday.

The Commissioners Court met in called session the first of the week and received the jail.

Amos Faver, of Cottonwood community passed through town Tuesday enroute to Kent and Stonewall counties.

Jeff Harkey returned Saturday from Fort Worth and San Antonio where he has been for the past week on pleasure and business.

Mrs. Jessie Crego who has been at Spur for several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Harkey, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Gipson, who has spent some time here with her son, Judge F. C. Gipson, left Wednesday to visit her daughter who live at Red Mud.

Mrs. Duke Hinson came in from Spur Wednesday evening to see her sister, Mrs. John Langham. She will visit her father, Mr. Chumley, before returning home.

Miss Willie Ballard went to Spur Wednesday to take the train for Haskell where she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives. Miss Willie was accompanied to Spur by her mother, Mrs. W. C. Ballard.

Mrs. Whitaker and Miss Edith Shields, teacher of Lower Cottonwood school, were in town Saturday attending to business and visiting friends and relatives. Miss Edna Shields accompanied them home.

The New Midway Hotel will open for business Saturday April 7th, under the management of W. J. Attebury. Nice, clean rooms furnished and the best the market affords will be served on the table. Rates \$1.50 a day and meals 35 cents. We invite the public to come to our place when in Spur and make the Midway your headquarters. W. J. Attebury, at old Royal Hotel stand.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and reports everything looking good in that section.

ADVERTISED LIST.

Gentlemen:

Gutierrez E. R.
Gutierrez Emilio R.
Davis Elbert.
Denton Mr. Nelson.
Carter Mr. J. F.
Clingan & Kerbow.
Aller Frank & Lue.
Hutchinson Lee.
Hopkins Mr. J. S.
Lav, Mr. Willie.
Leaesma Acension.
McCarthy, W. E.
Miller, Mr. J. L.
Porter, Mr. Harry.
Robertson, Mr. W. M.
Ruetas, Amcelmo.
Reyes Amadita.
Rodrigez, Sr. Y.
Somichis Fayian.
Stewart, Mr. Robert.
Wilson, Mr. C. W.
Wite, Jake.

Ladies List:

Dodge, Miss Birtie.
Dodge, Miss Birt.
Fudge, Alice.
Letcher, Mrs. W. L.
Morrison, Mrs. S. J.
Poole, Mrs. C.
Wiman, Ellie.

NOTICE.

All parties within the corporate limits of Spur are hereby notified to place convenient flaps on closets, place all trash and rubbish in a convenient place for the scavenger. The city ordinance, especially with reference to sanitation will be strictly enforced. J. M. Neely, City Marshal

SEND THEM THE SPUR.

R. S. Holman and wife returned Thursday from a trip to Lampasas where they spent several days. Mr. Holman said that while in Lampasas an old gentleman asked him if the people out in this country had ever tried farming to see whether or not it will pay. And yet there are those who do not believe in advertising. If you want to contribute in informing the eastern people as to what we are doing in this part of the country call around and send the Texas Spur to some one six months for fifty cents or one year for a dollar, and we guarantee they will become better informed as to the actual conditions of this section of western Texas.

The Masonic Lodge will meet at their hall over the Wendell building Thursday night, April 13th. Work will be done in the first and second degrees and visiting members are invited to be present.

Grandma Poole, one day this week, fell and dislocated her shoulder. Dr. Standifer put the shoulder back to its place. Grandma is eighty-two years of age.

P. C. Maynard returned the first of the week from a visit of several days to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maynard of Bastrop.

We received a letter this week from E. A. Williams at Palestine requesting that he let the Texas Spur come to him.

I. D. Ferguson, a prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants.

Dr. Bachelor returned this week from Matador and Afton where he spent several days doing dental work.

J. W. Hill of McCauley, and Ben Hill of Abilene, were visitors this week to relatives in Spur.

Y. L. Jones made a business trip this week to Sweetwater and towns on the Texas & Pacific.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

W. T. Wilson visited relatives in Lockney this week.

Hisey Grocery Co.

