

### INTELLIGENT EFFORT TO SUCCEED ON FARM

Spur, Tex., 2-10-12.—I notice in a recent issue of Farm and Ranch an article headed "Young Men May Learn" in which, it says in part:

"The time has passed when men can succeed on farms without intelligent effort, that many are not getting remunerative returns from their farms is but proof that farming requires intelligent methods, based upon scientific principles."

I knew that something was wrong with farming but have heard this old theory so often that it gives me the belly-ache. It is strange why some of the scientific advocates do not give us a practical demonstration of their idea of farming and show us where the remunerative returns come in.

I have been farming quite a while and I notice the strongest advocates of the scientific method are men that don't farm a lick. I have tried their methods in a small way but the remunerative returns failed to show up. Now any of these scientific gentlemen will readily agree with me that the American farmer as a whole is an ambitious, intelligent, energetic class. Still these same free advisers think that the farmer ought to be able to keep all pests out of his crops, keep up the price of cotton and compel it to rain just by scientific farming. They are not so very solicitous of the farmers welfare as long as he is able to pay cash for what he buys, but when his crops fail and he is down and out they are there with the free advice.

It is a well known fact that two-thirds of the farmers in the South are deeply in debt and it is an easy matter to find that high living nor extravagance is not the cause of it, yet why is he in debt. He does not lack energy nor intelligence and the tenant farmers of which the majority of the South is composed are compelled to apply the best methods known for the production of cotton. I don't claim to

### NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Our furniture business has grown to such an extent that it necessitates us having a workshop. We are opening a place in our warehouse where we will be in shape to repair anything in the furniture line. We will also trade you new furniture for your old furniture; then the old goods will be rebuilt, refurnished and placed on the market again. All will be done in our warehouse. Not one piece of second hand goods will ever be placed on our sample floor or anywhere in our store. If you have a lot of old furniture that you wish to trade for new, ring us, Luzon 103, and our man will call and make you a price. If in need of second hand goods call at our warehouse, next door north of the store. Remember that no second hand goods will be shown in the store. New goods will be traded at our regular selling price. Let us repair your furniture.

### TEXAS FURNITURE COMPANY

Spur's Leading House Furnishers

Phone Luzon 103

#### SOWING GRAIN.

Judge McClain was in the city again Monday and reports everything in the Cat Fish country in the very best shape. He says he intends to sow plenty grain this year and have only a few surplus acres in cotton. When all farmers do that the price of cotton will no longer be of paramount importance.

be wise enough to give advice to the farmers, but I deeply sympathize with them and I can say this with all candor for I am not a candidate, but I don't believe the lack of intelligent methods in crop production is any part of his troubles. It seems that the larger the yields the smaller the compensation. But there is one thing certain, if the farmer gives as much advice as he receives there won't be a bale of cotton nor a bushel of corn grown in 1912 for he won't have time to grow it.

So here's hoping the scientific crowd will take the hint and give us a practical demonstration of what their methods will do and leave off the free advice. For instance, turn a few of the State Experimental Farms into Practical Business Farms. Show us how many dollars worth will grow on an acre and how many dollars it cost to grow it.—C. S. Durham.

#### NEARLY A MILLION SCHOOL CHILDREN

Austin, Texas, Feb. 15.—The scholastic population of Texas for 1911-1912, which was taken in May, 1911, shows that there were 991,409 children in the state over 7 and under 17 years of age, September 1, 1911, that are entitled to free tuition in the public schools. This gives a gain of 23,143 over the enumeration of a year ago. Using this figure as a basis for the annual apportionment of the State's available funds, the State Board of Education apportioned to each of the school districts for the years of 1911-1912, either through the country or direct from Austin, the sum of \$6.80 for educational purposes for every child of school age enumerated in the scholastic census. The sum for 1911-1912 amounts to \$6,741,581.20.

The permanent school fund is \$72,040.00. The total available fund derived from state, county and local sources is \$13,341,151. The income from the county permanent fund and from local sources will give an average of \$6.66 per capita, making a general average throughout the state of \$13.46 for the maintenance of the schools for the present scholastic year. This is almost \$3.00 more per capita than for the previous year.

There are 20,742 certificated teachers in the public schools of Texas, 17,566 of these being white teachers and 3,186 colored. Of the total number of teachers 68.65 per cent. hold State certificates, 3.35 hold city certificates and 28 per cent hold county certificates.

The general average salary of a white teacher in Texas for 1909-10 was \$405.82, as compared with \$394.24 in 1908-09. It will be observed that there has been a material increase in every instance.

Baxter Scoggins was in from his Cat Fish Ranch the latter part of last week and reports everything in good shape.

Uncle Hink Higgins was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything in fine shape in the Cat Fish country.

#### LIVING IN HOPE

Mrs. L. H. Edwards, of several miles north of Dickens, was in the city Monday trading and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having her name added to our subscription list for which she has our thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards formerly lived in Spur having moved last year to the farm. Mrs. Edwards reports having made good crops but says the greatest trouble is that they did not get a sufficient price for what was grown. However, she says they will make another crop this year, and we are all hoping that the price will be around fifteen cents for cotton.

#### SITUATION ALARMING

Dr. Morris returned the latter part of last week from Jacksonville where he went to assist in the treatment of Ed Parten. He says that the meningitis situation elsewhere is alarming, all reports to the contrary, notwithstanding. The situation is sufficiently alarming that every man in Spur should clean his premises and disinfect every day. A case has not yet developed here, but it is all around us and unless every precaution is taken we stand a good chance for an epidemic of the dreaded disease.

