

## MORRISON GIVES AWAY A BALE OF COTTON

Saturday witnessed the termination of one of the biggest sales of merchandise within the history of Spur. During the past thirty days R. R. Morrison has been conducting a Big Bargain Carnival Sale, and as advertised in the Texas Spur, the drawing for the bale of cotton to be given to some one of the many customers, took place at five o'clock Saturday evening. Ben Hagins, one of the oldest settlers of the country and who lives several miles southeast of Spur, held the number which drew the bale of cotton. Hundreds of people were present and participating in the Bargain Sale Contest, probably all of whom desired to secure the handsome premium awarded.

The sale was most successful in every respect, Morrison having sold near ten thousand dollars worth of merchandise within the month, thousands of customers were supplied with the goods and at prices as quoted, and withal it was a satisfactory, thorough, practical demonstration of the results of an advertising campaign and compliance with every statement made therein. The Texas Spur is one who desires to congratulate Morrison on the success of this sale. He is a big advertiser, having paid us more than a thousand dollars for advertising since coming to Western Texas. He knows how to advertise, does what he advertises to do and gets results. Morrison is a big merchant, a big help to the town and among those who contribute much to the commercial progress of the town and country.

The Big Bargain Carnival will be continued throughout December.

## FORTY-TWO PARTY

Friday evening of last week Mrs. H. H. Hazlewood entertained in honor of her guest, Miss Bizzell of Stamford. Progressive forty-two was the entertaining feature of the evening. Score cards were furnished each guest and the games were soon in progress at the seven tables furnished for the occasion. At the conclusion of eight progressive games delightful refreshments consisting of jellotine with whipped cream and nabiscos was served, after which a prize of an attractive box of candy was awarded to Miss Clark for having made the largest number of scores in the games. A large, striped stick of candy was given to Miss Lena Roberts for having made the least number of scores. During the evening a number of selections of music were rendered by Miss Bizzell who is an accomplished musician.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mosely, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure, Miss Nell Mahon and R. S. Hood, Miss Lena Roberts and Neal Holman, Miss Grace Roberts and R. S. Smith, Miss Cal Smith and O. J. Weaver, Miss Mary Jane Smith and W. F. Godfrey, Miss Lillian Grace and J. W. Hamill, Miss

Douthitt and F. A. Prideaux, Miss Elnora Dunn and Clinton Dillon, Miss Benny Little and F. W. Jennings, Misses Clark Bizzell and Leland Dunn. It was with reluctance the guests departed at the appointed hour, thanking the hostess and guest of honor for a most pleasant evening.

## A NARROW ESCAPE

Friday of last week E. C. Edmonds and Y. L. Jones came near having a serious accident. They were returning from a hunting trip, driving a double team to a buggy and the weather being chilly they were wrapped with heavy robes and blankets and in crossing the railroad switch below the depot they did not notice a freight train backing up. The car struck the team knocking them away from the track and also striking the buggy. However, the team was little damaged and Messrs. Jones and Edmonds are to be congratulated in making a narrow escape.

## A BAZAAR

At the Wendell building, Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th respectively. Given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church. The public patronage is sincerely solicited.

## NOTICE

I have bought the interest of G. P. Kiester in the Central Meat Market. I desire to thank the public for patronage in the past. In the future I will continue to serve patrons with the best meats the market affords and solicit your business.—Perry Fite.

## THE PLAY

Wednesday night the Lyric Theatre was filled to the limit of its capacity by those who desired to see and hear the comedy production of "Mrs. Briggs of The Poultry Yard."

The play was given by Miss Zoe Douthitt who is an elocutionist and expressionist of exceptional ability as was ably demonstrated on this occasion. Misses Douthitt, Lillian Grace, Winona Glass, Grace Roberts, Lutie Hardin, Burnett, Mrs. New, C. B. New, E. C. Edmonds, Neil Holman and Carl Patten comprised the characters, and it is conceded by every one present that the rendition of the several parts of the play was among the best amateur performances within the history of Spur.

During intermission and between acts music was furnished by Mrs. Edmonds, Messrs. Edmonds, Shelton and Gipson, performing on piano, violin, clarinet, cornet and trombone, furnishing a number of selections of high-class music. The play was a success in every particular, and a rare pleasure to every individual present, and for lack of space this week we cannot give it the deserved space in the paper.

More than fifty dollars was realized from the play, the proceeds of which will be devoted to Presbyterian church work.

## MANY BALES COTTON NOW COMING TO SPUR

Tuesday J. E. Counts and others of Draper brought forty-three bales of cotton to Spur, and this with others who came in the same day made a total of more than one hundred bales for Spur on that day.

Throughout the week the movement of cotton has greatly increased, many bales being sold on the Spur market while many have been shipped to Galveston and other cotton markets to be stored awaiting a better price than is now being offered.

The price of cotton in Spur during the week ranged from eight to nine cents for the best grades, while the dirty, trashy staple sold as low as six cents.

## GILPIN HAPPENINGS

The Gilpin people are much obliged to Father Winter for his kindness.

Miss Odessa Hagins and sisters from Kent county, spent Saturday and Sunday in Gilpin.

Rev. Adams filled his first regular appointment at Duck Creek Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone who heard Brother Adams were surely pleased with his discourse, which proved him to be a man of great ability.

Our school opened Monday with good attendance.

Surely the people of Gilpin and Duck Creek are justified in being proud of their schools. The teachers, Mr. Fred Johnson and Miss Mary Waussen are capable of teaching as good a school as anybody may need to want.

Mr. Copeland, who lives five miles north of Gilpin, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Carlisle Sunday.

Charley Carlisle took a trip in an auto Sunday night. We are wondering why he didn't take a few girls along to keep him company.

Miss Edna Wilson visited Miss Mamie Billberry last week.

Miss Ruth Hawkins visited in Gilpin Tuesday.

Farmers are feeling despondent over the cotton situation which is everything but promising. Nevertheless we are hoping for better conditions in the future.—Johny Jump-up.

## MARRIED

Mrs. Hattie Stovall of Spur, and R. Williams, of Rochester, were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asher, in the western part of the city, Justice of the Peace Senning performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams left Spur immediately for their future home at Rochester. Friends of the bride here extend congratulations and best wishes.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be advised that we are continuing the work of poisoning prairie dogs in the Spur Farm Lands, and should any settler in Spur Farm Lands desire that we do the work of poisoning on his land when same is reached, as the work progresses, arrangements can be made to this end either at our office or with

Mr. James Foster, in charge of the dog poisoning, who can be found at the camps as established.—S. M. Swenson & Sons.

C. A. Jones, Manager.

## STEEL HILL

The farmers are about done picking cotton in this part and preparing to start another crop. They contemplate planting a large acreage in maize kaffir corn and peanuts and not so much seven cent cotton.

We are having a nice rain at present which is appreciated as the farmers are ready to start their plows.

Miss Bessie Erath, of Seymour, arrived last week and opened her school Monday at the Cowset school house. Miss Bessie had the pleasure of seeing an antelope near the new school house and says as the place has not been named she is going to name it the Antelope school house.

Walter Collins has rented the Young place and expects to move at an early date.

Jim Crump has decided not to farm any more and expects to leave us in the near future. We regret to see Mr. Crump leave as he is a good neighbor and a useful man in any community.

Gord Steans has returned home from a visit to his brother at Matador, and reports everything flourishing in that section of the country.

J. P. Gipson and Tol Merriman have returned home after a weeks stay at Dickens.

John Randles has bought him a bran new buggy and goes riding when he can't pick cotton.

Our neighbor, Mr. Ben Hagins, was the lucky man at Spur Saturday. He held the ticket which drew the bale of cotton given away by R. R. Morrison.

Herman Marshal turned a summer-set backwards the other night when the phone wire caught him under the chin. Herman, you should hold a high head but keep your eyes open.

Nobody knows where Pat Prescott was Saturday night.—Rip-Saw.

## LOCAL ITEMS

County Attorney B. G. Warwick, was in the city Tuesday from the County Capital greeting his friends here.

The building formerly occupied by the second hand store is now converted into an automobile garage.

Claude Gentry, a prominent citizen of the Wichita country north of Dickens, had business in Spur Tuesday.

W. B. Arthur and P. N. Arthur, prominent citizens of the Liberty community north of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday on business.

W. F. Shugart, of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Shugart shipped a car of horses Monday to Chillicothe.

E. E. Patterson, who has been spending some time in Dallas, returned last week to Spur and is now again employed at the Westside Barber Shop. His many friends welcome him back to Spur.

## SPUR'S DECEMBER TRADE CARNIVAL

A number of the merchants and business men of Spur have inaugurated a Big Trades Carnival for December and which is now in progress. There are twenty firms of the town participating in this trades movement and hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise will be given away to those who trade in Spur during this month. Special prices and values in merchandise is also being offered in connection with the prizes as an inducement to the people not only of this immediate trade territory but to the surrounding country and distant tributary territory to trade in Spur and also market cotton, cotton seed and all kinds of country produce.

As will be noted, by reading the big two-page advertisement in this paper, the prizes to be given away on the 30th day of December are worth coming after, and the special prices and values in goods being offered by the individual firms in their respective advertisements elsewhere in the paper is more substantial inducement and attraction to the trade, and the Texas Spur predicts that thousands of people of the surrounding country will take advantage of such liberal trade concessions as is now offered by Spur merchants.

