

**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 12.50

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## YOUNG MAN ATTEMPS SUICIDE THURSDAY

Thursday night G. A. Craven, a young man of the Duck Creek country, made an attempt to kill himself with a knife. Young Craven stabbed himself a number of times in the breast before his mother and brother reached him and took away the knife. He was immediately brought to the Standifer Hospital where an operation was performed in which six or seven stitches were made in the young man's heart, in which was a long cut.

G. A. Craven and his mother came last week from Rising Star in Eastland county to live with his brother, J. C. Craven of the Duck Creek country. He is about twenty-four years old, and it is said that a number of years ago a horse fell with him causing injuries in the head and possibly breaking the skull. During the past several months indications of insanity were observed, he having made several unsuccessful attempts to kill himself, and on account of his condition his mother came with him to make their home with his brother J. C. Craven. After arriving here Mr. Craven brought his brother to Dr. Standifer for an examination, returning home with him Monday to await a more complete and thorough diagnosis of the case later.

At this time the young man is in the hospital, and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

## HUNTING PARTY RETURNS FROM SALT FORK TRIP

A party of hunters, made up of Sam Clemmons, A. R. Lake and Leon Lewis, of Spur, and others of Abilene and Stamford, returned the latter part of last week from Salt Fork where they spent several days.

The party was out specially for deer, but report no deer meat. However, some two or three hundred quail were killed and the party reports a most pleasant trip. A number of deer formerly ranged in that section of country, but since it is reported that Cal Cade of Kent county killed five of the number on a recent hunting trip, it is very probable that but few deer remain on that range.

## BUILDING STORE HOUSE AT ROARING SPRINGS

Mr. Satterwhite returned last week to Spur from the Roaring Springs country where he is now having a large store house built preparatory to opening up a hardware business at that point when the building is complete. Mr. Satterwhite says that later when the new town is open to the public the building will be moved to lots on the townsite and the business continued. The business at that point will be a branch of the Spur Hardware Company and will be prepared to handle an extensive business in the hardware line.

## TEXAS IN A NEW ROLE



The Texas pecans are finding favor among the Christmas shoppers and the nuts and fruits from the Lone Star state are popular with the northern and eastern consumers.—News Item.

## EXCURSIONISTS BUYING AND SETTLING COUNTRY

R. S. Holman made a business trip last week to Crosbyton where he spent several days looking after the interest of clients. While there the Judge reports having witnessed the arrival of one of the regular excursion immigrant trains from the northern and eastern states to Crosbyton. On this occasion the excursionists were wined, dined and entertained in the most approved manner, carried over the surrounding country and sold numbers of acres of land to various members of the party and at prices ranging around thirty five dollars an acre for unimproved land. It is said that those buying lands on these excursions will move later to that section and begin the improvement of their purchases, thus contributing to the actual settlement and more rapid development of the country.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILED THROUGHOUT

Throughout the holidays the Christmas spirit was evidenced on every hand, commercialism and selfish interests being for the time relegated to the background and every one most solicitous of the happiness and pleasure of others.

Christmas trees were had at both the Methodist and Baptist tabernacles of Spur and at most of the school houses in every section of the country, and the giving and receiving of presents and Christmas cheer prevailed throughout the country. It was a happy Christmas and the occasion was fittingly observed in every section of Dickens county and the Spur country.

## PROSPEROUS FARMER

R. L. Overstreet was in Spur the latter part of last week from his home in the Afton country. Mr. Overstreet is one of the most prosperous farmers of the country and owns one of the finest farms in this section of the state.

## W. D. CLAY GETS LEG BROKEN AT DICKENS

Thursday of last week, while putting up a windmill tower at the jail house, W. D. Clay had one of his legs broken. He and his son, Ivan, were raising the tower and had braced it temporarily while raising another part of the tower. The wind caused the timbers to fall striking Mr. Clay and breaking his leg between the knee and ankle. Help was called and Mr. Clay removed to the Dickens hotel where Drs. Blackwell and Hale gave medical attention and re-set the broken bones.

The break was a severe one, the bones protruding through the skin, and it is very probable that Mr. Clay will be laid up for several weeks. He will be removed to his home in Spur at a later date.