### COTTON SELLS FOR TEN AND A HALF CENTS

The latter part of last week Jim Edwards came over from his place near Girard with the last bale of cotton which he has to sell this year. Jim only got ten and a half cents for the staple, that being the price he asked for it upon his arrival here. Although he said that he might have been paid twelve cents for the cotton a little later he thought he would just close out since he considered ten and a half cents a pretty fair price. There is no question but that farmers can make money growing cotton for ten cents, but considering the price of the manufactured products of the staple about twenty cents would be a fairer price to the farmer. However, we have no plan to hold the price of manufactured cotton goods down to a fair margin of profit other than to build more factories and thus have more competition in the manufacturing line. Mr. Edwards says that prospects are good in his section at the present time for bumper crops this year, but that the farming acreage of that section will not be devoted entirely to growing cotton.

#### THE CANVASSING SMILE

D. C. Sparks was in the city Monday from the Croton country. Mr. Sparks is a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county and although we saw him only at a distance he had the "canvassing" smile and the appearance of one who would be in the race along about July 27th. We understand that several more candidates will announce later for this office, and with Bowse Conner and Mr. Sparks already in the running the Sheriff's race promises to be most interesting. Let them get in the race. The Texas Spur has plenty space to make the announcements.

Mace Hunter was in the city Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur.

## 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-PresidentW. G. SHERRILL, 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

SPUR, TEXAS

## IMMIGRATION MOVEMENT.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. (Special)—The Texas Commercial Secretaries & Business Men's Association is in receipt of communications from various parts of the Middle West asking its aid in the movement to prevent a modification of the immigration laws which will impose further restrictions on immigration to this country and in the enactment of such statutes as will direct the alien settlers from the congested cities of the East to the agricultural districts of the sparsely settled states. The Commercial Club of Omaha, Nebraska, has adopted resolutions calling the state of affairs relative to immigration to the attention of the representatives of Nebraska in the national congress, and urging them to act in behalf of this movement. The Texas Secretaries Association is sending a copy of the resolution to each club in Texas for its consideration.

Max Rosen, of Houston, General Manager of the Texas Land Exposition, in a recent interview in regard to the immigration question, said:

"Some particular persons are reporting that we have too many people. This is all tommyrot. We need all the people we can get. What we do need, however, is to direct the immigrants to the country and away from the cities. Fifty per cent of the foreigners who come to our shores were farmers in the old countries but eighty per cent of them stay in the larger cities of the East merely because of want of information regarding the farming sections."

## STEEL HILL

Mrs. R. F. Thomas is real sick at this writing, also Mrs. Clark.

The farmers in this part are about finished their work. Several have sowed oats in the past week.

We are sorry to state that Lattie Foy Gibson was taken with appendicitis last Friday night and is now in the Standifer Sanitarium for an operation. We hope to see her recover at an early date.

Bill Craig, of Luzon, is visiting Sam Blackwell this week. Bill caught two wolves yesterday. Bill says he likes hunting better than work.

J. J. Stearns has got moved into his new house. Stearns says he did aim to marry but it took two to make a match.

Jim Neighbors and family were the guests of M. A. Jordan Sunday, also Miss Bessie Erath and Miss Aline Cowset.

The dog poisoners are in this part now. They are almost making a clean sweep. Let the good work go on.

We are having a snow storm at this writing and we hope to see a twelve inch snow before it quits.

O. C. Scott and M. A. Jordan are breaking up the Scott farm. Scott says it is just like the old east Texas black land and is worth forty dollars an acre. He says that he expects to buy the section south of him this fall if the Company is still selling at half price. He says any man who couldn't buy this Spur land on credit and pay for it couldn't make a living renting. — Rip-Saw.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant, of the Dumont country, were visitors in Spur the latter part of last week.

## THE TEXAS MULE

Washington, D. C., Feb. (Special)—The February Crop Reporter, just issued, clearly indicates that Missouri can no longer claim to be the principal habitat of the southern farmer's most important beast of burden. The "show me" commonwealth has been shown that the real home of the mule is in the Lone Star State.

Texas stands first in the Union in the number of mules. The total number on January 1st, 1912, being 703,000; while Missouri is second with 333,000, or less than one-half the number in Texas. The Crop Reporter also shows that the increase in Texas in number was one per cent over the preceding year, as compared with a decrease of one per cent for the same period in Missouri. The value per head, however, in Missouri on January 1, 1922, was \$11 greater than in Texas. The valuation being \$104 and \$115 in the respective states.

Texas heads the list in the total valuation of its mules at \$73,112,000, while Georgia supercedes Missouri in value at \$48,980,000, the valuation in the latter state being \$38,295,000.

The value per head varies from \$165 for the South Carolina mule to \$82 for the animal raised in Nevada.

Texas' position as a mule-producing state is shown by the fact it has more than thirteen times as many mules as all the New England States, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania combined, nearly three times as many as the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin and five times as many as the far western states, which includes Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

## EVERYTHING LOST

In enumerating the losses last week by the fire we failed to note the biggest loser in the whole fire. J. D. Walker lost everything he had in the bakery business, and while the loss represented only about two hundred dollars in money it was everything he had and as a result he is in strained circumstances. He had no insurance.

We understand that Mr. Walker will in some way try to re-establish his bakery business, and since he is an expert baker, makes good bread and sells it as cheap as other bakers' bread, the people of Spur should give him their assistance at least by giving the Spur Bakery an undivided patronage. We have never heard any complaint of the bread baked by Mr. Walker, but some say that he is just a little "cranky" and as a result send to Stamford and other places for bread supplies. We do not believe because a man does not do exactly to suit one that he is justified in not patronizing a home institution or industry when the industry turns out high grade goods at fair prices. We believe in staying with your home town and its institutions and industries and when one fails to do so on personal reasons only he is not a loyal citizen and is doing himself and his town an injury.

