

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

SPUR COTTON MARKET

During the week the prices of cotton ranged from—

11.00 TO 12.00

Volume Four

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 13, 1912.

Number 6

MAKING MONEY OUT OF THE FARMING INDUSTRY

Jim Robertson, of the Afton country, was in Spur several days this week marketing cotton at the prevailing high prices and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

Two years ago Mr. Robertson purchased the farm he now lives on in the Afton country and his first crop on the place came within about one hundred dollars paying the entire purchase price, and having made good crops of cotton, feedstuff, etc., this year he has his home paid for and a fat bank roll besides.

Mr. Robertson is making money out of the farming industry in the Spur country as is demonstrated by the facts as above stated which is a most conclusive example of the reliability of the country in the pursuit of the farming industry.

There are scores of farmers in the Spur country doing equally as well as Mr. Robertson. Several of the most prosperous farmers of this section are men who prior to their removal here cultivated rented land from year to year with mortgaged teams and tools, providing a bare support for themselves and family. But since locating in the Spur country they have prospered, purchased land, erected comfortable farm homes and are now enjoying many of the luxuries of life. No section of agricultural America can offer better inducements to the farmer than does the Spur country.

MARKETING FEED

Mr. Holland, of the Plains country, was in Spur the first of the week selling maize to the townspeople and also buying supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Holland owns a fine section of land on the Plains the which he is now improving to the end of making it his permanent homestead. He raised a fine crop of feed stuff this year and will have considerable acreage in cotton, maize, kaffir corn and the various other crops typical to this section another year. He also owns city property in Spur.

PREPARING FOR ANOTHER PROSPEROUS CROP YEAR

L. C. Arrington, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur this week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Arrington owns two fine farms near Spur, one being a few miles south of town and the other a few miles west, in addition to extensive farming property in the Afton country and as a result is one of the most prosperous farmers of the entire Spur country. He reports that he has finished gathering his crops, all of which were exceptionally good, and that he is now making preparations for growing a bumper crop in 1913.

BRANN'S IDEAS OF GOD

I belong to no particular cult or creed, but I do know, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that the mighty universe is not without a Master. His origin and attributes are beyond my comprehension. I cannot understand the creation, how then can I comprehend the Creator? I know nothing of the future; I spend no time speculating upon it—I am overwhelmed by the past and at death's grip with the present. At the grave God draws the line between the two eternities. Never has living man lifted the somber veil and looked beyond. There is a Deity. I have felt His presence and heard His voice; I have been called in His imperial robe. All that is, or was, or can be, is but the visible garments of God. I seek to know nothing of His plans or purposes; I ask no written covenant with God, for He is my Father. I trust Him without requiring priests or prophets to endorse His note. As I write, my little son awakes, alarmed by some unusual noise, and comes groping through the darkness to my door; he sees the light shining through the transom, returns to his trundle bed and lies down to dream. He knows that beyond that light his father keeps watch and ward, and he asks no more. Through a thousand celestial transoms streams the light of God. Why should we fear the sleep of death, the unknown terrors of the starless night, the waves of the river Styx? Why should I seek assurance from the lips of men that the wisdom, love and power of my Heavenly Father will fail me?

THE \$8,000 BRIDGE OVER DUCK CREEK COMPLETED

The new suspension bridge across Duck Creek about two miles north of Spur on the Spur and Dickens road was completed this week and, so we are informed, has been received by the County Commissioners Court.

This structure has been under construction for several months, and, representing an expenditure of approximately \$8,000 and built according to the best engineering specifications to be had, this is one of the best suspension bridges in Western Texas.

The new bridge was constructed to replace the one destroyed during a heavy rain last spring and will be highly appreciated by the traveling public throughout this section, as Spur is the trading point of a vast territory, and a large per cent of the patrons of the town will now use the new Duck Creek bridge.

The Commissioners Court of Dickens county have manifested a progressive spirit during the past several months in the substantial improvement of the public roads of the county and we have a system of public highways that will compare favorably with many counties of the state considerably more developed than Dickens.

GRAND JURY REPORT

In the District Court of Dickens county, Texas, November Term, A. D. 1912. To the Honorable Jo A. P. Dickson, Judge of said Court:

Now comes the Grand Jurors for the county of Dickens, State of Texas, duly organized as such

at the November Term, A. D. 1912, of the District Court for said county, and through their foreman, C. Hogan, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have made a diligent and careful inquiry into all violations of the law in this county and with the exception of the 16 bills of indictment found and herein returned by us we find our county in a lawful condition and desire to commend the same on possessing such a high standard of citizenship, and especially commend State Ranger H. L. Robinson for his thorough, energetic and efficient services in ferreting out the various violations of law, and we wish to express our appreciation of the very honorable manner in which he has performed his duty. And we further desire to thank the Court, District Attorney and County Attorney, Sheriff and Bailiffs for the services rendered this body.

And we further report that it has come to our knowledge that there has been quite a number of petty thefts committed in this county, and we respectfully recommend that the Commissioners Court of this county purchase from some available source a pair of trained blood hounds, as we believe it would save considerable expense and be of great benefit to the officers of Dickens county.

There being no further business to come before us we ask to be adjourned.—C. Hogan, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

LOCATES IN SPUR

Judge N. R. Morgan, of Aspermont, arrived in the city Sunday and will permanently locate here, following his profession as an attorney-at-law.

DISTRICT COURT WAS ADJOURNED TUESDAY

The Honorable District Court of Dickens county adjourned Tuesday for the November term and the following cases were called and disposed of:

W. R. Tolbert, cattle theft; continued by agreement.

J. L. Law, cattle theft; transferred to Knox county on change of venue.

Will Duncan, cattle theft; transferred to Knox county on change of venue.

John Blakely, cattle theft; transferred to Knox county on change of venue.

Robert Holly, cattle theft; transferred to Knox county on change of venue.

