

BEST COTTON MARKET

Throughout this fall Spur Merchants and Cotton Buyers have been paying from two to five dollars a bale more than the market price.

THE TEXAS SPUR

A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

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10.50 TO 11.25

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SUMMER NORMAL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SPUR

A meeting of the citizens of Spur was held Wednesday evening for the purpose of discussing ways and means of securing the establishment of a Summer Normal School in Spur. A number of citizens were present at the meeting and it is very probable that the necessary demands to secure such a school will be met by Spur people.

It is estimated that it will require near eight hundred dollars to finance such a school during a six weeks session. It is planned that the normal territory will embrace nine adjoining and surrounding counties, and that if one hundred thirty to one hundred fifty teachers within the proposed territory will attend the Spur Summer Normal the school will be self sustaining and will easily reimburse those who finance the establishment of such an institution in the beginning.

An institution of this character will be not only a great help to Spur as an educational center, but will be a big advertisement to the town. We feel confident that the Spur Summer Normal will be established.

NINE CARS PEANUTS SOLD ON SPUR MARKET

Thursday Mr. Davis, representing the Cleburne Peanut & Produce Company, was in Spur and bought nine or ten cars of peanuts grown in the Spur country. The peanuts were sold for eighty-four cents per bushel and the several cars will bring five or six thousand dollars into the country.

Mr. Davis said that the peanuts grown here are of superior quality and grade; in fact, the best peanuts grown in the state.

The sandy lands of this section are especially adapted to growing peanuts and when more farmers devote a portion of their acreage to producing peanuts the country will become more prosperous and a permanent market established in Spur to care for such produce. The soil of this country is not only rich, but varied, and will produce in abundance a great variety of products, and as the country develops diversified farming will also develop to the advantage of the country and the prosperity of the people.

COME TO SPUR

Judge McClain came in Wednesday from the Cat Fish country with cotton to sell to the Spur buyers.

Throughout the week the price of cotton has ranged on an average of from 10.50 to 11 cents, which is more than any market of the whole country has been paying during the same time.

Spur is the best cotton market in the country today and the people of a big surrounding territory should take advantage of the market prices as well as the prices of merchandise here offered. Spur merchants are after the business and are going after it in the right way. Come to Spur.

GROWING FEED CROPS

Fred O. McFall was in Spur Tuesday from his place two or three miles northeast of town. Mr. McFall said that "Mr. Hail" came along several months ago and harvested all the cotton on one whole section of land on which he and four or five other families live, and as a result they now have about six hundred acres of feed stuff growing on that section.

He says that he is ricking his feed and storing it up for either "hard times" or better prices. It is possible that the farmers thus forced to harvest only feed crops this year will come out in the end as prosperous as those who depended solely on cotton for a living and to furnish other necessities.

RAIN AND COLD WEATHER

Wednesday afternoon and night light showers of rain fell in Spur and over the Spur country, being accompanied here with a little hail which did no damage. The rainfall in Spur amounted to forty-seven one-hundredths of an inch. The weather has been much cooler and appearances indicate that the winter season is approaching.

FINE CONDITIONS

G. W. Robertson, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday with a four-horse wagon load of cotton, which he sold on the Spur market and also hauled out a load of merchandise and supplies.

He reports everything in fine condition in the Afton country, farmers gathering cotton and making big crops of all kinds.

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NEXT TUESDAY IS GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Although general election may not be important with respect to the success of political party nominees in Texas, yet, since our representation in governmental affairs will be based upon the number of votes polled at the general election it is important that every qualified voter should cast a vote on this occasion.

In Spur two elections will be held on this day, the general election and also a bond election for the purpose of securing funds to complete the Spur school building and also to take up some warrants already issued in the equipment and building of the house.

We are not familiar with the needs and demands of the school and consequently with respect to the bond election we cannot give the voters desired intelligence. However, since both elections will affect the people, both directly and indirectly, every voter should exercise his suffrage according to his information and best judgment.

SNEED GIVEN BAIL

John Beal Sneed, charged with killing Al G. Boyce at Amarillo, was given bond in the sum of \$20,000 by the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin Wednesday. Sneed was refused bail in the District Court, an appeal being taken with the above result. His trial will come up next spring. Sneed will also be tried the second time in Fort Worth, November 11th, for the killing of Al G. Boyce, Sr.

WANT SCHOOL TEACHER

W. F. Shugart, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and said that the people of his school district wanted a teacher to take charge of one of their schools. The trustees of that district are to meet Friday for the purpose of deciding whether or not to build another school house in that district, which is known as the Red Hill District.

It is thought that they will have sufficient funds to support a five or six months school and also build the extra school building contemplated. Every section of this country is earnestly and actively working for better schools and to promote educational advantages, and which fact is most commendable.

PREPARING TO KILL HOGS

J. L. Curry, of near Spur to the southeast, was in the city Thursday after salt with which to preserve his winter meat supply. However, he stated that he would not kill his hogs until the weather cleared up and probably not before a killing frost. One commendable fact pertaining to the farmers of the Spur country is that they raise hogs for home consumption and a few are engaged in the hog raising business more extensively and contribute to outside markets. The Spur country is among the greatest hog countries of the state and the time is approaching when the country will become a factor in the marketing of fine hogs. Mr. Curry stated that he had picked over his cotton three times and would probably go over his crop another time before the end of the season. He has thirty-five acres from which he expects to gather fifteen bales of cotton. Some of his crop averages more than a half bale while other portions average less to the acre.

SPUR MARKET PAYS 11.25 CENTS FOR COTTON

Thursday of this week the price of cotton on the Spur market again reached the high price of eleven and a quarter cents a pound. Throughout the week the prices advanced from ten and a half cents to eleven and a quarter Thursday, and the possibility is that the price may go higher.

