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ORDERED COUNTY SEAT ELECTION

An election has been called by the county judge of Floyd county as a result of a petition of more than two hundred of the qualified voters of the county, designating June 8th as the date on which removal of the county seat from Floydada will be voted on. No place is designated in the petition for a location of the county seat, but it seems to be the general sentiment that it will be removed to the center of the county.

This action on the part of the tax payers of Floyd county is the outcome of the efforts of the Commissioners Court in undertaking to build an \$80,000 court house without submitting the matter to the people for their approval. The people over the county have been up in arms ever since the action of the commissioners court become known. They are not willing to be taxed without representation, thus violating all fundamental principles of a representative form of government.

One of the hottest fights in the history of the Plains country will take place. The citizenship of this section are solid for removal, and are going into the contest with a determination to win. It only takes a majority vote to move the county seat to the center of the county, and as nearly half of the voters of the county are located in this end of the county it will be seen that it will not be a hard job to carry the election in favor of the people as against the Commissioners Court.

The tax payers over the county are not now, and have never been, satisfied with the action of the court in thus outraging them and riding over their rights in the matter even if it cost Floydada the loss of the county seat to stop the matter. Should the tax payers allow this matter to go on unchallenged there is no telling what amount of expense they will be put to in the future. If the commissioners court can build a court house without the knowledge and consent of the people, they can next spend a hundred thousand dollars for a jail. It is feared by many that such will be the case if this matter is not stopped.

It is evident that the action of the commissioners court in adopting this high handed course was in the interest of Floydada as a town, and that the interest of the farmers over the county were not taken into consideration.

Let every tax payer who wants fair play in county affairs stand to his gun. You are making this fight not only for yourself but for your children and your children's children. Wrestle the power now from the hands of those that would disfranchise you and take from you and yours that God given sacred right that no man or community of men should attempt to abridge.—Lockney Beacon.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin entertained a number of friends at their home in the city in honor of Miss Wooly who will leave Spur the latter part of the week for her home at Overton.

A number of the invited guests were not present on account of the threatening weather, and those who were not present on the occasion missed a very pleasant evening since the host and hostess entertained most delightfully.

The occasion was termed a "Book Party," each guest having a conundrum representation of some popular book, and being supplied with score cards the guest giving the largest number of correct guesses to book titles represented was awarded a popular book as reward. Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan was awarded the first premium, a handsome crochet doiley, and Mr. Mayse the second prize, a booby duck.

Another interesting contest was a table covered with various articles representing historic as well as common events, and which required ingenuity and wit to solve the problems correctly. Miss Burnett made the largest number of correct answers and was awarded a box of stationery. Mr. Edgar having the second largest score was also given a box of stationery.

A musical contest was had and in which Mrs. Griffin read an interesting story, the musical numbers of which were played by Miss Burnett and from which the title of the music was guessed. In this contest Miss Lena Roberts made the largest score, being given a popular book of fiction and W. G. Sherrod the least score and was handed a lemon punctured with toothpicks.

The next contest was in selecting couples for refreshments. Four ladies were concealed behind a sheet and the gentlemen selected partners by the most inviting appearance of the feet being exposed to view. Much merriment was indulged in this proceeding as well as at table in selecting dishes. A menu card of sixteen dishes in conundrum form was supplied and each guest was allowed an order of five dishes. After being served from the menu a delicious course of varied cakes and ice cream was served.

The entertainment was most pleasant and novel, being succession of contests throughout, and was enjoyed and appreciated by each guest present.

Those present were W. G. Sherrod and Miss Burnett, Mr. Edgar and Miss Grace Roberts, Ross Edwards and Miss Lena Roberts, Mr. Hardin and Miss Pearl Gunn, Mr. Mayse and Miss Iva Joplin, W. S. Campbell and wife, Jeff D. Reagan and wife, Oran McClure and wife and Miss Wooly.

BUYS SUPPLIES

B. T. Duncan, Jr., of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday after supplies and fencing material with which to improve his place in Dickens. Mr. Duncan reports everything in the finest shape in his section of the country.

RAIN-MAKING IS NOW A DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS

While we of the Spur country do not and possibly never will stand in need of "manufactured rains" since out of the unmolested heavens we receive an abundance, yet it will be not out of place for the general public to be informed of the possibilities of producing rain at any desired time and place and in such quantities as is needed or required.

The following from the Amarillo News and Hale County Herald of Plainview is self explanatory and should be considered by thoughtful and observant farmers:

"It has been recently demonstrated that the explosion of crude oil as a means of supplementing the rainfall for crop production is far and away better than any means ever attempted along this line.

The power generated from crude oil explosions in internal combustion engines and applied to pumps drawing from the "underflow" of this country means water just as the farmer needs it, and as much as he needs.

It is possible for crude oil explosions to make a three-inch rain for the small sum of 20 cents an acre, and, with the positive assurance of getting the water without fail, puts the farmers of the country in a mighty independent position as to crop water.

Crude oil is being regularly exploded on the Baskin-Hester, Renfro, Gregg, Morgan and McDonald farms with most excellent results. The Gough, Rinser, Robinson, Hitz and Edwards farms will soon be equipped for these explosions, and many others, becoming familiar with the excellent method of rain-making, are fast falling into line.

D. L. McDonald, owner of the McDonald Irrigated Farms near Hereford, claims the crude oil method to be far superior to the Post Toasties dynamite idea when it comes to getting regular cloudbursts.—Amarillo News.

Crude oil explosions get rain all right, as has been demonstrated for a year by Mr. Perry, just south of Plainview, but gasoline, or even kerosene, will bring the desired result readily when exploded properly by the Foss, Fairbanks-Morse or Heer schemes, either of which is good, and give more satisfactory returns than have been obtained thus far by dynamiting the heavens."

MUCH IMPROVED

Mrs. Chism, who was reported in a dying condition last week is now reported convalescent and rapidly recovering her former good health under the skilled and effective treatment of Dr. Grace.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Gentlemen

Alkins, Mr. John, Webb, Mr. J. C.,

Ladies

Clines, Mrs. Mary, Edwards, Mrs. V. M., Morrison, Mrs. M. J. When calling for the above please say advertised.—N. A. Baker, Postmaster.

MOTHERS' DAY AT DUCK CREEK

"If the mountains will not come to Mohammed, the Mohammed will go the mountain," said the people of Duck Creek. Hearing that the people in the cities and towns were preparing to celebrate Mother's Day, thinking it a right and proper move, and thinking, moreover, that they were entitled to as many good things as any people, they decided that they would be the torch bearers for other communities and demonstrate that we do not have to wait until any forward movement has been enjoyed by the towns for a number of years before it reaches the "benefited country." The other communities were there to see and observe, too. In fact, the largest crowd was gathered and more communities were represented than at any Sunday service for a long, long time. Nor were they disappointed, for from the welcome address to the last number on the program, all acquitted themselves with credit, and interest and the best of order prevailed during the whole time.

