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BOTTLING WORKS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SPUR

Last week Mr. Higginbotham was in Spur making arrangements to open up a bottling works in the city. The Miller business house next to the Texas Spur office on Fifth Street was secured for the business and we understand that the machinery is on the road and Mr. Higginbotham will have the business ready for operation at an early date.

The bottling works will be of sufficient capacity to care for the entire trade territory and also supply the adjoining territory.

Spur continues to surely and rapidly locate industries and enterprises which contribute to the commercial supremacy of this territory, and within a few more years we expect to have located here various factories, mills and an exceptional market for every character of farm product.

MININGITIS WELL IN HAND

Dr. Grace returned Monday from Dallas where he had been several days to investigate the methods of treatment of miningitis by the Flexner serum. He reports that the disease is now well in hand by the health department of that city. On his return home he came by the way of Hico to join Mrs. Grace who had been spending several days in that city with relatives, both returning home Monday.

MARRIED.

W. P. Selder and Miss Dora Herd were married Sunday at the home of the bride. Quite a number attended the wedding and a big dinner was served to the guests. The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes, and may Mr. and Mrs. Selder live long, be happy and prosper.

The Jackson Realty Company moved this week from the Texas Spur building to the Foy building next door to the Westside Barber Shop where their office will be located in the future.

COTTON NOW SELLING FOR MORE THAN TEN CENTS.

J. R. McArthur was in the city Monday with his last load of cotton for the gins here. Mr. McArthur says that he has been selling his cotton throughout the year as he ginned it. One year with another we consider this the better plan, but those who have been holding cotton this year until the present time will have made more than five dollars a bale since cotton has advanced in price to that extent during the past week or two. Cotton is now selling in Spur for more than ten cents, and it would not surprise us if it would sell for twelve cents here before the end of the season.

THE LADIES QUARTETTE

Monday night of last week the Winona Ladies Quartette entertained at the Lyric Theatre under the auspices of the Dixie Lyceum Bureau. The house was crowded to its full capacity and all present enjoyed the singing.

The four ladies, although possibly amateurs in the opera circles, had charming and melodious voices and performed the different parts of the program more to the satisfaction and pleasure, at least of this writer, than many of the highest class operas heretofore attended elsewhere.

Should the Winona ladies be returned to Spur at another time we are quite sure that standing room will go at a premium.

The next number on the program of the Dixie Lyceum Bureau will be the DeVault Concert Company which will appear at the Lyric Theatre Wednesday night, February 14th. This will be the last number of the course and promises to be one of the best.

Throughout the course of the Dixie Lyceum Bureau the managers, Messrs. Jennings and Prideaux, have been discouraged on account of the disadvantages encountered. They had to pay fifty dollars for each performance and until the appearance of the last number the proceeds of the admission were not sufficient to pay for the course number. It is hoped that this last number will be more remunerative as well as highly entertaining.

HUNDREDS ATTEND DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY

The service of coffee, cakes and various products of the National Biscuit Company throughout Saturday afternoon in the grocery department of the Sol Davis mercantile establishment was a novel, pleasing and entertaining feature in the commercial progressiveness of that firm and business.

The service was under the supervision of Mr. A. A. Davis, a representative of the National Biscuit Company, and the store arrangement as well as the service was most pleasing and inviting. A whole counter of the grocery department was draped with napkins and table service and throughout the afternoon hundreds of ladies, gentlemen and patrons of the establishment were served with delicious coffee, cakes and the various products of the company, including Cameo Biscuits, Filigree Fingers, Five O'Clock Tea Biscuits, Festino Almonds, Old Time Sugar Cookies, Cecilia Biscuits, Peanut Cakes, Fruit Coconut Bars, Nabiscos, Minaret Wafers. Mr. Davis presided on this occasion in a gracious and pleasant manner and the day's service to patrons and guests will contribute further to the popularity of the firm.

Since the establishment of the Sol Davis business in Spur the firm has enjoyed a most liberal trade and throughout the time has maintained and perpetuated the business method of honest dealing, fair treatment and in every instance kept in line with progressive advancement and regarded their motto, "The Best is the Cheapest."

DYNAMITE EXPERIMENTS

Monday and Tuesday Mr. Angst, representing the Dupont Powder Company, was in Spur demonstrating the possibilities and advantages of farming with dynamite. An acre of ground at the Experimental Farm was used in the demonstration. A portion of one stick of dynamite was placed about three feet underground at intervals of fifteen feet. The ignition was made by an electric wire and the explosion loosened the surrounding ground to a depth of two and three feet. The result on the plat of ground at the experimental farm will be carefully noted.

Mr. Angst also made experiment demonstrations at the Spur Inn grounds and on which trees will be planted or set out.

DIES OF MENINGITIS

A telegram from Jacksonville Tuesday stated that Ed Parten died of meningitis at that place Tuesday at five o'clock. Mr. Parten contracted the disease Saturday and was in Jacksonville for the purpose of selling a car load of horses shipped there from Spur. Mrs. Parten and children left Spur Tuesday for their former home in east Texas where the remains will probably be interred.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO FOOL AWAY TIME EAST.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens, who left last week for Maybank, returned this week to Spur. Mr. Stephens said that life is too short to spend in that section and away from Spur, therefore he and family will continue to make Spur their home in the future. Mrs. Stephens and children stopped over in Comanche and spent several days with relatives before returning home.

FOR COMMISSIONER

In the announcement column of the Texas Spur will be found the name of Jeff D. Reagan for County Commissioner of Precinct Number 3. Mr. Reagan has had numerous solicitations on the part of friends to become a candidate for either County Judge or Commissioner, and since he could not consistently make the race for county judge he makes the announcement for commissioner. At present Mr. Reagan is serving Spur as Commercial Club Secretary and is probably known personally by every voter in this commissioners precinct. He is well informed as to the needs and conditions of the county and no man better suited and qualified could be selected to serve in the capacity of County Commissioner.

We ask the voters and readers of the Texas Spur to give Mr. Reagan's candidacy due consideration before voting in the July primary.

A SUCCESSFUL FARMER

W. F. McCarty was in the city Tuesday from the Afton country with a bale of cotton to sell to the cotton buyers of Spur. Mr. McCarty is not only one of the most prominent citizens of the country but is one of the most successful farmers and is one among the number of this section who can grow an abundance of corn as was demonstrated on his place this last year. We would be glad to see Mr. McCarty enter the state contest for growing the best maize, corn and cotton, and we feel confident that he with others of this section could get one or more of the handsome prizes offered.