## MASS MEETING

A mass meeting will be held Saturday at two o'clock at the Christian tabernacle, and all Socialists and Socialist sympathizers are requested to attend.

# Don't You Forget To See Us

## WHEN VISITING IN SPUR! Make Our Store Your Headquarters, You Are Welcome.

Our Stock is Complete, Our Prices Right, Our Goods Ordered as Needed therefore are Always Fresh, Have you tried SEAL OF TEXAS FLOUR, if not, Why Not? It Makes The Dough.

Both Phones  
No. 28

# HENSON & POOLE

Spur,  
Texas

## TAP TELLINGS

Elder Mike Young preached at the Christian church Sunday.

Farm work is well advanced for the time of year, considering amount of new land that will be broken.

Ike Massey, of Redland New Mexico, came in last week and will visit here for a time.

E. E. Turner is located here temporarily doing black smithing and will locate at Spur at an early date.

Fred Danforth has sold his farm here and will go to New Mexico soon, but like the cat, he'll come back.

Postmaster, E. Luce, has bought a twenty acre block near Spur and will move soon. A. E. Davies will take charge of the store and postoffice.

A real blizzard came down on us Tuesday morning and made us take back what we said about spring had come. A fellow who will prophesy about the weather in this country is a fool or gone crazy. — Gadabout.

## THE DEEP WELL

Driller Minihan was successful last week in pulling out the pieces of piping and broken bits from the bottom of the deep well. Work is now suspended awaiting the arrival of new bits.

The well is now about two thousand eight hundred eighty feet deep, and we understand that they are now practically through the hard, flinty rock encountered near the top of the well.

Within a very short time we will know the result of the more than two years of effort to secure artesian water for Spur.

## FACTORIES FOR TEXAS

Austin, Tex., Feb.—The Wisconsin Sugar Beet Company is making arrangements to build three sugar beet factories in Texas. Amarillo, Plainview and this city are the locations selected. Each plant will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

Representatives of the company have recently been in the state looking over the field and find that the irrigated lands will produce a sugar beet that is almost perfect in quality. It is claimed the beet raised here is far above the average quality of beet raised in the Northern states.

This industry will give the farmers a chance to diversify their crops, according to modern methods and receive a larger income from their beet acreage than any other crop they could raise.

Mrs. J. E. Shelton, who has been on an extended visit to relatives in other parts of the state, returned Wednesday to her home in Spur, and as a result Mr. Shelton is again smiling.

## HE KNOWS HIS BUSINESS

Dr. Standifer has had phenomenal success in surgery and has fully demonstrated that he is a surgeon of exceptional ability and knowledge. He knows his business and is well equipped in every particular for all cases of surgery, and these facts are being recognized as is evidenced by patients coming to Spur for the most serious and complicated work in surgery, and we want to impress upon the general public that now since the Standifer Hospital is established in Spur there is no occasion for the people of this and adjoining counties to go to the larger cities for surgical operations.

## HIGH PRICE FOR CABBAGE

Kingsville, Texas, Feb.—Lettuce from this section is bringing the unprecedented price of from twenty to twenty-five dollars per barrel and over five hundred dollars per acre. One car of lettuce recently sold brought nearly sixteen hundred dollars after being on the road for fourteen days.

Cabbage has sold as high as sixty dollars per ton this season and many cars have been shipped and the harvesting has just begun.

## WORK ON COURT HOUSE

We are informed that a large force of men were put to work Monday morning on the foundation of the new court house at Floydada, mixing concrete and building the foundation.

Just how much work will be done remains to be seen. There is an injunction pending in the district court of Floyd county, restraining the tax collector from collecting any more taxes, and also the county treasurer from paying out any more for labor or material, and until this matter is adjusted there can be none of the county funds touched to pay for this work. Nevertheless work is going on, but just how far the work will be carried remains to be seen. — Lockney Beacon.

## SOCIALIST MEETING

At the Socialist meeting Saturday night the house was full, there being present a number of members and visitors from Dumont and Tap. Considerable business was transacted. Mrs. W. D. Clay, Secretary of the Spur Local, requests that a full attendance be given each meeting.

W. N. Hughey bought this week the R. B. F. Craig residence in the west part of the city. Mr. Craig and family, we are informed, will probably move away from Spur at an early date. Mr. Craig is one of our very best citizens and we would be glad for him to remain a citizen with us.

## A BANK ROBBED

We had thought that bank robbers and highwaymen were numbered with the "dark ages" and encountered today only in fiction, but the report comes that last week at Seminole, in Western Texas, the bank at that place was robbed of several thousand dollars by two men who went about the work in the old time way, having six-shooters and forcing the bank cashier to hold up his hands and upon leaving locking the cashier in the vault to prevent his giving the alarm until the escape was made.

## AT STANDIFER HOSPITAL

Although the Standifer Hospital recently discharged all patients it is again filling up, Dr. Standifer having operated this week upon Mrs. Graham of Matador, Mrs. Baxter Scoggins of twelve miles southwest of Spur, C. B. New of the city and the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibson of the Steel Hill community.

All are reported doing nice y at this time with the exception of C. B. New who was not expected to survive the operation.

Since the establishment of the Standifer Hospital about one hundred and twenty-five operations have been performed, and in not a single instance has a patient died as a result of operating. However, two patients have died as a result of not having a surgical operation at the proper time.

