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## PAY YOUR POLL TAX BEFORE JANUARY 31ST

Every voter of Dickens county is already aware of the fact that unless he obtains a poll tax receipt issued not later than January 31st he can not vote in any election to be held during the year, but we want to more fully impress this fact and urge that the tax receipt be obtained today.

Last week we stated that the law required each voter to go to Dickens in person to pay this tax. However, we are advised now that such a law pertained only to counties of ten thousand or more inhabitants, and since Dickens county has less than that number, the Tax Collector will be permitted to issue poll taxes upon blanks properly filled out and sent in personally by any individual. Such blanks can be had at the F. & M. Bank in Spur, and those who can not go to Dickens are urged to call in at the bank, fill out the blanks and leave with them the \$1.75 necessary to obtain the receipt at Dickens.

## SUPPLIES FOR RANCH

Ike Killough was in town Monday after supplies for the 24 Ranch where during the past year he has been employed. Ike was formerly with the Spur Ranch and is well known to the people of this section. Twenty odd years ago this writer and Ike Killough lived in the same community in Brown county which it that time was the "frontier" of Texas and considered fit only as a "cow country." However that country has long since demonstrated, (as this country is now doing), its richness and adaptability in agricultural resources, and we some day expect to see the Spur country as densely populated and as rich in agricultural production as is Brown and surrounding counties today.

## NINE MONTHS SCHOOL

At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial Club held Saturday morning, Professor Adams and members of the school board advised the club that on account of the increased number of pupils an additional teacher had been employed, and that it appeared that the school term would have to be shortened two weeks or a month for lack of funds to complete the entire term of nine months. The business men of Spur have expressed a willingness to assist in carrying on the school to the end of nine months term, and through the Commercial Club, take this method of advising the patrons of the Spur Public School that the school term of nine months will be taught.—Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

## WILL ENTERTAIN

On Friday, January 19th, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Reagan will entertain for the Aid Society of the Christian Church at the home of Mrs. Reagan, from 3 to 5 and 8 to 10 p. m. Free will offering. Come and bring your friends.

## TO SPUR ADVERTISERS

Heretofore The Texas Spur has had each Friday as publication day and in many instances it has been issued and mailed late. However, we have made new resolutions and hereafter the paper will be mailed in plenty time to reach the out of town subscribers of the county each Friday. We kindly ask the regular advertisers to furnish copy for display advertisements as early in each week as is possible, and not later than Wednesday. The paper will go to press hereafter on Thursday and the forms locked at twelve o'clock on that day. We make this change for the benefit of advertisers as well as to furnish readers the paper on time and have it delivered to them before the middle of the next week. We will thank each one who assists in this plan.

## POISONING DOGS

W. J. Clark, of the north part of Dickens county, was a very pleasant caller Saturday at the Spur office. Mr. Clark said that he had not yet sold his cotton but that he had shipped it to Galveston with instructions to the commission men to sell it at their own discretion. He is now through with his farming business for the past year and says that he will begin killing prairie dogs this week for the Matador Company. He says that the Matadors claim it is cheaper to kill out the dogs than to permit them to eat the grass each year, and for that reason each year a force of men is employed to distribute poison over their lands. Before leaving Mr. Clark handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription, and for which he has our sincere thanks.

## GROS FINE CORN

W. F. McCarty, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday with cotton and also to do trading with the merchants. Mr. McCarty made fine crops this year, and says that he gathered twelve big wagon loads of corn from eight acres on his place this year. While his crop of corn was not measured it is estimated to have produced more than thirty bushels to the acre. There are those who believe that corn can not be successfully grown in this country. We refer such to Mr. McCarty and other farmers of the Afton country as to whether or not corn can be grown. While here Mr. McCarty handed us a dollar for the Texas Spur, and which we received with thanks.

## MOVES TO SPUR.

J. W. McCormick and family, of Seurry, moved last week to the Spur country and Mr. McCormick will make a crop here this year with the intention of buying land later and becoming a permanent citizen of this section of the country. Mr. McCormick is a brother of our fellow townsman, J. V. McCormick of the Richardson Lumber Company, and we extend to the family a hearty welcome to the Spur country and wish for them much prosperity and a most pleasant home here.