The program consisting of recitations, solos, duets and quartets by wee tots, boys, girls and adults, showed carefully planned and intelligent effort. It was supplemented by a number of congregational songs, all relating to the sacred and tender theme on every ones mind. The pastor, W. B. Bennett, also made a talk at the close of the program, urging all to remember not only mother but mother's God as well, not only her kindness, but her prayers and the last promise that many present had doubtless made. The service was fittingly concluded by receiving a mother into the church and announcing that the daughter would follow her mother's Savior in baptism that afternoon. Another very appropriate move near the close of the services was the taking of an offering for the old mothers and fathers who have worn out their lives in God's service—old ministers and their wives.

To sum it all up, no doubt all felt that they had been truly benefitted by attending this service and had enjoyed a very pleasant time indeed. Moreover, it is equally certain that this little community has gained self-confidence that will enable its people to do other worthy things, and has served as an object lesson to improve the proposition that "Where there's a will there's a way."—J.

ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Mr. Morrison, of Elk City, Oklahoma, was in Spur this week prospecting and also looking after his land interests in the Spur Farm Lands. The unexcelled crop prospects now prevailing in the Spur country is not only attracting the attention of people from a distance but is more firmly establishing in the minds of the outside public that this is an ideal and superior agricultural section in every respect. The time is already here when the Spur Country must be recognized and admitted as a real and important factor to the farming interests and agricultural production of the country as a whole.

EXTENSIVE FARMING AND FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

J. A. Alston was in town Tuesday and was very much enthused at the present conditions and crop prospects of the Spur country, and said that the rain Monday night was plentiful and as a result the country could not be in better shape for farming.

Mr. Alston says he is cultivating about four hundred and fifty acres of land this year. He now has two hundred and thirty five acres of cotton up and growing nicely, and about one hundred and fifty acres in feed stuff which is now looking as fine and growing as rapidly as could be possible in any country, any time and anywhere. The balance of his acreage will be planted to cotton just as soon as the ground is dry enough for planting.

In connection with his extensive farming operations Mr. Alston says that his mother, who is living with him, is growing chickens and now has more than two hundred and fifty spring chickens in the yard, with twenty five more hens on the nests to hatch soon.

This is Mr. Alston's second year in the Spur country, he having moved here last year from the east, and he says that he can farm twice as much land here and make as much or more to the acre than can be grown elsewhere. There is no question but that the Spur country is among the finest agricultural sections of America, and this fact will soon be recognized and appreciated by the general public and especially those seeking a pleasant, prosperous home surrounded with superior educational, commercial and social advantages.

BEGINS WORK

J. P. Gibson, of Steel Hill passed through Spur Monday on his way to Dickens to attend a meeting of the County School Board of which he is a member. He reports that the Board was thoroughly organized and that a general meeting of the several School Boards of the county will be called to meet together at an early date for the purpose of stimulating interest in the schools and also to institute concerted and co-operative work in the advancement of school work and educational interests of each school and the schools of the county as a whole. While many seemed to think a county school board would be of little interest to the school work advancement, yet the men elected to serve on the Dickens county School Board are beginning active work which will result to the good of our schools.

BUMPER CROP PROSPECTS

W. Bender, of near Spur to the northeast, was in the city Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Bender says that he never had better prospects of a bumper crop of all kinds than at the present time, and that the rain Monday night put the ground in the very finest shape with respect to season and condition for ideal cultivation.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD IN CITY OF HAMLIN

The Central West Texas Agricultural Association is the name of an organization that was perfected at Hamlin, Thursday, May 9th. Its object is to foster and encourage agriculture and its membership is composed of the leading business men and commercial organizations of Central West Texas. In addition to the business men and farmers who attended, representatives were present from the Wichita Valley, the Texas Central, the Orient, the Abilene & Southern and the Stamford & Northwestern Railways, and all agreed to work together in harmony for the betterment of the agricultural conditions in this section of the state. The organization is the result of a conference held in Stamford some weeks ago, in which representatives of the Haskell Board of Trade, the Stamford Commercial Club, the Spur Commercial Club, and the Hamlin Commercial Club and Prof. L. T. Cunningham, the County Superintendent, representing the educational interests participated. The call was issued for the meeting at Hamlin and in response to the same, representatives were present from Haskell, Hamlin, Spur, Stamford, Aspermont, Roby and Anson.

Hamlin received the visitors in a most cordial style, and the organization began its work immediately after a delightful report furnished by the Hamlin citizens. F. G. Alexander was named as temporary chairman and Hon. Chas. Brewington, Mayor of Stamford, as temporary secretary. After permanent organization had been effected, expressions were had from representatives of the different towns represented, as well as the representatives of the different railroads and also a number of farmers, all of whom agreed that such an organization was necessary and practical and all pledged their hearty moral and financial support to the same. It was then decided to go into the permanent organization, the following officers being elected: A. D. McLaulin, President, Hamlin; J. E. Poole, 1st Vice President, Haskell; Homer D. Wade, Secretary-Treasurer, Stamford. The By-laws provide for a membership fee of \$2.50 per month for towns of 1500 population and under, \$3.50 per month for towns of 1500 to 2000, \$4.00 per month for towns of 2000 to 3000, \$5.00 per month for towns over 3000. It also provides for an individual membership of \$1.00 per month and as much more as individual members desire to contribute. It further provides that editors of all newspapers in the towns

affiliating with the association are active members, without the payment of dues. All individual members are entitled to one vote in the meetings and all towns holding memberships are entitled to three votes. The Association will have bi-monthly meetings and the second meeting will be held in Haskell, the second Thursday in July.

The boundaries of the Association were fixed as follows: The Texas & Pacific Railway from Abilene to Sweetwater, the Orient Railway from Sweetwater to Knox City, the Wichita Valley Railway from Abilene to Monday, the Stamford & Northwestern Railway from Stamford to Spur, the Texas Central Railway from Leuders to Rotan, the Abilene and Southern from Abilene to Hamlin, and all of the towns included in these boundaries.

J. W. Neill, director of Farmers Institutes of the Department of Agriculture was in attendance and assured the new association of the full co-operation and assistance of the State Department of Agriculture.

The officers will have an early meeting and organize fully for the purpose of carrying out the ideas of the organization.

Application has already been made to the Federal Department of Agriculture to have a special agricultural bulletin issued on conditions in Central West Texas. The association will gather and disseminate all possible information relating to agriculture and, it cordially requests the fullest co-operation of the business men of the different towns mentioned above, as well as the railroads traversing this section of the state, the farmers, and in fact, every one who is interested in the agricultural development of Central West Texas.

Any information will be gladly given by the Secretary at Stamford, or President A. D. McLaulin at Hamlin, or Vice President J. E. Poole at Haskell.

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

Rev. Mike M. Young, of the Red Hill community, was in the city Monday and spent some time here on business.

C. L. Love returned Monday from Stamford where he spent several days on business and visiting his family.

Baxter Scoggins was in the city after supplies Tuesday and Wednesday from his ranch home on Cat Fish. He reports good rains and everything in fine shape on Cat Fish.

Cashier J. F. Vernon, of the Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank, made a business trip this week to the Afton country where he spent several days.

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES

At the election held recently for the election of a County School Board in Dickens county, one member from each Commissioners Precinct and one at large, the following were elected: Jeff D. Reagan, Spur; L. G. Crabtree of Croton; Otho Hale of Afton; Minor Wilson of north of Dickens, and F. C. Gipson of Dickens.