## ABOUT BROOM CORN

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business. Mr. Counts says that the farmers of his part of the country are all farming and making preparations to grow another cotton crop this year, but thinks a little more feed and grain will be planted and sowed this year than last year. In reply to the question he said that he would not plant any broom corn because he did not know anything about the product. Broom corn sells for two hundred and more dollars to the ton, and the farmers who desire to know more about this and other products which will discount cotton five to one are requested to call on Secretary Reagan of the Spur Commercial Club who has a supply of literature defining the methods of culture, harvesting and marketing of broom corn and other products of various kinds. The soil of the Spur country is adapted to growing a variety of products. We want to see the country and the people prosperous and independent, and honestly believe that the shortest, quickest and best route to this end is by the diversification route. It has long since been demonstrated that the one crop country and the one crop farmer make failures and are unsuccessful.

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

### XXIII. HASTE

**H**ISTORY tells us that the battle of Winchester was won by the valor and courage of General Sheridan and the poet has given us a graphic description of "Sheridan's Ride," as he hurried to the battlefield and saved the day, the battle having begun with Sheridan twenty miles away. The battle for commercial supremacy is now raging on land and sea. Our strategic position, our undeveloped resources and our progressive citizenship makes Texas the battlefield of Twentieth Century civilization and every man in Texas must ride under whip and spur to save the day with the Panama Canal less than three years away.



SHERIDAN'S RIDE.

Let those who would wear a laurel wreath of victory answer the bugle call of progress and rally round the plow and the hammer; and amid the smoke of industry, the roar of the furnace, the rattle of the dinner pails and scream of the factory whistle, plant the flag of grand old Texas on the parapets of prosperity. To arms; Forward! March! Texas Needs Great Men.

#### DIED

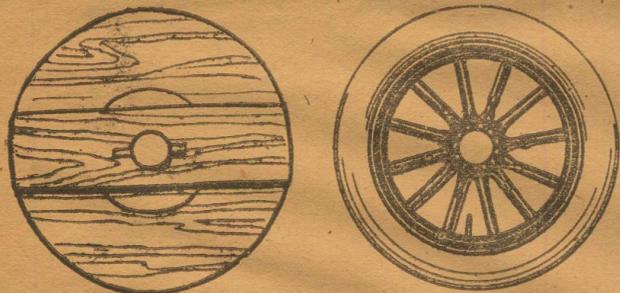
The little 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Braswell of the city died Monday afternoon. The little girl had been to school and upon coming home she told her mother she was sick, sinking immediately to the floor. Doctors were summoned, but within a short time the little girl died. The remains were interred Wednesday in the Spur cemetery.

**TO THE PUBLIC:**—I wish to thank those who assisted in removing the fixtures from my office during the recent fire. My office is now with the Jackson-Realty Co. next door to Verner's barber shop.

Very truly,  
E. J. Cowan.

W. F. Walker was in Saturday from his place near Spur and reports everything moving along nicely.

## GOOD ROADS



PRIMITIVE AND MODERN TYPE OF WHEEL.

The wheel was the greatest invention the world has ever known; with it progress and prosperity sprang into life; upon it has rolled the burden of civilization; its revolutions have woven the fibre of refinement and culture into human life, and its evolution have been as wonderful and powerful as life itself. At each step of its progress, it has demanded better roads and it has brought our public highways from trails to macadam roads.

#### ADVERTISED LETTERS 2-21-12

Gentlemen  
W. L. Blackwell, Emmett Shook.

Ladies  
Miss Bettie Donnelly, Mrs. Lota Morrison.

When calling for above letters please say advertised.—Norton A. Baker, Postmaster.

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

Miss Pool is now employed in the J. A. Lambdin store during the absence of Miss Mary Jane Smith who is taking a vacation.

J. W. Hodges, who formerly owned and operated the White Front Grocery in Spur, died recently in Oklahoma. He sold his business here on account of his health, he having suffered here a slight stroke of paralysis which later caused his death.

A boy was born January 25th to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clay. The arrival of this youngster was not reported until this week. However, it is better late than never, yet we had noticed that E. L. had during the past few weeks a contented air and fatherly expression.

Mrs. C. B. New returned Wednesday from an extended visit to relatives in the southern part of the state, she being called home on account of the illness of Mr. New who is now at the Standifer Hospital as a result of an operation for appendicitis. At this time Mr. New is in a very critical condition and not expected to survive.

#### OUR INDUSTRIAL NEEDS

\$500,000,000 Wanted for Cotton Mills—Needs Factories Will Cost Billion Dollars

Texas is a great State. We do not fully realize the immensity of our resources. No one has ever yet announced a true conception of the greatness of Texas. The fact of the matter is, we try to measure Texas with a yardstick and the mind becomes confused in a maze of calculations without gaining the faintest conception of the State's greatness.