HUGHEY RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Friday night of last week the W. N. Hughey residence in the west part of the city was totally destroyed by fire. The fire alarm was given too late for effectual work by the fire department and as a result nothing could be done more than to watch the flames. At the time Mrs. Hughey was in Abilene visiting relatives and Mr. Hughey was in town but away from home. The origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have caught from a box of ashes removed from the stove during the afternoon.

The residence was insured for five hundred fifty dollars, while all the household effects were a total loss.

We understand that just as soon as the insurance is adjusted Mr. Hughey will rebuild.

LAND OF SUNSHINE.

We received a postal card last week from J. H. Barber who recently moved from Spur to the coast country. Mr. Barber and family are living at Corpus Christi and he says it is a land of sunshine, lots of work at good wages and everybody enjoying life. Same over here, J. H. We are ready to welcome you and family any time you desire to return.

RAILROAD RUMORS

There is a project on foot of some kind with the Crosbyton & Southplains Railroad Company for some of the officials of that road were in Dickens this week, and rumor has it that they are working on a proposed line from Crosbyton to Seymour via Dickens.—Dickens Item.

GIVES US A CHECK

M. L. Blakeley, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here called at the Texas Spur office and gave us his check for a year's subscription to the paper for which he received our thanks.

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!

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Capital, 100,000.00

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

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

Notice to Customers!

Spur, Texas, Jan. 31, 1912.—Because of recent court decisions, and the ruling of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, the undersigned bank will not allow any overdrafts in any form (except for cotton, grain, etc., with specified margins) after March 1, 1912.

This is for the purpose of notifying our customers that they may govern their future business accordingly.

Thanking you for your business, and assuring you that we are at all times ready and willing to grant you accommodations consistent with sound banking, we are,

Yours very truly,

The Spur National Bank

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Bring us your Physician's Prescriptions and Family Receipts. We always have an experienced Registered Pharmacist in charge and use the highest grade of Pharmaceuticals.

Medicines, Toilet Articles, Perfumery and Soaps, Combs and Brushes, Atomizers, Syringes, Hot Water Bottles, Etc.

KREOSO is the most widely used Disinfectant. We have a full stock. Your trade will be appreciated, and we promise polite attention and prompt service.

THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

JAS. F. WILLIAMS, Proprietor

"Fifteen Years in the Drug Business"

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING CROSBYTON, S. P. R. R. CO.

Crosbyton, Tex., Feb. 7, 1912—The Stockholders of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company held a special meeting today at the offices of the company in this town. After an all day session, it was decided to postpone the application for bonds on the completed portion of the railroad from Crosbyton to Lubbock until May 1, 1912.

Mr. Prentiss L. Conley, of Chicago, who is the President of the Company, presided at the meeting and when questioned as to the action of the stockholders said:

"The meeting today was called for the purposes of authorizing a bond issue, but after full discussion, it was decided to make no application at this time. The present line between Crosbyton and Lubbock was built entirely with money subscribed by the stockholders, without the issuance of bonds or notes, or the pledge of any collateral. The company has under considera-

tion the extension of its line and the stockholders decided not to issue bonds until it is definitely determined to what connection the extension will be built.

The procedure in the issuance of bonds will be facilitated if a single trust deed of all the property constructed or to be constructed under a single charter can be made, and as our present charter authorizing extension to Spur and Plainview may be altered to conform to other and more feasible connections under consideration, the stockholders thought it better to wait a while until our final decision as to extensions is made.

Y. C. Carpenter, a prominent citizen of near Dumont, had business in Spur Wednesday and Thursday.

George Carpenter and wife, of Dumont, were in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of last week after supplies and furniture for their home.

Art Exhibit Week. That's the week when the Famous Horace K. Turner Art Exhibit will be here.

J. B. Richburg, J. D. Powell and J. M. Upshaw left Tuesday for Canyon City where they go as appraisers of property to be divided among the Upshaw heirs.

Repeat to yourself over and over, again and again, this sentence: I am going to every meeting of the Art Love lovers' meeting during the Art Exhibit week.

Sebe Lambert was in the city the latter part of last week for the first time in several weeks. Mr. Lambert sold his sandy land farm near Tap and is this year making a crop on the Sam Smith place.

C. J. Smith was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Saturday and handed us a dollar, having the paper sent to C. C. Smith of Red Land N. M. C. C. Smith and family were here recently visiting and said that the only regrets he had in leaving at this time was that he and C. J. could not go on another hunting expedition attended with the remarkable success as heretofore reported.

Are You Scared About Meningitis?

If so, we cannot tell you a sure preventative or cure, but the Doctors say good warm clothing and wholesome food are good preventatives. We have the Clothing, and will make you special prices on winter weight goods for cash, as we want to clear out and be ready for spring goods.

A big stock of Red Seal Gingham now ready for your selection; the Gingham that don't fade from washing. If you want the best, call for Red Seal.

Watch our Dry Goods Department--no shoddy goods in it--only first-class high grade Merchandise. The best is the cheapest, and in selecting our stock we knew there was nothing too good for our customers. Remember, "Quality Is Our Watchword." Jno. Deere Implements do not need boosting, they speak for themselves. See them before you buy.

Just received car of Barbed Wire and Hog Fence.

Light Grust Flour--the best, not the cheapest--and all our Canned Goods, full packed and best quality. All Groceries kept sanitary and clean. And we solicit a share of your business on the basis of giving you, quality considered, as good prices as honest merchandising will permit of.

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Corn Chops	Alfalfa Hay	Cold Pressed Cake	Johnson Grass Sd
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We Guarantee Satisfaction and Perfect Tailoring

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Spur, Texas

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

QUALIFIED VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

Following is a complete list of the names of the qualified voters of Dickens county for the year 1912.