E. D. Chambers received the largest number of votes polled in the election but was disqualified on account of not having paid his poll tax for the year.

The County School Board met Monday at Dickens to organize and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Blacksmith Shop for sale or trade.—See W. H. Teague.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

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

Sheriff Cole was over this week from Dickens and spent some time in the city on official business.

Dr. Brandon returned Sunday from Abilene where he attended a convention of the State Dental Association. He reports an enjoyable and profitable convention.

H. K. Parks, of Jayton, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here meeting his friends and looking after business matters.

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in fine shape on his place.

T. E. Marshall, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in good shape in his section.

W. F. Markham, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was in the city recently and reports everything in the very finest shape in his section.

Sol Davis and E. C. Edmonds returned Saturday from San Antonio where they spent several days attending the State Bankers' Convention.

W. D. Blair, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and reports the rains throughout the week in abundance and of great value to his section of the country.

County Commissioner Garner was in the city Wednesday and while here had the Texas Spur sent to Frank Frarer of Hillsboro, Illinois, and for which he has our thanks.

Billy Martens, the bootmaker, made a business trip this week to a ranch in the Jayton country where he will deliver an order of several pairs of boots made to order in Spur.

Mr. Anderson, who has been in Spur the past week, teaching Masonry, left Monday for Dickens where he will be employed in similar duties throughout the week.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children returned the latter part of last week from Fort Worth where they spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

Last week one of G. L. Barber's little boys was kicked by a horse and as a result has been in a very serious condition. The horse struck the boy on the face, knocking out a number of teeth and crushing the face. While seriously injured we hope the injuries will not prove fatal.

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R. C. Forbis and son, of north of Dickens, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on their way to Lower Red Mud after a bunch of cattle which they will drive to the Forbis Ranch,

SPUR DAIRY COMPANY

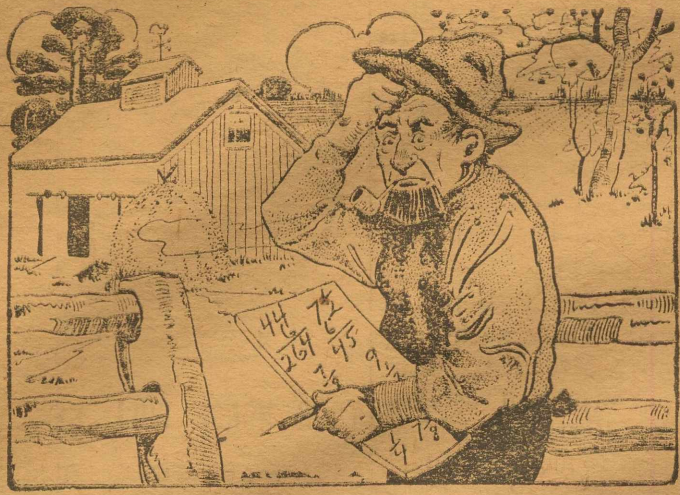
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Mrs. Y. L. Jones and little daughter, Miss Nan, are on an extended visit to friends and relatives in Austin.

Miss Minnie Fite and Mrs. Evans, of the city, made a trip Friday of last week to Dickens where they spent some time on business and visiting friends.

Judge R. S. Holman and wife left Sunday for Matador where they will remain throughout the week visiting friends and where the Judge will attend District Court, he having several important cases to represent as an attorney. At the end of the term of court in Matador the court will reconvene in Dickens.

We do Commercial Printing.

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

It's time for Ice Tea, White Swan makes the best, you can get it by phoning 139.

I. G. Van Leer was in Spur Monday from his farm near town and purchased farm implements for the better cultivation of his crops this year.

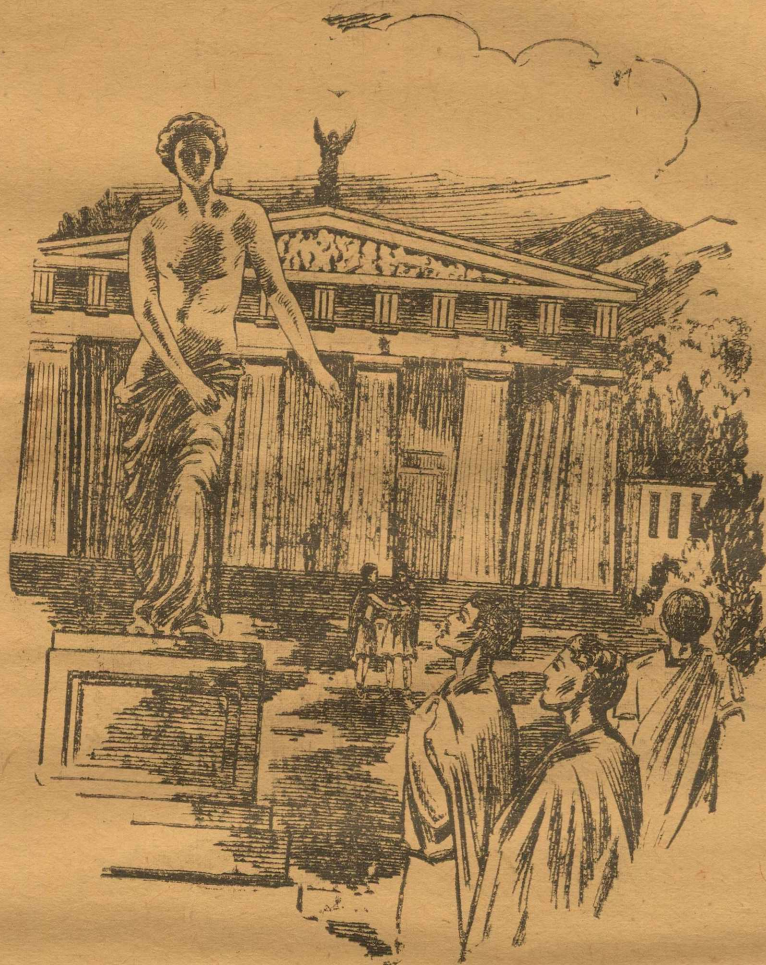
Mrs. W. A. Hamilton left the latter part of last week for Stamford where she will spend two weeks or ten days with her mother and other relatives before returning home. Her two sons, who have been with their grand-mother for some time will return home with her.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXIV. BEAUTY

THE GREEKS loved beauty, but ugliness gave them a pain like a blow. They planted in human life a love for the beautiful which has lifted mankind into a brighter world and widened the horizon of human happiness, and the lives of their great men were models of human effort and examples of marvelous achievement which have encouraged and inspired the world.

There is no nobler deed than to plant in the garden of civilization flowers that will blush and bloom and shed their fragrance to future generations.



THE GREEKS LOVED BEAUTY.

Let those who would pluck roses of fame, plant seed thoughts that will blossom along life's highway and laden the atmosphere with progress; scatter prosperity germs in the life of state that will flourish and bring forth the fruits of industry and open up the gates of wonder on a world of opportunities as inviting as a night full of stars. Texas Needs Great Men.

