

4000 BALES WEIGHED
3000 BALES GINNED

At the beginning of the New Year Spur's cotton receipts show that four thousand bales of cotton have been weighed at the two yards and that three thousand bales have been ginned at the two gins in Spur during the past year. The ginning season is not yet past. There are a number of bales of cotton in the fields of the surrounding country and hundreds of bales which will never be picked out. It is estimated that about five thousand bales have been shipped and weighed at Spur during the year. Many bales have been held for a higher price, and taking all things into consideration the greatest disadvantage in farming operations of the Spur country has been the low price of cotton.

We are beginning the new year with the best crop prospects of many years and if the farming interests can so manage affairs as to secure a good price for cotton and all farm products this section of the country will be most prosperous and independent. During the past month we have had several inches of rainfall, the ground has been frozen almost continuously, which insures not only a bottom season but the killing of many insects which deter crop production.

Spur and the Spur country has the very brightest prospects in both commercial and agricultural lines.

TAP TELLINGS

The New Year has dawned upon us and we are plum full of good resolutions as usual, don't guess we'll carry any of them into effect as we never did.

J. N. Neal says the early bird gets the worm. He has been turning the soil for the next crop.

Uncle Dan Thomas of Loraine, has been here for the past several days visiting his mother, Mrs. M. H. Thomas and other relatives.

C. W. Hinson who resided here the past two years has located in the Steel Hill community.

Albert Smelser and family have arrived from San Saba county, and will be our neighbors this year.

Missionary J. V. Billberry, preached here Monday night.

J. A. Hinson, of Crews Texas, has arrived and will farm with his brother this year.

Sam Smith is fitting up his Prairie Schooners to set sail for New Mexico where he will reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hinson are the proud parents of a bouncing boy. We noticed Pat out early the other morning stepping around like a Vanderbilt or Gould and on making inquiry we learned of the above fact.

John Read has located on the Manning farm for this year.

W. A. Smith and wife have moved into our midst. Mr. Smith resided in the Soldier Mound community this year.

Well, wife says kinder loving like, "Come and take this Hoodlum old poky."—Gadabout.

A Happy and Prosperous
...NEW YEAR TO ALL...

WE want to thank each and everyone of our customers for the valuable business given us during the year past, and especially do we thank our friends for the many good words spoken in our behalf. You have given us a wonderful business. Now allow us to serve you this year with a more complete line of goods. Come to see us, Yours,

TEXAS FURNITURE CO.

ENTERTAINED

Friday afternoon Mesdames Morris and Miller entertained the Social Club membership and other lady friends of the city, at the home of Mrs. Morris. The rooms were beautifully decorated with holly and moss, and as entertainment for guests each was provided with a sheet of paper and required to exchange three questions with all present, at the same time writing their names on the sheet of paper provided for that purpose. At the conclusion of this feature of entertainment program the guests were handed a sheet of paper containing fourteen questions, and the word "Cat", the answers to each question to contain the latter word or representation. Mrs. Miller read each answer which was compared with the answers made by the guests. Delightful refreshments were served, and souvenir favors of the evening were a card containing the drawing of a cat and a piece of holly and berries.

The guests acclaim the occasion one of the most pleasant social functions of the season.

A BRANCH HOUSE

R. R. Morrison made a business trip this week to Rotan where he spent several days looking after his business interests at that place. The Morrison concerns both in Spur and Rotan have enjoyed a big business the past year, and we are informed that if certain business transactions continue as in the past another branch business will be established in Dickens county by the firm.

TEACHING IN THE NEW
SCHOOL BUILDING

Tuesday morning teachers and pupils of the Spur School resumed their duties and studies in the new school building which has a number of rooms complete and equipped for temporary use. A number of new pupils were enrolled at the beginning of the new year, and since the Spur School building is one of the finest and most handsomely and conveniently equipped when complete, we expect the pupils to advance, and under the efficient superintendency of Prof. Adams the school will become one of the most important factors of all of western Texas in education and educational advantages.

