

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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During the week the prices of cotton ranged from—

11.00 TO 12.00

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Spur's Commercial and Agricultural Development

The third anniversary of Spur, Nov. 1, was remembered with pride by every citizen of the city. From an isolated section of land in the heart of the Spur pasture, lending itself toward the support of nothing save roaming herds of cattle, the site of Spur has, in the short period of three years, become the home of a thriving little city and one that has won the distinction of the commercial and agricultural metropolis of the South Panhandle.

Prosperity has marked the development of Spur from the beginning. The banks, merchants and other business enterprises of the town have experienced a remarkable increase in business this year. Of the scores of business buildings erected, several would do credit to a city of several thousand population. Some of these structures represent an approximate expenditure of \$40,000.

Special attention is due the remarkable development of the country contiguous to Spur. During the past year scores of immigrant families have permanently located here, modern country homes have been built and thousands of acres of virgin territory have come under a high state of cultivation.

From government, press and other reports we find that the crops grown in the Spur country this year are par with the best. Cotton produced an average of one half bale per acre and the feed crops typical to this section grew one of the largest yields ever known. Numbers of farmers devoted their principal acreage to truck farming and these crops grew as prolifically as in the recognized truck districts of the South, removing any doubt as to the future destiny of the country in becoming a truck and garden center.

Another staple crop successfully grown in the Spur country is the peanut. The sandy lands here are especially adapted to the growth of this product as is demonstrated by the fact that the farmers of these districts have shipped a number of cars from here during the fall.

COMMERCIAL FACTS

By Jeff D. Reagan

Oct. 31st was the close of the third year of the existence of Spur as a town, and it is fitting to review its history during the year from Nov. 1st, 1911 to October 31st, 1912, at this time. Any story about Spur must embrace not only the town of Spur, but also the territory known as the Spur Farm Lands and the

trade territory adjacent thereto.

It is satisfying to note that the class of business has been of a permanent kind, the kind that has come to stay, and it is conducted with the idea always in mind to build for the future. The people who have come during this period have come to take advantage of the conveniences to be had here, and to establish permanent homes, not only in town, but upon the newly improved farms, and a goodly number of the older settled farms have been added to and modern ideas adapted. Rural mail routes and telephones in the farm homes—once considered a luxury—are now deemed indispensable. Thousands of acres of farm lands have come under cultivation and the latest and best types of farming machinery and tools are used to get the best results. All improvements that take place on the farms means a greater business and prosperity for Spur.

The Commercial Club has worked for the upbuilding of the town, and deeming the farm the bulwark of prosperity has exerted its greatest efforts along the line of developing the farming opportunities that we have all about us.

Business opportunities attract money, but there are other attractions that must be in a town

to attract a substantial and home-loving citizenship, schools, churches and congenial associates. Spur is fortunate in having all. Six established churches, a splendid high school and that element and class that tend to adorn society wherever found. The churches were established early in the existence of Spur, and schools established, but it has been within the year that the splendid high school building has been completed and an efficient corps of teachers placed in charge of the various grades. This is not said to belittle the earlier efforts made in the Spur Public School, but to show that they have been well made and that the efforts made and directed towards the organization of a first-class school were not in vain. The Spur High School, in line with other institutions of learning, has encouraged athletics and outdoor sports among the pupils—both boys and girls—and has organized societies for debating, etc.

The Dickens County Teachers' Institute held its annual meeting in Spur the last week in October, and it was reported to have been an Institute of unusual interest. At the Institute a resolution was adopted endorsing the effort of Spur to secure the South Pandangle Normal. The efficiency of the Spur school

is evidenced by the number of pupils who have come to attend, and by the more important fact that a number of families have moved here and established permanent homes in order that their children might have the advantage of a first-class school. A citizen who has pride and ambition enough to move his children to a good school can always be depended upon to be the kind that makes a good town.

All business has been good this fall; merchants and bankers reporting an increase over preceding years. The individual deposits at the banks aggregate \$223,000, with a capitalization of \$165,000. The cotton shipments have been 4,000 bales, and it is estimated that the season's shipment will be 7,000.

It is reported upon good authority that the Crosbyton and South Plains Railway will be extended from Crosbyton to a connection with the Wichita Valley at Spur in the near future. At present daily auto service is maintained between these points. The postoffice business has amounted to \$4,100, not including the business of the Postal Savings Bank established during this period. The telephone and telegraph business amounted to \$7,000, and the railroad business amounted to \$85,000.

Municipal attention has been

given to street cleaning, and the establishment of a volunteer fire company equipped with chemical engine. Work has been done on the roads leading into Spur amounting to \$326, besides help in bridging creeks and repairing bad spots in the roads.

Since 1908 crop conditions all over Texas have been far below normal and Spur has suffered in that the development of the farm lands has not been as rapid as normal conditions would bring. Many homeseekers have come and found suitable places, but owing to the fact that they had suffered crop failures and scarcity of ready money they could not dispose of their holdings elsewhere and take advantage of the opportunity offered here. During the years of drouth and crop failures all over the South and West the Spur lands produced substantial crops and did not suffer as other sections, thereby demonstrating the drouth resisting character of the soil, and the fact that the seasons here are as reliable as elsewhere. That Spur furnishes a market for garden and poultry products is shown by the fact that the demand is greater than the supply, and the quantities sold have produced some very substantial bank accounts.

It is a fact worthy of notice that the impression made upon visitors to Spur is always good. The glad hand is ever extended and a hearty welcome, that comes direct from the heart, leaves a lasting impression of the spirit of cordiality and enterprise that is destined to make Spur the queen city of the South Panhandle.

EDWARDS-HOGAN CO.

Edwards-Hogan Co. is the only firm in the city making a specialty of gents' furnishings, and in making this item of trade the specialty of their business, the wide-awake proprietors have shown a far insight into the selection of quality goods, every article of merchandise displayed representing the very highest standard of perfection.

The Walk-Over Shoe, the best ever sold for the money—they have a pair to fit every foot, Arrow Brand Shirts and collars are sold by them under a positive guarantee. They all say that Edwards-Hogan Co. carry the noblest and largest stock of neckwear, and a look into their neatly arranged show cases is truth of this assertion. They also sell the Curlee Clothing, the best that money can buy, or will

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Spur Hardware Company

Spur's Commercial and Agricultural Development

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take your order for a tailored suit. Star and Stetson hats in any style or price. The best laundry, the Abilene Steam, is represented by them. They are also well equipped for tailoring and hat work.

SOL DAVIS

"The best is the cheapest" is the slogan vitally considered in the purchase and sale of every item of merchandise passing through the big general store of Sol Davis, and carrying a stock estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000, the management is enabled to, by buying in large quantities, to get the benefit of a saving in the wholesale market, which in turn is given their customers in the way of selling quality goods at a cheap rate.

Sol Davis is the only merchant of the city making a specialty of handling the famous Star Brand Shoes. This favorite brand of footwear is too well known by the trade for durability, style and fit as to need comment by us.

Davis and Stetson hats in all the season's latest styles and shapes are carried in stock. It is at this store that the celebrated Wright's health underwear for men and Snug-Fit underwear for ladies is sold. These garments represent the highest standard in both quality and comfort. The Rose Manufacturing Co.'s clothing, Southland shirts, nobby ties, gents' furnishings, etc.—the kind that merits the patronage of the people—are all sold by Sol Davis.

In the grocery department is carried a complete stock of fancy and staple groceries, candies, fruits, etc., and sold at prices that will meet all competition.

Sol Davis is one of the pioneer merchants of Dickens county and during the years he has been connected with this section in a business way he has maintained

a quality distinction for his business, having started in business in 1898 at Dickens.

CAMPBELL & CAMPBELL

One of the largest and most reliable furniture and undertaking establishments in West Texas is the house of Campbell & Campbell of this city. The management has, from the outset of the business three years ago, maintained a quality standard on every article of merchandise passing through the establishment, and, as a result, they are today enjoying a large patronage throughout this section, and the confidence of the public as a store of merit.

Here is the exclusive agency in this section for the Sealy Tuftless Mattress, the mattress for perfect rest and slumber—and sold on a positive guarantee for twenty years against becoming lumpy or bunched.

A complete line of undertakers goods, burial robes, etc., is always carried by this enterprising house, and is offered to those whose duty it becomes to pay the last sad rite to a loved one at the very lowest prices.

In furniture here is shown a complete stock of standard manufacture, and every article is sold on the merits of this firm for a square deal. Be it a rocker or mission chair, a library or dining table, kitchen cabinet or bed room suit, it can be found at Campbell & Campbell's, and at prices to meet the requirements of every purse.

One of the prettiest assortments of wall paper ever carried in this section of the state is shown here, and their large and varied stock of rugs, art squares, matting, linoleum and carpet is a showing that does credit to the place. Campbell & Campbell is one of the strongest and most reputable business concerns of the city.

RITER HARDWARE CO.

One of the strongest business assets of Spur, and one that has played a remarkable part in upbuilding the commercial distinction of the city, is the Riter Hardware Company. The business is flourishing under the able management of L. N. Riter, because, in the first place, he sells only that quality of merchandise in his line that will bear the acid test of perfection, and second, his prices are as low as consistent business methods will permit.

