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A BROOM FACTORY NOW TURNING OUT BROOMS

A broom factory was established last year by G. G. Selder & Sons at their home several miles south of Spur and throughout this year these gentlemen have been manufacturing brooms for themselves and others who raised broom corn within this territory.

The factory has a capacity of two and a half dozen brooms per day and has been kept busy working up the broom corn grown by Messrs. Selder and their neighbors.

Mr. Selder brought us in a sample of his brooms and presented it to the Texas Spur. It is as good as any foreign brooms sent here for sale and they are being sold for thirty-five and fifty cents.

The slogan of this country is and should be build factories and patronize home industries, and every broom manufactured in the Spur country should be used by the people of the Spur country. When this is done it will be only a short time until we will be supplying other sections of the country with the finished products of the great Spur territory.

CONTRIBUTE RESOURCES.

Howard Campbell has our thanks for one dollar and seventy-five cents on subscription account. Mr. Campbell lives on a twenty acre block north of Spur and is making good crops this year. All of the twenty acre blocks in the Duck Creek valley north of Spur are of the richest soil and are most conveniently located for truck farming. In the years to come those who own blocks in that part of the city will be most successful and will contribute much to the resources of the town.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Dock Edwards, of the Croton country, was in the city the first of the week and was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, and before leaving handed us two dollars for two subscriptions to the Texas Spur, extending his own subscription and that of Mrs. Francis Van Geen of Eastland and for which he has our thanks.

HENSON & POOLE

We have bought the stock and fixtures of the White Front Grocery Company and are now receiving new goods daily. The trade and influence of the people of Spur and surrounding country will be greatly appreciated. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Both phones 28.

Duke Henson & A. L. Poole.

EXTENDS SUBSCRIPTIONS

County Commissioner H. T. Garner, of a mile or two north-east of Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office the latter part of last week and turned in a dollar and seventy-five cents for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year. Mr. Garner reports everything moving along nice in his section of the country.

MORAL AND ENTERTAINING

The attractions at the Lyric Theatre throughout the week has been most amusing and entertaining, and those who failed to attend have missed seeing some of the best pictures ever produced on canvass. The pictures now being shown are of the very latest films, and are high class, moral pictures and are well worth the price of admission. Mr. Zinn, the manager, states that he is now on the circuit with Dallas, Fort Worth and Abilene, receiving his films direct from the latter, thus showing pictures of the very latest type. Mr. Zinn also states that he will put on a special for Saturday night, and we assure you it will be a clean, moral show and highly entertaining.

THE SPUR POST-OFFICE IS NOW BEING MOVED

In response to orders from the government post-office department work began Monday moving the postoffice of Spur from its former location to the lot across the street from the Texas Spur office on Fifth Street. It will be remembered that at the beginning of Spur the post-office was established near this point, later being removed to the lot next to the Hisey Grocery store where it has remained nearly two years. Hereafter the patrons of the postoffice will turn west instead of east on Fifth Street to reach the office.

NOTICE

Owing to the high price of cattle and high price of feed, we are forced to ask and require our friends and patrons to pay cash for meat. - Central Meat Market.

COTTON NOW COMING TO SPUR MORE RAPIDLY

Throughout the week cotton has been coming into Spur more rapidly and in larger quantities than at any other time since the opening of the fall season. One man brought in nearly forty bales, others fifteen, ten and or down to one and two bales, making the sum total a pretty large number of bales. Some of this cotton was shipped to await future developments in the price while a considerable portion of it was sold on the Spur market.

The Spur buyers have been paying from eight seventy-five to nine and a half cents a pound throughout the week, and this is considered above the market price.

The Spur merchants, bankers and business men have been assisting and cooperating with the farmers of this territory in their efforts to secure a better price for the cotton, the merchants have been cutting down their profits in the sale of goods for the benefit of customers, extending accounts that have matured, the bankers loaning money on cotton, and no doubt this trade territory appreciates such assistance and concessions.

STORES WILL CLOSE

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that all the stores and places of business will be closed by agreement next Thursday on account of Thanksgiving. Everybody is requested to do their shopping and trading in accordance with this agreement on the part of the business interests of Spur.

Mrs. Bridges of the Poultry Yard is coming to Spur.

SOCIALIST MEETING

Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. W. D. Clay of the Socialist Local reports that an interesting meeting was had Saturday night and four new names added to their membership, a good program was rendered and the business handled with satisfactory dispatch. Another call meeting was held Wednesday night of this week in response to a call from the National Secretary for the purpose of aiding the Los Angeles Local in their troubles. At this meeting two more new members were enrolled. The next regular meeting will be held December 2, and everybody is invited to attend.

PRÆTORIANS ENTERTAIN WITH AN OYSTER SUPPER

Friday night last the Prætorian Lodge of Spur entertained the families and friends of its membership with an oyster supper.

The program of music and songs were rendered in a most entertaining manner, and the address of welcome by C. C. Tyler was delivered in a convincing and forceful manner.

Two long tables were provided by the arrangement committee and the oysters were prepared by W. B. Griffin in the most inviting manner and served to a large number of the guests and

The Prætorian lodge is one of the largest orders of Spur, with respect to membership, and on this occasion the Camp and its membership entertained in the most delightful way.

In the welcome address Mr. Tyler impressed the audience with facts concerning the order, its large membership, strong financial backing and extensive organization within the United States. Mr. Tyler is a good speaker and with more opportunity is destined to become an orator of note and worth to the town and country.

HELPING THE SPUR.

S. W. Thompson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and before leaving handed us a dollar and seventy-five cents for the Spur and Dallas News another year.

GOVERNOR COLQUITT AP- POINTS COUNTY CHAIRMEN

We note from the Dallas News of Monday that J. Carlisle of Gilpin has been appointed by Governor Colquitt as one of the Dickens county Chairmen in the organization of the cotton interests to secure a reduction of the acreage of that product in 1912. The Governor intends to appoint one Farmers Union and one non-union man in each county of the state as chairmen, thus contributing to the cooperation of all cotton interests in the work of trying to secure a better price in the future for the staple. For years the Farmers Union has been working to that end and it is now hoped that with the aid and cooperation of the governor and other interests the diversification idea will be more generally and effectively adopted throughout Texas and other Southern states. It is an unquestioned fact that in order for the farmer to demand and secure his price for cotton he must first have other resources than the one crop upon which to depend for a living. If he only has one crop upon the sale of which depends his living, and that one crop mortgaged before it is produced, he is at a disadvantage in making a demand in its sale or price, and as a result the other fellow does the buying as well

PROSPECTORS COMING

Notwithstanding the prevailing conditions and cotton situation in every section of the country, prospectors are coming to Spur, buying homes settling and improving the surrounding country.