DIED

Miss Alice Brown died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Brown, Friday, December 22nd, and her remains were interred Saturday in the Spur cemetery. Miss Alice Brown was only fourteen years old and her death at this time of life is deplored by the whole country. She was modest, kind, lovable and just budding into beautiful young womanhood, and whatever may be in that great beyond we are confident that the brightest is for such as she.

The Texas Spur extends sincerest condolence to the parents and relatives in this bereavement.

A TRAVELING

Clay Smart has resigned his position with R. R. Morrison and will hereafter travel over the country selling laces and embroideries for a wholesale concern. During the past several years Clay Smart has been head man in the Morrison dry goods department both in Spur and in Rotan. He is a man of exceptional business qualifications and we wish and predict for him much success in his new line of business. He has not yet established a business headquarters, but it is not probable that Spur will be selected as the place since a railroad center is preferable.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOT

H. R. Stephens and family left this week for Rotan where they will make their home in the future. During the past two years Mr. Stephens has been employed at the Richardson Lumber yard of Spur, he having been sent to Rotan at this time to assume the management of the Richardson yard at that place. Mr. Stephens is one of the best men of the country, and his friends here say, "A good man is gone, but not forgot."

VISIT HUNT COUNTY

J. P. Simmons and wife returned Sunday from Hunt county where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Simmons says that Hunt county is some muddy and sticky at this time, but, like this section, has the finest crop prospects for this year.

\$230.00 IN PRIZES
DISTRIBUTED BY SPUR

As advertised the big Merchants Carnival closed Saturday and the \$230 in cash and merchandise was distributed among those present. Notwithstanding the fact that throughout the continuation of the Carnival disagreeable weather prevailed the merchants did a big business as was evidenced by the large number of tickets given on each dollar purchase, there being near 25,000 tickets in the barrel from which the prize tickets were drawn.

A complete list of prizes awarded together with the lucky number and name of each person holding same, will appear in next week's issue.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce T. J. Harrison as a candidate for the election to the office of Tax assessor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July. Mr. Harrison needs no introduction to the old timers of this section, he having punched cattle and rode fence lines on the ranch here in the early eighties and been a continuous resident of the county since that time. He is one of the very best and most substantial citizens of the county today and deserves the consideration and in every respect is worthy the support of every voter in the county. In the election held two years ago Mr. Harrison made the race for the assessors office, and although he failed to become the assessor of our taxes at that time the election returns showed that he lacked only four votes of securing the nomination. At the coming election Mr. Harrison will appreciate your vote and if elected will perform the official duties ably and conscientiously, and the Texas Spur bespeaks for him a deserved consideration by every voter in the Democratic Primary election.

MOVED TO MAYBANK

W. H. Stephens, wife and family left Spur Wednesday for Maybank, Texas, where Mr. Stephens has accepted a position as manager of a hardware company at that place. Before leaving Mr. Stephens traded his rooming house in Spur for one hundred and sixty five acres of land four or five miles east of Spur, and which is evidence that their move to another section of the country is only temporary and we expect to see them again residents of Spur at no distant date. However, we wish them a pleasant and prosperous home at Maybank.

MARRIED

J. D. Martin returned recently with his wife from Denton county where they were married. Mr. Martin has been on the Spur Ranch during the past fifteen or sixteen years, and has many friends here who wish him a long, happy and prosperous life. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be at home in the future to their friends on their place near Spur.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

During the past year we have enjoyed a large volume of business for which we thank our friends and patrons. During the year 1912 we will continue to do business at the same old stand and will be in a position to supply your every need in drugs, patent medicines and everything kept by a first-class Drug Store.

Resolve to do more business with us during the year 1912

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RED FRONT DRUG STORE

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SPUR FARM LANDS

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

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

\$12 to \$25.00
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With some additions, when close to town

The settlement of the Spur Farm Lands has in some portions taken practically all the land we have been offering under the plan of reservation of each alternate section. We are, therefore, ready to price and offer for sale such sections in these localities as has heretofore been reserved.