## SPUR SCHOOL CONTINUES TO GROW IN ENROLLMENT

The Spur School now has an enrollment of two hundred eighty-seven pupils and daily average attendance of two hundred thirty pupils. As a result of this increased enrollment another teacher has been added to the faculty and all pupils are being cared for in the most satisfactory manner.

The school census for last year shows that there were two hundred fourteen pupils in this school district at that time, and the present enrollment and average attendance demonstrates that not only is the Spur country settling rapidly and substantially but that the Spur School is ably and efficiently superintended, and with our handsome school building and equipments and superior educational facilities we expect to see the Spur School continue to grow and within a few years develop into a recognized and noted educational center.

## SUCCESSFUL NEW COMER

C. D. Copeland came in Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and paid us three dollars on subscription, having the paper sent to M. L. Watson at Marquez as well as to himself. Mr. Copeland has only been in this country two years, and although he may be considered a new comer he now has a lot of feed stuff to sell in sufficient quantity to supply newer-comers and as well as any old timer who may have devoted more of his land and work to cotton the past year. Mr. Copeland is one of our very best citizens, and he is a stayer. We wish him all the success possible in his farming operations.

## MAIZE AND MULES

Recently Hodges Haile, of the Afton country, came to Spur with three bales of cotton to gin, and since they were too wet to gin and he could not sell them for enough to pay for the picking he staid with them about a week, giving the staple a thorough stirring each day until they were in shape to gin. However during the time he became very restless and was relieved of his duties one day in order that he might visit home and see his boy. Hodges says that hereafter he intends to plant less cotton and grow more maize and mules.

## PROSPEROUS FARMER.

Jim Edwards and Mr. Ashburn of near Girard, were in Spur Wednesday with cotton and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Edwards said that he sold his cotton here for \$9.30 a hundred. He has several bales more at home which he said he would bring in when the price advanced to ten cents. Mr. Edwards is one of the most prosperous farmers of the country and owns one of the best farms within the Girard country as is evidenced by the quantity of his produce brought to the Spur market.

## DRUG STORE SOLD

Mr. Williams, of Coryell county, bought this week of Mr. Strickland the Spur Drug Company business. Mr. Williams is a druggist of fifteen years practical experience and is highly recommended as a good citizen and capable business man. Mr. Strickland will return to his former home and enter the campaign for county clerk of his home county. We wish Mr. Strickland a successful campaign and also extend to Mr. Williams a welcome to Spur.

## FINE SONG SERVICE

Rev. William Pearn will be in Spur Sunday, January 21st, and will be accompanied by Rev. J. D. Bowels who will preach Sunday morning and night at the First Christian Church. Brother Bowels is an accomplished musician and singer, and a fine song service will be arranged for both services. All are invited to attend.—Jeff D. Reagan, Clerk.

## TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

To my friends and customers of Spur and surrounding country: I am pleased to take this method through the columns of our local press in introducing and recommending to the citizens of Spur and surrounding country, Mr. Jas. F. Williams, of Farmersville, Coryell county, Texas, who has bought the Spur Drug Co. business. I have known Mr. Williams for twenty-five years and know him to be a perfect gentleman possessing the attributes of courtesy, business and square dealings. Mr. Williams is a druggist of many years experience, having been in business in our place for fifteen years. I hope my friends and customers will continue to give him their business in his line.

Thanking you all for the many courtesies and the splendid patronage I have had at your hands since I have been in Spur and your vicinity.—R. E. Strickland.

Referring to the above announcement of Mr. R. E. Strickland, I desire to say to the people of Spur and surrounding country that I will carry into the management of the Spur Drug Co. all of my capacity and very best efforts to deserve at the hands of Spur and surrounding country a continuance of the manifold kindnesses and very liberal business extended to the Spur Drug Co. under the able management of Mr. Strickland. The stock is being increased as fast as the goods can be shipped here and I hope to be able to supply the wants of this people even better than this store has in the past and will see to it that for every nickle spent with this store you receive full value, prompt service, courteous treatment and all prescription work handled by an experienced registered pharmacist.

Come around and get acquainted. Make this store your headquarters whether you want to buy or not.

With cordial good wishes for all, for a prosperous and happy future for ours and the town of Spur and community I am,

Very truly yours,  
Spur Drug Co.  
Jas. F. Williams, Prop.

