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## BUYING LAND NEAR DRAPER

J. S. Gaines, of Upton county, was in Spur last week looking over the country with a prospect of buying land here. We are informed that he bought a place in the Draper country and will move his family here at an early date. During the past several weeks a number of men have come in and bought land in the Spur country and Dickens county. We consider it one of the best counties of the state and know by the experiences of those who have been farming here during the past twenty years that success is assured to those who come prepared to work and stay with the country.

### CROPS NOT DAMAGED

From many section of the country come reports of much damage by wind, rain, hail and lightning. However, this immediate section has suffered no damage to crops from any source. We have had plenty rain, crops are growing to the best advantage, plenty stock water, grass is growing and cattle are in fine shape. All in all, the Spur country is a leader in present conditions and development along agricultural and commercial lines.

### CROPS IN FINE CONDITION

E. B. Shaw, a prominent citizen of the upper part of the country, was in Spur Monday. Mr. Shaw said that he had one small patch of cotton which he thought had boll weevils working in it, but that other farmers said there were no boll weevils but the damage to cotton was caused by hot winds. However with this exception, Mr. Shaw said that his other cotton crop was in the finest condition and bids fair to make a bale to the acre.

### NEW GIN

We understand that a new gin will be put in this fall in the Gilpin and Steel Hill country, a number of the most prominent men of the Gilpin and Steel Hill communities being interested in the project. Since the farming interests are becoming more generally developed over this section it will take several more gins to care for the cotton crop of the country, and as such improvements are needed we have the men here who are willing and ready to meet any and all demands in the development of the country as a whole.

### WILL MOVE BACK TO SPUR

W. M. Bender was in the city the latter part of last week from Kent county where he is now making his home. He says he expects to move back to Spur just as soon as he can get possession of one of his houses here. Several months ago Mr. Bender rented his farm, his home on a twenty acre block and also his town property with the intention of spending the year away out west near the line of Mexico. He could not remain in that country longer than a few weeks, returning home, and he says never more to roam.

## ADDING NEW MACHINERY

W. J. Duncan was in the city Thursday of last week looking after his gin interests. Mr. Duncan is having new machinery added and otherwise equipping his gin to care for the season's ginning in the Draper country. A large crop of cotton is expected to be made and gathered in that section, many of the farmers now having most promising prospects of from three-fourths to a bale of cotton to the acre. Heretofore people of the East have thought that Western Texas was a wilderness and the lands adapted only for grazing purposes, but since railroads have come and the man with the hoe has invaded this territory it is now being demonstrated each year that no richer agricultural lands exist in America. Watch West Texas and keep your eyes especially on that part of it known as the Spur country.

### PROTRACTEE MEETING

The protracted meeting being conducted by Rev. Billberry at Tap is well attended and is doing much good. There were fourteen people baptized Sunday, the number of conversions being much larger. Rev. Billberry has been assisted by Rev. Nicholson who left the latter part of last week. Sunday dinner was had on the ground and the day and services were enjoyed by a large crowd.

## BALE TO THE ACRE AND THEN SOME

B. T. Duncan, of near Draper, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything in his part of the country in fine shape. Mr. Duncan said that he had about seventy three acres of cotton nearly waist high and loaded from top to bottom with squares, blooms and bolls, and promising a yield of one bale or more to the acre. There is no country in the world that will produce more abundantly than this section of western Texas and which is being demonstrated each year by the farmers of the country, and the man who is looking for a farming location will do well to investigate the possibilities and inducements being offered here before permanently locating elsewhere. There are thousands of acres of the richest agricultural land in America now vacant in this section and which will be sold on easy terms and small payments to men who will build homes and become a part of our citizenship.

### DELIGHTED

T. B. Danforth, who formerly lived in the Tap country but who is now farming near Red Land, New Mexico, was in the city this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Danforth says that he now has fine crop prospects and he is delighted with his new home. Before leaving he handed us a dollar for the paper a year and we expect to keep him posted on what the Spur country is doing in the future.