We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

Definite prices on these or any other lands will be made upon application.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

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

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable price. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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

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A DUTY

The man who makes money in a community has a duty to perform to that community. It may be that he has made his money by his superior business ability, and that he would have done as well anywhere. That does not alter the case. If his gifts are great his responsibility is equally as great. No man was placed on earth for the sole purpose of making money, and the man who has this as his ideal had better never have been born. It is not an act of charity, but the performance of a simple duty, for the man who has made money to pass a little of it along for the benefit of the community, even though he never expects to see a dollar of the contribution back.—Bartlettville Examiner.

FORGET YOUR COMPETITORS

"Do not make the mistake that so many advertisers make, especially those in smaller towns,

by using part of their space in condemning mail order houses or other competitors, for by so doing you are advertising your competitors. You are suggesting to your customers that they might also buy the same or similar goods from some mail order house. An ad in which you ask your customers to compare your prices with those of the mail order catalogue and search for prices. You are not helping yourself, but are making it easier for the mail order house to introduce their catalogues. If your customers want to compare prices, let them do so on their own accord, and if your prices compare well, you need not worry about the results.

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"Your home paper is the cheapest means by which you can speak to your customers, because it reaches so many of them. Your customers believe in your home paper, for fake advertisements are generally omitted. All you have to do is to write your ad, the local newspaper takes care of the rest. They see to it that it is promptly sent to the homes where it is read by every member of the families that know you. If your ads attract attention, they can't help but bring results. In this century the public has much more confidence in the merchant that advertises than the one that seems to be afraid of showing his goods together with his prices in the public home market place, the columns of your local paper, the best medium for local advertisers."—Publishers Auxiliary.

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

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

The First State Bank, Spur, Texas

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!
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Our customers all know that when they have a legitimate business proposition they can put it up to us any day in the year, if you are not a customer, come around and let us show you why it would be to your advantage to become one.

The Spur National Bank

Capital, 100,000.00

R. V. COLBERT, President.
C. A. JONES, Vice-President

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
M. E. MANNING, Asst. Cashier

A GOOD CREED

To be able to look every man squarely in the eyes; to make friends and hold them; to keep clean of mind and body; to laugh at ill fortune; to frown when temptation comes visiting; to be ready with a word of cheer when that word will help; to strive to develop to the utmost the heart, head and hand, qualities endowed by the Ruler over all; to hold all women in respect and to love one, to weave the thread of eternal optimism into the lives of all with whom I may come in contact, to worship nature and the Great Spirit that conceived it all—in a word to play the game of life with a steady hand and a real desire to be of service, that is my religion. And, say, if I can live to the mark, don't you think that I have corralled about all the creed that is necessary?—Backbone. Monthly.

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. Sherrrod, Cashier. 6-5t

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.

The Texas Spur \$1.00 per year

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THE POLITICIAN

We might leave the word "politician" to be used in the bad sense if we had another which we might use in a good sense.

The shifty self-seeking politician has always been a well known character. He stands in the same relation to serious politics that the shyster does to the profession of law, or the quack to medicine. Every army has its camp followers, every living body its parasites. But in this case the lower has not only usurped the name of the higher, but has also obscured its function. The term "politician" has been handed over to the political quack, and we have no name left by which to designate the regular practitioner. It is if we had only one name for all who do business on the great waters, and were unable to discriminate between the merchant and the pirate.

We make an attempt to disguise our verbal poverty by speaking highly of the impeccable person whom we call a "statesman." But this lip-service is hollow. If you were to ask for a list of contemporary statesman, you would be told that your inquiry was premature. The statesman is an historical character. His virtues are associated with obituaries. Moreover, the conception of a statesman does not include that which is fundamental to the politician, namely, the ability to get himself elected.