The famous Keen Kutter cutlery, builder's hardware, carpenters' tools, etc., holding a meritable distinction for a number of years in the hardware trade, constitutes a large portion of the Riter Hardware Company's stock, and one of the largest showings of select crockery, queens ware, granite ware, etc., ever purchased by a West Texas house, is carried at all times.

A varied and select assortment of silver ware, the kind that meets every requirement of the most careful buyer, is shown in the neatly arranged show cases. In the implement line this establishment represents one of the best known makes. It is the Riter Hardware Company who sell the Avery plows and farming tools. The Studebaker wagon, the standard for half a century, is sold and guaranteed by them, as is also the Studebaker and Avery line of buggies. Buck's stoves and ranges, the kind that are sold under a positive guarantee, is another item in the hardware trade that is making for this store a good reputation.

THE WONDER

One of the busiest scenes of activity in the city of Spur is The Wonder. It is here that Dame Fashion has made headquarters for the distribution of the latest creations in millinery, laces, trimmings, ribbons, novelties, etc. If you have never paid The Wonder a visit, it would be to your interest to do so because of the many beautiful and appropriate articles of dress wear there displayed, and they are all marked at selling prices that are a puzzle to their competitors—cheap.

The Wonder is now making extensive preparations for the holiday trade, and in expectancy of a large business in this line, have purchased one of the largest stocks of holiday goods ever shown this side of Fort Worth, and having thus purchased in a large quantity they received the benefit of a cheap price in the wholesale market, which in turn will be given their customers by selling this stock at the lowest possible price. It matters not what kind of gift you may want, they will have it, and at a saving to you.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE

One of the largest and most modernly equipped drug stores in this section of West Texas, and one that is meriting the liberal patronage of this people, is the Red Front Drug Store of this city.

C. W. Lowery, the genial proprietor, has left nothing undone nor spared any expense in adding to the attractiveness of the place in the way of fixtures and equipment, including a large and luxurious soda fountain, beveled glass floor show cases, golden oak wall cases with beveled glass doors, etc.

But these are not the real attractions making the Red Front the popular place that it is. Here is shown one of the largest stocks of jewelry, cut glass, hand painted china, etc., ever carried by a West Texas house, and it is on this line of merchandise that the Red Front takes first rank for quality goods at the price of inferior articles. Ask to see these goods when trying to settle the question with yourself as to the kind of gift you want for a friend or loved one for Christmas.

Also, we find here a complete stock of pure drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, sundries, perfumery, and a prescription department second to none in this country. Nunnally's candies—the standard of perfection—are sold here, and if you are a particular smoker your favorite cigar can be found at the Red Front.

The fact of the business is the Red Front Drug Store is a leader among the commercial assets of Spur, and because of the legitimate policy on which the business is conducted, it continues to grow.

GODFREY & TYLER

A pioneer establishment of Spur and one that has greatly assisted in the agricultural and commercial development of the town and country is the Godfrey-Tyler Realty Co. They have conducted an insurance and real estate business here since the opening of Spur, which, because of the presentation of facts in all dealings with the public and the push of the proprietors, has become one of the leading business factors of the city.

They write the Southwestern Life, the best policy in the Union. The Commonwealth, The Austin, Insurance Company State of Pennsylvania, St. Paul Fire & Marine, Virginia Fire & Marine, Providence-Washington, Eastern Underwriters and the Firemans and Firemans Fund, all of which are old line companies, and represented by them.

You should know that your loved ones will be provided for when you are gone. Life insurance solves this question. Life and fire insurance is no longer a luxury but an absolute necessity.

SPUR DRUG COMPANY

January 1, last, Jas. F. Williams, of Turnersville, Texas, purchased the stock of the Spur Drug Company and has since that time managed the business. The remarkable increase in patronage under the new management is evidence of the fact that Mr. Williams is a thorough and reliable druggist. The sales are now three hundred per cent above those at the time he assumed charge.

The Spur Drug Company makes a specialty of the drug business, and if true drugs and accuracy in the prescription department are to be considered, Mr. Williams is meriting the liberal patronage received. This store has been made the distributing agent for the Rexall remedies and toilet articles, one of the best lines medical science has ever produced. In fact, the largest and most complete line of drugs ever shown in Dickens county, is carried here, and the best interest of their many cus-

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BUYING COTTON SEED

Tom McArthur, of the Tap community, has recently located in Spur for the purpose of buying cotton seed and will probably remain in Spur throughout the remainder of the season for this purpose.

There are several cotton seed buyers in Spur which, as the result of keen competition, is causing an incline in the local market quotations.

W. P. T. Smith, of seven miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and on other business.

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

T. W. Neal, of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

Thanksgiving Turkeys—We have them, and they are fine birds, too. Phone us.—Spur Grain & Coal Co. 1 2t

W. T. Duke, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business. Mr. Duke is making fine crops this year.

Uncle Jim Jones, a good citizen of the Tap country, came in Saturday and spent several hours here greeting his many friends and attending to business affairs.

J. J. Martin, a good farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Martin reports his section of the country still in fine shape and the farmers still prosperous.

Mrs. J. H. Grace left Friday for an extended visit to relatives and friends at Stamford.

Fresh home-made candies and a complete line of fancy box candies.—C. H. McDonald. 1 tf

Mat Howell, of near Spur to the west, was in the city Thursday and spent some time here.

Mrs. King, of the Cat Fish country, is reported quite sick this week.

Roy Zinn made a business trip this week to Waco and other places, returning to Spur the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. F. Shelton left Friday of last week for an extended visit with relatives in Eastern Texas.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Saturday trading and looking after business matters.

J. R. McArthur was in the city Saturday from his place in the Tap country.

Uncle Jimmie Hutson, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here. Mr. Hutson is one among the first settlers of Dickens county.

John Callahan and family, of the Plains country, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants. John says that he is getting rich farming in that section.

J. B. Conner made a business trip this week to Dickens, where he spent some time probably making arrangements to move to Dickens and assume charge of the Sheriff's office, since in the general election he was elected to that office. Mr. Conner will make Dickens county a superior officer.

BUILDING A DESIRABLE HOMESTEAD NEAR SPUR

J. W. Smith, one of the good and substantial farmers residing on the Lee County School Land, several miles northwest of Spur, has recently purchased a one hundred and sixty-acre tract of the Spur Farm Lands four miles northwest of Spur and will at once begin to improve the place preparatory toward making it his permanent home.

Being situated in the fertile valley of Duck Creek, the soil is reliably fertile and productive along all lines of diversified farming.

We understand that Mr. Smith is formulating plans for the erection of a modern cottage home on his purchase, and, together with the several other modern improvements contemplated, this will be made one of the most desirable and convenient homes of the Spur country.

During the past few months the sale and development of the Spur Farm Lands has receded from the enormity of the business experienced in this respect for some time following the final opening of the country for settlement, which condition of affairs is attributable to the poor crop conditions this year prevalent throughout many sections of the South, distressing those sections financially and thus handicapping the farmers in the purchase of homes. However, several sales are reported for the past few days, and as better conditions are being experienced throughout the country as the result of an increase in the market price of cotton and other products of the farm, we predict that many farmers, from various sections, will have become permanent residents in the Spur country before the end of the year.

John Weatherby was in Spur Saturday from the ranch on business.

Mrs. Walker and son returned this week to Eastern Texas, where they will remain during the winter months.

Jeff Smith, of seven miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday attending to business affairs.

John Sampson, a prominent citizen of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city on business and trading Saturday.

V. W. Grubbs, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and on other business.

W. A. Copeland, of five or six miles east of Spur, was here Saturday trading.

W. W. Fewell, one of the most prominent and successful farmers of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday with cotton to gin and which he also sold on the Spur market at twelve cents per pound. Mr. Fewell reports that the farmers of his section made good crops this year.

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Will Walker was here Saturday with cotton from his place several miles east.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. W. Walker, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading.

J. W. McCormick, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

S. W. Rather, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday on business.

W. N. Blackwell returned last week from a trip to the Afton county where he spent several days on business for the Spur Hardware Company.

Mr. Burton, a prominent citizen and extensive farmer of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city trading Saturday.

Tom Wright, of Leuders, Joe Jay, of Jayton and Dr. Alexander, of Abilene, passed through Spur Saturday on their way to the Afton country on a hunting expedition, returning to Spur Monday.

Quite a number of citizens of Spur and surrounding country are making preparations to attend the opening of the new town of Freeport at the mouth of the Brazos River. The opening will be November 20 and hundreds of people are expected to attend from all parts of the country.

TO SHIP CAR OF HOGS

W. A. Johnson was in the city Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm and reports everything in good shape. Mr. Johnson says that he will be ready to ship a car load of hogs to the market about the first of December. He says that some of his hogs will weigh near four hundred pounds now, and that they were fattened entirely on maize. He considers maize as good as corn for fattening hogs.

J. H. Edwards, of Cisco, was in Spur on business the latter part of last week and spent some time here.

Dock Edwards was in Spur the latter of last week from his home in the Croton country and reports that he is progressing with his cotton picking.