DICKENS PRECINCT 1

J P Goen	W E Cross
L P Hail	J D Green
E Austin	J. H. Reynolds
J E Arthur	H F Clay
W J Duncan	C C Cobb
J P Allison	O S Holcomb
Rbt Warswick	W C Mitchell
E Ham	J T Whitaker
J W Langham	C H Sartor
J D Martin	D J Harkey
Hy Dodge	B G Warswick
H S Hale	Joe Griffin
Beal Greenwade	S H Blackwell
J D Harkey	R H Holt
H Monteith	R M Hamby
P W Worthington	R S Harkey
Thos J Shields	J N Roland
Bob Brown	W G Crego
J I Shields	W A Wilkenson
A S Jackson	J R Kerlin
L A Ainsworth	M W Winkler
B A Crego	J C Culbert
Lee Payne	D Harris
H P Cole	J H Porter
M Gay	O S Ferguson
T M Green	Wm Bott
F C Gipson	O O Love
C E Hagin	B D Glasgow
W P Ratheral	J N Askins
W L Evans	G M Jones
L C Holly	B T Sargent
B T Graves	J H Pierce
H S Mitchell	Chas J Jaye
M M Morris	W M Stovall
G S Greenwade	E L Harkey
H G Culbert	R H Culbert
Arthur Culbert	Ed Gunn
B T Arthur	J M Chumley
K H Kennedy	J B Yantis
T M Lockett	M E Miller
J H Elmore	T F Medlin
O C Arthur	David W Blair
W C Ballard	F Z Greenwade

LIBERTY PRECINCT 2

J D Harvey	E V Demington
J F Ragsdale	R W Demington
Wot Holly	S B Clenton
W E Peters	W B Arthur
I M Dobbs	J C Christopher
E S Blakeley	G S Dodson
W H Lane	A C Gentry
A R Bilberry	J H Blakeley
G W Dodsón	Minor Wilson
W W Stegall	W J Clark
J S Stephens	W M Stephens
P N Arthur	G T Davis
J M Hodge	E H Blakeley
T J Harrison	R L Overstreet
J V Bilberry	J J Noland
A J Huckabee	C M Buchanan
A G Rush	J M Jones
Jim Elmore	R L Stephens
J A Rodgers	Man Clark
W P Marshall	B F Whitaker Jr
R S Holly	C E Harris
	F R Davis

AFTON PRECINCT 3

Lon Greer	J W Thompson
T S Boucher	G W Gollihar
P J Hext	A M Rasberry
Jacob Scott	O C Scott
L W Stark	J R Brummel
A L Smith	W M Austin
C J Cannon	R S Mobley
C J Mobley	C B Jackson
J A Jackson	W A Vaughn
J D Fugitt	W E Gates
W B Cobb	M K Lasson
SW Phillips	H L Squires
J W Young	S A Sargent
H J McCarty	C H Millican
J B Harkey	A A Allen
T J Hicks	W R Stafford
FA Loyd	E P Whitaker
J M Jones	C H Wrigler
J W Jackson	L E Ragsdale
J A Zinn	C Bradford
R P Harvey	W F McCarty
E A Ellis	B F Yates
J R Robertson	J H McCarty
J W Hamilton	J S Nelms
A A Stephens	Otho Hale
J B Zinn	H V Johnson

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

On account of recent court decisions, and to comply with specific instructions from the State Banking Commissioner at Austin, this bank at a recent meeting of the board passed an order to hereafter eliminate the practice of allowing overdrafts. We will ask our customers therefore to strictly observe this requirement, assuring them that we are at all times ready to lend any legitimate assistance consistent with safe banking.—E. C. Edmonds Cashier.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DICKENS COUNTY

I hereby announce as a candidate for County Judge, and at this time only desire to state that I expect to make a close canvass of the county twenty or thirty days before the Primary. I respectfully ask that you withhold your pledges of support to anyone until I can have a fair and impartial hearing.

Respectfully,
W. A. CRADDOCK.

J P Montgomery	J H Parnell
G L Dobbs	D N Power
W L Wrigler	J M Arthur
W J Young	C V Young
L C Arrington	G W Robertson
H F Offield	J C Stephens Jr
Bert Byrd	R C Forbis
L R Roddy	G B Davis
S R Peak	J J Proctor
F I Hale	Kelley McAlister
W L Blakeley	W P Howell
A J Braswell	L B Hale
L D Jones	O S Harvey
E S Russell	Paul Braddock
T M Burges	J H Pew
L L Kelley	M S Favors
BR Harvey	Raymond Dolby
WR Colbert	S W Harvey
S H Haile	W H James
C T Norris	J F Young
C A Jones	J W Morton
J C Stephenson	G W Harvey
M L Hale	T J Braddock

DRY LAKE PRECINCT 4

Ned Bowers	W J Evans
L M Thornton	G T Snodgrass
Oscar Goodson	Jno Weathers
M L Jones	B C Palmer
T J Smith	W P T Smith
J B Caraway	M C Hopper
W M Adkinson	M C West
E E Haase	W F Markham
C W West	ER Rorie
T M Bond	R S Keen
G A Draper	H G Draper
H C Draper	H H Hill
R P Davis	W A Johnson
H C Allen	Tom Allen
A H Smoot	Polk Upshaw

TAP PRECINCT 5

S A Presler	S S Allcorn
S D Smith	R F Harrell
J M Perkins	E S McArthur
J T Perkins	L S Scott
C J Smith	S W McKay
W C Garrett	J E Collings
D E Abney	J S Callihan
J H Williamson	J T Garrett
Jack Garrett	W L Carpenter
F S Lambert	W H Garrett
T B Rutherford	Mark Hardin
W C McArthur	B W McDaniel
E E Turner	Fred Danforth
J E Sparks	W A Sellars
Wm J Elliott	C R Sellars
J R McArthur	N G Smith
Ed Fuquay	B S Manning
Tom Greer	P Henson
S W Rather	W A Smith
J N Luce	L M Johnson
J S Neal	J E Martin
E Luce	J C Garrett
R E McDaniel	A R Wrigler
E Parrish	W T Williamson

There are eleven voting precincts in the county and the names of the qualified voters of the remaining six precincts will be given in the next issue of the paper.

TRESPASSING ON RAILROADS

The following editorial that appeared in the Fort Worth Record of February 6 offers food for reflection by the people of Texas:

"A few days ago a citizen of Del Rio and his little boy were killed by a railroad train while they stood on a bridge looking at the water rush over a dam below. They had been walking for pleasure and stopped on the bridge, which was not far from a curve. The noise of the rushing waters prevented them from hearing the train and the curve prevented the locomotive engineer from seeing them until it was too late.