Fred Willis, cattle theft; transferred to Knox county on change of venue.

John Adams, cattle theft; transferred to Knox county on change of venue.

Will Duncan, cattle theft; continued by agreement.

J. L. Law, cattle theft; continued by agreement.

Robert Holly, cattle theft; continued by agreement.

A number of civil cases of minor importance were on the docket pending trial at this session and which were either continued or disposed of.

3,120 SALOONS NOW IN STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas, Nov. 26--There are exactly 3,120 saloons in Texas, according to a statement issued today by the comptroller's department. The record shows there are 1,797 plain liquor licenses issued by the department. It is shown that out of the counties in Texas there are only 78 in which liquor is permitted to be legally sold.

GINS 1,350 BALES COTTON

The Farmers Gin Company, of Spur, suspended operations last Friday for the 1912 season, a total of 1,350 bales of cotton having been ginned by the company up to that date.

We understand that the Swenson gin will continue in operation throughout the remainder of the season and therefore the farmers of this section will not be inconvenienced in the matter of ginning the remainder of their cotton.

FOUR OF THE BIGGEST MEN IN WESTERN TEXAS

Last week considerable comment was created in Spur by the appearance of the four biggest men in Western Texas on the streets.

The personnel consisted of J. O. Yopp and Perry Fite, of Spur, R. R. Johns, of near Spur and "Big" Roberts, of McCauley and who tipped the scales at eleven hundred and thirty-eight pounds, an average of two hundred eighty-four and one half pounds.

The Spur country not only grows the best crops but is producing the biggest men of the country.

It Takes More Than Low

PRICES ALONE TO MAKE ECONOMICAL BUYING

It is that dependable quality which makes buying here satisfactory and economical. It is durability after all that counts. If you don't get satisfactory service out of anything you buy from us, you—

Get Your Money Back

Spur Hardware Company

Wood Cutting Prohibited On All 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 already bought Spur Lands, and those 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 certainly follow trespasses hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson & Sons

C. A. JONES, Manager

AGRICULTURAL ASSN. TO CONVENE AT ANSON

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Central West Texas Association will convene at Anson in conjunction with the Jones County Farmers Institute

The following is the program of the joint meeting:

Opening Remarks by A. D. McLaughlin, President of the Central West Texas Agricultural Association.

Address of Welcome by L. T. Cunningham, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Response by Judge L. M. Buie, of Stamford.

"Crops in Central West Texas That Should be Encouraged."--Jeff D. Reagan, of Spur.

"Crops in Central West Texas, Wet or Dry."--F. A. Peel, County Farm Demonstrator, Taylor county.

General Discussion.

"What are the Best Crops for This Section, and Why?"--J. L. Quicksall, General Agent, Department of Agriculture.

"Good Roads and Their Benefits."--Homer D. Wade, Secretary Texas Good Roads Association.

"When is the Time to do Deep Plowing in Central West Texas?"--J. W. Neill, General Lecturer, State Department of Agriculture.

The meeting will be held in the District Court room and the Anson people give assurance of the most cordial reception to all visitors.

All who are interested in the agricultural development of Central West Texas are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

Good team for sale, horses or mules. Cheap for cash, or will make terms.--A. B. Nichols, Dickens, Texas. 5-2tp

FROM A COUNTRY EDITOR

The following is from a private letter written by a country editor, not for publication, which was reproduced in the Kansas City Star:

"I know everybody in the whole country round-about by his first name. There are a thousand things to make life a joy. The youngsters in school come to the office for my opinion in the difficult things in their lessons. I figure out the contents of stacks of alfalfa and prairie hay for farmers. I am the court of last resort when it comes to price of corn and cattle and hogs, and during Cleveland's administration I advised 'widow-women' about their affairs. I lend the chronically impecunious sums ranging from 50 cents to \$3, and always get it back.

"I head the list and help carry the paper to take a subscription for some one in distress.

"Our office gets the freak vegetables and big corn and fine fruits. We never get any knocks. No one ever comes 'round to tell us what to print. Our town has no joints. We have one drug store and it sells no booze. If our druggist should invest in a government license he knows, and his wife knows, because I told him and he told his wife, that an item would be made of such a license being granted.

"The only wrangling I ever had is with the preachers. The town has six churches--count them--six, and there is only room for one. All the preachers are on the free list. But I hard-

ly ever go to church and when they bring in a half column of dope about their particular church I take it and boil it down to a single paragraph, and that makes them sore. And they send the presiding elder around when he comes to town to talk to me and to admonish me that I am wasting a wonderful opportunity to do real work for the Master. And I come back by telling the presiding elder that our paper is doing more to make the town a decent little hamlet in a week than all the preachers do in a year.

"A little country town like this needs a man--a MAN for spiritual adviser. A man like that in a town could pull down \$2,000 a year and do an immense amount of good, while as it is the women give suppers and hold bazaars and take freak ways of earning a dollar in or-

der that the pastor may have bread and butter and roof over him and raiment to put on."

MAIZE TO SELL

Several tons of maize to sell at the prevailing prices. Now stored in Spur. See W. G. Sherrod at Spur National Bank. 5-tf

Star-Telegram one year, \$3.25 to Dec. 16.--See us.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the firm of Godfrey & Tyler is dissolved. W. F. Godfrey purchasing the business, assuming inebtedness and liabilities from Dec. 3, 1912.--Godfrey & Tyler. 5-4t

Read the Texas Spur. All the local news for one dollar a year.

Brazelton-Pryor & Co.

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HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Your Business Will Be Appreciated

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Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

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Lumber Comp'y

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

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HEAD QUARTERS

...1912...

Fourth Year

...MEET ME AT...

THE RED FRONT

DRUG STORE

During Xmas Holidays

Santa
Claus

HEAD-QUARTERS

...1912...