This week we are informed, that a number of people have come in, bought farms and will make this country their home in the future. There are more inducements and less disadvantages to encounter in the settlement and improvement of the surrounding country than elsewhere. We are glad to see farmers realizing and accepting the conditions here offered, and we are confident that they will prosper with the entire citizenship.

ENTERTAINED

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. S. T. Clemmons entertained for the purpose of having the ladies of the town meet Mrs. Knox, wife of the Presbyterian minister who recently moved to Spur and assumed the duties of pastor of the church at this place.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. I. S. York and introduced to the guest of honor by Mrs. J. E. Shelton after which all repaired to the dining room where Mrs. Clemmons assisted by Mesdames Barrett and Kiesler served refreshments in courses of chicken salad, french fried potatoes, nuts, stuffed olives, light bread sandwiches and coffee with whipped cream.

Mrs. Clemmons is a charming hostess, and on this occasion originated a social function of import in that friendships were formed and the guests afforded a most delightful social entertainment.

Henson & Poole

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Successors to The White Front Grocery Store.

BOTH PHONES 28

SPUR, TEXAS

We Have Just Received

And have in stock a car of the justly celebrated Bain Wagons, in all the standard sizes, and both broad and narrow tires. If you are in the market at this time, we would be glad to give you prices on them.

Spur Hardware Com'y.

Everything in Hardware

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ALL KINDS OF STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

Fresh Vegetables, fruits, etc. to be had from us. Not the Cheapest but the Best for the Same. A trial order will convince you. Prompt service and courteous treatment our hobby. Both Phones 93, Spur, Texas

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Complete line of Coffins,
Caskets and Robes

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Mrs. Bridges of the Poultry
Yard is coming to Spur.

Calico is cheaper than silk
Some flour is cheaper than Light
Crust. Bryant-Link Co.

Spaulding Hack, two seats and
top, to sell or trade, almost new.
See Jackson Realty Co.

L. C. Arrington was among
those of the Afton country who
brought cotton to Spur this week.

Dr. Bachelor, who has been
spending the past several weeks
in Slaton, returned Monday to
Spur.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin
country, was in Spur this week
on business and reports every-
thing moving along nicely in his
section.

Mrs. G. T. Brandon left Spur
Tuesday for Palestine in re-
sponse to a message stating that
her grand-mother was very ill
and not expected to survive.

Mr. Perry, of Stephenville,
spent several days in Spur this
week looking after his business
interests in connection with the
Spur Hardware Company.

Mr. Strickland returned the
latter part of last week from
Waco and other places where he
spent several days on business
and also visiting his family.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

The farmers of Gilpin are
thanking providence for the fine
weather we have been having
for the few days past. If it con-
tinues for a few more days the
cotton in these parts will all be
gathered.

Wilhe and Jessie Hagins rode
their bikes to Girard Saturday
evening and then boarded the
three o'clock train for Jayton.
The boys returned Sunday and
report a fine time while on their
trip.

The Misses Nettie and Annie
Bert Marshal, accompanied by
Clay Rash, all of the Steel Hill
Settlement, attended Sunday
school at Duck Creek school
house Sunday, and by the way,
those who didn't attend Sunday
school last Sunday missed a good
deal. We boast of a good crowd
nice behavior, fine singing and a
splendid lesson. Everybody
come and bring your children,
and help us build up our Sun-
day school.

P. G. Hagins reports that he
will have no more cotton to pick
until next year.

We are pleased to announce
that Gilpin has a dentist in the
person of W. A. Hawkins. Tooth
extracting is his specialty. We
trust that all who have trouble
some been will give him a trial.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filed his
regular appointment at Clipper
school house Saturday and Sun-
day.

Miss Ruth Hawkins has re-
turned from her visit in Kent
county.

Mr. Brinkley, Carlisle is looking
rather downcast of late; his
mother is gone back east visit-
ing and left him to batch.

Miss Mattie Billberry and Miss
Ruth Hawkins were shopping in
Spur last week. Judging from
the bundles they carried we are
sure that some body was profited
by their trip.

Johnny Jump-Up.

Mrs. G. M. Bachelor, who has
been visiting relatives in Lousi-
anna the past several weeks, re-
turned Tuesday to her home in
Spur. A friend reports that
Mrs. Bachelor wrote her a letter
while in Louisiana stating that
she preferred the winds and
sands of Western Texas to the
swamps and malaria of that
country and as a result her re-
turn home was hastened.

BUYING MORE LAND

Uncle Tom Smith and sons,
Frank, W. H. and Tom, were in
the city Tuesday with six bales
of cotton to sell to the cotton
buyers of Spur. Uncle Tom
bought a quarter section of
land about six miles south west
of Spur from the Spur Farm
Lands management and says
that he will probably buy two
other quarters some time in the
future. He will begin the im-
provement of the land bought
and says that one of the boys
will move over on it as soon as a
house can be built. Uncle Tom
wants to get near Spur and we
are glad to have him near us.

Four Hillside lots for sale at
\$162.50 each.—H. T. Burgoon.

R. R. Morrison made a busi-
ness trip Saturday to Rotan, re-
turning Monday.

You will miss a treat if you
fail to see Mrs. Bridges of the
Poultry Yard.

Watch for the date of the ap-
pearance of Mrs. Bridges of the
Poultry Yard. She is coming
soon.

J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin,
was in the city Tuesday and
spent some time here greeting
his friends.

W. A. Johnson of the Dockum
Stock Farm three miles north-
west of Spur, was in the city
Monday.

STOCK NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to who
ever it may concern that the
practice of turning horses and
cattle loose in the Spur Pastures
must cease as we will gather all
such stock and hold for pasture
at the Public Wagon Yard at
owners expense.