The incident recalls a statement by Hon. Brown F. Lee of San Angelo, recently published in the Texas press. Mr. Lee cites figures showing that 130 out of 279 persons killed by Texas railroad trains last year were trespassers, and that 49,113 trespassers were killed in the United States, being 76 per cent of all killed in the operation of railroad trains during a 10-year period. As he suggests, something ought to be done to stop the trespassing upon railroads. Human life is too valuable to be sacrificed by carelessness. Besides there is an element of rank injustice in requiring a railway company to pay damages for injuries to persons who have no right to be upon the tracks.

The law wisely provides for the protection of railway employees and passengers by requiring elaborate and multiplied safety devices. It does so for the conservation of human life and for the preservation of the happiness of relatives and friends. It should, also, devise some method for at least minimizing deaths and injuries to trespassers.

A railroad track should not be used as a footpath or a promenade.

Railroad corporations manage to keep livestock off their right of way by fences and stock guards, but these do not deter human trespassers who move at will upon any railroad track that lies in the direction of their journey.

Crossing railroads upon the public highways, which is necessary, causes many deaths and injuries which it is impossible to prevent. But trespassing beyond the highway ought to be prohibited by law with penalties sufficient to restrain the person of average intelligence.

Sound public policy in the protection of human life and simple justice to the railway corporations call for some legislative effort to arrest the decade harvest of 49,113 trespassers upon railway tracks. That number of persons represents a small city and several million dollars a year in productive energy, not to mention the homes sorrowed, the women widowed and the children orphaned."

DON'T READ THIS

Say, did you say that you were going to miss the Art Exhibit to be held in the Spur School Auditorium March 6th to 9th? Not on your life friend. Why it's this way: If I should miss this opportunity of seeing the world's masterpieces in picture reproduction, it would be nine chances to one that I would ever see them. And besides, the walls of our school room need pictures on them, so by attending the exhibit I will get my money's worth and at the same time help the children get the pictures they want. I'll be there.

MARRIED.

Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock F. W. Jennings and Miss Bennie Little were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Rev. Stewart performing the ceremony. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion and quite a number of their friends were present to witness the ceremony.

At present Mr. Jennings is manager of the Brazelton-Pryor Lumber Company and is one of the most popular young men of the country. Miss Little has been one of the assistants in the Spur Farm Lands office during the past year, and is a modest and accomplished young lady.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings left on the afternoon train for Stamford and other places where they will spend several days before returning to their home in Spur.

At the wedding they were the recipients of many nice presents which is evidence of the high esteem of their friends and acquaintances.

SOCIALIST MEETING

The Socialist organization will meet Saturday night and all members are requested to be present on the occasion. Prominent speakers from Tap will be present and deliver addresses, and an invitation is extended to everybody to attend.—Mrs. W. D. Clay, Secretary.

NOTICE

All notices of church or lodge affairs where funds are derived will be charged for at our regular rates of seven and a half cents a line. Our space in the Texas Spur is our only income and should we continue to give it away it would be impossible to continue business and pay printers. Please remember that any business item from which money benefits are expected will be charged at the regular rate.

An event in the social circles of the city was a linen shower last week to Miss Little at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamilton. Many nice presents of linen were presented to Miss Little by her many friends. Refreshments were served and the occasion was very pleasant to all.

FOUR BUSINESS HOUSES BURN WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday night fire completely destroyed the four business houses between the Standifer Hospital and Wendell building on Burlington Avenue. The alarm was given at eleven o'clock and the fire originated in the lodge hall of the upper story of the R. B. F. Craig building, having caught either from a defective flue or defective electric wiring. The fire department responded promptly to the call, but since the buildings were all wooden structures the flames were beyond control and all efforts were directed to saving the contents of the several buildings.

The losses were as follows: E. J. Cowan, \$1,000 loss with \$400 insurance on building and fixtures; R. B. F. Craig building, \$1,300 loss and \$900 insurance; C. W. Lowery building, \$700 insurance. The Western Grocery Company, occupying the Lowery building, had \$1,750 insurance on stock and fixtures, almost total loss, having saved a portion of the stock and fixtures. The Central Meat Market, in the Craig building, saved his meat and fixtures with the exception of the large refrigerator, his insurance not known. In the Lodge Hall the I. O. O. F. had \$150 insurance on lodge supplies which was a total loss; M. W. A. lost \$25 with no insurance; W. O. W., \$150 with \$75 insurance; Yoeman, loss \$25, no insurance; M. B. A., loss \$15, no insurance; Dr. Standifer, loss \$50, covered by insurance. The Spur Tailoring Company, which occupied a portion of the E. J. Cowan building, saved the rest of their supplies and samples.

This is the second fire this year, the Hughey residence having burned Friday of last week.

A fire company has been organized, but with lack of equipments and a supply of water the company can do little effective work in fighting fire on wooden buildings.

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

Try our Job Printing—classy.

Busy Time Here

WE DO BUSINESS EVERY DAY!!

"AND THERE IS A REASON"

PRICES are Low and Should be considered with Quality. Hence, the wise Cash Buyer will come here for his or her Purchases. Many Items on Sale at Manufacturers Cost.

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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 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.

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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)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):
H. T. Garner
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen of near Rotan, was in the city Saturday and reports that he is now breaking his land and that the soil is in fine condition. Every indication at the present time is that we will make bumper crops here this year.

A BROOM FACTORY.

Recently Shcretary Reagan of the Spur Commercial Club requested through the Texas Spur that all farmers of this trade territory who would plant broom corn send in their names and the amount of corn that would be planted so that we could make arrangements to have a broom factory established here to care for the broom corn product. As yet but few names have been turned in but we are informed that it is possible that a factory will be established here, and those who fail to plant at least a small portion of their acreage to broom corn will have overlooked a big paying proposition. Broom corn sells for from ninety to two hundred dollars a ton and will return to the farmer five dollars to one on the same acreage in cotton. Why will any farmer continue to plant all his acreage in cotton under such conditions. Plant more broom corn, maize, potatoes and mules and the country will be more prosperous and the individual farmer richer and more independent.

We are not yet converted to the Socialist form of government. We still believe that our form of government is good enough, but the great trouble is that those whom we elect to office are profligate with public funds and in many instances are dishonest. When we elect to public offices men who are honest then the administration of governmental affairs will be more satisfactory, the people more contented and the revolutionary ideas cease to exist.

THE POLITICAL DICTATOR.