A cotton expert now in the city stated that throughout the season the merchants of Spur have continuously paid more than two cents a pound above the real market price of cotton. The fact of the business is that the merchants and business men of Spur are giving the farmers of this territory a cotton market equal to and even surpassing the cotton market of New York City and other shipping ports.

As said heretofore, in connection with a superior cotton market, the merchants of Spur are offering merchandise of every character at prices to compete with any trade center, and to substantiate such statements we refer readers to the advertising columns of the Texas Spur each week where will be found represented the live firms and their offerings to the trade.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE CONVENES IN SPUR

The Dickens County Teachers' Institute convened in Spur Monday. County Superintendent of Schools, F. C. Gipson, was present and presided over the Institute in the opening exercises. There were about forty teachers present.

The institute will continue in session throughout the week, the several schools of the county having dismissed pupils for the week.

Monday night the teachers in attendance were entertained by local talent at the school auditorium, the program being made up of selected numbers rendered by the Spur Orchestra, readings by Misses Donnalita Standifer, Erma Baker, Reynolds and Mrs. Mace, songs by High School Glee Club, and instrumental music rendered by Misses Erma Baker, Opal Berryman and Mrs. Bachelor. The program was highly entertaining and enjoyed by all present.

SELLING GRASS LAND

C. F. Cates reports that the Spur Fram Lands management has sold several sections of grass land recently to local citizens and ranchmen. On account of the conditions prevalent in the country as a whole very little has been doing in the sale of lands here and elsewhere in Western Texas during this summer and fall. However, such conditions will not continue always and we expect the tide of immigration to again flow westward at an early date.

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**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
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ABOUT BACK-BITERS

The tongue is a little member, but it sometimes kindles a great conflagration. Whole communities have been thrown into a state of pandemonium on account of a few tongues wagging too freely. Too much care cannot be exercised in the choice of the words that are allowed to escape our lips. The man who shoots at random will likely kill somebody sooner or later. The individual who talks at random will likely say something that will stir somebody's bad temper, and a bad temper once started runs riot. The back-biter is the most despicable character in the whole community. He or she is to be shunned as you would the rattlesnake. They are usually all smiles when you are talking to them, but when you are once out of their sight they begin saying things about you that they would not think of saying in your presence. And what they say about you is frequently taken up and enlarged upon until a very small matter becomes a very great matter. Then when the attempt to undo the wrong is made there is trouble and plenty of it.

All of us are very careful of the character of coins that are placed in our hands. If, in receiving change there is one suspicious looking coin, we take it out from the others and examine it carefully before we put it into our pocketbook. We should be even more careful in the selection of our words. A bad coin received and placed in our purse impoverishes our material wealth, but a bad word that escapes our lips and enters into the

life of another may be the means of impoverishing a human soul. Yea, such a process may result in turning a life out of the paths of righteousness to go into the long weary way of death and destruction. We cannot be too careful of what we say to others. When we are in the company of those who would slander others, it would be no breach of etiquette to turn away from them and leave them to speak their words where they will reach no other life, but be reflected back upon themselves. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."—Exchange.

Otho L. Haile, merchant of Afton, was in Spur recently on business.

L. G. Wilhite was at Dickens the first of the week on business.

Uncle John Pew, of the Spur Ranch, was in Spur Saturday.

CIRCULATION INCREASING.

During the past few weeks numbers of new subscribers throughout the Spur trade territory have been added to the Texas Spur's large circle of readers and the paper is now a visitor in almost every home in this section.

It has always been our purpose to issue a paper that would merit the confidence of the public and the marvelous growth of the Texas Spur from a circulation viewpoint is impressive to us that we have been successful. We want to see the Texas Spur a weekly visitor in every home in this section, and if you are not one of our readers your subscription will be appreciated.

Willis Smith, of the Lower Red Mud country, was trading with the merchants of Spur Saturday. He reports that the farmers of his section all made good crops this year.

Ed Irvin, of Clairemont, was in Spur Friday, spending several hours here on business.

W. J. Duncan, a prominent farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Friday with cotton and trading with the merchants of Spur.

R. R. Johns, a good farmer of four miles north of Spur, was a recent business visitor in Spur and while here called at the Texas Spur office.

L. G. Wilhite was in the city several days of last week in the interest of the Great Western Loan & Trust Company, of Sweetwater.

H. Morrison, of Rotan, was in Spur last week visiting his parents, R. R. Morrison and wife, and on business.

Miss Willie Belle Martin, teacher of the Rising Star school, was shopping in the city Saturday.

TWO GOOD GINS

It would be well for the farmers of the Spur country to remember that there are two of the most complete gins in the state located in this city, both of which are equipped with the latest and best machinery.

But the main thing to be considered is that Spur is the best cotton market in this section of Texas. The marketings at this point are surpassing expectations and the bulk of the cotton ginned in Dickens county is being sold here. The farmer who has cotton to gin or to sell and who lives within a reasonable distance of the city should consider these things before going elsewhere.

Will Cathey, of the Modern Tailoring Company at Jayton, was in Spur Sunday between trains.

Dr. Myers, of Haskell, Specialist, was in Spur Saturday on business.

A. Hutchingson, a prominent farmer of four miles south of Clairemont, was in Spur recently and spent some time here on business.

W. M. Hunter, of a few miles west of Spur, was in Spur Saturday on business. He informed us that he had finished picking cotton and would soon begin preparing his land for another crop.

John Luce, a prominent farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs. Mr. Luce is among the new subscribers to the Texas Spur.

