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# THE TEXAS SPUR

A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HELD AT DICKENS TUESDAY

The duly elected delegates from the various precinct conventions held Saturday, May 4th, assembled Tuesday in County Convention at the court house in Dickens.

The convention was called to order at two o'clock by L. G. Crabtree, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens county, and upon his request that he be relieved of further participation in the convention and asking that a temporary chairman be elected to preside in the convention, J. F. Vernon was nominated and unanimously elected temporary Chairman, Oran McClure being elected as Secretary.

Credentials of the several delegations from voting precincts were called for, resulting in the seating of P. H. Miller, J. M. Neely, A. T. Odeneal, J. F. Vernon and Oran McClure as delegates from the Spur voting precinct, J. Carlisle, M. A. Jordan and J. P. Gibson as delegates of the Duck Creek voting precinct. Since the Dickens voting precinct delegates had failed to prepare and produce proper written credentials a motion was made and carried that the convention waive the formality of written credential preparation since it was obvious that a precinct convention had been held in Dickens and the delegates were duly elected, and seat the delegation. As a result Dr. Hale, B. A. Crego, A. S. Jackson and W. C. Ballard were duly seated in the convention as delegates from the Dickens voting precinct.

In the absence of not having the figures of the vote polled for Governor in the last election from which to prorrate the convention vote Oran McClure made a motion that the votes allowed the various delegates be prorated with respect to the number of poll taxes paid in the precincts. The motion carried and as a result Dickens had 4 convention votes, Spur 10, and Duck Creek 2, basing the convention vote at one vote for every twenty-five poll taxes in each precinct.

A. T. Odeneal made a motion that the convention send delegates to the State Convention, instructed to vote as a unit for Woodrow Wilson, supplementing the motion by a speech of commendation and tribute to the New Jersey Governor as a scholar, statesman and democrat worthy the nomination and election to the office of President of the United States.

Judge W. C. Ballard made a motion that the convention send a delegation instructed to vote for Champ Clark in the State Convention, stating that in his opinion from reading the Saint Louis paper that Champ Clark was not only the proper man but the only Democratic nominee that could be elected President of the United States.

Dr. Hale made a speech eulogizing Champ Clark, saying that he by efficient service to the government had been honored as the minority leader and speaker, and by effective work in the cause of democracy had impressed the public as an able states-

man and one who could more successfully lead the democratic party to power and attain the position as Chief Executive of the Nation. However, he said that in his opinion the Dickens county convention should instruct for Woodrow Wilson since a majority of the precinct delegates were so instructed, but that he thought it expedient to further instruct delegates as to the second choice of Dickens county for nominees of presidential Democratic candidates.

Oran McClure in effect said that it was immaterial to the convention as to what the Saint Louis papers and outsiders had to say with respect to the presidential nominees, but that we as delegates were in the convention to represent the voters of Dickens county, and since the Woodrow Wilson delegates were in the minority the state delegates should be instructed to vote for Woodrow Wilson, but that the majority delegation for Champ Clark should receive some consideration, and in accordance would second the motion made by Dr. Hale to the effect that in the event the name of Woodrow Wilson should be dropped from the voting in the State Convention that the Dickens county delegation then cast its vote for Champ Clark as the county's second choice for the Democratic nomination as President of the United States. This motion was unanimously adopted by the convention.

The selection of delegates to the State Convention being in order, the following parties were nominated and unanimously elected as delegates to represent Dickens county in the State Convention, in accordance with above instructions: A. S. Jackson, Dickens; J. F. Vernon, Oran McClure, Jeff D. Reagan, A. T. Odeneal, Spur.

No further business coming before the convention, adjournment was made and the State Convention Delegation supplied with the proper credentials for representation at the State Convention which meets in Houston, Tuesday, May 28th, 1912.

The Texas Spur thinks the Dickens County Democratic Convention fairly represented the wishes of a majority of the voters in the absence of more explicit instructions by primary ballots, and we hope that each of the delegates selected will attend the state convention and by so doing not only encourage the recognition of Dickens county in matters of importance pertaining to our state and national government, but also to inadvertently make known the fact that Dickens county is growing, developing, prospering and clamoring for wider recognition as a factor in commerce and agriculture as well as good government and the success of Democratic principles.

## GROUND-SOAKING RAIN OVER SPUR COUNTRY

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights ground-soaking rains fell over this entire country, and as a result the whole of the Spur country could not be in better shape with respect to crop conditions and prospects.

The total amount of rainfall registered near one and one-half inches during the week, and reports from every section of the country is assurance that the rain has been general over this part of Western Texas.

No country ever had better seasons and better crop prospects than has the Spur country at this time.

### KEEPING IN LINE

Carl Lowery, accompanied by Miss Kate Mahon, spent Sunday in Cisco with relatives and friends and reports a most enjoyable visit. Mr. Lowery is making preparations to go to Galveston the latter part of this month to attend a three months course in pharmacy, and during his absence Charley Yates and a Cisco Druggist will have charge of the Red Front drug business. While Mr. Lowery is already an able and experienced druggist and capable business man, in taking the course in pharmacy he is not only keeping in line with the progress and development in his profession but is preparing himself to better care for his business and trade in the drug business.

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTED

In the election held Saturday for the purpose of electing three members to the Spur Independent School Board there were forty-seven votes polled, Sol Davis, W. G. Sherrod and Dr. Standifer being elected and will serve on the board during the next two terms of school.

The complete school board for the term is composed of Sol Davis, W. G. Sherrod, Dr. Standifer, C. A. Jones, C. F. Cates, J. F. Vernon and E. C. Edmonds.

### QUARTERLY MEETING

Rev. G. S. Hardy, Presiding Elder of Hamlin District, will preach at the Methodist Tabernacle Sunday morning and night. This is the occasion of the second quarterly meeting for the year and everyone is cordially invited to be present. The quarterly conference will meet Saturday night at tabernacle.—R. A. Stewart.

## MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday, May 12th, is the day set apart by all officers in authority, from the President to Governor and on down to the Mayors of our little towns as Mothers' Day, so let us not forget to observe, this, the sweetest of all days for reflection of memory. The idea of Mothers' Day is not idle sentimentalities, it has well been called the highest bit of practical sentiment that has ever taken hold of the hearts of men. Men and nations may differ as the fitness of many Honor Days, but all will surely unite in a movement to exalt the home and motherhood in a way that adds to the integrity of domestic and national life.