W. J. Lewis, Mgr.

CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

Friday afternoon Mesdames
George M. Williams and M. P.
Whittington entertained the So-
cial Club membership at the
home of Mrs. Williams. Among
the entertaining features was
fortune-telling. Slips of paper
bearing the names of each guest
were passed promiscuously
among the guests with the re-
quest that the past history be
written on the slip bearing the
name. The slips were taken up
and again passed among the
guests to foretell the future of
the party whose name appeared
on the slip. The slips were then
read by Mrs. Burgoon.

A musical contest was another
feature. Mrs. Turnage render-
ed a number of selections of
music, the guests being required
to guess the titles of the several
pieces rendered.

In serving refreshments the
hostesses were assisted by Mes-
dames Burgoon and Turnage and
Miss Holman. The refreshments
consisted of chicken salad, pea-
nut butter sandwiches, stuffed
olives, pickles, fruit salad with
whipped cream, sliced cake and

coffee.

The entertainment was one of
pleasure to all and Mesdames
Williams and Whittington main-
tained an established reputation
as charming entertainers.

GOING TO SCHOOL

Albert Spencer, who has been
employed on the Anson Reporter
the past several weeks, was in
Spur several days this week
greeting his friends here and also
to look after other personal
matters. From here Albert says
that he will probably go to Tyler
to attend school, taking a busi-
ness course in connection with
stenography and short hand.
He intends to become a court re-
porter and we wish him success.

THANKSGIVING BOX

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society
will pack a Thanksgiving Box
for Buckner's Orphan Home
Monday morning. All who have
good clothes, shoes, etc. to go in
the box will please send them to
the home of Mrs. G. C. Berry-
man by Monday morning.—Mrs.
Y. L. Jones.

Cotton is Advancing!

SELLING FOR BETWEEN 9 AND 10 CENTS!!

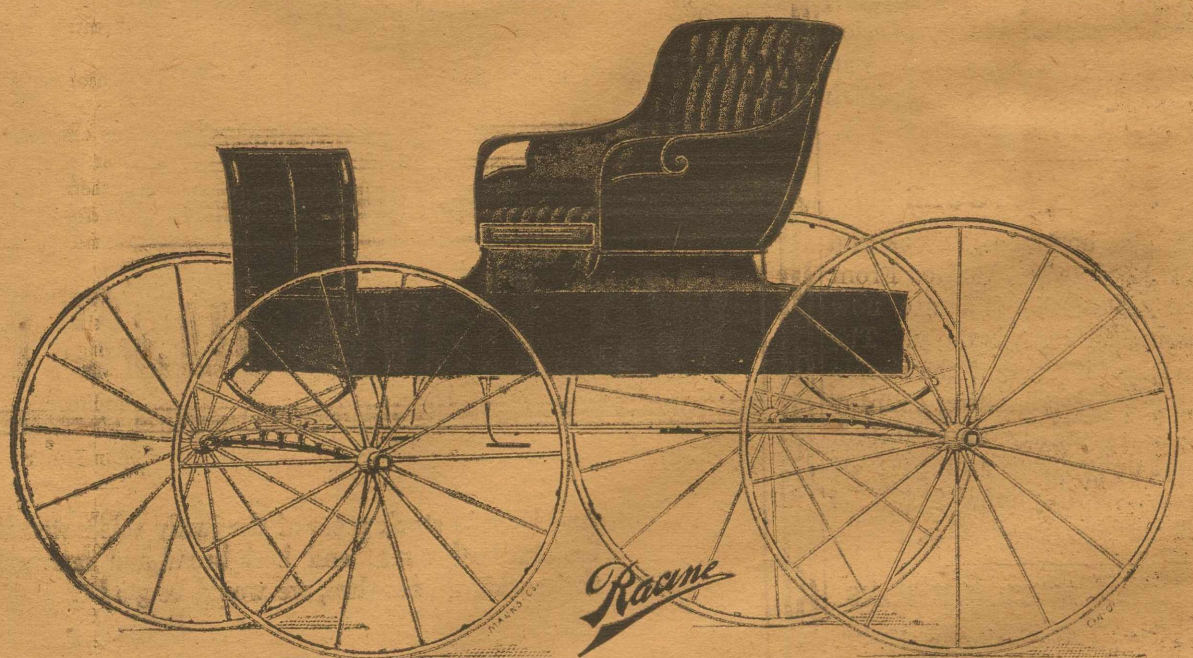
In the meantime we are prepared to furnish the trade with everything in
Drugs, Sundries and many Articles which can not be had elsewhere outside
of larger cities. Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, and School Supplies, etc.

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The Racine Buggy, One of The Oldest Make and The Best on Earth
THIS IS THE BUGGY YOU GET WHEN YOU BUY FROM

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LOW PRICED COTTON CONFRONTS US

We Must Adjust Ourselves to the Situation

Blues wont cure a corn on your little toe, much less solve a commercial problem like the cotton market. If you are going to need a new suit of clothes in place of ordering and paying \$25 plunks buy a \$15.00 all wool guaranteed Schwab Suit, and save \$10.00.

If You Need a New Dress

Don't think you have to pay \$1.00 a yard for it when we have beautiful patterns to show you at 25 and 35c and you won't look bad in one of our Red Seal Gingham patterns at 15c.

Remember Our Sweater Line

in mens, women and childrens we have a special line and bought in quantity that gives us prices that few other merchants own their goods at. So you should see and price our sweaters before buying.

Ladies, Misses & Children Coats

Ladies Suits, all the celebrated Duchess Line and we, releasing the low price of cotton are making prices on these goods to suit the time.

Iron Clad Hosiery--None Better

Made to wear when others tear. Made to stand the tom-boy and the tom-girl. It pays to buy the best, Iron Clad.

Outings, Outings, Outings

We are overstocked and you can get the best outing you ever saw at the price 10c.

New Moline Wagons

Just received a car and they are going fast. Don't fail to see the Moline it means light running and long life.

Light Crust Flour

the best not the cheapest, and a clean stock of groceries at right prices.