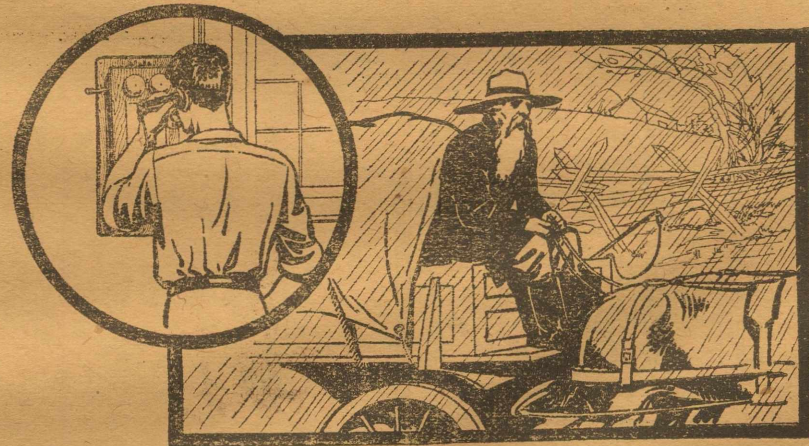
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BACK TO THE FARM.

The cry of "back to the soil" has not been in vain. Its echo reverberates against skyscrapers, it startles the banker, the clerk, the merchant and the laborer, it is penetrating the very core of our municipal life, inviting the buffeted and careworn to the bosom of nature. Rural possibilities have awakened in our citizenship new hope and aspiration and the farm is taking back some of its very best and that too, after they have been refined and finished in business experience.

Press reports announce that Hon. Cato Sells, banker of Cleburne, has quit the field of commercial endeavor and will go to farming. When business men go to farming, it means that the farmers will soon have more good roads, railroads, rural free delivery, rural telephones, educational and church facilities and elevated society. Builders are as much needed on the farm as in the cities and our cities can well afford to send a few of their leaders "Back to the soil."—Hale County Herald.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING.

The millinery opening at The Fashion Saturday and Monday was a success in every respect. The showing of hats was one of the largest and most attractive ever in this section of country and during the two days opening the ladies came in from every section of the surrounding country as well as the town. We congratulate the management of The Fashion and wish them the deserved large volume of business throughout the year.

WORK RESUMED.

After a delay of several days, work has again commenced on the deep well, the casing and other material having been received and the lack of which caused the temporary delay in operations. The drillers are now expected to continue the work uninterruptedly to completion.

The well is now at a depth of near two thousand feet and the drilling continues in hard, solid flint rock.

A BIG SUPPER.

About twenty members of the Spur W. O. W. Lodge went out to Red Mud Saturday night to assist in the initiation of several new members in the Red Mud Camp. The Red Mud Camp entertained the guests in royal manner, a big supper being the main feature of the occasion, and those who attended from here report a most enjoyable time and say that the Red Mud people know how to make visitors feel good.

WAKE COUNTRY O. K.

John Wooten, a prominent citizen of near Wake in Crosby county, was in Spur Wednesday on business and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Wooten reports everything looking good in his section of the country.

READY FOR PLANTING TIME.

Bill McArthur was in Thursday from the Red Mud country and reports everything in good shape in his section of the country, all the farmers up with their work and waiting for planting time. Before leaving he handed us a dollar and said keep the Texas Spur coming and which we will be glad to do.

The Texas Spur \$1 per year.

The Spur Drug Co.

HAS IT, IF IT'S

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If anybody beyond the walls of your little burg ever learns that there is such a place as Peaceful it will be through the town oracle.

Every village gets its money's worth in the village newspaper.

It's the wagon that carries all your good things to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. In many cases it would pay to grease it, paint it, keep its running gear in shape and shelter it at the public expense.

Stand by your town newspaper. It's the guardian and defender of every interest, the forerunner and pioneer of every advance movement and the sturdy advocate of law and order. Take it away and it would not be six months before the town would look as if it had been doped. Business would drag, society would yawn and grass would grow between the cobbles.