We have borrowed from the Romans the term "candidate," or white-robed one. The Roman citizen announced his willingness to serve the Republic in an official position by appearing in a loose white toga. It was white to symbolize the candor of his nature and was worn loose so that he might more easily display his scars. Our political prudery makes us shrink from the idea of open candidacy. The demure statesman of the popular imagination is supposed to act strictly on the principle that the office must seek the man. But we should hardly call one a politician who was not willing to meet the office at least half way. He should say, "My Dear Good Office, I hear that you are seeking a Man. It is a pleasant coincidence, for here I am."

Milton ventured to use the word "politicaster," to indicate the person who stands in the real politician in the same relation that the poetaster does to the real poet. He is one of the large and ambitious family of the Would-Be's. He intimates that he is capable of understanding. Let us adopt the term politicaster, and then enjoy the experience of expressing our heartfelt admiration for the honorable and quick-witted gentlemen who bear without reproach the grand old name of politician; a name "defamed by every charlatan, and soiled by all ignoble use."

The politicaster shall be our scape-goat. We shall hurl at him all the familiar disparaging epithets, we shall put upon him all the shame of our cities and the disgrace of our Legislatures, and send him into the wilderness. Then we may sit down and converse on the most interesting and important of human affairs—politics—and on the men who choose politics as a life work.—Samuel McCord Crothers in his book "Among Friends."

J. P. Higgins was in the city the first of the week from his ranch home on Cat Fish.

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TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

We are keenly appreciative of the business, encouragement and moral support you have given us, and we trust the relations and friendships established between us during the short period of our existence, will continue to grow into even closer bonds of mutual interest.

Those whom we have not had the privilege and pleasure of serving, so far, we cordially invite to call, and we assure them of our sincere desire to be of service to them.

With New Year's greeting to all

Yours sincerely,

J. R. WALKER,
MRS. W. J. WALKER.

January 2, 1912.

J. J. Cloud returned recently from east Texas where he visited his mother who is in delicate health.

J. R. Robertson, of Afton, was among the many business visitors to Spur last week and spent some time here.

Little Stella Hazlewood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hazlewood, has been quite sick this week.

Mrs. G. T. Brandon and children returned Sunday from an extended visit to her parents in eastern Texas.

Misses Alpha and Louis Fox and others of Spur attended the New Year's ball Monday night at Crosbyton.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor and little son are visiting her parents in eastern Texas.

J. R. McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city trading Saturday.

Tom McArthur was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday to attend the termination of the big Merchants Carnival.

W. B. Griffin and wife and Dr. Bachelor and wife made a business trip this week to Crosbyton and Lubbock where they spent several days.

J. E. Murphey, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

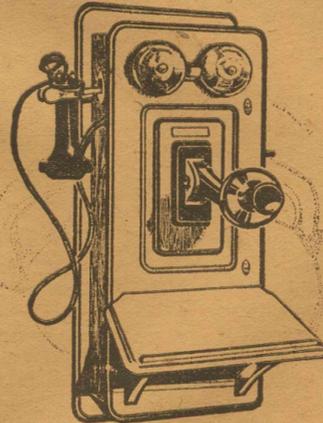
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DALLAS, TEXAS



Draughon's - PRACTICAL BUSINESS - College

Opens January 8, 1912, 2nd Floor Spur Nat'l. Bank Building

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE will be ready to receive all students who are interested in receiving a practical Commercial Training at their Spur College, Monday, January 8, 1912. This is an opportunity that should not be missed by any one desiring a better preparation for business life. Draughon's Colleges have established a reputation for thorough, conscientious work. Twenty three years of successful operation and more than one hundred and fifty thousand successful graduates testify to the merits of the training given. Forty-nine large colleges in nineteen different states, with graduates in every city of 1,500 population south of the Ohio river should be evidence that there is no other school, or system of schools equal to those under the direction of Draughon's Practical Business College Co. Men and women of courage, determination and persistence, are solicited to enroll the first week and be among those who form the first classes. In the estimation of men and women on the firing line of business activity, no more pitiable example of weakness and folly is to be found than the man or woman who stands back wishing for opportunities, dreaming of what they would like to do and what they would like to accomplish in life, but ever failing to make the attempt. They lack the get-in action quality. The wish-bone is evidently where the back-bone should be.