Car of Lily Darling Stoves & Ranges

Also coal and wood heaters. We want not only to cook your buiscuit but to keep you warm this winter. C B 4 U Buy

We want a liberal share of your business on the grounds of good merchandise, fair prices and honest dealing.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, Spur

TO THE BUSINESS CONCERNS OF SPUR

We, the Mayor and Commissioners of Spur, invite your attention to the following Ordinance relative to the use of fireworks adopted Monday, March 27, 1911.

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

Now, considering the great danger from fires, we earnestly request that you will not handle or offer for sale fireworks during the Christmas or New Year holidays. Your compliance with this request will be appreciated by all property owners and by us.

George S. Link, Mayor.
W. G. Sherrod, Com'r.
E. C. Edmonds, Com'r.

Mace Hunter was in the city Monday from his place several miles east of town and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

Hugh Hazlewood passed through Spur last week in route to his home at Cross Plains from a visit to his brother on the Plains.

LOST - Open face silver watch, Elgin movements, 17 jewels, short buckskin strop attached. \$2.50 reward. Return to Wayne VanLeer, Spur Texas. tf

Mr. Thomas, of Aspermont was in the city Monday on his return from Dickens where he had been to get the ginners report, he being the government reporter of ginning statistics of Dickens, Stonewall and Kent counties. Mr. Thomas said that he had sold out his drug business at Aspermont and is now looking for a location for either a newspaper or a drugstore.

DYING SUNDAY SCHOOL

While passing Duck Creek school house, I heard a mournful cry. I reigned my restive horses in, And said, "I'll just go by." And look into the matter. I cannot understand, It sounds like some one dying, And needs a helping hand.

I tied my horses quickly, And to the door I ran, I stepped up close and listened, And heard the sound again, "Oh bring me back my children, A mournful voice cried, Oh bring them to me quickly, But for them I would have died." Long ago and now they're gone, And I am forsaken quite, Oh bring me back my darlings, They are my life and light."

I pushed the door wide open— I must have had a dream, And looked about in wonder, For nothing could be seen.

While listening quite intently, A hollow voice said: "I am the Duck Creek school house, And I am almost dead, They've robbed me of my children, Oh I fear they'll all be lost, What can I do without them? They helped me bear the cross, And stranger if you love me, Go out and bring them in, From the hedges and the highways, And from the paths of sin, I am dying friend, yes dying, To tell them of Jesus' love, And guide their wayward foot steps, To God and heaven above" —Gilpin Texas.

I wish to let all know that I am now the local agent for the Vine Hill Nursery Co., and anyone wanting fruit trees, berry vines, grape vines, or flowers of any kind, will come and see me at Barber & Hancock's Hardware store and save money. A. T. Odeneal, Watchmaker & Jeweler, Spur, Texas. 2t

See L. W. Davis for Cotton Insurance. tf

GENERAL NEWS

A copious flow of gas has been secured at a depth of 951 feet near Trickham, Coleman County.

December second will be "Texas Day" at the Chicago Land Show. Many Texas towns will be represented.

During the fiscal year just ended the Controller of Currency at Austin registered Texas securities aggregating \$12,610,395.

Last year approximately two and a half million bushels of potatoes were raised in this state.

It is stated that the Santa Fe will spend two million dollars at Sweetwater for terminal facilities and office buildings.

The kaffir corn and milo maize acreage in Texas increased from 22,813 acres in 1899 to 573,384 in 1909.

Texas produced in 1909 97,036 tons of alfalfa, valued at \$1,839,314.

It is reported that a large cotton mill will be operated at Post City in the near future.

There are in Texas 194,993 farmers owning their farm and of these 131,161 own their own farms free of encumbrance.

The total yield of the peanut crop of Texas in 1909 was 1,076,296 bushels.

The Texas Spur \$1.00 per year

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Did you some of our last car?
If not, phone us your order
Now and save fifty cents per ton.

ARRIVING AND IN STOCK WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEEDSTUFF

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We have a complete stock and would appreciate your business

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We carry a large stock of building material of all kinds and will be glad to figure your bills. We also sell the Best McAlisters Coal at the lowest prices.

The Highest Prices Paid for dry Bones.

SANITARY TALK

The Editor, The Texas Spur,
Dear Sir:—I am taking the liberty of mentioning, herein, a matter which I consider of sufficiently vital importance to be brought forcefully to the attention of the public.

It has to do with the utter disregard with which people in general take up their residence in disease infected houses, or those in which dangerous germs may exist for all the tenant knows. This is true of those who live in the cities as well as of country folks, sanitary laws notwithstanding.

Most of us seem not to have the slightest hesitancy about moving into a house, previously occupied, but which has not been fumigated since. This is criminal, to say the least, and particularly so in this day of enlightenment as to germ conditions. These microbes, many of them, the cause of disease which rank highest in our mortality list, live on walls, floor cracks and crevices for months and some times for years, waiting to be thrown into the air by broom or duster and thence taken into our systems by means of food or through the lungs. Principally in this connection may be mentioned the germs of typhoid fever and tuberculosis in nearly all its forms.

Don't move into a house without first having disinfected, thoroughly, all the rooms. This may be accomplished easily and without much expense, and certainly the health of yourself and family demand this precaution. Of all earthly states good health is of the greatest, possibly giving place only to happiness, and at that there are few of us who can be happy without health.

Your doctor or druggist can direct you regarding any one of several good methods of fumigation. In an empty house the burning of sulphur is excellent, but where furniture would be tarnished by sulphur fumes, the use of formaldehyde or formalin together with potassium permanganate is entirely successful if used

in sufficient quantity. Of course all doors and windows must be tightly closed, with rags if necessary, and not reopened for at least twelve hours, longer if possible.

The time is coming when fumigation will be compulsory by law not only in cases where contagious diseases are known to have existed but before occur-

well.

Yours truly,
A Friend.

CENSUS REPORTS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9.—Probably what is to Texas farmers the most interesting of the preliminary statements of the thirteenth census bureau has been issued today by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The Statement places the aggregate value of Texas crops for 1909 at \$248,430,956.

The leading crops of the state in 1909, ranked in the order of valuation, were: Cotton, \$162,735,000; corn, \$50,565,000; hay and forage, 12,824,000; rough rice, \$6,087,000; kaffir corn and milo maize, \$3,735,000; oats, \$3,700,000; wheat, \$2,891,000; and peanuts \$,077,000.

