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## CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE CITY

Clean-Up Day in Spur Was Observed And Many Boys Participated.

Wednesday was designated by Mayor Link as clean-up day in Spur and the people in general and the boys in particular observed the day and as a result the private premises as well as the public streets and the alleys today have a neat, clean appearance and the town as a whole is attractive and a more desirable place in which to live.

Early in the morning some twenty or thirty boys armed with rakes, hoes, shovels and little wagons met at the appointed place, the crowd being assigned in squads with overseers who were assigned the several districts of the city and work was begun with enthusiasm on the part of the boys and methodically on the part of the overseers. The work was continued throughout the day and by night the city had the appearance of cleanliness as a result of the labors of the well organized workers.

The boys are due much commendation for their contribution to a clean, more healthful and attractive city, and here is three cheers to the boys of the town, as well as the older heads, who participated in the clean-up proceedings.

## HELPING TEXAS FARMERS.

Never before in the history of Texas have conditions shaped themselves so strongly with a view of promoting the best interests of the farmer. The general public has reached full realization of the fact that the tinker of the soil is the real builder of prosperity of all classes, and that the world is in the largest measure dependent upon the producer.

In view of this fact the farmer who is slow to take advantage of the opportunities which are proffered him almost daily, will be left behind in the procession with the merchants who fail to advertise. Not the least important factor in the endeavor to increase the farmer's knowledge and the general bank account, as a direct consequence is the United States Government, which, with the railroads, is doing a large work in the way of spreading scientific knowledge of soil conditions, seed selection, and methods of cultivation.

Commenting on the work of the government the Commercial Secretaries Association have issued the following:

"The doors of knowledge are wide open to the Texas farmers and the farmer who does not know the powers of the hidden soil has himself alone to blame. The United States Department of Agriculture is spending millions of dollars annually educating American farmers and of this amount approximately \$53,000 is expended in Texas in demonstration work, special agents etc., and this amount is supplemented by a contribution of an equal amount from Commercial Clubs and local communities. The State Department of Agriculture has done wonders for the

agricultural interests on the small amount of money which the legislature has given them, \$25,000 per annum, and Commercial Clubs and other organizations are directing their efforts to furthering the interest of the Texas farmer.

"With the help of experiment stations, agricultural colleges, farmer's institutes and demonstrative farms, farm literature, etc., every farmer in Texas has an opportunity of keeping in close touch with agricultural methods and development.

"These forces which are at work for the upbuilding of Agriculture, besides educating the farmers of the state, are very materially increasing Texas farm production and he who would write the last chapter in the progress of agriculture, must await the procession of centuries."

## JUSTICE COURT.

Justice Senning held court Wednesday and Thursday in the examining trial of Mr. Elkins, charged by complaint of theft.

The theft charge originated in the taking of horses and vehicles from the old Parks stable by Mr. Elkins who, it is claimed, had made a trade through the Jackson Realty Company with Berry Pursley for the stable, etc., but on account of some complications arising the deeds and other papers had not been transferred.

Both parties to the suit are prominent men of the country and it is to be hoped that the matter can be adjusted without serious results to any concerned. Justice Senning returned a verdict Thursday to the effect that Elkins is not guilty of theft and that the property recovered should remain in the hands of the sheriff until it be legally determined to whom such property rightfully belongs.

## TAP TELLINGS.

Since the recent fine rains everyone is rushing his work. This week will about wind up the planting. Some cotton up to a stand. Feed crops are looking good.

A. L. Manning, who was stricken with paralysis last week is still in a serious condition. We hope for his speedy recovery.

The Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting here was in every respect a success.

Dr. W. F. Fry, of Abilene, was here last week in the interest of Simmons College.

W. P. Sampson, of Gilpin, was here a few days ago supplying our people with brooms of his own make.

W. F. Shughart and family, from east of Spur, were the guests of S. S. Allcorn Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young folks of Soldier Mound attended the meeting here Sunday.

Spur was well represented here Sunday by Mr. Riter and wife, Herndon and Jennings of Bryant-Link Co. and others.

The City Market man, of Spur, was here first of the week rustling cattle for the market.

Mr. Rucker, of White River, was here first of the week on business.

Gadabout.

## PRESBYTERIANS BUILDING CHURCH

Work Commenced Monday and Appropriate Church Services Held.

Work on the first church to be built in Spur was commenced Monday by the Presbyterians on their lots on Burlington Avenue north of the New Western Hotel.

At the commencement appropriate services were held, being conducted by Rev. B. C. Bell, Presbyterian preacher of Cisco, and participated in by preachers of all other denominations of the city.

Those present on the occasion repaired to the northwest corner of the building site, Rev. Bell opening the exercises by explaining the purpose of the meeting and extending thanks of the church to the people of Spur for the liberal donations and making it possible to erect the building at this time, and after the singing of a song by all present and the reading of Scripture by Rev. R. A. Stewart, F. W. Jennings was asked to dig the first dirt preparatory to laying the foundation. Mrs. E. H. Clemmons, being one of the oldest and most highly respected members in the church service, was requested to lift from the foundation bed the first shovel of dirt, and Mrs. I. S. York the second shovel. A prayer of thanks and entreaty for a continuation of the building progress thus begun was delivered by Rev. Wm. Stearn of the Christian Church, and after the singing of another song Rev. G. C. Berryman, of the Baptist Church, voiced the fraternal interest in the building and progressive spirit of the several churches in pronouncing the benediction.

The building will be a frame structure of modern type and sufficiently large for present demands, and will probably be complete by the first of June.

## THE BADGER FIGHT.

Wednesday a genuine Western Texas Badger Fight was pulled off in the city to amusement of many and for the special benefit and entertainment of Messrs. L. E. Duzett and H. S. D. Ferguson, of New York, who were in the city and the west for health and pleasure.