L. G. VanLeer, who is now living on a farm several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and trading.

Mr. Neighbors, of the Duck Creek country, was in town Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

S. P. Odom, a prominent citizen of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. F. Verner left Friday for Abilene and other points where he will spend several days on business.

M. A. and A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, were in Saturday with cotton and trading with the merchants.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

CONTRACTOR WIRZ IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Mr. Wirz, the contractor who constructed the Spur High School building and also the school building at Dickens, fell from the school building at Throckmorton Saturday and sustained injuries from which he died soon afterward.

Particulars as to the cause of the accident are unobtainable at this time. Deceased was at work on top of the building when his footing in some manner was lost, he falling to the ground below with the fatal result as above stated.

Mr. Wirz was well known in Spur, he having resided here during the construction of the school building several months ago and was here on business connected with the school building about two weeks ago. So far as can be learned he had no relatives in this country, he being a native of Europe.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Saturday.

Bert Duncan, of Draper, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business.

W. E. McKinzie, merchant of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday on business.

NEW BUSINESS

A branch store of the Hall Music Company, well known throughout this section of Texas has recently been established in Spur and is being conducted under the management of Messrs Hall & Higginbotham of this city.

The business is at present located with the Texas Furniture Company and is carrying a line of pianos, sheet music, Victor Victrolas, phonographs, etc.

Spur is offering the best of inducements for new business enterprises of every character, and with the rapid development of the Spur country, these enterprises are sure to come.

W. C. Martin, of near Spur, was in town Tuesday on business.

Miss Myrtle Rodgers visited friends and relatives at Dickens Sunday.

I. D. Rodgers, of near Clairemont, was in Spur Saturday with cotton and trading with the merchants.

W. W. Ellis, a prominent and successful ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Monday on business.

O. W. Kev, a prominent stockman of Floyd county, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here on business.

Mrs. Lowrance and Miss Martha Hardin, of Jayton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hardin near Spur last week.

A. Hutchinson, of Clairemont, was in Spur Monday and left on the afternoon train for Stamford where he will be gone several days on business.

H. F. Wade, of Lockney, passed through Spur Monday en route to Clairemont for a few days' visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wade.

PAPERS COMMENT ON DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS

After sixteen years of Republican control the reins of government pass into the hands of a Democratic President supported by an overwhelming Democratic House and a Senate probably Democratic. Yet at this moment of triumph, when under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson the Democratic party has won its greatest victory in more than half a century, the party press mingle words of sober counsel with their rejoicing.

"The victory is no tawdry partizan triumph; no vote of confidence in the Democratic party as a party," declares the New York World, one of Governor Wilson's most influential supporters; "it is a mandate from the people, and woe be unto the leaders of this Democracy if they falter in obedience to this mandate." And the New York American, another powerful Democratic organ, reminds its readers that while under Governor Wilson's "errorless and brilliant leadership" the party has won a sweeping victory, "it has won because of a divided opposition." Moreover, says the American, "in the very magnitude of the Democratic victory is the measure of the enormous responsibility entailed upon the successful nominee to the party for which he stands." It adds that "if President Wilson proves to be as progressive as a majority of his countrymen, and if the Democratic party is both courageous and constructive, the party will gain still a greater victory in four years from now, and there will be no need of a Progressive party." — Literary Digest.

Dr. Standifer left Sunday for Plainview, where he will remain a few days on business.

Ollie Scott, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday with cotton and trading with the Spur merchants.

L. G. Wilhite returned to Spur Saturday after spending several days at Paducah, Guthrie and other points on business.

Mr. Waldon, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Monday with cotton, which he sold on the Spur market at 12.10 per hundred.

W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Emory Green, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours in the city attending to business affairs.

J. E. Shelton informs us that he has secured the appointment as postmaster of the Roaring Springs postoffice as soon as the town is established. We understand that it will be March or April, 1913, before the railroad arrives and the town established.

Horse Dentist!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

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DICKENS ITEM

C. F. Cates and wife, of Spur, were in Dickens last Wednesday.

R. L. Collier, of Spur, was in Dickens last Tuesday.

W. W. Selder, who runs the broom shop in Spur, was in Dickens last Wednesday on business, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Item office.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, of Spur, were in Dickens Thursday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cobb. Mr. Hyatt was attending the meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank.

Rev. T. F. Medlin spent Tuesday in the Red Mud country looking after his peanut crop. Bro. Medlin has about twenty acres in peanuts in that country.

Mr. J. C. Pirkle and Miss Hattie King of Spur, were married last Sunday, Rev. Mark Hardin officiating.

Mr. Willie Eldredge and Miss Mae Elsby, of the west side of the county, were married in Dickens last Wednesday, Rev. T. F. Medlin performing the ceremony.

J. H. Boothe was in the city Saturday from his place southeast of Spur.

A. A. Marshall, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday on business.

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.

Baxter Scroggins was in the city last week from his ranch in the Cat Fish country and reports everything in fine shape.

Tol Merriman was in the city the latter part of last week from his place six miles south of Spur. Mr. Merriman has recently built and is now living in a new residence on his place. New homes are being built and extensive improvements made in every section of the country.

Al Sullivan and Miss Allie Kellis were married last week at Stamford. Miss Kellis is the daughter of Henry Kellis of near Post City and one of the pioneer citizens of Western Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are now at their home near Spur. The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

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HOUSE LARGELY DEMOCRATIC

May Control by 118 Votes Over all Other Parties—Senate in Doubt.

Chicago, Ill.: The next House of Representatives, the sixty-third in the history of the Nation, will be overwhelmingly Democratic. At an early hour returns indicated that there will be 255 Democrats, 94 Republicans, 6 Progressives and 30 districts unreported. Total membership, 435. The foregoing shows the standing of the house of representatives in the sixty-third (new) congress. The total of 255 gave the Democrats 37 more than the 218 necessary for a majority and was 22 more than the Democratic membership in the sixty-second congress.

In the Senate there is very little upon which to base more than a guess, as returns regarding complexion of State Legislatures are coming in slowly. It is indicated, however, that Illinois will send to Washington two Democratic United States Senators. The Senate from scattering reports may be divided this way: Democrats 48, Republicans 40, and doubtful 3. In the doubtful list are included several Progressives who have a chance of election.

There is nothing at all uncertain about the next House of Representatives. All the Southern States have accorded their usual quota of Democratic members, whereas the Wilson landslide in various Eastern and Northern sections will add to the former majority of the party. It looks as if Indiana will send a solid Democratic delegation to the lower body. This will mean the defeat of Edgar D. Crumpacker, the lone surviving representative of the G. O. P. Joseph G. Cannon is not yet under the wire in the Danville district.

So far as the Senate is concerned it may be several days before anything like a correct division by party may be learned.

WILSON VICTORY COMPLETE.

Democratic Chairman McCombs Sends Word to New Jersey Executive.

Democratic National Headquarters, New York: Early returns on the night of the election from New York and the seaboard States were the cause of much exultation at Democratic National Headquarters. Chairman McCombs sent word to Gov. Wilson that his election was indicated by an overwhelming vote. Later he made the following statement:

"Victory is now complete. The returns are coming in so fast that I can not keep up with them. Gov. Wilson has carried Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, New Jersey and all of the South. National Committeeman W. R. King wires that Wilson will get 10,000 plurality in Oregon. I believe we will carry Pennsylvania for Wilson.

Electoral Vote.

States—	Taft	Wilson	Roosevelt
Alabama	12	12	1
Arizona	3	3	0
Arkansas	9	9	0
California	12	12	0
Colorado	6	6	0
Connecticut	7	7	0
Delaware	3	3	0
Florida	6	6	0
Georgia	14	14	0
Idaho	4	4	0
Illinois	29	29	0
Indiana	15	15	0
Iowa	10	10	0
Kansas	10	10	0
Kentucky	13	13	0
Louisiana	10	10	0
Maine	6	6	0
Maryland	8	8	0
Massachusetts	18	18	0
Michigan	15	15	0
Minnesota	10	10	0
Mississippi	10	10	0
Missouri	18	18	0
Montana	4	4	0
Nebraska	8	8	0
Nevada	3	3	0
New Hampshire	4	4	0
New Jersey	14	14	0
New Mexico	3	3	0
New York	45	45	0
N. Carolina	12	12	0
N. Dakota	5	5	0
Ohio	24	24	0
Oklahoma	10	10	0
Oregon	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	28	28	0
Rhode Island	5	5	0
S. Carolina	9	9	0
*S. Dakota	3	3	0
Tennessee	12	12	0
Texas	20	20	0
Utah	4	4	0
Vermont	4	4	0
Virginia	12	12	0
Washington	7	7	0
W. Virginia	5	5	0
Wisconsin	13	13	0
*Wyoming	3	3	0
*Doubtful	0	0	0

WILSON AND MARSHALL WIN

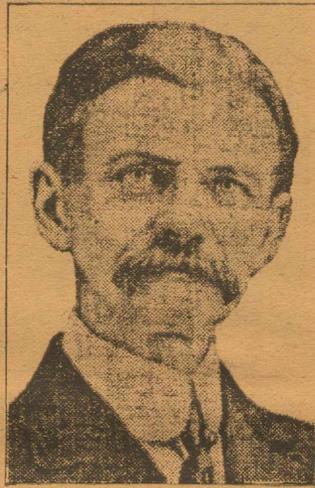
Late Count of Electoral College Vote For the Democratic Ticket Will be Above 387 in the Total of 531.

