

### SPUR POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OR DEPOSITORY

Postmaster N. A. Baker informs us that after March 7th will be established in connection with the Spur postoffice a Postal Savings Bank or Depository. The establishment of the Postal Savings System is for the purpose of providing facilities for depositing savings of the general public at interest with the security of the United States for repayment. Deposits will be accepted at the Spur Post Office only from individuals who are patrons of the office, and no account will be opened in the name of any corporation, society or firm nor the names of two or more persons jointly. Deposits will be evidenced by postal-savings certificates issued in denominations of one, two, five, ten, twenty, fifty and one hundred dollars, being nontransferable and nonnegotiable. No account will be opened for less than one dollar nor more than one hundred dollars in any one month, and at no time can a depositor have more than five hundred dollars exclusive of accumulated interest to his or her credit. Interest at the rate of two per cent. per annum will be allowed on all deposits, no interest allowed on money which remains in the office only a part of the year. Amounts less than one dollar can be saved for deposit by purchasing postal-savings cards at ten cents each. A depositor will be permitted to exchange the whole or any part of his deposits in sums of twenty, forty, sixty, eighty and one hundred dollars, up to and including five hundred dollars, into United States registered or coupon bonds bearing interest at two and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year; both principal and interest payable twenty years from date in gold coin.

The Postal Savings Bank or Depository, as the Texas Spur understands it, is not in competition with the banks of the country, but rather for the purpose of encouraging the habit of saving money in sums of ten cents or more on the part of men, women and children of the country. The Postal Savings System does not offer the conveniences as is offered by State and National Banks, and only offers safety of the funds deposited and encourages the saving of funds in denominations as small as ten cents.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT

W. F. Walker was in town Saturday from his place near Spur. While here County Commissioner Garner prevailed upon him to go out and get measurements of the creek southwest of town preparatory to building a bridge over it Monday. Throughout his term as commissioner Mr. Garner has been most active in road-work and improvement. We need more roads and better roads.

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#### SOLD HIS BUSINESS

We are informed that E. J. Cowan has sold his insurance business to the Jackson Realty Company. Mr. Cowan will remain in Spur for another month or so before leaving for some other point. Judge Cowan was among the first men to assist in the establishment of Spur, having spent some time in Dickens doing business awaiting the opening of Spur, and we would be glad for him to remain a citizen here with us.

#### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

S. R. Hagins, of Moran, had business in Gilpin last week.

We wonder why D. D. Hagins goes over in Kent county so much here of late.

Mrs. Estes and children, of Spur are visiting her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Butts this week.

The farmers of Duck Creek and Gilpin are all smiles and they have a right to be, for prospects for a crop were never better than at this time of year.

Rev. Adams, of Jayton, filled his regular appointment at Duck Creek Sunday. All who missed hearing his soul inspiring sermon missed a feast. If you don't believe it, come and hear for yourself.

The Duck Creek school is progressing nicely. The people of Gilpin appreciate the untiring efforts of the teachers, Prof. Johnson and Miss Mae Wasson, who are doing all within their power to advance the children. Let all the patrons of the school pay it a visit and be convinced of the truth of the above statement.

The people of Gilpin also appreciate the Texas Spur, and the fact that its editor is a broad-minded, charitable man who is building up a paper that is destined to be "a leader" in the near future.

The Farmers' Union meet at Duck Creek school house every second and fourth Tuesday nights. Some very interesting topics are being discussed, such as crop diversification, reduction of cotton acreage and the co-operative banking system. All members should attend. It is to your interest to do so.—Johny Jump-Up.

#### LIVING EASY

Sebe Lambert came in Saturday from his new home in the Tap country and reports everything moving along nicely and says that he is now living easy and has fine prospects for a bumper crop this year. He sold his sandy land farm recently and moved to the Sam Smith place which was sold to E. Luce. This is a fine farm and one of the first settled places of the country. Sam Smith having settled and improved the place twenty odd years ago. Mr. Smith and family have gone to Mexico for a time, but we will expect him to return in time to plant another crop here next year.

T. A. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, had business in Spur one day last week.

### SOCIALIST MASS MEETING IN SPUR SATURDAY

Saturday afternoon members of the Socialist organization of the county and surrounding country held a mass meeting at the Christian tabernacle in Spur. The meeting was largely attended, and we are informed was for the purpose of selecting committees to look after the business and policies of the organization preparatory for the county conventions to be held later. At the county convention in Dickens county we are told that the Socialists will select candidates for all offices, making out a full county ticket to be voted in the general election.

At the mass meeting Saturday a call was made for the Spur Local to meet next Saturday at one o'clock and a full attendance was urged to be present.

#### EVERYTHING LOVELY

W. P. T. Smith was in the city Tuesday from his place eight or ten miles west of Spur and reports everything lovely but the weather in his section. During the past several days the weather has been cloudy, damp, drizzly and with just enough rain to dampen and muddy the ground. However, this character of weather does not detract from our fine prospects for fine seasons and resultant bumper crops.

#### IMPROVING NEW PLACE

W. D. Bender came in Saturday from his place several miles northeast of town. Mr. Bender is improving a new place, has completed a new residence and cleared up a number of acres of land for cultivation. He now has one of the finest places in the country.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned the first of the week from Benjamin where he attended court in the trial of Dock Edwards.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow returned the first of the week from Benjamin where he had been several days attending District Court which is now adjourned for the term.

### DOCK EDWARDS GIVEN TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

In the trial of Dock Edwards last week at Benjamin on a charge of murder he was given two years in the penitentiary by the jury. R. S. Holman, one of the attorneys for the defendant, informed us that the case would be appealed.

This is the third trial of Dock Edwards charged with the killing of R. L. King in Spur during the Christmas holidays two years ago. He was convicted at Dickens and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at the first trial, the case being reversed and a new trial given. The second trial at Benjamin resulted in a mistrial, the jury being eight for conviction and four for acquittal. The third trial on the same charge resulted as above stated.

#### MASS MEETING

Rev. R. B. Bonner, Sunday School Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, will be with us March 15-16-17 for an institute. He asks that we announce a mass meeting for Sunday afternoon at 3:30, other announcements will be made Sunday. All of the Sunday schools of the town are cordially invited to attend all the services, especially the officers and teachers. Brother Bonner is a Sunday school expert and can help us greatly no doubt with our Sunday school problems. Remember the dates.—R. A. Stewart.

#### NEW BUSINESS ESTABLISHED

Jesse Moseley, we are informed will open up a grocery business Monday in the building formerly occupied by G. L. Barber on the east side of Barling Avenue. Mr. Moseley will probably buy the remainder of the grocery stock saved from the recent fire and will continue the business under the name of Western Grocery Company.

#### ON PLEASURE TRIP

W. G. Sherrod left last week with R. V. Colbert of Stamford for New York where they are spending several days. We are informed that writing to friends here Mr. Sherrod informed them that he intended to cross over the Ocean and spend some time in the Old country before returning to Spur.