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Lost.—Between my residence and Post Office, gold bar pin; N. M.J. on front.—Mrs. Yancy Jones.

Sheriff Cole, who is now living on his farm between Dickens and Spur, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

T. L. Higginbotham and wife returned Monday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state and also a short visit to the State Fair.

T. A. Corbett, who has been spending some time on the Plains at Lubbock, Plainview, Crosbyton and other points, is again in Spur looking after his business interests here.

A. E. Barker, a prominent citizen and business man of Mart, was in Spur this week on business. Mr. Barker owns Spur Farm Lands property near Spur, which is being improved and cultivated and on which is growing fine crops this year.

MANY BALES GINNED

J. V. McCormick, who is operating the Afton gin this year, was in Spur Wednesday shaking hands with his many friends here. Mr. McCormick came in after repairs for his gin, he having had the misfortune to break down his press. He said that he had already ginned more than seven hundred bales of cotton, and since the cotton crop of that section is only about half gathered at this time, it is very probable that several hundreds of bales will be ginned between now and the end of the season.

T. A. Smith, of the Lower Red Mud country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and reported everything in good shape in his section of the country.

FOR SALE—A few tons of maize, reasonable if taken at once.—P. E. Johnson, 3 miles west of Girard.

Mrs. W. B. Griffin returned the latter part of last week from Dallas, where she spent several days attending the Fair and visiting relatives and friends.

Lost.—A heavy winter lap-robe either in Spur or between Spur and the Spade Tank. Finder please return to Texas Spur office.—J. D. Powell. 52 lt

Mrs. Cephus Hogan was operated upon Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital, and we are glad to note that she is reported doing nicely at this time. This is the second time that Mrs. Hogan has been operated upon for a similar disorder and friends of the family hope that this later operation will effect a permanent cure.

Willis Smith, Jr., of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday with cotton which he sold on the Spur market at the prevailing prices. Mr. Smith said that he had several bales yet unpicked in the field but that he is keeping up with the work.

I have just received a new stock of clocks and can supply you with the best selections at the best prices. Come and see me.—A. T. Odenal, at J. A. Lambdin & Co.

C. D. Copeland, of five or six miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and reports that he is now up with his cotton picking, having had a large force of pickers on his place the past several weeks. Mr. Copeland has several hundred acres of cotton this year and from this large acreage has already harvested a large number of bales and will secure several more bales before the end of the season.

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

The following officers were nominated in the July Primary for Dickens County officers to be elected in November, General Election.

For Representative (105 District):
A. J. Hagins

For County Judge:
O. S. Ferguson

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner

For County and District Clerk:
Crawford Cobb

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego

For County Commissioner, (Pre. 3):
Jeff D. Reagan

For Public Weigher:
C. H. Perry.

PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE

Woodrow Wilson will win because the American people want a president who will be the president of the people, not of the interests.

Our country has prospered marvelously, and it is still going ahead. But in recent years its progress has not been as rapid as Western Canada. Thousands of American farmers have emigrated across the border and entered the promised land. Why? Because in Canada the farmer is not oppressed by the tariff and the trusts.

The average man understands that he must eat his bread in the sweat of his face, according to the divine decree. But he does not want to have another enjoy the products of his labor. He does not want to carry on his back a luxury-loving millionaire who by his cunning has become enabled to raise the prices of the worker's luxuries and necessities.

For over a generation the republican party has been in alliance with the big rich, taking huge campaign contributions from favor-seeking special interests and delivering in high tariff laws and immunity from trust prosecution the price of infamy.

When Taft broke his pledge of tariff revision downward in 1909 and signed the upward revision

tariff bill, the people at last awoke to the fact that the presiding genius of the republican party is Barabbas. It was too plain to get over. The ninth commandment had been violated to break the eight. Part of the penalty was inflicted. A democratic house of representatives was elected in 1910 and the rest of the penalty will be inflicted this year in the election of a democratic president.

The people do not expect a Utopia from Woodrow Wilson. There will still be death and taxes, but there will be a greater chance for life, because of the reduction of the high cost of living, and the tariff taxes from the present millionaire-enriching maximum will be reduced to a government-supporting minimum.

Woodrow Wilson is the people's candidate, under obligations to nobody, and controlled only by God and his conscience. —Crosbyton Review.

Jno. W. Watt, of Rotan, was in Spur last week and spent some time here on business.

Ben Hagins was a business visitor in Spur recently from his farm on Duck Creek several miles southeast of town.

Jeff Pirkle, of the Prairie View community, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Poet Hagins, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Monday on business and reports everything all o. k. in his section of the country.

T. A. Lively, of Rotan, for several years with R. R. Morrison in the mercantile business, was in Spur Friday and Saturday.

C. C. Cobb, our genial County Clerk, and lady came down from Dickens Wednesday and spent the day here shopping and visiting friends and relatives.

Emmett Johnson, a prominent farmer of near Rotan, who together with his family is visiting J. P. Higgins and wife, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business.

Mr. King, a good farmer of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday with cotton. He has made good crops this year and like many other farmers of the Spur country, is in enjoying the benefits of reaping a good harvest.

W. B. Griffin returned Monday from Dallas where he has been employed as one of the extra force of salesmen for Butler Brothers during the Dallas Fair. Burley made good as a salesman, met many dealers of every section of the state, and doubtless received a more extensive knowledge of merchandise and commercial business of the country.

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JUSTIFIABLE MURDER

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W. Bender, a prominent farmer of a few miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

John Caraway was in Spur Saturday from the Spur Ranch and spent some time here on business.

W. J. Duncan, a good farmer of the Afton country, was in the city recently selling cotton and trading with the merchants of Spur.