## It Takes More Than Low

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**TRIO OF RAILROAD BUILDERS DISCUSS STOCK AND BOND LAW.**

**Law Prevents Independent Construction—Texas Only State Requiring Roads to be Built Before Bonds are Issued.**

Houston, Texas.—The practical effect of the Texas Stock and Bond law upon railroad construction in Texas is of course best understood by those engaged in railroad construction than perhaps any other class of people. The Texas Welfare Commission invited the opinion of the leading railroad men of the country and three of the most prominent men are quoted below.

Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harrimon lines, said in part: "I do not know of any independent line of considerable importance that has been constructed in Texas since this stock and bond law went into effect. The stock of the Trinity & Brazos Valley, as I understand it, is owned jointly by the Rock Island Company and by the Colorado & Southern and they have backed that enterprise. The Brownsville line and the Yoakum line, from Houston towards New Orleans, as I understand, have been backed and financed by the Frisco system. I do not recall any other line. There may have been many lines started but if you can show me a single line one hundred miles in length that has been constructed in Texas in the last twenty years—without the backing of a large system from outside the state—I should be very much obliged, because I do not remember any. Of course, one effect of this has been to retard the construction of other lines. Some may consider that that has been beneficial to the existing lines."

Mr. Frank Trumbull, executive head of the Katy system, said in part: "Under the present law you have got to furnish your railroad first and get your securities afterwards, that is, if you are selling bonds. That is not done anywhere else in the world, so far as I know, and it is not good financing, and if it is not good financing, it is not good for the State of Texas."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, said in part: "We have been able by means of our credit acquired outside the state to borrow money on that credit and spend it in Texas in spite of the stock and bond law. To say, as your Texas law practically does, that no bonds will be authorized until the money is spent, is equivalent, as to any new promotion of small lines, to forbidding their construction."

**Would Fill the Bill.**

Mr. Bigheart—Wiggins, old boy, we've raised \$50 to get the boss a Christmas present, and we want something that will make a great show for the money—something that will look big, you know. Can't you suggest something?

Wiggins—Sure. Buy \$50 worth of rice and then boil it.

**Saves Her Feelings.**

Miss Askit—Does your husband smoke those cigars you gave him Christmas?

Mrs. Nuwed—He smoked one and said he would keep the rest to remind him of my kindness.

**Now She's Convinced.**

Askit—Where is that Miss Oldgirl, who was expressing herself so strongly against foolish Christmas customs the other day?

Tellit—She's laid up with a bad cold—caught it while she was out gathering mistletoe.

**STRATEGY.**



Mr. Softeigh — Miss Homeleigh seems to have that corner all to herself.

Miss Gabby—Yes, the mistletoe hangs there, and she has spent the evening in that spot.

**Preparing for Christmas.**

Deacon Goodly—What are you building that addition to your house for, Parson Sainly?

Parson S.—Got to have a place to store the carpet slippers and book-marks.

**The Child of Promise**

By Mrs. W. B. Bennett

Down in a lonely manger  
The Child of Promise lay,  
All wrapped about in swaddling  
Upon His bed of hay.  
He had no downy pillow,  
Nor blankets soft and white;  
But Angles sang His praises  
From God's great throne of light.

"Glory to God in the highest!"  
The shepherds heard them sing,  
"To you is born a Savior  
In the city of David, the king.  
Glory to God in the highest;  
Peace and good will to men."

Down in a lowly manger  
The Child of Promise lay,  
Beside its virgin mother  
Upon a bed of hay.  
He had no crib nor carriage.  
No comforts in the chest;  
But far away there journeyed  
Three wise men from the East.

To worship the Infant Jesus,  
The baby born in a stall,  
The Child the Father promised  
Would redeem us from the fall,  
The Infant Lord, the Christ-Child,  
The Savior of us all.

**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.

G. H. Connell returned last week to his home in Fort Worth after spending some time in Spur with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, and looking after interests of the First Bank State of Spur, of which he is president.

J. M. Neely returned last week from Hamlin where he had been with his family to establish a hotel business at that place. Mr. Neely will remain in Spur.

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J. W. Waggoner was in Spur the latter part of last week from the Twenty-Four Ranch in Kent county and hauled out supplies.

Jeff D. Harkey came over from Dickens this week and spent some time here on business.

