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DICKENS COUNTY SHIPPING HOGS

No Country is Superior to Dickens County in Raising Hogs.

E. D. Chambers, a prominent citizen and prosperous stock farmer of the Afton country, came to Spur Monday with ten wagon loads of hogs which he shipped to the Fort Worth market. Mr. Chambers is a strong believer in diversification as is shown by the produce of his farm brought to Spur. That's the kind of farmers we need.

This car of hogs numbered 83 hogs and is said will average 250 pounds which Mr. Chambers expects to sell at six cents per pound, which will net him over one thousand dollars.

The Spur country is especially adapted to the production of abundant feed crops of every character, and in the raising of hogs it has no superior. Hogs here are free from cholera and other diseases fatal to their kind, and in view of such conditions the hog raising business in this section is now profitable and will become more so in the years to come.

The farmer who has a few hogs to sell each year will not have to mortgage his crops for supplies, but on the other hand will have a few surplus dollars to enjoy the luxuries of life and possibly a few to lay aside for a rainy day that is sure to come. The farmer can become independent by diversifying and combining the use of brawn and brain.

WORK NOW IN PROGRESS

Work on the eighteen thousand dollar school building is now in progress, the excavations for the foundation and basement being now about completed and within a few days the brick-laying work will begin. The building is to be complete within four months from date of contract which will be in plenty time for the next term of school.

TO BE MARRIED

Ned Hogan left Thursday for Collinsville where he and Miss Melvin Patton will be married Sunday. Mr. Hogan's many friends in Spur and Dickens county extend congratulations and wish Mr. and Mrs. Hogan a long, happy and prosperous married life.

WILL ESTABLISH BUSINESS

Levy Harkey, a prominent citizen of Beeville, was in Spur this week looking over the town with a view of locating here. Mr. Harkey will probably move here at an early date and establish a business in Spur. We welcome Mr. Harkey to Spur and wish him success in any business undertaking.

BARBECUE

Why spend your time these hot days over the cook stove when you can get the best cooked meats at the Central Meat Market? The best Baker Bread also supplied. Market in old Dixie Store stand.

INVESTIGATING SPUR FARMLANDS

Messrs. Cherry, of Lavaca, county, have been in Spur this week looking over the country with a view of buying land and locating in this section, and while here visited with I. S. York and family at the Spur Experimental Farm. The first of the week these gentlemen were carried out over the country to the south and west of Spur by J. M. Neely and it is reported while on the rounds a double tree of the hack was broken and the team ran away leaving the gentlemen several miles from any settlement. However, after a run of several miles the team was caught, a pole double tree manufactured and all went on their way rejoicing except Mr. Neely who, it is reported, was dragged over the dash board and through the sand and shinnery a considerable distance in an attempt to hold the horses. We will be glad to have Messrs. Cherry locate with us. They seemed to be well pleased with the soil here and the future prospects in an agricultural way.

WARNS THE BOYS

Chas. Durham was in Wednesday from his home south of Spur and reports everything in good shape with the exception of a few grass-hoppers. Mr. Durham requested the Texas Spur to warn the boys who swim in the Spade tank that he intended to report those who expose themselves to ladies who necessarily pass along the road.

NEW HOPE

Cotton chopping will begin in a few days only and labor on the farm will be in demand.

Jake Scott and J. M. Jones went to Dickens last week.

Dr. G. M. Bachelor is doing professional work in our midst.

Midway Church has organized a prayer meeting which meet every Sunday night.

Amos Favor and Mr. Comstock were in the New Hope community Tuesday.

J. L. Law's daughter and son, Elvin and Delma, have just returned from Iowa Park.

E. H. Blakley and family, Sam Clinton and Miss Meade Dodson spent several days last week fishing at Blanco Canyon. They report a nice time and fish to eat.

T. J. Harrison, attended the W. O. W. picnic at Dickens Saturday.

Onion.

THE DEEP WELL NOW FLOWING

A Very Small Amount of Water Now Flowing From the Artesian Well.

During the past several days drilling the deep well has been delayed while a patch is being placed on the boiler, and while thus engaged it was discovered Monday morning that the water was flowing in a very small quantity from the mouth of the well.

At the time the drilling ceased to repair the boiler the water in the well stood at a depth of near one hundred and fifty feet from the top and within the next three or four days the water came to the top and Monday morning it was noticed that a very small stream was flowing. At the time the drilling operation ceased the well was a depth of 2065 feet, the last few feet being drilled into a softer rock formation and it is now hoped that but a few more feet of drilling will bring in a strong artesian stream of water and the efforts to secure artesian water in Spur will be successful.

During the past two years Driller Minnihan has been constantly on the job and during the time has been most attentive and cautious in preventing mishaps and delays of a serious nature, and but little doubt is now entertained that his operations will be successful, and the indications now are that Spur will soon have an abundant supply of artesian water.

From the very beginning Spur has been favored in all things above other towns and in securing an artesian well Spur will have an abundant supply of water which is an item worthy of consideration to any section of this western country. Spur is favored in having promoters who are able and active, and a citizenship of thrifty and progressive men, and in connection with the natural commercial and agricultural advantages we expect to see Spur continue to grow, the country fully develop and the people prosper.

W. O. W. PICNIC

A W. O. W. picnic was had Tuesday at Tap and quite a number of Spur people were in attendance and reports a most enjoyable occasion. Dinner in abundance and variety was spread on the ground and the Tap people in this instance maintained their established reputation as entertainers.

PROHIBITION CLUB ORGANIZED.

Tuesday night Mayor Link, Rev. Berryman, Rev. Young, J. V. McCormick, W. S. Campbell, G. T. Brandon, R. P. Cole, W. A. Hancock, Prof. Adams went out to Dry Lake school house to assist in the organization of a prohibition club at that place. The club was organized with a membership of thirteen or fourteen citizens of that section and the club is expected to be actively engaged in prohibition work from now until the election on state wide prohibition to be held July 22nd.

All over this country the prohibition wave is spreading and is now being considered by all citizens, and while it is possible that the prohibition amendment may not be made in the constitution at the coming election, yet the saloon men will be forced to realize that the whiskey traffic as conducted today does interfere with good citizenship and is today standing on the brink of destruction and the dawn of a new era and a brighter day. We are progressing along moral as well as commercial lines. Let the good work go on.

HAS FINEST PROSPECTS

Will Duke, a prominent citizen of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Thursday on business and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Duke is making a crop this year on the Sherrod place and says that at this time he has fine prospects and that nothing now is interfering except a few big grass-hoppers. We understand that in other sections of the country the grass-hoppers are beginning to bother crops, and in view of such a state of affairs we would advise farmers to try the Bordeaux Mixture recently published in the Texas Spur. It is recommended by the State department as a sure killer of all insects at a minimum expense.

THE SNYDER FIRE

A fire broke out at 8:15 o'clock this morning on the second floor of the Anderson hotel on West Bridge Street and three concrete buildings, the hotel furnishings and the Westbrook & Co. stock of groceries were licked up in flames, causing a property loss of \$25,000.

J. C. McNeill came in Thursday from his ranch several miles west of Spur and attended the Masonic Lodge Thursday night.

GROWING WHEAT IN DICKENS COUNTY

Wheat Crop Average Twenty Bushels to Acre. Diversify The Slogan.