#### FINE CROP PROSPECTS

J. E. Sparks was in Spur Saturday from the Tap country and says everything in his section is in the finest shape. The ground in fine shape for breaking land and there is plenty season until planting time. The prospects now are that we will make record breaking crops this year all over the Spur country.

Mrs. A. J. Tyler has been quite sick this week of mumps.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of Dickens country, was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Turnage returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to her mother at Grapevine.

Frank Smith was in the city this week from his home in the Cat Fish country.

J. C. Nations and wife moved last week to a farm near Sageron recently purchased by J. R. Nations from Fred Hisey.

T. J. Williams is now employed at the J. B. Conner Feed Store and will also manage the old Neely rooming house.

Tol Merriman was in the city Saturday from his home several miles south of Spur and reports everything all o. k. in his section.

C. D. Copeland was in the city Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur and reports farming progressing in his section.

Attorney R. S. Holman returned Monday from Benjamin where he had been attending District Court in the trial of Dock Edwards.

### GROWING BROOM CORN IN SPUR COUNTRY

Mr. Selder, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Monday on business. Mr. Selder intends to plant about forty acres of broom corn this year. He says he has had many years experience in growing broom corn and that it will discount cotton here in the Spur country, two-to-one. He says that the land here will produce on an average of a ton to three acres, and to figure it at half price it will bring in more cash money than cotton on the same acreage. Mr. Selder has a broom factory, a shredder and will have a broom-corn baler in operation this fall so that all those who grow broom corn for shipment need have no fears in not having proper equipments to care for all that may be grown.

#### APPEALED COUNTY SEAT

Editor Morris passed through Spur the latter part of last week on his return to Jayton from Ralls where he has been assisting his brother in the publication of the Ralls Banner. He reports that the people of Ralls and Emma are very much elated at the recent court decision favoring Emma as the county seat of Crosby county. However, we understand that an appeal has been made to the higher courts by the Crosby citizens interested in the matter.

#### LOOKING GOOD

Will Walker was in Saturday after some lumber with which to make improvements on his place east of Spur and while here he handed us a check with which to move up his subscription to the Texas Spur. Will says everything is looking good for a bumper crop this year.

Duke Henson returned last week from Abilene where he spent several days on business.

G. A. Howsley left Saturday for Albany to spend several days with his family.

Miss Mary Henson, who is teaching school in the Afton country, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with her parents and other relatives.

B. B. Blackwell came in Saturday from the Steel Hill community and spent some time on business and trading with the merchants.

E. L. Clay and family visited friends and relatives at Dickens and in the Afton country last week returning the latter part of the week to Spur.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and spent several hours here greeting his friends and attending to business matters.

Chas. Brewington, of Stamford, has been in Spur this week taking stock of the Brazelton-Pryor Company. Mr. Brewington returned the first of the week to his home in Stamford, having completed the stock-taking duties at the Spur yards.

## HAND-MADE BOOTS

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### TO THE VOTERS

To the voters of Precinct No. 3, Dickens county.

I have been asked to state my position as a candidate for Commissioner from this precinct.

There are two questions which every voter has a right to ask, and which a candidate should answer frankly: How do you stand on the tax question, or how will you spend the county's money?

Disregarding the question of special taxes, which have been voted by the people upon themselves, and are to be used for the special purpose for which they have been voted, I will consider the questions of assessment valuations and a county ad valorem tax. I favor a low rate of valuation, for the reason that nearly all of the special taxes for the county and districts were voted when the system of a low assessment was recognized and accepted, and the rates of the special taxes were made to conform to a low valuation. To now raise the assessments to a higher percent of the actual value inflicts a burden upon the taxpayer that was not contemplated when these special taxes were voted. For the just expense of the county I favor an ad valorem tax sufficient for the economical carrying on of the county's business, as an individual would handle his private affairs.

I favor the expenditure of the county money in such a manner as will be of equal benefit to every citizen of the county. I favor the distribution of the road and bridge fund in each precinct, prorated upon the assessed valuation of each precinct, in so far as it may be practicable to do so; and that a part of the road and bridge fund be set aside as an emergency fund, to be used in any part of the county where needed, and to be used only by order of the Commissioners Court. I favor the building of bridges where needed, and prop-

er maintenance of all public roads. I consider that money spent in permanent road improvement is an investment, while time, labor and money wasted on account of bad roads is an extravagance that no man can afford, and for which there is no excuse.

As a general proposition people do not object to being taxed when they can be shown that the money is applied for their benefit. When the roads of a county are well maintained and the county furnishes or pays for materials that must be bought, there is little or no complaint heard from the taxpayers about the unjustness of the road tax or the road and bridge fund. So with any other fund. When the taxpayer sees something done with the county's money that he understands is a real benefit there will be no complaints from him about high and unreasonable taxes.

Very respectfully,

Jeff D. Reagan.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan returned Tuesday from Hamlin where he had been to look at a second hand Chemical Engine with the prospect of buying it for fire-fighting purposes in Spur. A fire company has been organized in Spur and is now making efforts to secure adequate equipments to combat fires which may later originate in Spur. We understand that Mr. Reagan will not recommend the purchase of the Hamlin engine because of its ill usage heretofore. However, the fire department will probably buy a new chemical engine which can be exchanged for hose and other equipments when Spur has secured a supply of artesian water and a system of waterworks.

J. P. Gibson was in the city this week from his home in the Steel Hill country.

## WORK WILL BEGIN ON STAMFORD & EASTERN

At Meeting of Board of Directors This Morning The Announcement Was Made.

News-Tribune is pleased to announce that the building of the Stamford and Eastern is now an assured fact and that work will be commenced at once. This morning at 9:30 o'clock there was a meeting of the board of directors in the office of Swenson Bros., at which Judge W. T. Andrews, President of the Stamford and Eastern Railroad, announced that the grade work will begin just as soon as the outfits can be assembled.

P. G. Burnes, Chief Engineer of the Stamford and Eastern Railroad, will arrive in a few days and take active charge. Instructions have been received by locating Engineer, Randle, to assemble his entire outfit and begin the work of cross-sectioning, preparatory to grade work. Engineer Randle has for some weeks been working in the Stamford office, completing profiles while the balance of the corps has been scattered along the line, completing land line ties, and the announcement that grading will begin, follows quickly upon the completion of Engineer Randle's work.

The above was taken from an extra edition of the Stamford News-Tribune issued Thursday of last week. The Stamford and Eastern Railroad is a Swenson project and it is presumed here that the Stamford & Northwestern will connect with that line at Stamford and thus give Spur through and direct connection with Fort Worth. It is further stated here and generally surmised that the Crosbyton and South Plains Railroad will build into Spur and connect here with the Stamford & Northwestern within the year. It is also said that when these lines of railway have been built and connected that a passenger service of six daily trains will be instituted, thus giving the Plains country as well as Spur and intervening points the most convenient and adequate railroad service in every respect.