The cotton situation now prevailing in every section of the state has placed the country in a strain commercially as much so as it has affected the individual farmer, and to meet such conditions and somewhat relieve the prevailing situation in this section the merchants of Spur will disregard profits in the sale of goods, and in inaugurating and conducting the December Trades Carnival will save the public of this territory thousands of dollars, and the event will long be remembered in the commercial history of Spur.

## NOTICE

I have sold my interest in the Central Meat Market to Perry Fite who will conduct the business in future. All accounts due the market under management of Fite & Kiester must be paid at once or the matter will be turned over to an attorney for settlement.—G. P. Kiester.

## SOCIALIST MEETING

The regular meeting of the Socialist Camp of Spur met Saturday night and Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Clay, reports a most interesting meeting. Five new members were enrolled, a number of visitors were present and three interesting speeches were made by Messrs. Johnson, Vinson and Garrett. The Camp now has a membership of thirty three live workers.

## MARKETING COTTON

J. A. Murchison was in Spur Tuesday from Draper with several bales of cotton. Throughout the week hundreds of bales of cotton have been brought to Spur and either sold on the market here or shipped to Galveston to be stored awaiting a probable advance in the price.



## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

### XIII. ABILITY

**T**HOMAS JEFFERSON wrote the Declaration of Independence and founded a great nation on the western hemisphere. Benjamin Franklin taught wisdom, and he became the foremost American philosopher. Civilization has always responded to the inspiring touch of lofty natures and has given those who have led us up the mountain peaks of progress a prominent place on the pages of history. The hand of destiny is ever sifting the human race for a genius who can inspire us with ideas that will travel like light and shape the rising glory of our country.



THOMAS JEFFERSON WRITING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Let those who would walk down the aisles of greatness first dig a channel into which men's thoughts will flow like a torrent; make a key that will unlock the door of wisdom; plant a civilization that will unfold like a rose; weave a prosperity that will charm mankind and wave a magic wand over Texas that will finish the unheven stuff in human nature. Texas needs great men.

## FIGS A POPULAR FRUIT

EVE'S FAVORITE BECOMES GOLD IN TEXAS PROGRESS.

LARGEST ORCHARDS HERE

The fig was the early companion of man. Its leaves furnished the initial garments for our first ancestors, its fruit nourished early civilization and its foliage has shaded and sheltered man and beast since the beginning of time.

It has had more free advertising than any other fruit in the vegetable kingdom. It figured conspicuously in the episode that resulted in closing the Garden of Eden, the Savior used it in a parable and it is closely woven in ancient legends and in the history of nations. To mention the fig leaf makes mankind smile and to mention the fruit makes the whole world hungry.

It is the most sensational, romantic and popular of fruits. It threads its way through the literature of the world. It is a favorite with the sculptor and the painter; it is one of the most useful of medicines, and with the consumer it is the most popular fruit on the market.

The soil, climate and altitude of the coast country for one hundred miles inland is especially adapted to the hardy growth of the tree and the perfect maturity of the fruit and the skillful horticulturist has developed varieties especially adapted to natural conditions.

It responds generously to kind treatment, makes few demands upon its owner, its yield is reliable and abundant and the tree shows remarkable business instinct in making Texas its domicile.

The fig is the pioneer of Texas fruits and the numerous races of the tree have explored most every section of the State, but it has more

thickly populated the coast country than any other part of Texas.

According to the Texas Almanac we have 3,710 acres now in commercial fig orchards on the coast country and the planting of an additional thousand acres is under contract. Galveston County leads in fig culture, having 1,225 acres. The largest fig orchards in the world are located in this county. The farm value of the annual output of one acre of bearing figs averages \$250 and the total value of the annual Texas output approximates \$1,000,000.

#### Setting Hens.

It is best to set at least eight hens at a time. Start them on china eggs, and if they settle down well put in good eggs the next night. When supplying the eggs, dust the hens and eggs with insect powder and apply the powder twice again before hatching. Test the eggs about the eighth day, put the good eggs under fewer hens, and reset the other hens. Do not be discouraged if some of the hens leave the eggs many hours at a time. The eggs will hatch, although a little later than if they had not been neglected. Sometimes eggs will hatch when left without the hen for 36 hours if the weather is warm. Fifteen chickens is the limit that one hen should care for. More than that will not do so well.

#### Limited Rainfall.

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

#### Reminiscences.

"There are no pirates now to make you walk the plank."  
"No. But a few got me last summer on the board walk at a seaside resort."

#### Unreliable Assertions.

"What makes you think your publisher is unscrupulous?"  
"The things he says about me and my books in his advertisements," replied the author.

## 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:

1870.....	290,000
1880.....	550,000
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.

## TEXAS PEACH CROP SELLS FOR \$7,000,000

OVER 4500 SOLID CAR LOADS SHIPPED FROM STATE

### TEXAS PEACH IS A WINNER

The Texas peach is the King of Fruits and the fruit of kings. It is invited into the parlors of the great and is welcomed in the hovel of the poor of both hemispheres. It has met its rival at home and abroad on most every table on the globe and by its natural beauty and delightful personality it has conquered all competitors and today its appearance in the market is an annual event of importance in every household in America and its disappearance is the consumer's regret. Public interest is so deeply centered in its arrival at the market that it travels in special trains running at full speed in order to relieve the anxiety of the waiting public and its welcome is so cordial that cold storage plants have been erected in order to prolong its stay in the community. Canneries and evaporating plants are run day and night during the peach season in order to preserve its eating qualities for the table of the nation during the entire year.

The family peach tree can be found in most every county in the State, but the commercial peach belt is confined largely to East Texas. The exact number of bearing peach trees in the State is not of record but competent authority estimates it at seven millions. During the peach season of 1910 we shipped to the market 4500 cars of peaches and supplied our local wants as well as run our canneries during the peach season.

The peach industry has been pour-

## Texas Needs Great Men

### XII. ORGANIZATION

**A**LLEXANDER the Great organized the Macedonian Phalanx and his army conquered the world; Caesar marshalled the Roman Legions and his minions swept Europe. The important changes in civilization have all been wrought by the plastic hand of a master mind that could feel the powerful impulse of a great world as it frets and moans for able leadership. In every age progress has waited in attendance upon real strategic men who could comprehend the sweep of human action and see world-wide opportunities as they twinkle in the distance.



A MACEDONIAN PHALANX

Let those who would weave at the loom of civilization and thread the destinies of nations first organize the mighty forces of progress, occupy the frontier of human thought and produce specifications for the conquest of the world's commerce. Texas needs great men.

ing into the channels of trade a golden steam of wealth. The farm value of the peach production in 1910 is estimated as high as \$7,000,000. The rapid growth of the industry during the past decade and the wide extension of the commercial peach belt has been one of the marvels of our development.

At first the Texas peach entered the market under an assumed name, masquerading as a California product, but it soon threw off its disguise and like all native Texans, outstripped its competitors and today it is master of the world's trade.

## MILLIONAIRES MADE RAPIDLY IN TEXAS

ONE EVERY TWO DAYS RECORD OF FATHER TIME.

PER CAPITA WEALTH GAINS

Father time, single handed, has been making millionaires of the Texas property owners at the rate of one every two days (or its equivalent) and his mint is running along with increased momentum. No gold mine ever poured forth its stream of wealth with such volume and perpetuity as that of the increased values of property in Texas, and no prospector can stake out a claim more promising than a Texas real estate investment.

The assessed value of all property has increased during the past decade from \$946,320,258 to \$2,388,500,124, making a net increase of \$1,442,180,866 or 152 per cent. As the assessed value represents probably not over 50 per cent of the true value of property, we find an actual increase in wealth of approximately three billion dollars during the past ten years. This remarkable increase in wealth must be attributed to either one of two causes; first, increase in property values, such, for example, as land worth \$10 per acre in

1900 and worth \$20 per acre or more in 1910; second, increase in property such as money, building material, live stock and movable property coming into the State. However, a careful study of the figures justify an estimate of \$1,770,000,000 as an increase in property values and \$1,230,000,000 as an increase in property.

The amount shown as increase in property values is pure cream and measures, with reasonable accuracy, the unearned increment on investments in property and shows a daily ten year average net increase in property alone of \$485,000. The amount shown as increase in property represents the flow of outside capital into Texas and gives a net daily ten year average of \$337,000.

In 1900 our assessed wealth per capita was \$310 and in 1910 it was \$610, making an increase of \$300 per capita or 97 per cent. Our population during the past decade has shown an increase of 27 per cent and our assessed wealth an increase of 152 per cent. No more forceful evidence of progress and prosperity can be produced than the above comparison and it speaks the dialect of every nation.

#### Something New in Stories.

Marguerite Andoux is forty-six years old and has been a seamstress since she was twenty-one years of age, and she cannot spell correctly, and yet she has written a book within the last few months that is considered of almost perfect style by the critics. There is no moralizing, no description of emotion, no character sketching in "Marie-Claire," but every line is truth and pictures come crowding upon one another as one reads sweet, simple story.

There is shipped into Texas 100 car loads of cured meats per week. WHY?

The Texas farmers haul \$1,200,000 of raw material per day to the foreign factory. WHY?



# CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND WE WILL

## Soon Feel the Spirit of Cheer and Gladness it Brings

We will want to express the love and esteem in which we hold our friends by giving them some little present as a token of the love and remembrance. What shall the present be? Why not something of real value, and practical use.

### We Have a Beautiful Line of Fur Sets

Ready for you to select from, Embroidery Patterns, Pure Linen Towels; Table Demask, Handkerchiefs, also Ladies' Tailored Suits at reduced prices. Leaders Scarfs, Muffles, Aviator Caps, Sweaters, Dutch Collars, Collar and Belt Pins, Hand Bags, and a thousand useful items for Xmas presents.