J. H. Edwards, of the Dickens country, was in Spur Monday and while here visited the Texas Spur office pulled out a silver dollar and said send the Spur to Mrs. Ida Slayden at Ranger; for which we are very thankful. Mr. Edwards reports everything o. k. in his section of country. He had on exhibition in town a bundle of wheat of which he has six and one half acres, and is well stowed with heads three to four inches long and figures to make twenty bushels per acre. This will make Mr. Edwards about 2500 pounds of flour at the mill. There is no doubt that this section of country will produce as high if not the highest grade of wheat of any country boasted as a grain country; and the sooner the farmers of this country take to raising wheat, corn, hogs, and diversifying in a general way the sooner this country will be decorated with fine farm homes and those homes surrounded by everything that tends to make farm life more happy for both old and young.

PREFERS WEST TEXAS

J. D. Powell returned last week from Alabama where he spent several weeks with his parents and other relatives in the old home. He reports crop conditions in that country about the same each year, and says that the farmers put about three dollars worth of guano to the acre and know just about what will be produced from year to year. However, Mr. Powell says the Spur country suits him better and he has no inclination to return to the old country and home to live.

ENTERTAINMENT

For the benefit of the Presbyterian and the Episcopal Churches Madames Clemmons and Sennings gave an operetta, Cinderella in Flowerland, last Tuesday evening, in which thirty five children took part. So well did the little folks do their parts it would be hard to tell who was the Star performer, but it was certainly one of the prettiest ever staged in Spur, and every child showed the care and training bestowed upon them to make the operetta a success.

NOW A PILL DOCTOR

A. J. Tyler is now rolling pills and dispensing cool drinks at the Spur Drug Company. During the past year Mr. Tyler has been employed at the Campbell & Campbell store and has demonstrated his ability as a salesman of furniture and there is little doubt that he may soon become an expert prescription druggist and eventually develop into a successful and noted M. D.

The Central Meat Market is now supplying the trade with the best barbecued meat in connection with other market supplies.

Cook Failed to Reach North Pole

But has discovered the safest method of dealing with customers by giving all a square deal, courteous treatment and a complete stock of goods from which to make purchases. When you want drugs, drug sundries, patent medicines, toilet articles, cold drinks, cigars or anything kept in a first-class drug store be sure to see Cook at the

SPUR DRUG COMPANY
Spur, Texas.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The Argentine Republic ought to be well known to North Americans, but I have found that facts about this southern country is too vaguely realized here and those that hear them scarcely grasp their significance. Broadly speaking it is one third the size of the United States, its illimitable rolling plains seem designed by nature for the production of all manner of grain.

From Buenos Aires south to Bahia Blanca, the soils from nothing to five feet deep, underlaid with lime rock with but few creeks. To the north the soil is deeper and running water more abundant. From Bazona north the timber sets in and is of all varieties; you see no forests of one particular kind. Argentine is well supplied with rail roads, aggregating 14,000 miles with much under construction and the remote portions are rapidly being brought in closer touch with the world.

I should judge that two thirds of the trade passes through the old and defined channel of Buenos Aires, although the government is expanding the shipping facilities of Bahia Blanca to serve the lower middle section of the country.

Bids for the construction and exploitation of two under ground rounds in Buenos Aires were opened in May.

As in this country, the man with the plow is crowding the stock man out, and farms or ranches that have stock and alfalfa are being put in grain as the nature of the soil is specially adapted to grain raising. Grain is the crop that will establish Argentine in the markets of the world.

The settlements of the river Platta dates back to the 16th century, and there are towns scattered about over the republic that were flourishing centers of civilization before the pioneers of the United States crossed the Alleghanies: many of them are today as fresh and modern in what constitutes municipal progress as any of our own cities. Water supply, house construction, street pavement, rapid transit present about the same problems and are met in about the same way. They can learn lessons from us and we can learn from them; be that as it may the traveler will gather a rich store of enjoyment from a visit to these political and industrial capitals.

Socially there are differences. Spanish is the language of intercourse, of business and naturally of political and governmental life, but English is understood by most of the city dwellers and is the readiest language for intercourse of all places of industrial activity, and only when out of beaten paths or among the older towns, or the newly arrived immigrant does the stranger realize that the country is peopled from southern, instead of northern Europe.

Argentina welcomes the immigrant, whether he desires land on which to settle or a laborer's wages granted that a single man can speak or is desirous to learn Spanish that he will put up with the differences in customs, habits and modes of life, that all he is looking for is a chance to get ahead. There are sure to be days of home-sickness, but energy and ambition count here as anywhere. Life in the country is very healthful. I often heard that men were driven into town by isolation of the country. I know also the complaint of the American Consular officer that many young

men are left stranded and nothing was left except to send them back to the states. I know also of better experiences, where men of pluck and thrifty habits have stuck it out, bought land and can now show growing farm of wheat or stock. It must not be understood that jobs are easy of attainment. Skilled labor is in demand and wages are good, but the northerner is handicapped by his surroundings, besides there are English, German, French, Italian and Spanish mechanics on the ground and a man must be of unusual dexterity before he is chosen from several; such a man finds work closer home, this is true of clerks and book-keepers, and those who know only the general routine of business the country is not new as far as they are concerned.

The government lands are sold according to laws and decrees in force as follows:

Auction sale: The executive

power indicates the land to be placed on the market at the Government up-set price, usually about \$1.00 per acre. The buyers must settle the lands within two years; invest \$2,000 in stock and \$500 in building for each square league. The maximum area which one person, firm or married couple may acquire is eight leagues. Price must be paid one tenth and the rest in five equal annual installments at 6 per cent.

Direct sale: The maximum amount is 6,000 acres, the price is fixed by the government and the buyers are obliged to personally settle the land with their own capital within two years, 500 sheep or 80 cows, and not less than 100 trees. The survey is made at expense of buyer, and conditions of sale are same as for auction sale. The Government lands may also be leased; one person, firm or married couple may not lease more than

eight leagues, and for no less than five years. At end of time the lease-holder has the right to buy one half at price fixed by Government. The lease price is \$200 per league, or the same as 8 per cent at \$1.00 per acre. Lease must be paid in advance, and holder is obliged to invest \$2,000 to the league and \$500 in buildings to league within first two years.

The government has colonists in almost all the territories and may be obtained by direct petition and at prices fixed by minister of agriculture. The maximum amounts are, farms 246 acres, the suburban lots 21-2 acres with the town lots are 50X50. Purcher must build a house and cultivate farms and lots within two years is such proportion as government may fix. This is all direct from government and most all the desirable is already gone.

It is very hard to determine the value of lands improved; it

all depends on locations of towns, and railroads adaptability to agriculture, depth to and kind of water, and price ranges from \$3.50 to \$10.00, per acre.

I have been asked many times now is the Argentine in regard to renting or farming on shares as compared to this country? As most of us know already what this country offers, I'll give an estimate of farming outlay of the Argentine. It will be a good advertisement for this country, and Mr. Swenson really should have my picture enlarged. It is difficult to make an accurate estimate of a farming outlay necessary for starting a farm and of the probable returns from same as it depends on various things, but taking one with another I may say that the outlay for first year's sod land, of a family of 4 or 5 persons who could work 249 acres would be about as follows: Two sulky plows, \$200; two harrows, \$90; one roller, \$50; one binder, \$350; twenty oxens, \$800; two horses, \$100; one cart or wagon, \$200; harness and small tools, \$100; house, well, corral and fence, \$1,000; 250 bushels of seed, \$400; threshing 4,980 bushels, \$1,000; bags 1,500 at 20c. \$300; cartage to deposit or railroad station, \$500; general expenses and repairs, animals, \$600. Making a total of \$5,730. Sale 4,980 bushels at \$1.25, \$6,225; outlay and expenses, \$5,730; settlers net profits, \$495.