## BUYING FARM IN THIS SECTION

E. T. Estes, of Paducah, was in Spur last week to buy farm land in this section. Mr. Estes formerly lived in Dickens county is familiar with the conditions and knows that the soil here is rich and will produce in abundance and variety every character of farm product. There is but one thing lacking in this country and that is more farms and more farmers, and they are coming rapidly, developing the country and before many years this section will become an important factor to the agricultural world. Mr. Estes bought a farm three or four miles north of Spur and we understand that he will move his family here at an early date. We welcome them back to Dickens and wish them a long, happy and prosperous home with us.

### CROPS FLATTERING

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Saturday from his ranch in the Cat Fish country and says that crop conditions in that section continue to be most promising of a beautiful yield at this time. The crop conditions in every section of the Spur country and Dickens county are most flattering at this time, and since we have had plenty rain there is but one thing now to cut short the crops and that is the possibility of damage by worms which are now reported in the cotton crops but not yet doing any damage.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Burley Griffin entertained a number of the little folks of the city at her home north of Spur. Refreshments consisting of lemonade, cake, water melons and other sweetmeats were served and all present enjoyed the afternoon. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of little Miss Gill Humphrey who received quite a number of presents from her little friends. During the afternoon various games were indulged in the delight of each of the guests.

### WEDDED

Saturday night about twelve o'clock H. H. Garrett and Miss Maggie Danueld, of the Tap country, came to Spur and called at the home of Justice of the Peace Senning, requesting that he perform the necessary ceremony to unite them as man and wife. The ceremony was duly performed and the newly wedded couple went on their way rejoicing. The Texas Spur joins their friends in best wishes and may Mr. and Mrs. Garrett live long and prosper.

### INJURED

While working on the new school building J. R. Laine was severely injured Friday of last week, a wheel-barrow falling from the top of the building and striking Mr. Laine on the head. Mr. Laine sustained several cuts and bruises about the head and face and as a result is unable to work at this time.

## GOOD CROPS AROUND AFTON

T. E. Rucker, of the Afton country, was a recent visitor in the city and reports the crops of his section in the very finest shape, most of the farmers expecting to gather three-fourth and one bale of cotton to the acre, the only thing to prevent being the possibility of damage by worms as a result of too much rain. However, the dry, hot weather during the past several days is encouraging and but little fear is entertained of serious damage by worms.

### RETURN FROM GOMANCHE

Marshal J. M. Neely and daughter, Miss Lena Bell, returned Saturday from Comanche where they had been to attend the bedside of a sick relative who later died. Mrs. Neely and daughter, Will Stephens and wife will remain in Comanche until after the reunion about the fifteenth of August, at which time they will return home.

## PREPARING FOR SPUR PICNIC

The various committees appointed to prepare for the picnic and barbecue to be held August 23rd and 24th are all busy, and everything points to a successful entertainment in every respect.

The committees on grounds has secured the location, and the entertainment committee is securing everything in sight. The beef committee has secured the donation of about a dozen beeves, and will provide as many more as will be necessary to feed all who come to the picnic. A large crowd is expected, and we intend to furnish pleasure to all.

The railroads have been applied to for round trip rates, and four have agreed to put on a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip, granting a return privilege until the 25th or 27th of August. This will enable visitors to remain over a day or two to look at the country. The entertainment committee has secured a number of attractions among which are a "Merry-go-round", "Crazy House," and a balloon ascension with a monkey to make a parachute leap. Baseball games, foot races between boys and girls, a tournament, etc., are on the program.

On the first day a basket dinner will be given, and our home people are requested to come prepared to entertain visitors. In addition to the basket dinner on the first day the barbecue committee is prepared to take care of all visitors. On the second day there will be a regular barbecue dinner.

Mr. C. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson and Sons, has given the use of the garage for a display room for orchard, garden and farm products, and all who have anything to show are invited to bring it in, and each exhibit will be displayed, giving the name and residence of the exhibitor. It is requested that exhibits be brought in not later than the 22nd, so that the committee to receive and place them may have time to make a neat and artistic arrangement of everything that is to be shown.