The proposed fight had been materializing during several days and was brought to an immediate culmination at the time from the announcement of Mr. Duzett that he intended to leave the city Wednesday on the outgoing train. However, he was prevailed upon to remain over another day to witness the fight.

All necessary arrangements being consummated a large crowd gathered at the back of the Spur Drug Company store where the badger was securely attached to a small rope and confined under a heavy box. As the crowd gathered the discussion of the fight became more and more animated with the result that soon much money and bills of large denomination were being flashed and many wagers made on the result of the battle. At the proper time a large Shepherd dog was brought around to en-

ter the ring in the first round with the badger, and everything now being ready calls were made for a disinterested party to pull the badger. All present except the visitors had participated in the betting, and to facilitate matters and prevent further squabbling Mr. Ferguson generously offered his assistance in the capacity of "Badger Puller" for the occasion, and which he did to the complete satisfaction of all concerned.

The occasion was one of pleasure to all who witnessed the performance and no doubt will be remembered for many years by Messrs. Duzett and Ferguson who participated in the performance in dead earnest and at its conclusion treated the crowd to Havana Fillers.

Mr. Duzett left Thursday for New York while Mr. Ferguson went to the dog camp to spend a week or two with the boys, and no doubt before leaving will be initiated into the games and pleasures as well as realities of life in the great West.

## TO OUR PATRONS

We want our customers and friends to know that we are in business to serve them and that nothing that we can do within the limits of safe banking is too much trouble if it will accommodate them. We always have time to talk to you and if at any time you feel that our counsel or advice may be of benefit to you we want you to feel perfectly free to call on us. The officers of this bank are all home men and are acquainted with the needs of the people of this country and more especially the farmers.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK.

H. P. Cole, president.

J. F. Vernon, cashier.

Spur Texas.

## SCHOOL BOARD.

In as much as it has been rumored that the retiring members of the Spur School Board, C. A. Jones, J. F. Vernor, E. C. Edmonds and C. F. Cates would not serve if re-elected, we desire to say that these men are now ready as they have ever been to serve the school interests as often as their friends feel their services are needed. We have every reason to believe they will serve if re-elected. We earnestly desire that these men may be continued as trustees of Spur school; they are conversant with the needs of the school and the present demands of the school are imperative that these men be re-elected. J. E. Standifer, J. V. McCormick, R. B. F. Craig.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. B. C. Bell who preached in the School house last Sunday left for his home in Cisco, Wednesday, but announced that he would be back to preach on the 3rd Sunday in May. Also a telegram was received in here Tuesday announcing that Rev. C. C. Anderson, of Marietta, Okla., will arrive here June 1st to take up the work as pastor of this church. He is an able minister and will be a valuable accession to the Spur citizenship.

## SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS ACCEPTED

Specifications Complete And Building Contract Will be Let May 20th.

Architect Waller, of Fort Worth, was here this week and submitted plans and specifications for the Spur Independent School building, the plans meeting the approval of the school board and accepted.

The plans submitted were for a twenty thousand dollar structure when complete, but it is the intention of the Board to leave the sub-basement incomplete for the present school term and expend the eighteen thousand dollars in the completion of the two stories for immediate use.

The building will be two stories with sub-basement of solid concrete, constructed of faced brick, containing eleven rooms with a large auditorium with a seating capacity of seven or eight hundred people.

The contract for the building will be let May 20th, and immediately after that date work on the building will be commenced.

The building as planned will be one of the finest school buildings in all of western Texas and when complete Spur can boast a school second to none in this section.

## NEW YORK MILITARY BAND

Will play Red Pepper Bag and several other selections at Red Front Drug Store. Don't miss it.

## STEEL HILL.

We are all feeling good down in this part after the good rains of last week, and most of the farmers are busy planting cotton.

There was a good crowd out at Sunday school Sunday morning, also singing in the evening.

Brother North, county missionary, and Brother Ingell, of Abilene, will preach at the school house Saturday night and Sunday, and expect to organize a Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Jim Crump and wife attended the 5th Sunday meeting at Red Mud Sunday and report a good time.

The dog poisoners killed thirty rattle snakes Saturday.

Ben Hallie and wife and W. Jordan and wife were the guests of Sam Blackwell Sunday.

M. A. Jordan and wife were the guests of W. D. Evans and family Sunday.

The Steel Hill ball team played the Spur boys Saturday evening at Duck Creek, 9 and 10 in favor of Spur. The same teams will play again at Spur next Saturday evening.

J. P. Gibson has let a contract for another well to be drilled this week. The well man insures water or no pay.

Jim Crump and Bill Neighbors have a new Go-Devil. They were told up at Spur that it didn't take as much plowing with a Go-Devil as it did with a cultivator. Jim Crump has just finished planting his maize this week. He said he just plowed every tenth row, that it would do just as well as it would to plow every row with a cultivator.

Rip Saw.



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Marechal Neil Flour.

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SPUR, TEXAS, BOTH PHONES 93

Elder Allen, of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday.

Eastman Kodaks, sold only by Red Front Drug Store.

John Smith, a prosperous citizen of near Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

J. M. Neely made a business trip the first of the week to Pirkle, in Kent county.

Sheriff Cole and Deputy Anderson made a trip Tuesday to Crosby county on official business.

Mrs. R. A. Stewart returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to relatives in Georgia.

J. G. Stearns, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

Perry Fite and Mr. Keister are opening up a meat market in the old Dixie Store stand and will soon be ready for business.

Aubrey Loyd, a prominent business man of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday looking after business matters.

Uncle Tom Smith was in town Tuesday from his Cat Fish ranch and reports everybody in that country busy planting cotton.

A. T. Odneal and family moved this week into their new residence just completed in the north part of the city.

County Judge F. C. Gipson came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent some time here on official business.

E. D. Chambers, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

A girl was born the first of the week to Mr. and Mrs. Hazlewood at their home north of Spur.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick was over Tuesday and Wednesday attending Justice court in Spur.

Twin babies were born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones at their home several miles north of Spur. The babies lived only a short time.