Anyone without the necessary capital for starting will find wealthy land owners who will furnish them with every implement, seed for sowing, working cattle, stores for food, and when the crop is taken in the outlay expenses are deducted and the profits are divided, half for farmer and half for land owner. This is for first year, there will not be as much expense for machinery the second or third year, and one could pay out a piece of land in the course of time, but then unless there were two families or more it will be very, very lonesome for any from these western U. S., for you will find that there is very little brotherly love, trust or companionship among those natives.

A. E. McCLAIN.

GILPIN NEWS

Rev. Mings, of Stonewall county, preached to a large crowd at the Duck Creek school house Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Mamie Billberry visited Misses Ollie and Jennie Adams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earyl Hagan visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther White Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Butts visited Mrs. W. A. Hankins Monday.

Mr. Geter is having a well dug on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ester and Mrs. Harris, of Spur, visited their father and mother, grandma and grandpa Butts Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson visited Mr. and Mrs. Billberry Sunday.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely and also the prayer meet, which meets every Wednesday night.

Bashful Bill.

G. W. Eickelberger, District Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League spoke in Spur Sunday to a crowded house. He returned to his home in Fort Worth Monday to attend to business pertaining his official duty; after which he will make a tour of the Panhandle country of northwest Texas.

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GENERAL NEWS

Sixty or more of the casualty insurance companies of the United States and similar foreign concerns doing business in this country have combined to raise rates.

Texas leads all the States in the Union in the number of miles of railroad, having all told 13,250. Illinois has a little more than 11,000 miles of road.

A large force of men began active work Monday in the construction of a sewage and water-works system for Snyder.

There is \$5000 in the State Treasury, waiting to be distributed among about 300 Confederate veterans. These warrants were issued during 1909 and 1910 and the old soldiers cannot be found.

Postmaster General Hitchcock, impressed by the reports of the successful operation of the postal savings banks system, has decided to designate hereafter for a considerable time, 100 additional postal depositories each week, instead of fifty, as announced some time since.

A number of the citizens of Post City are protesting against having the Appeal to Reason, a socialist paper, circulated in the town, and a numerous signed petition will be presented to the

grand jury asking that body to indict the agent who has been circulating this publication. They claim that the paper containing matter of an obscene and inflammable nature.

The city of Sweetwater lost its case in the Supreme Court today where it was litigating with the Kansas City, Mixico and Orient Railway Company to compel the road to retain its machine shops, roundhouse and general offices in Sweetwater, the court reversing the lower courts and rendering judgement in favor of the railroad, holding that there was no valid binding contract to make it retain its shops and offices in Sweetwater. It is understood that the railroad Company will move its shops and offices to San Angelo. The lower courts upheld Sweetwater and its contract.

Uncle Wash Roberson, of the northwest part of the county, was in town Monday and while here visited the Texas Spur office. He and others of that community brought a car of hogs to Spur to be shipped to Fort Worth market by E. D. Chambers.

Mrs. H. K. Parks of Girard, visited in Spur between trains Sunday.

YOUR HOME TOWN

Any place is just what the men who live in it make it.

Don't sit around and damn your town. A town is just as good or just as bad as the people who are damning it.

Every community, even if it hasn't more than two hundred inhabitants, should have a town-room where the cigars are good and where everyone can meet, free from religion or politics, and absorb the good qualities of one another; where the spirit of the Golden Rule can be installed; for no religion and no political party can deny this perfectly scientific principle.

A town is seldom the result of virgin natural conditions. In any event it was man who saw the natural advantages, and frequently it was some one individual.

For illustration: There is no natural reason why Cleveland should have been the oil center of the world. There are no oil wells in or about the community. So far as oil is concerned, and as a shipping point, it is no better than a dozen and one other towns. It was simply John D. Rockefeller. He wanted to live in Cleveland and his individuality, his personality, brought the oil to him.

There is no reason why Boston should be the shoe market of the world. There are no hides there. They are all shipped from the West. Simply some man who knew how to make shoes on a large scale wanted to live there, and his success encouraged others to follow in his wake.

There is no physical reason why Chicago should be the meat-packing center of the world. It could as well have been St. Louis. Simply old Phil Armour wanted to live there.

In nearly every town you visit you hear some resident say: "Aw, this ain't nothin' but an overgrown country village."

The resident of any town that makes such a statement wears whiskers and boots at heart.

Of course, if your town isn't sporty enough for you, why, you can move, that ain't the town's fault.

If you get too sporty, you'll have to move anyhow.

It isn't the sports that make a town, it's the jays.

The man that gave the light for the sports on the Great White Way was a jay, Thomas A. Edison, a jay telegraph operator from Indianapolis.

John D. Rockefeller, who, in a money way, is the ideal of every sport, was a jay from Richford, New York.

Russell Sage, who loaned money to the sports for years, was a jay, he started by jumping counter in a country store.

Some jay from Connecticut went to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. He set up a stand on the Midway and sold wooden nutmegs to the sports for souvenirs. Finally he ran out of wooden ones and sold 'em the real thing at twenty-five cents a throw.

William Dean Howells, America's foremost literary character, will take more pride in telling you of the days when he set type as a jay printer on the Centinel at Ashtabula, Ohio, than his literary success of later years, the days when they used shoe pegs to space the type, and about a printer getting drunk and using a plug of Star tobacco for a cut.

Nearly every man in art, science, literature, industry and commerce here in America today either is or was a jay.

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ter of the South. Years ago, at the waning of the river traffic, it was about to give place to Louisville and Memphis in the commerce of that territory.

The citizens of Cincinnati got busy and built the Cincinnati Southern Railroad.

This road was the dream of a jay. They called him a jay dreamer, but his dream saved the town.

You hear people of the Far West in mercantile, industrial, artistic and scientific pursuits, saying: "If we were only in Chicago we could do or get so and so." In Chicago you hear them say: "If I were only in New York." When in New York you hear them wishing for something in London or Paris.

Chicago, New York, London and Paris are all the results of heir citizens taking the conditions and material at hand and doing the best they could with them, just as we can all do.

There you are: Any place is just what the people make it.

If any of the towns that any of us live in are not to our liking, why let's get busy, it's all up to us.

The first process in the improvement of any town is to get rid of the people who are damning it.—Bank Notes.

WISE SAYINGS

Go to sleep without supper, but rise without debt.—Talmud.

"The heart is a small thing, but desireth great matters; it is not sufficient for a kite's dinner, yet the world is not sufficient for it.—Hugo.

It is a great thing to be trusted, but it is a higher thing to be worthy of trust.—Henry Lee.

It has always appeared to me that good manners are almost as valuable an asset in commercial as in diplomatic affairs.—Lord Cromer.

Rightly employed, the reson is not a check to piety, but is its regulator. It chastens and refines the flames of devotion in the human heart, but does not put it out.—C. W. Wendle.