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

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

**GOETHE AND THE CHESTNUTS**

Recent Find of Poet's Complaint Against an Annoyance That He Suffered.

Nothing is more annoying in autumn than to have near one's windows a chestnut tree, the natural target for the missiles of youth. Goethe, whose respect for the rights of property was only equalled by his love of law and order, suffered considerably from this annoyance. The Munich News has just lighted upon a complaint made by the poet to the corporation of Weimar during his stay in that city. He writes:

"At the edge of the field is a row of Spanish chestnut trees, and as soon as the chestnuts begin to ripen the children bombard the trees with stones without any concern for the passerby. Nor do they confine their attentions to the trees in the road. They throw cabbage and sticks at our fruit trees, so that the owners move about their own gardens in terror of their lives and begin to despair of ever garnering their crop of fruit. Worse still, this outrageous conduct goes on in the depths of winter when there is not a single fruit on the branches nor even a bird's nest to excite the young rascals' cupidty. Policemen Lenger, to whom I have shown some of the stones that fell on my lawn, will bear me out."

Goethe never acted precipitately. In this case he refrained from sending in his complaint immediately, and to add weight to his representations kept the letter back till new outrages had been committed, when he sent it with this postscript added:

"I may add that this is a matter of general interest, and I can prove it. As I was leaving my garden yesterday by the field gate to remonstrate with some sacrilegious young ruffians several peasants who were on their way home from working in their cabbage fields joined their voices to mine and told me that it was impossible to pass along this road, which is the only way to the fields, without incurring real danger."

**Mattresses for Plate Glass.**

The mattresses whereon we sleep are by no means the only ones. There is, for instance, the mattress that is placed in wagons for the conveyance of plate glass in safety.

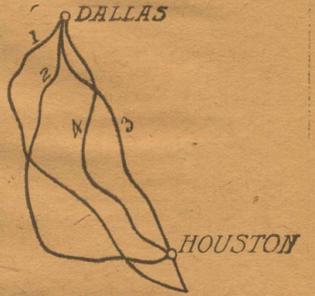
These wagon mattresses are made of curled hair. They are of a thickness scarcely greater than that of the coverlet that is known as a "comfortable." The exigencies of plate-glass transportation require that these mattresses be constructed with exceeding care, inasmuch as a slight lump anywhere in the mattress might prove sufficient to cause the breakage of the glass that rests upon it. In the event of two plates of glass resting upon that lump at the same time still greater danger to the glass is courted.

These plate-glass mattresses cost, according to size, from \$60 to \$75. The mere remaking of such a mattress may cost from \$20 to \$25.—Harper's Weekly.

**COMPETITION RULES IN RATES.**

**Density of Traffic a Powerful Factor—Stock and Bond Issue not Considered.**

Competition is the most powerful factor known in rate making. It recognizes the mandates of no court; it quickly tears to pieces the well balanced tariff sheets of every common carrier that comes under its influence and all other elements that enter into rate making to its power. The following map gives a practical illustration of the effect of competition in rate making in Texas:



1 G.C.&S.F. 2 M.K.&T. 3 T.&B.V. 4 H.&T.C.

There are four direct lines of railroad running between Dallas and Houston. The stock and bond issues on these lines vary from \$29,103 to \$45,022 per mile. The value of these properties according to the Railroad Commission's estimate vary from \$15,686 to \$29,932 per mile. The assessed values vary from \$17,863 to \$32,399 per mile. The amount expended upon them by the owners varies from \$30,000 to \$60,000 per mile; the density of population and traffic is more widely at variance; the railroad mileage varies from 249 to 367 miles, yet the rate from Dallas to Houston via all lines is the same.

The most potential element next in importance to competition in rate making is density of traffic. It is a far more agreeable personality than any of its associates among the rate making powers. It enjoys the distinction of being the only influence that is able to reduce rates without decreasing the earnings and is a welcomed guest to both shipper and carrier.

Efforts have been made by the legislatures to use the stock and bond issues as a basis for rate making, but these factors have been ignored by custom and denied recognition by the courts.

**OPENED WAY TO FREEDOM**

**Ingenuity of Prisoners in Effort to Escape Awakened the Admiration of Their Jailer.**

Amongst the prisoners in the French convict settlement of New Caledonia were two marine engineers who not long ago received a pardon—strange as it may seem—for making a daring and ingenious attempt to escape.