### A NEW BUSINESS

J. E. Shelton, who has been with the Spur Hardware Company since its establishment in Spur, has resigned his position and intends to establish a business here for himself. Mr. Shelton informed us that he would probably open up a business at an early date, carrying extras for farm implements as well as other side lines in the business. We wish Mr. Shelton prosperity in his lines of business.

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C. A. JONES, Vice-President

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

### TAP TELLINGS

Grandma Sparks is confined to her bed most of the time.

L. S. Scott has erected a new barn on his place.

Mr. Porter, of New Mexico, now occupies the place recently vacated by A. L. Thomas.

W. C. McArthur, Sr. has been quite sick but glad to report he is able to be up again.

Prof. Greenwade spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Dickens.

J. C. Holden and family returned a few days ago from an extended visit in Fisher county.

Orwin Lambert is in the employ of B. S. Manning at present.

C. J. Smith and family, who formerly lived here, but now reside on Doekum Valley, spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives and friends.

We are having a spell of real winter weather which has retarded farm work the past few days. Quite a lot of new land is being broke. Tom McArthur is increasing his acreage since he has two to support. Will Mitchell is adding much to his farm. P. Hinson is adding fifty acres to his patch.

Some are through breaking land ready to go a fishing when it gets warmenough.—Gadabout.

### DRESS MAKING

Please, one and all call and see me about your spring sewing. Terms reasonable.—Mrs. J. H. Fox.

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county.—C. H. Senning.

W. H. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, had business in Spur the latter part of last week. He reports the Cat Fish country in the finest shape with the most promising prospects for bumper crops this year.

### CO-OPERATING WITH FARMERS

It is gratifying to note that many of the Commercial Clubs of the state will concentrate their efforts for agricultural development on the marketing of products. There is no doubt room for improvement in methods of culture, but the real problem of the Texas farmer is not quantity, but prices. In fact, he is now struggling under the burden of a heavy crop and he needs assistance in reaching the market in an orderly and systematic manner.—Commercial Secretaries.

Messrs. Neighbors, of the Duck Creek country, were in town this week on business.

We've got some brand new breeches.—Edwards-Hogan Company.

Mace Hunter came in Saturday on business from his place several miles east of Spur.

W. T. Wilson and wife were in the city Saturday from their home six miles east of Spur.

W. F. Godfrey made a business trip over in the Cat Fish country last week.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of the week and reports everything moving along nicely.

A number of cases of mumps is reported in the city at this time. However, none are reported seriously afflicted with the "epidemic."

Luther Hindman was in this week and reports that he has been working constantly and uninterruptedly during the past several weeks. Luther is now drilling a well for Mr. Johns on his place in the Soldier Mound country and has now reached a depth of about two hundred feet without striking water.

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**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,  
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### THE COUNTRY EDITOR

From a financial standpoint, all along down the ages, he has been a failure. He can live on less, work harder, and through thick and thin, wear the smile of optimism. He is easily worked, give him a little taffy about what a nice sheet he is getting out and he will give you at least a two-column writeup as free as water running down a corn row. He can take a whole durned town on his shoulders and walk down the street like the whirlwind looking for business, and never even grunt about it. He can get out and chase all over town looking for a news item, and walk forty miles to run the blamed thing down, and possibly when he finds it, it is a boost for some doggoned old delinquent subscriber who hasn't paid him a dollar in 10 years, nor never spoke a kind word for his paper in his life, but all the same the news item goes.

He will get up and holler louder, make more fuss about a proposition for his town and work harder than any man on earth, and get less pay for it than any man living. He is the dupe of every politician, they pat him on the back and make much of him when the campaign is hot. They hand him a five-dollar bill, give him the wink and then ride him to hell without a blind bridle on. The church folks they work him, too. In the name of God they call him brother "Mc," and for God's sake they give him a cold hand-out, a piece of cold pie, a chicken wing, as stale as some of their doctrine and then work him for a whole column writeup. They pull off a swell wedding

in town. The home print shop's stationery is not swell enough—the city print shop gets the order for about fifty dollars worth of pink cards, tainted with the sweet smelling odor of trust. The wedding day comes along; the editor gets an invitation to take a back seat in the church and watch the bridal procession go by. After the show is over the editor retires to his cheefless sanctum and calls on the gods to get an action on his imagination. And as he sits there you will hear him utter a prayer something like this: "Oh, God, send us the winged arrows of inspiration, thoughts and words that we may paint a word picture of this old maid whose neck is like a cornstalk, her feet looks like pumpkings with broom straws stuck in them, her face looks like a dish pan, and her waist looks like a fence rail. And, Oh, God, help us to put sparkle in her eye, roses in her sallow cheek, and give grace to her gawky form. And now, Oh Lord, help us out on this bridegroom, whose kind ain't worth a curse in heaven or hell, either, but come and help us to place upon his brow the crown of knowledge, and make of him a Napoleon of finance, and the hero of the hour."

Well, to read the editor's writeup of the groom and bride you would think two angels had broken out of heaven. What's his reward for all this trouble? Why, he furnishes fifty copies of the paper containing the writeup, free, and then they will always have the gail to ask him to mail them free. John Jenkins dies, and he has

always been a sorry old cuss, but he had his name on the church roll and wore the hypocritical robe to perfection, hoodwinked his trusting pastor and fooled the brethren, but the world is a swell affair, flowers and silk crepe galore. With the rest of the motley herd, the editor stands beside the grave and blubbers like a young spring calf that has lost its mammy, over the loss of so great a man. The preacher paints a beautiful picture of the life of this man, but, shuckens, he aint in it. Just wait till the funeral is over and then let the editor get his paint pot and brush and the canvass will breath with the life of that man, and nine times out of ten he hasn't paid his subscription in fifteen years. Then the world says that the newspaper man will lie. No, no, he don't tell no falsehoods.

But there is another side to the country newspaper man's life. It is not all crosses and thorn bushes along the route. Measured by the standards of justice and truth, journalism is one of the greatest callings of all. And we want to say that there is no other calling on earth that does so much for the human race as that of journalism. It can take the sorriest political runt on the earth and boost him to the highest place within the gift of the people. Then if he gets gay, the newspaper man can unseat him and snatch from him the rod of authority. Yes, the country press can make and unmake politicians. Yes, it is a spanking machine for those who violate the trust of the people. A good live country editor can

sit down at a crossroads town, nothing but a blacksmith shop, gin, postoffice and store and take his paste pot and shears, pencil and paper, and add to the compound extract of hot air, and shake it well, and a city is born over night, on white paper; without spikes, cross ties or rails, it constructs railroads across desert wilds, and cities spring up as if by magic under the spell of his Aladin's Lamp pen. Since the death of Jesus and Paul, the country editor is the greatest missionary on earth. Wherever he goes the kingdom of Jesus Christ follows in his wake, churches spring up and the hal-lalujahs of the saints are heard from every mountain top and in every vale. The press touches its wand and colleges take shape and savants are born and men and women sit in the lap of liberty shines around the world. Until the Press came, liberty was a myth and the lamp of knowledge was restricted to the energy and the king—and the common people dared not think for themselves—Aspermont Star

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### IS MENINGITIS CONTAGIOUS

Many of the medical profession and a majority of the citizens in this and other sections are coming into the belief that meningitis is not a really contagious disease, but an epidemic affecting certain eastern portions of the state at present with occasional outcroppings in other districts.