Fourth Year

Opening our Business in the year 1909, this being our fourth year under the

same management, we are confident our Holiday Goods will meet demands

WE have used the most precaution in selecting our Mammoth Stock of Holiday Goods, and feel Confident that we will have on display during the holidays the Swellest Assortment and Best Selected Stock of Holiday Goods ever shown in this part of the country. This advertisement is nothing more than an invitation to all, young and old, to call at our place of business and inspect our line of Holiday Goods Before You Buy, as we are confident we can show you we have the goods and the prices to suit. We quote a partial list for holiday buyers:

JEWELRY

Diamonds	\$25.00 to \$300.00
Watches	5.00 to 30.00
Chains	1.00 to 10.00
Rings	1.00 to 300.00
Brooches	1.00 to 40.00
LaValliers	3.50 to 35.00
Cuff Links	.35 to 7.50
Hat Pins	.75 to 3.00
Jewel Box	2.00 to 7.00
Gold Head Umbrella	\$10 to 15.00
Locketts	1.00 to 10.00
Bar Pins	.50 to 5.00
Emblem Pins	1.00 to 5.00
Bracelets	1.00 to 10.00
Stick Pins	1.00 to 10.00
Belt Pin	2.50 to 5.00

All Guaranteed.

MILITARY SETS

Sterling Silver	\$5.00 to \$10.00
German Silver	4.00 to 8.00
Genuine Ebony	4.00 to 8.00

MANICURE SET

For Both Men And Ladies

Sterling Silver	\$3.00 to \$15.00
German Silver	3.00 to 10.00
Genuine Ebony	5.00 to 10.00

BOOKS

Bibles	\$2.00 to \$5.00
Testaments	.35 to 2.50
Poems	.50 to 2.00
Young Folks Books	.25 to 2.00
Childrens Books	.05 to .50

PICTURES

Anything in This Line

Parlor Pictures	\$1.00 to \$4.00
Dining Room Pict.	2.00 to 4.00

DOLLS

This is One Line That We Have
Everything The Market
Affords

Dress Dolls	.25c to \$5.00
Kid Dolls	.25c to 4.00
China Dolls	.05c to .75
Rubber Dolls	.25c to .50

Pop Eyed Bill and Susie
Brother and Sister and
Old Sis Hopkins.

CHINAWARE

Hand Painted China of Every
Design That You May Want

Cake Plates	\$1.00 to \$7.50
Berry Sets	3.00 to 8.00
Chocolate Sets	7.00 to 10.00
Fruit Bowls	2.00 to 5.00

CUT GLASS

The Newest Designs of The
Highest Grade.

Water Sets	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Vases	5.00 to 15.00
Pin Trays	1.00 to 5.00
Bowls	3.00 to 8.00
Puff Boxes	6.00 to 12.50
Perfume Bottle	2.00 to 10.00

SILVERWARE

Knives & Forks	\$5.00 to \$10.00
Shoe Buttoner	.50 to 1.00
Finger Files	.50 to 1.00
Shoe Horns	.50 to 1.00
Tooth Brushes	.50 to 1.00
Butter Dishes	3.00 to 7.50
Syrup Pitchers	3.00 to 5.00
Shaving Set	2.50 to 5.00

TOYS, TOYS! TOYS!!

Tricycles	Doll Buggy	Air Guns
Dishes	Black Boards	Doll Beds
Doll Furniture	Doll Trunks	Drums
Iron Trains	Wagons	Blocks
Fire Engines	Pianos	Tops
Steam Engines	Tool Boxes	Foot Balls
	Magic Lanterns	

Extending to all a cordial invitation to visit our store during the holidays, and thanking all for their liberal patronage during the year now coming to a close, we will continue to remain

Santa
Claus

HEADQUARTERS

YOURS TRULY

THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE.

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TEXAS SPUR

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Entered as second-class matter November 12, 1909, at the post office at Spur, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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When not specified, all Ads will be continued until ordered out and charged for accordingly.

FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

CONVENE IN REGULAR DECEMBER SESSION

The County Commissioners Court of Dickens county convened in the regular December session Monday at Dickens with all officers and members present.

Aside from auditing and allowing several accounts and the acceptance of the suspension bridge across Duck Creek on the Spur and Dickens road, the main routine of business for this session was the transferring of all county and state taxes from former Sheriff and Tax Collector H. P. Cole to J. B. Conner, his successor in office.

This was the first session of the present Commissioners Court and composed of Jeff D. Reagan, L. G. Crabtree, W. F. McCarty and E. Austin and County Judge O. S. Ferguson as presiding officer. The members are all thorough and efficient officials and will make a creditable administration for their constituents.

Court was adjourned Thursday afternoon to re-convene at the next regular session in January.

Jess Moseley and wife left Thursday for San Angelo where they go to visit her parents for some time. Mr. Moseley has resigned his position with Bryant-Link Company and will probably start a business of some kind in San Angelo.

Mrs. Sudbury, who was one of the teachers in the Spur Schools last year, was in the city Thursday shopping. Mrs. Sudbury is this year teaching a school about twelve miles from Spur.

R. M. Hamby, a prominent citizen and extensive cattle man of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday and spent several hours in the city on business.

J. C. McNeill and family were here from the ranch Wednesday taking advantage of the bargains now being offered by the Spur merchants.

Baxter Scoggins was in Spur one day this week from his Kent county ranch and spent some time here trading and on other business.

Miss Emma Buchanan, of Dickens, has recently accepted a position in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of this city.

Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, was in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants of Spur and on other business.

STRAYED - 2 five months barrow Poland China pigs. Notify J. E. Counts. Liberal reward for information. 6-2t

Miss Jennings, of Gainesville, is in the city visiting her brother, H. W. Jennings and family.

THE GREATEST OF ALL BIG SALES IN SPUR

J. A. Lambdin & Company, under the management of C. L. Love, is preparing to begin Saturday The Greatest of All Sales in Spur, and we call special attention to their double page advertisement appearing in this issue of the Texas Spur.