Living together in the same hut, these men were engaged for years in digging a secret tunnel from their hut to the beach. At the end of the tunnel they hollowed out a chamber, in which, with pieces of driftwood and little bits of steel and iron smuggled into the hut, they fashioned a boat, the metal being at first used to make tools and afterwards to form bolts and rivets.

Then with infinite pains they built an engine to propel the boat, and after laboring mightily for seven years they completed their task.

Everything was ready except the provisioning of the vessel, when they were betrayed by a fellow-convict to whom they had confided their plan. But so impressed was the French commandant by their marvelous energy, skill, and patience that he managed, after a year to obtain a pardon for them.

**Russian Gold.**

The Russian empire, including Siberia, was fifth in rank in the world as a producer of gold in 1911, according to the United States geological survey. The output is stated as \$24,865,000, which is, however, a decrease of more than ten million dollars compared with the figures for 1910. This decrease is due mainly to the shortage of water in 1911 in the placer workings in Siberia. The Russian production of gold has been generally increasing and a vast placer gold field undoubtedly awaits development in north Siberia, although this development may be long delayed. The value of all the gold produced in the United States from 1792 to the end of 1911 is estimated at \$3,358,463,500; the value of the silver at \$1,629,972,000.

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### BUNKER HILL ITEMS

Mrs. J. C. McNeill and children visited in Spur Friday of last week.

Mr. Lou Carpenter spent a few days of last week at Dumont on business and also visiting his parents.

Misses. Essie and Vina Carpenter are visiting relatives in our community this week.

Elmond Day, Boy Hand and John Carpenter are visiting relatives at Bunker Hill this week.

Floyd Winheart was a business visitor to Spur Saturday.

Misses Ennis, McBroom, Idell, Sherdis and Smith were visitors at the Zumwalt home Sunday afternoon.

Luther and Joe Thornton left Wednesday for New Mexico where they will make their future home.

Mr. Lou Carpenter entertained Monday night with a dance, a large crowd being in attendance. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time is reported.

Oscar Myers, of Crosbyton, was in our community Tuesday on business.

Miss Bess Morris, teacher of the Bunker Hill School, left Friday for her home at Matador where she will spend the holidays.

J. N. Zumwalt is now building an addition to his residence.

Mrs. Tom Ballew visited relatives at Spur last week.

Miss Day and Mrs. Cochran visited at the Half Circle Ranch last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Green Morgan a fine girl. Mother and babe are reported to be doing nicely.

Joe Chaffin made a business trip to Spur Thursday.

Fritzy

J. H. Rhodes, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

H. C. Murray returned last week from Kent county where he had been doing concrete and brick work on new buildings during the past several weeks.

### HARD TO SEE THE FUTURE

German Bookseller, Compelled to Praise, Relieves Himself of a Truism Most People Will Indorse.

Many visitors to Rome will remember the German bookstore on the Piazza di Spagna, kept by Herr S—, of whom a story is told which throws a backward light upon the apparently troublesome activities, as a boy, of a distinguished American novelist.

Herr S—, who had been established in Rome as a bookseller almost a lifetime, once met in his store another elderly gentleman, who said:

"Isn't it fine Mr. S—, about Frank Crawford?"

"Fine about Frank Crawford? Not you mean?"

"Why, about his book—a great success. Haven't you heard? Haven't you read it?"

"Read his book? No. Frank Crawford ride a book? Impossible!"

"O, yes; no doubt of it. Giuseppe"—calling a salesman—"let me have a copy of 'Mr. Isaacs,' please."

When the volume was brought to the incredulous bookseller he held it at arms' length, looking at it curiously as he turned it from side to side and from end to end; then he cautiously examined the title page, with its "—th edition," which he greeted with a guttural "Huh!"

Next he turned to the last page and read the concluding sentence with another grunt of astonishment.

Then he dipped into the volume in two or three places, and finally, satisfied that he was not being deceived, handed back the book to Giuseppe without looking at him, and said:

"Well, well! dot broovas dot you must neffer trown a poy."—The Century.

### HIS APOLOGY DOUBLE EDGED

California Statesman, Compelled to Withdraw Words, Contrived to Leave Sting Behind Retraction.