ROOSEVELT IS AHEAD OF TAFT

Latter May Possibly Lose His Home State to Wilson, and Returns Show Numerous Other Reversals from Previous Elections.



Woodrow Wilson.



Thomas R. Marshall.

New York: With the election of Woodrow Wilson to the Presidency and Thomas R. Marshall to the Vice Presidency assured by the earlier returns, these reports gave indications that the electoral vote of the Democratic candidates would pass the 300 mark.

In Pennsylvania the race was so close as to bring all three candidates within range of success. Early returns gave Gov. Wilson and Gov. Marshall the "solid South" and the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, West Virginia, Indiana and Missouri.

As the night advanced and returns from the West began to come in, these earlier estimates were confirmed and Montana, New Jersey and New Mexico were added to those that seemed certain for the Democratic candidates, while scattering returns from San Francisco and Los Angeles made it probable that California might join the Wilson-Marshall column.

The States where results were reasonably certain Wednesday afternoon gave the following electoral votes: Wilson 387, Roosevelt 99, Taft 12, doubtful 33.

Chicago reported later returns, which included many from Democratic counties in the southern part of the State of Illinois, took away the Roosevelt plurality shown in early returns gave Wilson a slight lead, his total on 692 precincts heard from being 14 votes more than Roosevelt.

Rhode Island also became a doubtful State on the returns near midnight, and, based on the later votes reported, it seemed not wholly improbable that its five electoral votes

would go to Wilson.

The early returns gave an apparent victory to Taft in New Hampshire and Vermont, but the Taft pluralities dwindled to a very few hundred votes in each State and seemed likely to be wiped out entirely. The vote in Utah, indicated the State might be carried for Taft.

The vote in Pennsylvania was amazingly close, the returns from over 1,000 precincts, embracing over 185,000 votes, giving each of the three leading Presidential candidates more than 60,000 votes.

The New York State Assembly seemed to be overwhelming Democratic. In Illinois indications were that Judge Dunne, the Democratic candidate for Governor, had won, notwithstanding the heavy Roosevelt victory. Former Speaker Cannon seemed to have been defeated for re-election to Congress in Illinois.

The returns from California were meager, but left the State in doubt between Wilson and Roosevelt.

Iowa, Michigan and Kansas appear to have been carried by Roosevelt.

The uncertainty regarding Vermont was settled by the announcement of the complete vote, which gave Mr. Taft a majority of 924 votes.

But little definite news from States of the Pacific West was received except from California, where a Wilson victory was indicated. The tabulation of votes in the other Western States was so slow as to make predictions impossible.

The Providence, R. I., Journal conceded that State to Wilson, and with the vote close in New Hampshire, it seemed probable that New England with the exception of Vermont, had gone over to the Democratic column.

SENDS TELEGRAM TO WILSON.

Colonel Congratulates Him Upon Election by a Great Plurality.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.: Col. Theodore Roosevelt made the following statement:

"The American people by a great plurality have decided in favor of Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party. Like all good citizens, I accept the result with entire good humor and contentment. As for the Progressive cause, I can only repeat what I have so many times said: The fate of the leader for the time being is of little consequence, but the cause itself must in the end triumph, for its triumph is essential to the well-being of the American people. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

About the same time he issued his statement, Col. Roosevelt sent the following telegram to Gov. Wilson:

"The American people by a great plurality have conferred upon you the highest honor in their gift. I congratulate you thereon. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

NEW YORK FOR WILSON BY 200,000

Majority of Election Districts in State and City Heard From.

New York: Woodrow Wilson was the choice of the State of New York for President by a plurality estimated at about 200,000 from returns received from nearly every election district in the Greater City of New York and from all but 500 of the 3,093 districts outside of New York.

President Taft led Col. Roosevelt in the same districts about 35,000.

Congressman William Sulzer was elected Governor with a plurality estimated at about 175,000 over Job E. Hodges, the Republican nominee, who in turn led Oscar Straus, candidate of the Progressive party, by about 15,000.

William Barnes Jr., chairman of the Republican State Committee, issued the following statement:

"The result of the election in the State of New York demonstrates one thing: That the Roosevelt movement was simply a Republican bolt. With all of the frantic efforts that were made to secure votes from people generally the result shows that practically none but former Republicans joined the Roosevelt movement.

"The decisive victory of Taft and Hodges over Roosevelt and Straus is a demonstration that the Republicans of New York desire the renomination of President Taft and that the delegates from this State properly expressed the preference of the Republicans when a large majority of them voted for Taft at Chicago."

Virginia in Wilson Column.

Richmond, Va.: Wilson's indicated majority in Virginia is 40,000 to 45,000.

Wilson Carries South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C.: Indications are that Woodrow Wilson has carried South Carolina by a majority over both his opponents of above 50,000. All Democratic Congressional candidates probably are elected.

Concedes Wilson's Election.

Washington: The Washington Times, Frank A. Munsey's paper, concedes Wilson's election "by a tremendous sweep."

Mr. Nobs—What is that, my son? Dudley Nobs—Why does Santa always leave valuable presents to rich folks and cheap ones to poor people? Why don't he even things up?

A Clean Sweep.

Caroline—I've been in the stores all day.

Pauline—So soon after Christmas, and still shopping?

Caroline—Shopping! I guess not. I'm exchanging all my presents.

ELECTION OF WILSON CONCEDED BY TAFT

MEANS EARLY CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARD TARIFF.

THE ROOSEVELT-DEBS VOTE

BeHooves Republicans to Gather Again to Party Standard, Says President in Statement.

Cincinnati, Ohio: President Taft early Tuesday night conceded the election of Gov. Wilson. He issued the following statement from his brother's home here:

"The returns insure the election of Gov. Wilson to the Presidency. This means an early change in the policy of the Government in reference to the tariff. If this change can be made without halting prosperity, I sincerely hope it may be.

"The vote for Mr. Roosevelt, the third party candidate, and for Mr. Debs, the Socialist candidate, is a warning that their propaganda in favor of fundamental changes in our constitutional representative government has formidable support.

"While the experiment of a change in the tariff is being carried out by the Democratic Administration, it behooves Republicans to gather again to the party standard and pledge anew their faith in their party's principles and to organize against to defend the constitutional government handed down to us by our fathers. We must make clear to the young men of the country who have been weaned away from sound principles of government by promise of reforms, impossible of accomplishment by mere legislation, that patriotism and common sense require them to return to a support of our Constitution. Without compromising our principles, we must convince and win back former Republicans and we must reinforce our ranks with Constitution-loving Democrats.

"We favor every step of progress toward more perfect equality of opportunity and the ridding society of injustice. But we know that all progress worth making is possible with our present form of government and that to sacrifice that which is of the highest value in our governmental structure for undefined and impossible reforms is the wildest folly. We must face the danger with a clear knowledge of what it is. The Republican party is equal to the task. It has had no nobler cause. Let us close ranks and march forward to do battle for the right and the true."

Mr. Taft has many times declared his intentions of returning to Cincinnati and resuming the practice of law if defeated and that intention was said not to have been altered.

President W. H. Taft sent telegrams to Gov. Wilson and Chairman Hilles of the Republican National committee. Here are the messages:

"Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 5.—Hon. Mr. Woodrow Wilson, Princeton, N. J.: I cordially congratulate you on your election and extend to you my best wishes for a successful administration. WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 5.—Hon. Charles D. Hilles, chairman Republican National committee, Times Building, New York City: You have conducted a most difficult campaign in the face of unusual obstacles. I congratulate you heartily on the fight you have made and I am deeply grateful to you for it. WILLIAM H. TAFT."

Wilson Statement on Election.

Princeton, N. J.: Responding to a telegram from the Democratic National chairman asserting that Gov. Wilson unquestionable was elected, the Democratic candidate sent a dispatch to Mr. McCombs as follows:

"I deeply appreciate your telegram and wish to extend to you and the members of the campaign committee my warm congratulations on the part you have played in the organization and conduct of a campaign fought out upon essential issues.

"A great cause has triumphed. Every Democrat, every true progressive, of whatever alliance, must now lend his full force and enthusiasm to the fulfillment of the people's hope, the establishment of the people's right, so that justice progress may go hand in hand."

This was Gov. Wilson's first utterance of a public character after his acceptance of the reports that he had been elected.

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COL. ROOSEVELT LEADS TAFT

Progressive's Advantage Is Slight,
However, and Race for Second
Place Seems Neck and Neck.

Dallas, Texas: Returns received show that the Democrats made a clean sweep in Texas, giving Woodrow Wilson a majority something in the neigh-

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Dallas, Texas: The following is the personnel of the Texas State government, excepting the House of Representatives and the Senate. All are regular Democratic nominees, except in the case of Hon. William Bierch-wale (Republican), elected to succeed himself as Representative from the Eighty-Seventh District.