Cotton, in the ten years from 1899 to 1909, increased 2,699,812 acres, or 42.7 per cent. In 1909, 316,704 farms reported 9,930,179 acres, producing a yield of 2,445,174 bales, valued at \$162,735,041.

Corn showed an increase of 112,362 acres, or 2.2 per cent. In 1909, 288,347 farms reported

I wish to let the people of Spur and Dickens county know that I am agent for the Lone Star Insurance Union and Burial Association. I will call on all I can. Any one wishing information in reference to either will call on me at my home or Mr. A. T. Odeneal at Barber & Hancock's Hardware store.

2t Mrs. A. T. Odeneal.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED BY INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 13.—Five hundred bright, new \$20 gold pieces, in twenty-nine stacks, the biggest containing one hundred and twenty-five of the yellow disks, will attract the attention of delegates and visitors at the third annual convention of the Texas Industrial Congress, to be held in Dallas on December 20. Fifteen of these glittering piles of gold will be presented to men who have this year produced the largest and best crops of corn and cotton, ten acres each, and the remaining fourteen will be given to boys under twenty years of age who have cultivated two acres of corn and two acres of cotton. It is possible that some of the prizes will be awarded to women and girls, as they, too have contested for the honor of the biggest yields.

The average yield of corn in 1910 was but twenty bushels, while the average yield of cotton per acre in favorable years is about one-third of a bale, but the reports, verified by poof, that these contestants will make, are going to be a big surprise in this unfavorable year of drouth, as many of them have yields of corn ranging from thirty to more than one hundred bushels per acre and one-half to two and one-half bales of cotton.

And these yields can be secured by every farmer who is willing to pay proper attention to the preparation of his soil, the conservation of its fertility, the selection of his seed and the intelligent cultivation of his crops. At the Dallas convention of the Congress the prize winners will tell how it can be done.

FOR SALE—60 head of hogs seedlin or buded fruit trees. If you want anything in this line see E. B. Shaw at Draper, Texas.

We want every lady that makes light bread to know we keek Split tilk, a flour for light bread only.

Bryant-Link Co.

...PROGRESS OR REPROGRADE...

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The Farmer or Business man who does not have a bank account with a substantial progressive bank will find it more difficult to advance than will his neighbor who is in touch with the right kind of bank. Don't hesitate because your account may seem small to you—the largest accounts today were insignificant a few years ago. In the conduct of this business there will always be reserved for its patrons a gracious respect for their welfare and wishes. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WE ARE APPROACHABLE, AND GLAD TO BE APPROACHED.

The First State Bank, Spur, Texas

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Richardson Lumber Co.

First Class Building material, as GOOD as the BEST and as CHEAP as the CHEAPEST. We Want Your Business.

S P U R,

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

T E X A S

pany in any other than a new house can be had.

While on the subject, sunlight and air are great sterilizers in themselves and everyone should take time (the oftener the better) periodic airing of bed clothing, wearing apparels, rugs, etc.

Merely because we cannot see the germs don't lets be like the ostrich which hides it's head in the sand and believe that all is

5,130,052 acres, with a yield of 75,499,695 bushels, valued at \$50,574,618.

Hay and forage increased 373,943 acres, or 39.9 per cent. In 1909, 128,758 farms reported 1,311,967 acres producing 1,257,845 tons, valued at \$12,824,333.

During the last decade there was a wonderful gain in rough rice. This cereal increased 227,986 acres, or more than twenty-six fold. In 1909, 1,155 farms reported 236,697 acres with a yield of 8,914,518 bushels, valued at \$6,086,604.

Kaffir corn and milo maize were a close second to rice in gain, increasing 550,571 acres, or more than twenty-four fold. In 1909, 23,634 farms reported 573,384 acres, producing 5,840,444 bushels, valued at \$3,785,463.

Wanted—A good, young work animal. A sorrel mare preferred, and will pay value received.—I. S. York, Spur Experimental farm

Boys, bring us down your empty oat and bran sacks. We buy them.

Spur Grain & Coal Co.

See L. W. Davis for Fire, Tornado and Cotton Insurance tf.

Did you have good buiscuit this morning? If you didn't don't fuss at your wife, just buy a sack of Light Crust.

Bryant-Link Co

I have made arrangements with diamond Merchants to sell diamonds on the installment plan. Do you want one? if so see me.

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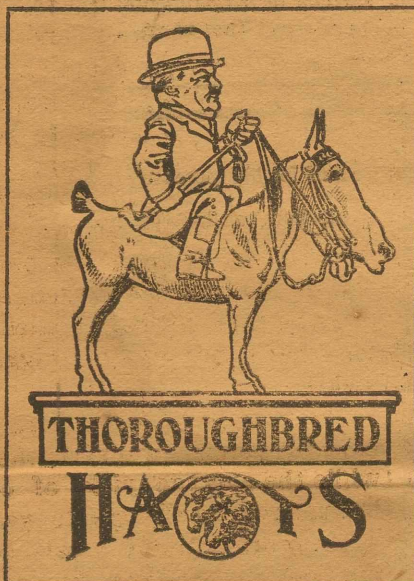
Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

Only A Few More Days in Which to Take Advantage of Our

BIG NOVEMBER SALE!

We are highly elated with the enormous business we have had this month up to date. It's been the largest in the history of this store, yet we are not satisfied because we realize that many people in Dickens County today are paying more for the same merchandise than is charged for same by us. Hence we make a strong appeal for those of you who have not visited us lately to come now and see the enormous stock of well selected stock of goods.

**We Have The Goods and Need the Cash.
Extraordinary Values For Your Money!**



COME EXPECTING SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Just in a big lot of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats, bought for cash at much under regular price. You can only realize the Great Values by looking them over. Every Man's Suit of Clothes in the store at Manufacturers Cost. Special prices on all Boys Suits, Mens Odd Pants. All Mens 3.00 Hats for 2.65; 2.50 ones for 2.05. All Wool Dress Goods at from 10 to 33 per cent under regular price. We are also selling shoes from 10c to 75c a pair under price. New line of Sweaters for Men, Ladies and Children. Just received also Wool Shirts, Underwear and many other new items, including Fringe for trimmings in all shades

This Sale Means Dollars to the Buyer and helps to relieve our burdens by turning goods into cash. Bring the family here to look, we are anxious to show you how bad we want to sell our goods.