ABOUT TEXAS

Texas is the William H. Taft of the commonwealths. It is the largest State in the Union, and has by far the greatest waist measure. It has four million citizens, and yet there aren't enough of them in any one spot to make a city of 100,000 people. All the people in the world could gather in Texas and there would still be room for the gentlemenly ushers to pass between the rows selling tickets for the big concert to take place after the show.

Texas is over a thousand miles long each way, in places, and contains 262,000 square miles. Passenger trains frequently lose two days' time in passing through the State, and Texans die of sunstroke and freezing in the same afternoon. Ten thousand land agents have been selling farms in Texas for thirty years, and there are still places in the State one hundred miles from the nearest drug store. There are 13,000 miles of railroad in the State, and yet in some sections a man has to get up early and run for nearly three weeks in order to catch the train to town.

When first discovered, Texas consisted mostly of cosmic junk, including cactus, rattlesnakes, horned toads, tarantulas and four kinds of climate. Later the greaser, a species of human invented by the Spaniards, moved in, and the rattlesnakes moved north, in search of better society. In the past seventy years, however, great improvements have

been made. The cactus, which formerly grew over the State so thickly that it was impossible for a citizen to fall off his horse without puncturing himself in 11,000 places, is now being replaced by onion beds, cattle ranches and corner lots, and horned toads and other horrors have been used to promote prohibition campaigns, with marked success.

Texas raises cotton, rice, steers and Democratic majorities in tremendous quantities. It is as natural for a Texan to be a Democrat as it is for a Japanese to be slant-eyed. Republicans are so scarce in the State that it is sometimes necessary to appoint Democratic postmasters. The State is governed by a Legislature of great firmness and industry, whose greatest diversion is regulating corporations and railroads. It has regulated the latter so carefully that it now takes three corporation counsels to run a freight train across the State without incurring \$1,000,000 in fines. The society for the prevention of cruelty to railroad presidents is growing rapidly throughout the State.

The metropolis of Texas is San Antonio, the most interesting foreign city in the United States. It is being pushed hard by Dallas and Houston, little cities with deep bass voices, and by Galveston, which was swept away by a tidal wave ten years ago, but which "came back," and now dares the Gulf to do it again.—George Fitch.

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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.

Jeff D. Harkey was over Tuesday from Dickens to attend a directors meeting of the First State Bank.

R. M. Hamby, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent some time here.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison
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
H. P. Cole (Re-election)

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)

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

This week the Texas Spur is authorized to announce H. P. Cole as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 28th.

Mr. Cole has served the people of Dickens county the past two terms as Sheriff and Tax Collector and has made a record of which any man should be proud. He has a clean record as an officer and a citizen, being one man of whom we have never heard a single derogatory remark either as an officer or man.

Sheriff Cole is a man worthy the confidence and high esteem of all men and as a public officer he is as good as the best and second to none in the state, and deserves the consideration of the democratic voters in his candidacy for re-election to the Sheriff's office.

Lewis Craig was in the city several days this week.

100 patterns of wall paper at a big bargain.—Texas Furniture Co.

Sheriff Cole was over Thursday from Dickens and spent some time here on official business.

You just can't afford to miss the local talent play by Methodist ladies Tuesday night. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents.

Messrs. Shelby and Landis, of the Plains country, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bramhall this week.

If you enjoy a laughable entertainment attend the "Old Maids' Convention." Spur High School Tuesday, May 21st. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents.

Messrs. Spencer and Thomas passed through Spur Wednesday on their way to Dickens where they will be employed on the Dickens Item.

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

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXVI. ASPIRATION

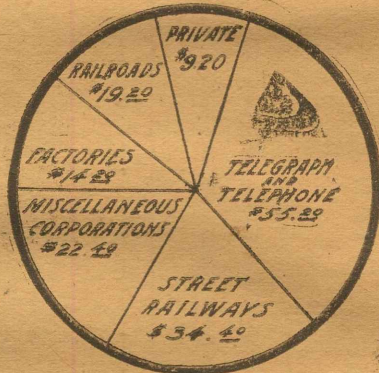
HANNIBAL involved Carthage in a war with Rome and he became the mightiest military genius of any age or race, but his country was drenched with blood, the homes of his people went up in smoke and he died a fugitive from Roman vengeance. Many leaders thirsting for fame plunge their country into strife and dissension by whetting the appetite of the populace with envy and sowing seeds of revolt. There is no greater curse in government than unchastened ambition making a crimson pathway through the land.



HANNIBAL PLUNGING CARTHAGE INTO WAR.

Let those who dash billows of strife against the shores of peace understand that to rise ignominiously is to fall wretchedly; that no pestilence is greater than wretched leadership and no crime against humanity more terrible than chasing panting industry from the land and no scene more appalling than a country sick with strife. Texas Needs Great Men.

Taxation as to Individuals and Corporations



ANNUAL TAXES ALL PURPOSES \$30,000,000.

The power to tax is the power to build or destroy. To maintain equal rights of property is as important a function in government as to preserve the rights of individuals. The cut shown above indicates the amount of state tax assessed against an investment of \$10,000 on the lines of industry shown in the subdivision of the circle. There are many inequalities in assessment between counties.

Taxation will be discussed by the Texas Welfare Commission. S. A. Lindsey of Tyler is chairman of the sub-committee that will deal with this subject.

"OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION"

On Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Spur High School building the Methodist ladies will give "The Old Maids' Convention."

It will be laughable and entertaining. The characters are all Spurites. The local hits will be good. We cordially invite everyone to come. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents.

Subscribe for The Texas Spur.

CLARK LEADS FOR PRESIDENT

The reports from the various state conventions place Champ Clark in the lead with instructed votes for the Presidential nomination on the Democratic Ticket Woodrow Wilson is second and Harmon third.

On the Republican ticket both the Taft and Roosevelt forces are claiming the majority of national convention votes.

Commercial printing cheap.

MOTHERS' DAY OBSERVED SUNDAY IN SPUR

In response to a proclamation issued by Mayor Link in accord with a proclamation by the Governor of Texas, designating Sunday as "Mothers' Day," the day was observed in Spur.

A program was rendered at the Methodist tabernacle and was largely attended. Rev. Stewart was master of ceremonies and Rev. Berryman delivered an address to mothers which was well received. Rev. Knox delivered a tribute to the living and dead fathers and mothers, following his subject closely and saying the highest tribute to the departed fathers and mothers is in emulating their lives and further promoting the good works begun by them. G. T. Brandon also paid tribute to the mothers in a lengthy address which was well received. The speaking program was interspersed with appropriate songs and music, solos by Mr. Jennings, Miss Grace and Mrs. Turnage and Ross Edwards.

Ribbons bearing the word "Mother" were pinned to the guests upon the arrival by Mrs. Miller.

Upon the mothers of the land depends greatly the continuous progress of the world and advancement of civilization and in thus setting aside one day to publically honor, encourage and pay tribute to our mothers we do little in return for the most imposing destiny of mothers in molding mankind and in shaping their destinies through life. All honor is due to the real mother.

A baby was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rone at their home in Spur.