United States Senator—Morris Sheppard.

Governor—Oscar B. Colquitt (re-election).

Lieutenant Governor—Will. H. Mayes.

Attorney General—E. F. Looney.

State Treasurer—J. M. Edwards (now serving by appointment).

Comptroller—W. P. Lane (re-election).

Land Commissioner—J. T. Robison (re-election).

Commissioner of Agriculture—Ed R. Koss (re-election).

Superintendent of Public Instruction—F. M. Bralley (re-election).

Railroad Commissioner (full term)—W. D. Williams (re-election).

Railroad Commissioner (two years)—Earle B. Mayfield.

Chief Justice Supreme Court (full term)—Thomas J. Brown (re-election).

Associate Justice Supreme Court (four years)—Nelson Phillips (now serving by appointment).

Associate Justice Supreme Court

M. D. Slater, John T. Briscoe, Walter S. Pope.

Congress at Large—(Two to be elected.)—Hutton W. Sumners, Daniel E. Garrett.

Congress by Districts—1, Horace W. Vaughan, Texarkana; 2, Martin Dies, Woodville (re-election); 3, James Young, Kaufman, (re-election); 4, Sam Rayburn, Bonham; 5, Jack Beall, Waxahachie (re-election); 6, Rufus Hardy, Corsicana (re-election); 7, A. W. Gregg, Palestine, (re-election); 8, Joe Eagle, Houston; 9, George F. Burgess, Gonzales (re-election); 10, Albert S. Burleson, Austin, (re-election); 11, R. L. Henry, Waco, (re-election); 12, Oscar Callaway, Comanche, (re-election); 13, John H. Stephens, Vernon, (re-election); 14, James L. Slayden, San Antonio (re-election); 15, John N. Garner, Uvalde (re-election); 16, W. R. Smith, Colorado (re-election).

Rain fell in portions of North Texas and this, perhaps, to some extent, interfered with voting. However, the light vote polled was probably due to confidence in Democratic victory. The returns indicate that the total vote is in the neighborhood of 270,000, as compared with 300,000 in 1908. The highest vote ever cast in Texas was 540,000 in 1896.

Gov. Wilson Casts Vote Princeton. Princeton, N. J. Gov. Wilson voted the straight Democratic ticket in the interior of an engine house. He was in the voting booth several minutes, and remarked as he came out that the ballot was so big he "had a hard time finding the Democratic Presidential electors." On the way to the voting booth he stopped abruptly in front of a little frame house. "When I was a freshman in college," he said, "I used to eat in that house. One night I got a fishbone in my throat and jumped off that piazza six times in an effort to jolt it out, but wouldn't out." When the nominee arrived at the polling booth he was greeted by a group of photographers and spectators.

Democrats Sweep Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind.: Indiana apparently went overwhelmingly Democratic. Gov. Wilson, on the basis of the returns from 517 precincts out of the 2,172 in the State, had almost as many votes as Taft and Roosevelt combined. Wilson was leading Taft by more than 2 to 1. For Governor, Samuel M. Ralston, Democrat, led over Albert J. Beveridge, Progressive, and Winfield T. Durbin, Republican.

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Governor O. B. Colquitt.

borhood of 150,000, out of a total vote which probably will fall something below 300,000, which was the vote cast in 1908.

The returns further indicate that Roosevelt and Taft combined have polled something less than Taft alone polled in 1908. Up until early Wednesday morning Taft consistently led Roosevelt in the returns, but in the latest summary these two candidates are practically neck and neck, Roosevelt leading by 109 votes. Debs, Socialist, has made gains over his record of 1908, the returns indicating that he has polled approximately 12,500 votes in Texas, as compared with 7,870 in 1908.

The four constitutional amendments were carried by large majorities, that for home rule of cities, which was bitterly assailed, doing about as well as the others, and that for the establishment of a prison commission, which was opposed by Gov. Colquitt, made poorest showing.

The totals received are as follows:

For President:	
Wilson (Dem.)	72,404
Roosevelt (Prog.)	7,443
Taft (Rep.)	7,334
Debs (Soc.)	4,754
For Governor:	
Colquitt (Dem.)	72,217
Lasater (Prog.)	5,971
Johnson (Rep.)	6,151
Andrews (Soc.)	4,573

Constitutional Amendments.

For home rule	36,066
Against	12,520
For prison commission	29,512
Against	18,677
For boards	35,621
Against	10,799
For pensions	40,635
Against	11,483

Returns received indicate very clearly that the total vote cast was probably something less than that cast in 1908, and that of this, Wilson had perhaps gotten a larger proportion than did Bryan in 1908, and that Roosevelt and Taft combined had not polled as many votes as did Taft alone in 1908.

These early returns, which were afterward confirmed, showed that Gov. Colquitt ran almost even with the head of the ticket; that the Democrats elected all Congressmen and all members of the Legislature save one. They furthermore showed that the four constitutional amendments were adopted by overwhelming majorities. These amendments are (1) providing home rule for cities over 5,000 inhabitants; that is, authorizing their people to frame charters within certain limitations; (2) establishing a board of prison commissioners as a constitutional body with six-year terms; (3) providing six-year terms for the boards of regents and boards of managers of the various State institutions, and (4) levying a special tax for Confederate pensions, so that the same may be increased.

Hon. C. W. Taylor of Rogers, Texas, was elected to fill the vacancy in the State Senate caused by the resignation of Hon. Earl B. Mayfield, who was elected Railroad Commissioner.

Status of Electoral Vote.

Mr. Taylor resigned the nomination for Presidential elector on the Democratic ticket from the Eleventh District in order to run for Senator, and Hon. Joe Eldson of Hamilton County was named in his stead as candidate for elector. However, Mr. Taylor's name appeared on the ballot in most of the counties, and there is some doubt as to whether the entire twenty-electoral votes of Texas will go to Mr. Wilson.

Considering Trip to Texas.

Princeton, N. J.: Gov. Wilson will start within a few days a retreat somewhere in the South, where he may be alone for a long rest and to think out his program of administration according to a report. It is not known where the President-elect proposes to go. That the Governor will go South is regarded as settled by some of his friends. There is much speculation whether he may go to a ranch owned by Col. House, a personal friend, in Texas.

Her Grace Elective.

An English woman of rank, a duchess, was very apt to forget to pay her bills. A milliner, whose large bill had been repeatedly ignored by the duchess, at last determined to send her little girl, a pretty child of ten years, for the money which was so much needed.

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"For what I am about to receive may the Lord make me truly thankful."

As she opened her eyes and turned her wistful gaze on the duchess, that person turned very red, and without delay, made out a check for the amount due her milliner.

Good Taste.

Good taste is the most delicate and refined philosophy of action and manners, and comes from a high noble mind being acted upon by good breeding in the home, in the first place, and in early good, kind, gentle surroundings. Lincoln was the son of poverty, was a master of good taste, but all his infancy was enfolded in goodness, gentleness and Quaker-like peace. Good taste, like humor, is a great saving salt and is the most delicate product of the times. A great coarse mind may have wit and humor, say, like Aristophanes, but it takes a truly grand, noble mind to have in manners the good taste of Washington, Lincoln and Jackson. The manners of Jackson where women and children were concerned were without compare and his day they loom up as a good light in the greatest republic's history.

Monster Mountain Has Claimed Many Victims Who Attempted to Scale Its Summit.

Zermatt.—High up the mountain-side, above Zermatt, in full view of that dread outline which is the wonder of the world, we spent the long days of summer. From the small natural platform, directly in front of the hotel, it was possible to include both the opposite peak and the village far beneath, in a single glance. The Matterhorn reared his fearful form in menacing attitude against the heavens, an object of worship nevertheless, for all his aspect of grim cruelty. Every morning very early he accepted my homage from our tiny dormer window through which we obtained a marvelous view of the entire valley and its colossal guardian, and by degrees there developed a silent but thorough, and I might even say, psychic sympathy between us.

We were not so fortunate as to see the Alpine glow at any time, for it was not the proper season; only a tinge of rose appeared sometimes on the rugged sides of the Matterhorn. After all it was enough to breathe the air of that high, free place; to run over the grassy rolling knolls behind the hotel, to lie down in the sunshine, near some weather-stained chalet, and to see the shining of the evening star, apparently quite close to the dark crest of the mighty mountain opposite.

One day we talked with a retired guide, whose fingers and one foot had been frozen off in the Andes, and who, in his day, had made many ascents, among them that of the Matterhorn. He seemed to consider the latter feat simple enough, and really very safe with due precautions. He was a fine-looking specimen of manhood, barring his pathetically maimed condition; an almost gigantic, thoroughly genial mountaineer, who seemed to take pleasure in showing us his remarkable museum, with its interesting charts, relief maps, and photographs. Also, its painful relics of the numerous victims of that mountain-conquering madness, which I, for one, cannot condemn, since it seized, to some extent, on my own imagination, while in sight of those siren heights that call and beckon with a mysterious enchantment, from their frozen solitudes. There were nailed shoes and caps, knapsacks and ice-picks, all marked with the names of their owners who had lost their lives in snow-storms, from avalanches, or from some treacherous misstep on the edge of a precipice. There were an appalling number of causes enumerated, but the chief reason for most of these catastrophes seemed to spring from human weakness—complete indifference to the proper season for such undertakings, as, for example, attempts to scale the Matterhorn or the Lyskamm or lofty Monte Rosa as late as October, at which time the chances of blizzards and avalanches are very great.