## RAILROAD OFFICIALS ON TOUR INSPECTING ROAD

Officials of the Colorado & Southern Railway, including Messrs. A. D. Parker, Vice-President Colorado & Southern, J. D. Welch, General Superintendent, D. B. Keller, V. P. & G. M., H. A. Gausewits, General Superintendent, W. F. Sterley, General Freight Agent, Dr. Sanders, Chief Surgeon, R. C. Gowdy, Chief Engineer of the Fort Worth & Denver, G. A. Fitzpatrick, Supt. Wichita Valley, Mrs. Keeler, Misses Parker, were in Spur Monday on their tour of inspection over the several roads of that line. We are informed that their visit here was merely as inspectors and does not portend construction contemplation. However, we with others of the town and country are constantly apprehensive and are keeping our ears to the ground to catch the first rumblings of railroad building either to or from Spur. It is only a question of time and settlement of the country until Spur will have more than one railroad, and that time is rapidly approaching.

## FOR COUNTY CLERK

In the announcement column will be found the name of Crawford Cobb for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk. Crawford has efficiently and satisfactorily served the people of Dickens county during the past two years, and as a result it is very probable that he will have no opponent in his campaign for re-election. Crawford Cobb is one of the best men of the country and is well known to all the old settlers, he having edited the Dickens Item of Dickens a number of years. He deserves the consideration and support of every voter in the coming election.

## MOVES AWAY TEMPORARILY.

R. W. Walker and wife left Sunday for Lubbock. Mr. Walker has been here since the town first opened, having been employed as one of the first carpenters of the town. They have many, many, friends here who regret very much to see them leave, though we understand they left their home here unsold, so we expect them to return to Spur in the near future.

## WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A COMMERCIAL EDUCATION?

The average educated man gets a salary of \$1000.00 a year. He works forty years, making a total sum of \$40,000.00 in a life time. The average day laborer gets \$1.50 per day, 300 days in the year, or \$450.00 a year. In forty years he earns \$18,000. The difference, \$22,000.00 equals the financial value of an education. To acquire this earning capacity requires about four months time or 120 days. Divide this into \$22,000.00, the value of an education, and we find that each day in school is worth \$183.33 1-3 to the student, without considering the satisfaction and pleasure of living a much more successful life.

Draughon's Practical College,  
Spur, Texas.

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WE HANDLE HIGHEST GRADE  
& MAKE THE LOWEST PRICE.

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

J. B. CONNER

## The Spur Hotel

W. N. BLACKWELL, Prop.

RATES: \$1.50 Per Day.

See me for Weekly Rates

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

L. C. Arrington, of the north part of the county, was a recent business visitor in the city. Mr. Arrington made a fine crop this year and says that he is now ready for another crop season. Mr. Arrington is not only a prosperous farmer but one among the best men and most substantial citizens of the country.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor and little son, Lewis Sanders, returned Saturday of last week from an extended visit to relatives in Erath county, and Sanders, Sr. is again smiling.

Jeff Benson, a prosperous farmer of the Dumont country, was in Spur this week with cotton to sell, and hauled out a load of general merchandise supplies.

L. J. Elsby, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur last week after general merchandise supplies. Spur is the trading point for a vast territory, and as Post says, "There's a Reason," Spur merchants have the goods, make the prices and reach out after the business.

I have a brand new Oliver Topewriter that I will sell at a bargain for the cash.—C. B. New at Davis' Store.

Mrs. A. S. Swan was in the city Wednesday of last week from her home in the Croton country.

Sterling Oswalt, of the 24 Ranch came in this week and hauled out a big load of ranch supplies.

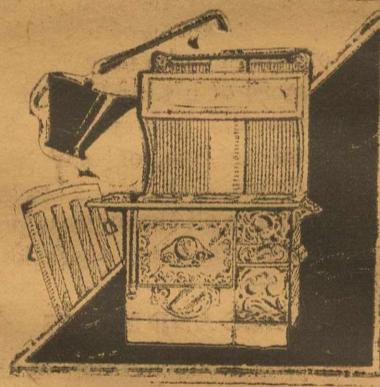
## ENTERTAINED

One of the most delightful social affairs of the season was given at the home of Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Friday night, January 5th, when Mesdames Standifer and Reagan entertained the members of the club and their husbands. For a while the time was pleasantly passed in chit-chat of friend with friend. Then cards bearing 14 numbers were passed the ladies, also an extra number on top of card whereby she may find her partner. The gentlemen were passed cards with one number upon it which should correspond with his partners' number. As it is leap year, the ladies hunted for their partners. Then each couple found that there were pictures representing books, some old some new, pinned upon the walls of the different rooms. Each picture was numbered and as soon as name of book was determined it was written upon the ladies card bearing the numbers. This was intensely interesting, since the pictures were drawn by a famous Scotch cartoonist some years ago for Mrs. Standifer, all with the exception of two very clever ones drawn by Spur's own artist, Jeff D. Reagan Jr. The next feature was a list of questions passed to each guest, to be answered by words beginning with his or her own initials only. These were then read aloud bringing forth peals of laughter.