E. W. Cross, a prominent farmer residing in Kent county about twenty miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday with cotton and also trading with the merchants.

Uncle Wash Robertson, an enterprising farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Friday with a number of bales of cotton which he sold on the local market. While in the city he was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and renewed his subscription to the paper, for which he has our thanks. Uncle Wash informed us that he had picked out seventeen bales of cotton and had about thirty-five more in the field to gather.

HALLOWEEN

A hundred years ago Halloween was an article of faith with many people in Scotland that witches, warlocks, devils, fairies and other imps of earth and air had a special license on this particular night, and celebrated their anniversary by communing with mortals and foretelling future events to all who dared to approach them.

"The passion for prying into futurity" was probably accountable for the importance attached to the "haudin' Halloween" in the old days. Up to the middle of last century, faries, waterkelpies, witches and the like were still believed in by many, and even at a later period it was not uncommon in out-of-the-way places to meet with old people who had seen and had dealings with the "good folks" or who knew some one whose word was beyond dispute who had.

There were skeptics in the old days, however, who had difficulty in taking the general belief for granted. But while there was doubt, it was best to err on the safe side, and even the skeptic, when belated with a suspicious road to travel alone, would hesitate before giving expressions to his want of faith.

The principles by which the spells and charms of Halloween were first put was the endeavor to discover for young people of both sexes who their future partner in married life would be, the results of which were seriously considered by the participants. But the spook ideas of Halloween are now numbered in the past and its coming and going is now considered merely a joke.

The celebration of Halloween is now marked with various masquerade gatherings and the topsy-turvy arrangement of signboards, vehicles, out-houses, etc., on the streets of our cities, towns and villages.

The event was celebrated in Spur by several spook parties and gatherings, and, judging from the manner in which several youngsters of the town have been expressing themselves during the week, no doubt the merchants and business men will find their business under an assumed name and a complete rearrangement about the premises on arriving down town this morning.

Miss Henson entertained with Progressive Forty-Two Friday night to a large number of guests and all report having spent a delightful evening.

J. N. Luce, one of the good farmers of the Red Mud country, was in Spur recently and while here was a pleasant caller at our office and subscribed for the Texas Spur. Mr. Luce informed us that he had made good crops this year.

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W. E. Kellar returned Saturday from Dallas where he spent several days visiting the State Fair. He reports having an enjoyable time and having seen many sights well worth the trip.

G. L. Barber, who has been doing grade work on the Santa Fe extension near Lubbock during the past several weeks, arrived in Spur Saturday for a few day's visit to his family. Mr. Barber informed us that he had almost finished his present contract and would soon remove his grading outfit to a point in Bailey county.

Judge O. S. Ferguson and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur this week attending the Teachers' Institute which has been in session throughout the week. All the teachers of Dickens county are in attendance upon the institute, and although Judge Ferguson will occupy the Judge's office of Dickens county during the next two years he said that he would continue to attend the institute to keep posted and refreshed on school matters.

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A MAN AMONG MEN

Hon. Cullen C. Higgins, of Snyder, who was a visitor at the home of his parents, J. P. Higgins and wife, of the Cat Fish country, this week, was in Spur Monday with his father who came here for medical treatment.

Prior to his retirement in 1910 Judge Higgins was Judge of the Thirty-Ninth Judicial District for several years; was a jurist on the bench of authority in whom all recognized an even distribution of justice and a man possessed with that untainted character that won for him the respect and confidence of his constituents. Though yet practically a young man, Judge Higgins is a man among men in Texas, and is possessed with all those noble characteristics that would make a bright chapter in the future history of our country. His eminence is unsurpassed as a lawyer, a statesman and a Christian gentleman. He is a man that had rather clasp the husky hand of an honest peasant in token of friendship than enjoy the luxuries of the tainted rich. He is a citizen truly fit for the highest office in the state, and would make a most trustworthy chief executive for the great commonwealth of Texas. We need just such men as Cullen Higgins at the helm of affairs at Austin and at Washington if we desire the assurance that the affairs of state be conducted "in decency and in order."

S. B. Scott, of Watson, was in Spur last week trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs.

NEW HOPE

Grandpa Gentry had business on Croton this week.

J. W. Clark has sold his restaurant at Afton.

There was singing at New Hope Sunday afternoon.

Cotton has been opening very slow in our community.

Mr. Burns, of the Stephens place, attended church here Sunday.

J. R. and Chas. Rodgers, of Wichita, have been visiting here during the past few days.

Mrs. Osteen, of Mitchell county, is visiting in our community. She reports that crops are almost an entire failure in that section.

We wish to correct a statement in our last letter in stating that Mr. Stegall had purchased the Clark and Elmore tract of land. The property was purchased by Mr. Overstreet.

Quite a large crowd assembled here Sunday to hear Rev. Bowling, of the Plains country, preach. His subject was, "What is the name of a Christian when first called Christians?" A sumptuous dinner was spread at noon which was enjoyed by all present.

Rev. Clark West attended the services here Sunday. He is a young preacher and no doubt will do much good for the cause of Christ.—Onion.

W. M. Childress, a prominent farmer of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Monday and spent some time here on business.

A REAL BADGER

Considerable excitement was created on Burlington Avenue Saturday afternoon by the appearance of a badger on the street. The animal had been presented to Dr. Grace the day before and not being placed in a sufficiently strong cage managed to extricate himself from the doctor's stronghold and gain his freedom. However, he was at liberty only a few moments as upon his appearance on the streets he was immediately surrounded by the townfolks and again placed in captivity. We understand that the doctor is contemplating a badger fight within the next few days.