Nunnallys Candies on ice, sold only by Red Front Drug Store.

Mr. Draper, of several miles northwest of Spur, had business in the city last week.

Bud Broyles, a prominent citizen of Lockney, was in Spur this week on business.

Y. L. Jones made a business trip this week to Fort Worth and other eastern cities.

Fletcher Haines, of Floydada, is in Spur this week visiting his brother, H. S. Haines of the Eastside Barber Shop.

Mrs. W. G. Broyles returned last week from a visit of several days to relatives and friends at Rule.

W. L. McKinney, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Jas. Mahon, returned this week to his home at Walnut Springs.

Miss Novy, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. L. Pass, returned this week to her home at Blum.

Attorney P. C. Maynard spent several days this week in Dickens looking after business and social interests.

Carl Cates and wife and babe, and son, Roy Cates, of Fort Worth, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cates.

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Fly Nets, Lay Dusters, Fine Harness, and good Repair Work all at KELLAR'S. KELLAR will repair your boots and shoes cheaper and better.  
Come to see Mule Jeweler **W. E. KELLAR,** Shoe Shop in Connection...

Tol Merriman was in the latter part of last week from his place six miles south of Spur and reports everything looking good.

C. H. Smith came in Saturday from the Tap country and reports that section in good shape with the finest crop prospects.

L. J. Greer was in the city last week from his home in the Tap country and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Mr. T. B. Griffin, of the city, is on an extended visit to relatives at Cleburne and other places in the eastern part of the state.

LOST: Between Tap post office and E. F. Fuqua residence, ladies small purse containing \$33.60, three ten dollar bills and \$3.60 in silver. Finder return to Miss Deba Cross, Tap Texas. 26-1f

Ed Ellis, who has been conducting the restaurant business at the Bijou Cafe, closed the business this week and will hereafter be identified with W. N. Hughey in the laundry business.

Elder W. M. Allen, an Evangelist of the Church of Christ, began a series of meetings Wednesday at the Christian tabernacle and will continue the meeting throughout the week. Everybody is invited to attend.

The closing out sale being conducted by Mrs. Graham at the Variety Store is attracting the attention of large numbers of purchasers. The sale will continue fifteen days and within that time Mrs. Graham expects to close out the larger portion of the stock of goods.

Rev. Wm. Pearn, a Christian preacher of Hamlin, was in Spur several days this week. He will return to Spur about the 13th or 14th to begin a protracted meeting here. Rev. Pearn has been conducting a meeting the past week in Dickens and those who heard him say that he is an interesting and forceful speaker.

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EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE . DIAMOND EDGE TOOLS

Oscar Jackson returned Tuesday from the Plains country where he spent several days looking after his real estate business.

J. W. Meadows returned recently from a week or ten days trip to Port Lavaca, Spring Port and other cities. He reports having had a most pleasant time.

The building formerly occupied by the Bijou Cafe is now for rent. Also a 5-room residence, desirably located and with good cistern. Apply at Richardson Lumber Yard.

Attorney Woodruff, of Sweetwater, was in Spur Wednesday on legal business.

Mrs. H. K. Parks, of Girard, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here.

Diamonds and fine Jewelry, a complete stock. Red Front Drug Store.

W. F. Cunningham, a prominent lawyer of Abilene, had business in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday.

H. C. Parsons, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business.

Berry Pursley came up Tuesday and Wednesday from his ranch near Jayton and spent some time in Spur on business.

Ed Ellis has bought an interest in the laundry business of Spur and hereafter heard W. N. Hughey will operate the business together.

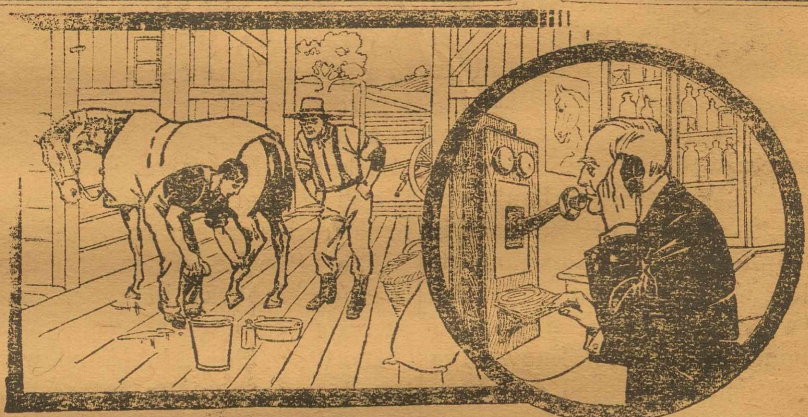
C. S. Durham was in Tuesday from his farm several miles south of Spur and says that everything is looking good in his part of the country.

J. H. Fox, a prominent citizen of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city the first of the week and reports everything in fine shape with respect to crop prospects.

Jim McMahon, of Hamlin, and one of the recognized attorneys of this section of the country, was in Spur this week looking after legal interests of his clients in Justice court.

Edison Phonographs and Records, sold only by Red Front Drug Store.

W. F. Markham, a prosperous citizen of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city last week and reports everything looking good in that section.



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Rev. G. C. Berryman baptized two candidates recently in the Spade tank just south of town. Since the recent protracted meeting quite a number of new members have been received into both the Baptist and Methodist churches of Spur.

### LETTER TO J. H. NEELY.

Spur Texas.

Dear Sir: Say milk is worth 8c a quart.

If 1-3 water and sold at 8c, the milk in it fetches 12c a quart.

If 1-2 water, 16c.

If 2-3 water, 24c.

If 3-4 water, 32c.

That's rather too stiff for milk; but watered paint is sold in all those proportions.

Pure paint (Devoe) is sold for \$2.25 a gallon.

"Paint" at that price and 1-3 whitewash fetches \$3.37 a gallon for the paint part of it.