NIGHT SCHOOL What the young man does with the hours between 7. p. m. and 10 p. m., will largely determine what the world will do with him. To invest this time in pursuing a business or shorthand course creates a working capital for the future which will lift him out of poorly paid employment and start him on the road to profitable promotion. It is an investment in a nontaxable, indestructible piece of personal property, which will only grow more valuable with use. A practical education will overcome more difficulties, help out of more tight places, and carry thru to success more plans than any other quality or acquirement. The evening school in connection with Draughon's Practical Business College will open Monday, Jan. 8th, 7:30 p. m. Students may begin on any school night.

Holidays are now over. Begin the New Year by taking a thorough business or shorthand course, so that you may better prepare yourself for the GREAT battle of life.

WHAT WE CANNOT DO. We cannot make brains. We cannot inspire a young man with an ambition to educate himself, for success in life when he is permitted by indulgent parents to waste his time in idleness, or to deceive himself and them by spending his time at some employment paying from \$25 to \$30 per month and without one cent of cost to the boy.

What credit attaches to the boy or to the parents who will permit a boy of school age to spend his time earning a mere pittance with which to gratify his whims and fancies, when he could not pay a reasonable price for board and lodging his home affords and have enough left out of his wages each month to pay for his laundry work, which may now be a part of the burden of his hopeful, patient mother. The time and effort of most young men are worth \$5 per day if spent in a practical business training school in earnest pursuit of the knowledge and training afforded. A complete and practical business course is worth \$10,000.00 as capital to any young man of character and right motives, and he may thru his increased efficiency, collect additional dividends at ten per cent on that amount annually.

BUSINESS EDUCATION FOR GIRLS TOO

What-ever may be said about the advantages of a business training for young men, may also be applied to young ladies. It is a perfectly safe and sane thing for a young lady to go into the business world with a business training such as is given at Draughon's Colleges, where girls are taught to be independent, to be more industrious, to be dignified, and, above all, to have and use business sense in everything they do. The Draughon's training will fit young ladies for business dealing with the cleanest, most active, most successful business men in this country - the brainy men who are capable of giving the right impressions of life, and whose influence and efforts keep alive the wholesome and moral influences in the community. Every young woman should possess a practical business knowledge which she can apply instantly and profitably as circumstances may require.

NOW IS THE TIME Be prepared to compete with your strongest competitor. Making the start is the most important step toward success. NOW is the time to make the start. By making arrangements for your scholarship now, you will receive the benefit of the big discount that is now offered.

For Further Information see V. C. Batson, Field Representative, at Commercial Club Rooms, Address Draughon's Practical Business College, Spur, Texas.



IT'S EASY

To make good bread if you have good flour, and you can't make it without you do. So don't waste your money in buying an inferior quality of flour when you can get SEAL OF TEXAS. This flour has been tested by many of our best bread makers, and is universally esteemed as superior to any. Every sack guaranteed.



SOLD ONLY BY HENSON & POOLE

S. W. Rather, one of the most prominent citizens of the Cat Fish country, had business in the city last week.

W. F. Shugart, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city recently and reported that he had bought a pair of oxen from W. D. Evans of the Steel Hill community. In making the purchase Mr. Shugart is not of the opinion that he is harking back to the customs of olden days, but rather that he is advancing and furthering the interests of his labors, farming operations and mode of locomotion in farming proceedings.

M. S. Faver, of near Afton, was in Spur this week on business and spent some time here.

J. A. Smith and sons, W. H. and Frank, were among the many visitors in Spur this week. They report everything in good shape in the Cat-Fish country.