### Schwab Clothing at Reduced Prices

Think about an all wool guaranteed suit of clothes at less than \$15.00. All we ask you to do is look at our clothing before you buy. We also have some special bargains to offer in dry goods, not below cost, but our buyer attended the great closing out sale in St. Louis and picked up some bargains to offer you and we want you to visit our Dry Goods Department before making your purchases.

### Stoves, Stoves, Stoves

Cold weather tells us we must have better stoves. Wilson Wood and Coal Heaters, the best that can be had. Also Lilly Darling Cooks and Ranges. Make your wife happy by buying her a Lilly Darling for Christmas. Wagons, Buggies and Implements, the best lines on the market, give us a look.

### Groceries Kept Clean and Fresh

Light Crust Flour, the best not the cheapest, and we are making prices in groceries to help you on low priced cotton. We want your business on the grounds of honest dealing and giving the best goods that can be bought and sold at the prices we mark. One price to all, full weight and measure given to your child as well as yourself. Make our store your headquarters when in town.

# BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, Spur

### THE WAY TO GET BETTER PRICES FOR COTTON

That we are face to face with a crisis in cotton no sane man can deny, but the remedy is so simple and so absolutely certain that the man of dullest mind can appreciate and assist in its consummation.

In the face of a large crop and the most unprecedented offerings the South has ever made, trade conditions of Europe and the Orient are indifferent to bad. Of course, the time will come when this adverse element will be removed and the shortage will be made up for in a larger volume of trade, because the world will not go naked, in spite of the able reasoning of the decreasing demand prevaricators or truth stretchers.

In the mean time, the simple solution of the matter is for all who have raised an excess of cotton (an excess over the pres-

ent demand) is to hold up all the cotton they can; carry it over into next year's crop, if necessary, and reduce the acreage next year to a point where the total and all carried over will not exceed 13,000,000 bales; because it is much cheaper to hold cotton already made than to lose more money by raising a still larger crop on land that is sorely needed to supply food for the farmer and his beasts of the farm.

The Southern people have in the past met every crisis with a fortitude and a sacrifice worthy of Spartan sires. Why not now? To hold three or four million bales of the present crop and make allowance for that much to begin another crop with, will very soon convince the spinners of the falacy of waiting to milk the market to the last point down. Trade conditions will revive with a whoop when the traders realize that the dry goods markets are prepared to

advance to meet advancing cotton.

Statistics show that the present large crop, no matter how much higher it may go—the remnant of same unsold (and we know that there is not a great deal of cotton held outside of Texas, as shown by the record breaking receipts at Savannah) will bring the planters fully \$200,000,000 less than the crop of last year. Add to this vast sum the labor necessary and the land necessary to produce same, as measured by the value of grain planted on the same land, and you will add another \$200,000,000 to the already colossal monument to the stupidity of the cotton planters. Thirty acres would make us rich, while sixty would bust us.

Even this large crop should bring two or three cents per pound more on average than it is now bringing, if marketed as the trade needs it. A consumption of two and a quarter million bales per month has been called on to take ten million bales of cotton in less than three months. Can we wonder that the price broke. The planters have both overplanted and oversold themselves, and for this reason every one of the old bulls who have tried to stop the runaway train have retired with broken limbs, while the planters every day have made the shorts richer and richer by helping them sell the market down every day, and we regret to say a large contingent of them, not being content with the blows they have administered to the product of their own farms, want to go in and finish up the victim by the passage of

such a bill as the Scott bill.

The crop of 1910-11 never would have reached 12,100,000 bales had not the high price early in the summer brought out cotton that had been in hiding for years, which was added to the extraordinary early movement.

Not counting on the uncertainty of the movement in August, 1912, we shall see the antithesis of this condition in the present crop. No bollies or grabbed cotton or strippings will enter this crop, because the cost of picking and ginning such cotton will not pay, and many bales that would not reach the market

at higher prices will not be offered.

We therefore urge upon our planter friends the wisdom of holding a part of the crop off the market and making large reductions in the acreage of 1912 by planting the reduced acreage in something to eat. Or it would be far wiser to let 10,000,000 acres of cotton lie out, if it can not be cultivated in other crops. —Cotton and Cotton Oil News.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday and went out several miles east of Spur to look at a bunch of cattle with a view of buying.

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Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

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LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material



# Texas Needs Great Men

XVI. ADVERTISING

**H**OMER sang the praises of the Greek heroes; and Greece became the flower of civilization. The ancient Egyptian kings proclaimed the fertility of the valley of the Nile, and Egypt became the granary of the world.

Prosperity always comes to countries that advertise. The Commercial Clubs of Texas are getting out literature that is shaking the continent and charging the atmosphere with progress, and the Commercial Secretaries are throwing the resources of Texas like a sunbeam across the pathway of civilization.



UNCLE SAM TALKING TEXAS

When Uncle Sam wants to boast to other nations of his power and resources, he tells them about Texas. To give them a bird's-eye view of our valleys—we can feed and clothe the world; to show them through our barnyard—16,000,000 head of live stock; and to look at our mineral vaults—nature's crucible—makes all nations tremble with astonishment. Texas needs great men.

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HOME

Girls Who Live Elsewhere, If They Are Wise, Will Use the Mails Frequently.

Girls, who for any reason at all, are compelled to live away from home, should do anything to sweeten their lives and fill them with good cheer. One of the ways of accomplishing this is to keep in touch and sympathy with the folks at home.

Our greatest means of keeping interest in common with our home folks is correspondence. We should therefore use the mails freely. Write home often. Moreover, make your letters sunny and readable. If you have called on any relatives or friends of the family in the town or city where you are, tell the folks at home all about it. Tell them what you are doing, and how your work or studies are progressing. Inquire after all the folks at home. Remember to let love and good cheer form the keynote of your missive. You will find that the spirit of cheerfulness and kindness, in turn, will reflect on yourself, driving away and eradicating the sense of loneliness you perhaps experience at being separated from home and family.

## GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

An innovation in the Kansas penitentiary is the saying of grace, since November 1, in the woman's dining room. The matron began saying the grace and now the women take turns, sitting at the head of the table and saying the simple grace. The woman prisoners have taken kindly to the practice and there is no levity or sneering when the words are said. The official grace is very simple and seems to have a good influence upon the conduct of the woman prisoners.

## TRY SITTING AS A MODEL

Grace MacGowan Cooke Found That Good Way to See Herself as Others Saw Her.

A good way in which to see oneself as others see one is to sit as a model to a class of students. A writer in the New York Times gives the experience of Grace MacGowan Cooke, who, before she became an author, tried to fit herself to illustrate stories written by others, and to that end studied at the School of Design in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Cooke's profile is fairly regular, and she was in some demand to sit for the sketch and life classes where the students took the task of posing in rotation.

It was at the time that metal repousse work was most popular, and she reports sitting one morning with her hair in a portentous Psyche knot and a double fillet over her head, while a painting apron that chanced to have a key-pattern border was draped across her shoulders to hide her street dress, and listening to the exceedingly frank comments of her fellow students as they worked.

She had been enlightened considerably as to her facial angle, the length of her countenance from eye to lip, and various other details, when one enthusiastic young woman capped the sheaf.

"Well," she remarked, "I just think she's got a beautiful head to pound on brass. Don't you think you'd love to hammer that profile of hers?"

## WHAT HE HAD PREACHED.

Blox—I saw by the paper that Jim Ghorner was buried yesterday.  
Knox—So did I; and I hope he's satisfied now, he was always preaching "Back to the land."

# TEXAS FARM VALUES GAIN \$1,000,000,000

Population on Farms Increases Nearly Half a Million.

We have on the tax assessors' rolls of Texas 156,946,934 acres of land, leaving approximately 11,000,000 acres of land not on the tax rolls which is owned by the State, exempt from taxation, or assessed as town and city lots. The assessed value of land has increased from \$3.02 per acre in 1900 to \$6.51 per acre in 1910, making a total increase of \$550,000,000 in assessed land values and when we consider that land is assessed at probably less than 50 per cent of its true value, we find an actual increase in farm land alone of \$1,100,000,000. The Federal Census reports verify this estimate by crediting us with a net gain of \$1,130,939,000 or 163 per cent during the past decade.

According to the reports of our Railroad Commission we have built 3952 miles of railroad during the past decade and it is estimated that a mile of railroad will add \$64,000 per mile to adjoining property. Railroad construction alone has added a quarter of a billion dollars to land values. The facilities on all roads have been increased, enabling the products to reach the market earlier and in better condition, thereby increasing the value of production. The improvement of our public highways has had its effect in increasing values and the immigration agents are entitled to a large share of credit for our development.

Our rural population in 1900 was 2,488,838 and in 1910 the census reports give us 2,958,838, making an increase of 469,992 people on our farms. The wealth per capita of farm lands and buildings of our rural population in 1900 was \$160 and in 1910 it was \$347 per capita, making an increase of \$187 per capita or 117 per cent, which measures, in a way, the prosperity of the Texas farmer. We have opened up during the past decade 64,187 farms and now have a total of 416,477 farms in operation and the average size of our farms shows a decrease of from 357 acres in 1900 to 262 acres in 1910, or an average of 95 acres per farm, all of which has undoubtedly had a strong influence in increasing the wealth per capita of the Texas farmer.

## TEXAS WELFARE COMMISSION

Commercial Secretaries Appoint Commission to Investigate Industrial Conditions.