Throughout the past two years and since the beginning of Spur the J. A. Lambdin & Company has been doing business under the management of Mr. Love, and on every occasion business acumen and sagacity has been demonstrated. In this sale cut prices on all goods is being made and the people from every section of the entire Spur trade territory are expected to come to Spur and take advantage of the big values in every line of merchandise.

The Lambdin Company is showing a big stock of goods and are making prices that will encourage the buying public to not only investigate but come to Spur to trade.

As will be noted by the advertising columns of the Texas Spur the merchants of Spur are now offering superior and most attractive inducements to the trade and will continue to do so throughout the season. Standard merchandise in great variety and volume is now being offered the buying public at prices that has never before been made on goods in Western Texas. We attribute the cause of the present reductions in prices principally to the fact that during the fall season and to the present time trade has been somewhat limited considering the time of year and good crops grown throughout the country, and not only to stimulate business but to get in some cash to meet the approaching New Year's Demands merchants are disregarding profits and placing goods on sale at real bargains.

The people of the surrounding country are taking advantage of such conditions and will continue to do so as long as the present bargains in merchandise are offered. "They are doing it now."

G. B. Erath and Miss Jessie Randall were married Sunday at 10:30 o'clock at the country home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, Rev. M. M. Young officiating. The bride and groom are of two of the most highly respected families of this section. The Texas Spur joins their many friends with congratulations.

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Wednesday trading with the merchants and on other business.

Spur Lodge Number 1023 A. F. & A. M. meets Thursday night, December 19th. Work in all three degrees. All members and visitors are requested to be present.

Miss Elnora Dunn, who has been visiting relatives at Floydada during the past several weeks, returned this week to her home in Spur.

W. A. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Wednesday and spent some time here trading and on other business.

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ALWAYS Remember that you can't saw wood with a hammer.

Opportunity knocks but once, they say. If you happen to be knocking yourself you may not hear her gentle tap when she calls. She may be tapping at your door right now. Who knows? Get busy. Start a bank account, no matter how small. That's the way most big concerns started. Begin to save and to saw wood.

**Farmers
& Merchants State
Bank**
Spur, Texas

TEXAS MANUFACTURES 1 PER CENT COTTON CROP

According to the report of O. E. Dunlap, chairman of the Committee on Cotton Mills of the Texas Welfare Commission, Texas produced last year 4,297,000 bales of cotton, and consumed less than one per cent; North Carolina, 700,000 bales, and consumed the whole crop; South Carolina, 1,000,000 bales, and consumed 65 per cent; Georgia produced 1,750,000 bales, and consumed 30 per cent; Alabama produced 1,250,000 bales, and consumed 25 per cent. Texas stands at the head of the list in production, but out of 100 bales produced the local mills consumed only one bale, the other ninety-nine being manufactured outside of the state.

Justice Court convened Monday with D. A. Young, the newly elected magistrate, on the bench. Justice Young is a jurist with a far insight into the best procedure of court matters and a man on the bench of authority in whom all will recognize an even distribution of justice.

Mr. Rhodes came in Wednesday from his home three miles southwest of Spur and spent several hours in the city on business.

Murray Brothers...

For Specialized Service In
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If you have never tried us, try us "for the very work's sake." If you have tried us we know you will try us again for we are your friends.

That's Us

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THE DOOMED SALE OF THE MORRISON STOCK

The Doomed Sale of the Morrison stock of merchandise was opened up Saturday as advertised and the people from every section of the country responded to the advertising appeals. People were here from every portion of the extensive Spur trade territory, spending thousands of dollars at the Doomed Price Sale and at other places in town.

This sale is an unquestionable demonstration of the power and effectiveness of advertising. Prior to the opening of the sale business was somewhat lagging in the town and the number of people to be seen on the streets and in the stores was daily dwindling to the minimum, but since the beginning of the sale and throughout the entire week things have been stirring in a business way and the entire town has been the scene of a wide-awake and prosperous little city. At the opening Saturday the doors of the store had to be locked and the anxious buyers were admitted in relays to prevent the jam and overcrowding. Nearly two thousand dollars in cash was sold the first day. Sales manager Norrell went after the trade in the right way and it is to be clearly seen that he is getting it—even beyond his own expectations.

The sale will continue until the stock is closed out. And so long as the sale continues the town and the people of the country as well as the managers of the sale will continue to profit.

Magnetic Healer W. T. Duke was called to DeLeon last week to treat a patient. Mr. Duke has the reputation of being able to effect a permanent cure of many dreaded diseases and ailments.

NO. 9611

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov. 26th, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$143,044.39
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,206.85
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	49.90
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	33,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	589.20
Due from approved Reserve Agents	55,071.59
Checks and Other cash Items	122.00
Notes of other National Banks	3,295.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	44.28
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	7,916.95
Legal tender notes	2,250.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$275,040.16

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	13,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	3,304.43
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	14,148.02
Individual deposits subject to check	118,862.96
Cashier's checks outstanding	224.75
Total	\$275,040.16

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

W. T. Andrews,
C. A. Jones,

Geo. S. Link,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Dec., 1912.

C. HOGAN, Notary Public.

[SEAL]

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B. D. GLASGOW

Attorney-At-Law

Office Over The Spur National Bank

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N. R. MORGAN

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Office Over The Spur National Bank

BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Spur, Texas, at the close of business on the 26th day of Nov., 1912, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 13th day of Dec., 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$14,448.96
Loans, real estate	2,872.50
Overdrafts	768.28
Real estate (banking house)	2,897.41
Other real estate	2,934.75
Furniture and Fixtures	1,908.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$3,552.11
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	600.00
Cash Items	488.65
Currency	2,422.00
Specie	1,325.35
Int. in Depositors Guar. Fund	215.98
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment of Guaranty Fund	59.86
Cotton Acceptances	7,368.15
Total	\$41,862.00

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	300.00
Undivided profits, net	1,200.02
Due to banks and bankers subject to check, net	2,010.80
Individual deposits, subject to check	17,949.32
Cashier's Checks	401.86
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
Total	\$41,862.00

State of Texas, County of Dickens:

We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. P. COLE, President.