There are many people whom you will hear ask concerning the political outcome of an election "who is so and so supporting" as if one or two men can and do control the votes of the country. We want to say that such things might have happened in the past years, but today the people do not follow leaders like sheep. They are intelligent, well informed and are in a position to make their own selections of county and state officers. The man seeking political preferment at this time can count on only one vote from supposed and heralded political leaders and dictators of the past. I would hate to live in a country where any one man could vote people like sheep and carry an election his way regardless of the best interests of the majority. Politicians work in a mysterious manner their wonders to perform, but the people are beginning to get their eyes opened and are competent to select their own public servants without aid of the professional politician especially.

Should the people continue the present state administration the State will be bankrupt. Taxes are almost one-third higher than they were last year. There is something wrong in the administration of state affairs. There seems to be a recklessness in the handling of the people's money that can only be stopped by the election of men who will administer the affairs of state in the interest of the people.

CROSBYTON AND RALLS.

A. J. Tyler made a business trip the latter part of last week to Crosbyton and Ralls. He says at Crosbyton a new furniture store is being established while at Ralls preparations are being made to begin the construction of the twenty thousand dollar school building, the contract having been let last week. He says at Ralls the people are very optimistic concerning the re-establishment of the county seat at Emma and they now have little doubt but that the county seat of Crosby county will remain at Emma. During the past year and since an election the county officials have been doing business at Crosbyton.

If the farmers of this territory will take advantage of the inducements offered in growing broom corn Spur will have not only as good broom corn market as is now established for cotton but will also have a broom factory established here to care for the entire product of this country. A few hundred dollars to an acre of broom corn would not be bad for any farmer. Every farmer in the country should try a few acres. It will grow as well as maize and is worth a big price to the ton.

An all cotton farmer in any country will have his team mortgaged after a few years. Diversify, plant broom corn, maize, raise hogs and mules and you will soon do away with the mortgage system.

The initiative, referendum and recall of officers is coming regardless of the politicians in power and hankering for power. After so long a time the great majority of the dear people are beginning to realize that this is not and never has been a real government of the people, for the people and by the people. The only real part the dear people play in our government is to pay taxes, and then they are forced to pay just what the politicians think is required to keep them going. Every good citizen ought to be willing to pay taxes, but then he should be given the privilege of saying how much of the public funds should be blown in and for what purposes it is distributed.

T. V. Davis says that he can take a small bunch of chickens and raise a few pigs on the side and beat any all cotton farmer in any country. The farmer in any country who depends upon one crop will never prosper. One thing about this western country is that most of the farmers realize this fact, are diversifying and as a result we are soon going to have the most prosperous country on the face of the earth.

If you intend to get married please don't send a mail order to distant printers to supply the wedding invitations. The Texas Spur can print as nice and as costly invitations as you can get elsewhere, and then, too, we will feel like giving the occasion a double column write-up.

Sale Starts
Saturday
February
3rd

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

Sale Closes
Saturday
February
24th

Of All Winter Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Notions, Etc.

WE are positively going to close out all Winter Goods at prices never before made in Spur. It will pay you not only to buy for your present needs, but for next winter. Not only Winter Goods marked down, but everything in our Dry Goods Store. Hundreds of articles that you will need this spring and summer you can buy at a great saving by attending this sale.

Sale Begins Saturday, February 3rd, And Ends Saturday, February 24th

Remember, that it is not our policy to carry over goods, so if you need Dry Goods at Factory Cost, don't neglect this opportunity of saving money. Come early, as we are making prices that will quickly break the assortment on some lines.

12 1-2 and 15c Ginghams 9c
\$1.00 Overalls 80 cents
\$15.00 Mens Suits, \$8.48
35c Sheetings 23c yard
12 1-2c Bleech- ed Domestic 8c yard
Best Calico 4c yard
Mens 50c Un- derwear 33c
50c Ladies Vests 33c
35c Ladies Vests 19c
2 papers best Pins 5c
2 boxes hair Pins 5c
2 cards safety Pins 5c
15c Hose 8 cents

Shoes at a big Saving
Clothing at about half price
75c Ladies Scarfs 39c
75c hand bags 48 cents
40c bleached Table Linen 25c
10c L. L. Do- mestic 7c
75c Wool dress Goods 39c
Ladies Tailored Suits at Cost
\$60 White Sew- ing Machines \$25.00
\$15 Overcoats, \$8.48
Satisfaction Guaranteed
Make money by attending this Sale
All Winter Goods must be Sold

Gents' Furnishings	Ladies' Ready-to-Wear	Staples---Cotton Goods
\$1.50 Shirts go at.....\$1.20	\$25.00 Ladies' Suits.....\$16.50	Lay in a year's supply of Cotton Goods while you can get them at Manufacturer's Prices.
1.25 Shirts go at......95	20.00 " ".....12.50	Best Calico, per yard.....4c
1.00 Shirts go at......85	15.00 " ".....8.50	12 1-2c Ginghams, per yard.....9c
.50 Undershirts and Drawers......33	10.00 " Skirts.....7.00	Best 10c Outings.....7 1-2c
.50 Work Shirts......40	8.00 " ".....6.00	Best Bleaching.....8c
.50 Ties......40	7.50 " ".....5.50	10c LL Domestic.....7c
.35 Ties......23	5.00 " ".....3.75	12 1-2c Grade Sheetting.....9c
Boston Garters......19	4.00 " ".....2.75	35c Sheetting.....23c
1.75 Men's Gloves.....1.35	Coats at same reductions.	Hundreds of other staple articles in daily use no quoted, but will be sold at attractive prices.
1.50 " ".....1.20	Dress Goods	Clothing
1.25 " "......95	\$1.50 Wool Dress Goods.....\$1.15	We are going to close out every Suit of Clothes in stock at Manufacturer's Cost. Come and get you a Suit.
1.00 " "......80	1.25 " "......95	\$25.00 Suits, entire stock.....\$16.50
.35 Men's Hose......23	1.00 " "......80	20.00 " ".....12.50
.20 " "......15	.50 Silks go at......35	17.50 " ".....10.00
.15 " "......08	.15 Dress Goods go at......10	15.00 " ".....8.50
	1.25 36 Black Taffeta Silk......95	12.50 " ".....7.50
Shoes	Men's Hats	10.00 " ".....6.00
A big stock of the very best Shoes going at a great saving.	\$3.50 Hats, all styles.....\$2.45	8.00 " ".....5.00
\$5.00 Men's Shoes.....\$3.98	2.50 " ".....1.85	Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Odd Pants in proportion.
4.00 " ".....3.15	2.00 " ".....1.25	Don't neglect this chance to save money on Clothing.
3.00 " ".....2.39	2.00 Boys' Hats.....1.35	Trunks and Suit Cases
2.50 " ".....1.90	1.50 " ".....1.20	\$12.50 Trunks.....\$9.00
2.00 " ".....1.65	1.25 " "......95	10.00 " ".....8.00
3.50 Ladies' Shoes.....2.95	.75 " "......45	7.50 " ".....5.50
2.50 " ".....1.90	Blankets	5.00 " ".....4.00
2.00 " ".....1.65	\$2.00 Cotton Blankets.....\$1.45	5.00 Suit Cases.....3.75
1.75 " ".....1.45	1.75 " ".....1.35	2.50 " ".....1.75
1.50 " ".....1.25	1.50 " ".....1.20	1.50 " "......95
Children's and Misses' Shoes at similar reductions.	1.25 " "......95	
You can always use Shoes. Buy now while you can save money.	.75 " "......45	
Fancy Goods		
.50 Ladies' Collars......39		
.35 " "......23		
.25 " "......19		
.50 Ladies' Belts......35		
.35 " "......19		
All Fancy Goods in proportion.		