During the session of the California state legislature in the winter of 1892-4 a bill was introduced in the house repealing so much of an existing law as prohibited a negro from testifying in either civil or criminal cases pending against a white person. Hon. J. W. Owen of Santa Clara county was advocating the bill, and during the course of his remarks he said: "Mr. Speaker, in the county which I have the honor to represent there resides a negro barber, who, in point of natural ability or acquired culture, is the peer of more than half the members of this house." Instantly a dozen of the so-called "chivalry" were on their feet, demanding that the insulting and unparliamentary language be taken down and the orator be punished for its use. The speaker so ordered; and in the midst of the confusion which ensued a motion to adjourn prevailed. The following day the subject was called up under the head of unfinished business and Mr. Owen made the following characteristic "apology": "Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in the heat of debate, I used words which the opponents of the measure under consideration claim to have been unparliamentary and an insult to the intelligence of the members of this house. It was not my purpose to offend any one, and I hereby withdraw the objectionable words used, and most humbly apologize to any and all of my colleague who feel aggrieved by their utterance; but as to the fact I stated, God Almighty alone is responsible for it."

### Natural Mistake.

Ysaye, the violinist, is a shy and quiet man, except when ruffled or annoyed, and then he becomes sharp of tongue. He was playing at a private house, and an elderly lady, a passionate lover of music, drew closer and closer to him as he continued to play. She was so interested in reading the score that finally her head almost touched his.

Ysaye, who had been growing angrier every moment, suddenly ceased playing, and, pulling out his handkerchief, seized the amateur musician by the nose. The lady was furious, and her fury was not diminished when the violinist said:

"I beg your pardon, but your nose was so close to my face that I thought it was my own!"

### John Marshall.

John Marshall was not the first chief justice of the Supreme court of the United States. That honor belongs to John Jay of New York. But it is not at all strange that the idea of priority should be associated in the great Virginian. Marshall was by far the greatest of the Supreme court judges. He may well be called the "interpreter of the Constitution," for his memorable decisions established the constructions that have but seldom been departed from. Marshall was on the Supreme bench from 1801 to 1835 and during these 34 years he laid the foundation that promises to stand while the government itself endures. In American constitutional history no name is above Marshall's.

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M. E. MANNING, Asst. Cashier

### DISSOLUTION NOTICE

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

Willis Smith and wife moved last week from their farm in the Tap country and assumed the management and operation of the Spur Hotel which he recently purchased of C. C. Haile. W. N. Blackwell and family moved to a residence in the city.

J. D. Martin was in the city the latter part of last week from his home several miles north of Spur.

O. A. LaBeff, a shoemaker of Jayton, had business in Spur Monday.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city this week from his home on the Cat Fish.

### SPUR SCHOOLS DISMISS TWO WEEKS FOR XMAS

The Spur schools dismissed Friday of last week for two weeks of holidays for the pupils and teachers. During the day of dismissal pupils of the lower grades brought in Christmas toys and presents which were placed together and redistributed, thus each pupil had the pleasure of giving and receiving a Christmas present from school mates.

A number of the teachers will take advantage of the two weeks intermission and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at their various homes.

Jack Rodgers and family, of near Clairemont in Kent county, were in Spur this week trading with the merchants. Mr. Rodgers is one among the oldest settlers of this section of the country.

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# GREETING

In extending congratulations to our many friends and customers, wishing that all may have a Happy and Prosperous Life, during the coming year of 1913

### AND EVER AFTER

We are conscious of the part you have taken in making the year of 1912 the most prosperous "In a business way" that our firm has enjoyed in Spur.

### We Want to Express Thanks to One and All

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C. L. LOVE, Manager

SPUR, TEXAS

### TALKING SPOILED HIS TRIP

Passenger Beating His Way Was All Right Until He Himself Gave the Whole Snap Away.

Jack Grace, the veteran boxer and globe trotter, likes to tell stories about himself and retails one where in Honolulu proves to have offered him a welcome unaware.

"I had been stopping in Honolulu with the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures and decided that I wanted to go to Yokohama. I knew the chief engineer on the Manchuria, which was due in port in a couple of days, and I thought I would save \$200 fare by riding with him.

"When the ship came into port he told me that I could have the second engineer's cabin.