No state is greater than its mothers. The observance of Mothers' Day should appeal to all social, fraternal, civil, military and religious organizations alike, to him who has missed life's crowning joy, the tender ministrations of mothers' love, no less than to the one who has derived the elements of noble character from the material care bestowed in childhood. May every person in Spur observe this day, those of us who have mothers living let us tell them of our love for them, and if they are in some distant land let us send a message telling them they are not forgotten, and send them some little token that may best express our appreciation of them, those of us whose mothers have gone on to a elime where all love is supreme, let us recall our younger days, remember our mothers deeds of charity to others, and love and sacrifice for us, and may we do something to make some mother happy who is living, and may all our minds feast on as pure thoughts as those of our mother, and let us do no act on that day that we would not be glad for our mothers to know. I beg you all to carefully observe this day.—Geo. S. Link, Mayor.

## TRADING IN SPUR

T. B. Cross, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer and ranchman of Kent county near Clairemont, was in Spur the first of the week and hauled out a big load of supplies purchased of the Spur merchants. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country. There is no question but that the whole of this section of Western Texas is in fine condition and has the most promising prospects at this time of a bumper crop of every character.

## TRUCK FARMING IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

L. C. Hightower, who is truck farming this year on the W. Bender twenty acre block of land one mile east of town, was a pleasant caller Wednesday at the Texas Spur office, and was very much elated at his success in the truck farming business. He brought in a sample of the truck now growing on his place, and in the showing were onions, peas, lettuce, maize and corn. The onions were of the large red variety, the stalk being near eighteen inches high and the bowl just beginning to develop; the lettuce, while young, had a number of large leaves, healthy looking and with the present season will make as fine lettuce as can be grown anywhere; the peas were fine and deep-rooted; the maize was only a few inches high, he having about four acres which has the prospect of making a bumper crop of early feed; the corn was sixteen or eighteen inches high and the fifteen acres which he is cultivating has the promise of making an abundant yield.

The manner in which Mr. Hightower cultivates his various crops is evidence that he will make a success of the truck farming business, and the products shown demonstrates that the soil of the Spur country when properly tilled will grow not only a variety, but the very best produce. This is Mr. Hightower's first year in the Spur country, but in talking of his methods of soil preparation, planting, cultivation and moisture conservation he impressed us with the assurance that he will be successful and prosper in the Spur country as a result of farming with both brains and brawn.

## RESTING NICELY

Sunday Arthur Poole became sick and was carried home from town. Dr. Grace was called several times through the night to give medical aid, but medicines failed to have the desired effect. Monday evening his case was diagnosed as locked bowels in combination with an affection of the appendix and an operation was recommended as the only effective treatment at that time and as a result Mr. Poole was removed to the Standifer Hospital where the operation was performed Tuesday morning. At this time Mr. Poole is reported doing nicely and recovering rapidly, and the Texas Spur joins his many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery and the hope of soon seeing him again at his post of duty with Henson & Poole.

## A SMILE OF CONTENTMENT

Sebe Lambert came in Wednesday from his home in the Tap country, and judging by the smile of contentment and complacency displayed he no doubt had an abundance of rain on his crops during the week and is looking forward to a bountiful harvest and a prosperous year. He reports that the people of Tap will have a big day, dinner on the ground and everybody expected to be there June 6th.

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# PROGRAM

OF

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

TO BE HELD AT

## STEEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

BEGINNING

THURSDAY NIGHT, JUNE 27, 1912

Thursday night—Introductory sermon, J. V. Bilberry.  
 Friday, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional service by P. H. Hinson.  
 Is gaming, such as progressive forty-two, card playing, base ball etc., detrimental to the Christian life? G. T. Brandon, Jno. Sparks, et. al.  
 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Brother Bennett.  
 2:00 p. m.—Devotional service, P. H. Miller.  
 2:30 p. m.—The importance of the denominational papers, W. A. North.  
 3:00 p. m.—Board meeting.  
 8:00 p. m.—Sermon by G. C. Berryman.  
 Saturday, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional service by Brother Nowlin.  
 10:00 a. m.—Missions, a Bible doctrine, J. F. Medlin and W. H. Ingle.  
 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Alvin Bilberry.  
 2:00 O'clock—Devotional service by Brother Crego, of Dickens.  
 2:00 p. m.—How shall we enlist all of our members in missions? A. P. Stokes, J. V. Bilberry.  
 3:30 p. m.—The ministerial relationship of Church and Pastor, W. P. Sampson and Walter Jackson.  
 8:30 p. m.—Sermon by T. F. Medlin.  
 Sunday 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School talks by G. C. Berryman and others.  
 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by G. P. Stokes on the Final Preservation of the Saints.  
 2:00 p. m.—Devotional service by G. T. Brandon.  
 2:30 p. m.—Is family worship, or prayer in the family, a Christian duty? Led by J. V. Bilberry.  
 3:30 p. m.—Woman's Work, Mrs. P. H. Miller.  
 8:00 p. m.—Sermon by T. F. Medlin. Is Baptism Essential to Salvation?

### CROPS DAMAGED BY SAND STORM

A severe sand storm was driven from the west throughout the day Sunday, and reports from different sections of the country indicate that considerable damage was done to crops.

We have received the information from Red Mud that a large field of oats on the farm of J. P. Higgins was ruined, the entire field being swept clean of all vegetation by the hard driven sand. Other crops in that section were so badly damaged as to necessitate replanting.

Judge A. J. Hagins of near Jayton, was in the city Wednesday and informed the news that a large field of feed stuff on his farm was totally destroyed. Much damage to other crops in that community are also reported.

The damaged areas are mostly within the sand and shinnery belts of the country, although several farmers on the tight land report more or less damage done to their crops by the storm.—Kent County News.

### SOCIAL CLUB

Thursday afternoon of last week was spent most delightfully by the members of the Social Club with Mrs. Sol Davis. Each guest brought a piece of handwork and an interesting afternoon was spent in sewing and discussing current events. At six o'clock Mrs. Davis served her guests with a salad and ice course.—Reporter.

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

### JAYTON HERALD

Joe Payne and wife visited Spur Thursday.

Miss Lula Martin, of Spur, visited Miss Biency Rose this week.