Remember, this will be the greatest feast of bargains ever offered in Spur. . . We are determined to quickly close out all Winter Goods. We are making prices that will accomplish our purpose. You can always use good Staple Merchandise if the prices are low enough. . . If you care to save money, don't fail to attend this sale. You will be astonished at how cheap good goods can be sold. Come at the earliest possible moment, so as to get the pick of the stock. **Saturday, February 3rd, to Saturday, February 24th.**

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 Let us sell you a good Piano this spring. We have them at any price, and good terms.

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Mr. Law, of Bowie, is here this week visiting his son, John Law, and family.

For stationery, school supplies and good reading go to the wonder.

Attorney B. G. Warswick was over Monday from Dickens and spent several hours here.

A large assortment of books, the latest novels at the wonder.

W. K. Perry, who has heretofore been with the Hisey Grocery Company, is now with Henson & Poole.

Call and examine my new line of veilings, neckwear and scarfs. —Mrs. W. B. Griffin at the wonder.

We are prepared to print candidate cards in any quantity and for any number of candidates. Give us your order.

C. D. Copeland was in the first of the week from his place several miles west of Spur and stated that he is the busiest man in the country farming.

Joe Wright, of Stamford, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Bachelor.

New goods arriving every day at the Wonder.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will have a bakery sale Saturday at Campbell & Campbell where everybody is invited to attend.

"Cut throat" prices on suits, coats and sweaters. —Sol Davis.

Mr. Owens, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison at their home several miles southwest of Spur and who also attended the Spur Business College, left Saturday for his home in eastern Texas.

The ladies of the Baptist church will have a bakery sale Saturday at the Spur Drug Company store and everybody is invited to attend.

A nice line of gingham, laces and embroideries at the Wonder.

M. S. Faver, of several miles east of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday on business.

Sol Davis left Monday for Dallas where he will spend several days buying spring and summer goods for his business in Spur.

John Law and family, formerly of the north part of Dickens county, recently moved to Spur and will make this place their permanent home in the future.

Our new Embroideries and Laces are coming in —The prettiest line you ever saw. —Sol Davis.

Bud Turner, of the Red Mud country, was in the city this week and we understand that he was looking for a location to establish a blacksmith shop here.

We are getting in a few numbers in Spring Shoes. Better see them early. —Sol Davis.

Mr. English is here now for the purpose of establishing a piano business. He will have his stock of pianos here within a few days and establish the business in the Wendell building next door to the Red Front Drug Store.

NOTICE:—The one that got my scoop out of my coal box, please bring it home. —J. P. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. King, who have been spending several days in the city with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter, returned this week to their home at Hamlin.

Hodges Haile was in the city Wednesday and Thursday from the Afton country and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

J. J. Noland, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here called at the Texas Spur office and handed in a dollar for one year for which he has our thanks. Mr. Noland reports everything in good shape in his section of the country.

We understand that C. H. Senning will be a candidate for county judge and it is very probable that his announcement to that effect will soon be made public.

Judge McClain was in the latter part of last week from his farm and ranch on Cat Fish and said that he intends to sow a considerable portion of his farm in small grain this year.

W. T. Gladden, who had the meningitis at Rotan, died Saturday at that place. Mr. Gladden was the scavenger of that town and it is thought that this one case will be all to develop in Rotan.

Dr. Morris left Monday for Jacksonville to assist in the treatment of D. E. Parten who was stricken with meningitis at that place Saturday. It is hoped that the new methods of treatment of this disease will be successful in this instance.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country was in the city Saturday and swapped us a load of wood for three subscriptions to the paper, having it sent to relatives in Oklahoma and Alabama. He says everything is in good shape in his country.

Jim Hamill, who has been with Campbell & Campbell the past year, left recently for Hillsboro where he has a position and will make his temporary home. We expect to see him back in Spur within a few months.

It is almost impossible for a candidate to make a thorough campaign without cards announcing his desires, and for that reason The Texas Spur offers its services to the end that you have neat, attractive and a plentiful supply of cards.

It is reported here that E. D. Parten was stricken Saturday in Jacksonville with meningitis. Mrs. Parten left Monday on the afternoon train to be with him through his illness. It is hoped here by his many friends that Mr. Parten will recover.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

This week The Texas Spur is authorized to announce W. A. Craddock as a candidate for County Judge of Dickens County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 27th, 1912. Mr. Craddock moved to Spur last year from the adjoining county of Crosby. He is one of our very best and most substantial citizens. He is an old-timer of this western country, is familiar with the conditions and needs of this section, and no doubt if selected as the Democratic nominee and elected to the office of County Judge he will give Dickens county a wise, just and conservative administration of its affairs within the duties of the office.

Mr. Craddock intends to make a thorough campaign of the county and asks the voters to reserve their pledges of support to other candidates until such time as he can see them personally or make known through other sources the platform upon which is based his campaign for the office and upon which he will serve constituents should he be elected County Judge of Dickens county. We ask our readers and the voters of Dickens county to give Mr. Craddock's candidacy due consideration before casting a ballot in the Primary election.

TAP TELLINGS.

Fount Harrell is drilling a well on his place this week.