"Stay inside a couple of days and then come out and mix with the passengers. There are about 300 on board," he told me, "and I do not think you will have any trouble."

"I followed his instructions, and after the second day I came out from hiding. We were within a few days of Japan, and I was regaling a bunch in the smoking room with some stories when a company checker looked at me closely and asked:

"Say, who are you?"

"I did not know him, so proceeded to tell of my experiences, and related what a good friend I had in the chief engineer. Riding the rods is hard work, I told him, but traveling first cabin on these transpacific liners is a pipe.

"The checker left without explaining his official position, but I noticed about three hours afterward that the ship slowed down. I also saw that the Mongolia, a sister ship on the same line, was passing us and also getting ready to stop. Well, they only gave me time to grab up my press book, that other shirt and an old pair of boxing gloves I was carrying, when they transferred me to the other ship.

"Going back? Say, did you ever holystone a deck?"

### SNOW IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Snow began to fall in Spur Saturday night and continued throughout Sunday, the total amount being about two inches on the ground. This will give the entire country a fine season for breaking land.

### NOTICE

Three good work horses for sale cheap. Will sell for cash or make terms. W. A. Johnson, 3 miles north-west Spur. 8-2t

Sebe Lambert and family were in the city this week making preparations for Christmas.]

Miss Melva Jo Holman spent last week at Afton with her sister, Mrs. Rucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon entertained a number of friends last Thursday night at their home in the city.

Miss Winnie Holman is in Paducah spending the holidays with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley.

Mrs. Killough, of Palestine, is in Spur spending the holidays with her niece and family, Dr. and Mrs. Brandon.

Mrs. Travis returned this week from Hamlin where she spent several days with her daughter and other relatives and friends.

J. E. Sparks was in the city Thursday from his home in the Tap country. He brought in peanuts which he sold to the townspeople. Mr. Sparks also has a lot of peanut hay on hand and he says it is fine.

One of the most pleasant occasions of the Christmas season was a dinner given Christmas day by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin at their home in the city and enjoyed by a few friends in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Miss Nina Wooly, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure and children. The dinner was inexpressible, most inviting and varied and served in the most gracious manner by the host and hostess. May they live long and prosper.

#### DRY LAKE ITEMS

R. F. Keen was in Spur Monday making an effort to buy out the Spur merchants.

Bob Davis and Gray Draper returned the latter part of the week from Kent county where they spent several days on business.

H. C. Draper and W. F. Markham, wife and little daughter left the first of the week for Haskell where they will remain during the holidays visiting relatives.

Misses Erma, Edice and Loy West spent Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives south of Spur.

Misses Irene and Erna Mae Letch were the guests of Mrs. T. G. Cherry Wednesday.

Quite a snow fell in this section Monday.

B. C. Palmer returned the latter part of last week from Sweetwater where he has been several weeks under the treatment of a magnetic healer at that place.

Mrs. G. A. Draper has been on the sick list this week.

The entertainment and Christ-

#### MARRIED

Monday night J. H. Kelly, station agent of the I. & G. N. Railway near Fort Worth, and Miss Minnie Squyres were married in Spur, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Berryman at his home.

Mr. Tomlinson, of Haskell and Miss Edna Ham were married Christmas day at Dickens. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson came to Spur and departed on the afternoon train for Haskell. Miss Ham is the daughter of E. Ham, of near Dickens, and is one of Dickens county's most popular and accomplished young ladies.

Lonnie Rucker and Miss Edith Russell, Eugene Blakeley and Miss Christopher, Clyde Sanders and Miss Arthur, Blain Spear and Miss Law, all of the Afton country, were married Sunday at Afton.

G. A. Howsley and son, Bob, spent the Christmas holidays with home folks at Albany.

Miss Smith, who has been on an extended visit to relatives at San Angelo, returned last week to her home in Spur.

mas tree at the school house Monday night was well attended. H. C. Allen, who performed the duty of Santa Claus, distributed the many gifts which were on the tree, played his part well and he will be long remembered by the many children present.

Aleck Smoot returned the latter part of the week from Matador where he spent several days on business.

—Maiden Vine.