J. T. George and wife returned Saturday from a visit to Spur.

We understand that Berr Pursley is making preparations to move his business house from Girard to Jayton.

We understand that a petition has been presented to the commissioners court of Stonewall county asking that an election be held for the purpose of determining whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be sold in that county. Stonewall has been dry for many years, and it is not likely that she will take the backward step of opening her doors to the saloon.

### DICKENS ITEM

L. W. Davis and family, of Spur, visited relatives in town this week.

Mr. Ham, of the Croton community, passed through Dickens last Friday on his way to Spur.

Miss Edith Crego came over from Spur Tuesday in an auto for a short visit with her father, Mr. B. A. Crego.

Misses Louis Fox and Pearl Gunn came over from Spur Tuesday morning in an auto with Miss Crego. They drove around over the city some before departing. It was a jolly crowd, this.

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### MEETING TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL INTEREST

Stamford, Tex., April 26 1912.—We, the undersigned, desiring to promote the agricultural interests of Central West Texas by concentrated and organized effort, hereby issue a call for representatives from the towns named herein to meet in the city of Hamlin, Thursday, May 9th 1912 at 10 a. m. for the purpose of forming a permanent organization at the meeting.

The primary object in view is to encourage agriculture, promote better cultural methods and to study all other ideas that will in any way assist in the agricultural development of this section of the country. Looking to that end, we respectfully request the following towns to send at least six representatives, each, to this meeting and as many more as possible:

Haskell, Stamford, Anson, Abilene, Spur, Hamlin, Aspermont, Rotan, Roby and Rule.

We have an abiding faith in the future of Central West Texas and are firmly convinced that if the proper effort is made and the proper co-operation is given, that we can make Central West Texas the "Garden Spot of The State."

Earnestly requesting the proper authorities in each of the towns named to be represented at the conference to be held in Hamlin and pledging our best efforts to the up-building of Central West Texas, we are:—L. T. Cunningham, Anson; W. S. Whaley, Hamlin; Jeff D. Reagan, Spur; J. J. Stein, Haskell, Jas. A. White, Stamford.

### AN EARLY SETTLER

W. C. McArthur came in recently from his place in the Tap country to meet his nephew, Dick Parker of Russellville, Arkansas, who will spend some time with him. Mr. McArthur is one of the first settlers of this country, he now being near seventy-eight years of age. He says he has not quit work, he being able to do chores around the house and also to cultivate his garden. Mr. McArthur came to Texas from Alabama immediately after the war and he talks most interestingly of the early days and the hardships encountered in the settlement of the country. He is an ex-Confederate soldier and it always does us good to talk with him.

### FOR SALE

A fine ranch and farm in Stephens county, Texas, 15 miles southeast of Breckenridge and only 10 miles northeast of the great gas and oil wells at Moran in Shackelford county on the Texas Central R. R. This farm and ranch contains 840 acres, of which 200 acres are in cultivation. Good ranch house and also tenant house. Splendid tanks. Lasting water. Is under lease to the Texas Company (oil and gas). Is within a few miles of where other Companies are boring. Coal is known to exist near by. Is in direct line from Moran to the great oil and gas fields of Archer, Clay and Wichita counties. As a mere farm and ranch proposition this place is well worth the price—\$20. per acre. Title is in the original files. As a gas and oil proposition this is a snap. Terms liberal. No trade. Don't write unless you mean business.—Apply to A. A. Clarke, Albany, Texas.

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Judge McClain was in the city Thursday of last week from his Cat fish farm and ranch and says that everything is in fine shape with respect to crops and especially wheat and oats.

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R. R. Morrison is now conducting a two weeks sale of dry goods and groceries, and which will continue until May 18th. This sale is for the purpose of not only stimulating business but to turn merchandise into money, and those who have read the advertisements appearing in this paper will note that he is making the prices sufficiently low to encourage buyers to come a long distance to take advantage of such offerings. People of the surrounding country can rest assured that the merchants of Spur will at all times offer superior inducements to the trade and in every instance the Spur merchants will make prices on all staple goods to compete with any town in the country. Come to Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen returned Monday from Jayton where they had been several days to be with Mr. Brannen's father during an illness which resulted in death. Mr. Brannen was one of the leading citizens of the Jayton country and we extend condolence to the bereaved relatives here and elsewhere.

### MARRIED

Monday, at the home of Jim Kellar near Spur, M. W. Overfelt and Mrs. Bulah Doyle were married, Justice of the Peace C. H. Senning performing the ceremony.

Mr. Overfelt was formerly employed at the Parks Livery Stable in Spur but is making a crop this year on the J. B. Morrison place twelve miles southwest of Spur. The bride lived at Honey Grove and arrived in Spur on the Monday morning train.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Overfelt a happy, prosperous and contented married life.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Davis says that his crop is in the finest shape and that the recent winds and sand storm did no damage to his crop, he being on hard land. In fact, while in other communities the high winds are reported to have done considerable damage, in this immediate section we have heard of no damage worthy of mention.

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## BUCKNER'S ORPHAN HOME NEEDING HELP

If anybody believes that the editors of political, and secular newspapers in general, are without sympathy for orphan children, and are unwilling to give time and influence to great charitable institutions, they are very much mistaken. In my experience of thirty five years as Founder and Manager of Buckner Orphan Home I have found the Secular Press ready to lend a helping hand; and this great Institution, whose family is never below the yearly average of 600, and where more than 6,000 have been cared for since the beginning, has been greatly strengthened in doing a larger work than it ever could have accomplished without the confidence and helpfulness of the Press. I feel that it is not presumption not to ask all our Texas "weeklies and dailies, to say some words to their reader in regard to Buckner Orphan Home. We are without supplies and without money to conduct the work properly through the long summer months just before us; but if we can have the co-operation of these papers in an effort to get cash contributions of even one dollar more or less, from all their readers we shall go through the year without damaging debt.—R. C. Buckner, Route 3, Dallas.

### KINDERGARTEN EXHIBITION

Last week among other things the Texas Spur failed to mention the Kindergarten School exhibition. The exhibition was given at the Spur School Auditorium and was largely attended. The little children under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Tyler performed their parts in recitations, dialogues, pantomimes and musical renditions in a most entertaining manner, and the wonder to all present was how Mrs. Tyler managed to drill and train the small children in such complete and perfect manner. Mrs. C. C. Tyler is to be highly commended for her effective work in the kindergarten classes.