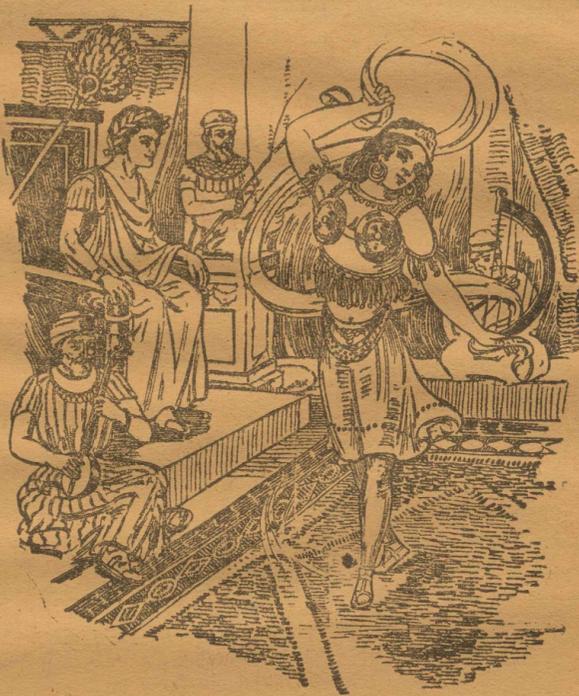
Our cotton crop (our money crop) is practically consumed in production and if the gross receipts of our cotton crop of the past decade were available for investments, it would not build and operate the factories necessary to manufacture the raw material now produced on the farm. An intelligent basis of calculation is necessary in order to approximately estimate our capital needed for factory investment. The latest Federal Census report on manufacturing gives the capital invested in cotton mills in the United States at \$605,100,154 and the factories used \$282,047,648 in raw material during the year. From this record, we develop the general rule that it requires two dollars of capital to manufacture one dollar's worth of cotton and to build the cotton mills necessary to manufacture the cotton we raise in Texas would require \$500,000,000. Then there is our timber, our livestock and other materials and Texas is only one-fifth developed in agriculture, to say nothing of the raw material produced in other states and countries, which pass through our ports in search of the foreign factory, all of which should be manufactured in Texas, will require at least a billion dollars to build the factories needed at the present time in this State and then there are our minerals sleeping undisturbed, to make no mention of our railroad mileage, public highways, industrial enterprises and new cities and improved farms which will be necessary to our growth. To develop Texas during the present century will require an immediate investment of ten billions and when we have realized that this is a most conservative statement, which every man who studies the situation closely is bound to conclude, then we are ready to stand at our ports and look towards the sea map out a comprehensive plan the mastery of the world's con-



## Texas Needs Great Men

### XXIV. WEAKNESS

**K**ING HEROD was so well pleased with the dancing of his daughter, Salome, that he offered her half his Kingdom and one of the saddest tragedies in Christendom followed, and his throne toppled and fell. The people of today are oftentimes so well pleased with the vaudeville performance of politicians and the Salome dances of party leaders that they give them the whole of their kingdom, and as a result industries crash, commerce crumbles and pandemonium reigns supreme and the land becomes flooded with "isms" and legislative cure-alls, when the trouble lies in weak leadership. No country can become stronger than its leaders and weak leaders are the pall bearers of prosperity.



SALOME DANCING BEFORE KING HEROD.

Let that people take heed whose leaders are under the grip of impulses and whose characters flicker like a wild flame, lest they become overpowered by the knockout drops of human weakness; their influence belt the State like a temptation, and their precedent stalk over the land like a pestilence. Texas Needs Great Men.

A nice line of neck wear and collars at the Wonder.

Texas offers unlimited opportunities for the honest industrial tillers of the soil.

Have just returned from market, have a full line of ready to wear hats for early wear. Will be pleased to have you call and examine my line.—Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

M. A. Jordan was in the city Wednesday from the Steel Hill country and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

## Cash Bargains!

If you are looking for more than your money's worth, the store you should see is "This One." All Heavy Goods at Manufacturer's Cost.

Big cuts in Shoes of every description. Special Low Prices in Men's Boots. Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats are going cheap. New shipment of Spring Gingham which we save you 25 Per Cent on. Come to us for the little Notion Items. We offer the best values in Spur consistent with Merchandise of Quality.

"NEW ARRIVALS IN MEN'S WORK CLOTHES"

J. A. Lambdin & Co.

Spur, "A STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE" Texas.

# THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

Jacob's Fine Candies Made Last Night

Try Our Cigars--A Full Line of the Leading Brands

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

We are grateful to the good people of Spur and Dickens County for the very liberal increase in business during our first month, and shall strive to continue to merit this increase. Our Stock is being increased as fast as possible and if you have called for something not in Stock, try again—we may have it now.

Le Gear's Stock Remedies Are the Leaders--We Have a Full Line

## THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

JAS F. WILLIAMS, Proprietor

"Fifteen Years in the Drug Business"

### FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

I will give five dollars reward for any man to show this local how any man can be a democrat and a christian, for God says "All the earth is Mine" Exodus 19:5. Again, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," Psalms 24:1. Again it says "The land shall not be sold forever for it is Mine," Leviticus 25:23.

The voters of Texas are waking up. They have made so much cotton in the last four years they haven't got anything and are afraid to vote the Socialist ticket for it might make them divide up. They say Socialism might break up the home while now our courts are filled with divorce suits.

A man met a boy, and the man said to the boy, "What are you, son? A Socialist." "What are you dad? A Democrat. If I borrow \$1,000 from you and have to pay you more money than I borrow, aint that robbery, dad?" "No, son, that aint it." "What is it then?" "That is business." "No dad, that aint it, that is the Democrat."

You can tell how bad a man is hurt by his howl. Good God, listen to the Democrat howl. I know they were hit in the pocket. Just vote the same old thing. The man who produces the most gets the least. What do we need lawyers, land agents and salaried preachers for?

Some say Socialists believe in anarchy, and now we have standing armies for no purpose but to kill. Some think Socialists want to divide up. It is capitalism that wants to divide up by compelling the creator of wealth to share their earnings with it.

Our local meets every second Saturday in each month. Some one come and get the five dollars reward. How can a man be a Christian and vote for a thing that robs his mother? Come on, we don't bar no one.—J. H. Edwards, Dumont, King County, Texas.

### NEW HOPE

Tom Dodson and family, of Duchman, is visiting relatives.

Jake Scott has made the rounds of his winter hunting expedition.

County Missionary, J. V. Bilberry attended church at Midway Saturday on his way to Wichita.

T. N. Dodson, County Commissioner of Motley county, is in our midst.

Mr. J. E. Wright and Ancil Jackson, who lived last year in Fisher county, have just returned with their farming implements.

Plain Sheer, teacher of the Liberty School, we learn has opened a nail-keg and organized a literary. Onion had an invitation to its organization but did not attend. The subject for next Friday evening is Resolve: "That Women Should Have Equal Rights With Man to Vote."