J. C. Link and family, of Aspermont, spent Christmas in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link.

Ross Edwards left Christmas to spend the holidays with his relatives in Knox county and will probably spend ten days before returning to Spur.

Miss Grace Roberts is spending the holidays with friends and relatives at Dublin.

J. V. McCormick and G. W. Odam were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday from the Afton country. They came in with several bales of cotton and enjoyed the Christmas day with friends in Spur.

**SPUR MERCHANTS SUPPLY HOLIDAY TRADE**

Messrs. C. H. McDonald, W. B. Griffin, The Red Front Drug Store, the Spur Drug Company, W. C. Gruben, and A. T. Odeneal were among those who carried the largest supplies of holiday goods and the Christmas buying was so extensive that each of the firms practically sold out their entire stocks of holiday goods during Christmas. The holiday trade was well cared for by Spur merchants in all lines, and with the exception of fireworks the people found here what they wanted in gifts and presents of every character.

The people of the surrounding country and Spur trade territory recognize the fact that Spur merchants are most considerate of the needs and requirements of the trade and are prepared at all times and all seasons to supply the demands of all the people.

**NOTICE**

Notice of intention to apply to the Legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1913, for the passage of an act or acts authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company of Texas to purchase or lease the properties now owned and hereafter acquired by the Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley Railway Co., the Texas and Gulf Railway Company, the Gulf and Interstate Railway Company of Texas, and the Beaumont Wharf and Terminal Company, and authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to lease that portion of the railroad of the Pecos and North Texas Railway Company extending from Coleman, Texas, to Sweetwater, Texas, or to authorize the Pecos and Northern Railway Company to contract with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company for the operation by the officers of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company of said railroad between Coleman and Sweetwater.

The undersigned will apply to the Legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1913, for the passage of an act or acts authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned and hereafter acquired by the Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley Railway Company, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned and hereafter acquired by the Texas and Gulf Railway Company, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned and hereafter acquired by the Beaumont Wharf and Terminal Company, such lease or leases, if executed, to include the branches and extensions of such railroads, and each of them, that may be hereafter constructed; also authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to lease the railroad of the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company extending from Coleman to Sweetwater, Texas, or in the alternative to authorize the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company to contract with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company for the operation by the officers of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company of said railroad, for account of the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company.

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company, by E. P. Ripley, President.  
The Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley Railroad Company, by E. O. Tenneson, President.  
The Texas and Gulf Railway Company, by J. H. Keefe, President.  
The Gulf and Interstate Railway Company of Texas, by L. P. Featherstone, President.  
Beaumont Wharf and Terminal Company, by E. P. Ripley, President.  
The Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company, by E. P. Ripley, President.

**SPECIAL PRICES**

ON

**Hand Painted China and Cut Glass**

In order to close out my stock of Hand Painted China and Cut Glass, I am making some startling reductions on these goods. No better Holiday presents can be found that will please the ladies and girls. Come and look them over

**DIAMONDS!**  
BEAUTIFUL LINE AND



**DIAMONDS!**  
AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES

Diamonds, as everyone knows, never decrease in value, and for Holiday gifts you couldn't find anything more pleasing. My stock is still complete, and at prices that will pay you to investigate. Call and let me show you these goods

**GRUBEN, The Jeweler, SPUR, TEX.**

**CHRISTMAS TREES IN SPUR**

Christmas trees were had at the Presbyterian, Christian, Baptist and Methodist churches and tabernacles and enjoyed by large crowds. Every one at each of the places were recipients of presents and all enjoyed the spirit of giving and receiving.

Other trees were had at the various communities in the county and surrounding country.

The editor of the Texas Spur is proud of the fact that he was not forgotten Christmas, having received a box full of hens for a Christmas remembrance from Wvatt Taylor of the Silver Lake Farm on the Plains. Mr. Taylor is one of our best friends and we wish him much happiness thru life, the enjoyment of many more Christmas seasons and prosperity throughout the remainder of the years of life.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children left the latter part of the week to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlisle of Gilpin.

Sheriff Bob Skinner, of Eastland county, was in Spur the first of the week to secure a prisoner from Sheriff Conner.

Miss Nina Wooly, who is on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin, left the latter part of this week for Afton where she will spend a week with friends.

Miss Mamie Squyres is reported quite sick at her home just north of the city.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor and little son are spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives at Dublin.