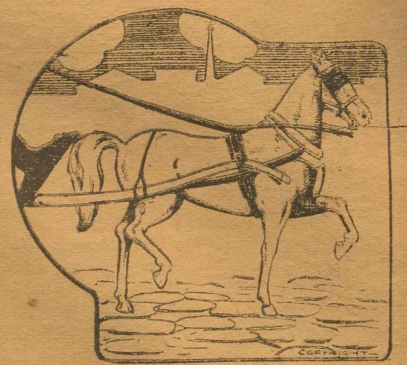
E. R. Rorie was in the city Thursday from the Ranch and spent some time here.

FOR RENT. Nice residence four large rooms. See T. A. Randleman, Spur. 28-2tp.

W. C. McArthur was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Tap country.

Bill McArthur was in the city one day this week and reports everything moving along nicely in the Tap country.

Miss Mary Jane Smith was called Thursday to her home in Stamford where she goes on business and will remain several days.



YOUR HORSE WILL BE PROUD

To wear a set of the kind of harness we sell. Try him and see how much better he will carry himself

IN A SET OF OUR HARNESS.

And the better a horse feels the better he works. So it's both a money making and money saving proposition to buy your harness here. For our prices are distinctly on the money saving order.

Riter Hardware Comp'y

SPUR, TEXAS

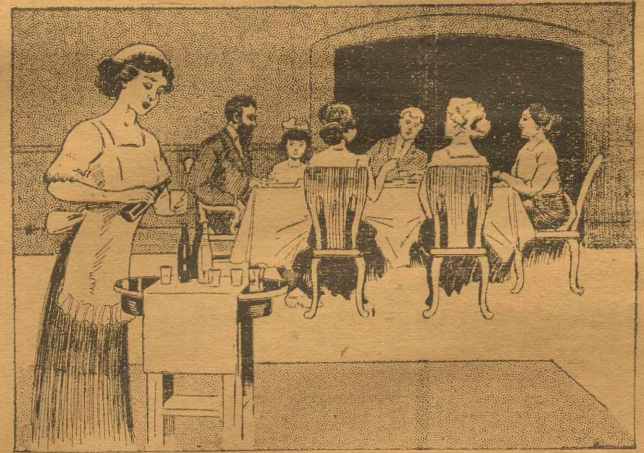
SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Wednesday a picnic was had over the hill for the benefit of the children of the Sunday Schools of Spur. Dinner was prepared at the foot of the hill and enjoyed by those present.

In the afternoon the picnickers repaired to the school house where a series of base ball games were had and witnessed by a large crowd. The most interesting game was a contest by the fat and the lean men of the town. The line up for the leans was Drs. Grace, Standifer, Morris, Cephus Hogan, Ross Edwards, Senning, Sam Clemmons, Lowery and R. B. Bryant. The fats were Perry Fite, W. G. Sherrod, Rev. Berryman, J. M. Neely, Jeff D. Reagan, E. E. Patterson, Anderson, J. F. Vernon, Lilburn Standifer. The score was five to six in favor of the leans, and throughout the game the players caused much merriment.

Miss Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ellis, was operated upon this week at the Standifer Hospital for appendicitis and we are glad to note that she is reported doing nicely at this time.

We do Commercial Printing.



DO YOU EVER ENTERTAIN ?

If so, how about your refreshments? We are making a specialty of Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper, Vin Fiz and Ginger Ale for parlor and table use. All our products are made from the purest water, the best extracts, and by new, modern machinery. That is how we can furnish you with a drink that will be a favorite at your table or in your parlor. We are receiving orders every day for Soda Waters, Gas, Ice Cream, Ice and Kodak work. Why is this? The people are realizing that we are the people to trade with. We make Sodas in the following flavors: Strawberry, Lemon, Vanilla, Orange, Cream Soda, Ginger Ale, Vin Fiz, Coca Cola and Dr. Pepper. Sodas per case 65c. Vin Fiz, Coca Cola and Dr. Pepper, per case 75c.

SPUR BOTTLING WORKS

T. L. HIGGINBOTHAM, Manager

WE HOPE!

TO create nothing of a startling character in Spur, while we hope to place the wise buyer in position to accept of the rarest chance of the season to supply their spring and summer needs with "VALUES" that are values. Goods of meritorious value at the price of cheap grades. We realize that many people are disgusted with the words "SPECIAL SALE." They have spent time and money trying to better their purchases only to find that they had been fooled. We will refund the money on any purchase made of us at this sale or at any other time, thus giving you the advantage to right a wrong opinion. The season so far as known to all has been cold and business retarded. It's through no Jew friendship that we are sacrificing at this time, but a sale for the goods. We need more "MONEY."

Specials in Gingham		Flaxon and Madras	
All 12 1-2 and 15c Gingham	11c	35c Plain Weave Flaxon	27c
Staple Checks 10c Gingham	8c	25c Cross Bar Flaxon	21c
Big Line Dress Gingham	9 1-2	20c Grades Madras	14c
Linen Are Good This Season		Bargains in Flouncings	
50c Brown Linen 36-in. wide	42c	45 in. Wide Floucing in Match Set	
35c " " " "	27c	1.50 Grade Floucing for	\$1.19
25c " " " "	19c	1.15 Grade Floucing for	\$1.05
25c All Shades Linen	19c	OTHERS CHEAPER	
40c Pure White Linen 36-in. wide	33c		

We have a beautiful showing in All-Over Nets, Bands, Embroideries, which will be offered very cheap during this sale. If you are open for conviction come and look.

Specials in Shoes and Oxfords		Men's Odd Pants	
Ladies White Pumps \$2.50 Grade	\$2.20	\$5.00 Peg Cut New Styles	\$4.35
Misses White Pumps \$2.50 Grade	2.20	4.50 " " " "	3.95
" " " " 2 1-2 to 5	\$1.75 1.50	4.00 " " " "	3.45
" " " " 12 to 2	\$2.50 2.20	3.50 " " " "	2.95
" Canvas 2-Strap 12 to 2	\$1.50 1.35	3.00 " " " "	2.50
10 per cent discount on all Ladies, Misses and Childrens Shoes and Oxfords.		2.50 " " " "	2.10

Boys' Knee Suits		Boys' Knee Pants	
"Wooly Boy" make Pants lined and reinforced.		MADE IN THE STRONGEST WAY	
\$6.00 Wooly Boy all wool guarant'd	\$4.95	\$1.75 For	\$1.45
5.00 All Wool	\$4.25	1.50 " "	1.25
4.50 " "	3.90	1.25 " "	1.05
4.00 " "	3.45	1.00 " "	.90
Other Cheaper Suits at Cut Price.		.75 " "	.60
		.50 " "	.45

All Men's, Boys', Ladies' and Children's Shoes 10 Per Cent Off

Men's Furnishing Goods		Men's Hats	
\$1.75 Cluett Shirts	\$1.23	\$6.00 Steton Hats	\$5.35
1.50 " "	1.10	5.00 " "	4.60
1.00 Monarch Shirts	.89	4.00 " "	3.65
.75 Holeproof Hosiery Silk quart'd	.65	3.00 Hats All Shapes	2.50
.50 Holeproof Socks	.45	2.50 " "	2.15
.25 " " 6 pair	1.25	2.00 " "	1.65
.50 Men's Belts	.45	1.50 " "	1.25
.50 " Ties	.45	1.00 Boys' Hats	.89
.35 " "	.25		
.25 " "	.20	\$1.00 Scrivens Drawers	.85
.50 Silk Garters	.42	.75 " "	.69
.25 " "	.20	.50 Elastic Seam Drawers	.45
1.50 Silk Hose and Ties	.95	.50 Undershirts and Drawers	.45
.75 Hose and Ties	.50		

We are making special prices on many items not mentioned, some of which you may be vitally interested in. Ask for that which is not in sight; we will gladly do all possible to see that your needs are supplied. This sale is to raise cash, hence all prices quoted are for cash only and when goods are to be charged please state so and save time, as these prices are for cash consideration only. Ask for our Special Prices on Guaranteed Hosiery.