Long live the town newspaper. —Fort Meyers (Fla.) Leader.

Miss Lena Roberts is assisting C. L. Love in the J. A. Lambdin store during the absence of Miss Lillian Denton who is visiting friends in Pecos.

ICE FACTORY AND STEAM LAUNDRY

Parties Wanting To Establish Such Concern in Spur.

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan has been in correspondence with parties who desire to put in a steam laundry and ice factory in combination in Spur and the probability is that such institutions will be established here during the year.

The proposition made is for home people to take a certain amount of stock in such a company to insure support and maintenance.

Factories and mills is what the town should work for at this time and with such additions to the town already supplied in mercantile lines Spur will continue to grow, develop and prosper.

Editor Allison, of the Matador Messenger, passed through Spur Wednesday on his way to Sipe Springs and other towns along the Texas Central railway line. Mr. Allison recently sold his newspaper plant and business to a company of Matador business men and says that he will retire permanently from the newspaper field, he having another line of business in view. Mr. Allison is one of the very best newspaper men of Western Texas and his retirement from the journalistic field will be a loss to the fraternity. We wish him all the success possible in his new field of labors.

AN OLD SETTLER.

Uncle Hank Smith and son, R. B. Smith, of Mt. Blanco, came to Spur Monday, spending the night at the Spur Hotel, Uncle Hank boarded the train Tuesday for Eastland where he goes to bid on the Eastland county school lands in Crosby county to be sold April 10th.

Uncle Hank Smith was one of the very first settlers of this western country, having made his first trip to this section with a load of supplies from old Fort Griffin in Shackelford county for soldiers stationed here in 1874. Two years later he returned to secure land and locate a home, securing about eight sections on Blanco Canyon where he now lives. He landed with his family at the new home the 8th day of April 1878. The home where he now lives was the first house built between old Ft. Elliott and Ft. Blanco. The home is substantially constructed of stone throughout, two-stories high and surrounded by a rock fence as a barricade against the depredations of the Red Man. The lots, sheds and corrals are all built of rock and so constructed to prevent raids on the stock. The son, Bob Smith, was the first white child born in Western Texas, Uncle Hank having reared a family of five children during his residence of thirty-three years on the old home place.

Uncle Hank Smith is not only one of the oldest settlers of the country but is among the most substantial and highly respected citizens. He now has 3200 acres of land in his ranch, having sold some three sections during the further settlement of the country.

While here Uncle Hank met Uncle Pink Higgins of near Spur whom he had not seen during the past 40 years, they formerly being friends and associates in Lampasas and Coleman counties. He also met John Lovelady now of Colorado City and whom he had not met since 1884. The meeting and handshaking of these old-timers was most cordial and their reminiscences of old times and the early days of the settlement of Western Texas would contribute much interest to the early history of this country. They are all old men and have spent the greater part of life on the frontier of Texas. Uncle Hank Smith is now seventy-five years old and his wife sixty-five, both of Scotch descent, and now enjoying the very best health.

ENCOURAGING TEXAS SPUR

Seven new names have been added to the Texas Spur subscription list during the week, making an average of one a day. Let them come, we appreciate such encouragement and will continue to give the news of Spur and the Spur country.

ARID SOIL CULTURE

Dry Farming Produces Crops Where Rainfall Is Limited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Campbell Method.

The Campbell method looks to the perfect treatment of the soil in preparation for the seeding, which includes cultivation with the view to preventing the waste of moisture by evaporation or otherwise; the treatment of the soil to develop available fertility by maintaining right physical conditions and such possible cultivation of the growing crops as will continue this perfect condition throughout the growing season.

Second Growth Clover.

It is advisable not to pasture the second-growth clover, but allow it to blossom and seed. Should it not be desired to cut it for seed, it may be pastured or turned under after the seed has formed. In this way the land will become reseeded at little or no expense. Clover seed turned under will remain vital down in the soil for several years and sprout and grow when again turned up to the surface.

Limited Rainfall.

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

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