E. C. Edmonds and Sol Davis left Saturday to attend the Bankers' Convention in San Antonio. They will probably spend several days in the Alamo City before returning home.

J. P. Gibson and M. A. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, were in Spur Monday and report that the Duck Creek Precinct Democratic Convention was held Saturday, J. Carlisle, M. A. Jordan and J. P. Gibson being elected delegates to the county convention and instructed to vote for Woodrow Wilson as the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Monday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and while here called in and handed us another dollar to be credited to his subscription to the paper. The Judge said that he likes to secure and hold the friendship of newspapers and that he never had the enmity of but one paper which was published years ago at old Espeula in Dickens county. This is the first time we were informed of the fact that a paper was published at Espeula, but we assure the Judge that he knows how to secure and hold the friendship and admiration of the Texas Spur.

## EMPIRE BUILDING

The Currents of Civilization Flowing Texasward—69,000 Homeseekers and \$123,000,000 of Property Moving Into Texas Annually.

There is no more inspiring scene than to watch the growth of an empire, and no viewpoint is more instructive than to sit by the highway of civilization and watch the currents of progress sweep life and property Texasward.

Along the roadstead of nations there passes annually 69,000 homeseekers and \$123,000,000 of property. In this moving van of civilization can be heard the accents of every nation and the jostle of property from every clime. In this line of march can be seen the fiery haste of the East, the hurry and bustle of the North, the enterprise and enthusiasm of the West, the strange and powerful energy of Europe and the queer frugality of the Orient—all united in one thought and one purpose—to build in Texas the grandest civilization the world has ever known.

This mighty movement of world forces is the most tremendous event in human affairs today. This uprising in civilization is gathering its forces from the hills and valleys of two continents and its powerful sweep is startling the nations of the earth. No country on the globe ever possessed such a powerful asset, and economic students look with amazement upon this accumulation of human power in Texas, which must inevitably result in recasting the civilization of the whole world.

In a decade our immigration has given us a population exceeding that of the States of New Hampshire, Vermont or Delaware, and the money moved into the state during this period has exceeded the assessed value of all property in all the above states combined. Our population and wealth increased so rapidly that the figures are too large to grasp, and we must measure our growth by States and Nations.

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We are equally as generous and hospitable to capital. We have given the right of way to railroads, factory sites to industrial enterprises, built a new town every thirty days, opened up 6,418 new farms per annum and looked after the comforts and conveniences of all forms of investments, in addition to cultivating 10,000,000 acres of cotton, 8,800,000 acres of corn, 1,252,000 acres of wheat, cut 1,310,000 acres of grass, gathered fruit from 25,000,000 trees, taken care of 18,000,000 head of live stock and manufactured \$178,179,000 of raw material, as well as run the errands of civilization. We are doing considerable construction work, and we offer no apology to visitors for our physical appearance, as our trash is the litter of the work-shop and our dirt the smudge of toil; but we are always glad to answer questions and never too busy to show visitors through our storehouse of opportunities; in fact, our liberality with our advantages has

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### THE DEMOCRATS

The president is practically beaten for re-nomination. Everything points to the nomination of either Roosevelt or Hughes. The masses of independent citizens all over the country should therefore take an eager interest in the democratic situation. If they can beat the combination of Hearst and Clark with the managers of Harmon and Underwood and bring about the nomination of Woodrow Wilson, both parties will be in the hands of leaders who are progressive as well as able and honest, and the good old system will have received the hardest blow yet landed upon it.—Collier's Weekly.

been the marvel of visitors and the opportunity of outside capital.

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### KISS TOLSTOY'S GRAVE.

Tolstoy's grave at Yasnia Poliana is likely to become one of the chief places of pilgrimage in the empire. Since the funeral large numbers of peasants arrive there daily. They come mostly on foot, and many are now on the way there, tramping from places far distant.

At the grave many hundreds may be seen on their knees, chanting and kissing the soil. The pilgrims are allowed to pass through the rooms which Tolstoy occupied, where nothing has been disturbed. There is deep resentment at the holy synod's action in forbidding memorial services in the orthodox churches.

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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  
E. L. Harkey (Second Term)

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  
O. S. Ferguson

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

About the only way a country editor can tell whether people are paying any attention to his paper or not is by the kicks they make. Whenever you see a bunch of men plotting to whip him, or to withdraw their patronage you can just put it down that the editor has struck a tender spot somewhere. As long as a local newspaper compliments everyone, says nice things about their friends or their favorite candidate, a word is never heard from them. The editor never knows whether they read it or not, and often wonders if his "dope" is entirely a failure. But just let him write up something that he thinks is going wrong, or rub some one up and down the spinal column with a Canadian thistle, he may rest assured that he will find out whether people read it or not. It is rather a dangerous thing to do, but most any old editor will do it once and a while just to see if people actually read his paper. Sometimes it causes us to keep indoors for several weeks, hide out at night and stay close around the women folks in the day time, but it's worth the worry after all to know that we have reached such a "high" station in life that people will actually read what we write.—Paducah Post.

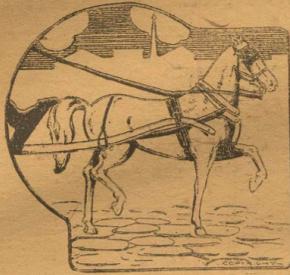
Frank, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Williams, is reported quite sick this week.

Mr. Parker, of Dallas, is in the city this week visiting Miss Crego.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in the city Saturday for the first time in several weeks. He reports everything in first-class shape.

J. B. Morris was in the city Monday from his farm and ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur. He reports everything in fine shape in his section.

Dr. Grace reports that Neal Holman, who has been confined to his room several days suffering of appendicitis, is now very much improved and is now able to again be on the streets.



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SPUR, TEXAS

### MOTHERS' DAY

Governor Colquitt has issued a proclamation for Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 12th. The day is set aside to honor the living mothers, and in remembrance of the mothers gone before. It is the custom to wear a flower of some kind on that day, preferably the favorite flower of one's mother, although the carnation is the accepted flower for the occasion—a white carnation if the mother is living, a colored carnation if she is not. The governor also urges that at the noon hour all esp the little prayer which begins, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

The observance of Mothers' Day, while of recent origin, has sprung into immediate favor, and is a beautiful custom. No one could spend Sunday, May 12th more appropriately than in showing devotion to the best mother that ever lived—his own.—Brady Standard.