Think all you speak, but speak not all you think.—Delarem.

Ship is a "she" because a little bit of paint will hide her age.

The flag the Socialists wave isn't half so noisy as the rag they chew.

Some congressmen are alarmed at the prospect of the coffee taust but there seems to be no "grounds" for it.

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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,
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Every merchant should realize that advertising is the corner stone upon which every great business in this modern age is built. Every up-to-date merchant recognizes the value of advertising as a business factor. But few recognize the possibilities that may be realized by its proper use. More than a billion dollars are expended every year in the United States alone for publicity, and yet the science, for it is a science, is still in its infancy. No field of business is so small but that it may be expanded by intelligent advertising. In every town what has been many examples of what has been accomplished by advertising. Any merchant may be an intelligent and profitable ad writer. Individuality in ad writing is valuable, but to be able to prepare copy to bring business is more valuable. If one merchant in another line of business brings business to him by a certain line of advertising, you may be practically sure that the

essential idea in his method will bring you trade if you will adopt it. You do not have to be original to be successful in advertising. Preparation of the copy for the newspaper is the part that calls for more experience. The technical arrangement of the advertisement may be left to the printer who is supposed to make a study of such things. Still it would be better if you knew something of this. Plain merchandise should be described in plain language; high grade and high priced articles require high grade talk.

Study the descriptions or argument used by other, study those of your competitors and of firms of other lines of business, and see how you could improve on them. Treat your subject simply but thoroughly. Another important thing, don't crowd your space; leave something for next time. Prices are the chief attraction in an advertisement. If you are offering bargains do not fear to feature the prices, but if you are selling a high grade article at a high price make the description sell it. There is no advertising like newspaper advertising. The newspaper goes into the home and becomes part of the family. If it is the right kind of newspaper, one that gives the news that the family are interested in, every member of that family will read it, hence it is the most important medium of advertising because the people rely upon it, dote on it and enjoy it. The newspaper is run for your benefit and you should make it your most valuable partner in using its influence to aid your sales. The money that

goes to your newspaper is rarely an expense, but an investment. But do not expect that advertising alone will accomplish everything. No matter how attractive your announcement, no matter how great your bargains, they must be backed up by good salesmanship and tasty store displays of your wares. No salesman can do justice to his position behind the counter unless he considers the personality of the customer and talks intelligently of what he is selling. Advertising like every other phase of your business, requires enthusiasm. To make a success of advertising one must prepare to stick like a boat bottom. It should be known beforehand that money must be spent. Advertising does not jerk, it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, and year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power.—Ex.

The coldest drinks and high grade confectioneries at Westfeldts.

W. J. Clark, a prominent and prosperous citizen of six miles north of Dickens, was in town Monday on business and trading with Spur merchants. While here Mr. Clark made the Texas Spur office a very pleasant visit, handing us a silver dollar to have the paper sent to his brother, G. F. Clark at Gritt, Texas, for which he has our thanks. Mr. Clark reports his part of country in the finest condition with respect to present prospects of a bumper crop of everything this fall.

SOLDIER MOUND

Farmers are getting along very well, but needing rain.

Health in this part of the country is good.

We are sorry to say that Aunt Olly Tuber left this community last week for Roberts county. She is 90 years of age. Mrs. Joe Allison went with her. Mrs. Allison says they had a nice time and that country looks good to her.

The young folks met at Joe Allison's Tuesday evening and had a nice time.

Mr. Clint Hinson says he likes Soldier Mound folks very well, but likes to go to Tap, too.

Mr. Dell Fulfer hurt his arm Sunday while playing ball.

So send out a rain.

Don'ttell,

FARM NOTES

The ground should be stirred as often as crusts form or as weeds begin to make their appearance.

One of the best types of cultivators for our use is one that carries three small shovels on each side.

One of the best cultivators for a listed crop after the harrow is the lister cultivator or 'Go-devil.'

Kaffir corn and Milo maize is thick enough for a seed crop when the plants are from 18 to 24 inches apart; corn is thick enough with the plants 30 to 42 inches apart.

When you want a prescription filled see Cook at the Spur Drug Company. He knows how and has the drugs with which to do his work.

Professional Cards.

GLASGOW & MAYNARD
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
office over the Spur Nat'l. Bank.

DR. MORRIS
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Office in Spur Drug Co. Phone No. 40.

DR. G. M. BACHELOR.
DENTIST
Office at Spur Drug Company.
Office, both phones 40.
Residence, both phones 80

DR. T. E. STANDIFER
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Diseases of women and children
and Electrotherapy a specialty.
Local Surgeon for Wichita Valley Railroad,
Residence phone 49. Office 89.

G. T. BRANDON,
Dentist
Over the Royal Hotel
Office hours from 8-12 and from 1-5
Residence Phone 142.

DRAYAGE
When you want any kind of
hauling promptly, Phone 100
J. O. YOPP, SPUR

Walkers Bread Cakes and pies at Central Meat Market. J. D. Walker.

Sunday evening our annual big rain arrived with the usual wet soaker. A message arrived from Spur in the morning that a rain was headed this way.—Winert Enterprise.

REAGAN ON PROHIBITION

Some of the antis claim that none of the really great democrats of the old school were in favor of statewide prohibition.

This is fallacious, as many of their statements are. In the 1887 election a number of great democrats favored prohibition, and among them was Judge John H. Reagan, the old Commoner. We are indebted to Mr. L. B. Russell for the following letter which Judge Reagan wrote to Barnett Gibbs and the anti committee when they invited him to take part in the anti campaign in 1887:

Palestine, Texas, April 7, 1887.

Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, in which you advise me that a largely attended meeting of prominent democrats from all parts of the state was held at Austin on the 30th ultimo for the purpose of calling a state convention, to meet at Dallas on the first Wednesday in May, and that such a convention has been called; that its object is two-fold:

1 To set forth clearly and unreservedly the time-honored and enduring principles of the democratic party from Jefferson, its founder, down to the present time. These you describe to be "opposition to all forms of sumptuary legislation."

You do me the honor to invite me to be present and address that convention, and call my attention to the radical change to be engrafted on the organic law of the state by the adoption of the prohibition amendment. And you suggest that the magnitude of the issue forbids silence on the part of every citizen.

I fully appreciate the honor implied in the invitation you ex-

tend me, but between giving some attention to my private affairs, which have been much neglected of late, the keeping up of a correspondence which has become burdensome, and the necessity of investigating some public questions of importance before the meeting of the fiftieth congress it will not be practicable for me to participate in public discussions of this summer.

If I had leisure to engage in this discussion, with all respect for the opinions of the meeting you represent, I could not concur with the views expressed in your letter. While I have heretofore felt constrained to oppose prohibition because its friends sought to make it a political issue and to antagonize and overthrow the democratic party, that reason does not now exist; and I am not inclined, by speech or vote, to countenance the evils flowing from the selling and drinking of intoxicating liquor as now practiced, or to give to them the moral support of public opinion or the protection of the state government.