Last but not least was an elegant luncheon consisting of a salad course with coffee and cake.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and beautiful music was furnished by Messrs. Edwards and New and Mesdames Bachelor and Clemmons.

At a late hour the guests departed carrying with them the memory of a very pleasant evening.—Club Reporter.



## 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, pokers, etc., etc.

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C. C. Tyler

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Life and Live Stock Insurance.

Godfrey-Tyler Realty Company.

## G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Steting a Specialty. Near the Gin

Chas. Durham and family, who have been living several miles south of Spur, moved recently to town.

W. T. Wilson and wife, of six miles east, were in the city last week trading with Spur merchants.

## Always Open For Business

People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!  
IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, SAY SO!

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

## NEW HOPE

Old timers tell us that this winter is unusually cold and that a severe cold winter is a sure prediction of a bumper crop, as all insects that molest the growing crops are destroyed.

Mr. Ira Dobbs and wife will live on the James Elmore farm another year.

Wm. Blackwell, proprietor of the Spur Hotel, was in our midst recently transacting business.

J. E. Wright, of Fisher county, will live on the Jake Scott farm another year. We welcome Mr. Wright in our community.

Mrs. J. M. Jones visited the home of J. L. Laws Sunday.

Early and Charles Austin, G. S. and G. W. Dodson had business in Spur last week.

W. J. Clark went to Matador some few days ago on business.

T. J. Harrison is reported as being sick with the la grippe.

T. N. Dodson will live in Motley county another year.

Miss Meade Dodson has been quite sick for the past several days.—Onion.

John Callahan was in town this week from the Tap country and said that he is making preparations to move to the Plains country.

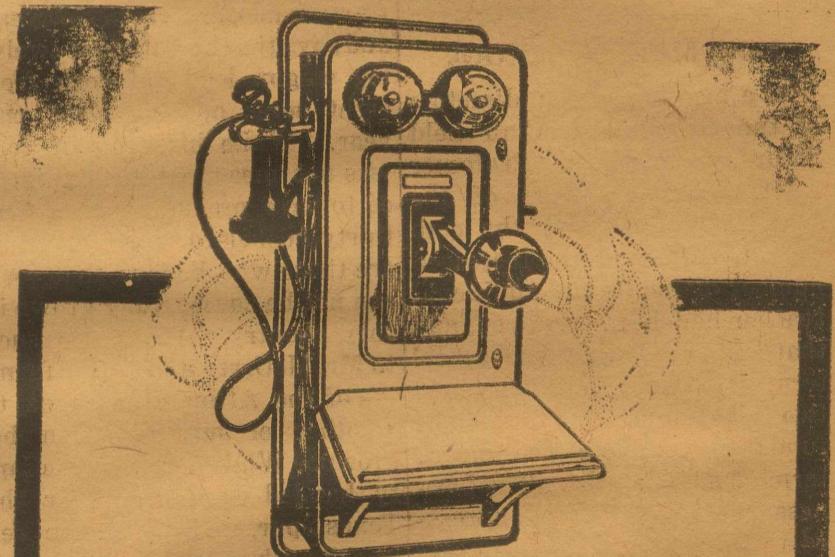
J. H. Edwards, of Dumont, was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Spur office. Mr. Edwards informed us that he recently lost his home and farm in the Afton country, the Matador Land & Cattle Company having claimed and secured through the courts a title to the property. For a number of years that company and a number of land holders of the Afton country have been disputing the ownership of holdings and it is apparent that the company will secure their claims.

J. L. Karr, of near Spur, called in Saturday and had us add his name to our subscription list and also had the paper sent to J. D. Karr for one year, also taking the Dallas News in connection with our clubbing offer.

Mrs. Mary Harvey called in recently and had the Spur sent to E. J. Boaz of Mississippi, for which she has our thanks. The Texas Spur list continues to grow and expand.