"Paint" 1-2 whitewash fetches \$4.50 a gallon for the paint in it.

"Paint" 3-4 whitewash fetches \$9.00 a gallon for the actual paint it contains.

And people are paying all these prices for paint, when they buy adulterated paints. There is 200 such: only 8 pure paints; only one Devoe.

Yours truly,  
F W DEVOE & Co

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

Prof. Adams is finishing up the term of school at Tap, Prof. Patton having resigned for the remainder of the term for the purpose of attending the State Normal.

### CARD OF THANKS.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church take this method of thanking the merchants of Spur for their generous assistance, and the young ladies for their representative performances in Trades Display. Especially do we thank the good Methodists for their seats and the Electric Light Company for their generous donation of the lights.

Presbyterian Ladies,  
Mrs. R. W. Scurry.

### KICKER WANTS A FARM.

Wanted—Ninety acres of land out on the road from Knockersville to Despair, eight set with growler's briars, nine acres in clay galls with persimmon grubs as big as ox yokes, eleven acres in marsh that would bog a buzzard's shadow, twelve in Mexican bull thistles, nettles and grass burrs belly deep to a giraffe, forty acres in sandbed and corral fenced with jackass staked and ridged with Sampson's implement's of war, too poor for anything but a donkey to raise a kick on. Must have a clean title; as there will be no peaceful possession to affect limitations after put to the purpose for which I am purchasing. I want it for a summer resort for the Kicker's Club, where every long-eared, two-legged kicker may have the privilege of raising sand on his own land. See or write me—I ma Kicker. Address, Most Any where around the Curbstone in Knockersville. —With respects to the Malden (Mo.) Merit.

### ICE BUSINESS OPEN.

We have now opened our ice business for the season, and will deliver ice to any part of town from 8:00 to 11:30 o'clock every morning. Will deliver orders of 25c or more in the afternoon.

Spur Ice Company.

FOR RENT: My residence in Spur. T. A. Randleman. 26-2tp

## We Want Your Lumber Trade

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

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

W. A. Johnson, Spur, Tex.

FOR SALE—A Majestic Range cook stove. Call on C. C. Haile at the Spur Hotel.

William McKinney of Walnut Springs is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Jas. Mahon.

Mrs. R. W. Scurry, who has been in Spur during the last week, returned Saturday to her home in Stamford.

Mr. Elkins who recently made a deal for the Berry Pursley Livery Barn was in the city this week looking after the details of the business.

I will be in Spur the first three days of each week and will be prepared to do high grade photo work and guarantee satisfaction. R. B. F. Craig.

Rev. B. C. Bell of Cisco preached to the Presbyterian Congregation Sunday morning and at night. The services were well attended both morning and night and were enjoyed by all.

Messrs. Testerman and Hooper, of Floydada, came to Spur last week and established the Spur Auto and Transportation Co. The business will be under the management of Mr. Hooper and we wish the firm a successful business.

FOR SALE—Two good young brood sows. Spur Grain Co.

For Guns and Ammunition see Barber & Hancock.

Sheriff Cole came over Tuesday of last week from Dickens and spent some time here on official business.

Attorney R. S. Holman attended court last week at Crosbyton, returning the latter part of the week.

Mrs. H. K. Parks, of Girard, was in the city recently and spent a day here visiting friends and looking after business matters.

I am giving a medallion with each dozen Cabinet Photos and guarantee satisfaction in every instance. R. B. F. Craig.

### COTTON SEED FOR SALE.

I have about three hundred bushels of Mebane's Improved Triumph cotton seed for sale at my place six miles north of Dickens, price 75 cents. 24.

T. M. Burges.

George Kidd and Mr. Wilson, of Hamlin, recently made a deal for the Electric Theatre and are putting on nightly shows under the name of the "New Cozy". These gentlemen are experienced in the moving picture business and their nightly performances are most entertaining.

Stamford Bottled Soda sold by the case at Spur Ice Company.

Charley Durham, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city the latter part of the week and gave us permission to enter his name on the list of the readers of the Texas Spur. He says although he has risked a considerable amount on this year's farming operations, he is confident that he will come out on top in the end, since every indication points to a most successful crop year.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

Nat Patton went to Crockett this week, where he and his wife will visit relatives. Mr. Patton will attend the law department of the State University, which fact further indicates that he will probably be in politics in the coming campaign, and will probably be a candidate for either the State Legislature or the County Judgeship of Dickens County. We have known Nat a good many years, know that he can fill either place ably, and feel confident that he will make good, should he decide to enter politics.

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100 lb. sacks std. granulated sugar	\$5.25
25 " " " " " "	1.35
18 " " " " " "	1.00
Tomatoes 3 lb. cans per doz.	1.00
Hominy 3 lb. cans per doz.	1.00
Krout 3 lb. can per doz.	1.00
2 lb. Corn per doz.	1.00
Oil per case	2.00
Wrapped Bacon per pound	15
Dry Salt Bacon per lb.	14c
Lard compound 10 lb. pail	1.00
5 lb. " " " "	50
100 lbs. Best flour (Baker Boy)	3.00
10c less on 300 or 500 pounds	
Meal per bushel	65c
Bucket coffee	1.00

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R. R. M O R R I S O N

### EXTEND ROAD TO SPUR.

General Attorney, J. W. Burton and Vice President Bassett of the Crosbyton & South Plains railway conferred with the railroad commission today with regard to the issuance of bonds upon the line completed to Lubbock and just beginning to operate into Crosbyton. It was agreed that Engineer Parker will investigate and value the road, after which bonds will be issued and registered.

The fact that bonds are to be registered and sold presages the extension of the line to Spur to connect with the Stamford & Northwestern. It is known that no bonds were to be asked for unless this extension was made, and it is now believed that the extension of the line is practically certain.

The C. B. Livestock company is practically responsible for the construction of this line.—Fort Worth Record.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S CANCER.