## LOAD OF BIG WATER MELONS

W. D. Blair was in Saturday with a wagon load of big water melons grown on his place several miles east of Spur. Mr. Blair says that his other crops as well as his water melons are doing nicely and he is expecting a big yield of cotton and feed stuff as well as garden truck. The Spur country as a whole is one of the greatest producers of the world with respect to both quality, quantity and variety and now is the time for the homeless man to realize the fact, investigate the possibilities and secure a home before land values soar beyond the reach of those with limited means.

### BUMPER CROPS

S. W. Rather, one of the most prominent citizens of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his friends here. Mr. Rather reports everything in the Cat Fish country in the finest shape, farmers all expecting to gather bumper crops, plenty grass and stock water as a result of the recent rains. He reports some damage to crops also from a recent hail storm in that section.

### A LIBERAL ADVERTISER

A single page in a single issue of the Century taken for advertising purposes costs \$5000; in Harper's \$4000; in other prominent magazines from \$350 down to \$100. A yearly advertisement of one column in the Chicago Tribune costs \$56,000 for the lowest, and \$86,950 for the highest rates; in the New York Herald \$36,203 for the lowest, \$349,000 for the highest priced column. These papers, it is said, are never at a loss for advertising to fill their columns. These figures will doubtless be of interest to the man who invests \$10 and flatters himself with the idea that he is a liberal advertiser.

### NEW HOPE

Mr. J. E. Shelton of Spur is in our midst.

Mr. Davis, who lives in Spur, with two other gentlemen, passed through our neighborhood.

G. W. Dodson, A. A. Allen, J. L. Law and families and J. T. Kelly report a nice time while fishing on the Blanco Canyon.

Olen Arthur and Dennis Harkney will leave on an excursion trip to Colorado Tuesday.

Commissioner Jackson has let the contract to J. T. Whitaker for road building. The road is now being put in fine shape just north of Dickens for about five miles. Better roads and facilities for traveling our public-highways tends to develop mankind and the commerce of our country.

Mr. Frank Speer was the guest of J. J. Nolan some days past.

J. M. Jones is putting a new addition to his dwelling. A gallery is being built the entire length of the house on the east side.

Eugene Blakely, Ira Dobbs, Sam Clinton and Watt Holley have gone to the Concho River to fish and a pleasure trip.

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### RED MUD NEWS

Well everybody is still busy trying to get through their crops before fall. Laying by will soon be over and then everybody will have nothing to do but go fishing and see wife's kin folks. The scribe is thinking of doing both. Don't know just how it will be yet.

A. E. Whitten was up from Jayton several days this week visting friends. Mr. Whitten had just returned from Van Horn where he had been on a visit to his son, John, who is well known in this country.

The prohibition election passed off quietly this beat there being 19 votes cast, 12 for and 7 against prohibition. If we had had 100 votes we would have cast every one of them for prohibition, but it is a good thing everybody can't see the same way, or we might have failed to have gotten our "better half."

Mrs. Joe Marlin, we are sorry to say is quite sick, but is some better than she was.

Mrs. J. H. Davis is on the sick list this week.

We understand Rev. M. H. Meadows of Jayton will commence a meeting at this place Friday night before the first Sunday in August.

John McKenzie and family have been visting Mrs. McKeever's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Crump in Crosby County.

John M. Davis came down out of the shinnery Saturday and assisted in holding the election. John says he knows he is getting up in years but he hasn't given up hopes yet. John is a bachelor you know.

T. O. Tilley made a trip to Jayton last week.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell died Sunday morning and was buried Monday Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell have the sympathy of the entire community.—Kent County News.

At what time will the clock stop.

### DICKENS ITEM

S. R. Davis and family of Spur were in town visting relatives Sunday.

Tom O'Neal, of Mineral Wells, and Miss Lillian and Master Vernon-Clay of Spur were in Dickens visting friends Sunday.

Marriage license were issued Thursday to H. H. Garrett and Miss Maggie McDaniel, both of the Red Mud community.

Marriage license were issued to Mr. W. W. Stephens and Miss Minnie B. Norris of Afton. They were united in marriage on the street, Judge Gibson officiating.

A. J. Higgins, of Mingus, who resided here thirty years ago, was here last week on a visit to his brother-in-law, Sheriff Cole.