Ross Edwards has returned from Floydada, where he had gone on business.

Riley Wooten, of Wake, was in Spur Sunday and spent some time here on business.

R. B. Bryant made a business trip to Stamford the first of the week.

Uncle Dick Holley, of the Liberty community, was in Spur recently with cotton.

W. S. Taylor, wife and baby spent Sunday on the Plains visiting relatives and friends.

J. W. Waggoner, residing several miles southwest of Spur in Kent county, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Ivan B. Brown, of the 24 Ranch, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here attending to business affairs.

J. M. Rodgers, a prominent farmer of near Clairemont, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday with cotton and trading with the merchants.

A number of lights were installed in the Red Front Drug Store this week which because of their artistical arrangement makes a beautiful illumination and adds to the attractiveness of the place.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Spur Monday for medical treatment, he having been troubled with some sort of heart trouble for several months past. However, we are glad to state that the physicians to whom he referred his case consider him improving and we hope that Uncle Pink will soon be again restored to perfect health.

FINE ROASTING EARS

Wyatt Taylor was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Plains country. He remembered us with a big lot of fine roasting ears and beans which were grown on his farm. Mr. Taylor is a successful farmer and he always remembers The Texas Spur. All of that section of the Plains country suffered from a hail and wind storm which almost completely destroyed the cotton crop of the country. However, the farmers in general are growing big feed crops of late corn, maize, kaffir corn and small grain and will suffer little ill effects of the short cotton crops.

SUSTAINS BROKEN ARM

Sammy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn of Spur, was thrown by an unruly horse Sunday while riding with friends near town and sustained his right arm broken just above the wrist. The broken member was given medical treatment by Dr. Standifer soon after the accident and nothing serious is expected to be the outcome of his case.

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DRY LAKE ITEMS

J. E. Brown had business in Spur Saturday.

Rev. McKnight, of Dickens, preached here Sunday morning.

Fred Jennings, wife and two little sons attended the singing here Sunday afternoon.

Luther Jones has been quite sick, but is now reported convalescent.

Rev. Geo. Berryman, of Spur, will fill his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

Misses Pearl Blackwell, Clatie Day and several other young ladies of Spur, attended the singing here Sunday.

Miss Jura Brantley was a guest of the Misses Cartwright Sunday.

T. A. Cherry and family spent Sunday at the home of their relatives south of Spur.

Henry and Shird Smith and Misses Mollie McBroom, Ettie Pruitt, Eunice McBroom, Idell and Davie Smith attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson and daughter, Miss Lottie, spent Saturday in Spur trading and visiting.

Bascum Tunnel left Friday for Stamford, where he will remain indefinitely.—Maiden Vine.

STATEMENT

Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of the Texas Spur published weekly at Spur, Texas, required by the act of August 24, 1912.

Editor, Managing Editor, Business Manager and Publisher, Oran McClure, Spur, Texas.

(Signed) ORAN MCCLURE.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th. day of Oct., 1912.

(Signed) OSCAR JACKSON
Notary Public, Dickens county, Texas.

J. P. Crump, a prominent farmer of near Spur, was in the city Tuesday with cotton and spent several hours here on business.

HOGS AT STATE FAIR

The hog industry was one of the leading features of the State Fair this year and over five hundred swine were on display. In the stock barn were animals ranging from the little pig weighing ten pounds to the mammoth hog weighing one thousand pounds, which is in such great demand at the Texas packing houses and is bringing the shippers nine cents per pound.

All breeds were shown, including the Berkshire, Poland China, Chester White, Tamworth, Jersey Red, Yorkshire and numerous others, indicating a disposition on the part of the Texas hog raiser to produce a better quality of pork. The famous razor-back was conspicuous by his absence.

The specimens offered for inspection this season are an improvement over last year and the entries by the Boys' and Girls' Hog Clubs, especially attracted considerable attention by reason of the excellent specimens exhibited. This is the first year that the younger hog raisers have participated in the event and from indications the entries will be considerably increased next year.

J. C. McNeil was a recent business visitor in Spur.

J. W. Smith, of the Plains country, was in Spur Monday with cotton.

Just received a lot of King's Chocolates.—C. H. McDonald. 48tf.

Jess Mosely and wife were visitors in the Dry Lake community Sunday.

J. D. Martin, a good farmer of north of Spur, was here Tuesday with cotton.

W. R. Wade left Wednesday for Baird for a few days visit to his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Simmons.

H. W. Jennings and wife spent the day Sunday in the Dry Lake community visiting friends and relatives.

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3. John Jones.
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5. Frank Bassinger.
6. W. T. Montgomery.
7. Francisco Quinonez.
8. Mignet Armenter.
9. Mrs. Eunice Bavousett.
10. Mrs. Florence Stephens.

C. L. Love was at Stamford the first of the week on business.

Just received a lot of King's Chocolates.—C. H. McDonald. 48tf

J. E. McArthur, a leading farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday with cotton and on other business.

J. A. Neighbors came in Tuesday from his farm on Duck Creek and remained in the city several hours trading with the merchants and on other business.

Mr. Wirz, the contractor who constructed the Spur Public School building, was in Spur this week for a final settlement with the School Board for funds due him on the contract. Mr. Wirz also built the Dickens Public School building.

W. H. Smith, one of the good farmers of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Tuesday and while in the city was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that several deer had been in his community during the past few days and invited the Texas Spur to come out to his place and participate in a big hunt.

MARRIED

Will Garner and Miss Mona Peters drove over to Dickens Sunday and were quietly married, returning to Spur Sunday afternoon. An infare was given in honor of the bride and groom Monday by Mrs. Hyatt at her home in Spur, which was attended by a large circle of friends, who bestowed congratulations upon the happy couple.