### AN INVENTION

Recently H. F. Murray showed us a rain-proof for brick flues which he has devised and intends to patent. He says that the many fires which have heretofore originated and been attributed to defective flues is caused by the brick flue settling at the bottom and the tin rain-proof at the roof holding the top bricks up, thus leaving an opening of an inch or more at the roof connection, thus allowing the heat and flames to come in direct contact with the shingles. The rain-proof invention is so constructed that it will settle with the flue, not being directly attached to the roof. It is worthy the consideration of all parties building houses with brick flues, since it does away with the obvious danger in the manner of attaching rain-proofs and flues at the present time.

### MANY IMMIGRANTS ON TITANIC BOUND FOR TEXAS

New York City, April 30.—It is reported that the Immigration office at Ellis Island that 300 of the immigrants that went down with the ill-fated Titanic, were bound for points in Texas. While the report could not be confirmed at the main office it is thought to have been correct as Texas is getting the bulk of the immigrants that enter this port.

### REVIVAL SERVICES CLOSED

The revival which had been in progress at the Methodist Tabernacle for two weeks and which was conducted by Rev. D. V. York, of Eldorado, Oklahoma, closed Sunday night, May 5th.

Rev. R. A. Stewart, preacher in charge, is to be congratulated for securing the services of this able evangelist. Rev. York in addition to being highly educated, is a man of unusual ability and broad experience. The manner in which he preaches and teaches goes to prove that the language of the Bible is more eloquent than the choicest of 20th century oratory. In a simple, but forceful manner he casts out the Word, relying upon the prophesy that "My Word will not return unto me void," and the truth of this prophesy has been fulfilled by the fact that during his ministry he has led 13,000 souls to the Cross of Christ. A remarkable career, and his works follow him, yes he can point with pride to a score of great Christian leaders and teachers in this country and for eigen lands, and say "I led them to Christ."

The influence of this revival in Spur and vicinity for good can hardly be calculated. During the services 86 were converted and reclaimed to the several churches. It was not the purpose of the evangelist that the work which he started here would be finished in a day and forgotten, but that through the laymen and clergymen it would continue to grow deeper and broader in its scope. May this not be the happy result? It surely will be if the laymen continue to do their duty.

Come back again, Brother York, and you will find our hearts full of gratitude and welcome, and we sincerely hope you will find us laymen in the "harness."—A Layman.

T. E. Marshal, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday.

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### REV. NORRIS ACQUITTED

Fort Worth, Texas, April 24.—The jury in the case of Dr. J. Frank Norris, charged with perjury, returned a verdict of "not guilty" at 5:20 this afternoon.

Dr. Norris was not present when the verdict was read. Mrs. Norris, however, thanked the jury and then left the court room; in company with friends. When the verdict was read, wild cheering broke loose in the court room, and it was several minutes before the insistent rapping of Judge Simmons restored order.

### NOTICE

E. M. F. '30 and Flanders '20 cars the best car for the money. Write us for information literature. If you are interested call us up and we will show you, Quanah, Texas.—Panhandle Garage & Sales Co. Agents for Dickens, Cottle, Motley and Hardeman counties. 26-2tp

W. H. and Frank Smith, of south of Spur and in the Cat Fish country, were in the city the latter part of last week trading. They report everything all right in their respective communities, crops good and grass coming fine.

Rev. B. Freeland, pastor of the Holiness church at Dallas, Texas will begin a protracted meeting at the Duck Creek school house near the Gilpin postoffice 8 miles east of Spur, Tuesday night, May the 4th. Everybody invited to come and help in the meeting.—Contributed.

## TRUTHFUL TEXANS

All Persons Inclined to Prevaricate Should Move to Texas Where Truth Abounds.

To the persons who come to Texas, the things we have, speak in such thundering tones that they can hardly hear anything we say, but telling the truth is one of the strong points of the Texan.

In fact, it is almost impossible for a man to tell an untruth about the magnificent resources and wonderful possibilities of Texas. With all our efforts to describe them, the half has never been told. Many citizens, wholly unreliable in other states, have moved to Texas, where their imagination can revel in pine forests greater in area than the wheat fields of the Dakotas, roam in cotton fields as large as half the New England States, wander over 50,000,000 acres of virgin prairies, explore mountains of minerals and inspect the foundation timbers of the greatest civilization the world has ever known, and they become perfectly honest and highly respectable citizens. Any person who has the least inclination to prevaricate should come to Texas, where the realities so far exceed the wildest fancies of the most vivid imagination, that it is almost impossible to exaggerate.

In fact, the Texan is, as a rule, very modest in his statements and is so afraid of overestimating the advantages and possibilities of his country, that his conservatism is frequently mistaken for ignorance, and he unconsciously allows his intellect to suffer in order to avoid the remotest suspicion of his morals; but the completion of the Panama Canal will open up such wonderful possibilities that we shall speak out with more courage.

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day, April 27

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SATURDAY,  
APRIL 27TH  
TO SATUR-  
DAY, MAY  
18TH

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98c

10c  
Black Elastic  
5c

\$1.00  
Overalls  
89c

Best 10c  
leaching  
8c

10c Brown  
Domestic  
6c

15c  
Ladies' Vests  
8c

15c  
Ladies' Hose  
8c

15c  
Men's Hose  
8c

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Makers of  
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On  
Groceries

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15c

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Table Linen  
33c

Best Calico  
4c the  
Yard

Best  
Cotton Checks  
5c

Ladies'  
Parasols  
59c

Gents'  
Umbrellas  
59c

Best  
Calico  
4c

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6 spools Clark's O N T Thread 25c  
Best Pins, paper 4c  
10c Black Elastic 5c  
Needles, paper 4c  
San Silk, spool 4c  
Hooks and Eyes, paper 4c  
Good Pearl Buttons, dozen 8c  
Metal Back Horn Combs 8c  
10c Handkerchiefs 7c  
5c " " " " 3c  
Bunch Shoe Strings 8c  
Thimbles 4c  
Many other articles too numerous to mention at a big discount.