J. F. VERNON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10th day of Dec., A. D. 1912.

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

R. S. HOLMAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

F. A. Prideaux,
W. S. Dunn,
G. S. Greenwade,
Directors.

THE RESULTS OF OUR

Price Doomed Sale Speaks Louder
Than We Can—Everyone Is Pleased
At Our Prices and At Our Values.
Hundreds Have Been Served.
May We Supply Your Winter
Needs? "Better Goods for Fewer
Dollars."

THE MORRISON STOCK

To Wear—Everything—To Eat

Christmas Is Near and We Are Ready to Fill

YOUR CHRISTMAS WANTS WITH A NICE LINE OF HOLIDAY

GOODS Consisting of Dressing Cases, Comb and Brush Sets, Military Sets, Manicure Sets, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Shaving Sets, Infant Sets, Jewelry Boxes, Goldhead Umbrellas, Musical Instruments, Holiday Perfumes, Holiday Books and Bibles, Cards and many other articles suitable for presents for old and young. Our line of Dolls and Burnt Wood Novelties is the largest shown in Spur and at prices 25 per cent lower than our competitors.

WE INVITE YOU TO CALL AND INSPECT OUR LINE BEFORE BUYING OF HOLIDAY GOODS AND REMEMBER WE ARE PREPARED TO FILL YOUR DRUG WANTS--CALL AND INVESTIGATE NOW.

THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

WE SELL THE ONLY LINE OF RUBBER GOODS THAT BEARS A TWO YEAR GUARANTEE

The *Rexall* Store

JACOB'S CANDIES ARE THE BEST. AND WE HAVE A FULL LINE TRY A BOX TODAY

God Doeth All Things Well

By Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

[IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR POOLE]

How sad to think that in life's morning hour
He in his early manhood had to go!
God called his spirit home to Eden's bower.
We know that he is better off; but O!
How sad our hearts and home since he has
gone.

'Tis hard to bear. O God! We miss him so;
For, though he has beyond our vision flown
The trail he left behind is still aglow.

His smiles, his sacred words of love and cheer
In tender memory lingers with us yet.
We hear his voice and feel his presence near.

For us who loved him so the sun has set
Upon the hopes we cherished most. Farewell
My noble son, God asked in Jesus' smile;

We'll meet again, God doeth all things well.
We've lost you only for a little while.

Clever Fat Men.
It is frequently averred that fat is deadening to the brain, and consequently a foe to intellectual activity. But is this so? Some of the greatest men the world has ever known were plump even to obesity.

Napoleon was decidedly embonpoint. Dr. Johnson was fleshy even to flabbiness. So was his biographical shadow, Boswell. Balzac, the great French novelist, was so stout that it was a day's exercise to walk around him, and he was encircled with bandages as if he were a hoghead. Rossini, the composer, was a regular Jumbo, since for six years he never saw his knees.

Jules Janin, the prince of critics, broke every sofa he ever sat down upon. Lablanche, the great singer, was charged three fares when he traveled. Dumas pere was stout, and Sainte-Beuve carried the stomach of a Falstaff. Eugene Sue had such aversion to his growing corpulency that he drank vinegar to keep it down, and yet he wrote "The Wandering Jew."

A man is not necessarily fat-witted because he has a boundless stomach.

Blow at Suicides.

"A pet monkey that I shipped up town this morning was bound on a most unusual mission for a monkey," said an animal dealer.

"He was bought by a woman who runs a furnished room house in which three persons have killed themselves with gas recently. Those suicides have upset her nerves. Now she is going to try the same preventive means adopted by three of her friends.

"They too, keep roomers. Also they keep monkeys. There have been several attempts at suicide in their houses, but they have always been frustrated by the monkeys, who have smelled gas and set up such a chattering that they woke everybody up.

"Monkeys are extremely sensitive to the odor of gas. This customer of mine hopes to utilize hers as a new kind of life preserver."—Philadelphia Record.

\$3,850,000 FOR EQUIPMENT.

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 \$3,850,000.

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.

COAL, - FEED!

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS For Coal and Feedstuff of all kinds and can supply your wants in short order. We have the BEST ASSORTED STOCK in this part of the country and would appreciate your business in

Bran, Corn, Oats, Shorts, Maize Seed Rye and Oats Millet, Sacks
Corn Chops Alfalfa Hay Cold Pressed Cake Johnson Grass Sd
Maize Chops Prairie Hay Cotton Seed Meal Chicken Feed
Kaffir Corn Chops Seed Wheat Cotton Seed Hulls Special Horse Feed
Big Lump, Nut and Blacksmith Coal

We buy Furs, Hides, Bran and Oat Sacks. Weigh your wagons here. Call whether you buy or not. We want to get acquainted

SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY BOTH PHONES 51 SPUR, TEXAS

JACKSON REALTY CO.

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

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 this day they loom up as a good light in the greatest republic's history.

J. F. Wieser, President of the Hico Roller Mills Co., of Hico, was in Spur this week on business.

Read the Texas Spur. All the local news for one dollar a year.

THE last edition of one hundred thousand copies of "Christmas Bells and Holly Time" is now off the press. This is your last opportunity to procure a copy. By special permission of the publishers, we are allowed to present a few copies to our preferred customers. Do not postpone your call, for you may regret it.

\$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.

FOR SALE

Improved farm six and one half miles northwest of Spur, at \$23 per acre.—H. H. Hill. 7-2tp

I have opened up one block north of where my place was burned. I have an extra large assortment of Christmas toys, fruits and candies. I will save you money on everything in Christmas goods.—C. H. McDonald.