The contracting parties have resided in Spur for some time and command the esteem of a large circle of friends. The Texas Spur joins their many friends with congratulations and wishes for them a most happy and prosperous married life.

Take dinner and supper with the Christian Ladies on election day at the Standifer building.

J. S. Neal, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

Jeff D. Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and spent several hours here on business.

W. H. Link and wife, of Aspermont, spent several days of this week in Spur visiting his brother, Geo. S. Link and family.

Miss Mary Jane Smith returned Monday from Stamford where she had been at the bed side of her sister, Miss Ruth, who died Tuesday of last week. The many friends of Miss Mary Jane extend sincere sympathy to her in this bereavement.

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Spur, Texas

LARGE INCREASE SHOWN BY CENSUS REPORT

The State Department of Education of Texas has completed the work of tabulating the census reports from the various counties of the state, and this tabulation shows that there were 1,017,133 pupils within the scholastic age residing in Texas on May 1, of this year.

On a scholastic apportionment of \$6.85 per capita a total of \$6,967,361.05 will be paid by the state in maintaining the schools for the present scholastic year.

This is the largest amount ever apportioned in the history of the state, and is also the largest per capita apportionment ever made. The scholastic population for last year was 991,409, and the per capita apportionment of state available school fund for the same year was \$6.80.

The report from Dickens county shows that we have 1,057 scholastics for this year, and figuring on a basis of \$6.85 as the per capita apportionment Dickens county will have a state school fund of \$7,240.45.

A big stock of holiday goods in great variety will be on display at the Wonder.

A. T. Odeneal returned Monday from Dallas, where he spent several days visiting his son and also attending the State Fair.

B. P. Vardiman, a prominent attorney of Clairemont, passed through Spur Wednesday on his way to Dickens, where he expects to locate and engage in the practice of law.

Allie Campbell, who has been with R. R. Morrison in the dry goods department, is now making preparations to move to New Mexico, where he intends to take up a claim and make his home in the future, at least for three years. We wish Mr. Campbell and family a pleasant and prosperous home in New Mexico.

SATISFIED WITH FARMING

B. E. Morgan, a prominent farmer of near Spur to the west, was in the city Wednesday trading with the merchants. Mr. Morgan formerly lived in Spur and owns valuable property here in connection with his farm land interests near town. We understand that Mr. Morgan is making good crops and is well satisfied with the business of farming.

Mrs. L. N. Riter, who has been spending some time with her son and family at El Paso, returned last week to her home in Spur.

The Christian Ladies will serve dinner and supper on election day, November 5th, at the Standifer building.

Mrs. Jessie Simmons, who has been visiting her father, W. R. Wade, during the past few days, returned Monday to her home at Baird.

Mesdames C. H. McDonald and Viola Flowers and Miss Crat Neely returned Monday from Dallas, where they spent several days attending the State Fair. Mrs. McDonald also spent some time with relatives and friends at Fort Worth.

A. A. Marshall, a prominent farmer of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Wednesday selling cotton and trading with merchants. Mr. Marshall said that his cotton crop is turning out satisfactorily and that the only draw-back encountered was a few "Blue-Weeds" on the place.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Messrs. Charlie Carlisle, Tom and Luther Hawkins and Willie Hagins attended the Dallas Fair the first of last week.

P. E. Hagins and W. B. Bennett attended the Masonic Lodge at Jayton Saturday night.

D. D. Hagins is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett and children visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Arnold and family last Sunday.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins and children spent Sunday with Jonas Carlisle and wife.

L. W. Bilberry and wife visited Pat Hollingshead and wife Sunday.

Judge Hagins, of near Jayton, was in our community on business the first of the week.

Most every body is through picking cotton in these parts.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter will leave Wednesday for California, where they expect to make their future home, Mr. Johnson having sold his farm in this community.—Johnny Jump-Up.

NOTICE—All parties are warned to refrain from hunting on my place.—Wayne VanLeer. 51-2tp.