All Goods Strictly Cash

### Novelties---Novelties

35c Ribbons go in this sale 23c  
25c " " " " 18c  
20c " " " " 14c  
15c " " " " 12c  
15c " " " " 8c  
7 1-2c " " " " 5c  
Spool Ribbons No. 1, at yard 1c  
50c Ladies' Belts, go at 39c  
75c " Hand Bags 48c  
\$1.00 " " " " 79c  
35c Ladies' Collars go at 23c  
50c & 75c Ladies' Collars go at 44c  
Big Line Laces and Embroideries at a saving.  
See our 5c Lace Assortment.  
" " 10c Embroidery Assortment

Positively No Goods Charged

### Clothing---Clothing

Big stock men's and boys' suits, odd pants for both men and boys, overalls and jumpers at a big saving.

All Goods Strictly Cash

### Staple Cotton Goods

Go in this sale at about half price.  
36-inch Soft Bleached Domestic worth 12 1-2 goes at 8c  
10c 36 inch Brown Domestic 7c  
Standard Calico goes in sale at 4c  
Good Cotton Checks go at 5c  
12 1-2 Shirting, very best at 9c  
15c Fancy Shirting 11c  
Best Table Oil Cloth goes at 15c  
54-inch White Table Linen 33c  
10-4 Pepperel Sheets 25c  
Don't miss this opportunity to save money on staples.

Positively No Goods Charged

### Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!

\$5.00 Men's Shoes, all styles at \$3.98  
4.00 " " " " 3.49  
3.00 " " " " 2.45  
2.50 " " " " 1.98  
4.00 Ladies' " " " 3.45  
3.50 " " " " 2.98  
3.00 " " " " 2.48  
2.50 " " " " 1.98  
2.00 " " " " 1.59  
Children's shoes in proportion.  
Both low cut and high shoes go in the sale.

All Goods Strictly Cash

### Hosiery

15c Hose all kinds go at 8c  
25c " " " " 18c  
35c " " " " 23c  
75c " " " " 48c

Positively No Goods Charged

### Gents' Furnishings.

75c Soft Shirts go at 48c  
\$1.00 " " " " 79c  
\$1.25 " " " " 98c  
\$2.00 " " " " \$1.48  
50c Underwear goes at 44c  
50c Elastic Seam Drawers 44c  
25c Suspenders go at 18c  
35c " " " " 23c  
35c Hose " " " 23c  
25c " " " " 18c  
15c " " " " 8c  
50c Sheets go at 39c  
\$1.00 Overalls and Jumpers 89c  
Lay in your summer supply while the price is right.

Positively No Goods Charged

### Summer Dress Goods

15c Ginghams on Sale at 11c  
12 1-2 " " " " 9c  
15c Lawns " " " " 11c  
12 1-2 " " " " 9c  
7 1-2c " " " " 5c  
25c Figured Flaxons at 18c  
20c Solid Colored Lawns 12c  
35c Summer Silks on sale 44c  
\$1.25 Silks on sale 98c  
35c White Goods on sale at 23c  
25c " " " " 18c  
15c " " " " 11c  
12 1-2 " " " " 9c  
All summer Dress Goods at money saving prices!

All Goods Strictly Cash

### Men's Hats

\$3.50 Beaver & Buckskin Hats \$2.85  
2.00 All America Hats 1.48  
2.00 Boys' Hats 1.48  
1.25 " " " " .98  
.75 " " " " .48  
5.00 Stetson Hats go at 3.98

All Goods Strictly Cash

Come early before the stock is broken, while we have an immense stock, but our friends and customers will eagerly snap up these Bargains, and our volume of business will be immense. So don't delay, but come at once.

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### ANOTHER COMING

An Irishman was standing near the railroad when a freight train passed. There was a green flag on the rear of the caboose. The Irishman asked the man standing nearest him what that green flag meant. The man said, "It means another coming." A few days later, one Sunday afternoon, the man met the Irishman with his wife, and they were wheeling a baby in the little carriage. The carriage had a green flag on it.—Benj. F. Bearsley, M. D.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here greeting his friends and trading with the business men.

STRAYED—Bay horse, weight 800 pounds, branded J K on left thigh, 3 white feet. \$5.00 reward for him returned to Spur.—Cub Garvin. 1tp

Attorney R. S. Holman is attending court this week at Mador. District Court is in session at that place at this time and will come from there to Dickens county, convening in Dickens Monday, the 27th day of May.

### GOLD RUSH ON AT ALPINE

Alpine, Texas, April 21.—A small-sized "gold rush" is on here. Persons of all classes are locating gold mines since a vein of gold was yesterday reported discovered in South mountain, on the very edge of this city.

N. A. Baker was in Sweetwater last week to attend to business matters, returning the latter part of the week.

Judge F. C. Gipson was in the city Saturday from Dickens and spent some time here greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

C. A. Jones made a business trip the latter part of last week to Stamford where he spent some time conferring with the Swenson interests.

J. M. Bassett and Mr. Coonley came down from Crosbyton the first of the week. Mr. Bassett boarding the train here for eastern points.

A. S. Jackson, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

At the Republican Convention held in Spur Saturday J. E. Shelton was elected Chairman and J. L. Hearn Secretary.

The Convention elected N. A. Baker and J. L. Hearn delegates to the County Convention with instructions to vote for Cecil Lyons as a State delegate to the National Convention.

Cecil Lyons is a Roosevelt man, therefore should he be the state delegate the Republican vote of Texas will be cast for Roosevelt in the National Convention.

Mrs. C. C. Haile and children are spending the week at Afton with friends and relatives. During their absence Columbus is batching and seems to take it pretty hard.

The General Superintendent and other officials of the Wichita Valley Railroad were in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time in the city. It is said that their visit at this time was merely as a tour of inspection of the several lines of railway and did not portend the probability of railway extension or building.

### DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CONVENTION HELD IN SPUR

A Democratic Precinct Convention was held Saturday at the Lyric Theatre building. Precinct Chairman Standifer being absent the convention was called to order by B. D. Glasgow, who nominated R. S. Holman as temporary chairman of the convention, and who was duly and unanimously elected to the place. Oran McClure was nominated and elected Secretary of the Convention.