Senator Morris Sheppard.

(two years)—William E. Hawkins.

Associate Justice Court of Criminal Appeals (full term)—A. C. Prendergast (now serving by appointment).

Presidential Electors—Harry P. Lawther, George D. Armistead, H. G. Wagner, Felix McCord, J. M. Henderson, W. T. Norman, M. D. Carlock, W. L. Hay, John D. McRae, J. K. Freeman, I. A. Daniel, Thomas H. Stone, John W. Gaines, J. M. Marbis, Joe B. Eldson, T. H. Hiner, J. W. Sullivan.

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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 station 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, and 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.**

BEST PUMPKINS GROW IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

J. L. Karr, residing on the old Espeula farm, a few miles north of Spur, was in the city exhibiting a sample of the pumpkin crop grown on his place this year.

The pumpkin was well matured and when placed on the scales tipped the beam at over seventy-five pounds. Several residents of the city who formerly lived in East Texas, recognized as one of the most prolific truck growing sections of America, all pronounce this the largest sample of this luscious member of the gourd family ever seen by them.

This is but another illustration portraying the reliability of the Spur country from an agricultural viewpoint. The farmers of this section are growing the biggest and best of all the staple crops and all that is now needed is more farmers to systematically cultivate the soil and contribute to the futher agricultural development of the country.

With reference to his other crops Mr. Karr stated that he would make about thirty bales of cotton, twenty-four of which he had finished picking, and that his feed and other crops were fine.

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.

Suit for \$10,000 for libel was filed by a Detroit attorney, acting for Theodore Roosevelt, against George A. Newett, editor of the Iron Ore, of Ishpeming, Mich. The petition alleged libel in that Newett printed an article in his paper charging that Col. Roosevelt was intemperate in the use of language and liquor.

That upward of \$3,000,000 has been spent thus far in the present campaign by the pre-convention managers of the various Presidential candidates and by the National Committee of the three leading parties is made clear by the filing with the Clerk of the House of Representatives of their expense accounts.

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H. C. Cravey, an old time settler and prominent citizen of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday with a load of peanuts which he sold to the townspeople at one dollar per bushel. Mr. Cravey said that he had made sixteen crops on his place, and that this year's crop was about as poor a crop as any of the sixteen.



THE BEST WAY TO KEEP POSTED

ON market or crop conditions, or to secure the latest information of any sort is to employ Bell Telephone Service.

It will take you a long or short journey with a substantial saving of time, effort and money. RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE is easily had at very low cost. Apply to our nearest manager or write to THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. AND TELEPHONE CO. DALLAS, TEXAS.

FINE TEST OF CLEAR SPEECH

Conversation with the Blind Will Test One's Power of Making Listeners Understand You.

Let no one boast of his descriptive powers until he has tested them in conversation with a blind person," said the city missionary. "I used to think that I had the knack of making things pretty clear, but after I began to escort the blind on their walks I found that I had not the slightest conception of concise, comprehensive speech. My first experience of the kind was at a naval parade. I guided two blind men down to Riverside to 'see' the ships. I described to the best of my ability what was going on, but I soon found from the questions they asked that I had given them no idea of what the pageant looked like. I reasoned that the fault must be mine. The men had been blind a good while, but they had retentive memories and an active imagination, and with that material to work on I should have achieved better results.

"From that day I began to cultivate the gift of accurate description. Even when out alone I talked to myself trying to put into words the pictures I saw. By degrees I acquired the art of seeing my blind charges see through my eyes. My biggest stumbling block was women's clothes. No woman I met anywhere show a keener avidity to keep up with the fashions than those I take out from the blind asylum, and it requires every one of my newly acquired gifts to convey an adequate idea of the season's styles."

Insuring Identification: "Persons who expect to receive money orders in a strange town take infinite precautions to identify themselves," said a postal clerk. "One way that particularly commends itself is for the stranger to call on the paying teller in the money order department before his own order arrives and present a bunch of correspondence showing pretty clearly who he is. He then explains that he is expecting a money order from a certain person; can the clerk remember him when he presents it for payment?" "After that impressive introduction the clerk usually can remember, and when the order is presented he cashes it."

AN ADVERTISEMENT THAT BROUGHT DESIRED RESULT

Two weeks ago the Texas Spur published an article to the effect that W. F. Shugart, of the Red Hill community, was in the city and stated that because of the large increase in scholastics his school district would be in need of an additional teacher to properly conduct the school this year.

Mr. Shugart was again in the city Saturday and stated that he appreciated the advertisement placed in the paper in regard to this matter, but requested us to discontinue the subject because they had already secured a teacher soon after the issue containing this article had left the press and were receiving applications for the place with every mail from all over the country.

We have always contended that it pays to advertise and that newspaper advertising is the best and the cheapest.

Cackling. Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been surprised when her husband gave her such an expensive present for Christmas.

Poor Man. Mrs. Caller—You surely don't give your husband a necktie every Christmas?

Mrs. Athome—Oh, yes, I do! And the poor dear never seems to know that it is the same one!

We Have Just Received

Another Big Shipment of Dry Goods From Eastern Markets

Something New in Ladies' Neckwear

Flouncing, All Styles and Widths

Ladies' Closefit Petticoats in Heatherbloom, Silks and Cambric

Ladies' Shirt Waists, Ready-Made Silk Dresses and Underwear

We Have Laces in Shadow, Linen, and Metal,
All Colors and Widths From 5c to \$5.00 Per Yard

Embroidered Robes in Three Shades—White, Light Blue and Ecru

GENTS' FURNISHINGS

The Snappiest Line of New Ties Ever Shown in Spur Men's Wool Shirts \$1.25 to \$3

Velour Hats in Black, Brown and Grey Big Line of Gloves 10c to \$3.00

Don't Forget the Famous Florsheim Shoe, Worn From Ocean to Ocean

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

The Store of Quality

WEEK OF PRAYER AT METHODIST TABERNACLE

The Methodist ladies will use Monday and Tuesday afternoon, the 18th and 19th, as a week of prayer. Mrs. J. B. Richburg will have charge of Monday afternoon's program. Mrs. M. E. Manning will have charge Tuesday afternoon's work. Monday afternoon will be devoted to Home Missions and Tuesday afternoon to Foreign Missions. Everyone is cordially invited.

Judge McClain was in Spur Wednesday with cotton from his home in the Cat Fish country.

A. M. Ayers, of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

J. C. Jones, of several miles north of Spur, was here Wednesday with several bales of cotton which he sold on the Spur market at the prevailing high prices.

O. S. Halcomb, of Dickens, was in the city Tuesday and while here called at the Texas Spur office and left his check for two dollars to be applied on subscription, for which he has our thanks.

W. W. Ayers, a prominent farmer of near Clairemont, was in Spur Tuesday with cotton and trading with the merchants. He reports the farmers of his section about through picking cotton.

Take The Texas Spur—\$1.00

NEARING COMPLETION

The handsome \$4,000 residence being erected by Dr. Standifer on his Hill Street property is nearing completion and when finished will be one among the most elegant cottage homes in the city.

Several substantial residences have been constructed in Spur during the year and now the residential districts of the city will favorably compare with many towns of larger population.

J. P. Higgins, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business. During the past several months Uncle Pink has been in poor health, but we are glad to note that he is able to come to town and look after his business affairs.

Mr. Dopson, of Arkansas, who about two years ago purchased a tract of farm land three and a half miles west of Spur, arrived with his family Saturday and as soon as the property can be improved they will remove to it and become permanent residents among us.

The Spur country continues to draw on the more densely populated sections of the South for home builders and permanent residents and the time is in the not distant future when this country will be the home of a densely populated and prosperous people.

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DRY LAKE ITEMS

R. E. Thomas had business in Spur Saturday.

A large crowd enjoyed a singing at the school house Sunday.

Jim Estes had business in Spur Saturday.

Henry Karr, of Espeula, attended church here Sunday.

J. G. VanLeer and wife spent Sunday in Spur.

Miss Edna Smoot and mother visited friends in Spur Sunday.

Rev. Alvin Bilberry, Jr., and Rev. Beaver both preached here Sunday.

Miss Ester McKnight was a guest of Miss Lottie Johnson Sunday.

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

John Welsh, wife and little daughter, of Spur, visited at the home of W. C. Cartwright and wife Sunday.

Jess Mosely and wife and Hayden Jennings and wife, of Spur, visited in the Dry Lake community Sunday.

Mr. Brantly and family, who have been in our midst the past few weeks, left Friday for Wichita county where they intend to make their future home.

Messrs. Letch and Hargrove, of Killeen, accompanied by their families, have been visiting a

METHODIST LADIES' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On the 12th of December the Methodist ladies will have a bazaar for the benefit of the church work. They will have beautiful fancy articles, ready-to-wear articles, a booth of baby articles and delicious home-made candies. Tempting refreshments will be served free to all our friends. We want everyone to feel that they are especially welcome.

the home of T. G. Cherry and wife during the past two weeks.