E. E. Turner returned a few days ago from a business trip to Knox county.

Orwin Lambert made a trip to the Plains last week returning Sunday.

T. B. Rutherford made a trip to the Plains last week, returning Sunday.

A light rain fell here Monday evening and didn't scare the children either.

J. C. Holden and family left this week for Fisher county and will spend some time with relatives and friends there.

Will Mitchell, who recently bought the Cross place has moved. J. H. Sparks completed Mr. Mitchell's house the past week.

J. E. Sparks returned Sunday from Crosbyton where he had been looking after business matters.

J. G. Martin, who recently came from Callahan county, has secured a lease here and has gone to work in dead earnest.

Everyone is farming in real earnest over here. Some have the larger part of their land prepared to plant, while others are hastening to the last row.

County Missionary J. V. Billberry passed through our town this week enroute to White River community to fill an appointment there.

Rev. Medlin, of Dickens City, preached here Sunday and left Monday for Ralls, Crosby county, where he is to assist in the building of a Baptist church at that place.

As every one else is busy with their farm work I must—Gad—about.

March 6th to 9th are red letter days—four of them, the Big Four.

Repeat to yourself over and over, again and again, this sentence: I am going to every meeting of the Art Love lovers' meeting during the Art Exhibit week.

MOVING ABOUT

Considerable moving has been done this week, especially since the big fire Wednesday night. Attorney R. S. Holman moved his office to the First State Bank, E. J. Cowan is temporarily located in the First State Bank. The Spur Tailoring Company will move to the office vacated by Attorney Holman. Perry Fite moved the Central Meat Market to the former City Meat Market, building on Harris Street. The remains of the Western Grocery Company are located in the Wendell building formerly known as the Shacklett stand, and the Jackson Realty Company moved from The Texas Spur building to the Foy building.

QUALIFIED FOR THE OFFICE.

We hear Attorney R. S. Holman's name frequently mentioned as a suitable and probable candidate for county judge of Dickens county. Attorney Holman is in every respect qualified, if not the best qualified man in the county for the place. He is familiar with the laws in the Statute books, the various court rulings, knows the conditions of county affairs and can point out defects in our present tax system and suggest a remedy. The county needs a board of supervisors to give us some character of relief on the tax proposition. We would like to know the platform of each Commissioner and County Judge candidates will have to offer along this line. The voters have been going it blind long enough. Let the candidates give us light on how they intend to manipulate our collective affairs. We are going to vote for the candidates who offer the best plans of reducing and equalizing the taxes.

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**EDUCATION SHOULD COME
BEFORE THE RECALL**

To the Officers and Members
of the Farmers' Union:

The representatives of the Farmers' Union now in Washington looking after legislation in which every American farmer is interested, expect to secure definite results this season. We will probably get reforms for which we have long been contending more quickly than the most optimistic of us imagine. Certainly we will procure them all, just as soon as the average Congressman learns the farmer is in earnest in demanding them, and that he will not be put off by evasions, the glad hand, free seed or a little petty job or two for the brethren.

But we are not going to advance one inch further along the road until we learn to smash out of existence the old school, hypocritical politician, with his little bag of inherited or acquired tricks, and pin our faith to the man who takes the large view, the sincere view. I want to impress these facts upon the farmer at what is practically the outset of what promises to be one of the most exciting sessions of recent years.

I can illustrate what I mean very easily with two little stories. The first is a personal experience. I approached a well known Congressman from the South during the recent session, and asked him if he were going to support the bill calling for a general parcels post. Quickly as lightning he said: "Barrett, I've got a nice job for a kinsman of yours." I told him I wasn't hunting jobs for my relatives, and asked him again if he were in favor of a general parcels post. "Certainly you know I am with you fellows," he answered. "But tell me 'yes' or 'no' whether you favor a general parcels post," I demanded. "I favor some form of a parcels post," he finally replied. That

was as far as I could make him commit himself, and yet that man has the entire confidence of his district, thousands of his farmer constituents believing he loses sleep devising ways to advance their interests.

Another story: I received a few days ago a letter from an influential farmer thanking me for the efforts we are putting forth in behalf of certain measures. Among them he also specified a general parcels post. "Go ahead," he wrote enthusiastically, "we're backing you up. The politicians are not going to fool us any longer. We've let them do that long enough. But I do wish you would concentrate your energies on getting the recall. We want to be able to turn the rascals out when they deceive us." This brother proceeded to tell me that his special representative was a simon-pure friend of the farmer, who could always be depended upon to help whenever help was needed, and whose sincerity was unchallengeable.

That same highly recommended Congressman, the "farmers' friend," the paragon of sincerity, told me in the presence of several witnesses that he could not support a general parcels post bill. I asked him if he were not satisfied that at least eighty per cent of his constituents want such a measure. He said he was.

I am in favor of the recall. I am in favor of the initiative and referendum. I have voted for them as long as I had the chance, and I will continue to vote for them until we enact them into law, and that will be at an earlier date than the average man hopes.

But what earthly good will the recall do such farmers as those I have mentioned, the constituents of these two precious patriots? If they can pull the wool over the eyes of the farmer in the absence of the recall, they can just as easily when the recall is operative in every Congressional district.

Only the leaders of the farmers who try to get things done

in Washington, know the buncombe and gold bricks handed out consistently to the man of the acres by the politicians. There are a few good, strong, upright, sincere men in both branches, but the majority proceed upon the theory that the best way to continue to hold office is to trade, juggle, flatter and mislead the man whose vote is the first necessity of office holding.

That is why I say that though I heartily advocate the recall, initiative and referendum, as aids to direct government by the people, that none of them are worth a whoop unless the farmer learns to distinguish the political fakir from the statesman. We can't put off our responsibilities as intelligent thinkers and voters upon any convenient legislative device. The American people thought they had founded genuine democracy when they decreed they wouldn't have a king, or a hereditary nobility. They are still in voluntary bondage to the faking politician. The farmer is an especial offender. Until he learns to separate the political sheep from the goats, the recall, initiative, referendum, direct election of Senators, or anything else will only partly emancipate him—for, according to present indications the politicians can work their little bluff game as easily with as without these handicaps.—Chas. S. Barrett, Washington, D. C., January 24, 1912.

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

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March 6th to 9th are red letter days—four of them, the Big Four.

C. L. Love spent several days last week in Stamford on business and with his family.

Spur School is leading, the Art Exhibit will make it classy and you will love it better, the school.