J. A. Lambdin & Company,

ASK FOR TICKETS ON OUR PREMIUM OFFER.

SPUR, TEXAS

WE ARE SAVING YOU MONEY ON ALL PURCHASES

AN ABLE SERMON

Theme, "We shall know each other there." Text: "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face."

Now I know in part; but then I shall know ever as also I am known." 1 Cor. 13-12.

Rev. J. V. Billberry preached an able sermon at Duck Creek school house Sunday. He said in part:

"Here we see as through a glass darkly, because of the imperfection that lies within us; but when this mortal shall put on immortality we shall see things as they are."

"Face to face with God we shall know as we are known."

"The darkness and earthly gloom will have rolled away, and we shall behold with immortal eyes the glory of our blessed Savior, that here, with mortal eye we can only see as through a glass darkly."

"All praises be to God, we shall know each other there. We will know our loved ones, and they will know us."

"Here we are unable to see all the good in each other, but there we shall know as we are known. But best of all we will know our

blessed Savior."

"What a glorious thought, that we will no longer see as through a glass darkly, but face to face."

"I love that old song 'I shall know him by the prints of the nails in his hands.'"

"When our blessed Savior arose from the dead the prints of the nails were in his hands and feet, and the wound was still in his side, for He said to Thomas, 'Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands, and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side and be not faithless but believing.'" John 20-27.

"When He ascended to heaven He still bore the marks of the crucifixion in His body, and in like manner He is coming again."

"All this is proof that we will recognize each other in heaven."

"Imagine what a place heaven would be, if we didn't know each other."

"For an illustration: We do not go to a picnic to get something good to eat, for some of the worst meals I have ever eaten was at a picnic or barbecue. No it isn't for the feast that we go, that is only secondary. We go to meet our old friends and acquaintances and

form new ones.

We hear the hearty "Hello old fellow, glad to see you again" on all sides. We see the faces of old time friends and that is the main reason we attend the barbecue. The feast is the side issue.

Heaven is going to be a great feast where all the redeemed will be united, knowing each other as they are known.

Moreover, heaven is a real place not an invisible floating vapor as some people would have us believe.

But here we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. "Now we know in part, but then we shall know even as also we are known."

Mrs. W. B. Bennett,
Gilpin, Texas.

STOCK HOLDERS MEETING

Of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company, to be held Wednesday, February 7th, for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to issue bonds, etc.

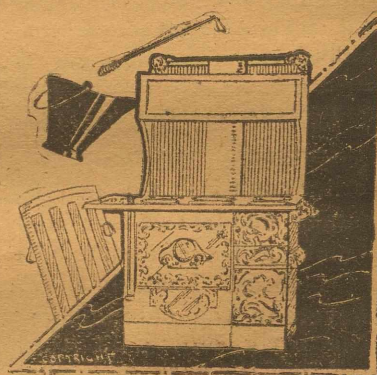
To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company:

You and each of you are here-

by notified that on the 28th day of October, 1911, at special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, at the offices of the Company in Crosbyton, Texas at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company and to issue bonds thereunder to an amount and for a period to be fixed by the stockholders at said meeting, and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds; and to obtain the authority of said Commissioner to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1911, at Crosbyton, Texas.
(SEAL) R. M. Bassett, Secretary.

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THE WANTS OF WINTER

are now asserting themselves, and among them are stoves, ranges and the scores of little things incidental to their proper fixing and running. We are prepared to show you a large new stock of

HIGH-CLASS STOVES AND RANGES

in all the best and most popular makes and styles and with the very latest improvements. Also separate grates, bars, lifters, lids, coal hods, poker, etc., etc.

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Don't buy cheap flour its false economy. The best is cheapest. What is best? Light Crust.
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SPUR FARM LANDS

We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most productive Territory

Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

\$12 to \$17.50
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With some additions when close to town

THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a
.HOME.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable price. 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 greatest extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

In other counties we notice that county candidates are already making their announcements for offices. Possibly they are believers in the old adage that the early bird gets the worm, or that the early and constant advertiser gets the pie.

Mr. Zinn, who has been here the past ten days operating a moving picture show, left Sunday for Rule, being called away on account of the burning of his business property at that place.

From reports it is conclusive that C. W. Post has solved the rain proposition at Post City. A number of experiments has demonstrated that by firing about one thousand dollars worth of dynamite a good rain fall can be secured immediately over a radius of twenty-five square miles.

The political pot at this time is beginning to warm up in every section of the country. In the meantime every citizen should prepare himself by securing a poll tax receipt before the first day of February. Next year we elect officers from Constable to President.

Associated news reports through the press inform us that some of the millionaires are worrying over the disposition of their millions. Many men in this country, and especially newspaper men, are wondering at such worries since the greatest worry we encounter is securing funds with which to meet grocery bills and pay printers.

Q. A. & P. EXTENSION

Referring to the numerous reports within the last twelve months in connection with the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway, Mr. Lazarus, President of the Company, has the following to say:

"We have sold the bonds of this company, and disposed of part of the stock, I retaining an interest in the Company, and will continue to manage its affairs as heretofore. This means that there is no change to be made, and none contemplated, in the operation or organization of Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway. Our traffic relations are made some closer with the Frisco and that Company will use our station and terminal at Quanah. The independent management of the company, however, will remain as it is.

As to extension: I am trying, with some hope of success of getting money enough to build 25 or 30 miles west of Paducah, our present western terminus.

I hope with this statement the public and all interests will understand that there is no change to be made on my road in its management or its affairs."—Quanah Observer.

CLEAN-UP DAY FOR SPUR

Saturday, November 25, is hereby set as a clean-up day for Spur and every citizen of the town is urged to assist in the work. We appeal to the pride and good judgement of the citizenship to make and keep Spur the cleanest town in Texas. There is no reasonable cause that we should not have our town clean and attractive, but for sanitary reasons, and as a matter of civic pride, we should see that it is so. It is not asking too much of any one to urge that a day be devoted to cleaning the streets and alleys, and that yards and lots be cleaned by property holders.