Messrs. H. B. Lovett, G. P. Oliver, L. Fillmon and I. C. Cox, all prominent farmers and stock raisers of the Abilene country, spent Wednesday night in Dickens. They all expressed themselves as being highly pleased with Dickens county and the great Spur country.

Jas. Robertson of the Afton country passed through Dickens Saturday with a wagon load of as fine peaches as we ever saw in any man's country. The fertile valleys of California nor the river sides of Colorado with all their productiveness have never produced a finer peach. If anyone doubts this statement they will find some of those same peaches on exhibition at the Commercial hall at Spur.

Jim Perkins was in recently from the Red Mud country trading with Spur merchants and greeting his friends here.

Mr. Gilmore, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Monday and reports everything in his country in fine shape with plenty rain and fine cross prospects. He was carrying the mail into Spur this week in the absence of Mr. Hatings.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday and spent a few hours here greeting his friends.

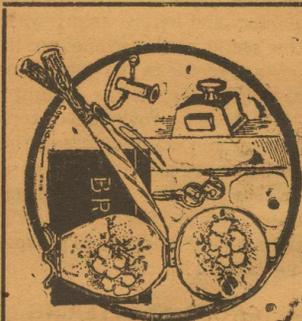
Uncle Tom Smith was in Monday from the Cat Fish country and spent several hours here.

Willis Smith of the Tap country was in the city Monday on business and spent some time here.

Pete Holcomb, of Waxahachie, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and spent some time here.

S. P. Odam, of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants.

Sam McKay, a prominent citizen of Tap, was in Saturday and says that everyteing is in fine shape, good crops and all the farmers smiling.



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Mrs. Pass, who has been spending several days with relatives on the Plains, returned last week to Spur and will spend some time here with her sons, G. C. and E. L. Pass before returning to her home in Bell county.

J. F. Vernon and W. S. Dunn attended the protracted meeting Saturday night at Tap, meeting the night with Tom McArthur. Tom said that he put Mr. Vornon to cooking and although he said that he had not cooked a biscuit in several years they had a fine breakfast and there were no biscuits left.

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### AMITY GLEANINGS

Our farmers are having to arouse their courage just a wee bit to prevent their smiles from losing some of their genuineness. Of course a smile, above all things, must be genuine.

Mr. Wyly Stephens and brother Adgie, of our community, made a busiaess trip to Munday this week.

Eugene Blakely and family of Liberty will leave Tuesday on an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Misses Beula Christopher and Nina Walker returned from Jayton last Sunday where they had spent a pleasant week visting relatives and making new acquaintances.

Miss Myra Wilson visted on the Plains two days last week.

Mrs. Buchanan has been quite sick the past week, we sincerely hope she will soon be able to enjoy her usual health again.

It is reported that boll worms are doing some damage to cotton in our vicinity.

Mr. Jack Nelner has been very busy using singletrees to knock the worms off the stalks. When asked if they would not just crawl back again. He said they couldn't be eating while they were crawling back. After all Mr. Nelner's idea is a good one and we sincerely hope those worms will every one die before they get back to a single stalk. Mr. Nelner has a reputation for getting interested in cotton crops especially sod cotton crops.

Mr. John Law and family, Mr. George Dodson and family and Mr. Allen of our community made a fishing trip to the canyon last week. A nice time was reported by all.

Mr. Christopher and Mr. Burgess, two of the members of our school board made a trip to Spur Monday after the new desks for our school room. We believe we have the best desks in the county. It is our sincere desire to keep our house and furnishings clean sanitary and free from scratches and marks of defacure

of any kind. When you attend church or any kind of meeting, at Amity will you kindly remember to help us? Rest assured that pupils, patrons and teachers will thank you if you remember to not spit on the floor or scratch on the benches.

School is progressing nicely. We have enrolled to date 24 pupils and will have others soon. Our new sixth grade folks are taking a hold of their work in a way that is a pleasure to them and a delight to their teacher.

Ben Clark and Hallet Holly went to Jayton to play in the ball game Monday.

Mr. Editor there are just lots of ripe water melons out here now.