The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out the vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will only prove abortive. There must be no attempts to regulate the cancer. It must be eradicated.—Abraham Lincoln.

A newspaper subscriber once received a dun through the post-office and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it, and the editor showed him a few duns of his own, one for type, one for paper, one for fuel and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when I got these because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come in and help me out, and then I could settle them all." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up and renewed for another year.—Swiped.

### BE A BOOSTER NOT A PARASITE

Give The Town Your Moral, Intellectual And Financial Support And Influence.

One reason why some people who are capable of doing much good work in the upbuilding of the town and community in which they live and do so little is they never identify themselves with any good or great enterprise, or if they profess to have done so, it has been only in the spirit of getting out all they could, and putting into it as little as possible. This sort of doing has never made anybody good or great. This is the character of a parasite. Did you ever study the parasite? It is that peculiar growth you will find on some trees. It will sit on a limb and suck the life from a tree and thus prosper and grow off the life of another and will not contribute anything to this enterprise, or to the trees life. You can apply this principle to the upbuilding of a town.

Sad to say you will find people in every town who will not identify themselves with any enterprise for its betterment. Start anything you may, they will object and fight it. They seem to have been born in the objective case. This class of people are rightly called commercial parasites. The attitude of some people toward the school interest of a community is appalling. They will sit around and criticize and cuss the teachers and trustees, but will never help to lift the burden off of these people who have identified themselves with this worthy enterprise, but they will absorb all the good coming their way from the work of these

good people. What are these but parasites living off of the labor and self sacrifice of others? Apply this principle to the moral interest of a community and it works the same way. You will find men and women who will not identify themselves with any enterprise which has for its aim the uplift of the moral community in which they live. They will not support it in any way; they will stand off from it; they will go farther—even curse it, if not in bitter speech they will identify themselves with that character of opposition which has a tendency to destroy the church. These are moral parasites, and through the self sacrifice and efforts of other men and women, they are furnished with good moral society for them. But what have they done to upbuild this morality? Absolutely nothing. But they will live off of the labor of others. Every interest of the community, intellectual, commercial, religious and moral is

built up and must be maintained with these set-fasts and draw backs. There is another name that have been given this class—the knocker. They knock at breakfast, they knock at dinner and they knock at supper, they go to bed knocking, they knock at everything in sight and out of sight, in fact they have knocked themselves to death and don't know it.—Ex.

The following party came in just before twelve o'clock Tuesday from Spur, in a big automobile: C. A. Finney, of the Dallas News, of Dallas, Texas, C. A. Jones Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, of Spur and Mr. W. J. Lewis, who is running cattle on the Spur range of Spur. Mr. Lewis was a forerunner for his herd of cattle, which he shipped out of Crosbyton on the next day to Kansas pasture. The number shipped was 1030 head.—Crosbyton Review.

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"Among the first city superintendents to be re-elected should be mentioned J. W. Cantwell, Ft. Worth; J. E. Blair, Corsicana; S. B. Foster, Kerrville, T. L. Toland, Wichita Falls." From April 1911 Texas School Journal.

"Sec. 193. The board of trustees of any city or town or of any independent district provided for in this act, may elect a superintendent or principal of schools of such city or town, or of such independent district, for a term not to exceed two years. (Acts of the 29 Leg. Chap. 124, Sec. 174.)

"Note. The school law fixes no date upon which the school board shall elect teachers. Contract with a teacher made before the re-organization of the board following the election of trustees, is, therefore, valid. See Pearsall V. Woods, 50 S. W. 959." From 1909 compilation of Texas School Laws by Hon. R.

B. Cousins, the then State Superintendent.

"Agricultural & Mechanical College, College Station, Texas, March 28, 1911. Supt. S. W.

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Adams, Spur Texas, Dear Sir: I take pleasure in informing you that the faculty has voted to enroll your school among our affiliated schools. Yours very truly, Charles Puryear." Dean of Col-

lege. A true copy.  
"Austin, Texas, April 25, 1911. S. W. Adams, Spur, Texas, Dear Sir: Replying to your letter of April 23, I regret to say that I am unable, at this time, to furnish you with copy of rural high school law. This department will issue bulletin of this law as soon as practicable and shall be glad to send a copy of said bulletin to you as soon as the same is ready for distribution. I have listed your name. Very respectfully, F. M. Bralley, State Superintendent of Public Instruction." A true copy.

"The above letters are self-explanatory. They mean that we have been recognized by A. & M. College, and that we are going to have a country high school established here. I am in touch with Dr. J. L. Henderson, Visitor of Schools for the State University, and he assures me that just as soon as we are able to meet the requirements, he will come up and assist us in setting in motion the machinery for university affiliation.

The Social Center movement and the Study Hall system are pet ideas toward which I am anxiously looking. I have been talking the former, because it is practicable. I have not discussed the latter, because it is very impracticable at this time. However, our new building will be admirably adapted to the inaug-

from Seattle to Tampa, they will not have it. Industrial education must have its innings." Dr. Frederic Eby, University of Texas.

"Statistics show that less than 5 per cent of all the millions of school children in the United States reach the high school. It has been estimated that more

petuate the idea that the main function of the high school is to prepare for college entrance examinations. Preparation for college is a mere incident. The high school has more important duties to perform. High school teachers should resist any further efforts to increase the quantity of work to be done by high school pupils, and make some effort to improve its quality." J. O. Mahoney, Dallas, Texas.