YOU know the State of Texas is entitled to so much rainfall each twelve months. We are now considerably short, and it may come Christmas week. If it does, you and your friends will be considerably put out by your failure to procure proper gifts. Come now—our line is complete.

Red Front Drug Store

NOTICE

The Shareholders of the Spur National Bank will hold their annual meeting in the directors' room of the said bank on Tuesday, January 14th., 1913, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.—W. G. Sherrod, Cashier. 5-4t.

A BANK THAT Extends Its Facilities Only to Legitimate Transactions in Every Instance

That treats its customers with the utmost liberality, observing the strict principles of sound banking. That bases its success on the success of its customers. That keeps its organization and equipment in condition to care for growing interests of The Community

SUCH A BANK IS

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

Capital \$50,000.00.

And It Invites the Accounts of Those Who Desire The Best Banking Service

G. H. CONNELL, Pres.
E. C. EDMONDS Cash

Red Front Drug Store

Come To
P. H. Miller's
For Lumber and Coal
Paint Posts, Lime
Cement and Brick

Sheriff J. B. Conner and family moved this week to Dickens where they will reside during Mr. Conner's official tenure. J. B. Conner will make Dickens county a good sheriff and tax collector and will, in our estimation, always be found in the discharge of his official duty regardless of personal or factional interests.

Mrs. G. A. Pursley was granted a divorce in the district court at Haskell this week, against her husband G. A. Pursley, she being allowed custody of the children.

W. D. Thacker, of the Croton country, was in Spur this week marketing cotton and buying supplies of the merchants of Spur.

Rev. Mike M. Young was in the city this week from the Red Hill community.

Cotton buyer Cole left this week for an extended visit in East Texas.

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Persian City Gate.

ter is open, while the former is covered with a light water proof roof and is curtained against bad weather.

The most comfortable means of travel, sacred to the use of the wealthiest class, is the takhtiravan, a kind of palanquin, consisting of a box about seven feet long and five feet high, fitted with doors and windows and furnished inside with a soft mattress and luxurious cushions.

The vehicle is built on the sedan chair principle, the poles resting on a sort of saddle on the backs of the mules, which are harnessed tandem. Their area of usefulness is restricted to the plains and the sensation experienced while riding in them is like being tossed in an old-time liner on the stormy Atlantic.

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."

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."

THRASH BEATER WITH HOSE

Pennsylvania Masked Men Wallop J. W. Bowman in a Park for Striking His Wife.

Beaver, Pa.—Thirty-five masked men dressed as women took J. W. Bowman from Policeman Baker after tying the officer to a fence and escorted Bowman to a park, when they beat him with a rubber hose. Bowman had been arrested, charged with wife beating. After hearing the case a justice instructed Officer Baker to take Bowman home, and, if Mrs. Bowman told her husband to return to release him. On the way to the Bowman home the prisoner was taken by the vigilance committee.

Poundmaster to Make Job Pay.

Oroville, Cal.—John Rich, newly elected poundmaster sees a fortune in the job. First, he will get 50 cents a dog from the city. He intends to skin the animals and sell the hides. The meat he will crush and extract the oil, which he declares is a genuine cure for consumption. The flesh is to be used for chicken feed and the bones for fertilizer. He intends using everything but the bark.

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 two-electoral votes of Texas will go to Mr. Wilson.

Cackling.

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

Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

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!

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Limited Rainfall.

Dry farming—so-called—is farm operation under limited rainfall in districts where irrigation water cannot be obtained or where the supply of irrigation water is inadequate to meet the requirements of the acreage.

SEE HERE!

MY stock of Jewelry, Cut Glass and Silverware has come and I will mak it to the interest of any one wanting anything in this line to see me before buying.

I HAVE SOME GOOD WATCHES CHEAP!

I Engrave Free!

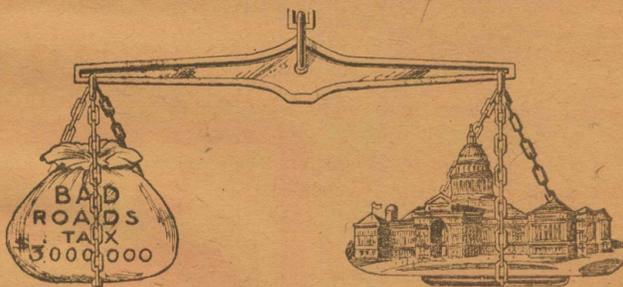
I engrave free of charge anything bought of me

The Best of Watch Work Done On Short Notice CALL AND SEE ME

A. T. ODENEAL

With Lambdin & Company

GOOD ROADS



THE ANNUAL EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING MUD HOLES EQUAL TO ENTIRE COST OF STATE CAPITOL.

Familiarity is said to breed contempt, but the mud hole appears to be exempt from this rule, as most of our citizens have been intimately acquainted with it from infancy and we contribute \$3,000,000 per annum to maintaining it, as well as submit to a tax of \$8,000,000 per annum levied by the mud hole in reducing the capacity of the road. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link and the carrying capacity of a road is governed by its worst mud hole and steepest grade. Improved public highways will do away with the mud hole.

STRAYED—Bay[horse about seven years old, weighs 1,100 pounds, branded J. on left jaw and J. N. on left thigh. I will pay five dollars reward for his return.—Perry Fite, Spur, Tex.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the firm of Godfrey & Tyler is dissolved. W. F. Godfrey purchasing the business, assuming inebtedness and liabilities from Dec. 3, 1912.—Godfrey & Tyler.

MAIZE TO SELL

Good team for sale, horses or mules. Cheap for cash, or will make terms.—A. B. Nichols, Dickens, Texas. 5-2tp

Several tons of maize to sell at the prevailing prices. Now stored in Spur. See W. G. Sherrod at Spur National Bank. 5-tf

Quick Trips Overland!