In every community we had men, once honored and respected reduced to poverty, wretched, and dishonored by spending their money and time in drinking saloons; wives weighed down with grief and sorrow and want, and heartbroken and helpless children growing up in ignorance beggary and vice, because husbands and fathers have been made drunkards and vagabonds by patronizing the drinking saloons. Millions of dollars are invested in this business of making men drunkards and in producing the desolation and ruin of women and children, which if employed in agricultural or commercial

pursuits, and directed by the talents and time wasted in these drinking houses, would add untold millions to the aggregated wealth of the state, and make as many thousands of happy families as are now made miserable because this money and time are given to the selling and drinking of intoxicating liquors.

The farmers of our state constitution, having reference to these evils, provided that "the legislature shall at its first session enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any country, justice precinct, town or city, by a majority vote, from time to time, may determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits." It would be no great innovation upon this principle for the people of the state to adopt a constitutional provision declaring that the manufacturing, sale and exchange of intoxicating liquors, except for medical, mechanical and scientific purposes, is hereby prohibited in the state of Texas. The state democratic convention, which met at Galveston last summer, inserted in its platform of principles a declaration, in substance that a citizen might be local optionist or a prohibitionist and at the same time be a democrat.

The present legislature wisely determined, in submitting the question of the adoption amendment to a vote of the people that the election should be held at a time when no other election was to be held, in order that the people might pass upon that question unembarrassed by any other political questions or elections, so that the election should be non-partizan. In view of

these facts, with all respects for the meeting at Austin and its committee, I must express my regret that any effort has been made to make a party question of it; and especially do I regret that democrats should seek to identify that great and grand historic party with the fortunes and fate of whisky shops, drunkards and criminals.

There is a broad difference between laws which interfere with legitimate trade and such as would interfere with the purchase and sale of necessary food, drink and raiment, called sumptuary laws, and laws which have for their object the prevention and punishment of crime and the preservation of public morals and decency. And I think it hardly just to the memory of Mr. Jefferson to assume that he would not have recognized this distinction.

I have during all my manhood been a democrat of the straightest sect, and earnest and enthusiastic disciple of Thomas Jefferson, whom I regard as the greatest political philosopher and statesman this country has ever produced. And I would be as far from desiring to see laws passed which would interfere with the freedom of legitimate commerce, or which would undertake to control the purchase and use of necessary food drink or apparel, as anyone could be, but I believe it to be the duty of the people, in a lawful manner, to protect themselves and society against the improper sale and use of intoxicating liquors. If I have not always so felt it has been in a great degree because I was unwilling to allow any outside issue to subvert or cause the overthrow of the dem-

ocratic party, whose principles I believe necessary to the preservation of our free constitutional system of government. We now have the opportunity to promote sobriety, thrift and happiness without endangering the success and perpetuation of the principles of the democratic party, and I am in favor of doing so; and I shall at the coming election so vote, not because I believe prohibition the most efficient remedy which could be adopted for these evils, but because in my judgement it favors a policy which will do much for the improvement of the condition of our people pecuniarily, socially and morally, and toward placing them on a higher and better plane of civilization. I hope you will not consider it a breach of propriety for me to make this answer through an open letter, as I may have no other opportunity to state the reason for the vote I shall give on this question. And I beg to assure you gentlemen, of my great respect for you individually and collectively, and of how much I regret that I have to differ with you in opinion on this question. With greatest respect very truly yours,

John H. Reagan.

To Barnett Gibbs, Chairman.

If advertising does not pay, why does anybody advertise?

Our Farms are the heart of our national life and the chief source of our material greatness. Tare down every edifice in our towns and cities and labor will rebuild them, but abandon the farm and our cities will crumble away and disappear forever. — M o n o g r a m.

ADVERTISING IS NOT CHARITY

..But A Business Proposition..

A newspaper is one of the most essential institutions in promoting the commercial, industrial, agricultural and social progress of a town and country, and in patronizing such an institution you contribute not only to individual interests but assist in advancing the interests of the town, the country and the people.

A newspaper reaches the homes of the country, is read by the people, and the business man by placing an advertisement in its columns derives direct benefit to himself and his business in that such an advertisement properly worded and based upon facts not only creates business but assists the purchaser in determining what to buy and where to make his purchases before leaving home, thus making it more convenient and satisfactory to both purchaser and salesman.

The advertiser further contributes to the support and maintenance of an institution the intention and aim of which is to advance business interests, promote the development of the country and contribute to the betterment of conditions as they exist today.

The columns of this paper are open to the public and we respectfully solicit the patronage of every business man of Spur with the hope that the paper at all times has conformed to the principles and high aims of newspaper work, and in the future as in the past will prove worthy of your consideration and patronage.

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..High Class Commercial Printing..

C. D. PULLIN

THE EXPRESS MAN
The Man Who Delivers the Goods.

Res. Phone 25. Luzon. Bus. Phone 87 Poole's Rest'nt.

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VERNER & PATTERSON, Props.

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

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

J. J. Cloud left on Saturday's excursion for Fort Worth to attend the Prohibition Rally.

Oran McClure spent several days this week in Rotan attending to business and greeting old friends.

Mrs. L. N. Riter, returned Thursday of last week from Hamlin where she spent several days visiting her daughter and old time friends.

Miss Simpson, a charming young lady of Jayton, spent several hours in the city between trains Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Verner and Will Simpson.

Mrs. G. M. Bachelor has been suffering the past several days of an attack of appendicitis, but we are glad to state that she is recovering rapidly.

L. N. Riter, manager of the Riter Hardware Company, of Spur, left Sunday for Fort Worth and Dallas on business and incidentally to take in the big Prohibition Rally.

W. J. Duncan, a prominent and prosperous citizen of the Draper country, was one of the several who went to Fort Worth Sunday to attend the big Prohibition Rally.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones and little Miss Nan, left Sunday for Fort Worth to attend the Prohibition Rally. They will take the interurban for Dallas where they will spend several weeks visiting Mr. Jones' mother and sister.

Mrs. George A. Stewart left Sunday for Fort Worth to attend the Prohibition Rally. From there she will probably go to several different places to visit friends and relatives before returning to Spur.

We are sorry to state that Master Ralph Herndon was quite sick the latter part of last week. We hope to soon see Ralph back at his post at Bryant-Link store enjoying good health and having a jolly good time.

Mrs. Hancock and children, of Floydada, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hancock in the city the past several days. They left Sunday for Ennis where they will visit relatives and friends before returning home.

G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

The Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & HAYNES, Props.

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

AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

IN OTHER WORDS WAKE UP

The next time you feel like saying, "Everybody in town gets their name in this paper except me," stop and think a moment and see if you have done anything on which the editor is under obligations to base a paragraph about or concerning you. Have you built a new house, donated any sum of money for the upbuilding of the town? Have you started a business enterprise or any movement for the public good? Have you been born, got married or died? Have you "entertained" or given other social functions and invited the editor, or other members of his family? In a word if you wish to be famous, do something. Of course if you are a "dead one," the paper might now and then put in an item to the effect that "Old Grouch" is still going about the streets, but that won't be news. Do something and cackle, and you will get your name in the paper alright.—Timson Times.

R. F. McGill, one of Spurs' favorites and a very promising young man left Spur for his former home at Killene. Mr. McGill, or "Mack" as he was called by his intimate friends, has lived in Dickens and Spur for several months and has many true and lasting friends who regret to see him leave but wish for him good luck and prosperity where ever he goes.

...FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR...

. GUARRANTY FUND BANK.

MANY THINGS TO
BE CONSIDERED IN
ARRANGING YOUR
...BANK ACCOUNT...