The Welfare Commission which the Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association of Texas has organized will hold sessions in Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston and other cities in Texas and hear the views of men of affairs on the needs of Texas. The following are a few of the questions which the Commission will undertake to answer:

Sixty-eight per cent of the farmers of Texas do not own their farms. WHY?

We need 50,000 miles more of railroads in Texas and there is not a mile of road under construction in the State today. WHY?

We have 140,000 miles of unimproved public highways and during the past ten years we have permanently improved only 2,900. WHY?

We have 1200 miles of navigable rivers but no steamboat lines ply our waters. WHY?

We buy from other States \$75,000,000 worth of feed stuff annually. WHY?

According to estimates of the Farmers' Union it costs 12½ cents per pound to raise cotton and it sells for a less price. WHY?

We owe \$1,100,000,000 to parties outside the State and will have to borrow ten billion more to develop our resources and yet large insurance companies and other sources of cheap money are not doing business in Texas. WHY?

The Farmers' Union report that they are paying 8 and 10 per cent for money loaned on cotton in their warehouses, although cotton is the best security in the world. WHY?

# TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XV. REVENGE

**I**N ORDER that vengeance might not slumber, King Darius had his secretary to say to him each morning, "Sire, remember Athens," and the Persian army was cut to pieces in the battle of Marathon. Hannibal laid his hand on the altar and swore vengeance against Rome, and the Carthagian army was annihilated in the plains of Italy. Many a nation has gone to destruction or wasted its energy in blindly following its leaders in an effort to avenge grievances.



SIRE, REMEMBER ATHENS

Let him who would stamp his name upon the age in which he lives first convince his fellow men that his blood is not burning with the fever of hatred, that his mind is not chilled with the thaw winds of spite and that his frailties will not ride the State like a pestilence. No greater curse can blight a country than leadership steeped in scorn. Texas needs great men.

## LAZINESS ROOT OF EVILS

All's Well That Ends Well is the Most Costly of Mottos in the Home.

"All's well that ends well" is the most costly of mottos, declares the author of "Neighbors and Friends," who adds that in her daily rounds the district nurse becomes convinced that laziness, mental and bodily, is at the bottom of most of the evils of life.

Mothers repeatedly argue when remonstrated with for allowing girls in their teens to spend their time in idleness, "I can do the work myself, and when the time comes for it, they'll do the same." They do not recognize how much easier life would be for their children if they did not allow habits of laziness and selfishness to take deep root.

In the days when sewing formed a larger part of every woman's education and occupation than it does at present, a mother was reproached for allowing her daughter to spend so much time over embroidery. In defending herself, she said: "I have had her taught sewing, and whether she makes shirts or tea-cozies matters very little. What matters is the habit of industry. Provided she has that, she will always turn to any form of work that may be necessary."

It seems almost impossible for uneducated mothers to grasp the fact that although their children's assistance in the housework may be of little value, they must nevertheless exact it, and that the important point is the habit of industry, not the intrinsic worth of childish efforts. Even in the humblest forms of work it may truly be said: "Ease is the lovely result of forgotten toil."

## CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED

French Parents Greet Them With Rapture, But Number Must Accord With Income.

With the birth of offspring there comes to the French father and mother not only a rapture ascribed by colder races to the emotional temperament of the Gaul, but an immediate sense of responsibility almost unknown in America, where the doors of opportunity for youth and manhood, as well as womanhood, are still open, with almost assured security beyond of a livelihood.

Although the coming of a child can be said, without fear of exaggeration, to be commonly accounted as the greatest blessing that can descend upon a French household, it is, nevertheless, a blessing that must not be too often repeated. The Malthusian doctrine has become the utilitarian practice of the race. To France alone must we look to find the education of an entire nation—one limiting offspring to the gage of income. The joy in the possession of a child is unquestionably immeasurably enhanced by this process of selection, in point of numbers. From Anna Bowman Dodd's "The Education of French Children," in Century.

## INNOVATION FOR GERMANY.

The German post office department has begun to issue postage stamp books like the ones in use in this country for several years. The Berliner Tageblatt approves highly of this practical way of selling stamps in protective covers, but observes with German thrift that it is a little hard to have to buy 50 cents' worth of them when all one needs is a two-cent stamp.



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### DISTRICT COURT

District court is now in session at Dickens and during last week the following cases were heard and disposed of as follows:

State vs. R. S. Mobley, assault and attempt to murder, dismissed.

State vs. George Richardson, bootlegging, dismissed.

State vs. Virgil Thurman, bootlegging, dismissed.

State vs. Lee Taylor, forgery, continued.

J. D. Harkey vs. C. I. Cannon, continued.

Matador Land and Cattle Co. vs F. A. Burnum, continued.

Lee Taylor vs. J. R. Rodgers et ux, continued.

L. W. Dalton et al vs. J. L. Haskew, continued.

W. G. McCarty vs. B. F. Whitaker, continued.

C. G. Windom vs. E. B. Shaw, continued.

Oliver Pike vs. Southwestern Telephone Co., dismissed.

Oscar Benson vs. Pearl Benson divorce, continued.

Dennis Harkey vs. Mildred Harkey, divorce, granted.

### GRAND JURORS.

W. M. Winkler, foreman, T. M. Green, J. V. McCormick, J. P. Goen, T. M. Davidson, T. J. Harrison, B. F. Yeates, W. R. Stafford, Clay Kitchens, W. A. Johnson, J. P. Gipson, Tol Meriman.

### PETIT JURORS.

W. C. Garrett, L. C. Arrington, E. B. Shaw, J. M. Jones, B. T. Graves, W. J. Clark, T. S. Boucher, J. E. Counts, John C. Stephens, E. E. Turner, E. S. Russell, W. H. Bryant, J. H. Harris, Chas. Perrin, J. H. McCarty, P. J. Hext, J. E. Murphy, J. W. Barrett, J. M. Roland, J. C. Christopher, M. E. Hutton, J. E. Sparks, C. W. Jackson and J. L. Law.

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### HAPPINESS

Remember happiness begins with liking people, liking everybody. Then when you really like them, you want to do things for them, and that is happiness.

That is the doctrine—the basis of all happiness is liking people. The unhappiest man in the world is he who likes only himself. It is very strange how we mistake the imperial fact about our human nature, how we have gotten into the mistake of thinking that gathering in and not giving out is the true secret of life. When we find ourselves in that fix the thing to do is to go to work and try to like people. Look on all as friends whose faults you try to cover up with their virtues. There is never a case where this will not succeed. There is never a case where a man cannot use another to make himself happy if he goes at it right.—From Queen.

W. A. Jordan was here Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country.

J. P. Gipson was here Saturday from his place near Steel Hill.

## Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

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

E. B. Shaw, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of the Croton country, was in Spur Friday.

J. R. McArthur was in the city the latter part of last week from his place in the Red Mud country. Mr. McArthur says that he is holding his cotton with the hope of yet securing a good price, and we hope that he won't be disappointed.

### PROGRAM

Fifth Sunday meeting of the Dickens county Baptist Association, to be held with the church at Dickens, December 28th to 31st, 1911.

Thursday.—7:30 p. m. Sermon by J. V. Billberry.

Friday.—9:30 a. m. devotional services, led by Brother Crego. 10 a. m. What will be the religious condition of the world when Christ comes? G. C. Berryman and others. 11 a. m. Why do Baptists vote on the reception of members? P. H. Miller and Neal Holland. 2 p. m. Devotional service, led by Sam Smith. 2:30 p. m. What should be done with members who wilfully and habitually neglect their church services? T. F. Medlin. 3 p. m. Is the Holy Spirit a person? Duff Green and others. 7:30 Sermon by G. C. Berryman.

Saturday.—7:30 a. m. Devotional services, led by Wallis Jackson. 10 a. m. Is the salvation of a believer a present factor a future promise? Rev. Bennett and others. 11 a. m. Has the believer anything to work for? J. V. Billberry. 2 p. m. Devotional service, led by L. G. Crabtree. 2:30 p. m. Women's work, Miss Olive Pounds and Mrs. P. H. Miller. 3 p. m. Board meeting. 7:30 p. m. Sermon by T. F. Medlin.

Sunday.—10 a. m. Sunday school mass meeting. Talk on the importance of the Sunday school by Alvin Billberry. Qualifications of a superintendent, by W. P. Sampson. Qualifications of a teacher, by Dr. Brandon. 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Bennett.

The public is invited to all the discussions and services.

J. C. Collett, a prominent citizen of Motley county, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and greeting his friends here.

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

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In this day and time there is no such thing as standing still in business, one must go forward or backward

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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.

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

H. C. Eldridge, of near Wake on the Plains, was in Spur Friday trading with the merchants.

Jim Crump and family, of the Steel Hill community, were in the city trading Saturday.

M. A. Jordan was here Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country.

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

Spur Grain & Coal Co.

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

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

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### 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.

J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin, was in the city Saturday trading with Spur merchants and greeting his friends here.

J. E. Sparks and wife, of Tap, were in the city Friday and Saturday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs G. W. Odam.

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**GIVEN AWAY!!**

Cash and Merchandise to the extent of \$230.00 will be distributed among the thousands of people who will take advantage of the offerings in this trades event.

# SPUR'S GREAT DECEMBER TRADES CARNIVAL! AND MERCHANDISE SALE

**18 Days of**  
**BARGAIN SALES**

This will be eighteen of the biggest trading days and the widest range of selection in merchandise ever offered to the public in this country and trade territory.