We are equipped with the best cars and in a position to carry you to any part of the country at any time and at a moderate price.

Agents for OVERLAND CARS!

Auto Repair Work of all kinds and all work guaranteed.

SPUR AUTO & SUPPLY COMPANY

Always Open For Business

People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!
IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, SAY SO!

Our customers all now that when they have a legitimate business proposition they can put it up to us any day in the year, if you are not a customer, come around and let us show you why it would be to your advantage to become one.

The Spur National Bank
Capital, 100,000.00

R. V. COLBERT, President,
C. A. JONES, Vice-President

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

Bring Your Old Clothes

And Have Them Pressed For ...Christmas...

Spur Tailoring Company

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

**Real Estate
Fire Insurance.
Life Insurance.**

Godfrey-Tyler Realty Company.

NEW WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP

A. P. EDGAR, Proprietor

FIRST-CLASS BARBER WORK

Shop located next door north of McDonald's Confectionery. Your work solicited and will be appreciated.

RALDO NEWMAN'S RANCH HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Wednesday night of last week, according to telephone reports, the fine ranch house on W. R. Newman's ranch in southern Motley county was totally destroyed by fire, the house and the barn, about 300 yards apart, catching about the same time. The house was valued at about \$15,000, while the barn was declared to be worth some \$1,000.

While the fire seems to have been of incendiary origin, it is not known just how the buildings caught, nor have any arrests been reported to this date in connection with the fire.

Parties last spring poisoned Mr. Newman's water supply, killing several of his cattle, but whether the two catastrophes have any connection has not been brought to light.—Ex.

Be at the big sale at Lambdins.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur recently and spent some time here on business.

Your friends will be at Lambdins.

S. R. Bowman, a prominent farmer of a few miles north of Spur, was in town this week trading with the merchants and on other business.

J. M. Neely and family left Tuesday for Hamlin where they will make their future home, Mr. Neely having recently acquired a hotel business at that place.

J. N. Zumwalt, a prosperous farmer and good citizen of fifteen miles west of Spur, was in the city this week purchasing supplies of the Spur merchants. He reports everything in fine shape in his section.

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.

Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

J. P. Simmons Prop

We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line, and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

STATE GINNING REPORT

Austin, Dec. 10.—The sixth cotton ginning report of the state department of agriculture for the season announces that 768,016 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1912, had been ginned during the month of November. With-in this total is included the gin-nings of the entire season from a number of public ginners not heretofore reporting to the department, the percentage of which, however, is small, representing less than five percent of the total public ginners in the state.

Last year during the month of November the report of the state department showed that there had been ginned during the said month a total of 719,332 bales.

Last year to December 1, according to the census bureau report, there had been ginned in this state 91.3 per cent of the entire crop.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

This section of the country was visited by a good shower of rain Saturday. A small snow and sleet also fell Friday.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

W. A. Johnson spent several days of last week in Fort Worth on business.

Harvey Draper spent several hours in Spur Saturday on business.

Robert, T. Dopson and family, who have been living in Spur the past few weeks, moved to their new home here last week.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry spent Saturday and Sunday south of Spur with relatives.

Luther Jones and wife were in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and visiting relatives.

Mr. Hargrove and wife, of near Dickens, were the guests of T. G. Cherry and family Sunday.

Bob Davis left Monday for the Plains where he will spend several days on business.

F. W. West, of southwest of Spur, has been spending several days of this week with his brother and family, of this community.

Will and Misses Fannie and Bettie Cartwright spent Friday in Spur shopping.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer returned Sunday from Garza county where she spent the past two weeks visiting.

Rev. Morris, of near Dickens, will fill his regular appointment here Sunday.—Maiden Vine.

Mrs. Evans has been recently employed as assistant in the Spur postoffice.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Willie Barns.
J. Owen Green.
E. G. Coken.
B. F. Griffin.
R. L. Henderson.
Robert R. Hence, (3.)
Fred Johnson.
Oliver Kirkland.
T. E. Morris.
D. E. Myers.
Jeff Trice.
Miss Nora Jones.
Miss Effie Martin.
Miss Prude Wilson.
Sara Sanders.
Frnstino Trero, (2.)
Palbo Olirslo.
Valenlen O. Semamego.
When calling for above letters please say "advertised."—N. A. Baker, P. M.

Dr. Hale, a prominent physician of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and spent some time here.

Mrs. Will Cooper returned to Spur Monday from a several days visit to relatives at Clairemont.

C. C. Haile has recently purchased the Langham mercantile business at Draper and will assume charge at an early date.

LAST NOTICE

I have given the debtors of Henson & Poole all the time I can, and unless paid by December 1, 1912, I will proceed to collect the same by law.—R. S. Holman, attorney. 3-3t

Fine organ given away at Lambdins.

R. M. Glazbrook and family, of ten miles southwest of Spur, were in the city this week shopping.

Lambdin: the house of bargains.

C. D. Copeland, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city one day this week buying more farm tools preparatory to cultivating a large farm another year.

R. L. Roberts returned this week from an extended trip to East Texas where he says he has been living on yam potatoes, fruits, etc., and taking in the grandeur of the piney woods, but expressed himself as being glad that he was again in Spur.

Visit the Baptist Ladies Bazaar at Lyric Theatre Dec. 14, 16 and 17.

A FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, December 8, 1912, W. C. McArthur reached the mature age of seventy-eight. He was born in North Carolina on December 8, 1832. He is one among the oldest and most renowned citizens of the country, and is also an ex-Confederate Soldier, whom we all love and respect. While yet a young man he came to Texas and at the age of thirty-two was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Sue Harris, of Hill county. To them were born eight children, seven of whom now live to bless their happy lives.