We are informed that next year the New Hope, Amity and Liberty public schools will consolidate under the late school law and establish a Rural High School. Is not this a project for the betterment of all lovers of education?—Onion.

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Editor Morris of Jayton passed through Spur again recently on his way to Ralls to help out on the Ralls Banner while the editor gets use to being called papa. Mr. Morris says that since the one case of meningitis at Jayton the people of town have bought the supply of carbolic acid, peroxide of hydrogen and that some of them are eating lime and other disinfectants to be sure of no further developments in the meningitis line. Well, we of Spur are doing likewise and as a result we expect to possibly escape even one case of the dreaded disease.

J. C. McNeill, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

### FOUND FIVE DOLLARS

Mr. Webb, of near Spur, was in the city Monday and called around at Texas Spur office and relieved us of a five dollar bill which we had been lucky enough to pick up just a few minutes before he called on us. We had hoped to retain this big sum of money at least a few hours before parting with it, but luck was against us. However, we again know the feel of a five dollar william.

### QUORINTINE RAISED

J. J. Palmer, State Cattle inspector, has been in the county the past several weeks looking for ticks and scab in cattle, but found none and as a result Dickens and Kent counties will no longer be quarintined from shipping cattle. Mr. Palmer lives at Rotan and this was his first trip to this section. He likes the country and the town and we would not be suprised if he should move up and become a citizen.

### A TRUE GENTLEMAN

A man that's clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich and down to the poor; who can lose without squealing; and who can win without bragging; considerate to women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf; and who takes his share of the world's goods and lets other people have theirs, is a good idea of a true gentleman.—Louise News.

Dr. Blackwell was over Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours here. The Doctor now has a new Ford automobile and gets over the country in a hurry.

J. P. Gibson was in Monday from the Steel Hill community and spent some time here. His little daughter is at the Standifer Hospital for an operation for appendicitis and we hope soon to note her recovery.

## Luzon Telephone Co.

Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

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

## 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.

# 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



### Two Ways of Looking At It

After buying that bill of lumber you are going to need, and using it, you may either be glad or mad. It depends on whether you buy good, DRY lumber from us, or carelessly accept lumber that's only half seasoned, from somebody who's not so particular about the quality of their stock as we are.

There are no two ways about it. You can buy any kind of lumber or building material to better advantage right here than you can anywhere else in this part of the country.

Let us make you an estimate on what you want.

## Richardson Lumber Co.

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

## ...PROGRESS OR RETROGRADE...

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

GUARANTY FUND BANK

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

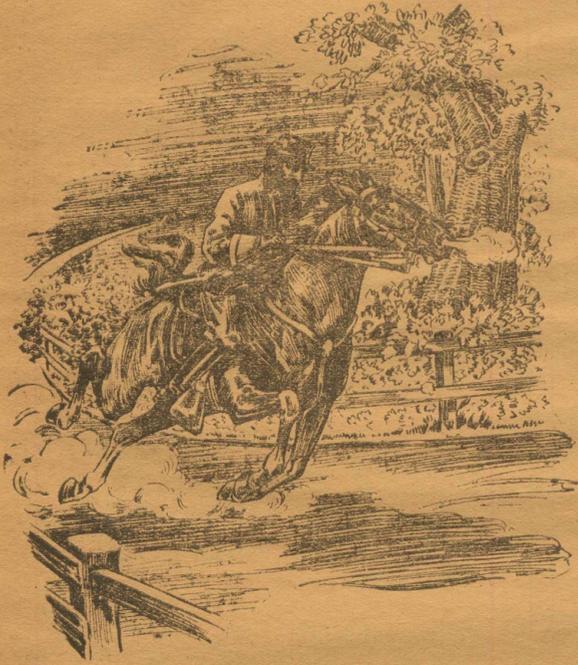
\$50,000.00.

Take The Texas Spur; \$1

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

### XXIII. HASTE

**H**ISTORY tells us that the battle of Winchester was won by the valor and courage of General Sheridan and the poet has given us a graphic description of "Sheridan's Ride," as he hurried to the battlefield and saved the day, the battle having begun with Sheridan twenty miles away. The battle for commercial supremacy is now raging on land and sea. Our strategic position, our undeveloped resources and our progressive citizenship makes Texas the battlefield of Twentieth Century civilization and every man in Texas must ride under whip and spur to save the day with the Panama Canal less than three years away.



SHERIDAN'S RIDE.

Let those who would wear a laurel wreath of victory answer the bugle call of progress and rally round the plow and the hammer; and amid the smoke of industry, the roar of the furnace, the rattle of the dinner pails and scream of the factory whistle, plant the flag of grand old Texas on the parapets of prosperity. To arms; Forward! March! Texas Needs Great Men.

#### DIED

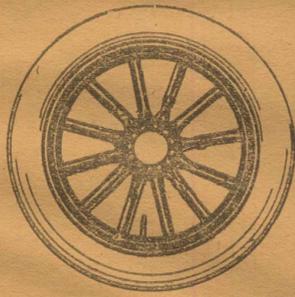
The little 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Braswell of the city died Monday afternoon. The little girl had been to school and upon coming home she told her mother she was sick, sinking immediately to the floor. Doctors were summoned, but within a short time the little girl died. The remains were interred Wednesday in the Spur cemetery.

**TO THE PUBLIC:**—I wish to thank those who assisted in removing the fixtures from my office during the recent fire. My office is now with the Jackson-Realty Co. next door to Verner's barber shop.

Very truly,  
E. J. Cowan.