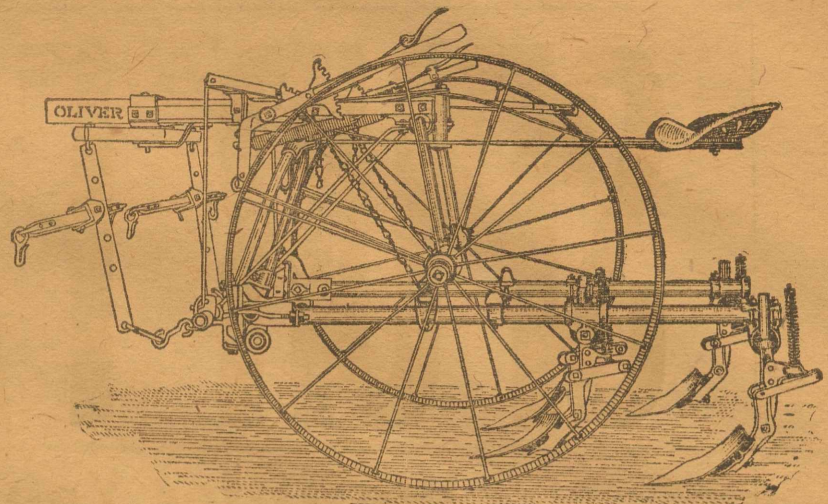
"I do not think that I am voicing merely an individual or isolated sentiment, when I express the belief that in some instances the Universities are at present asking too much of the High School." Supt. P. W. Horn, Houston, Texas.

I am for the whole educational system, in all of its phases, and I am so thoroughly interested in them that I want to see improvement all along the line. I am sure that the Grammar School must precede the High School. I am sure that the High school should prepare one for college. I feel that College should open the doors of the University. But of the whole system of education my heart is with the Grammar school, because it is the alma mater of 95 per cent. of our citizenship, and will continue so under our present economic conditions. I repeat that I shall begin at the first grade in all of my planning, and provide for the grades as they come. If thru lack of means any shall suffer, it must be the upper grades. A Texas public school is primarily a Grammar School, and the Grammar grades must be first in all considerations. Our course calls for ten grades, and present conditions indicate that we will have them next year. It is not our will that the grades are limited. It is not the will of any one that Spur school is not comprehending the entire High School course; it is the result of conditions which time only can right.

May these few remarks and quotations give you daily reflections for many days to come.

Respectfully,  
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"The education of the past was for the man at the top, yet few can hope to go to the top. The most important step for the education of the future, is that it reaches that larger percentage of our population who carry forward the grinding burden of industrial life, and who must of necessity leave school at an early age. In all good conscience I ask you, is it right, is it just, in the long run, is it safe and expedient for us to expend our energies, time and wealth in fostering an educational system which benefits the smallest percentage of our people, the people who are most capable of taking care of themselves? Out of every 100 boys in 34 of our cities (Texas) only four go to the High School, and out of the four less than two graduate. I plead that you give us schools for the 96, and not for the 2 or 4. Give us schools to suit the needs of that half million boys and girls for whom to day there is no provisions. The elementary and grade schools of our country exist for one, and one inalienable purpose; it is their function to arouse and develop all the native capabilities of the child. In conclusion let me emphasize that 80 per cent of our people have repudiated the ideal and intellectual education of our schools; from Boston to Brownsville,

than 25 per cent ever go beyond the fifth grade. That is, out of 25,000,000 pupils in the United States, 18,750,000 will have left school to earn their daily bread." Prof. C. W. Angler, Ft. Worth.

"After all, it is by no means established that College entrance requirements are an infallible test of one's preparation to do college work. Special records were kept of 130 students who entered Columbia with the following results: Of these who were in the lower half of the group in entrance examinations, nearly forty per cent are found in the upper half in the last three years of college. Of the dozen students who ranked highest in entrance, some were in the lowest fifth of the class by the junior year. Had the passing mark been set the least bit higher, one of the best students in the three college classes would have been unable to enter. It is unnecessary to show further that it is unreasonable to expect high school teachers to per-

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#### LODGE DIRECTORY.

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M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. J. L. Hearn, C.; H. R. Stephens, Clerk.

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

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

M. B. A. Lodge No. 2995, meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month. Morris B. Kinney, Pres; Wes Hisey, Sec.

#### THE OLD-TIME PREACHER.

The old-time preacher was made, not born, such. The days of persecution and the pioneer times of our republic were favorable for his development.

Plain, coarse fair and hard service caused men to think seriously of the problems of life, while the danger and hard struggles of those about them kept alive and tender the bonds of sympathy by which the daring bands for pioneers were united.

There was much in those days to pray about; besides men were more alone and the thoughts of God as a companion and source of help in time of need were more likely.

Those old-time preachers did not spend the week in their studies reading suggestions about higher education, fine spun social theories or political reformation; neither were they being entertained and flattered by their friends. They were out in the open with their toil and their God.

When the time came to preach they went straight to a people who were enduring hardships with themselves and told them of the condition found in God's World and of answered prayers, just as one who in dire extremity had found food would tell a suffering fellow being where his hunger might be satisfied.

There is a reason why men do not go to church as they did. They live along easier lines and the need of God is not so keenly felt. Another is that the preacher is not so capable of telling about Him as he once was.

Whatever good purpose may

be served by public schools, universities and theological seminaries, they can't take the place of that practical training the old-time preacher had.

Association with great men may elevate, but loneliness and meditation followed by communion with God, raises one higher than any earthly association.

Not only has the old-time preacher gone, but the old-time hearer as well. Just as in all the righteous course of a nation has brought great prosperity, and the prosperity has induced indolence, pride and a turning away from God, for which the penalty will have to be paid.

This may be hard, but the history of the world in general and of the decayed nations in particular teach lessons of the unvarying order of things which ought to cause us to consider.—The Real.

#### INITIATIVE REFERENDUM AND RECALL

"The initiative law is that which gives to the people the right by petition to compel the submission of proposed ordinances and laws to the voters of the city or state, and makes them effective by a majority vote.

"The referendum is a measure by which the people may annul laws enacted by legislative bodies. It provides that upon the petition of citizens to the number of five per cent of those who voted at the last preceding general election, any law, or ordinance enacted, may be suspended in its operation until the people of the state or city shall decide by a vote upon whether the

same shall be annulled.