## Biggest Merchandise Movement Ever Had in West Texas Beginning Monday, December 11, Ending Saturday Dec. 30th

To meet the prevailing cotton situation and consequent conditions existing in all lines of commerce, twenty-two of the leading merchants and business firms of Spur have inaugurated a December Trades Carnival, beginning December 11 and ending December 30. This will be the Greatest Trading Carnival ever attempted in Spur or Western Texas, and with the combined stocks covering every line of merchandise and the co-operation of the twenty-two business firms, the general public and people of Dickens and surrounding counties are assured of exceptional values in merchandise and exceedingly low prices on every item sold during the Great Carnival. The merchants who represent the best business interests of Spur and this section promise to those who come the greatest money saving event ever had in Spur and a most acceptable opportunity to buy not only for present needs but for the future in all kinds of merchandise, including staple goods in all lines.

### Special Low Carnival Prices Will be A Most Attractive Feature of This Occasion Staple Goods of All Kinds are Sacrificed to Meet Demands and Existing Conditions

With the massive congregation of stocks included in this movement, and the aggressiveness displayed by combination and concerted action, affords unlimited resources and a wide range of buying power to people of this trade territory and most substantial encouragement to those who live a great distance and within reach of Spur to come and make purchases.

Lon Greer was in the city Saturday from the Tap country.

A new line of cut glass at W. B. Griffins.

John Aston, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday.

J. I. Greer was in first of the week from his home in the Red Mad country.

C. H. McDonald for Christmas toys and everything in holiday line.

M. L. Jones was in the city Saturday from the ranch.

Buy your Christmas candies, nuts and fruits at C. H. McDonalds.

A new line of Xmas goods just arrived at W. B. Griffins. Call and examine his line.

Mrs. Clay Smart left this week for Draper where she will be engaged in teaching the school at that place during a several months term.

Fresh fruits at Henson & Poole.

A beautiful line of Xmas cards at W. B. Griffins.

J. N. Zumwalt, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

J. W. Rodgers, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in the city Saturday.

LOST—A diamond stick pin between the Lyric Theatre and the home of Mrs. T. M. Verner. Finder return to T. M. Verner.

Call 28 for your groceries.

Don't forget to visit Toy Land at W. B. Griffins.

J. B. Morrison was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Cat Fish country.

Use Seal of Texas flour. Sold by Henson & Poole. Both Phones 28.

Luther Rucker and wife, of the Croton country, were recent visitors at the home of R. S. Holman and family.

FOR SALE or rent, City Hotel.

Apply to T. A. Randleman Spur Texas. 6-4tp

A girl was horn Wednesday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen at their home in the city.

LOST—Ladies gold watch, photograph on dial. Lost between Spur National Bank and L. W. Davis' residence. Finder return to L. W. Davis, Spur, Texas.



# 22 Prizes Will be Given to the Public!

## \$230.00 IN CASH AND MERCHANDISE ABSOLUTELY FREE

### Superior Cotton and Produce Market Place

SPUR offers not alone the most attractive and economical trading point, but should be your market point as well. Cotton seed is now selling for \$16.00 a ton, while other markets pay only \$12 to \$14. This fact alone is a substantial inducement to come to Spur. Here you will be charged only 40 cents for ginning and paid from eight to nine cents for the staple. Prices may fluctuate but Spur always pays the highest price because we have the proper resources for handling any kind of farm produce and are in a position to pay cash

Henson & Poole. Nuff said. Henson & Poole) Staple and Fancy groceries. Both phones 28

C. O. Brannen and wife of Jayton spent Sunday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen.

A few more hats left at very low prices at Mrs. W. B. Griffins.

Dr. Bachelor, C. C. Tyler and H. C. Pearson left Wednesday for Matador where they will spend several days on business.

Mrs. Groner, of Stamford, is in the city this week visiting Mrs. George S. Link.

A new line of ribbons, handkerchiefs for Xmas. Call and examine the line at W. B. Griffins.

B. F. Crump, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday with the crowds to trade and also attend the drawing at Morrison's for the bale of cotton.

George S. Link made a business trip to Rule Thursday.

R. B. Bryant went to the Plains country Thursday on business.

Mrs. Douglas, of Texico, is in the city visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jennings.

Oscar Jackson sold his house and lot in the western part of Spur this week to C. W. Holland, who with his family is now a resident of the city.

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Spur, Texas, December, 7th, 1911—This is to certify that the firm of Tripp and Burgoon has been dissolved this day, and H. T. Burgoon is no longer connected with the American Loan and Investment Co. of Dallas, Texas, and any obligation that they may have assumed for the said Company while acting as partners will be assumed by Thomas C. Tripp and the said H. T. Burgoon has received all commis-

sions or pay that is due him by reason of the partnership.

Party of the first part Thomas C. Tripp.

Party of the second part H. T. Burgoon.

In regard to the above I wish to state to my friends that I did not receive a cent as commission or wages, but decided to withdraw for reasons of my own and refuse to take any money as compensation for what I had done.—H. T. Burgoon.

### PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY

1st Premium,	\$30.00 in Cash given by Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Company.
2nd	25.00 in Merchandise by Bryant-Link Co.
3rd	25.00 in Merchandise by J. A. Lambdin & Co.
4th	20.00 Watch by W. C. Gruben, the Jeweler
5th	12.50 Stove, Ritter Hardware Co.
6th	12.50 Building Material, Spencer Lumber Co.
7th	10.00 in Groceries, Hisey Grocery Co.
8th	10.00 in " Western Grocery Co.
9th	10.00 in " Hinson & Poole
10th	10.00 in Furniture, Campbell & Campbell.
11th	10.00 Rocker, Texas Furniture Co.
12th	10.00 Doll, W. B. Griffin
13th	5.00 in Gold, First State Bank
14th	5.00 Carving Set, Barber & Hancock.
15th	5.00 Building Material, Brazelton-Pryor
16th	5.00 " P. H. Miller
17th	5.00 " Richardson Lumber Co.
18th	5.00 Feed, Spur Grain & Coal Co.
19th	5.00 boiled Ham, Central Meat Market
20th	5.00 in Subscriptions to The Texas Spur
21st	3.00 box Apples, C.H. McDonald
22nd	2.50 Cleaning & Pressing, Spur Tailoring Co. & Stamford Steam Laundry

TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN WITH ONE DOLLAR CASH PURCHASES FROM ABOVE MENTIONED MERCHANTS.

### Greatest Merchandise Movement Launched!

SPUR, by combining twenty or more of the biggest firms of the town in this Great December Trades Carnival, will be in a position to supply the trade in every line of merchandising and at prices never before offered. The 22 Handsome prizes to be given away are worth coming after, the sum total in premiums amounting to \$230.00, and will attract thousands of people to Spur since this amount in cash and staple merchandise will absolutely be given without any cost to those who come. You can't afford not to attend this big sale.

**All Premiums Given Away at Promptly 2 O'Clock, Saturday, December 30th.**

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**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 hereby 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 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 TIME OF THE YELLOW LEAF**

I have never been able to agree with Bryan when he wrote:

"The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year." For to me the time of the sere and yellow leaf is the most pleasant and satisfactory. Spring with opening buds, with singing birds and blushing flowers, is very beautiful, but it is only a time of promise at best, with possibilities of failure ahead, while the time of the yellow leaf and the frost is the time of the realization, of fruition and the guarantee of plenty. It is a time of fulfillment and solid comfort. In the spring time the farmer rejoices as his plows turn the laughing and crumbling soil of his fertile field, but he realizes that the drouth may burn up his crop or the continuous rains may drown it out, or the boll weevil make his cotton field a waste, and these possibilities haunt him and cause him no little uneasiness, but when the time of the yellow leaf is come and the crop is gathered he feels safe, and enjoys the products of his toil, rejoicing in realization of his hopes. Fall is to him the time of assurance, of good cheer and comfort, free from fear of possible disaster. To him the time of yellow leaf is the best and most cheering of the year.

So it is in life, with the promise of youth and the fear as well, but the time of age, if the crop has been well cultivated and the season has been good, it is the fruition of a well spent life and comfort for the future.

When a farmer has been neglectful he raises only a poor crop and to touch the time of the yellow leaf is a time of discomfort and regret when it is too late; and so it is with life wasted, resulting in empty brains and chilling prospects. No wonder that some people grow gloomy and sour, mope over failure and blame everybody but themselves when they are in the time of the yellow leaf, with no ample provision made for the winter of life, with no sole goods laid up for the time of cold, or snow and ice, and no fire burning on the hearth.

I always feel sorry for a young man who is wasting his days in pleasure singing like a grasshopper, but I feel far more sorry for the man who has wasted his days and opportunities and comes to the time of the yellow leaf with no provision made for his immortal nature in the great future. Poor in the time of the yellow leaf of life, means poverty without remedy.

Nothing is more beautiful than the home well provided for in the time of the yellow leaf, when plenty in the barns and the smoke-house, warm clothing to protect the body from the cold, and the cheer of warmth about the house, and the same thing is true of well spent years, from youth to old age, from the spring time unto the time of the yellow leaf. I love to go to the homes where there are yellow leaf time evidences of a faithful life plowing in the spring, of faithful cultivation of the growing crop, and, as a natural result, the sure signs of plenty when the autumn winds are blowing the dead leaves of life about the narrowing path of time. Somehow as the autumn comes on there is a feeling of right to rest and the feeling of

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rejoicing that there is plenty to rest on, and when the autumn time of life comes the same feeling is dominating the soul, and there is only rejoicing at the near prospect "of the rest that remaineth" for the faithful toilers in the life vineyard.