Almost every ailment that the human body is subject to is now attributed to germs, and while meningitis is a germ disease, it appears to a close observer that it is no more contagious than some other ailments such as colds, lagrip, pneumonia and the like. It has been the history of the disease the last few months in Texas that the victims of the disease were those who were exposed to cold and damp weather. For a while rigid quarantines were tried, but it was soon noticed that the instances were exceedingly rare where more than one member in a family took it.

After watching the progress of the disease at all places, physicians and others have about arrived at the conclusion that the quarantine does not prevent the spread of the disease, and that the only good it can do is to partly allay the fears of those citizens who still believe the disease is contagious.

Many physicians say that they have never known a case of meningitis where an epidemic for spray the nose and throat was used and they consider persons practically free from danger of meningitis when they use this precaution and look carefully after their bodily comfort.

So it appears that the thing for the people to do is to take all reasonable precaution and continue to go about their business the same as before the disease was known to exist in the state. —Rotan Advance.

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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

For County Judge:  
W. A. Craddock

The jury in the Sneed trial at Fort Worth stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction from the time the first ballot to the time the Judge dismissed the body.

A few years ago one only heard candidates and office seekers for smaller offices, state and national men of political preference were brought out and elected by the people and in no instance were they considered candidates. Now, even presidential nominees are spoken of as candidates. Is it possible that the people are becoming "sacriligious" or are we coming down to real facts?

Roosevelt admits having repeatedly stated that he would not become a candidate for the presidency in 1912, and says that he is not now a candidate for the office, but from urgent requests from governors and others that he should come to the aid of his party and country he has acquiesced in the demand and while he will not now become a candidate he will accept the nomination of the Republican party should the party tender to him the nomination.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT**

Whereas God in His allwise and infinite wisdom has removed from our midst the husband of our beloved and dear sister, Jewell New, on February 23 1912

Therefore be it resolved by the Eastern Star Chapter No. 164:

First: That we do deeply sympathize with the bereaved wife in this greatest affliction.

Second: Our Chapter feels the loss of one of the members of our floral star, she being a derated worker.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, and a copy transmitted to the bereaved family, also a copy be sent the Texas Spur.—Mrs. Standifer, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Shelton, Committee.

Hamp Collett, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city this week on business and reports everything in good shape in his section.

**NOTES ON CITY BUILDING**

Just as soon as a city ceases to grow, it begins to decay.

Cities are building where men want them. Raw material never made anything.

Cities are the product of man. The first function of a Chamber of Commerce is to grow men.

Don't advertise your town without first firmly establishing the confidence of its citizens in it.

The making of men means the making of the community. The ideal is in the hands of the Commerce or Commercial Club.

The reason small western towns grow faster than eastern ones is that the citizens are more ready to bet on their future.

The gist of the whole town boosting problem is expressed in the problem of Solomon. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

The patronage of home industries is casting bread upon the waters and the dollar that is spent in Texas for Texas made goods will return to its owner in increased prosperity and multiplied wealth.—Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association.

**AUSTIN FIRE INSURANCE CO OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

March 6th, 1912—Mess. Godfrey & Tyler, Spur, Texas.

Gentlemen: We received today from Special Agent Davis proof of loss in completion of claim for \$315.23 under policy No. 7681—Western Grocery Co., in payment of which we hand you herewith our demand draft. Kindly secure signature of assured to total loss receipt on policy and ATTACH SAME TO DRAFT.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter, we are,

Truly yours,  
Geo. W. Jalonick,  
President.

**NOTICE**

All Woodmen are requested to be present at the Hall Saturday night, March 9th. Important business. All visiting members invited.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of the week and reports everything moving along nicely.

**Library!**

**Library!**

Consisting of fifty of the most popular Copyrighted Fiction. Ten Cents to read a \$1.50 Book. We will also get the New Books each month as they come out. Do you want to read? If so, come to the

**Red Front Drug Store**

EASTMAN KODAKS

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS

BOTH PHONES NO. 2

**NOTICE**

This is to notify the general public within the corporate limits of the town of Spur that the commissioners at a recent meeting divided the scavenger work of the town into two parts, that part of town east of Burlington Avenue being apportioned to Mr. Wade and the west side of Burlington Avenue being apportioned to Mr. McMichael. Such division of the scavenger work will be enforced and the public is respectfully asked to cooperate in such plan.

We warn those who have no flaps on closets to put them on at once. This ordinance will be strictly and impartially enforced.—J. M. Neely, City Marshall.

A number of cases of mumps is reported in the city at this time. However, none are reported seriously afflicted with the "epidemic."

J. C. McNeill was in the city this week from his farm and ranch fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

W. S. Taylor is again at his post of duty in the Sol Davis establishment after being confined to his room several days of chicken pox. Mrs. Taylor and son have also been suffering of the same disease.

G. C. Pass has been down to Girard the past week moving a house in that place. On account of the wet, muddy weather he had to leave his team and tools there until such time as the roads would permit the hauling of big loads.

J. R. McArthur was in the city one day this week from his place in the Tap country.

Jeff Smith, Jr., was in the city this week from his place in the Tap country. He says that he has his land all in fine shape now for planting.

A large crowd attended the Spur School Art Exhibit Wednesday night at the school auditorium. The art exhibit failed to arrive in time for exhibition. However, an excellent and most entertaining program was rendered to the enjoyment of all. Prof. Adams is to be commended upon his activity along this line and upon the successful entertainment rendered.

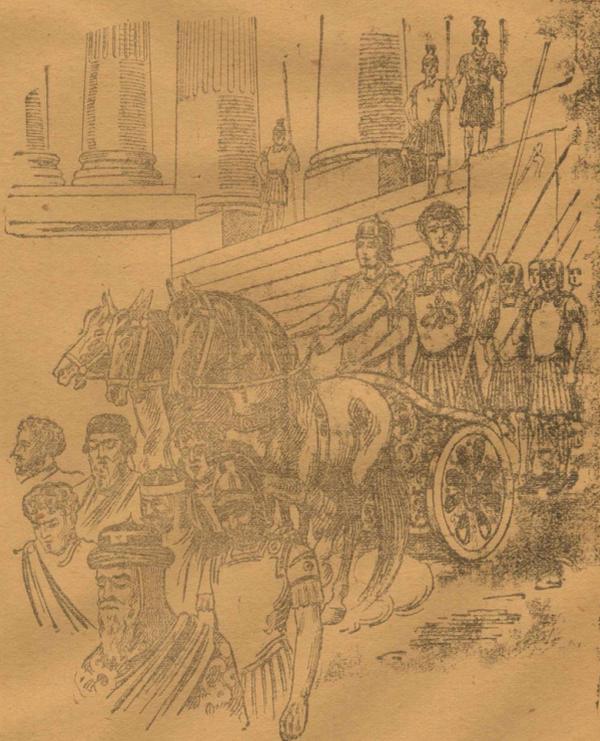
The Texas Spur is requested to announce that regular services will be had Sunday and Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. Knox, at the Presbyterian church. Everbody invited to attend.