THIS SALE STARTS ON SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 18TH, AT 7:30 A. M. AND CLOSSES ON SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 1ST, 10:30 P. M.

J. A. LAMB DIN & CO.
"A SALE FOR THE MONEY"

Members of the Texas Welfare Commission



The Commission will hold open session during 1912 at the following places: Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin and Abilene.

WILL EXTEND CROSBYTON SOUTH PLAINS RAILROAD

Austin, Tex., April 30. John Stuart Coonley of Chicago, vice president of the Crosbyton and South Plains Railroad of Texas was here today, accompanied by his attorney general, J. W. Burton of Crosbyton. They conferred informally with the Railroad Commission regarding probable extensions of the line. It is in operation from Lubbock to Crosbyton, forty miles, and is to be extended twenty-eight miles to a connection with the Stamford and Northwestern at Spur. A line is also in contemplation through Guthrie and Benjamin to Seymour to a connection with the Gulf, Texas and Western and the Wichita Valley lines. A branch to Matador is also contemplated. Mr. Coonley says some new mileage also is to be built.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of the Red Hill country, was in the city this week shaking hands with his friends.

R. H. McCarty, editor of the Aspermont Star, came up Thursday and spent some time here between trains. Mr. McCarty is also County Attorney of Stonewall county. This was his first visit to Spur and he was surprised at the many substantial business houses and fine residences of a city of only two years.

MORE RAIN OVER THE GREAT SPUR COUNTRY

During the week two more ground-soaking showers of rain fell over the entire Spur territory. This makes nearly three inches of rain in Spur and the Spur country during the month, and as a result the entire territory continues in the finest shape and most promising of bumper crops of all kinds.

STORK VS IMMIGRATION AGENTS

These Powerful Factors in Empire Building Active in Texas.

The greatest achievement in human life is to raise a child. We have in Texas approximately one million children under seven years of age and one million of scholastic age.

The stork is a popular bird among Texans. We have the largest families of any State in the Union, and there is a child born every four minutes in Texas. There are 122,000 births and 43,734 deaths per annum.

The stork is a splendid bird, but too slow for development work. It would take it two generations to double our population. It must be said, however, to the credit of our Legislatures, that so far they have never attempted to regulate or restrain the flight of the stork.

We Have a Confession To Make!

OUR confession is this: We are selfish—selfish in wanting more of your business; we try to merit a liberal share of it, however, by keeping good clean merchandise, and giving you the best values possible for us to do, and be honest in our dealing with you. We have been buying goods a long time, yet we do not claim to know very much about values of merchandise, we to a great extent have to trust to the honor of those from whom we buy. We want you to trust us, as many of you are doing. Remember: "It is not always gold that glitters." Good goods are the cheapest; we strive to keep the best merchandise that can be handled in a town of this size, and we are begging you to spend your cash at home, and we ourselves are selfish enough to want you to give us not the lion's share, but a liberal part of it. We have no leaders, no catches of any kind, just straightforward, fair dealing; we don't know any other way, and don't want to learn. We know as to prices that as a whole they are as good as goods can be sold legitimately. We buy right, as we have several stores to buy for, which enables us to buy in quantities, and get the quantity price. Our expenses are not above an average; our net profits are small on amount of goods sold; we know we are giving our customers a fair deal, and on this basis we are confessing to you that we want more of your business.

Your Friends,

Bryant-Link Comp'y

THINK FOR YOURSELF

The vast majority of men and women let others to their thinking for them.

We wear stiff collars, tight corsets and villainous pain-producing shoes because somebody tells us to.

Women who have the outward appearance of intelligence work ten hours a day dusting bric-a-brac, washing the germs out of lace curtains and fussing with embroideries, what not and imitation hair because the editor of some magazine that is supported by advertisers say they must.

Men wear coats in summer, vote for jack-pot artists and tip waiters because it is customary; and a client who would ask a lawyer to write a simple contract in twenty words would throw his legal advisor in a deep swoon.

Every time we allow others to do our thinking for us we pay them for it and the middleman's profit for the exercise of brains is always excessive.

There is nothing more expensive and burdensome to mankind than the lack of independent thought, and the most tyrannical pirates on the high seas of human effort are Custom and Style.

The ten hour working day, the life of anxiety and worry, and the nervous wreck that marks the close of many a feverish struggle are the price we pay for subservience and mental cowardice.

Poverty of the mind means slavery of the body and whenever custom and style are the middlemen between effort and employment the brow of labor must wear the crown of thorns.

The things we need for happy and healthful living are not expensive or hard to obtain, but the things that others say we need are what bring the wrinkles to the brow and the curse of mad anxiety to the mind.

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CITY BUILDING NOTES

You can start a city but it takes capital to make it go.

Make your city the "bright spot" of Texas.

"Brighten up" swat the fly and never say die.

Keep your city in the limelight. Cities have sprung into prominence in a day.

Patronizing home merchants is not a charitable act, but a dutiful one.

Boost your city with a membership card in the local commercial organization.

The success of a city depends on the progressiveness of its citizens.

To be progressive is to hold the card of entree to the money bags of capital.

Keep a pushing and a pulling, and it will not be long before others join in and help lighten the burden.

Experience shows that by devoting half your time to boosting the city, your business will double as a result.

Good roads are more essential than million dollar court houses. The one benefits the masses, the other the classes.

The majority of visitors notice the condition of a city's streets and sidewalks the first thing. If the streets are unkept and the sidewalks few and far between, they usually take the first train back.

A commercial organization is the backbone of a city. It builds factories, advocates home industry and is in favor of every movement that makes for the progress and upbuilding of the city.

Rev. J. D. Bowles, of the Spur Christian Church, will leave the latter part of the week for Stamford where he will preach Sunday and Sunday night.

THINK ABOUT IT

The man who tries to farm these days without reading and studying is like the merchant who tries to do business without advertising. The merchant may know he is in business, but there are not many others who do. Likewise the farmer who tries to farm without keeping abreast of the improvements in farm methods may think he is farming but he is woefully mistaken. Just look around you and you will see that those of your neighbors who are doing good work, doing good for themselves and for their community are those who read and think.—Carlton Citizen.

Judge E. J. Cowan made a business trip to Dickens the latter part of last week.

Mr. Spencer, of the Spencer Lumber Company, was in Spur recently looking after his interests here.