I. S. York and family, of Spur, visited in our community Sunday.

A play party was given Friday night at the home of Mrs. W. F. Markham. A large crowd was present and all report an enjoyable time.

Rev. Mark Hardin will preach at the Dry Lake school house Sunday.—Maiden Vine.

\$10.00 REWARD

For the return of one dark brown Jersey heifer yearling past, unbranded; right horn slightly drooped. Missing since November 4.—V. C. Smart, Spur, Texas. 2-1f.

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SATURDAY MORNING OPENS CLOSING MOVEMENT

On All Ready-to-Wear Garments

THIS SALE, while rather previous, is in line with our policy to give the trade the chance to purchase while they can get a portion of wear during the fall period, and we are offering splendid selections in all lines of fall goods.

THIS SPECIAL INDUCING PRICE SALE, JUST AS STATED,

MEANS That we propose to Clean Up these goods Now rather than slaughter after the customers get no benefit of this fall's wear out of their purchases. We are offering a splendid selection, including ladies tailored suits, tailored dresses, skirts, childrens and misses coats. In this sale we also offer special prices on all Mens Suits, Overcoats, Odd Pants, Boys and Childrens Suits and Overcoats. In our general collection of Dry Goods, Underwear, Hosiery and other wears you will find our store in splendid shape.

WE WANT YOUR FALL TRADE AND WILL MEET ALL DEMANDS WITH QUALITY AND PRICE

COME AND SEE WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE US MORE CONSIDERATION AND A GREATER PORTION OF YOUR TRADE IN OUR LINES

J. A. Lambdin & Company,

NEW SHIPMENT CADET HOSE TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK....

SPUR, TEXAS

WE HAVE THE GOODS AND THE CORRECT PRICES

AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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tomers is always a first consideration.

A large sanitary soda fountain where the best in soft drinks is served adds to the beauty of the elaborate fixtures, and the favorite brand of all particular smokers can be found among their line of high grade cigars.

The management has recently placed an order for one of the largest stocks of holiday goods ever consigned to a West Texas house. Whether it be a sweetheart, mother, father, sister, brother or friend you wish to

remember with a gift at Christmas time, it will be well for you to inspect the stock of holiday goods to be on display at the Spur Drug Company's store.

P. H. MILLER LUMBER CO.

One of the most reputable business concerns of the city is the P. H. Miller Lumber Company. Here is shown one of the largest stocks of high grade lumber, building material, brick, lime, cement, posts, paints, oils, etc., in Western Texas, and because of the fact that the management has always carried into effect the motto of more sales at a less profit, the business has prospered from the beginning.

This is the only lumber business in Spur owned by a resi-

dent of the city, Mr. Miller having resided here since the opening of the town.

The same management also have yards at Jayton and Peacock and is, therefore, one of the strongest business concerns of West Texas. Those contemplating building or in need of building material should not fail to get their prices. Mr. Miller also carries the genuine Colorado coal in stock.

WOOD CUTTING PROHIBITED ON ALL THE SPUR LANDS

Notice is hereby given that any person who cuts wood of any kind from our lands anywhere, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of lands not occupied.

Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have al-

ready bought Spur Lands, and who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people have pretended to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will follow trespassers hereafter without favor.—S. M. Swenson & Sons, C. A. Jones, Manager.

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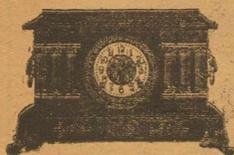
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NOTICE

The pupils of the High School, under the direction of Rev. Bowles and Miss Clarke, and assisted by the Spur Orchestra, will give an entertainment at the School Auditorium Nov. 27, at 8 p. m. This will be something different from anything yet given, and a treat is in store for all lovers of good music. Admission: Adults, 25c; children, 15c.

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WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A CLOCK?—THE COMPANIONABLE TICK IS WORTH THE PRICE—AND SO CONVENIENT.

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AT SPUR DRUG COMPANY

THANKSGIVING IS ALMOST HERE CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND KELLAR IS

HERE ready to sell you the best Saddle you ever used. Have those Horse Blankets, Lap Robes or anything else you need for the team, single or double. Come get those new Collars and quit skinning that poor mule's shoulders. We will trade for your old ones.

Kellar, the Mule Jeweler

WEST SIDE . . . SPUR, TEXAS

SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND WHAT IT IS DOING

By Prof. F. F. Mace

Spur has made unusual progress in all lines, but in none has it made more marked and rapid advancement than in the matter of its public schools. Beginning three years ago in a little one-story, frame building, loaned by the Townsite Company, it has moved forward through the successive stages of schools taught in separate cottages with but little opportunity for organization and co-operation, the erection of a new school building, and the removal to this better situation and the commencement of a permanent organization, until now it has an up-to-date, modern school building and a school of which it can be proud as of any of its many successful enterprises.

The High School building is a pleasing structure in the Greek style, equipped with all the modern conveniences and well arranged for the purpose for which it is intended. The building is heated with steam so as to be comfortable in all weathers, has single seats throughout, a good laboratory and the beginning of a good library. The building and equipments cost approximately \$35,000.

Spur has the best equipped campus of any High School in West Texas, and probably the best of any in the state. Aided by the liberality of the citizens of Spur the Athletic Association of the school has by its own work laid out basket ball grounds, baseball grounds, volley ball courts, grounds for the high jump, broad jump, pole vault, shot put, hammer throw, discus throw, an excellent quarter mile track with one hundred yard straightaway and places for the two hundred and twenty yard and the hurdles. Material has also been provided for these various sports. The result of these athletic activities on the school has been excellent as department on the grounds and in the school room is better and the class standing higher. One thing of which the Spur schools may especially boast is that there

is at present but one boy among the older classes who uses tobacco in any form. The rules of the Athletic Association forbid the membership of anyone who uses tobacco or profane language.

At the present time the schools are well organized. A new course of study was laid out at the opening of the school and it is being carefully followed. This course places the school on a par with the best in the state and the Southwest. As a matter of fact, there has been no serious disturbance on the grounds during the present year and affairs in the school room have run with remarkable smoothness. The grades are under the charge of Mrs. Johnson, Misses Henson, Hardin, Kelly and Reynolds, all of whom are doing successful work. The High School department is ably handled by its Principal, Miss Ollie E. Clark, who is a tireless worker, a teacher of long and successful experience and of more than usual force and ability.

Under the direction of Miss Clark the pupils of the High School conduct a Literary Society, which renders, twice each month, a program that would do credit to college students. Especially is this true of the debates, in which the boys handle subjects of vital importance.

The schools of Spur are doing as much as any one thing for the material progress of the town and for its good name. Indeed, Spur promises to become the leading educational center of the South Panhandle. Already the school is drawing students not only from the county but from distant parts of the state and even from other states. A movement is on foot and promises to be successful, to establish a South-Panhandle Summer Normal at Spur and the Commercial Club of the city has guaranteed \$200 for this purpose.

In addition to this, the County Athletic Association will hold a meet here in February or March and a movement is on foot to secure an inter-county athletic meet here some time in April.

OVERWHELMING WILSON VOTE

Electoral College Vote For the Democratic Ticket Will be 429, Roosevelt 90 and President Taft Has Only 12.