W. F. Walker was in Saturday from his place near Spur and reports everything moving along nicely.

## GOOD ROADS



#### PRIMITIVE AND MODERN TYPE OF WHEEL.

The wheel was the greatest invention the world has ever known; with it progress and prosperity sprang into life; upon it has rolled the burden of civilization; its revolutions have woven the fibre of refinement and culture into human life, and its evolution have been as wonderful and powerful as life itself. At each step of its progress, it has demanded better roads and it has brought our public highways from trails to macadam roads.

#### ADVERTISED LETTERS 2-21-12

Gentlemen  
W. L. Blackwell, Emmett Shook.

Ladies  
Miss Bettie Donnelly, Mrs. Lota Morrison.

When calling for above letters please say advertised.—Norton A. Baker, Postmaster.

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

Miss Pool is now employed in the J. A. Lambdin store during the absence of Miss Mary Jane Smith who is taking a vacation.

J. W. Hodges, who formerly owned and operated the White Front Grocery in Spur, died recently in Oklahoma. He sold his business here on account of his health, he having suffered here a slight stroke of paralysis which later caused his death.

A boy was born January 25th to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clay. The arrival of this youngster was not reported until this week. However, it is better late than never, yet we had noticed that E. L. had during the past few weeks a contented air and fatherly expression.

Mrs. C. B. New returned Wednesday from an extended visit to relatives in the southern part of the state, she being called home on account of the illness of Mr. New who is now at the Standifer Hospital as a result of an operation for appendicitis. At this time Mr. New is in a very critical condition and not expected to survive.

#### OUR INDUSTRIAL NEEDS

\$500,000,000 Wanted for Cotton Mills—Needs Factories Will Cost Billion Dollars

Texas is a great State. We do not fully realize the immensity of our resources. No one has ever yet announced a true conception of the greatness of Texas. The fact of the matter is, we try to measure Texas with a yardstick and the mind becomes confused in a maze of calculations without gaining the faintest conception of the State's greatness.

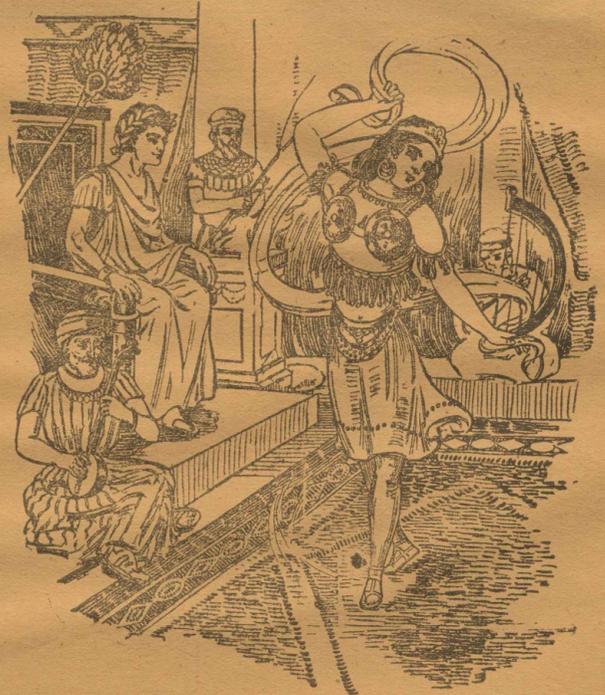
Our cotton crop (our money crop) is practically consumed in production and if the gross receipts of our cotton crop of the past decade were available for investments, it would not build and operate the factories necessary to manufacture the raw material now produced on the farm. An intelligent basis of calculation is necessary in order to approximately estimate our capital needed for factory investment. The latest Federal Census report on manufacturing gives the capital invested in cotton mills in the United States at \$605,100,154 and the factories used \$282,047,648 in raw material during the year. From this record, we develop the general rule that it requires two dollars of capital to manufacture one dollar's worth of cotton and to build the cotton mills necessary to manufacture the cotton we raise in Texas would require \$500,000,000. Then there is our timber, our livestock and other materials and Texas is only one-fifth developed in agriculture, to say nothing of the raw material produced in other states and countries, which pass through our ports in search of the foreign factory, all of which should be manufactured in Texas, will require at least a billion dollars to build the factories needed at the present time in this State and then there are our minerals sleeping undisturbed, to make no mention of our railroad mileage, public highways, industrial enterprises and new cities and improved farms which will be necessary to our growth. To develop Texas during the present century will require an immediate investment of ten billions and when we have realized that this is a most conservative statement, which every man who studies the situation closely is bound to conclude, then we are ready to stand at our ports and look towards the sea map out a comprehensive plan the mastery of the world's co-



## Texas Needs Great Men

### XXIV. WEAKNESS

**K**ING HEROD was so well pleased with the dancing of his daughter, Salome, that he offered her half his Kingdom and one of the saddest tragedies in Christendom followed, and his throne toppled and fell. The people of today are oftentimes so well pleased with the vaudeville performance of politicians and the Salome dances of party leaders that they give them the whole of their kingdom, and as a result industries crash, commerce crumbles and pandemonium reigns supreme and the land becomes flooded with "isms" and legislative cure-alls, when the trouble lies in weak leadership. No country can become stronger than its leaders and weak leaders are the pall bearers of prosperity.



SALOME DANCING BEFORE KING HEROD.

Let that people take heed whose leaders are under the grip of impulses and whose characters flicker like a wild flame, lest they become overpowered by the knockout drops of human weakness; their influence belt the State like a temptation, and their precedent stalk over the land like a pestilence. Texas Needs Great Men.

A nice line of neck wear and collars at the Wonder.

Have just returned from market, have a full line of ready to wear hats for early wear. Will be pleased to have you call and examine my line.—Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

Texas offers unlimited opportunities for the honest industrial tillers of the soil.