I come to the old people today—the people in the time of the yellow leaf—not in sadness or with a sad message, but with a feeling of real gladness, and congratulate them on having reached the best and most enjoyable time, the time of the yellow leaf, when the crop is to be gathered and the storehouse may be full. We have toiled through the planting time, and now "the frost is on the punkin and the corn is in the shock," and winter of rest and comfort is at hand. If you have lazied along and raised little or no crop it is your fault that the days are melancholy, and "the saddest of the year," while if we have sown, and to come in gladness,

bringing our sheaves with us. Yes, the leaves are tinted in the forest, the flowers are drooping and bowing to the mandate of the frost, but the warmth in the home and the plenty in the soul, will abide in hope until the spring of eternal life comes in fadeless beauty and the flowers fade not in the fields of love,—By J. H. Lowrey, in Honey Grove Signal.

**LAUNDRY NOTICE**

To my former and present patrons. I am now agent for Ponds Laundry of Wichita Falls. My office is located at Pooles Restaurant, Phone 87, Luzon. All work guaranteed. Strictly up-to-date. All legitimate claims adjusted promptly. Will call Monday for laundry and deliver Friday. Please reserve your business for me, it will be appreciated.—W. N. Hughey.

See L. W. Davis for Cotton Insurance. tt-

**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"

**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.

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FIRST-CLASS WORK. HOT OR OLD BATHS

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.



# MORRISON'S BIG CARNIVAL SALE

Will Go on Until December the 24, 1911

## GROCERIES

Our business for the past month, was the largest in the history of our business career in Spur. This is conclusive proof to us that we gave you a real "Bargain Carnival" and as an appreciation of your loyalty and confidence we are going to give you throughout the month of December the same prices on Dry Goods as made you during our sale. We realize the low price of cotton has held some of you back and we are going to meet you half way and give you the lowest possible prices when you need them the most.

100 lbs. Baker Boy Flour	\$2.90
25 lbs. Granulated Sugar	\$1.75
100 lbs. Granulated sugar	\$7.00
10 lb. Bucket Cotelene	\$1.25
10 lb. " Swift's Compound	95c
10 lb. " White Cloud	95c
Large Bucket Coffee	\$1.00
5 Gallon Bulk Oil	50c
1 Case Oil per case	\$1.75
5 Gallon Keg Krout	\$1.35
14 lb. Navy Beans	\$1.00
14 lbs. Pink Beans	\$1.00
14 lbs. Speckled Beans	\$1.00
Potatoes per sack per lb.	2 1-2c
Smoked Bacon	13 1-2c
Dry Salt Bacon	12 1-2c

Come now while you can get a good selection in December at prices usually quoted in February. We bought ten cars Baker Boy Flour in September when the prices were the lowest and we want to make "Baker Boy" a house hold word in every buscuit loving family in Dickens county. In order to do this we are going to give you advantage of our good purchase and sell you throughout the month 100 lbs. "Baker Boy" Flour at \$2.90. Remember we retail groceries at wholesale prices. Read these.

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

# R. R. Morrison, Spur, Texas

## P. H. MILLER Lumber Comp'y.

LUMBER, COAL, POSTS, BRICK, CEMENT,  
LIME, BUILDING PAPER & DEVOE PAINTS.

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

The Highest Prices Paid for dry Bones.

## MILLINERY MILLINERY Why Wear Your Last Winter Hat?

We have decided to close out our stock of tailored Hats at cost and less, and will also make up hats at prices below what we have ever done before. Now is your opportunity. Make use of it. From now til the 23rd of December you can buy millinery from Miss Burnett at prices to suit yourself. It has always been our rule to clean up our millinery each season, and we realize to do so this season we will have to make some sacrifice and we are offering nothing but new, stylish millinery.

**Bryant.Link Company.**

Where can you get the best flour? Light Crust. Bryant-Link Co.

### NOTICE

The Annual Share-holders meeting of The Spur National Bank, will be held in its Directors room on Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Signed, G. W. Sherrod, Cashier. 6-5t

### A MAIL ORDER DEAL

Down in Oklahoma the other day a man went into a store to buy a saw. He found the kind he wanted and asked the price. It was \$1.65 the dealer said.

"Good gracious" said the man "I can get the same thing from Sears Roebuck & Co. for \$1.35."

"That's less than it cost me," said the dealer, "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house just the same."

"All right" said the customer. "You can send it along and charge it to my account."

"Not on your life," the dealer replied. "No charge accounts. You can't do business with the mailorder house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied. "Now two cents postage and

five cents for money order."

"What—" "Certainly, you have to send a letter and a money-order to a mail-order house, you know."

The customer inwardly raving kept to his agreement and paid the nickle.

"Now twenty-five cents express."

"Well I'll be—," he said, but paid it saying, "Now hand me that saw and I'll take it home myself and be rid of this fool-

ery." "Hand it to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Texas and I'm in Chicago, and you'll have to wait two weeks for that saw."

Whereupon the dealer hung the saw on a peg and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.67" he said. "It has cost you two cents more and taken you two weeks longer to get it than if you had paid my price at the first place."

## 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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AGENCY STAMFORD STEAM LAUNDRY.



# LAMB DIN'S

## Great December Carnival Sale.

In keeping with a policy of aggressiveness, to "Lead" and "never" follow in the line of Merchandising, we are going to give to the people of Dickens and surrounding counties the greatest values ever offered during this great carnival of sales by leading merchants of Spur.

Never in our history have we made greater preparations for a Great Sale. We have filled in our stock in order that any buyer may find each and every item he or she may demand. We are closing at sacrifice, all mens, boys and childrens clothing in Suits, Overcoats, and Odd Pants. We are also offering the greatest selections of novelty dress and staple Shoes shown in West Texas. These too will go during this Special Trades Carnival with a Profit Clipping Price. While this sale is offered in behalf of our regular customers its also in the interest of persuading those who "know little of the massive stocks shown in Spur" making in general a proposition worth while to come and see regardless of your purchase. In the showing of special items we wish to mention our line of Stetson Hats shown in all shapes with prices for this special sale from \$3.75 to \$7.50, giving you the greatest offering of the season on this well known and muchly used item. We will also offer in our entire line of \$3.00 Hats a special of \$2.65; \$2.50 at \$2.15 and \$1.50 at \$1.35. We never exaggerate on values and sell only reliable goods. Space in paper permits only of small space hence we will not endeavor to consume much space or time for you reading only we solicit and will give our time in showing what we believe matchless values and matchless qualities.

We have closed from a leading cloak manufacturer a deal wherein we are in position to save you from 20 per cent to 50 per cent. Come to Spur and fail not to see this firm. It's worth your while. We are giving tickets on premiums offered by Spur merchants.

# J. A. Lambdin & Company,

ASK FOR TICKETS ON OUR PREMIUM OFFER.

SPUR, TEXAS

WE ARE SAVING YOU MONEY ON ALL PURCHASES

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

#### WANTED

A horse for his feed or will buy good gentle delivery horse. - Spur Grain & Coal Co.

#### A DIVERSIFICATIONIST

T. V. Davis, of a few miles west of Spur, was in Friday of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Davis says that he intends to buy a place this year and establish a chicken ranch. He already has a number of the finest chickens in the country, and being a diversified farmer he is of the opinion that he can take a bunch of fine chickens and a small acreage of land and make more clear money than the man who cultivates a hundred acres all of which is planted in cotton. The Texas Spur with other newspapers of the country has been preaching the same doctrine for a number of years, and in the future we intend to keep tab on Mr. Davis for a verification of such preachments.

Lilly Darling cook stoves at Bryant-Link Co.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of near Gilpin, was a recent visitor in the city.

Some special Christmas silver ware. Bryant-Link Co.

R. M. Glazbrook, of the Moseworth Ranch, was in the city Friday and spent some time here on business.

Where can you get flour guaranteed to be as good as any flour sold in Spur at \$2.90 for \$2.75? Bryant-Link Co.

#### HERE IS HOPING

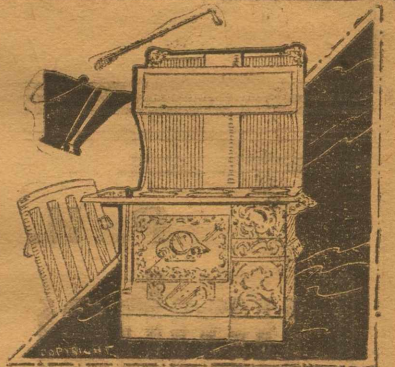
M. L. Blakely was in Saturday from his home in the Croton country. He brought in two bales of cotton which he sold at the prevailing prices, but like many other farmers of this section he is holding the majority of his cotton crop for a better price than is now offered for the staple. We are hoping that the price of cotton will advance to fifteen cents a pound before the end of December.

Wilson coal and wood heaters. Bryant-Link Co.

We are not advertising all our prices for the benefit of our competitors but from now till Christmas will make you prices on groceries to discount all competitors. Bryant-Link Co.

Sebe Lambert was in the city last week for the first time in a month. He said it had been so cold he was afraid to venture out, but since it had somewhat moderated he came in to see what had happened.

Why pay \$2.90 for flour when you can get as good for \$2.75 at Bryant-Link Co?