Pioneer.

### NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Dickens.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on 1st day of August A. D. 1911, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of R. B. Spencer, versus R. J. Heflin and N. H. Heflin, No 343, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in September A. D. 1911, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 20 in block No 37, in the town of Spur, Dickens county, Texas, as shown by the original plat of said town, of record in the office of the County Clerk of Dickens County, Texas, levied on as the property of R. J. Heflin and N. H. Heflin, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,203.73 in favor of R. B. Spencer, and costs of suit.

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#### LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masons—Spur Lodge No. 1023, meet Thursday evening before full moon in each month. W. G. Sherrod, W. M.; Jeff D. Reagan, 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, Fred Hsiey Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday. T. A. Tidwell N. G. Emmitt Lee 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; W. H. Hisey, Sec.

#### GOOD ADVICE

A good citizen accepts the verdict of the majority, and bows to the will of the people. If, as is now the indication, the statewide prohibition amendment is defeated, it matters not how small the majority just so that majority is correct, the people should, as good citizens, accept the verdict for a time at least, and drop the matter. Some good has come out of the election. It has demonstrated that since 1887 the sentiment against the open saloon has grown stronger, and that the anti majority has been cut down to a mere nothing, less than 5,000 in a total vote of nearly a half million. For this reason the advocates of statewide prohibition have every reason to feel encouraged, and unless the method of conducting the open saloon in Texas is very greatly improved, and that within the next few years, there is no doubt but that another contest will be the result. The result of Saturday's election, when compared with the election of 1887 should be sufficient to convince the whiskey interests that about one half the people of Texas have become dissatisfied with the manner in which the open saloon is conducted and unless they take the hint and conduct the business more in accordance with such laws we now have and that may in the future be enacted, the people of Texas will close them entirely.—Wichita Falls Times.

#### A CORRECTION

Dickens, Texas, 8-2, 1911. The Texas Spur, Spur, Texas. I no-

tice in a recent issue of your paper, of the "Tap Tellings" an article about Mr. Rucker being gone to parts unknown. The Teller would do well to inform himself before telling. Everybody knows where Mr. Rucker is that wants to. A sad mistake. Mr. Carpenter is not working Ruckers crop. Rucker sold his crop to J. S. Gardner. Rucker is in Afton country, Mr. Tap Teller.

W. M. Rucker.

#### OFFICERS OF UNITED STATES

President William Howard Taft of Ohio; salary, \$75,000.00 with \$25,000.00 addition for traveling expenses.

Vice-President James Schoolcraft Sherman of New York; salary \$12,000.00.

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Secretary of the Navy, George von L. Meyer of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior, Richard Achilles Ballinger of Washington.

Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson of Iowa.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charls Nagel of Missouri.

#### THE COMMON PEOPLE

In the course of time nearly all of us run across a man who thinks he's better than his associates.

When he meets new people he can't down that impression. In his every day life he feels that he's better than the people he meets, and his "snobbishness" permeates all his actions.

This man tops the list of that classification in Daniel Webster's book spelled "FOOL."

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If they ran across the old hound they used to hunt rabbits with when boys, they haven't grown so much bigger that they couldn't stop anywhere and pat him on the head just as when he would "tree" game for them.

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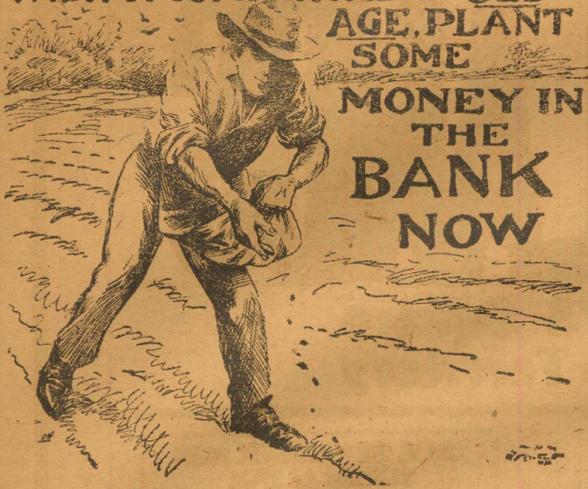
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**ALEXANDER ACQUITTED**

Dr. J. M. Alexander of Abilene who was charged with the killing of Robert O'Neil in the wash room of the Stamford Inn on June 25, 1911, was acquitted by a jury at Anson last week. This was a noted case in criminal jurisprudence and attracted attention all over the state. The jury was out all night before returning a verdict. The trial of Dr. Alexander was a great legal battle. The defense and state were represented by the best legal talent in West Texas.