S. W. Thomas, a prominent citizen and former business man of Aspermont, was in Spur one day this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Spur office. We judge that he still has a "hankering" for the Spur country since he said that he wanted to trade for some farm land up here since he failed to make any of the several deals for a business proposition in the town.

**TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN**

**XXIX. CONQUEST**

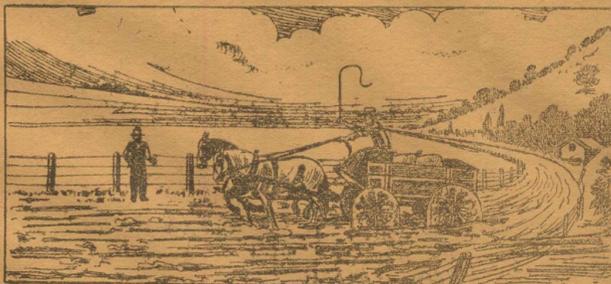
POMPEY said that three times he had triumphed and each time for the conquest of a continent; first, Africa, then Europe and next Asia, which completed the conquest of the world. Texas has three continents of industry yet unconquered; first, Agriculture, then Manufacturing, and next Mining, and we await the advent in the life of the State of a powerful man who can take them. Commerce belongs to the country that can conquer it and we need in Texas mental giants who can conquer the mighty forces of nature and wave the flag of Texas over the commerce of land and sea.



POMPEY RETURNING FROM HIS CONQUEST.

Let those who would soar to the altitude of greatness, subdue nature and conquer commerce, wave a wand of genius over our magnificent resources that will widen the industrial horizon of the State; rise out of the feverish throb of modern civilization like a Colossus of medieval times and set up a throne of industry in Texas that will levy tribute on the commerce of the world. Texas Needs Great Men.

**GOOD ROADS**



A BAD ROAD.

Psychologists tell us that "the slow moving animals are those with the least brains" and of all the animals, man alone has been able to increase the rapidity of his movements by borrowing and by artificial means. Man's accomplishments in transportation are the best index to his progress and civilization is best gauged by the kind of vehicles and character of roadways.

The patience of the public in enduring bad roads is one of the marvels of modern times. Let's get a move on us and build good roads.

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#### SOCIALIST LETTER

I want to prove to you in this letter that the principles of Socialism are right and just and in harmony with the moral and economic teachings of the Bible.

A brief analysis of the principles of both Capitalism and Socialism will enable you to judge more clearly of the merits or demerits of both systems.

Under Capitalism, commodities are produced only to sell for profit.

Under Socialism commodities would be produced only to be used, as for instance the public schools, which are maintained only to furnish education and from which no profit is made.

Capitalism is based on competition which has developed through economic laws into private monopoly, which the leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties as well as the public in general denounce as indefensible and unbearable.

Why? Because it enables the private owners through the wage and profit system to not only rob the laborer, but the entire consuming public.

How? Through tyranny, taxation without representation, for the public is not represented in the management of the privately owned trust. Hence they have no voice or vote in fixing the price of commodities, regardless of the fact that they both produce and consume them.

True, this taxation is indirect and is not called a tax, but is known as profit, interest and rent, but it is the worst form of taxation for you cannot realize the extent of the tax. In many instances this indirect taxation by the trust is so high that it amounts to nothing less than legalized robbery.

Sugar, a staple article on which the jobber and retailer make nothing, can be produced

for less than two cents a pound. Yet on account of the profit system you pay six cents a pound for it. The tax is four cents on every pound or sixty-four cents on every dollar's worth you buy. And what is true of sugar is true of everything else you use.

This system whereby the few can tax the many leads to inequality of opportunity for the child of the owner of the trust inherits the monopolized industry and the child of the worker is born to work for him on the conditions laid down by the trust and we have Wage Slavery; Master and Servant on the field of labor.

Christ said "A corrupt tree can not bring forth good fruit." Can the Capitalist system which is based on monopoly, tyranny and inequality bring forth good for humanity?

Now since private ownership of capital is wrong, the only way to remove it is to replace it with public ownership which must be right, for there can be but two kinds of ownership, private and public.

Socialism is based on the principle of collectivism of public ownership. Under Socialism things that are collectively used will be owned collectively and things that are privately used will be privately owned, and commodities instead of being produced for profit will be made for use and exchanged at cost of production.

In as much as the public will own the trusts, it will then have the management of them and Tyranny will be replaced by Democracy or majority rule in industry as well as in politics and as public or collective ownership of the trusts will succeed private ownership there will be no children born to be the masters of others.

Inequality will be replaced by

equality of opportunity or an equal right to work and an equal voice in the management of the publicly owned industries.

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit." Since the principles of Socialism are right, how could they bring forth evil.

The whole aim and object of Socialism is "To give to the worker the social product of his toil." "Let every man enjoy the good of his labor." (Eccles. 3-13) which means exactly the same thing. Under Socialism he who produces nothing would get the product—nothing. The Bible says, "He who will not work, neither shall he eat." A perfect agreement.

"Lay not up treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." (Mat. 6-19) for "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." "Ye can not serve both God and mammon." You cannot live up to these teachings under Capitalism, for you would be either sent to jail as a tramp or to the poorhouse as a pauper if you quit "laying up treasures on earth" but under Socialism with its old age, sickness and accident insurance together with equal opportunity to work at all times, it would be easy and natural to keep the above plain Command.

Capitalism stands for Competition, war, poverty and wrong.

Socialism stands for co-operation, peace, plenty and right. On which side do you as a Christian and as an honest citizen belong? Yours for the common good.—Spur Socialist Local.

#### Notice To Creditors And Debtors

THE STATE OF TEXAS | To those indebted  
COUNTY OF DICKENS, | to or holding claims  
against the Estate of M. M. Upshaw, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of M. M. Upshaw, deceased, late of the county of Dickens, State of Texas, by Hon. F. C. Gipson, judge of the county court of said county on the 21st day of Dec. A. D. 1911, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at Spur, in Dickens County Texas where he receives his mail. This 17th day of February A. D. 1912.—J. M. UPSHAW, Administrator of the estate of M. M. Upshaw.