Y. C. Carpenter, a prominent citizen of Dumont, was in the city Monday on business and spent some time here.

A. J. Tyler made a business trip this week to East Texas and Arkansas.



## Ask the Farmer Who Has One

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- 2 Gets best prices
- 3 Brings supplies
- 4 Protects the home
- 5 Helps the housewife
- 6 Increases profits
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Seven cardinal reasons why you should be interested and send to-day for booklet.

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BUSINESS COURSE—Embracing Book-keeping, Banking, Commercial Arithmetic, Rapid Calculation, Commercial Law, Business Letter Writing, Commercial Papers, Spelling and Penmanship.  
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COMBINED COURSE—Embracing all Studies in both Business and Shorthand Courses.

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## 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.

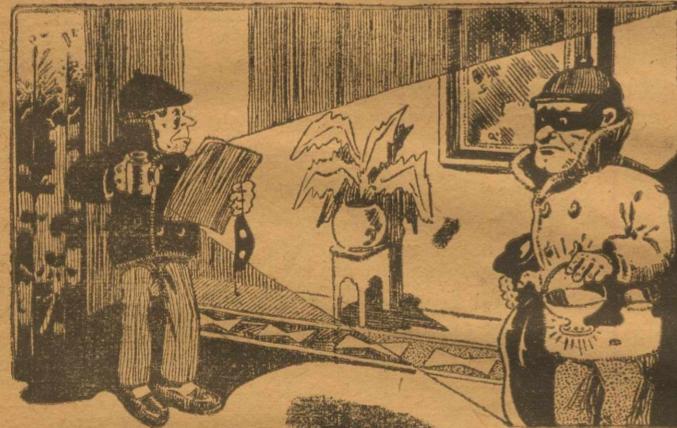
At this, the beginning of a new year we wish to thank all our customers for patronage given us during the past year, and wish each and all a prosperous year during 1912

Let Your New Year's Resolution Be To Trade With

### Hisey Grocery Co.

Burlington Ave.

Spur, Texas



### 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

**Read The Texas Spur all This Year.**

Miss Lena Roberts is now employed in the Sol Davis dry goods department store, Miss Gunn having resigned her position in the store and we understand will take a business course in Draughon's Business College of Spur.

R. W. Walker and family moved last week to the Plains country. T. M. Verner and wife have moved into the Walker residence and will make that their home throughout the year.

R. S. Boothe, a prominent citizen of near Girard, was a recent business visitor to Spur and reports everything in good shape in his section of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, were in Spur Monday trading, and while here Mr. Taylor was a very pleasant caller at the Spur office.

4000 bushels of fine sorghum for sale at 4 cents, on my place 5 miles east of Spur.—C. D. Copeland. 11-2t

## W. C. BOWMAN

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DOORS, PAINT,

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The Highest Prices Paid for dry Bones.

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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  
Per Acre

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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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison

For County and District Clerk:  
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

### INFORMATION.

How can a man live by the sweat of his brow and never produce a dollars worth of wealth?

Why does the general public produce the wealth of the world and never have clothes to wear?

If money could control air and sunshine as it does the land, what part would I get?

Why does cotton go up and down in price, when it will produce as many pair of socks whether it sells for a hundred dollars or nothing? It looks like speculation to this socialist.—J. H. Edwards, Dumont, Texas.

### TEXTILE MILL FOR POST CITY

Fort Worth, Dec. 31st.—It is reported that C. W. Post, founder of Post City, will establish a textile mill in Post City, construction to begin at once and plant to be ready for the cotton crop of 1912. The mill will have 10,000 spindles, a capacity of about 2,000,000 yards of finished cloth annually and will give employment to about 200 men.

It is said that this will be the only mill in the world to combine all the processes of textile manufacture from freshly picked, unginned cotton to finished sheetings, cut, hemmed and laundered, ready for use.

The initial cost of the plant is to be \$400,000, and it is to be constructed in such a manner to allow addition of machinery should the success of the project merit extension.

J. P. Gipson has wood to sell on his place at \$2 a cord. 10 2tp

### RELEASED ON BOND

Frank Irwin, charged with the murder of Bug Sampson and wounding his brother, Dick, on December 13, has been released from custody by the Stonewall county officials. He was granted bond in the sum of \$2,750, \$2,000 in the murder case, and \$750 in the case of attempted murder, in which Dick Sampson was wounded.—Jayton Herald.

### SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

We hear Bowse Conner's name mentioned in connection with the campaign for the Sheriff's office. Bowse Conner is one of the very best men of Spur, is an old timer of the country and he is qualified in every respect and would make Dickens county a good officer in every department of the sheriff's office.

See J. B. Morrison for any amount of wood to be sold on his place 12 miles southwest. 10tf

### 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 Commissioners 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.

The Texas Spur \$1.00 per year

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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.

### The First State Bank, Spur, Texas

#### CAPITAL STOCK

\$50,000.00

## DURING 1912 OUR PICTURE FRAMING DEPARTMENT WILL BE MORE COMPLETE THAN EVER IN THE PAST

WE ARE Prepared to do all kinds of Framing and our line of Mouldings is the largest and best assorted in West Texas. Bring us your pictures to frame. We guarantee to frame them right or it will not cost you a penny. Don't forget that our stock of Furniture is the largest, and our prices are the lowest consistent with good merchandise.

## TEXAS FURNITURE CO.

Spur's Leading House Furnishers.

### A RUN-AWAY MARRIAGE

Saturday Justice of the Peace C. H. Senning performed the ceremony which united in marriage Mr. Frank Deese and Miss Nell Smyer of Crosbyton. The ceremony was performed while the couple were seated in the Crosbyton Line Car, and immediately thereafter they departed for their home at that place.

We are informed that the young couple had much trouble in securing the necessary license on account of youthfulness. They past through Spur several days ago, failed to get licenses at Aspermont and other places, returning the latter part of the week to Spur, and being again refused the license at Dickens, the youthful couple were making preparations to depart for New Mexico when Deputy Sheriff Anderton came to their assistance in that he telephoned to their parents, securing their consent and having them to secure the license which were sent down by the car driver with an invitation to the couple to return home, and which they did.

The couple are of two of the most prominent families of Crosbyton and the Texas Spur joins their friends in congratulations and best wishes.

### PROBABLE CANDIDATE.

C. C. Haile, upon the solicitation of his friends, is contemplating entering the race for tax assessor of Dickens county, and it is very probable that he will place his candidacy before the voters at an early date. Mr. Haile has lived in the county from his youth up to the present time, is well known to all the older settlers. He is a man of high moral character, business ability, and if the tax payers select him to serve as assessor the duties of the office will be performed ably, intelligently and accurately. Mr. Haile came to Spur in its early days and he has many friends here who will be glad to see him get into this campaign.

### STUDYING AUTOING.

Leslie Holman, who has been attending a school in automobile construction and repair in Dallas, returned this week to Spur on account of the meningitis scare in that city. He says he would have graduated in that business within a week or two had the epidemic not prevented.

H. V. Scott, of the Northeast Corner, was in Spur on business the latter part of last week.

### PRICE OF COTTON AD- VANCING, FARMERS SELL

Quite a number of bales of cotton were brought to Spur this week and sold, the price ranging from nine and a quarter to a half, the average price being about nine-forty. Such prices sound more like business and we have been of the opinion all along that if the farmers would continue to hold cotton the price would be compelled to advance. However, the main point in the cotton business is to make the farm produce everything for the table supplies so that the cotton producer can live comfortably while he waits for the spinners and speculators to call in the staple. Grow more maize and mules, pigs and potatoes and farmers can sell cotton for twenty cents or wear buck skin breeches.

Mr. Bennett of Rule, has accepted a position as manager of the Spur Tailoring Company and now has charge of that business in the place of R. R. Hood. We welcome Mr. Bennett to Spur.

Dock Edwards was in the city trading last week from his home in the Croton country.

WHEN General Sam Houston would pass down the streets, it is said that strangers would instinctively turn and inquire, "Who is that man?" The history of Texas is made up of strong men whose brilliant thoughts and noble deeds have attracted the admiration of the whole world, and caused nations to inquire, "Who is that man?"

We need in government, industry, philosophy, art, science and literature men whose walk through our lives will inspire us to high and mighty deeds and fill the Southland with a golden glow and cause future generations to instinctively pause and inquire, "Who is that man?"



WHO IS THAT MAN?

Let those who would hold the wondering attention of men live a life so powerful that it lifts until it awes and dumbounds, throw the brightness of their intellect into the dark caverns of civilization and crown the age in which they live with a golden wealth of progress. Texas needs great men.