FIRST: Strength, the solid financial strength of the bank with which you keep your account.
SECOND: The strict care with which the bank is managed
THIRD: The courtesy and spirit of accommodation displayed by the officers and employees.
FOURTH: The financial strength of the Bank to care for your account in times of need, when you have been our friend in time of plenty.
FIFTH: We care for our friends and appreciate them three hundred and sixty five days each year.

To those wishing an appreciative banking account; we offer you our services as a well established, permanent, conservative bank, promising you courteous treatment, and careful consideration to all business entrusted to our care. The ability of the officers of this bank for the transaction of all legitimate banking interests has been demonstrated by many years of active experience.

W. F. Godfrey, a popular young real estate man of Spur, was one among the many from Spur who attended the picnic at Dickens Saturday.

Mr. Smith, son of W. P. T. Smith, of Duck Creek, was in town the latter part of last week, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He said that he had come to take in the city as it had been some five or six weeks since he was here, having been assisting in driving cattle to near Red Land, New Mexico. He said that country is in good shape, having had plenty of rain; grass fine and farmers planting cotton and feed stuff and are expecting to make bumper crops of every kind.

Get the best cigars at Westfeldt's Confectioneries.

Hub Ellis went on Sunday's excursion to Fort Worth to take in the Prohibition Rally.

If you smoke get your cigars at the Spur Drug Company. They keep a fine selection and also serve cold drinks.

Mrs. Roberts left Thursday of last week for Hico, where she will visit several weeks with relatives and friends.

The Spur Drug Company for cigars, cold drinks and medicines of all kinds. Cook will greet you with a smile.

It is every man's duty to see that the home is conveniently and comfortably furnished, and there is no one thing that will contribute more to that end than an oil cook stove. Barber & Hancock.

Mace Hunter, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of three miles east of town was in Spur Saturday looking after his town property and other business.

NOTICE

Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian church of Spur will hold a Bakery Sale at the White Front Grocery store, Saturday, June 10th; from 10:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Secretary.

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

Real Estate
Fire Insurance.
Life and Live Stock Insurance.

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J. P. Simmons Prop

We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line.

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and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

INCONSISTENT

We saw a man the other day disputing with his wash woman about a difference of ten cents in the charges, and four minutes later called in four men to join him in a drink, for which he cherefully produced fifty cents. We saw a fellow in church fish down deep in his pocket and bring a nickel to put in the contribution box; and the next evening drop in 85 cents trying to beat a slot machine out of a cigar. We do things nearly every day about as inconsistent as that and if we were told of it, would say it was no one's business but our own but would that make it right?—Floresville Chronicle.

FROM DICKENS ITEM

Misses Erie and Grace Ham passed through town Saturday morning enroute to Spur where Miss Grace took the train for Stamford. She goes to Stamford to attend the Summer Normal at the Stamford Collegiate Institute.

Attorney P. C. Maynard and lady, of Spur, attended the singing here Saturday afternoon.

W. W. Garner of Spur, had business in Dickens Monday evening. Mrs. L. N. Davis and little Daughter Oma of Spur visited relatives and attended singing at this place Sunday.

Miss Kate Mahone and Happy Jack of Spur, while out horse back riding Tuesday morning, visited Crow Springs at Dickens for the purpose of gathering some ferns. These people made the trip from Spur to Dickens in less than two hours.

On Monday evening sheriff Cole sold two horses belonging to the Haskew stable at Spur for taxes. Quite a crowd gathered at the court house yard to watch the performance. As all were at liberty to try the horses before buying them several amusing stunts were pulled off, the most interesting being that of Will Miller riding one of the horses without a bridle a cross the street, upon the gallery of Jackson's store and back a cross the street. It was a real western bronco busting exhibition. One of the horses was sold to Mr. Jones, livery-man of Spur, as highest bidder for forty three dollars and fifty cents. The other was knocked down to H. S. Mitchell whose bid of forty dollars was not raised.

Miss Alma Young a charming young lady of the Afton Country, went home Friday of last week after a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Squires.

W. J. Young, a prominent and prosperous farmer of the Afton Country was in Spur Monday trading with the merchants, and visting his daughter Mrs. Hugh Squires and family.

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.

Dickens Horse Improvement Co.

DICKENS, TEXAS

Will Stand Percheron Stallion

Two and one-half miles north of Dickens at J. T. Whitaker's Farm. Arrange for grass.

\$20 Insurance, \$15 season and \$10 single cover.

G. T. DAVIS, President
K. H. KENNEDY, V. P. & Treas.
HODGES HAILE, Sec.

W. H. KENNEDY
WILL CRAIG,
M. B. HAILE, Mgrs.

For the finest cream, go to Westerfeldt's Confectionery.

C. C. Haile phoned us Monday to send the Texas Spur to W. B. Haile. Thanks Mr. Haile.

Sam Smith, Cecil and Aaron, of the Tap country were in Spur Monday and report everything in good shape in that section.

Rev. B. C. Bell a Presbyterian Minister of Cisco will preach at the school house Sunday morning and night. Everybody is invited.

Mr. J. E. Sparks, of the Afton country was in the city Monday and visited the Texas Spur office. Mr. Sparks wore great big and broad smiles when he reported that a fine girl had arrived at his house.

A regular meeting of the members of the Commercial Club will be held at the club rooms Thursday night, June 15, at 8:30 o'clock and all members are requested to be present. Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

D. D. Adams and family returned Wednesday from Southern Texas where they have been several months on account of Mrs. Adams' health. We are glad to note that Mrs. Adams has regained her health and that they will again make Spur their home.

J. H. McCamant, of Duncan, Arizona, is in the city the guest of Mr. Keister and family. Mr. McCamant is an ex-citizen of this country, but is at present in the stock business near Duncan. He is now prospecting in the Spur country and we hope to see him locate with us and feel assured that if he does there will be something doing in the agricultural business.

Dr. G. W. Eichelberger, District Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League, delivered an address at the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday, and after the address a Dickens County organization was perfected, George S. Link being elected president and Jeff D. Reagan, secretary. The following gentlemen were elected to act with the officers of the organization as an Executive Committee: P. H. Miller, N. N. Hancock, Dr. G. T. Brandon, Cephus Hogan, R. P. Gole, W. S. Campbell, J. V. McCormick and S. T. Clemmons.

The Editor of the Crosbyton Review has discovered that an old brown hen, cost thirty cents, will earn at least a dime for every two weeks she lives and is perfectly safe around the children except when she has a brood. On the other hand, nearly every family has common scrub of a dog that is practically worthless in this country where there are no squirrels or 'possums, that eat many times more than the said brown hen and is likely to go mad and bite all the women folks the kids and the calves. To the butcher with the surplus dogs.—Hale County Herald.

The Executive Committee met on Monday and selected the following gentlemen as presiding officers for the local organizations in Dickens county: W. G. Jackson, Croton; J. A. Murchison, Wichita; Poet Hagins, Gilpin; W. A. Johnson, Dry Lake; S. S. Alcorn, Red Mud; J. P. Gibson, Steel Hill; W. C. Ballard, Dickens; R. C. Forbis, Afton; E. H. Blakely, Liberty; M. M. Parker, Buford school house.