Sunday being his birthday, as before stated, their children agreed to surprise them with a dinner. Although the day was very threatening, all save one daughter gathered in and a most enjoyable day followed. About 1:30 o'clock the heretofore concealed dinner was brought forth and by the daughters was spread in a very attractive manner, after which the father was called in to view his birthday dinner, which he did with many smiles and expressions of praise for same.

The guests were then invited in and a very enjoyable meal followed. Near the close of dinner the dear invalid mother who heretofore had not left her chair came to the dining room door, and viewing her brood with an appreciative eye, in tears expressed her joy of their being allowed to all celebrate that occasion and prayed that we all might live to celebrate this same occasion a year hence. Yet we all felt and realized that before another snowy December rolls by the great Death Angle whom we dread so much may have claimed for his own the dear father and mother, both of whom we love and esteem so highly.

Let us all thank our blessed Heavenly Father that we were allowed to be present on this occasion, and as our darling mother did, pray that we may all live to celebrate the same. But let us all realize that death and separation is a thing that must take place, and may we all so live that when we are called from this earthly home it may be to a far brighter and happier one where we may meet our loved ones gone on before.—A guest.

Eat a good dinner and supper with the Baptist Ladies at the Crouse building Saturday, Dec. 14.

County Commissioner L. G. Crabtree was in Spur this week from his home in the Croton country and spent some time here on business. Mr. Crabtree is an efficient official and is making for his precinct and the whole of Dickens county a most conservative and trustworthy Commissioner.



Why Not Buy a Diamond?

THEY MAKE AN IDEAL XMAS GIFT

Xmas Gifts:--

SILVERWARE

CHINAWARE

CUT GLASS

JEWELRY

Call On Us

GRUBEN, The Jeweler

WITH SPUR DRUG COMPANY



BUSINESS GETTING BARGAINS

Money Savers

COME SEE US BEFORE BUYING

Greatest Saving on Women's Coat Suits Coats and Dresses

YOU WILL NEVER COMPREHEND WHAT SPLENDID AVENUES FOR SAVING ARE OFFERED TO YOU NOW BY THE GREAT SPECIAL PURCHASES TOGETHER WITH LINES FROM OUR REGULAR STOCKS. THE MANY PLEASED PATRONS OF TODAY BEAR GRAPHIC TESTIMONY THAT WOMEN WHO KNOW REAL VALUES APPRECIATE THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF BRYANT-LINK COMPANY'S PRICE REDUCTIONS

A Few Special Prices

\$25.00 Coat Suits, Special Price	\$18.95
20.00 Coat Suits, " "	15.95
15.00 Coat Suits, " "	12.50
12.50 Coat Suits, " "	10.00
25.00 Long Coats, " "	18.95
17.50 Long Coats, " "	14.95
15.00 Long Coats, " "	12.95
12.50 Long Coats, " "	10.95

SPECIAL GOOD CLOTHES NEWS!!

WE ANNOUNCE an extraordinary purchase of Suits from Henry Sonnyborn, at a Great Reduction off regular price. These Suits were made to retail at \$17, \$20 and \$25, but our season through price wont permit of this so we have placed them at 15.00, 17.50 and 20.00, saving you from 2.50 to \$5. All new patterns and lots of suits cheaper. Don't fail to see them. Sweater Coats at Reduced Prices in sizes for men, women and children. Owing to mild weather up to date we have not sold as many Sweater Coats as we expected to when bought for this season, consequently we are overstocked. Sweater Coats are the ideal garments for cold weather wear. If you haven't one now is the time to buy one. ALL MILLINERY Goes at Half Price. Christmas Ties are here. A Suit Case or Traveling Bag makes an Excellent Christmas Present and we have them at \$1.50 to \$15.00

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY,

"Merchandise of Quality."

HIS BEST CROP GROWN IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

J. E. Brown, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of three miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Monday on business and while here was a caller at the Texas Spur office, renewing his subscription to the paper for another year and for which he has our thanks.

He reports that the crops grown on his place this year

were fine, he having made thirty six and one half bales of cotton, and good crops of maize, kaffir corn and other feed stuff and as a result he is prospering and has undaunted faith in the Spur country as an agricultural country.

Mr. Brown is formerly of McLennan county, conceded one of the most productive sections of the state, and during the past fifteen years has farmed in various sections of Texas, but he informs us that in all this time he has never grown as produc-

BUYING AND IMPROVING SPUR FARM HOMES

C. F. Cates, representing the Spur Farm Lands management, reports the sale of one quarter each to two men of families last Saturday and who are now beginning the improvement of their purchases with the intent of establishing permanent homesteads and becoming permanent citizens of the Spur country.

The distinction the Spur country has attained throughout the State and the Southwest as a successful farming country has resulted in many desirable families locating here and who have purchased land, erected farm homes and are now assisting in the rapid agricultural development of the country.

The results of the farming industry in the Spur country has proven this section to be as reliable and productive as most of the recognized agricultural countries of the South. Numerous farmers of this country who have come from various sections of Texas and other states are unanimous in asserting that their best crops have been grown in the Spur country.

BUNKER HILL ITEMS

Bunker Hill School started Monday with a fair attendance. Miss Bessie Morris, of Matador, is teaching this term.

Joe Chaffin visited relatives at Clairemont Sunday.

tive and profitable a crop as was made this year on his place near Spur.

Mr. J. C. McNeill, wife and Miss Edmonds, were shopping in Spur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Zumwalt were in Spur trading Monday.

A light shower of rain fell at Bunker Hill Monday night.

J. N. Zumwalt is at the Half Circle S Ranch this week on business.

Considerable snow and sleet fell in this community last Friday.

Messrs. Floyd Wilhite, Tom Allen and Frank Goodson were visiting at the Zumwalt residence Sunday.

Lee Carpenter was a business visitor to Spur Friday.

Ed Fuqua and Lee Johnson, of the Red Mud community, were at Bunker Hill Monday on business.

This is all for this time, but here's hoping there will be more news next time.--Fritzzy.

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