J. B. Morrison was in the city last week from his ranch in the Red Mud country and while here handed us two dollars for two subscriptions to the Texas Spur. Let the good work continue. Every citizen of the country is urged to come in and do likewise.

NOTICE

The City has employed W. D. Wade as City Scavenger. He will be at the services of the general public within the corporate limits at any and all times, and every home owner is urged to call for such services frequently or notify the City Marshall. All those who have not secured dog collars call at my office and get same at once, since all un-collared dogs and loose dogs within the city limits will be killed after the expiration of one week from time of this notice. - J. M. Neely, City Marshall.

L. W. Squires called in this week and handed us a dollar and fifty cents and said let the Texas Spur keep coming, and which we will gladly do.

Judge McClain was in the city the latter part of last week from his Cat Fish ranch. The Judge reports everything moving along nicely.

Misses Hardin and Glass, assistant teachers in the Spur School, returned the first of the week from their respective homes where they spent the holidays.

E. B. Shaw, one of the most prominent citizens of the Croton country, was among the many business visitors in Spur, Saturday to participate in the distribution of prizes by the Merchants Karnival. Mr. Shaw reports everything in his section in the finest shape at this time.

The Hisey Grocery Company moved their stock of goods this week to the building recently purchased on Burlington Avenue and where they will hereafter do business. Their new place is a more desirable location and no doubt the volume of business will increase during the new year.

Welcome 1912

We hope it will be a good one for all. That it will bring peace, happiness and prosperity in this country Make Your New Year Resolutions and Keep Them. And let one of these be, when Buying Drugs, Druggists Sundries, Jewelry, Stationery, Etc.

Buy Them At The Spur Drug Com'y.

We thank you for all favors shown us since coming into your midst in 1911. and hope by our fair dealing with you, that we may be able to further our acquaintances to yours and our mutual interests. Again wishing you a Happy New Year from the first to the last day, we beg to remain yours for straight business,
STRICKLAND,

The only and Exclusive Registered Pharmacist in the City, at Spur Drug Com'y.

DID YOU EVER HEAR OF A Hardware Sale. ..I DON'T THINK YOU EVER DID..

We commence on Saturday, December 23, to close out our entire stock of Hardware at actual cost. Everything from a needle to Buggies, Wagons, Plows and all Shelf Hardware goes at cost. We guarantee to save you from 20 to 40 cents on each dollar purchase.

We offer \$40.00 Stoves for \$27.50
\$30.00 stoves for \$22.50
\$15.00 stoves for \$11.00
\$125.00 buggies for \$100.00
\$100.00 buggies at \$80.00
We can give you buggies as low as \$65
\$45.00 sulky plows 35.00
40.00 cultivator at 32.50
Rod plows at 10.00, 12 or 14 inch
Nails \$2.75 per 100 lb.
All shelf hardware at 30 cents off on each dollar purchase.

Don't fail to visit our store during this closing out sale, as you may never again have the opportunity of buying Hardware at actual cost. This is the opportunity for the carpenters to fill their tool boxes with O.V. B. tools at a very low price. Furnish your kitchen with this low price table ware, cutlery, etc.

We offer a few silver mounted Carving Sets at 2.50 to 4.00
Barber & Hancock.

Mrs. C. C. Tyler, who has been on an extended visit to her parents in Oklahoma, returned last week to her home in Spur.

Wes Hisey, wife and children returned last week from Stamford where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Hisey's parents.

Miss Mary Henson, who has been on an extended visit to relatives and friends at Abilene, returned last week to her home in Spur.