Mr. Allison, of north of Spur, was in the city Monday on business and trading with the merchants.

T. L. Higginbotham spent several days last week at the Higginbotham ranch in Garza county, returning Sunday to Spur.

Wes Hisey and little son, P. G., went to Stamford last week. P. G. will remain in Stamford with his grand-mother for an extended visit.

Arthur Poole, who has been confined in the Standifer Hospital the past week on account of an operation for locked bowels and appendicitis is now reported doing nicely and will be released from the hospital some time during the week.

J. P. Crump and wife, of Garza county, were in Spur Monday trading with the merchants. Mr. Crump reports everything in his section of the country in first-class shape with the finest crop prospects at this time.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXV. CUSTOM

PLATO reprehended severely one of his pupils for committing a wrong and the young man said, "Why do you censure me so severely for so small a matter?" and Plato replied, "But custom is no small matter."

Many of our citizens vote a ticket according to custom without reference to party platform or to the ability of candidates. We can permit ourselves to be such complete slaves of custom that we lose our identity and become the property of politicians. No country can prosper where the noble impulses of progress are fettered by the coils of custom and whose citizens follow in blind adherence the paths of habit.



PLATO REPREHENDING HIS PUPIL.

Let him who would mount the rostrum of progress break the shackles of custom and give liberty to thought, and freedom to action; loose the galling chain of habit that binds industry and fetters progress and demonstrate to his fellow-citizens that a scrap heap is a most powerful factor in civilization. Texas Needs Great Men.

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. 27-2tp

Mr. Jones, of Palmer, Texas, is in Spur this week looking after his interests here. Mr. Jones owns some valuable lots in Spur and also lands near Spur. He is very much gratified at the present outlook here with respect to developments and present prospects for bumper crops.

GOES TO BROWN RANCH

H. F. Murray returned Monday to the Brown Ranch in Kent county where he will be employed several weeks in the construction work of two fine residences being built on the ranch. Mr. Murray will be employed principally in the brick and concrete work of the buildings since he is not only experienced, but an expert in such work.

W. A. Hamilton returned Monday from Stamford where he had been to accompany Mrs. Hamilton who will remain in that city on an extended visit with her mother and other relatives.

BOOT SHOP MOVED!

I have moved my Boot Shop to the Texas Spur building where I am better prepared to serve the trade in the Boot Making Line. Your business is respectfully solicited. Only the very best Hand-Made boots are turned out and a perfect fit is guaranteed in every instance. Call on me.

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J. P. Simmons Prop

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Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

\$12 to \$25.00
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

HAS IN SOME PORTIONS TAKEN PRACTICALLY ALL THE LAND WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING UNDER THE PLAN OF RESERVATION OF EACH ALTERNATE SECTION

WE ARE, Therefore, Ready to Price and offer for sale such Sections in these localities as has heretofore been Reserved.

We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

DEFINITE PRICES ON THESE OR ANY OTHER LANDS WILL BE MADE UPON APPLICATION

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

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.**

RULING ON TAX PAYMENTS

Temple, Texas.—A ruling has been received from State Controller W. P. Lane that will affect buyers and sellers of property in adjusting the matter of taxes. The Controller holds that if a property owner who renders two or more pieces of property for taxation and sells one during the year before current taxes are due is liable for payment of the entire amount and cannot pay any part of his taxes without paying all that was due on his original rendition. It has been the rule that the seller of property would permit the buyer to deduct from the purchase price the amount of taxes due on same and the buyer thereby agreeing to pay when due. The original owner when settling his taxes would pay no attention to the taxes he had sold and would not pay them. Under the ruling the original owner cannot pay any taxes without paying all that are assessed against him, regardless of what he has disposed of during the year, thus if the purchaser fails to keep his agreement and settle the taxes on the property he purchased the original owner must pay the taxes. On the other hand, the purchaser cannot pay on what he bought until the original owner pays all taxes which are assessed against him.

Mace Hunter, of three or four miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

W. T. Wilson and family, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading and greeting their friends here.

YOUR TOWN

No town, county or community will ever prosper, to any great extent, where there is a division or strife of any nature. People in towns should strive to help each other, for in helping others you invariably help yourself. There is no man that cannot assist in the growth, prosperity and development of his town. However small its influence, it has its effect. Opposition is the life of trade and merit wins. No town will prosper and grow where a lack of enterprise and push on the part of its citizens is felt. The true motto of each and every citizen of our town is and should be to assist and help our neighbors; encourage business of all kinds (don't fear any danger in gorging the market in this line); do all you can and encourage all in the matter of improvement in making the town attractive and giving it a home-like appearance. When this is done people from a distance will form a good opinion of the place, and it will be an inducement for them to locate with us and become permanent and substantial citizens.

W. A. Copeland, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday on business and trading.

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan attended a mass meeting held last week in Hamlin for the purpose of perfecting an organization looking to the advancement of agricultural interests of Western Texas. He reports an interesting meeting and the organization perfected.

FINE CROP PROSPECTS

C. D. Copeland was in the city Saturday from his place six miles east of Spur. Mr. Copeland says that he now has the very finest crop prospects, having had plenty rain and everything in ideal condition. Last year Mr. Copeland was unfortunate in that the rains of the country passed around him leaving him dry and short cropped. We hope he will make a bale of cotton to the acre this year and have train loads of feed to sell.

Tol Merriman, of six miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here greeting his friends.

Bill Elliott was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and reports everything in the very finest shape in that section of the country.

W. D. Blair, a prosperous citizen of several miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week looking after business matters and trading with the merchants.

Mrs. Chism is reported by Dr. Grace, the attending physician, as being quite sick at her home in the city and although in a very critical condition the Doctor has hopes of her recovery.

C. E. McMurray, of Hope, Montague county, has been employed as a teacher of the Spur Lodge and has been engaged in such duties both day and night throughout the week at the Masonic Hall over the Wendell building.

BAPTIZING SUNDAY

Sunday one candidate for Baptism was baptized in the Spade tank by Rev. G. C. Berrman, pastor of the Spur Baptist Church. A large crowd was present to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. Travis returned Saturday from Crosby county where she had been to attend the annual reunion of the Travis family. There are near seventy-five members of the Travis family, and the annual reunions have become not only a source of pleasure to each but a noted event of the country.

Murdo McKenzie, formerly with the Matador Land and Cattle Company of Motley county but now superintending a big ranch proposition in South America, passed through Spur this week returning from the Plains where he had been to look at the cattle with a view of purchasing for shipment to South America.

Clay Smart, who is now drumming for a lace and embroidery company with headquarters at Stamford, spent several days last week in Spur, going out to the Afton country to visit Mrs. Smart who is teaching a school in that section. Clay says that he may not be getting rich very fast, but that he is improving in health.

WANTED—To rent five or six room house. State location and price. Will be permanent. Box 47, Spur, Texas

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LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

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

W. T. Duke was in the latter part of last week from his farm three miles southwest of Spur and he says that he has the finest crop prospects ever known in this or any other country. His crops, he says, are big and growing rapidly and everything is so healthy that it has a black greasy appearance. Hurray for the Spur country, just watch it grow and prosper.