"The recall has its chief value as admonition to the public servant that he shall conduct himself with fidelity and efficiency. It has hardly ever been made necessary under the recall to exercise this right. Only in three cases has it occurred in America, and in every instance because of proof of corruption, and the recall is a milder, speedier, more benign remedy than impeachment. The president of the United States can demand resignations or dismiss incompetent or untrustworthy officials. This is a recall by the executive.—Portageville Critic.

#### CROP CONDITIONS.

In conversation with leading farmers of this county for the last week, we learn that crop conditions were never better at this time of the year than at the present time. Oats are in good shape and growing; Farmers are ready to plant, that is, they have their ground ready and a number have already planted corn and feed-stuff.

There will be an unusually big acreage of cotton planted on the Plains this year, and we understand that the people in the Flats have made arrangements to plant the whole country in cotton. They are putting in more new land this year than was in cultivation altogether last year.—Hale County Herald.

Barney Johnson, a real estate man of Crosbyton, had business in Spur Tuesday of last week. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of country.

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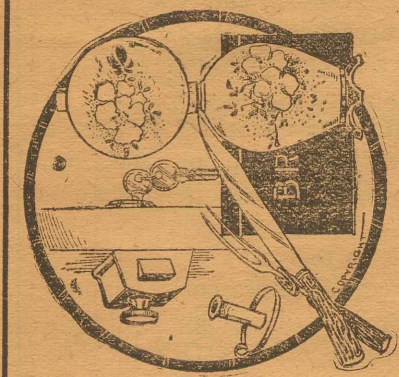
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W. G. Broyles returned the latter part of last week from Abilene where he attended a state meeting of the K. P. lodge. He reports having had a most pleasant time.

R. S. Boothe, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of the Girard country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends here.

Rev. Stewart requests that we announce that Rev. G. S. Hardy, Presiding Elder, will hold quarterly conference at the Methodist tabernacle Saturday and Sunday. All are invited to attend the services.



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#### GENERAL NEWS.

Differences between the engineers and the International and Great Northern railway has been adjusted and a contract for a new year signed.

Fly fighting organizations are being formed all over the South, this insect having been convicted of the charge of being the greatest transmitter of disease extant.

Col. N. A. Shaw of Red River county offered to finance a debate between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bailey on the questions that differentiate these two Democratic leaders. Mr. Bryan has declined with scorn.

The twentieth continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution convened in the memorial hall of the organization in Washington Monday.

Full returns show that Angelina

county voted dry on Saturday by 127 votes. This was the last county in all this section to wheel into the local option column.

The copy for the new laws of the Thirty-Second Legislature was sent to the State printers last week. It is expected that the new laws will be ready for distribution within the next two or three weeks or possibly sooner.

The United States government has let the contract for the building of 22 miles of inter-coastal canal from Matagorda to the mouth of the Brazos river near Velasco, the work to begin at once.

Senator Stone of Missouri has asked for a thorough investigation of the Mexican situation by Congress.

According to information received by Governor Colquitt from Assistant District Attorney Carl

of San Antonio, a relentless war is being conducted on so-called social clubs. Mr. Carl advises that several have been closed and that there are several others soon to follow.

As the result of a vote-buying investigation by the Lawrence county, Ky., grand jury, hundreds of persons are expected to be disfranchised. This is the tenth Kentucky county in which such an order has been issued in the last month.

Ten acres of cotton will be planted in the field of the race track at the State fair grounds to be harvested during the fair this fall by cotton picking machines. The machines which gave daily exhibitions in the State Fair cotton field last fall demonstrated, according to the report of judges, that they got 90 per cent of the cotton.

Decision and Jno. Rogers 5c cigar, sold only by Red Front Drug Store.

Mrs. J. P. Horton and son, Frank, passed through Spur Saturday from Dickens on their way to Rotan and Claytonville to visit her brothers and parents. Mr. Horton accompanied them to Spur and spent several days here.

Mr. Willis, son of Rev. Willis of Cone, was in Spur last week and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Willis reports the rain in his section a regular lake filler and as a result the country is in fine shape for crops at the present time.

Frank Smith was in the city Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Frank reports everything looking good in the Cat Fish country and says that he has already planted some cotton and that most of the farmers of that section are now busy planting cotton.

We acknowledge receipt of a card from Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cook, of the city, announcing the birth of a daughter, Claudine, April 28th. We extend congratulations, and although Cook was most desirous that his first born should be a Joe Bailey as an heir to his estates, yet we are confident that young Miss Claudine will within a few years become an accomplished young lady and contribute her prorata in the disposition of any surplus inheritance that Cook may be able to amass. And then, too, we offer condolence in that there is yet time for an heir to make his appearance in the home, and here is hoping that his desires to that end will be gratified with the least possible delay.

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## Regardless of Cost.

In this sale all mens and boys suits will be closed out at a reduction of 50 per cent, and all Variety goods as well as staple goods will go at proportionate prices. We still have a large assortment of the highest grade goods from which to make selections and we urge that you come at once and get first choice.

## A Penny Saved Is a Penny Made

Below we quote a few prices only, and in consideration of the great reduction being made on every piece of goods in the house it is to your interest to make purchases both for present and future needs.