Mrs. Morris, who has been visiting her son, Dr. and Mrs. Morris of the city, returned Saturday to her home at Haskell.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children returned Tuesday of last week from Fort Worth where they spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

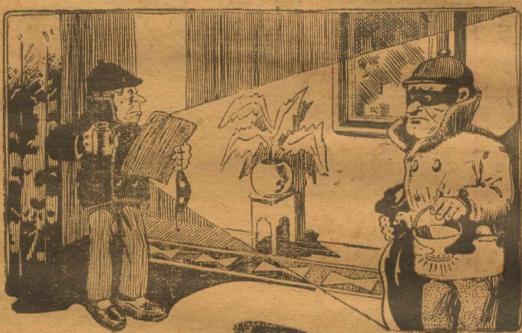
Mrs. B. B. Gainer spent the holidays in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Rodger and little son of Polar spent the holidays in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Van Leer.

Mrs. Turnage and little daughter, Rosanna, are on an extended visit to relatives at Grapevine.

Miss Jennie Shields, who has been on extended visit to relatives at Rising Star, returned last week to her home with Mrs. P. H. Miller in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Barnes returned the latter part of last week to their home in the north part of Dickens county after spending the holidays in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller.



Just a Little Conundrum

Why are these burglars like our lumber?
Because they always go into the best of homes

Not only do we sell the majority of lumber for the best homes all around here, but we get most of the bills for barns, granaries and for all buildings where good, sound, dry material is required.

People have learned that there is a lot of difference in the quality of lumber, and as we make quality our "long suit", particular buyers take no chances, but buy what they need from us.

Our stock is complete, and our prices as low as you can get.

Estimates cheerfully figured.

Richardson Lumber Co.

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that THE AMERICAN LOAN & INVESTMENT CO., of Dallas, Texas has authorized Thos. C. Tripp to take up all contracts applied for through H. T. Burgoon during the time that said Burgoon was agent for this Company. If the contract holders are not satisfied with said contract and believe that application for same was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation on the part of Mr. Burgoon or any one else, you will please bring your contract to the F. & M. Bank at Spur, Texas between, January 1, and January 6th, 1912 and assign same over to the Company, and Mr. Tripp is hereby instructed to receive said contract on behalf of the Company, and return the payments made on same. — THE AMERICAN LOAN & INVESTMENT CO.

Geo. W. Achilles Secy.



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.

G. T. BRANDON, Dentist

Over the Royal Hotel
Office hours from 8-12 and from 1-5
Residence Phone 142.

KALAMITY IS RIGHT

When an honest man works hard all day for a dollar and a half, and finds out that it takes two dollars a day to clothe and feed his wife and babes, that man is likely to become dissatisfied and discouraged. God Almighty has filled this world with enough good things for a man to have plenty to eat and wear, and feel independent and happy. The trouble is, there's too many selfish individuals, who cares no more for a suffering human being than one hog does for another. Selfishness is the curse of the world. It starves its victims and damns its votaries. — Kalamity's Harpoon.

You don't have to be a Beaver to wear "Beaver Hat." If you are "real good Indian" the price is \$3.00 to you. — Sol Davis.

Mrs. W. S. Dunn entertained Friday night at her home in the north part of the city. A delightful time is reported by those who attended.

NOTICE

I have bought the transfer and baggage formerly run by Mr. Pullen, and will appreciate your trade, large or small. Office at Pooles Restaurant. Phone 87. — S. Power.

W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Comp'y

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

COAL WE HAVE IT NOW

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

ARRIVING AND IN STOCK WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEEDSTUFF

Pure Bran, Corn Chops, Shorts, Best Oats, Shelled Corn, Screened Cake for "Range Cattle", Meal Hulls and Pressed Cake for Milk Cows, Special Horse Feed, Alfalfa and Prairie Hay, Seed Wheat, Best Winter Turf Seed Oats, Rye Johnson Grass, Millet, Threaded Maize, Blacksmith and Large Lump Coal
We have a complete stock and would appreciate your business

Terms Strictly Cash.

We buy Hides, Skins, Furs, Oat and Bran Sacks. Weighing for public solicited

SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY.

T. D. Humphrey, who has been book-keeper for Bryant-Link Company during the past two years, left the first of the year for Stamford where he has accepted a more lucrative position with the Waples-Platter Grocery Company.