Meet at the Spur printing office Saturday morning at eight o'clock. Wagons will be provided to haul away the trash when it is collected and piled where it can be loaded. Seventy five

cents will be paid to boys twelve years old or over for the day's work.

Thanksgiving Day is near, and we want to be thankful for a clean town as well as for the many other blessings that have come to us during the past year. Cleanliness is not only next to Godliness, but is the surest preventive of sickness, and it is a joy to see our home town sweet and clean.

Geo. S. Link, Mayor.
Jeff D. Reagan,
Secretary Commercial Club.

Last week W. S. Taylor, who has been with the Western Grocery Company, moved to the Sol Davis store, taking the place of Duke Henson who with Mr. Poole bought the White Front Grocery business. Mr. Moseley will be employed at the Western Grocery in the place of Mr. Taylor.

The Spur Hotel

W. N. BLACKWELL, Prop.

RATES: \$1.50 Per Day.

See me for Weekly Rates

Nice, Clean Rooms and the Best Table the Market Affords.

Buy Your Lumber, Paints and Oils

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BRAZELTON-PRYOR COMPANY

SPUR, TEXAS

All Kinds of Feed Kept

WE HANDLE HIGHEST GRADE
& MAKE THE LOWEST PRICE.

See me Before You Buy. First-class Wagon Yard Accommodations
Plenty water and good camp house. 1 Block west of Spur Hardware

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Horse Dentistry!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

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LIFE & LIVESTOCK INSURANCE
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Fresh and Cured Meats

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Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

TAP TELLINGS

The weather the past several days has been fine and we have about finished picking cotton. Quite a few are through gathering their crops, while others are grabbing for the last boll.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith have a new heir in their home, Wm. J. Elliott, of Spring Creek, was here buying cattle a few days ago.

C. J. Smith has his crop gathered and is now improving his new home on Dockum valley.

S. W. McKay has sold his property here but is not fully decided where he will locate.

W. F. Shugart from east of Spur was here first of the week on business.

J. E. Sparks and wife visited

Mr. Elliott and family on Spring Creek Sunday.

The Christian people had two services Sunday with dinner on the ground. A large crowd attended.

S. T. Perkins left this week to visit an eye specialist to have his eyes treated.

S. S. Allcorn has gone to Floydada this week to look after his interests there.

Mr. Neal, of Spur, is moving this week to P. Hinsons farm where he will farm another year.

Will Morris and wife left last week for their home at Blanket.

The Socialist Club held a rousing meeting Friday night. Some stirring speeches delivered by local talent.

Gadabout.

TEXAS APPLES BRING SPLENDID DIVIDENDS

NO PRODUCT PAYS ANY BETTER
TEXAS FIGURES SHOW.

5,000,000 TREES BEARING

The apple has always played an important part in the history of the human race. It was an apple rosy and red that attracted the attention of Eve and she gave to Adam, who according to Holy Writ "did eat" and ever since that eventful day the apple has been a favorite diet of mankind. It was an apple falling to the ground that stirred the brain of Newton and he gave us the laws of gravitation. It was an apple tree upon which grafters first plied their vocation and so successful were their operations that the profession has since flourished so rapidly as to menace civilization. It was a Texas apple that was awarded the first premium at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904 and no State has ever been able to wrest from us this undisputed evidence of our superiority as an apple producing State.

It is the most obedient plant in the vegetable kingdom and yields implicitly to the genius of man; it will change color, size, flavor, maturity and durability at the touch of a master hand. It is undoubtedly the most universal, resourceful and profitable of commercial fruits.

The northern tier of counties has long been known as the banner section in apple production, but is now dividing honors with the Pecos country and the Panhandle.

Some idea of the increase in the apple industry in Texas may be gained when we consider that the number of trees in the State today is more than five millions, while in 1870 there were less than 300,000 trees. The following table, taken from the reports of the Department of Agriculture, shows the progress of the apple industry by decades:

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| 1870..... | 290,000 |
| 1880..... | 559,000 |
| 1890..... | 662,000 |
| 1900..... | 1,485,000 |
| 1910..... | 5,000,000 |

Texas offers to the orchardist a soil and climate that will give vigor and productive power to the trees, color and flavor to the fruit and an established reputation to the product.

COME TO SPUR

The Texas Furniture Company secured the contract this week to furnish the shades for the Dickens school building. This is another evidence of the superiority of Spur over other towns in furnishing supplies of every character for the trade of this entire territory. Spur is here with the goods and every citizen of the entire country is invited to make this not only trading headquarters but your market for every character of farm product. Spur sells the goods and pays the highest market price for produce. Come to Spur.

HOLDING COTTON

Mr. Walker was in the city Saturday and reported that he had picked out ten bales of cotton on his place, but that he had not sold a single bale yet, holding he said for a lower or better price than is now being offered. Throughout last week cotton sold here for nine to nine thirty five, which is encouraging to those who are holding the staple for ten cents. We look for the price to advance to that price before many moons.

Did your wife ever tell you to buy a pretty good sack of flour. If she did don't buy Light Crust for its the best.

Bryant-Link Co.

Three thousand feet of Motion Pictures at the Lyric tonight. Entire change of program. Come out and enjoy yourself.

You Will Profit

BY SEEING OUR LINE OF MENS AND BOYS CLOTHING

We have just received a shipment of Boys Suits that can't be beaten, and to see them will convince you

School Shoes

We call your attention to the popular Tess and Ted Shoes for boys and girls. One pair will make you a lasting shoe customer for us.

Furnishings

We carry a most complete line of Furnishings for both men and women in which we have nothing but the better grade.

OUR CLOCK CONTEST

is becoming more interesting each week and as we only have a few more prizes we ask that you investigate it more thoroughly.