M. A. Jordan was in the city Wednesday from the Steel Hill country and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

## Cash Bargains!

If you are looking for more than your money's worth, the store you should see is "This One." All Heavy Goods at Manufacturer's Cost.

Big cuts in Shoes of every description. Special Low Prices in Men's Boots. Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats are going cheap. New shipment of Spring Gingham which we save you 25 Per Cent on. Come to us for the little Notion Items. We offer the best values in Spur consistent with Merchandise of Quality.

"NEW ARRIVALS IN MEN'S WORK CLOTHES"

J. A. Lambdin & Co.

"A STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE"

Spur, - - - Texas.

# THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

Jacob's Fine Candies Made Last Night

Try Our Cigars---A Full Line of the Leading Brands

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

We are grateful to the good people of Spur and Dickens County for the very liberal increase in business during our first month, and shall strive to continue to merit this increase. Our Stock is being increased as fast as possible and if you have called for something not in Stock, try again—we may have it now.

Le Gear's Stock Remedies Are the Leaders---We Have a Full Line

## THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

JAS F. WILLIAMS, Proprietor

"Fifteen Years in the Drug Business"

## Luzon Telephone Co.

Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

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

## 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.

### FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

I will give five dollars reward for any man to show this local how any man can be a democrat and a christian, for God says "All the earth is Mine" Exodus 19:5. Again, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," Psalms 24:1. Again it says "The land shall not be sold forever for it is Mine," Leviticus 25:23.

The voters of Texas are waking up. They have made so much cotton in the last four years they haven't got anything and are afraid to vote the Socialist ticket for it might make them divide up. They say Socialism might break up the home while now our courts are filled with divorce suits.

A man met a boy, and the man said to the boy, "What are you, son? A Socialist." "What are you dad? A Democrat. If I borrow \$1,000 from you and have to pay you more money than I borrow, aint that robbery, dad?" "No, son, that aint it." "What is it then?" "That is business." "No dad, that aint it, that is the Democrat."

You can tell how bad a man is hurt by his howl. Good God, listen to the Democrat howl. I know they were hit in the pocket. Just vote the same old thing. The man who produces the most gets the least. What do we need lawyers, land agents and salaried preachers for?

Some say Socialists believe in anarchy, and now we have standing armies for no purpose but to kill. Some think Socialists want to divide up. It is capitalism that wants to divide up by compelling the creator of wealth to share their earnings with it.

Our local meets every second Saturday in each month. Some one come and get the five dollars reward. How can a man be a Christian and vote for a thing that robs his mother? Come on, we don't bar no one.—J. H. Edwards, Dumont, King County, Texas.

### NEW HOPE

Tom Dodson, and family, of Duchman, is visiting relatives.

Jake Scott has made the rounds of his winter hunting expedition.

County Missionary, J. V. Bilberry attended church at Midway Saturday on his way to Wichita.

T. N. Dodson, County Commissioner of Motley county, is in our midst.

Mr. J. E. Wright and Ancil Jackson, who lived last year in Fisher county, have just returned with their farming implements.

Plain Sheer, teacher of the Liberty School, we learn has opened a nail-keg and organized a literary. Onion had an invitation to its organization but did not attend. The subject for next Friday evening is Resolve: "That Women Should Have Equal Rights With Man to Vote."

We are informed that next year the New Hope, Amity and Liberty public schools will consolidate under the late school law and establish a Rural High School. Is not this a project for the betterment of all lovers of education?—Onion.

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Editor Morris of Jayton passed through Spur again recently on his way to Ralls to help out on the Ralls Banner while the editor gets use to being called papa. Mr. Morris says that since the one case of meningitis at Jayton the people of town have bought the supply of carbolic acid, peroxide of hydrogen and that some of them are eating lime and other disinfectants to be sure of no further developments in the meningitis line. Well, we of Spur are doing likewise and as a result we expect to possibly escape even one case of the dreaded disease.

J. C. McNeill, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

### FOUND FIVE DOLLARS

Mr. Webb, of near Spur, was in the city Monday and called around at Texas Spur office and relieved us of a five dollar bill which we had been lucky enough to pick up just a few minutes before he called on us. We had hoped to retain this big sum of money at least a few hours before parting with it, but luck was against us. However, we again know the feel of a five dollar william.

### QUORINTINE RAISED

J. J. Palmer, State Cattle inspector, has been in the county the past several weeks looking for ticks and scab in cattle, but found none and as a result Dickens and Kent counties will no longer be quarantined from shipping cattle. Mr. Palmer lives at Rotan and this was his first trip to this section. He likes the country and the town and we would not be suprised if he should move up and become a citizen.

### A TRUE GENTLEMAN

A man that's clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich and down to the poor; who can lose without squealing; and who can win without bragging; considerate to women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf; and who takes his share of the world's goods and lets other people have theirs, is a good idea of a true gentleman.—Louise News.

Dr. Blackwell was over Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours here. The Doctor now has a new Ford automobile and gets over the country in a hurry.

J. P. Gibson was in Monday from the Steel Hill community and spent some time here. His little daughter is at the Standifer Hospital for an operation for appendicitis and we hope soon to note her recovery.

# 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



### Two Ways of Looking At It

After buying that bill of lumber you are going to need, and using it, you may either be glad or mad. It depends on whether you buy good, DRY lumber from us, or carelessly accept lumber that's only half seasoned, from somebody who's not so particular about the quality of their stock as we are.

There are no two ways about it: You can buy any kind of lumber or building material to better advantage right here than you can anywhere else in this part of the country.

Let us make you an estimate on what you want.

## Richardson Lumber Co.

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

## ...PROGRESS OR RETROGRADE...

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

GUARANTY FUND BANK

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. -- Dont 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.

Take The Texas Spur; \$1