Mrs. R. A. Stewart entertained the young people at her home Friday night, Mrs. Barrett entertained Thursday night, Mrs. McClure Tuesday night, Mrs. Fox Friday night, thus affording a series of entertainments throughout the week for the young people and children.

W. B. Griffin made a business trip Friday to Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. King, of Hamlin, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

Miss Burnett is spending the holidays with her parents and other relatives in eastern Texas.

Mrs. C. B. New left Friday of last week for Berclair where she will spend several days with her parents and friends.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick, of Dickens, was in the city Friday of last week on business and spent some time here.

Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & WILSON, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

P. H. MILLER Lumber Comp'y.

LUMBER, COAL, POSTS, BRICK, CEMENT,
LIME, BUILDING PAPER & DEVCO 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 McAlister Coal at the lowest prices.

The Highest Prices Paid for dry Bones.

Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

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

Phone Us at No. 128

and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

START RIGHT

...With The New Year...

Make a resolution now to buy American Gentleman and American Lady Shoes. We still have a few suits of Schwab Special, Ladies Coat Suits, Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats to go at a bargain. In fact we carry everything in the General Merchandise line. Call and see us before you buy. Our prices are right and we give you something worth your money.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS,
Bryant-Link Co.
 Keep The Quality Up

WE SINCERELY THANK

Our friends and customers for the business of the past year.

We Wish You a
 Prosperous 1912

And solicit a share of your patronage in the future.

Yours Truly,
Sol Davis

"The Best is the Cheapest."

BUNDLE cane for sale. J. P. Gipson, 4mi S. E. of Spur. 8-2t.

Mrs. George B. Russell is visiting friends and relatives this week in Stamford.

Mayor Geo. S. Link made a business trip this week to Stamford where he spent some time.

Miss Irma Morrison is on an extended visit to relatives and friends at Hico.

F. M. Middleton and wife and Miss Bertha Duff, of Hillsboro, were in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. George B. Russell.

M. P. Whittington and wife returned this week after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Stamford.

Rev. Stewart returned this week from Hamlin where he attended a Methodist church conference at that place.

The little child of Oscar Jackson was severely burned this week by falling against the hot stove.

E. C. Edmonds spent Christmas in Fort Worth with his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, of Matador, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roberts in the city this week.

Mr. Jordan, of Hico, is spending the holidays with his sons, M. A. and W. A. Jordan of the Steel Hill country.

J. C. Collett and R. S. House, two prominent citizens of near Matador, were in Spur Wednesday after supplies for their places.

Mrs. R. R. Morrison returned the latter part of the week from Rotan where she spent several days with her son, Herman Morrison and family.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. King, of the Cat Fish country, who was burned recently and brought to Spur for treatment is now very much improved and will soon be well.

Bill Simpson returned last week from Dallas and Fort Worth where he spent Christmas. He reports having had a most enjoyable and high-rolling time.

FOR SALE - 250 bushels of Ben Davis apples, \$1.35 per bushel. See me at Midway Hotel. M. H. Ballew.

Rev. G. R. Hardy will preach at the Presbyterian church Saturday night and Sunday.

L. C. Arrington, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Wednesday and Thursday buying supplies and greeting his friends. He says that he has finished picking his cotton and now ready for 1912 farming operations.

WATCH THIS PAPER For The Next Few Issues

WE are now invoicing, when through, which will be only a few days, we will give you something to think about. Come now for your needs, we will give you some special bargains in Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Trunks or as your need demands.

J. A. LAMB DIN & CO.
 Spur - - - Texas

MOVED!

We have just moved our Grocery business to the West Side of Burlington Avenue where we will continue to sell the best

Staple and Fancy Groceries
 The Market Affords.

At this, the beginning of a new year we wish to thank all our customers for patronage given us during the past year, and wish each and all a prosperous year during 1912

Let Your New Year's Resolution Be To Trade With
Hisey Grocery Co.
 Burlington Ave. Spur, Texas