See the line of prizes in our window to be GIVEN AWAY ABSOLUTELY FREE

In the Grocery Line

We serve you with nothing but High Grade goods at reasonable prices and courteous treatment. We take great interest in our grocery customers and invite you to see us

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"THE BEST IS CHEAPEST"

POTATOES AND COTTON

Uncle Wash Robertson, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday. He brought in eight bales of cotton, and with the ten more bales he formerly stored here makes eighteen bales which he has picked out and brought to Spur. Uncle Wash said that he would probably sell the eight bales brought in this week if he could get more than nine cents. Some time ago Uncle Wash told us that he would bring us in some sweet potatoes and as a result we now have a sack of fine potatoes of the yellow yam variety. One of the potatoes weigh-

ed four and a half pounds and is conclusive evidence that the soil of the Afton country will grow potatoes and that Uncle Wash knows how to get the best results from his labors. The fact of the business is that we are of the opinion that Uncle Wash Robertson is one of the best all round men of the country.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that Rev. Seaman will preach at the Methodist tabernacle every fourth Tuesday night and an invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

Why Not Now?

With the near approach of the Holidays when perhaps you may want to make a visit and go and see your best girl, you want to look your best. "It's a good idea" too: Stop and let us show you the late Holiday Styles in suits and overcoats as well as odd pant samples. Bring us your clothes to press and clean.

Spur Tailoring Com'y.

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Groceries!

ARE THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE

And in the purchase of anything necessary to life, health, happiness and peace one should give the most careful consideration, buying only such articles as are of highest quality and purity. In buying our groceries we select every item from the highest and best grades and brands on the market and in retailing such goods to the trade in Spur and surrounding country we may not make special red hot prices on occasions but we sell goods every day in the week at prices which cannot be beat by any substantial house which considers quality rather than quantity.

HIGHEST GRADE GOODS

At The Lowest Price.

We carry a complete line of both Staple and Fancy Groceries and are prepared to accommodate the public and supply the trade in every respect and on short notice.

Hisey Grocery Co.

MORRISON'S BIG BARGAIN CARNIVAL

Continues Only One More Week

Special Values Affording Great Savings in All Departments of The Store

Read Our Big Red
Circular For Prices

COME AND DO YOUR TRADING NOW, AT A TIME AND PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SAVE MONEY

R. R. Morrison, Spur, Texas

Mrs. Lyle and little daughter, of Anson, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shelton.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Thursday from his ranch in the Cat Fish country.

H. K. Parks came up Thursday from Girard and spent some time here on business.

Bud Broyles was here several days this week from the Plains country.

Al Sullivan has been spending several days this week in the city.

Berry Pursley was up one day this week from his ranch near Jayton looking after his interests in Spur.

Mrs. C. E. Wallace returned to her home at Stamford after a visit of several days to her sister Mrs. D. I. Herndon and family.

D. E. Sparks, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

Mr. Stratton, who formerly traveled for The Texas Company is now employed at the Farmers Gin, putting in new machinery, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bachelor left Wednesday for Slaton where they will spend several days before returning to their home in Spur.

R. S. Boothe, a prominent citizen of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Wednesday trading and greeting his friends here.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned recently from a trip of several days to some of the Eastern States.

J. R. McArthur was in Thursday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything moving along nicely.

Amis Favor, of Afton, passed through Spur Wednesday on a business trip down the Stamford & Northwestern Railway.

J. A. Murchison, of Draper, was in Spur recently and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

This week we received a letter from W. J. Duncan requesting that his paper be changed from his former address at Draper to Afton, and as a result we judge that he has removed to the Afton country.

BOUGHT A FARM

Arthur Hindman and family of Kauffman county moved this week to the Spur country, having recently purchased the Wayne Van Leer farm three miles north of Spur. We welcome Mr. Hindman and family to the Spur country and wish them much of the prosperity which abounds in this country.

STEEL HILL

As I escaped the waste basket last week I will come again.

We have had some pretty cold windy weather down in this part of the pasture without even a wind brake.

W. D. Evans took the big head before he had his tooth pulled. Look-out W. D. that is your last set.

Mr. Pat Prescott intended to go riding Sunday evening but did not go. Look-out Pat there is a brighter day coming for you.

The young people attended a fruit supper at A. W. Jordan's Wednesday night. All report a nice time.

J. P. Gipson and family were guests of W. D. Evans and family Sunday.

G. J. Stearnes made a business trip to Spur Monday.

Mr. W. T. Meeks, of New York, was a visitor of M. A. Jordan Saturday and Sunday.

Rip-Saw.

COMING BACK

We are informed that W. F. Godfrey has sold out his business at Slaton and will return at an early date to Spur and again be personally identified with the firm of Godfrey-Tyler Realty Company. We are not surprised, because they all come back. Nevertheless we extend acordial welcome to his return.

WEALTH OF FARMER GROWS THE FASTEST

RURAL INCREASE 117 PER CENT AGAINST CITY'S 59

121 NEW TOWNS IN TEXAS

During the past decade the value of our property assessed as town and city lots, which includes the lands and buildings within our city limits, has advanced in value from \$189,760,828 in 1900 to \$506,255,238 in 1910, making an increase of \$317,495,410 or 167 per cent, but city property not being rendered at its true value it is likely that its actual increase in value will exceed \$600,000,000. No attempt is made to separate the value of the buildings from the value of the land within our city limits by either the State Comptroller or the Federal Census Bureau and the information is therefore not available.

The Federal Census shows that we have built 121 new cities during the past decade, and our city population has increased from 559,872 in 1900 to 938,104 in 1910, making an increase of 378,232 or 67 per cent. We now have twenty cities with ten thousand population and over, and three cities that approximate 100,000 in population.

The per capita increase in wealth of city population, taking the assessed value of city lots and buildings as a basis, has advanced from \$339 in 1900 to \$540 in 1910, making an increase of \$201 per capita or 59 per cent.

Compare these figures with those of the per capita increase in farm

wealth and we find the farmer has made an increase of 117 per cent against an increase of 59 per cent within our cities. These figures prove that we have greater opportunities on the farm for money making than in the city and if our citizenship could fully appreciate the force of this comparison it would turn the tide of our population back to the soil.

Texas has probably suffered less from the rush of its citizenship from the farm to the city than any other State in the Union. While our cities have shown a rapid increase in population our farms have considerably more than held their own. Our cities have been built up by immigration, inter-state and foreign, and have drawn very little from the farms.

SETS SELF HARD TASK.

London educators are hoping to improve the manners of the poor children while feeding them, and the council of education declares that it will try to make them "well-mannered and well-behaved." Considering how much trouble those with better fortunes have in securing these qualifications to their own children, the London council of education may be excused if it fails.

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