Chas. A. Jones and H. P. Minahan returned the latter part of last week from Stamford where they had been in conference with Mr. Swenson with regard to the Spur Farm Lands and deep well interests. We have not learned the outcome of the conference with respect to the deep well operations, but we are confident that drilling operations will again be resumed at an early date.

NOTICE

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

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY ROUTE OUT OF SPUR

Postmaster N. A. Baker informs us that a rural free mail delivery route will be established the first day of July. The route will be south of Spur to Tol Meriman's; thence east to the Steel Hill school house; thence south one mile; thence east two miles, and then north to the J. Carlisle place; thence back up the railroad to Spur, being a total distance of twenty-two and two-thirds miles.

The route will supply ninety families daily with mail matter and will be recognized and appreciated as among the greatest public conveniences to be had by the people of the territory covered.

Mr. Baker has been working a year or more to secure this route and his efforts to secure such conveniences for the public of the Spur country is most commendable and is duly appreciated by the people of Spur as well as the Spur country.

Other mail routes out of Spur will be established as soon as the required number of patrons can be secured and proper roads are built.

John Law and family recently removed from Spur to his place in the Dickens country.

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Attorney B. D. Glasgow has been in attendance upon District Court this week in Matador.

Every cup is a cup of joy. White Swan Coffee. Sol has it, phone 139.

Fred O. McFall was in the city this week from his place several miles northeast of Spur.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins made a trip to Dickens last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins were trading in Spur Monday.

Messrs Homer Wilson and John Hughes visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Freeland, pastor of the Nazarene Church at Dallas, has commenced a series of meetings at the Duck Creek school house.

Miss Edna Wilson is visiting Miss Mamie Bilberry this week. Messrs D. D. and Willie Hagins visited kinfolks at Clipper Saturday.

It is rumored that Steel Hill and a portion of Gilpin is soon to have a rural route. We hope that this is true for a rural route is needed.

My, but we have had bracing weather the last few days, but in spite of the continued weather crops are up to a good stand and growing nicely. Already the tide of coming prosperity is beginning to rise.

Mr. L. W. Bilberry and Mr. Chas. Brooks spent most of last week improving Mr. Bilberry's farm in the Clipper settlement. They report fine crops in that locality, and said that the largest rain the Clipper people has seen for several years fell while they were there.

The Mother's Day services conducted by Rev. W. B. Bennett at the Duck Creek school house Sunday will long be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be present on that occasion. The program was beautifully and impressively rendered by the Duck Creek Sunday School and friends of the Sunday School and we feel sure that everybody present enjoyed a feast. — Johnny Jump-Up.

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WORK WILL AGAIN BE RESUMED ON DEEP WELL

Chas. A. Jones returned this week from Stamford where he had been in conference with E. P. Swenson of the firm of S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York with respect to the Spur Farm Lands interests and especially the work on the deep well now being drilled in Spur.

Several days ago work on the well was suspended awaiting the arrival of Mr. Swenson from New York to give definite instructions regarding a proposed change of plans in the drilling operations. The well is now three thousand and eighty feet deep and just as soon as new piping and casing can be made and shipped from the factory the work of drilling will be resumed, and Mr. Jones assures us that the work will continue to a successful termination, or so long as the best well-drilling equipments combined with experienced and expert well drillers supplied with unlimited money can operate.

The plan now is to set the casing at the present depth and begin the drilling of a four inch hole to the completion of the well. Those familiar with drilling operations think that within the next few hundred feet an artesian stream of water will be encountered, and those identified with the operations as well as the general public of Spur and surrounding country are very hopeful of an early termination of the work and most optimistic of bringing in an artesian well.

As it stands now the well represents three years of incessant labor and the expenditure of thousands of dollars on the part of the Spur Farm Lands Co. in an effort to secure pure artesian water for Spur, and the statement coming from Mr. Jones at this time to the effect that everything that money, men and machinery can do will be done to secure artesian water will be appreciated not only by the citizens of Spur but the general public of this western country.

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TAP TELLINGS

The present prospects are most favorable for a bumper crop.

J. Z. Smith and family of Kent county was visiting at the home of T. S. Lambert Sunday.

John Sparks and wife returned Saturday from an extended visit with relatives at Rule, Texas.

Another fine rain fell here Monday night and continued showers fell throughout Tuesday.

County Missionary J. V. Bilberry passed through Saturday en route to Cat Fish to fill an appointment there.

Miss Oma Williams of White River community were here Sunday the guest of Miss Clara Hinson.

Sylvanus Neal spent a few days the past week with friends and relatives in Spur, returning Monday on the mail hack.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. J. S. Neal this week. The regular program was carried out, and some new members have been enrolled since the organization.

The Tap school closed last Friday one of the best terms in its history. Prof. Greenwade is to be highly commended for the efficient work he has accomplished during the past six months.

The Martin children, who have made their home with J. S. Neal since the recent death of their father, left last week for Elmhouse, Navarro county, Texas, where they will in the future reside with relatives.

The W. O. W's are arranging for a big day here the sixth of June. An interesting program will be rendered. Everybody and all his kinfolks are cordially invited to attend. Everyone interested in the graveyard will meet early to work the yard, after which the program will be rendered, including dinner. Of course, I'll be there. — Gadabout.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Wednesday from his Cat Fish Ranch and spent several hours here. He reports good rains and everything in the finest shape in his section.

DUCK CREEK MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAM RENDERED

The following is the program which was so touchingly rendered at the Duck Creek School house, Sunday May 12th:

Song, Nearer My God to Thee, by the congregation.

The welcome address, by Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

Song, Mother and Home, by the choir.

Reading, I've Left the Angels Mother for a Kiss and a Touch of your Hand, by Cecil West.

Song, My Mother's Bible, by the choir.

Reading, My Guardian Angel Mother, by Miss Edith Lovell.

Reading, Mother I Think of You, by Miss Ruth Hawkins.

Song, The Beautiful Gates Ajar, by Mrs. West.

Reading, Since Mother Died, by Miss Ollie Adams.

Reading, O Little Mother of Mine, by Harvy Lovell.

Why God Made Mothers, by Emmett Hagins.

Song, The Old Fashioned Photograph, by Mary and Adrien Bennett.

Reading, Rock Me to Sleep Mother, by Miss Lillie Hagins.

Reading, White Carnations, by Mary Bennett.

Song, Beautiful Hands, by the choir.

Reading, Nobody Knows but Mother, by Lucy Lee Hagins.

Reading, Only One Mother, by Alma Lovell.

Reading, Mother the Sweetest Gift, by Jewel Sampson.

Reading, The Birthday Prayer, by Mattie Hagins.

Quartette, My Mothers Growing Old, by Messrs W. B. Bennett, A. C. Miller, Fred Henson and Cecil Bennett.

Reading, The Mother and Child, by Eunice Hawkins.

Reading, The Mothers Recompense, by Eunice Sampson.

Reading, I'm Answering Mother's Prayers, by Adrien Bennett.

Song, I'll Meet You Mother, by the choir.

All who were so unfortunate as to miss hearing the reading of the above, certainly missed a treat. — One Who Was There.

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