A Chairman and Secretary being duly installed, the following names of qualified voters and Democrats were enrolled as being present and participating in the convention: A. T. Odeneal, T. G. Harkey, I. G. Van Leer, L. T. Cochran, Oscar Jackson, J. A. Murchison, R. A. Stewart, C. F. Cates, Geo. S. Link, W. Bender, J. D. Powell, Sam Clemmons, Ross Edwards, Jas. F. Williams, J. F. Vernon, Dr. J. E. Morris, W. G. Sherrod, B. D. Glasgow, Cliff Lovelace, Jess Mosely, Fred Hisey, L. W. Davis, J. P. Simmons, J. M. Neely, H. T. Burgoon, Oran McClure, R. S. Holman, P. H. Miller, Perry Fite.

The names of all democrats participating in the convention being secured, a motion was made by Sam Clemmons that delegates to the county convention be instructed before their selection, the motion being carried by a unanimous vote. Sam Clemmons then made a motion that such delegates be sent to the County Convention uninstructed, and which motion received no second, therefore was not considered.

W. G. Sherrod made a motion that the Spur Precinct delegation be instructed to vote for Harmon delegation in the County Convention. This motion was seconded by C. F. Cates.

A. T. Odeneal made a motion that the name of Woodrow Wilson be substituted for that of Harmon, and after speeches by Attorney B. D. Glasgow favoring Harmon, and A. T. Odeneal favoring Wilson, the motion to substitute the name of Woodrow Wilson carried by a large majority.

The following delegates to the County Convention were unanimously elected: P. H. Miller, Oran McClure, Dr. T. E. Standifer, J. M. Neely, A. T. Odeneal, J. F. Vernon. The delegates were instructed to vote for a Wilson delegation to the State Convention.

All business being concluded the convention adjourned.

J. E. Sparks and wife, of the Croton Flats country, passed through Spur Saturday on their way to Rule to visit relatives and where they will probably spend several days.

Mrs. Bachelor returned the latter part of the week from Post City where she spent some time with Dr. Bachelor who now has a dental office established there.

C. D. Copeland, of four miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Copeland, had just returned from a trip to Mart and other cities of the eastern part of the state.

T. C. and W. A. Copeland were in the city Saturday from their home several miles east of Spur. They report that everything in their community is in the very finest shape at this time with respect to crop prospects and conditions.

### FLOYDADA WINS CASE AT TULIA

A case which has taken up much space in the newspapers, and which has been pending in the courts since the earlier part of last fall, was in all probability settled last Monday in the District Court of Tulia, when the case of W. C. Nichols vs. The Commissioners Court, the sheriff and the treasurer in the matter of an injunction against collecting and paying off warrants for the erection of the \$80,000 court house of Floydada, ordered by the Commissioners' Court last fall, came up for trial.

Attorney R. V. Davidson, of Austin, made the opening argument for the defense showing why the injunction should not hold, citing the many instances and precedents handed down in parallel cases before the Supreme Court of the State and other minor courts. The opposing counsel made no arguments on the points brought up and Judge Spencer, who sat in the case for Judge Kinder, who was disqualified, rendered a decision making the injunction void so far as the jurisdiction of the district court is concerned.

It is the consensus of opinion that this will end the fight and that the construction people will be able to carry out their work without further annoyance.—Floydada Hesperian.

### THE MARTYRED DOG

Be a trifling skate with an antique jaw and talk all day of the rich man's law, and the iron heel and the other things of which the four-flusher spels and sings; point out the flaws in the government, and preach a gospel of discontent; and every time that you go to town the boys'll start kickin' your dog aroun'. Be an idle man who neglects his farm to view all day a wild alarm; just point the finger of righteous scorn when other farmers are shucking corn; and make a roar and a loud hooray about the taxes you have to pay; and every time that you go to town the boys'll start kickin' your dog aroun'. Just show the world, in the fact rejoice, that you're full of wind and are mostly voice; that your brain is weak, though your breath is strong, that your sense is short and your whiskers long; just have a grievance that you must air and put in the show ring everywhere, and every time that you go to town, the boys'll start kickin' your dog aroun'. But go around with a cheerful face and say that the world is a bully place, and give things a boost whenever you can and pay your debts like a little man, and saw your wood in a quiet style and put in the bank a little pile, and then, my friend, when you go to town, the boys'll quit kickin' your dog aroun'.—Walt Mason.

Arch Barnard, of the Girard country, was in Spur Friday and Saturday on business. Arch returned recently from the west where he had been employed in railroad construction work, and it is presumed that he is expecting railroad work to develop soon in this section. He reports that the Girard country had a good rain the latter part of last week and as a result everything is looking fine and bumper crops are most promising. From every section of this country comes similar reports of bumper crop prospects.

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

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

### BE A MAN

The first advice poured into our baby ears from the golden lips is: "Be a man!" What boy cannot remember that soft, encouraging command, given with a heart full of love and pity, when he mashed his big toe, or the ground raised up and batted him in the face and he began crying?

It may be that you are a grown up boy now; it may be that Father Time has dropped a mantle of white upon your head. But, in imagination you can look back through the smoke of the years and see the very stone that caused your fall; you can feel the sting, and hear the gentle, consoling words of mother, as if spoken by an angel and wafted from some far off shore: "Don't cry! Jump up and be a man!" Precious words! How grand it would be to follow such advice always!

If means something to be a man more than wearing suspenders, growing mustache and chewing tobacco; it means to be manly; to be noble, brave and true; to stand for what is right on every occasion, regardless of friends, or the dictates of policy.

When we fall into that disgusting habit of drinking whiskey and convert our stomachs into slop-buckets for all sorts of rotten corn juice to the detriment of health, wealth and reputation, we ought to pause, reflect on the fact that the destination of such debauchery is eternal ruin, and like men "cry it out."

In each battle between right

and wrong; in every duty that confronts us from the cradle to the grave--public or private, whether under the gaze of millions, or alone, with just the stars to bear witness, the safest, the best, the only plan is to "be a man."

In this day of Frenzied Finance and Fancy Politics, when money rules and "things" are whipped into line by the bosses; when a short pull is worth more than long qualification, and dirty little toadies stand around as thick as negroes at a republican convention, ready to bow every time a big dog barks, it is gratifying to see one stand up with his head above the common herd of money-worshippers, like a magnificent oak in a wilderness of scrubby brush, unyielding to the petty, vulgar influences surrounding him.

I don't care what a fellow is politically or religiously; it matters not to me if he worships with the "square bails" Baptists and votes the "pop" ticket straight from A to Izzard, or a "higher cricket" with a thorough knowledge of the origin and the destination of the wiggle-tail and undying belief in the final triumph of true democracy, just so he is a man, with an honest heart and true conviction that he is right.