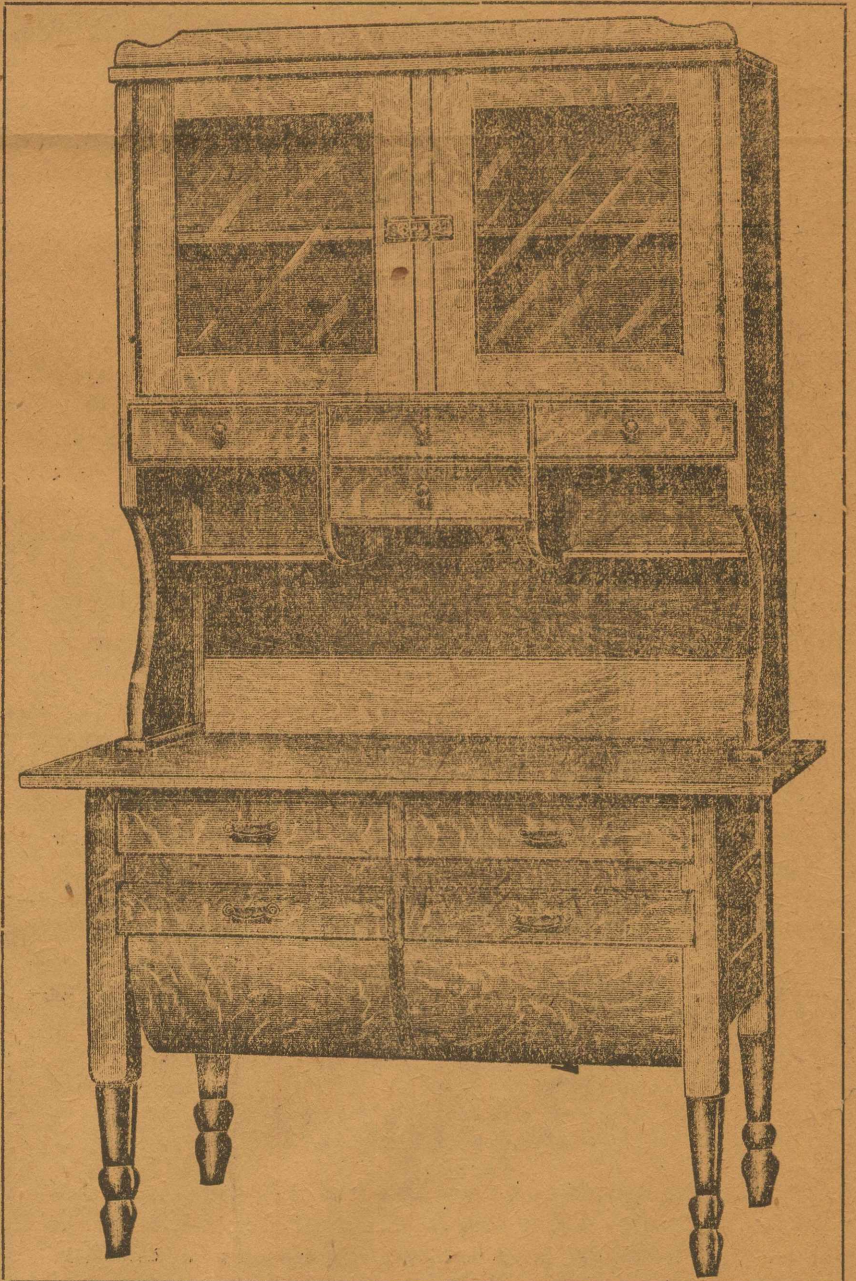
W. F. Godfrey, of the firm of Godfrey & Tyler, is now in Mineral Wells with his father who is sick.

N. Q. Brannen and Mrs. Cole, who were formerly with R. R. Morrison, are now employed in the Sol Davis establishment.



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SPUR COUNTRY GROWS FINE SWEET POTATOES

B. C. Palmer, an enterprising farmer residing five and one-half miles northwest of Spur, was here Saturday and while in the city was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving a sample of the sweet potato crop grown on his place this year.

The potato is of the pumpkin yam variety, is sixteen and one-fourth inches in circumference and would tip the scales at several pounds. It is well matured and would make a creditable showing with any of like variety grown in those belts of the state recognized as the leaders in produce production.

The sand and shinnery belts of the Spur country are especially adapted to the prolific growth of sweet potatoes as well as other truck and vegetable products, and many farmers of this section have filled their cellars with these commodities to supply their table during the winter months.

T. E. Rucker, of the Afton country, was a recent visitor in Spur and spent some time here on business.

DICKENS ITEM

Crawford Cobb, County Clerk, and wife visited Spur last Wednesday.

A few cases of dyptheria are reported at Crosbyton, on account of which the school has been suspended.

County Court convened in regular session Monday morning promptly at 10 o'clock and adjourned promptly at 10:10 a. m. the same day. Not much doing in County Court.

F. C. Gibson is having his old drug store building torn away, and in its place he will put up a new and more commodious building. The structure will be 24 by 70 feet with iron siding, and when in his new building, Mr. Gibson will be better prepared to accomodate his customers.

D. C. Sparks, of Tap, was in Spur Friday and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

Sebe Lambert, a good farmer residing ten miles west of Spur, was in the city Friday with cotton, which he sold on the local market at a satisfactory price. Mr. Lambert reports that the crops on his place as well as that entire section of the country are good.

COTTON CORPORATION LICENSED IN TEXAS

The Southern States Cotton Corporation, with a capitalized stock of one million dollars, and whose business headquarters is at Macon, Ga., has recently filed application with the State Department at Austin for a permit to do business in Texas. The principal place of business in Texas will be at Dallas, and W. B. Yearly of that city is to be the state agent.

The corporation is incorporated under the laws of Georgia, and, as published in a previous issue of the Texas Spur, has for its business the purchase, sale and storage of cotton and other commodities of the farms of the South. In fact, the company proposes to act as a clearing house for the handling of cotton and other products of the farm, and to receive, close or otherwise handle, offers for the purchase or sale of these products and to engage in such other business having for its tendency the assistance of the company as agent, trustee, middle-man, carrier or otherwise, to promote the efficient and economical handling of these products, and for which a reasonable commission will be charged.

Two shares in the corporation were sold in Dickens county several weeks ago, which affiliated the farmers of the county with the plan of the organization, and as many farmers of this section are manifesting a keen interest in the project, no doubt many bales of cotton will be sold through the company as soon as business arrangements have been completed and the various agencies to be maintained for the collection and dissemination of financial and agricultural reports have been established.

Jeff Pirkle was at Afton Saturday on business.

Penn Howell was in Spur Friday from his home near Afton.

A. D. Baker and wife, of the Dry Lake community, were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Willie Smith, of the Tap country, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Dr. Gibner, of Fort Worth, was in Spur Friday on professional business.

W. C. Martin was a business visitor in Spur Saturday from his place near town.

G. A. Pursley was in the city Sunday from his ranch near Girard.

R. L. Holt, of Dickens, was in Spur last week and remained in the city some time on business.

O. O. Love, Manager of the Gunn, Love & Co. mercantile business of Dickens, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Sheriff H. P. Cole, of ten miles north of Spur, was a business visitor in the city the latter part of last week.