#### 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

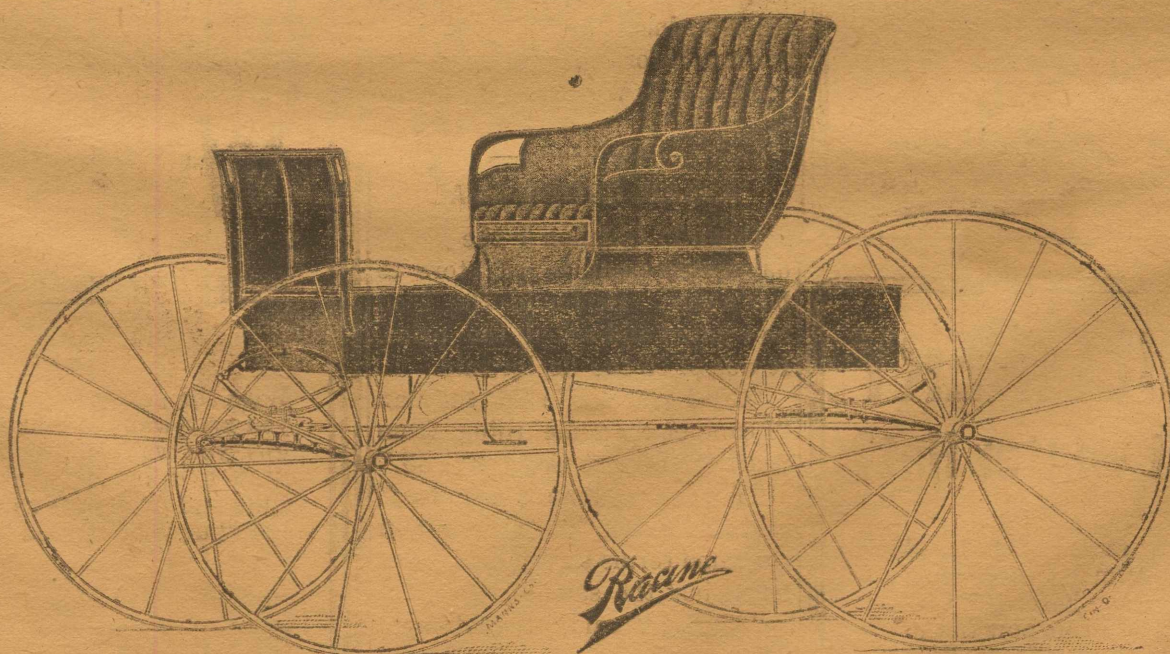
in all the best and most popular makes and styles and with the very latest improvements. Also separate grates, bars, lifters, lids, coal hods, poker, etc., etc.

#### Riter Hardware Co.

Where can you get Jewel Compound at 90 cents? Bryant-Link Co.

Early Sears of King county shot and killed his brother, Lala, late last Saturday evening at Dumont. In an examining trial at Guthrie Monday he was denied bail, but sued out a writ of habeas corpus which will be heard by Judge Dickson at Guthrie tomorrow (Saturday.)

In buying gifts for your friends for Xmas remember things of real use can be found at Bryant-Link Co.



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

# Barber & Hancock



### BIG FOUNDLING OF THE DEEP

Whale's Lost Baby, Sixteen Feet Long, Is Found Swimming in San Francisco Bay.

Sixteen feet was the length of the baby whale that the pilot boat Lady Mine found swimming in San Francisco bay. The baby was not black, like old whales. It was pink, like a last summer's dress that has been many times washed. There were no old whales nearby, and it was apparent to Captain Pentland, as he looked down from the deck of the Lady Mine, that the little whale was a foundling. The sailors on the pilot boat say the captain's heart was touched by the loneliness of the infant and that he knew it was hungry. They say that the captain went below deck and got an oil can and filled it with milk and brought it on deck so that he could give the little whale some dinner. That was good of the captain, but the whale was no longer there when he came back. Maybe the mother whale had been swimming under water not far away and had called her baby. At any rate the captain was left standing sadly on the deck of the Lady Mine, and in his hand was swinging an oil can full of milk.

#### EXCLUSIVE.

The New Curate—And what are your leanings, Mrs. Abercrombie, high church or low?  
Mrs. Abercrombie—Dear me, high, to be sure; I never could abide anything common or vulgar.—Life.

### A FUTURE HETTY GREEN.

The aviator, Count Jacques de Lesseps, apropos of the American girl's head for business, said at a dinner in Baltimore:

"The American girl's financial powers develop early. I know a Detroit millionaire who gave his little daughter, on Christmas, a superb doll's house—a doll's house, lighted with electricity, that had baths and a garage and even, in one corner of its garage, a tiny doll monoplane.

"Well, my dear, do you like your new doll's house?" the little girl's father asked her one day during Christmas week.

"Oh, yes, papa; tremendously," she replied. "But I've let it furnished to Cousin Angelina for \$10 a month."

#### CONSCIENTIOUS VOTER.

Often a man's reasons for giving or withholding his vote are subtle. Not long ago a country squire solicited the support of a notorious poacher, whom he had previously sent to jail. The man declined to give it. "But," urged the magistrate, "that little poaching affair was years ago; you should let bygones be bygones." "It wasn't for locking me up," replied the man; "it's the reason why you did it that puts me against you." "What was the reason?" "Why, you said I had stolen a rabbit and it was a hare; and the man who don't know the difference ain't fit for a member o' parliament."—London Chronicle.

### RECOGNITION OF GOOD WORK

This Supplies the Life Motive That Stimulates Public and Private Employers, Says Dr. Eliot.

Doctor Eliot takes a broad philosophical view of the change from the spoils system to merit in public life. The familiar arguments against wholesale appointments and wholesale dismissals after elections he does not repeat; no sensible man needs such repetition. But Doctor Eliot dwelt in his Chicago lecture on the need of a constant incentive or life motive, and he showed how in private as well as in public employment appointment, promotion and recognition of good work supply the necessary "motive."

Efficiency is a modern catchword, but do we really endeavor full to live up to it? We cannot have efficiency where men are not stimulated by proper ambition, where they are discouraged by pull, favoritism, intrigue and graft.

The demand for efficiency has given us the merit system within a limited sphere, but the sphere must be extended. Commission rule and the tendency to seek expert advice in local and general government—even in tariff making—are gratifying signs of the progress of the merit principle. What we need is deeper understanding of the ramifications and implications of the merit system, with an active and energized sentiment insisting on larger and higher applications of it.—Chicago Record-Herald.

### PRICE OF RADIUM IS LOWER

Joyful News Is Given Out That the Metal Now Costs Only \$2,100,000 an Ounce.

The price of radium is lower now. The Scientific American says:

"Sir William Ramsay recently announced that radium now costs \$2,100,000 an ounce, which price is slightly less than the value given by him about a year ago, as \$2,500,000. A year ago there was said to be about one-quarter of a pound of radium in the world. As a matter of fact, the actual quantity is not now much greater. Radium banks have been established in Paris and London for the purpose of lending radium at a price. As much as \$200 has been charged for the use of 100 milligrammes for a single day."

In fact, there is not an ounce of pure radium in the world. It is all but a very little in combination with other elements. But there are tons of it in the earth giving life to all animals by its emanations.

#### BETS 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.

### SLIPPERS OF FUR, NOT GLASS

Cinderella's Footgear Transformed by the Mistake of Perrault Who Wrote Out the Fairy Tale.

When Perrault in the seventeenth century was writing his fairy tales to amuse the courtiers of France, he had recourse to the old French chronicles. Then he read that Cinderella, or whatever her name was in those days, went to the ball in slippers of "vair," the royal fur of that time—miniver, as it is now known. Perrault, misreading the text, decked out his heroine in slippers of verre (glass), a very different thing. The real Cinderella probably went to the dance in those pointed, curving, fur-bordered shoes of medieval days. But, thanks to Perrault, she will trip down the corridors of time in her little clattering glass slippers.

#### ORANGES FOR AUSTRALIA.

The first full shipload of oranges to Australia was recently made on the British steamer Aorangi. This ship carried in her holds 6,000 boxes of California oranges, which is believed to have been the largest single shipment of citrus fruit ever made from this state.

The oranges were sent to tide-water in a solid train and placed on board the steamer at this port. It is expected that this shipment will open a new market for California fruit in Australia.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Come to Spur to do your Trading  
While the Big Carnival Sale is On.  
..Read the Ad on Another Page..



# 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**  
Per Acre

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, mellons, 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.**

Tol Merriman was in the city Saturday from his place several miles south of Spur.

Chas. Durham was in the city Saturday from his home several miles south and reports everything lovely.

Virgil Davis was among the many visitors in the city Saturday from the surrounding country.

Editor Selden, of Dickens, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

Howard Campbell was in Saturday from his home just north of Spur and reports everything moving along nicely.

W. F. Markham, of several miles west of Spur, was here Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

County Commissioner H. T. Garner, of near Spur, was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday from the surrounding country.

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.

W. R. Walker, who recently moved to Spur from near Bryan has been quite sick the past week. We hope soon to report his recovery.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch south of Spur. He reports everything moving along nicely.

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.

C. A. Jones returned this week from Houston where he spent several days on business and in conference with E. P. Swenson of New York.

FOR sale cheap good span of mares and young horse. Cash or on terms. See or write S. Power, Spur, Texas.

### NOTICE.

320 Acres of land near Portales, N. M., in irrigation district; to trade for stock of dry goods in Spur, Crosbyton or some other western town. Land is improved, has 6-room house, barns, out-buildings, inexhaustible water, 120 acres in cultivation, balance in grass. See or write J. F. Berry, Canyon City, Texas.

Jake Ballard, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Friday on business.