**STRUCK BY LIGHTNING**

One of the saddest accidents that has happened in Stonewall for years, when Mrs. Austin Eaton of Croton was struck by lightning. She was in the kitchen getting supper when she was struck by the lightning. The bolt of lightning tore her ankle and foot very badly. Every bone in same was broken. Dr. Nichols of Peacock was called in and her leg was amputated some time that night. She lived until Saturday evening when death came to her relief. This was a sad death indeed, when the wife and mother of the home was struck down in the very prime of life. We have known Mr. and Mrs. Austin Eaton for a number of years, knew them down in Shackelford county, and this sad accident and death was sad news to us indeed.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband and little ones in their great sorrow. May the good Lord heal the broken hearts.—Aspermont Star.

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You have heard men say, "I've got an easy job."

They haven't though, because the job has them.

It has a firm grip on the seat of their trousers and is "just waiting."

There usually comes a day when the seemingly easy job gets tired of associating with a "shirker" and supplants him for a worker.

The man who has what he terms a "lead pipe cinch" can't last long.

He wears out his own job.

His shiftlessness shows him up and Father Time hands him a "knock out."

Hard knocks never down any man who had hard steel in him.

They tend to spur on those who have a stiff backbone, and crush the ones who can't stick.

"I Can't" and "Hard Knocks" are the worst enemies, and in every conflict "I Can't" always loses.

This business world is a great big university, and the sign over the gateway will ever consist of two words, "Hard Knocks."

Going from class room to class room there are many hand to hand battles with Professor Experience.

It's a hard grind, but the ax having the right temper continues to be sharpened and eventually cuts its way through every obstacle, and Graduation Day receives the Diploma of Success.—Family Magazine.

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19 Sets of Rogers Plated Silver Knives, Forks & Spoons  
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It is necessary for all ticket-holders to be in our store at the time when the face of the clock is uncovered.

We want you to secure one of these handsome presents, so as to advertise our business and show in a substantial way we appreciate your trade. We are not making any money on them—we don't expect to—we make this offer simply to please our old customers. This is a splendid opportunity for you to secure a handsome set of Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, a China Cabinet and a Drop Head Sewing Machine.

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Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

C. A. Jones, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

LOST. A pair of nose glasses with chain attached, on the ball ground. Return to Viola Flowers.

Rev. Pearn preached Sunday at the Christian tabernacle to an appreciative audience.

V. H. Davis, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and spent several hours here.

It is said that Mr. Brown who is farming several twenty acre blocks north of Spur has the prettiest crops of the country.

Mrs. Bertie Baker who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Teague, returned to her home at Old Fisher Thursday.

Pat Greer, of the Tap country, was in the city several hours Saturday and report everything all o. k. in that section.

LOST in west part of town, child's bracelet, gold engraved. Finder return to Barber & Hancock and get reward.

Mrs. W. H. Teague and son, Thomas, left Thursday to visit old friends of Old Fisher near Rotan. From there they will visit relatives at Eadon, Concho county.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here. Mr. Fuquay reports the crops of the Cat Fish country in fine shape.

Hugh Squires has resigned his position with the deep well crew to accept a position at Afton. We hate to lose this good family, but wish them much prosperity and happiness in their new home.

County Commissioner Garner was in Spur Saturday shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Garner is having a new residence built on his farm a mile or two northeast of Spur and will soon have it ready for occupancy.

C. J. Smith was in the city Saturday from Red Mud to see Mrs. Smith and children off on the train to visit relatives in other parts of the state. Mr. Smith said that we need not be surprised to hear some howling out in his neighborhood at an early date, since he is now keeping bachelors hall and such life soon becomes monotonous.