Sometimes it costs the loss of friends and money to be yourself, but the reward is worth the price. A clear conscience is better than a diamond crown; a life in harmony with the heart's true stroke, is as beautiful as a dream of heaven. Let base, ignoble whelps, in whose bo-

soms principle is an unknown quantity, jeer, your knowledge of having acted a man is sweeter satisfaction than the applause of a whole nation.

Stand up tip-toe on the mountain top of respectability, where the breezes will kiss your brow with the fragrance of wild roses. Be a man and the sunbeams of real greatness will fall upon your head, and the angels will say **WELL DONE.**—Ex.

### HADES PAVED WITH DEAD-BEATS

The man who pays his bills promptly, who doesn't hem and haw and squirm when face to face with an honest debt that he is able to pay, is a good citizen. He may have his short comings, his eccentricities, his little meanness, but many of these can be forgiven him if he is square and polite and prompt in his business affairs. The petty dead beat, who avoids his obligations, who puts off the bill collector, who finds fault and dispute his honest accounts in order to gain time and who finally, when forced, pays sourly and grumblingly, is a desperate character. Some of that sort belong to the church and some don't but the few who do are enough to make a bill collector doubt the value of Christianity to any man's daily life. Somebody a long time ago said that Hades was paved with good intentions. We doubt it. We believe it is paved with dead beats.—Dallas News.

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### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

Cal Cade, of Kent county, was in Spur one day last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Cal is making the race in Kent county for Sheriff. We knew Cal Cade twenty years ago in Eastland county and know him to be a fine man and citizen and wish him success in his campaign. He is eminently qualified for the office and if elected he will make Kent county an officer second to none within the state.

### LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

I have secured a company that will advance 40 per cent of value on improved real estate.—E. C. Edmonds.

### NOTICE

I will drill you a well for 40 cts. foot.—Luther Hindman. 23-tf

### IRVIN CASE TO TRIAL THURSDAY

Frank Irvin was indicted by the Stonewall County Grand Jury last week on the charge of murdering Burley Sampson and an assault with intent to murder Dick Sampson, and his case was set for trial yesterday in the District Court at Aspermont. Fifty witnesses in the case were summoned from this county.—Kent County News.

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B. D. Glasgow spent several days this week in Dickens.

Maben and Rowden Cotton Seed for sale by M. A. Jordan at Steel Hill, Postoffice at Spur.

Berry Pursley spent several days in Spur this week looking after his business interests.

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Willis Smith and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Wednesday trading.

N. A. Baker, J. L. Hearn, J. E. Shelton and others of Spur attended the Republican County Convention held in Dickens Tuesday.

J. C. Davis was in the city Saturday from his home in Dickens and spent the day here with his sons, Sol and L. W. Davis.

Mat Howell was in the city Saturday and says that everything is looking the very finest with respect to bumper crops in his community.

R. R. Hood, of Stamford, was in Spur this week on business and visiting his friends here.

Best line of refrigerators in west Texas. Low prices.—Texas Furniture Co.

J. I. Greer, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city the latter part of last week.

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J. L. Curry, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday on business and trading with the merchants.

Big fine of new patters in Linoleums just arrived. See them low prices.—Texas Furniture Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Oklahoma, are visiting their son, Granville Brown and family at their home north of Spur.

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Mrs. Annie Adkins, of Mador, is in the city visiting her daughter, Miss Ethel Davis, C. H. Allen and family and other relatives this week.

Call at the Wonder and examine my line of new hats just received.—Mrs. Griffin.

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and trading with Spur merchants.

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#### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

At the Republican County Convention held Tuesday in Dickens N. A. Baker and J. E. Shelton were elected as state delegates and, instructed to vote for Cecil Lyons as State Committeemen.

#### TAP TELLINGS

Mrs. Alice Smith and children were visiting kinfolks on Dockum Valley a few days ago.

J. S. Neal and Geo. Martin made a business trip to the county capitol first of the week.

T. F. Medlin secured some land on the Lambert farm and planted quite a lot of peanuts last week.

J. E. Sparks has also planted a large acreage in peanuts. Diversify is the pass-word out this way.

A fine rain fell here Tuesday night and everything is fine. Farm work will be rapidly pushed till planting is finished.

Clay and Sam Rash, of a few miles south of Spur, were here a few days ago transacting business.

Dave Stiles and family stopped over Sunday enroute to Spur and attended church here. Mr. Stiles resides near Post City.

Postmaster Davies and family, visited relatives at Post City the past week. J. N. Luce had the magement of the postoffice during their absence.

J. E. Sparks and family are visiting at Rule this week.—Gad-about.

New books at the Wonder.

The "Old Maids" will be in Spur pretty soon. Watch for them.

Try a sack of our Wapco Flour, its guaranteed to please.—phone 139, Sol Davis.

Watch for the date of "The Old Maids Convention" by Methodist Ladies.

A 5-room furnished house for rent; down town and rent reasonable. Apply at Texas Spur office. It

Mrs. Patton is in the city from the eastern part of the state visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan.

W. M. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch several miles southwest of Spur and reports everything in the very finest shape.

W. N. Blackwell came in from the Spur Ranch the latter part of the week to visit his family. During the past month Mr. Blackwell has been with the Spur Ranch management.

Rev. G. C. Berryman, Jeff D. Reagan, W. A. Craddock and T. G. Harkey were among those who were in Dickens Tuesday on business and also to attend the County Democratic Convention.

A new line of hats just received at the Wonder.

W. P. T. Smith, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday trading.

Wayne Van Leer has been suffering of a bone felon on one of his fingers, and at this time his finger is in a very critical condition, being swollen to almost the size of his arm.

Judge E. J. Cowan, who has been spending two or three weeks in Mart visiting his mother and friends of his former home, returned this week to Spur and will remain in the city indefinitely.

#### NEW SPRING SHOES

New shipment of Black and Tan Pumps has arrived and the trade is invited to call and see them. We can please as well as fit you.—J. A. Lambdin & Co.

A recital by the pupils of Mrs. G. M. Bachelor will be given Friday evening, May 10th, at the school auditorium. Friends of both teacher and pupils are invited.

A program will be rendered Sunday at three o'clock at the Methodist tabernacle in observance of Mothers' Day. Everybody is invited to attend.

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