#### Trouble and a Turkey.

Brown was boasting of the fine turkey he had bought for Christmas. "Biggest bird I ever saw; cost me seven-fifty."

"That's nothing to the turkey I had last Christmas," said his friend Jones. "It cost me \$150."

"One hundred and fifty dollars!" positively shrieked Brown, in his incredulity.

"Yes," said Jones, bitterly.

"Turkeys," said Brown, looking him straight in the eye, "are generally to be bought for a quarter a pound. Say yours was a quarter, then it must have weighed about 630 pounds!"

"It only weighed twenty pounds," said Jones, sadly; "but I bought it alive and tried to kill it myself. It flew all over the house first and did \$150 worth of damage."

#### THE FIRST PRESENTS.



The giving of Christmas presents was first introduced by the early Romans. They exchanged gifts freely, but in compliance with a sumptuary law they were never allowed to give anything very elaborate. The receiver of a present which was judged too expensive had to offer it up for auction, when it was knocked down to the highest bidder, and the money appropriated by the national treasurer of the period. Consequently, although the Romans continued to distribute their presents in great numbers, they had to confine their offerings to such trifles as jars of olives, napkins, jelly-fishes, boxes of toothpicks, candies, cloaks and sweetmeats.

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

## COME TO US!

In the contention for what is rightly "yours;" in your purchases from a value point of view, we believe this store should be the one you should seek. We are after cash business, with prices that are worth your while. Many bargains throughout the store. Big Special Showing Ladies' Muslin Gowns, Pants, Combination Suits, Princess Slips, Corset Covers; in fact, any item you may desire in Muslins.

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C. L. LOVE, Manager

Spur, - - - Texas.

## Texas Needs Great Men

#### XII. ORGANIZATION

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



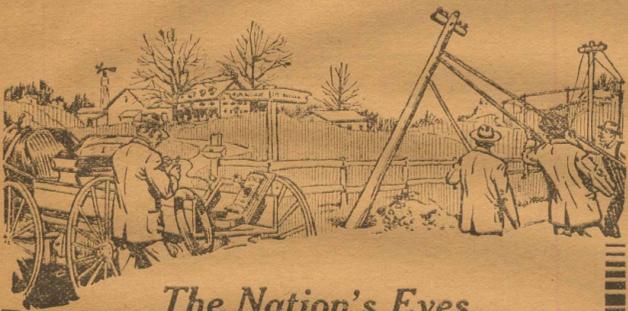
A MACEDONIAN PHALANX

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

Miss Ruth Atterbury returned to her home in Spur Wednesday from Amarillo where she has been on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Perdue. Mrs. Perdue returned with her and will spend some time here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Atterbury.

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

W. T. Duke was in the city Wednesday from his place several miles south of Spur. While here he treated Mr. Black, of Peacock, giving him the magnetic treatment for rheumatism.



### The Nation's Eyes Are Turned Toward the Farm

Life on the farm is no hardship in these days, when conveniences of the city brother may be enjoyed, and the greatest of these is the

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### A PROTEST AGAINST LAND SPECULATION

During his lifetime, Henry George made some converts to his theory of the single tax, but made little progress in the way of putting that theory into practical operation. Now, almost suddenly, the idea seems to have taken root. Vancouver, Regina and other cities of Western Canada have adopted the single tax system. One of our leading cities of Texas, Houston, has applied the principle in a modified form. The people of Seattle are to vote upon the proposition on March 5, and two of the counties of Oregon are to vote upon it in November. Sentiment in favor of its adoption is said to be developing in Portland, the chief city of Oregon.

George's theory was somewhat like the quantitative theory of money. He argued that vacant land, being held for speculation, had a tendency to bull the land market. Therefore, it placed a burden upon the users of land, directly or indirectly. Vacant land usually, almost invariably, has been favored in taxation, upon the theory that all property should be taxed according to its productiveness, its income. Unquestionably this discrimination has aided land speculation. George argued that all land should be taxed alike and that the improvements in and on land should not be taxed. This proposal, in effect, was to tax vacant land, not upon its income, but according to the design of the holder. If he withholds his land from the uses of society with the expectation that it shall advance in price, it was George's idea that he should pay for that privilege.

The enhancement of land values unquestionably makes it more and more difficult for people to secure homes, and, in general, "to make both ends meet." We restrict the capitalization of railroads upon the theory that, otherwise, the people would be unduly burdened in the tariffs levied upon the goods passing over the lines. We have been slow to realize that the people might be unduly burdened by the tariffs laid upon the same goods by reason of the enhanced and enhancing values of the land upon which the goods were produced or over which they passed in the various processes of manufacture and distribution.

The withholding of land from market naturally adds to the

value of all other land, and in consequence raises rentals and dues of all kinds exacted for the use of lands. Increase of population, the supply of land being a fixed quantity, also tends in that direction, as does the withdrawal or withholding of land from market. Still another factor has had a marked factor in that direction in recent years. Values (?) have been arbitrarily blown into land by "booming." There is no land monopoly in this country. But, unconsciously, every owner of real estate is party to a land trust. No agreement is necessary to make it effective. A few people own land with the sole idea of keeping and using it. Nearly every other owner has a more or less well defined idea that he will reap a profit from unearned increment. Nearly all owners of vacant land are speculators, so also are a majority of the owners of land in use.

The present movements in respect to taxation are a protest against speculation, against arbitrarily blowing value (?) into lands. It is of piece with the protest against arbitrarily increasing the capitalization of railroads. Both have the same effect in the last analysis. Each lays a burden on human existence in general. The protest comes not merely from the poor, who are finding it difficult to get homes and who are perplexed by the advancing cost of living. It comes also from the advocates and promoters of legitimate development. It is being perceived that arbitrarily high land values arrest industrial development. Factories or farms, no more than families, can stand the pressure beyond certain limits. The city which "boasts" of "the highest price per front foot" may be parading the evidence of its own decadence. Communities cannot live by real estate speculation alone. The prosperity resulting from it is largely fictitious and ephemeral. Settling day must come.

Considerations such as these have brought forth a widespread protest against real estate speculation. It has found expression in some places in advocacy of the single tax; in others the remedy proposed or put in operation is a tax upon unearned increment. It may be argued that ultimately there is no injustice in either of these measures. It is difficult to see that there is any injustice whatsoever in the increment tax, for it is required only that one who has made a profit on land shall share that profit with the public who created it."

### COST OF GROWING COTTON \$8.60 HUNDRED POUND

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb.—The Statistical Bureau of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has recently compiled a statement showing the annual production and consumption of all lines of industry in Texas. According to this table, we produce \$543,970,091 and consume \$509,662,966, which leaves an annual profit or gain in production over consumption of \$34,307,125.

From these figures we can ascertain the cost per pound of producing cotton, which is perhaps of more vital importance to the Texas farmer than any information human power can impart to him; and which has been impossible heretofore on account of the absence of reliable data on which to base the calculations.