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### TAP TELLINGS

The extremely hot weather the past few days is having a telling effect on the crops. The leaf worm has done considerable damage to the cotton in this section.

J. H. Williams and sons, Pink and Verie are out in Mexico prospecting.

B. F. Busby, of Stamford, was here last week spying out the country with a view of locating here.

Rev. Nicholson, who was assisting in the meeting here, left Friday for other fields of labor.

Editor McClure came out last week in an auto and the supply of gasoline exhausted. So McClure feasted on melons and peaches while waiting for gasoline to carry him back to town.

J. D. Rash and family were here Sunday, the guests of J. H. Sparks.

Fred Danforth and Warren Turner left first of the week for Mexico prospecting and visiting relatives.

Homer Garrett and Miss Maggie McDaniels were married Thursday of last week. We wish for them smooth sailing over life's matrimonial sea.

The big meeting closed here Sunday night with more than twenty additions to the church. Fourteen by baptism.

S. W. McKay went to Crosbyton this week with a load of peaches.

Mrs. C. J. Smith and children are visiting Mrs. Smith's mother this week in Eastland county.

Gadabout.

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AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

### COUNTY BOARD

The County Board of Education met at Dickens Monday and organized. The Board consists of five members in addition to the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is by law made secretary of the Board. The Board consists of Jeff D. Reagan, chairman; W. G. Jackson, Ed Chambers, Minor Wilson and J. A. Murchison and County Judge Gibson. A meeting of the board is called at Dickens on August 25 and 26 to classify the schools and courses of study for this county.

Editor Morris, of the Jayton Herald was in the city Saturday and assisted Spur in the match game of ball with the Shinnery Twigs of Afton. The game is said to be one of the best of the season, the score being seven to eight in favor of Spur.

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### DOUTHIT-HEAFER

The recital given by Misses Douthit and Heafer at the Methodist tabernacle Tuesday evening was a treat to all those who heard it. Miss Douthit as a reader is a splendid entertainer and possesses remarkable power of information. She is specially happy in humorous readings. Miss Heafer has been heard before by the Spur public' having sung several times at the Sunday services. She has a rich mellow voice and has it under excellent control. We hope to have the pleasure of listening to those popular entertainers again.

L. W. Davis returned the latter part of last week from a business trip of several days to Fort Worth.

### AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Isaac Sellars, of Tyler, will preach at the Baptist church, in the absence of the pastor, both Sunday morning and night. His subject for the morning will be "The Beauties of the Lord's Prayer," and at night will be "Seven-fold Salvation."

### NOTICE

I have been appointed by the School Board as Music Teacher for the new Public School and will begin my class on September 1 at my home, will move to new school building as soon as it is completed. Come and give me your name on the first of September, for I feel sure that I will be able to instruct you in a manner that will meet your approval. My terms are two lessons one week and three the next, at \$5.00 per month, (from 1st to 1st.)  
Mrs. Sam P. Clemmons.

The Texas Spur will give one year's subscription to the party bringing in the biggest watermelon grown in the country, six months subscription to the next largest and three months subscription for the third largest melon brought to the office this season. The melons will be weighed, recorded and duly cared for thereafter.

J. A. Neighbors, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here trading with merchants and greeting friends.

Misses Elnora Dunn and Addie Poole went out to Roaring Springs Saturday where they will spend the week visiting friends and attending the camp meeting now in progress at that place.

Uncle Tom Gilmore came in Saturday from the Spur Ranch and reports everything moving along nicely, grass growing fine and plenty stock water everywhere. Agricultural and stock-farming interests were never better in any country than is now the case in this section of western Texas. Stock cattle are in the finest shape and we expect to break all former records in crop yields. Come to west Texas.

Mr. Perry, of the Tap country was a recent visitor in the city.

Mr. Jones made a business trip the latter part of last week to Crosbyton.

T. C. Copeland reports that he has the finest new ground crop of the whole country.

Pete Hex, of the Afton country, was in town Thursday trading with Spur merchants.

E. C. Edmonds made a business trip this week to Eastland where he spent several days.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children visited several days this week with relatives in Stamford.