## COAL, - FEED!

**WE ARE HEADQUARTERS**  
For Coal and Feedstuff of all kinds and can supply your wants in short order. We have the **BEST ASSORTED STOCK** in this part of the country and would appreciate your business in

Bran, Corn, Oats, Shorts, Maize, Seed Rye and Oats, Millet, Sacks  
Corn Chops, Alfalfa Hay, Cold Pressed Cake, Johnson Grass Sd  
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Big Lump, Nut and Blacksmith Coal

We buy Furs, Hides, Bran and Oat Sacks. Weigh your wagons here. Call whether you buy or not. We want to get acquainted

SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY BOTH PHONES 51 SPUR, TEXAS

### ESSAY ON MAN

Man born of woman is small potatoes and few in a hill. He riseth up and flourisheth like a rag-weed and tomorrow or next day the undertaker hath him.

He goeth forth in the morning warbling like a lark and is knocked out in one round and two seconds.

In the midst of life he is in debt and the tax collector pursueth him wherever he goeth.

He cometh home in the evening and meeteth the wheelbarrow in his path. It riseth up and smiteth him to the earth and runneth one leg in his ear.

In the gentle spring time he putteth on his summer suit and a blizzard striketh him far from home and filleth him with cuss words and rheumatism.

He buyeth a watch dog and when he cometh home from the lodge, the watch dog treeth him and setteth near him 'till early morn.

He goeth to the race course and betteth his money on the bay mare, the brown gelding runneth the blaze face wineth.

He marrieth a red headed, freckled faced heriss with a wart on her nose, and the next day the parent ancestor goeth,

down with a crash and great probabilities and cometh home to live with their beloved son-in-law.—Contributed.

### RESIGNS POSITION.

R. R. Hood, who has been manager of the Spur Tailoring Company during the past several months, has resigned his position here and left Monday for his former home in Stamford. Mr. Hood was a first-class tailor, a congenial gentleman and during his stay in Spur made many friends who regret to see him leave.

### 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.

Mrs. W. S. Campbell has been on the sick list the past week, but is now convalescent we are glad to note.

C. L. Love made a business trip to Stamford the first of this week.

## 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

# 'The Sale'

THE GREAT SALE INAUGURATED LAST WEEK TO CLOSE OUT WINTER GOODS

## Is Working Wonders!

WE Are not going into details of prices in this issue, but all prices are as published last week and will remain so throughout this month.

### NOT ONE SINGLE ITEM WILL

### ESCAPE THE PRICE CUTTING

In Winter Goods, Shoes of every description, Hats, Clothing, Odd Pants, Shirts, Caps, Trunks, Suit Cases, Grips, Wool Dress Goods, Sweaters, all Ladies Ready-to-Wear and many other items at Manufacturers Cost.

COME NOW AND GET THE LOW PRICES

J. A. Lambdin & Co.,  
Spur, WE INAUGURATE THE PRICE  
Texas

#### TAP TELLINGS

Well we are still here, have not froze to death yet.

We are about done moving, all are located for this year. We may go to the Sahara Desert before another winter.

T. S. Lambert is occupying the Sam Smith farm. Mr. Smith is stopping on the Plains till spring and will go farther west.

Clarence Giddings, who has been here for the past few months, left a few days ago for Oklahoma.

J. C. Holden has secured the Lambert place for this year.

Uncle Ben Garrett preached at the Christian church Sunday evening. Uncle Ben is ninety three years of age and very active and reads without glasses.

Sam Massey, from several miles down the river, was here Sunday smiling at the pretty girls.

Frank Abney has opened up a dentist office here, extracting mesquite grubs a specialty.

Grandma Thomas has been quite sick for several days.

Rev. T. F. Medlin, of Dickens, filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Herbert Rodgers, of Whiteriver, was here Sunday.

Miss Addie George, of Gomez, is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Scott are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter. Mother and babe doing nicely.

C. W. Hinson, of Steel Hill, was here this week on business.

Will ring off, as we are expecting a blizzard in the next fifteen minutes. —Gadabout.

# Why Not Begin Now?

If You Are Not Already One of Our Customers  
You Can Not Make a Better Change  
Than Becoming One Now.