W. P. Simpson, who has been with the Westside Barber Shop, left last week for Dallas where he will make his home.

Talk the Art Exhibit. Work for the Art Exhibit. And if need be, fight for it.

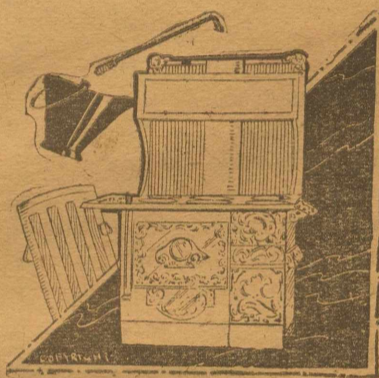
Mr. Johnson, a prominent citizen and business man of Crosbyton, was in Spur several days last week on business.

Don't forget the Art Exhibit. It is for you. It is for your children. It is for everybody. Meet us there.

The man who was seen to take a pair of trousers off Edwards-Hogan Co. clothes line Friday night had better hang them back.

When you forget something, just remember that it is subscription to the Art Exhibit fund. Pay while you can. Their fruit shall make them known.

Mr. and Mrs. Pounds, of Crosbyton, were in the city Monday of last week and spent the night here with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nations.



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

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Riter Hardware Co.

Rev. Billberry and family moved recently from the city to his farm north of Dickens.

J. D. Harkey came over Saturday from Dickens and spent some time here on business.

Two gin men were here last week looking after the Farmers Gin Company machinery and also making the necessary repairs.

...PROGRESS OR RETROGRADE...

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125.00 White Top Hack at	110.00
45.00 Oliver Sulky Plow at	35.00
45.00 Case Sulky Plow at	35.00
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15.00 Sod Plows	9.00
15.00 Single Buggy Harness at	12.00
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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Spur, Texas, Jan. 31st, 1912.— Because of recent court decisions, and the ruling of The Commissioner of Banking of the State of Texas, the undersigned bank will not allow any overdrafts in any form (except for cotton, grain etc., with special margins) after March 1st, 1912.

This is for the purpose of notifying our customers in order that they may govern their future business according to the above, and will not expect us to deviate from the rule.

We thank you for your business, and assure you that we are at all times ready and willing to grant you accommodations consistent with sound banking.

Yours very truly,

Farmers & Merchant State Bank
Spur, Texas.

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NOTICE, FARMERS

Those owing us will please arrange to call and pay their ginning accounts. I will be at the 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. 11-1f

Mrs. W. B. Griffin left Tuesday for Dallas where she goes to buy goods for the Wonder Store and also to visit her mother and other relatives. She will spend several days in the city.

J. B. Morrison and family, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, were in the city Saturday.

WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his tasks; who has left the world better than he found it whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul, who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, who has looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory is a benediction.—Mrs. A. J. Stanley.

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.

PASTORATE APPOINTMENTS

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. D. Bowles will preach Sunday at the Christian church. Sunday school will be had at 9:45 and preaching at 11 o'clock. Rev. Bowles has accepted the pastorate here and his regular appointments will be Spur the first Sunday, Aspermont 2nd, Dickens 3rd and Afton 4th Sunday in each month.

DRILLING DELAYED

During the past several weeks work has been suspended at the deep well on account of part of the piping and bit being torn loose in the well. Mr. Minihan and the other drillers are waiting for equipments to remove the piping and it is thought but little further delay in the work will be encountered.

HERE TO LOCATE

Mr. Johns, of Cleburne, is in Spur this week for the purpose of buying land here and making his home in the Spur country. We understand that he has already shipped his household effects and farm implements.

SOWING OATS

Mat Howell was in the city this week and stated that he is preparing to sow several acres of oats on his place west of Spur. Quite a number of the farmers of this section intend to sow small grain this year and it is very probable that a bountiful yield will be obtained.

Prof. Black, of the Spur Business College, was in Dickens Monday and Tuesday on business.

J. Carlisle, a prominent citizen of Gilpin, was in the city Saturday trading and greeting his friends.

County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Saturday from his place a mile or two northwest of Spur.

Wes Hisey spent several days of this week at Stamford on business and also visiting relatives.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow returned the latter part of last week from Seymour where he had been attending District Court which has been in session there during the past several weeks.

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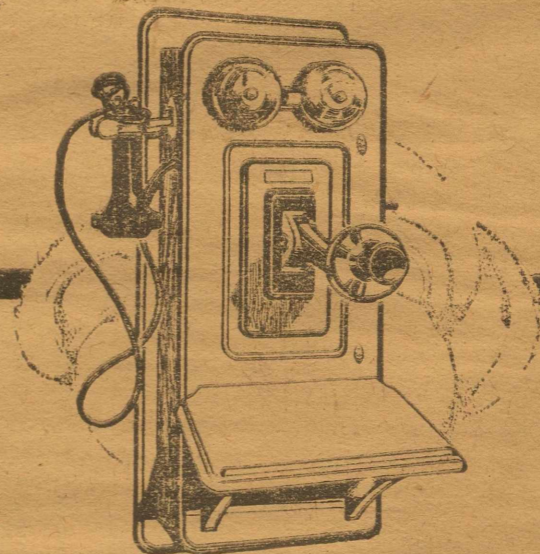
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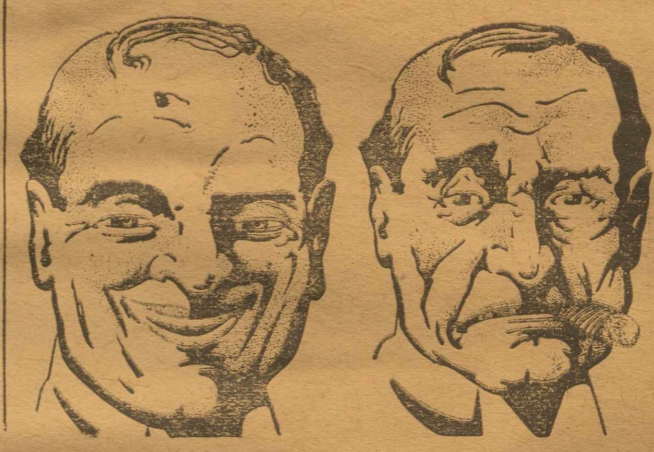
At this, the beginning of a new year we wish to thank all our customers for patronage given us during the past year, and wish each and all a prosperous year during 1912

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