C. D. Copeland left Monday for Mart for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. F. W. West and children, of several miles east of Spur, are gone on a visit to their parents in San Saba.

R. R. Morrison left Saturday for Rotan where he will spend several days looking after his business interests at that place.

Miss Pirkle, of Oklahoma, is visiting her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks of the Tap country.

Sol Davis and son, Bob, left Monday for Dallas where they will spend several days on business.

J. L. Law and Bruce Wilson, two prominent citizens of north of Dickens, were in Spur trading Monday.

Last week C. C. Haile sold his farm in the Afton country to Hugh Squires, taking in his house and lot in Spur on the deal. Mr. Squires and family moved the latter part of the week to their new home and will hereafter be identified with the farming interests of the Afton country. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Squires much prosperity and a most pleasant home in the Afton country.

Billy Hancock, of Jayton, was in Spur the latter part of last week looking over the country with a view of buying land, and since he was in the hands of C. C. Haile, the land man, it is very probable that he will be landed. We extend Mr. Hancock a welcome to this section and assure him that no better country could be found than the Spur country and Dickens country.

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### TRIP TO EMMA AND RALLS

Monday of last week the writer accompanied by Tom O'Neal made a trip up to Ralls and the Plains country where we spent several days on business and looking over the country.

Arriving at Emma we met a number of the citizens of the town and country, and in company with John R. Ralls and Little Travis drove over the country in his big Maxwell automobile. He first taken us out to his six hundred and forty acre farm about one mile west of Emma, and here we saw some of the finest crops outside of the Mississippi Botton. Mr. Travis is cultivating about one hundred and fifty acres, the balance of his farm being rented to other parties. He has two acres in orchard which is now four years

old, the trees being loaded with fine peaches at this time. In the orchard he has several varieties of peaches, apples, pears and other fruits. He has about thirty acres of corn which will make thirty or forty bushels of corn to the acre. In the field are five or six acres of peanuts from which he expects to gather from forty to sixty bushels to the acre. We saw ten or fifteen acres of Big German millet which was nearly as high as a man's head, and the heads of which looked to be six or eight inches long, being the finest millet we ever saw anywhere and could not grow finer in any country. His field of cotton was about waist high, loaded from top to bottom, and promises a yield of a bale to the acre. In the field is growing a number of acres of as fine kaffir corn and maize as any one ever saw in any country. The heads were big and full and stalk looked

black and greasy. We drove over a greater portion of the country and the like crops are prevailing in every section.

On our return we came by the home of Judge Murry, who lives in the south part of Emma. Judge Murry has two acres in an orchard and we believe that this orchard can not be surpassed by any in Texas, Florida or California. In the orchard are trees bearing thousands of peaches, apples, pears, grapes of different varieties, soft shell almonds, and every tree was loaded to the guards with as fine fruit as one could wish for in any country.

While our space is limited at this time, suffice to say that this trip to the Plains convinced us that it is a wonderful country and worthy the notice of those who desire to locate and build a home in a section where prosperity will abound and the country will produce an abundance of fruit and staple crops of the South and prosper those who take advantage of the unlimited opportunities now prevailing.

A number of the big ranches surrounding Ralls and Emma are now being cut up and will be placed on sale to the home builder at an early date. Heretofore that section as well as other parts of the Great West has been held by and for stock farming interests, but since railroads have come such interests are now giving way to the man with the hoe and before many years the Plains country as well as this and other sections will be producing the staple crops of

the country and prosper thousands of farmers where now only a few stockmen are deriving the profits and benefits of a limited development.

Jno. R. Ralls is also preparing to open up a new town on the South Plains Railroad three miles north of Emma and lots will probably be placed on sale the first of September. The streets are now being graded, the townsite surveyed and plans under way for the construction

of a number of public buildings as well as business houses. The rich and vast surrounding territory insures this to become a solid substantial town from the very beginning and the country is expected to develop at a rapid rate.

Let all of Western Texas develop. We are here to do our part to that end. In the mean time keep your eyes on West Texas and especially that part of it known as the Spur country.

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