The Census Bureau reports that 69.4 per cent of our population are farmers and total consumption of all Texas is \$509,662,966. The farmers' share of consumption, therefore, amounts to \$353,706,098.

The Texas farmer during the year cultivated and harvested 27,120,000 acres of land and the cost of cultivation was therefore \$13.04 per acre. All items of expense are included in this calculation except the use of the land or the interest on the land investments. By dividing the number of pounds produced per acre, each individual farmer can determine the cost per pound, which will, of course, vary according to quantity produced; it costing no more, as a rule, to cultivate an acre of good land that will yield one-half bale per acre than an acre of poorer land yielding only a quarter of a bale per acre. The average cost per pound of producing cotton in 1909, the year on which the Census Bureau reports, was 8.6 cents and cotton sold at an average price of 13.3 cents, making a net profit of 4.7 cents per pound to the farmer who owned his farm.

#### 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.

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**ABOUT THE MENINGITIS**

Dickens, Texas, March 5th, 1912.—Editor The Texas Spur, Spur Texas. Dear Sir:

In the last issue of your publication there appeared quite a lengthy article dealing with the Meningitis situation in your city, in which you state among other things that the disease was, in no degree contagious. This statement is quite erroneous, and while it is true that it is a disease, as yet but little understood by the medical profession at large, there have been within the last few years extensive studies made of its propagation and treatment, especially by Dr. Simon Flexner and his associates of the Rockefeller Institute which studies have developed the fact that certain people, while immune themselves, may harbor the disease germs in their throat and nasal cavities and thus become what is known as carriers of the disease in identically the same manner as certain persons may become carriers of the germs of Typhoid Fever. These carriers may communicate the disease in its most severe types to others. Apart from these carriers the disease is considered to be slightly contagious, aside from these researches we should be taught by common reasoning that the disease is spread in some manner, and as the most probable source would be from other cases, it would be only within a common sense view to isolate all cases, and prevent communica-

tion with them by quarantining all parties coming in contact with the disease until they have used such precautionary measures as are found to be effective in preventing the spread of the germs.

In the editorial which appeared in your most excellent publication, I received personal mention, whereby, I take it, I am privileged to an explanation and reply, and while personally, I do not believe that one intelligent person out of a hundred would be influenced thereby to disregard precautionary measures against the disease, or attempt to violate any of our quarantine regulations, still I believe it best to offer this short explanation of the methods of transmission of the disease so far as is known in order that the public can the better cooperate with the health authorities in preventing its spread, and I wish to urge all persons to continue the uses of antiseptic sprays and douches to their throat and nasal cavities, for this seems to be the most efficient prophylactic measure we have, owing to germs gaining their admission through the nose or throat.

By way of explanation I wish to state that the case of Meningitis under consideration occurred without my jurisdiction, being inside your corporate limits and it was by the kindness and courtesy of your City Health Officer, Mayor and City Marshall that I was permitted to cooperate with them in the endeavor

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**NO. 9611**

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, February 20th, 1912.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$145,151.63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,379.95
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	33,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,525.76
Due from approved Reserve Agents	23,520.94
Checks and Other cash Items	13.00
Notes of other National Banks	315.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	23.75
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	\$4,108.10
Legal tender notes	2,250.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$237,538.13</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	12,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	2,910.80
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	5,568.85
Due to approved reserve Agts.	10,729.57
Individual deposits subject to check	80,825.16
Cashier's Checks outstanding	3.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$237,538.13</b>

State of Texas, County of Jones, ss: I, R. V. Colbert, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. V. COLBERT, President.

Correct—Attest:

C. A. Jones,  
Geo. S. Link,  
R. C. Forbis,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1912.

J. D. THACKEFORD,  
Notary Public, Jones County, Texas.  
[SEAL]

to limit the spread of the disease and in vindication of the physicians treating the case, I have to say that subsequent developments have proven the case to be an undoubted one of Epidemic Meningitis, and that Drs. Morris and Standifer were eminently correct in their diagnosis and the prompt and efficient quarantine established was not only justifiable but urgently demanded for the safety of your city.

Assuring you that I intend no discourtesy or reflection on yourself or any other person, but write this article to correct the wrong impression no doubt made unconsciously in your editorial, I am,

Yours very truly,  
T. H. Blackwell, M. D.  
County Health Officer.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

Adopted by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church at Spur, Texas, March 4th 1912.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His allwise providence to send the Death Angel into the homes of our dear sisters, W. J. Walker and D. E. Parker, taking the husbands and fathers from each home, thereby rendering the homes of these our sisters dark and cheerless with grief, for the widow and the fatherless children, therefore be it:

Resolved by the above named Aid Society that we extend our sincerest sympathy to our sorrowing sisters and their families in this hour of their sore trial and that we pray for them the presence of the blessed Comforter to bring comfort and peace.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society, a copy be sent to the Texas Spur for publication and a copy be furnished each of the families of our deceased friends. Signed by the Committee. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Burgoon, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Jackson.

**GROWING BROOM CORN IN PEACOCK COUNTRY**

Wednesday, J. C. Cooper and W. E. Black, of near Peacock, came up to Spur on business, and while here called in at the Texas Spur office, stating that they had noticed from the paper that we wanted to get the names of all farmers who intended to plant broom corn this year.

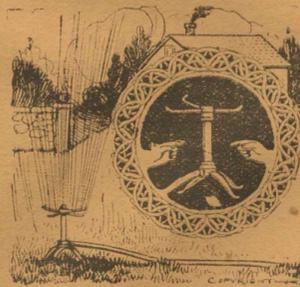
They say that about one hundred and thirty acres of broom corn will be planted in their section of the country and will depend upon Spur to furnish either a market or manufacture their product. In view of the desire on the part of Secretary Reagan to secure the names of farmers who will plant the broom corn, and also the number of acres, the following names and the acreage they intend to plant at Peacock was handed in: W. E. Black, 30 acres; W. M. Waldrup, 30 acres; W. F. Waldrup, 15 acres; J. C. Cooper, 30 acres; and Mr. Galloway, 25 acres.

Considering the fact that broom corn sold last year at prices ranging from \$150 to \$300 per ton, and the further fact an average of one ton to three acres can be grown in this country, we consider that the farmers of this and other sections are working to their own interests as well as to the advancement of the interests of the country as a whole by devoting at least a part of their acreage to the growth of broom corn.

It is very probable since a number of farmers of this and surrounding country are taking up the broom corn proposition that Spur will have established here an adequate broom factory to care for all the broom corn product of the country. We already have a small factory which will be enlarged to meet the demands.

**NEW GROCERY**

O. J. Weaver has sold his Western Grocery Company business with the remainder of his stock saved from the recent fire to Jess Moseley who will open up the business Monday at the former Barber & Hancock stand on Burlington Avenue. Mr. Weaver, we understand, will again be employed in the wholesale grocery business at another place, but will remain in Spur until his insurance is properly adjusted.