G. C. Pass reports that he and his family narrowly escaped serious results last week by a runaway team. He and his family were in a hack, the team became frightened and in running Mrs. Travis was thrown out and run over by the wheels, a younger son was also run over and all escaped with but slight injuries. The hack ran into a post and the horses stopped, doing but little damage to the vehicle.

### 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.

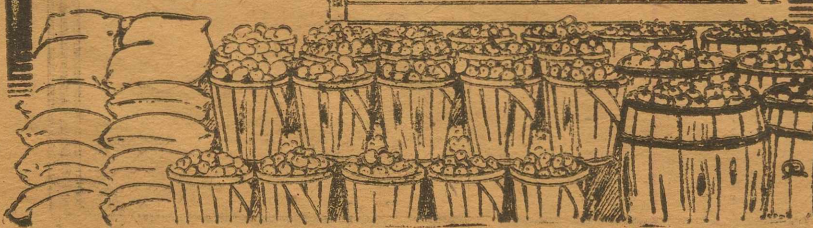
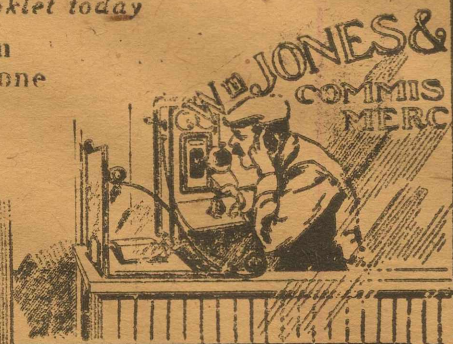
The grand jury which has been in session during the past week adjourned Saturday. We are not yet informed as to how many bills of indictment were found by the honorable body. However, we presume they were few since the people of this section are law-abiding and observers of other peoples rights.

## "What's the Price of Potatoes?"

Or corn or cotton, or wheat? Rural Southwestern Telephone Service keeps the up-to-date farmer in touch with every market, and enables him to sell at best prices—it brings the comfort of close association with neighbors, and the profit and safety of immediate communication with town or city. You may build your own line and operate your equipment.

Write for booklet today

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Telegraph & Telephone  
Company  
Dallas, Texas



## Buy Your Lumber, Paints and Oils

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**BRAZELTON-PRYOR COMPANY**  
SPUR, TEXAS

W. F. Godfrey.

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**Real Estate  
Fire Insurance.  
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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.



G. H. Jones and D. Hutton, of the Draper country, were in Spur Tuesday on business.

H. A. Counts and Charley, Counts prominent citizens of Draper, were in Spur Tuesday.

J. D. Harkey came over from Dickens Tuesday and spent several hours in Spur on business.

Mr. Tom Hicks and sons, Alvis and George, of the Afton country, were in the city Friday of last week and spent the night with H. S. Hansford and family.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church meets Monday afternoon, December, 11th, with Mrs. Walker at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

J. H. Shelby, of near Dumont, is in the city this week with his wife who is at the Standifer Sanitarium for an operation.

W. D. Clay spent several days this week in Dickens installing a new gasoline engine for the Riter Hardware Company of Spur.

J. F. Berry, of Canyon City, visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons this week. Mr. Berry desires to move back to this part of Texas and will do so if satisfactory arrangements can be made to that end.

Mr. Landes, of Gordon, is in the city this week visiting his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bramhall.

J. A. Alston, of several miles south of Spur, was in Monday with a bale of cotton which he sold to Spur buyers.

#### TAP TELLINGS

Well, everything is moving along alright in our locality. Most everyone is done, picking cotton and a good rain has fallen, giving us a season for winter plowing.

The Socialist Club met Friday night. Several new members were added to the roll, and some good talks delivered by local speakers.

Rev. Mark Hardin preached here Sunday and stated that he would preach for us first Sunday in each month. We are glad to have Uncle Buck with us. He always has something good to tell us and we feel better by his coming. The prayer service was fine Sunday night with good attendance.

B. F. Hinson has moved to Floyd county. We hate for Uncle Dock to leave us but wish him happiness and prosperity in his new home.

We are informed that the store and postoffice here will be under a new management after

the first of January, the present postmaster wishing to be free from the duties so he can better look after his other interests.

Our school is moving along nicely under Prof. B. O. Greenwade.

Porter McLain, from several miles down the river, was here this week on business.

W. P. Campbell, of Texarkana, Arkansas, is here and will likely locate with us.

C. J. Smith is completing his residence this week on his Dockum Valley farm and will move there the latter part of this week.—Gadabout.

#### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the post office uncalled for week ending December 9, 1911.

Gentlemen

J. F. Ogletree, Walter Pullin, L. M. Wheat, J. J. Wright.

Ladies

Mrs. Nora Taylor, Mrs. Ola Wallace.

When calling for above letters please say advertised.—Norton A. Baker P. M.

#### HOW TO TREAT THE EDITOR

"How to Treat Your Local Editor" is the subject of a communication by Hon. J. E. Junkin, of Sterling, Kansas, former president of the National Editor-

ial Association and a retired newspaper man, says Mr. Junkin:

"Remember, he is a human being with frailties like other people, although he generally has his natural weakness under better control than most men. Try to develop his sunny side by just as few criticisms as possible and an occasional word of praise.

"Encourage him in a business way. Figure how much your business can afford to spend a year for advertising and ask his cooperation in getting the best results. Don't greet him with 'Take out my advertisement' when he drops in to talk the matter over with you. He may have come with some valuable suggestion, and hospitality or indifference may deprive you of his assistance.

"He can be made the community's best asset. The newspaper, more than any factor, has to do with the town's welfare. It is a bugle announcing the dawn of new enterprises. It is a pack horse bearing burdens when others are knocking or shirking. It is the one force that should always bring hopefulness. No clouds should be without silver linings, if the newspaper meets it opportunity. These things and more the newspaper can and will do for the town which will

get behind it. Usually the careful businessman tries to keep his assets unimpaired. A town should do the same—and a good newspaper is its best asset.

"And in the name of common decency, don't talk about boycotting a paper or starting a cut-throat opposition because the editor is passively or actively on the other side of a town fight. He won't amount to two whoops if he doesn't have principles and stand by them. Be proud of him if he is a good, clean fighter, even if he is opposed to you. Then if he has judgement he sees no real reason for a fight outside of personal ambitions or factional differences, don't howl about him being a coward. It takes more courage sometimes to keep out of a fight than to get into one. Rather give him credit for having more common sense and better judgement than you have yourself."

#### A NEW YEAR'S TRAGEDY.

Knicker—What is the matter with Jones?

Bocker—His wife is spending the raise he didn't get.

#### SWIFT GAIT.

"And the Highflies haven't separated yet?"

"No. They declare they simply haven't had time to get a divorce."

**December A Big Month  
in Spur**  
**COME TO THE TRADES CARNIVAL!!**



Santa  
Claus  
Head-  
quarters

# MEET ME AT

## THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE

### DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Santa  
Claus  
Head-  
quarters

We have used the most precaution in selecting our mammoth stock of Holiday Goods, and we feel confident that we will have on display, during the Holidays, the swellest assortment and best selected stock of Holiday goods ever shown in this part of the country. :-: This advertisement is nothing more than an invitation to all young and old, to call at our place of business, and inspect our line of Holiday Goods before you buy, as we are aware of the fact of this being a hard year all over the country and are going to make our price right.

#### WE QUOTE A PARTIAL LIST OF OUR MANY THINGS IN STORE FOR HOLIDAY BUYERS

##### Jewelry Guaranteed

Diamonds \$75.00 to \$300.00  
Watches \$5.00 to \$30.00  
Chains 25c to \$12.00  
Rings 1.00 to 300.00  
Brooches 1.00 to 50.00  
Cuff Links 35c to 10.00  
Hat Pins 75c to 5.00  
Jewel Box 2.00 to 5.00  
Gold Head Umbrella 10.00 to \$15

##### Cut Glass

The latest design of the very highest grade, with the best price. Ranging from \$1 to \$25

##### Silverware

We are carrying a complete line these goods, Rogers 1847 Sterling and German Silver.

##### Chinaware

Hand Painted China of every design that you may want.  
Berry Sets  
Coffee Sets  
Cake Plate  
Fruit Bowl

##### Manicure Set

We are sure we lead in this line.  
Sterling Set from 2.00 to 15.00  
German Silver Set 2.00 to 12.50  
Ebony Set 1.00 to 10.00  
Traveling Set 2.50 to 7.50

##### Military Set

In Sterling Silver 5.00 to 10.00  
German Silver 5.00 to 10.00  
Ebony 2.50 to 5.00

##### Books

Bible 50c to 5.00  
Poem 1.00 to 2.50  
Young Folks Book 35c to 2.00  
Children Book 5c to 50c

##### Pictures

Picture for your Parlor, Dining Room, Bed Room, from 15c to \$5

##### Dolls

Dress Dolls from 25c to 5.00  
Kid Dolls from 25c to 3.00  
China Dolls from 5c to 75c  
Rubber Dolls from 15c to 50c  
Sambo the negro from 75c to 1.50

##### Toys, Toys

Iron Toys of all kinds, such as Steam Engines, Trains, Irons, Tool Chest, Horns, Pistols, Etc., 25c to 5.00

##### Toys

Tricycles, Doll Buggy, Dishes, china or tin, Air Gun, Black Boards, Doll Beds, Doll Chairs, Doll Trunks, Drums, Work Box.

Extending to all a cordial invitation to visit our store during the Holidays, and thanking all for their liberal patronage for the year now coming to a close, we are

Santa  
Claus  
Head-  
quarters

Yours Truly

# RED FRONT

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