Miss Grace Randmon returned to Spur Saturday after a several days visit to Miss Hattie King, at Cat Fish.

W. E. Mckinzie, of the firm of Lowrance & Mckinzie at Jayton, was a business visitor in Spur Friday.

J. C. Allison, of Afton, was in Spur several days this week on business. Mr. Allison will begin the construction of a new residence at Afton in the near future.

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Autumn

By Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

The first blush of autumn is tinging the maple
And splotches of scarlet and gold
Are seen in the exquisite leaves of the wildwood,
A beautiful sight to behold.

The breezes are ruffling the long amber corn blades,
The cotton hangs white in the field,
So soft and so spotless, so light and so fleecy;
A goodly and beautiful yield.

Slopes that were lucent and lustrous in summer,
The cattle pass by in disdain.
Birds flying Southward drop down in the stubble
To search for a random grain.

Fat stacks of amber are spotting the meadow,
The clover has lost its bright glow.
The first flock of wild geese are flocking over
And honk with delight as they go.

Companies vagrant of teal and of mallard
Are looting the promising pond.
Swifter the night falls and chill is the twilight
And frosty the morning dawn.

The peach trees are barren, the apples are falling;
Softly the leaves flutter down.
With splotches of dull grey the soft turf is painted;
The ivy is crimson and brown.

The bright harvest moon is aflame in the heavens,
The fire on the hearth flashes gold;
Fragrant the barnloft with scented clover;
The crops have been gathered and sold.

The long months of labor and waiting are over,
Quiet and peace like a charm
Are lovingly, broodingly, hovering o'er us,
And all is at rest on the farm.

Prof. George Haile, of the Dickens High School, was in Spur Saturday. He reports the school work progressing nicely at Dickens.

R. E. Thomas, an enterprising farmer of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Saturday with cotton and spent some time here on business.

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County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Thursday on business.

R. L. Smith, manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company of Spur, returned last week from Dallas, where he spent several days visiting relatives and attending the Dallas Fair.

Mace Hunter was in the city Thursday and said that he had his cotton about all picked out. He didn't say whether or not he had sold the staple, but he looked prosperous.

W. A. Johnson was in the city Thursday from his Dockum stock farm and reports everything in good shape. Mr. Johnson is one of the most successful farmers of the country. He diversifies, raises hogs, stock and feed stuff as well as cotton.

A. E. Barker, a prominent citizen and business man of Mart, was in Spur this week on business. Mr. Barker owns Spur Farm Lands property near Spur, which is being improved and cultivated and on which is growing fine crops this year.

R. L. Collier and family returned last week from a several days visit to the Dallas Fair.

George Cox, an old-time Westerner and now drumming for a leather goods company, was in Spur this week looking after the trade in his line.

Mrs. G. R. Elkins, of Big Springs, is in Spur to be with her sister, Mrs. Cephus Hogan, during her illness and confinement in the hospital as a result of an operation performed Wednesday of this week.

Misses Mitchell, who have been on an extended visit to relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state, passed through Spur Monday on their return to their home in the Afton country. They report a very pleasant visit but said that they were glad to get back to their home in Dickens county.

BUSINESS CLOSED

R. R. Morrison made an assignment and closed up his dry goods and grocery businesses in Spur and Rotan Friday of last week. R. R. Morrison has been doing business in Rotan and Spur since the beginning of the two towns and during that time has been doing a big and extensive business.

During the past three years short crops have prevailed in the Rotan country and as a result the business at that place could not make collections and because of such conditions the businesses were forced to close.

Mr. Morrison has been a great factor in the commercial interests of this section of the country and the failure is regretted by many patrons and friends, and it is to be hoped that arrangements can be so made that he can again resume business.

W. T. Wilson was in the city this week from his place about five miles east of Spur.

C. H. Senning made a business trip into Stonewall county last week on a collection tour for the Riter Hardware Company.

Mr. Ward, a popular grocery drummer of Stamford, was in Spur this week looking after the trade here. He reports the country as a whole in good shape and the merchants buying big stocks and the people in general in a prosperous condition. Come to Western Texas.



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WEST SIDE - SPUR, TEXAS

Manly Rose was among those who attended the Dallas Fair from Spur last week.

Prof. Geo. T. Barnes and wife, of Dickens, are in Spur this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller and also attending the Teachers' Institute being held this week in Sour.

Rev. E. C. Seaman conducted Episcopal Church services in the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night, with Holy Communion Thursday morning. Mr. Seaman was detained from his Tuesday appointment because of a funeral.

B. F. Crump, a prosperous farmer of Garza county, was in Spur this week buying supplies of the Spur merchants and also marketing cotton on the Spur market. Good crops are reported in Garza county and as a result the farmers are all in good shape and prosperous.

BIG ADVERTISEMENT

We have been to the Fair and saw many things while there. In fact, we could not begin to tell half what is there to be seen. We went up amusement Row, saw the fat men, monkeys and baboon the high diving girls, rode the scenic railway, went round the mill-race, saw the two-headed baby and many other attractions for ten cents each. In the exhibit hall we found only two West Texas counties, Terry and Hale, represented. These counties had fine exhibits of Western products as well as fruits and garden truck, and were awarded first premiums. On the grounds were exhibited every kind of machinery and farm implements. The showing of stock, including many breeds of cattle, horses and hogs, were worth seeing. The races were for big purses, but failed to excite us. The art hall exhibits were worth the time to see. The Fair is a big institution, a big advertisement for Dallas and those represented within the Fair grounds and the thing that most impressed us on leaving is that we had to pay for the advertising.

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