Popular and Electoral Vote for President

State	Wilson		Roosevelt		Taft		Debs		Chasfn	
	Electoral	Popular	Electoral	Popular	Electoral	Popular	Electoral	Popular	Electoral	Popular
Alabama	12	90,000	20,000	10,000	4,755	2,500	754	76	1,300	1,300
Arizona	3	16,485	11,335	4,755	3,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Arkansas	9	98,200	37,550	30,400	3,085	8,500	14,220	6,220	8,620	8,620
California	12	280,250	121,345	75,000	47,258	2,695	302	1,425	1,425	1,425
Colorado	6	105,000	39,000	12,000	18,844	4,220	1,134	2,420	2,420	2,420
Connecticut	7	73,631	33,546	8,000	9,976	2,695	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425
Delaware	3	23,659	7,000	2,000	3,021	1,820	3,484	4,420	4,420	4,420
Florida	5	38,000	12,000	3,000	3,795	2,107	1,191	1,191	1,191	1,191
Georgia	14	102,485	25,752	11,270	4,000	3,500	4,409	4,409	4,409	4,409
Idaho	3	29,709	14,678	4,000	26,504	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,820
Illinois	29	403,416	389,581	355,096	54,843	65,000	34,364	18,250	18,250	18,250
Indiana	15	379,887	460,903	151,157	21,000	20,000	10,402	6,307	6,307	6,307
Iowa	13	231,855	115,000	108,000	80,000	20,000	20,000	6,307	6,307	6,307
Kansas	10	115,000	140,000	16,000	8,000	1,004	735	5,500	5,500	5,500
Kentucky	13	314,850	104,675	110,270	3,705	2,107	1,191	1,191	1,191	1,191
Louisiana	10	65,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	1,004	735	5,500	5,500	5,500
Maine	6	50,946	48,387	26,504	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,820
Maryland	8	112,122	58,879	163,255	19,807	4,420	4,420	4,420	4,420	4,420
Massachusetts	18	170,995	140,152	180,000	17,735	18,507	18,507	18,507	18,507	18,507
Michigan	12	210,000	120,000	80,000	19,731	13,711	13,711	13,711	13,711	13,711
Minnesota	15	145,000	160,000	3,000	2,000	1,004	735	5,500	5,500	5,500
Mississippi	10	65,000	5,000	215,988	20,000	1,004	735	5,500	5,500	5,500
Missouri	18	351,938	145,238	215,988	20,000	1,004	735	5,500	5,500	5,500
Montana	4	44,320	22,540	27,760	12,507	1,007	1,007	1,007	1,007	1,007
Nebraska	3	105,000	74,800	58,000	5,777	6,382	6,382	6,382	6,382	6,382
Nevada	3	8,854	6,112	3,705	2,107	1,191	1,191	1,191	1,191	1,191
New Hampshire	4	34,846	19,812	33,105	1,442	1,087	1,087	1,087	1,087	1,087
New Jersey	14	174,691	135,938	76,853	17,805	6,307	6,307	6,307	6,307	6,307
New Mexico	3	27,000	22,000	15,000	1,056	504	504	504	504	504
New York	45	648,068	381,500	477,274	44,000	24,650	24,650	24,650	24,650	24,650
North Carolina	15	150,000	50,000	35,000	584	478	478	478	478	478
North Dakota	3	35,000	16,483	27,500	3,870	1,807	1,807	1,807	1,807	1,807
Ohio	24	446,700	253,564	312,600	45,292	19,007	19,007	19,007	19,007	19,007
Oklahoma	10	125,000	100,000	90,000	27,504	2,754	2,754	2,754	2,754	2,754
Oregon	5	42,863	33,169	81,842	10,876	2,506	2,506	2,506	2,506	2,506
Pennsylvania	21	407,447	443,703	315,145	100,000	20,802	20,802	20,802	20,802	20,802
Rhode Island	5	30,290	16,483	27,500	1,900	1,105	1,105	1,105	1,105	1,105
South Carolina	9	60,000	3,000	1,200	108	603	603	603	603	603
South Dakota	5	65,000	60,000	58,000	3,407	4,602	4,602	4,602	4,602	4,602
Tennessee	12	123,000	78,500	58,000	2,342	581	581	581	581	581
Texas	20	220,000	47,500	35,000	11,580	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
Utah	3	35,000	13,000	40,000	6,720	325	325	325	325	325
Vermont	3	15,397	22,323	23,323	4	972	972	972	972	972
Virginia	12	78,631	18,670	21,131	1,720	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242
Washington	5	94,130	7,126	75,145	17,426	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,300
West Virginia	8	111,849	72,945	55,114	20,000	5,820	5,820	5,820	5,820	5,820
Wisconsin	13	213,500	35,000	173,500	60,000	13,540	13,540	13,540	13,540	13,540
Wyoming	3	16,200	15,500	7,000	2,800	94	94	94	94	94
Total	429	6,577,251	90	4,294,268	12	3,697,349	748,583	282,321	282,321	282,321

Electoral Vote for President at Election of 1908.

State	Taft	Bryan	Chasfn	Debs
Alabama	11	11	11	11
Arizona	3	3	3	3
Arkansas	9	9	9	9
California	12	12	12	12
Colorado	6	6	6	6
Connecticut	7	7	7	7
Delaware	3	3	3	3
Florida	5	5	5	5
Georgia	14	14	14	14
Idaho	3	3	3	3
Illinois	27	27	27	27
Indiana	15	15	15	15
Iowa	13	13	13	13
Kansas	10	10	10	10
Kentucky	13	13	13	13
Louisiana	10	10	10	10
Maine	6	6	6	6
Maryland	8	8	8	8
Massachusetts	18	18	18	18
Michigan	12	12	12	12
Minnesota	15	15	15	15
Mississippi	10	10	10	10
Missouri	18	18	18	18
Montana	4	4	4	4
Nebraska	3	3	3	3
Nevada	3	3	3	3
New Hampshire	4	4	4	4
New Jersey	14	14	14	14
New York	39	39	39	39
North Carolina	15	15	15	15
North Dakota	3	3	3	3
Ohio	24	24	24	24
Oklahoma	10	10	10	10
Oregon	5	5	5	5
Pennsylvania	21	21	21	21
Rhode Island	5	5	5	5
South Carolina	9	9	9	9
South Dakota	5	5	5	5
Tennessee	12	12	12	12
Texas	20	20	20	20
Utah	3	3	3	3
Vermont	3	3	3	3
Virginia	12	12	12	12
Washington	5	5	5	5
West Virginia	8	8	8	8
Wisconsin	13	13	13	13
Wyoming	3	3	3	3
Total	421	421	421	421

GOVERNORS ELECTED, THEIR PARTY AFFILIATIONS AND PLURALITIES.

Colorado—	Plurality
E. K. Ammons, Democrat.....	20,000
Connecticut—	
Simon E. Baldwin, Democrat.....	7,000
Delaware—	
Charles R. Miller, Republican.....	1,805
Florida—	
Park Trammell, Democrat.....	30,000
Idaho—	
John M. Haines, Republican.....	784
Illinois—	
Edward F. Dunne, Democrat.....	110,854
Indiana—	
Samuel H. Ralston, Democrat.....	97,000
Iowa—	
George J. Clarke, Republican.....	46
Kansas—	
George H. Hodges, Democrat.....	500
Massachusetts—	
Eugene N. Foss, Democrat.....	45,650
Michigan—	
Woodbridge N. Ferris, Democrat.....	10,425
Minnesota—	
A. O. Eberhart, Republican.....	10,000
Missouri—	
Elliot W. Major, Democrat.....	115,000
Montana—	
Sarah V. Stewart, Democrat.....	13,000
Nebraska—	
J. M. Moyerhead, Democrat.....	16,000
New Hampshire—	
Franklin Worcester, Republican	
Legislature elects	
New York—	
William Sulzer, Democrat.....	150,000
North Carolina—	
Locke Craig, Democrat.....	50,000
North Dakota—	
L. B. Hanna, Republican.....	2,000
Ohio—	
James M. Cox, Democrat.....	90,000
Rhode Island—	
Theodore F. Greese, Democrat.....	2,000
South Carolina—	
Cole J. Blease, Democrat.....	50,000
South Dakota—	
Frank M. Byrne, Republican.....	2,000
Tennessee—	
Ben W. Hooper, Republican.....	5,000
Texas—	
Oscar E. Colquitt, Democrat.....	198,050
Washington—	
Ernest Lister, Democrat.....	4,000
West Virginia—	
H. D. Hatfield, Republican.....	2,000
Wisconsin—	
Francis E. McGovern, Republican.....	5,000

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day, Nov. 3, for president of the United States the foregoing tables act as a comparison as well as giving as near as possible results from the different States so far indicate, but are definite enough to place the final outcome of the vote from each State. The popular and electoral votes from each of the forty-eight States for 1908 are given as a matter of comparison with the present election.

The vote shows that Governor Wilson received 6,577,251 popular votes, 429 electoral votes are to his credit and that he carried 39 States, Colonel Roosevelt polled 4,294,268 popular votes and that he carried six States. President Taft ran third with 3,697,349 popular votes from the three States he carried. Thus it will be seen that Wilson's plurality over Roosevelt is 1,282,985, and he has a majority of electoral votes over both his opponents of 327.

A half over Wilson. Roosevelt in 1904 had a clear majority over all opposing candidates, including the Democrats, Socialists, Prohibitionists, People's and Independents of nearly two million. The Democratic vote in 1904 was 5,078,000.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.: Roosevelt carried Oyster Bay by a plurality of 292 over Wilson, the vote standing: Roosevelt 510, Wilson 218, Taft 67. The Colonel's own election district voted: Roosevelt 231, Wilson 56, Taft 28.

Bomb Explosion Injures Six. New York: Six persons were injured, one seriously, when a bomb was exploded in an exit of a motion picture theater on upper East Side. A score of persons were thrown from their seats and many narrowly escaped severe injury in the panic that ensued. Charged with having caused the explosion, a young marblecutter, Nunzio Spataro, was arrested. It is said he had repeatedly sought free admission to the theater and when again denied admittance without a ticket, he left swearing vengeance.

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Four Railroads Total Orders for Freight Car Additions.

Chicago, Ill.: Four lines throughout the country have placed orders for freight car equipment that will cost \$8,850,000.

The Pacific Fruit Express has contracted for 2,000 refrigerator cars and the San Antonio and Aransas Pass has ordered 1,000 box cars. The New York, Ontario and Western Railway will increase its facilities with 500 hopper cars, 400 flat cars, 300 box cars, 50 stock cars and 50 refrigerator cars. Orders have been given by the Northern Pacific for 2,500 box cars, 500 gondola cars and 250 stock cars. The Louisville and Nashville has ordered 5,500 tons of structural material from the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company for all the bridges on its new line between Winchester and Athol, Ky.

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