There will be speaking at Dry Lake school house Friday night, June 9th, at 8 o'clock, and at Red Mud Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

We Want Your Lumber Trade

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

.. RICHARDSON LUMBRE CO'Y..

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager.

Orwin Lambert came in Monday after ice with which he made cold drinks for the picnics at Afton Tuesday of this week.

G. W. Holden, of Quanah, was in Spur Monday and when here visited the Texas Spur office. Mr. Holden said that he didn't feel nor look like he is over forty five years old, but is seventy years young.

Mrs. McNeal, of a few miles west of Spur was in the city Tuesday, and made the Spur office a very pleasant visit.

Roy Brummel, of Tap country was in town Monday on business and trading with Spur business men, and also visited the Texas Spur office and reported everything prosperous in his community.

F. A. Predeaux has our thanks for a dollar, and he, also, among a thousand more will receive the Texas Spur another year.

George Martin, of Oriana, Stone Wall county, was in Spur Monday attending to business and trading with the merchants. He called in at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his address.

That Suit

Come to us for bargains in men's and boys suits. We are making closing prices on all clothing for cash. Just in, new lot of men's odd pants. Also men's, Ladies and childrens Oxfords. See the special offering in embroideries and inserting, best values in Texas. Special prices on straw hats, get them now.

J. A. Lambdin & Co.

SPUR,

TEXAS

M. A. Ledbetter, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, passed through Spur Wednesday in route home from Fort Worth.

C. L. Love went down Monday to Stamford and spent several days with his family and also looking after business interests, returning Wednesday to Spur.

Mrs. Hugh Squires and son, Don, are visiting this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, of the Afton country.

Charley Greer, of the Draper country, returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he spent several days.

L. N. Riter returned Wednesday from Fort Worth and Dallas where he spent several days on business.

W. J. Duncan and B. T. Duncan, of Draper, passed through Spur Wednesday on their way home from Fort Worth and Dallas where they spent several days on business.

Grandma Langley, of Abilene, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Verner, and also her daughter, Mrs. Poole, this week.

R. W. Walker, who fell from the top of the Hisey building one day last week, is able to visit relatives and friends at Breckenridge.

Mr. Rhodes, of three miles east of Spur, was in town Monday and reported to the Texas Spur force that he killed twenty four rabbits Sunday evening.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

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

Mightah Chapter A. E. S. meets every Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock. Kate Senning W. M., Irene Patton Sec.

W. O. W. meets every Saturday night in each month. C. H. Perry Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday. R. B. S. Craig N. G. C. H. Perry Sec.

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

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

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

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



Useful and Ornamental

things are both found in our stock. From a ten-penny nail to a wheel barrow you will find the

Riter Hardware Store

can supply your wants. Carvers, keys and locks, agate and tinware, carpenters supplies, etc. We keep all, and sell all of them at a very low figure. They are best quality goods, too. Don't forget us.

RITER HARDWARE Co

NEAL & RUTHERFORD

Water Wagon

Prompt service & satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 129, at any and all hours

Will McKay and family, of the Tap country, were in the city trading with the merchants of Spur.

Misses Lillian Denton, Lula Ellis, Mack Brown and Clarence Ellis attended the Crosbyton picnic Thursday.

Mrs. Higgins and daughter, of Mills county, were visitors this week at the home of Mrs. Z. V. Smith of Spur, and other relatives of the Gilpin country.

E. C. Edmonds, O. J. Weaver, F. A. Predeaux, S. R. Davis, Mayor Link and others of Spur went over to Dickens Monday to show the County Commissioners why taxes should not be raised.

Mrs. C. D. Pullin and children left Spur Tuesday for Webb in response to a message stating that her father was very sick and not expected to live. Mrs. Pullin's father is about seventy years of age and is now suffering of an attack of apoplexy.

We have in transit and to arrive soon a solid car of the celebrated

Blue Ribbon Line of Buggies

If you are in the market. Don't fail to wait until they arrive. The prices and quality and prices will both please you.

.Spur Hardware Co'y.

EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE . DIAMOND EDGE TOOLS

TAP TELLINGS

The continued dry weather has enabled the farmers to get well up with their work, some are chopping cotton, others are praying for rain, and we, well we are just afraid it will rain. If it does we will have to go to work and it is getting awfully hot these days.

Cotton is looking well, early feed crops needing rain badly; the wheat crop was harvested last week, and the oats are about ready for the sycle.

E. Luce and wife returned last week from an extended visit to their old home in Mississippi. Mrs. Luce visited a sister whom she had not seen in thirty years. Mr. Luce said he met an old negro who worked on his farm there years ago and gave him a five dollar bill because he had lived so long. We imagine that darky's eyes hung out like "simmons" on a limb.

We are glad to report that Mr. Manning is so much better that he is now able to ride out in his carriage and walk with a little assistance.

W. L. Wright and family returned Monday from Afton where they have been visiting friends the past several days.

C. M. Overman made a trip to Garza county the first of the week looking after business matters.

John McKeever and B. F. Crump passed through our town one day last week on their return trip from Spur.

J. H. Sparks, B. F. Hinson and E. Luce attended the picnic at Dickens Saturday.

Jim Smith, of Dockum valley was here Saturday and Sunday. Jim has just returned from New Mexico and report things looking good in that section of country.

George Martin come up from his home at Oriana Monday to spend a few days with relatives here.

Dr. Morris was called by phone to the home of S. S. Allcorn Monday Mrs. Allcorn being ill but we are glad to report her condition much improved.

Grandpa Self, from near Post city, stopped over with us Monday night on his return trip from Spur. He reports it dry in his locality.

Now I'll tell you about it. We were passing along the way the other day and saw John Sparks leaping high in the air turning handsprings and spinning around like a top and hallowing hurrah! We couldn't imagine what this meant, but on enquiring learned that a little girl had arrived at his home and he was celebrating the great event. Mother and child all doing fine, and without a relapse we think John will pull through alright.

Decoration day was observed here Tuesday. An address was delivered by Rev. Berryman of Spur a sumptuous dinner spread and singing in the afternoon.

Gadabout.

Oliver Gray and wife, of Jayton came up Thursday and spent the night in Spur with friends.

Ben Hagins, a prosperous farmer and old time citizen of a few miles southeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything alright in his part of the country.

Quite a number of the Spur people went over to Dickens Saturday to attend the W. O. W. picnic and all report an enjoyable day. Dinner was had on the ground for all and in the afternoon ball teams entertained the crowds.

AMITY GLEANINGS

These hot, dry days only prove that our farmers are the men worth the while, who still can smile, though everything goes wrong.

Fruit is ripening, soup beans are coming on, chickens about big enough to fry and if we get a shower in a few days starving season will soon be over.

Mr. John Law and little daughter, Delma, returned recently from a visit to relatives in and about Paducah.

Miss Lena Davis, of Liberty, is attending the Summer Normal at Stamford and Roberta Williamson is attending at Paducah, and both are well pleased with the instructions they are receiving, and expect to be well prepared to teach the young idea how to shoot. The thoughtful, amiable persevering characters of these young ladies insure a perfect success in teaching. We need more such girls in the profession of training the minds of boys and girls.

Mr. Eugene Blakely and family, Mr. Clinton and Wallace Holly enjoyed a fishing trip last week.

Rev. Billberry returned Monday from Stonewall county and other parts of his field of work.