**THE WANTS OF WINTER**

are now asserting themselves, and among them are stoves, ranges and the scores of little things incidental to their proper fixing and running. We are prepared to show you a large new stock of

**HIGH-CLASS STOVES AND RANGES**

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

**Riter Hardware Co.**

**BANKS**

Official statement of the financial condition of the First State Bank at Spur, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 20th day of February, 1912, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 8th day of March, 1912.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$62,234.47
Loans and Real Estate	1,588.30
Overdrafts	1,660.10
Bonds and Stocks	509.65
Real Estate (banking house)	7,750.00
Other Real Estate	2,688.85
Furniture and Fixtures	2,150.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agent net	\$9,689.73
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	42.47
Cash Items	208.24
Currency	2,160.00
Specie	1,529.05
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	304.79
Other Resources as follows:	172.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92,687.84</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,349.21
Individual Deposits sub. to check	32,177.73
Cashier's Checks	1,160.90
Certificates of dep. for money bor.	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92,687.84</b>

State of Texas, County of Dickens: We, G. H. Connell as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. CONNELL, President.  
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me by E. C. Edmonds, Cash., this 29th day of February A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

E. J. COWAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

J. D. Harkey,  
S. R. Davis,  
T. E. Standifer  
Directors.

Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell, before me this 1st day of March, A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

NORMAN E. NELSON, Notary Public,  
Tarrant County, Texas.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS 3-6-12**

Gentlemen  
Mr. Frank Skinner.  
Ladies  
Miss Mary Ellen Shepherd.  
When calling for above letters please say advertised.—Norton A. Baker Postmaster.

M. A. Jordan was in the city Tuesday on business from the Steel Hill community.

**Professional Cards**

**R. S. HOLMAN**

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

All legal business attended with accuracy and dispatch  
Office in First State Bank bldg., Spur, Tex

**B. D. GLASGOW**

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

office over the Spur Nat'l. Bank.

**J. H. GRACE, M. D.**

General Practice of Medicine  
Office at the Spur Drug Store,  
Prompt response will be given to all calls, city and country, day or night. Res. both phones No. 96

**DR. G. M. BACHELOR.**

DENTIST

Office at Spur Drug Company.  
Office, both phones 40.  
Residence, both phones 80

**STANDIFER & MORRIS**

Physicians and Surgeons

DR. STANDIFER Diseases of Women and Surgery a Specialty  
DR. MORRIS Diseases of Children and Electrotherapy a Specialty. City Physician

**O. D. STEVENSON**

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Call and See Me Lady Attendant  
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Over theoyal Hotel  
Office hours from 8-12 and from 1-5  
Residence Phone 142.

## IT TAKES MANY FEATURES TO MAKE A DRUG STORE COMPLETE---YOU WILL FIND OURS COMPLETE IN

Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Bath, Toilet, Nursery, Rubber Goods, Surgical Supplies, Stationery, Cigars, Candies, all Soda Fountain Drinks. We handle Welsh Grape Juice in large quantities.

When you bring your Prescriptions to this store you can rest assured that your sick will have all advantages that expert knowledge, experience, skill, the purest materials and honest methods can produce.

### THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

Park Davis & Co's Blacklegoids and Injectors

Fifteen Years in the Drug Business

Judge McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Tom Busby and wife returned Monday from Stamford where they had been to attend the funeral of his father who died at that place last week. We extend condolence to Mr. Busby in this bereavement.

J. B. Conner returned the latter part of last week from Benjamin where he had been to attend the trial of Dock Edwards charged with murder, he being a witness in the case.

Mrs. R. C. Morrison and little daughter, Miss Ruthin, left last week for Hico in response to a message stating that her sister, Miss Inez Wysong, is quite sick. They will probably remain in Hico indefinitely, or until her sister's health improves.

Miss Burnett returned last week to Spur from Sulphur Springs where she has been visiting relatives the past several weeks. Miss Burnett has charge of the millinery department of the Bryant-Link Company establishment and is not only a charming young lady but highly accomplished in every department of the millinery business.

## GOOD ROADS



### IMPROVING PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF DRAFT ANIMALS.

The domestication of animals and the invention of the wheel made road building the greatest problem of mankind. The cost of hauling products over the public highways of Texas is 43 cents per mile and the average in the United States is 23 cents. By improving our roads to the general average, we will almost double the horse power of 1,369,000 head of horses without increasing the number.

We are informed that Uncle Tom Gilmore is having a residence built on his land south of Spur and that he and family intend to make that their future home.

J. T. Hazlewood, who has been spending some time in the city with his son, Hugh Hazlewood, and daughter, Mrs. Jessie Moseley, returned last week to his home at San Angelo.

## Meningitis Is a Dreaded Disease

As a precautionary measure against an epidemic we are receiving a Clean New Stock of a select variety of weaves and plaids in

### Spring and Summer Dress Goods

Our Star Brand Shoes are Better, and nowhere will you find a larger and cleaner stock from which to make your purchases.

### In Our Grocery Department

We have the largest, cleanest, most carefully selected stock west of the Mississippi River, and we recognize no leaders in prices and quality of goods.

As a Precautionary measure against the contagion of dreaded diseases we urge that your purchases be made from the cleanest and best selected stock.

Both 'Phones 139 **SOL DAVIS** Spur, Texas.



### Results of Buying Green Lumber

You can't be too careful in buying lumber, to see that you get only dry stock. If you put green lumber into a building, it is sure to warp and twist itself all out of shape. Nails simply won't hold it.

It won't do you a bit of good to cuss the dealer who sold you green lumber, after you get it into the building. The only sensible thing to do, is to see that you buy dry lumber at first. We'll sell you all you want—perfectly manufactured and dry as a bone. And nobody can beat our prices.

### Richardson Lumber Co.

E. V. McCORMICK, Manager

### CENTRAL ROOMING HOUSE

T. J. WILLIAMS, Proprietor

Rooms by the Day or Week

Spur, Texas

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

### XXVI. REGRET

**T**ITUS, having let a day go by without having accomplished anything is said to have exclaimed reproachfully, "I have lost a day." When our Legislature adjourns without having accomplished anything "we have lost two years." It is a far cry from a government whose private citizens mourn over the loss of a day to the present time when members of the Legislature boast of filibustering tactics that result in losing two years and by playing truant, permit measures that would have built public highways, railroads and needed industries to die on the calendar.



TITUS MOURNING OVER THE LOSS OF A DAY.

Let those who stand like weeds in the thoroughfares of civilization wither under the scorching rays of public censure and be trampled into the earth under the iron heel of progress; may their ambition smoulder in agony; their hopes linger in perpetual torment; their folly pursue them like a sheeted ghost and may they forever eat the bitter bread of strife, that they may feel how more terrible than the wages of sin it is for sworn servants of the people to trifle with the destinies of their country. Texas Needs Great Men.