<b>Embroidery Waist Fronts</b>		<b>Mens Shirts</b>	
75c Fronts for.....	45c	\$1.00 Ferguson & McKinney shirt.....	75c
A number of the nicest patterns from which to select.		\$1.25 White pleated bosom shirt.....	90c
<b>Laces and Embroidery</b>		<b>Mens Shoes</b>	
15c Embroidery.....	9c	\$6.00 Stetson shoes.....	\$5.00
25c Embroidery.....	18c	\$5.00 Stetson shoes.....	\$3.60
10c Embroidery.....	7c	\$3.50 Beacon shoes.....	\$3.00
All Dress Goods and Domestics go at cost.		\$3.00 Beacon shoes.....	\$2.70
<b>Mens Underwear</b>		We also have a few boys shoes to close out as follows.	
We have the nicest line of Underwear in Spur and every piece will go in this sale at actual cost.			
50c Balbriggan shirts.....	35c	\$3.00 Boys shoes.....	\$2.10
1.00 " suits.....	70c	\$2.50 Boys shoes.....	\$1.90
\$2.50 Mens pure silk suits.....	\$1.40	A few childrens and ladies slippers will be sold at actual cost.	
\$1.25 Balbriggan, silk finish suit.....	85c	Beacon and Stetson Shoes and Oxfords all go at cost.	
50c Elastic seam drawers.....	38c	\$6.00 Stetson Oxfords.....	\$4.50
		\$7.00 Stetson Oxfords.....	\$4.90

Remember the sale will continue only fifteen days and if you fail to make your purchases at this time the opportunity for the saving of big money will have passed and you will be forced to pay the regular per cent of profit on other merchandise.

# ..The Variety Store..

W. A. Johnson came in last week and reports everything moving along nicely on his Dockum Stock Farm, crop conditions fine, grass coming rapidly and stock fattening. This year promises to be one of the most prosperous years and everybody in western Texas is wearing a smile.

A. E. Barker, of Mart, was in Spur this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and has our thanks for two dollars on subscription, he having the paper sent to Ruff Watson of Mart and extending his own subscription another year. Mr. Barker reports everything in his section of country in fine shape as is the case in the Spur country.

## LIVING AT HOME.

Some of the New York Newspapers have made the discovery that the South is becoming more prosperous because the people are living at home, apropos to which, the San Antonio Express remarks: It has not been so many years ago that Southern planters were little better off than peons. They raised their cotton on borrowed money, upon which they paid usurious interest, and everything they purchased was on a credit.

Southern farmers bought corn and meal and flour as well as meats and vegetables from the North. All they had to sell was the cotton, and that was hypothecated to the merchant, who, in turn, had used it as collateral upon which to borrow money from the bank. Suddenly the newspapers opened up a diversification campaign. They were at first ridiculed but the men who farm with the faber were the more persistent and tenacious.

They pictured in bright colors the riches to be derived from a system of diversified farming. Gradually their advice was followed, until a majority of the Southern farmers raised more than the one crop, and that cotton.

It was found that the land of the South was not only rich, but that the soil and climate were especially adapted to the growing of berries, peaches, watermelons, canteloupes, beans, peas, potatoes, tomatoes and other truck. The packing and refrigerating companies soon found out what was going on, and they assisted in developing these latent resources.

Texas now ships out trainloads of fruit and vegetables as well as cotton, and the farmers are prosperous. It has not been necessary to abandon cotton as a standard staple crop, but it has been found necessary to "live at home," to raise on the farm everything which is consumed and still have a surplus to sell in addition to the staple crop.

Texas farmers more than any other have diversified and rotated their crops. Other states, however, are falling into line, and all over Dixie Land the smokehouse is on the farm and the "live-at-home" policy is being applied.

## RAILROAD VISITORS.

A party of railroad men and officials came to Spur Monday night and spent some time here Monday morning before returning. They were here on a tour of inspection of the road.

Rotan has let contract and work has commenced on a \$9,000 city hall, to be two stories and to contain city offices, fire department and an auditorium.

Cleaning and pressing promptly and neatly done at the New Tailor Shop.

W. J. Duncan, a prominent citizen and postmaster of Draper, had business in Spur Wednesday and Thursday.

A young lady made happy by drinks, cold drinks and eating Nunnallys Candies, at Red Front Drug Store.

Dr. G. T. Brandon has been on the sick list this week, but we are glad to note that he is at this time able to again resume the duties of his office.

For fresh beef, pork, sausage and other supplies of a first-class market call on the Palace Market at the old Dixie Store stand. Fite & Kiester, Proprietors.

J. N. Zumwalt and wife, of sixteen miles west of Spur, were in the city Thursday trading with the merchants. Mr. Zumwaldt is one among the oldest settlers of the country and is now one of our most prosperous farmers and stockmen.

J. A. Ross, formerly of Anson, purchased last week the McGuirt tailoring establishment of Mr. Greathouse and will conduct the business at the same stand. Mr. Ross is an experienced tailor and we wish the business continued success under his supervision.

G. W. Robertson, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, had business in Spur Monday and reports his section of the country in the finest shape with respect to crop prospects at the present time. Uncle Wash is one of the very best men of the country and his friends in Spur are always glad to see him.

Miss Thomas, of Girard, came up Thursday and is a visitor to friends in the city.

Have your old clothes cleaned and pressed at the New Tailor Shop. We do only first-class work and guarantee satisfaction in every instance.

The Palace Market is now open for business and is prepared to supply the trade with fresh meats of all kinds. The general public and our former friends and customers are especially invited to call at our place in the old Dixie Store stand. Fite & Kiester, Proprietors.

The ladies of the Mother's Club have designated May 14th as Mother's Day. A program will be rendered at the Baptist tabernacle at four o'clock in the afternoon and everybody in Spur and vicinity is requested to observe the day and meet with the club on the occasion.

W. H. Laine, of Afton country, was in the city Wednesday and spent the day here. Mr. Laine formerly taught school in that section but is making a crop this year, and from present indications the farming occupation will be the most remunerative business of the country this year.

The citizens of Stonewall county recently voted bonds for the purpose of building a new court house at Aspermont. The old court house was destroyed last year by fire and since that time the county officials have only had temporary quarters. Let the progressive work continue.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Gentlemen List.  
King, Mr. W. D.; Sheiley, Mr. G. E.; Thomas, Mr. Truman.

# ..CLOTHING SPECIAL..

We will offer for 10 days, special prices on all mens boys and childrens suits and odd pants, starting, "The Lid Is Off."

All mens	\$22.50 and	\$25.00	Suits are yours for.....	\$18.00
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Other good snaps in mens and boys Suits.				
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We will place on counter the greatest hat snap ever shown.

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