Don't forget the protracted meeting at Amity. Elder Tomlinson will be with us eight days, beginning Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in July. Remember that you will be welcomed and well taken care of; that you will be fed on water melons, peaches and fried chicken. Our girls know how to bake our boys know how to cut stove wood, (but hate to awful bad,) and our preachers will present the truth that will do you good.

Those of the Schinnery Twig boys, who played in the winning team on the third were, Ira Dobbs, Gene and John Blakely, Wallace and Hollet Holly and Ben Clark. These boys are all farmers, and no doubt the physical development they have acquired by killing Schinnery Twigs in their cotton crop assisted greatly in winning the game. However, they are all honest, unselfish and conscientious young men. They believe in every man having an equal chance; hence any of their opponents desiring to take lessons in this effectual exercise will be furnished instructions and apparatus for practice free of charge. Apply to any member of the nine for instructions, but we believe that Wallace Holly can furnish the most exercise.

Pioneer.

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Mrs. J. A. Moore and children moved Monday to Lubbock where they will join Mr. Moore and make that place their home in the future.

Poet Hagins, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday and reports his country in pretty good shape.

Miss Callie Smith, of Spur, is now attending the Summer Normal at Stamford and probably remain in that city several weeks or throughout the Normal term.

J. O. Yopp made a business trip the first of the week to the Plains country where he hauled household goods and effects for J. A. Moore and family who are moving to Lubbock.

WOMEN'S PROHIBITION CLUB

This Column is Edited in Behalf of Our Country, Our State and Our Home.

Who says prohibition is a failure? The saloon keeper, the brewer, the distiller. Yes they say it always and ever. Who else? The gambler and bootlegger, the dive keeper, the whiskey druggist, the blind-tiger men, the editor who accepts their well paid ads. They are doing their level best to make it a failure. Who wants to belong to such a crowd?—The Texas White Ribbon.

The writer has recently had placed in his hands the Supreme Constitution and statutes of the Knights of Pythias which shows that this order will not receive into their lodges men who are either gamblers or liquor dealers. All "bartenders or retail dealers in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer" are excluded from membership in the order. There are some Churches about which some people know that lack a good deal of coming up to the high standard of the Knights of Pythias. This is said to the shame and discredit of such Churches. It is a pretty serious commentary on any Church when a man who is barred from membership from fraternal organizations; on moral grounds, can be received into their fellowship in good standing. The sinned world expects better things of Churches. Some Churches, however, do not seem to be seriously engaged in the matter of soul-saving.

As to how the farmers and the "gin mill" stand may be illustrated as follows:

A farmer raised 1,000 bushels of grain in 1907 which, at prevailing home prices, was worth \$564. Of this 1,000 bushels he sold 18 1-3 bushels to the brewer for \$11 and 5 2-3 bushels to the distiller for \$3, receiving in all \$14. The brewer turned his 18 1-3 bushels of grain into 438 gallons of beer which cost the people who drank it, \$219. The distiller turned his 5 2-3 bushels of grain into 31 gallons of spirits which were sold to the drinker for \$155. In all the consumer paid \$374 for liquor manufactured from 24 bushels of grain for which the farmer got only \$14. In what way can it be said that the prosperity of the farmer is dependent upon the perpetuation of the liquor traffic?

If this \$374 that was spent for drink had instead gone for bread the farmer would have taken 188 bushels of grain to the grist mill in place of the 24 bushels bought of him by the brewer and distiller and the people in the cities would have had 164 bushels of grain ground and baked into bread to eat at moderate prices.

Or suppose these drinking men had laid out this \$374 in home comforts, such as furniture, carpets, clothing, hats, hosiery, shirts, etc. They would have been comfortably fed and clothed, and the farmer instead of getting \$14 for his grain made into drink, would have got \$156 for it, and the local merchant would have got the balance in trade at the store. When this \$374 is put into the "gin mill," the farmer gets \$14 and the whiskey and beer men get \$360. When spent for home comforts, the farmer gets \$156 and the liquor men nothing. But the merchants and working men get \$218. How does this reasoning strike you, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Merchant and Mr. Workingman? Think about it.

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Mrs. W. B. Griffin and children returned Wednesday from Dallas.

The Presbyterian church is now complete with the exception of painting.

J. J. Cloud, returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he spent two days seeing the sights.

Mr. Greathouse was among those who went to Fort Worth on the excursion Sunday.

Ross Gibson, of Stephenville, recently returned to Spur and is now visiting J. P. Gibson in the Steel Hill community.

Misses Louis Fox, Jud Neely, Mrs. Stephens and others attended the picnic and barbecue Friday on Blanco Canyon.

A. T. Odeneal returned Wednesday from Dallas where he attended the Jewelers Convention in that city.

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Clinton Funk has been out in the country this week riding for the Riter Hardware Company.

J. C. Davis, of north of Dickens, returned Thursday from Abilene where he had been several days on business.

Ed Chambers, of a few miles northwest of Spur, was in town Monday on business and trading with the merchants of Spur.

Y. L. Jones returned Wednesday from Dallas where he and Mrs. Jones visited relatives, Mrs. Jones remaining in that city.

C. C. Haile had the paper sent this week to J. A. A. Roddy at Fort Worth for which he has our thanks. The Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow.

W. D. Evans, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Thursday on business and reports everything in his section looking pretty good.

J. M. Chumbley, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, passed through Spur Thursday on his return home from Fort Worth where he had been several days.

W. F. Markham, of five or six miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having two names added to the subscription list for which he has our thanks. Mr. Markham reports that his crops are looking good, but says that a ground-soaking rain at this time would be appreciated.

Tom McArthur was in Wednesday from his Red Mud farm and reports everything running along smoothly and nicely.

R. B. F. Craig went over to Crosbyton picnic Thursday and Friday and carried with him his photo outfit with which to make pictures of the crowds.

If advertising does not pay how does a manufacturer thousands of miles away make somebody go into a grocer's or druggist's store in your block and buy good?

Mrs. Edgar Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Z. V. Smith in the city, and while here will be under the treatment of Dr. Standifer.

Lloyd Hubrd, who had formerly operated the automobile garage in Spur, passed through Spur Thursday with his bride on their wedding tour, they having been married Wednesday in Matador.

Mrs. N. A. Baker returned Wednesday from Greenville where she had been several days with her sister who was sick. We are sorry to note that her sister died and we extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Baker and other relatives is this bereavement.

Will Craig and wife returned last week from Marlin where they spent about two months for the benefit of Mrs. Craig's health. Mr. Craig reports that the Marlin water failed to effect a cure and that while Mrs. Craig is somewhat improved her health was not completely regained.

Miss Ora Stewart, a most charming and accomplished young lady who is spending the summer in Spur with Mrs. J. B. Richburg, went over to Stamford this week to attend a district meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society as a delegate from the Spur society.

CLUB WILL ORGANIZE.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a prohibition club will be organized Thursday afternoon, June 15th, at Steel Hill school house. Speakers will be present and all are invited to come out.

INTELLIGENT PUP.

Mr. G. G. Hamar of Rochester, N. Y., is the possessor of a dog, a cross between an Irish retriever and an Irish terrier, which has been so trained that by means of sounds it goes to the butcher and baker and other tradesmen on errands. Quite recently a note was placed in his mouth and the dog trotted off to Rochester post office and secured its own license.

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