WHY? BECAUSE Our Chase & Sanborns Teas and Coffees, Cupid Brand Pickles and Olives, and Golden Brand Can Goods Are Better, Go Further and cost you no more than competitive goods

A TRIAL WILL BE CONVINCING

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Spur, Texas

#### NOTICE, FARMERS

Those owing us will please range to call and pay their gin-gin accounts. I will be at the gin-gin until January 31st, after that date the books and accounts will be at the First State Bank. We desire to thank the farmers for their liberal patronage and hope our relations during 1912 will be as pleasant as in 1911. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, we are yours.—The Farmers Gin. J. E. Johnson Manager. 11-tf

#### NOTICE

Having sold the Spur Drug Co., all parties knowing themselves indebted to me please make settlement of same by February 1st, 1912, and greatly oblige.—R. E. Strickland.

Mr. Tidwell is now recovered from an attack of the "Chicken Pox" after being confined to his bed several days. We are glad to see him at his post of duty again, and from all appearances the indications are that Tid will never again laugh at the "kids" for having the chicken pox.

#### DICKENS ITEM

Mr. and Mrs. John Nolan spent Sunday evening and Sunday night with Rev. and Mrs. Billberry, of Spur.

Miss Fite, of Spur, has taken charge of the Hiland school which Miss Enid Smith has recently resigned.

Mr. Fred Hale, of Afton, passed through Dickens Tuesday on his way to Spur with a load of cotton.

Mr. W. L. Hyatt, who formerly owned a livery stable at Dickens, but now of Spur, was in town last Saturday on business.

R. C. Forbis, of Afton, returned Thursday from Fort Stockton where he had been at the bedside of his father, C. D. Forbis, who died at his home in Fort Stockton Monday, January 8th. C. D. Forbis was a pioneer stockman of West Texas, and well known among the old timers, who will regret to hear of his death. He was in his 77th year when he died. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

Just received a shipment of Wap. Co. flour. Give us your order today.—Sol Davis.

Mr. R. M. Hamby was here Thursday from Dickens and reported Mrs. Hamby, who was recently operated upon at the Standifer Hospital, doing nicely and will soon be able to return to her home at Dickens.

Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will meet Monday 3 o'clock p. m. at home of Mrs. Cates.

W. N. Blackwell is now with the Spur Hardware Company, doing collections and general soliciting for the firm.

Mrs. Hergis, of the city, is now in the Standifer Hospital, an operation being performed Saturday and the patient now reported doing nicely.

STRAYED: One bay horse, about 16 hands high, branded figure nine cross and cross is across the tale of the nine. \$10 for return. White spot in forehead. Foretop cut when he left home about October 1st 1911.—C. C. Cobb, Dickens, Texas.

If it's high grade goods you want, we have them.—Sol Davis.

Miss Morgan, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter, returned this week to her home at Aspermont.

You are invited to attend the Bakery Sale by Methodist ladies at the Red Front Drug Store Saturday.

H. Z. Taylor, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading.

For a high class line of groceries call on Sol Davis.

A new shipment of laces and embroideries at Sol Davis'.

#### DANGER! TAKE NOTICE.

Our Dog Poisoning outfit will, within the next few days, be working in the territory surrounding Spur, and all owners of stock are hereby warned that there is danger of their stock getting this poison; and are cautioned so that they may take necessary steps to protect themselves from loss of this character.—S. M. Swenson & Sons, C. A. Jones, Manager.

#### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the post-office uncalled for 1-16-'12.

Gentlemen

C. E. Austin, C. M. Bell, Frank Cook, J. I. George, G. T. Henderson, Clinton Haywood, Clark Lewis, Paul Roberts, Geo. Ralins, J. S. Weir, Wade Walker, Ladies.

Mrs. J. I. George, Miss Eula Link, Miss Daisy Purdy, Helen Spur.

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

# BUY GROCERIES FROM MORRISON TO SAVE MONEY

100 lbs. Baker Boy Flour,	\$2.90
25 lbs. Blue Ribbon Flour	2.10
100 lbs. Granulated Sugar	6.50
25 lbs. " "	1.65
10 lb. Bucket Cottolene	1.25
10 lb. Swifts Compound	.90
10 lb. " Armours "	.80
Irish Potatoes per pound	2 1-2c
Smoked Bacon	12 1-2c
Dry Salt Bacon	11 1-2c
14 lbs. Navy Beans	\$1.00
14 lbs. Pink Beans	1.00

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