C. L. Love left the latter part of the week to spend some time with his family at Stamford.

Mrs. Joe Newsom, of Hico, came up and spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with Mr. Newsom who is here superintending the Morrison stock sale.

M. J. Norrell, manager of the Morrison stock sale, left the first of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with his family and friends at Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton, of Grayson county, were in Spur and spent Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cephus Hogan spent the holidays with relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state.

T. E. Rucker, of the Afton country, passed through Spur Tuesday en route to Erath and Hamilton counties on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

FOR SALE - Well located business lot on main street in Spur for \$650. See C. H. McDonald. 8-1f.

Tax Assessor Tom Harrison was in the city Saturday from his home in the north part of the county. He reports that he is now making preparations to begin assessing the taxes of the county and will probably have an assistant in this end of the county.

**MERCHANTS ENJOYING AN EXTENSIVE TRADE**

Throughout December the merchants and business men of Spur have been doing a big business and have enjoyed a most liberal and extensive trade on the part of the people of the surrounding country—and there is a reason. The Spur merchants carry well and large assorted stocks of goods, make the prices and reach out after trade and secure it.

During the past several weeks the stores and streets have been teeming with anxious buyers, the merchants have been giving bargains and we have all profited thereby. The trade has been extended as well as satisfied and the town has been more thoroughly established as a superior trading point and recognized commercial center.

Sheriff Conner was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here. Mr. Conner says that he has heretofore promised to let tax payers know if he could make appointments to receive taxes at Spur and other places over the county, therefore he has a notice in the Texas Spur to the effect that it will be impossible to make such dates and that taxes will have to be paid at Dickens. Sheriff Conner is now installed in the Sheriff and Tax Collector's office and has young Mr. Harkey as his office deputy. He will later appoint his deputies at different points in the county.

S. W. Williams and family, of McCulloch county, are now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell. It is probable that Mr. Williams and family will secure a place and make a crop in the Spur country another year.

**NOTICE**

We respectfully ask and urge that all who are indebted to us will come in and pay by the first of January. We need the money.—Hyatt & Garner.

J. E. Counts left Monday to spend several days at his place in the Draper country.

**New Year's Greetings**

I have enjoyed a liberal trade during the past year and desire to thank patrons for their business. We have had a Merry Christmas and I wish all a happy & prosperous New Year

**A. T. Odeneal, Spur, Tex**

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Paint Posts, Lime  
Cement and Brick

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Bran, orn, Oats,	Shorts, Maize	Seed Rye and Oats	Millet, Sacks
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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

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On All Spur Lands!

## Notice is Hereby Given That Any

**P**ERSON 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

Rev. Lockhart, of Abilene, preached Saturday and Sunday at the Dry Lake school house. Rev. Lockhart is a noted and able preacher.

J. F. Rodgers was in the city Saturday from his home several miles northwest of Spur and reports everything in that section in the finest shape.

S. B. Scott and wife, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading and preparing for Christmas.

### FOR SALE

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

J. C. Davis was over last week from Dickens and spent some time here on business and visiting his sons, Sol and L. W. Davis.

J. F. Goodwin called in one day this week and made us feel good by handing us a dollar to keep the Texas Spur coming to his address.

### SAVES TIME ON TELEPHONE

New Idea That Seems at a Glance Should Be of Extreme Usefulness.

What looks like a good suggestion is a device which consists of a sound magnifying trumpet of flattened form, similar to certain types of motor horns, behind which is a platform adapted to support the telephone receiver. Upon receiving or making a call upon the phone and being asked to "hold the line," the user, instead of "holding on" with the telephone receiver pressed to his ear, an arrangement which restricts his movements and prevents him from giving his attention to any other matter, merely drops the receiver onto the platform of the "time saver," where it automatically slides into position with the earpiece against the small end of the spiral trumpet. The user is then free to go on with his work until the voice from the trumpet shows him that the person at the other end is speaking. Conversation can then either be carried on using the loud-speaking trumpet, with the advantage of leaving the user's hands both free for the purpose of turning up references, taking down a message from dictation, etc., or the receiver may be lifted off the instrument and used in the ordinary way. The loud speaking telephone's "voice" is very similar to that of a gramophone, and it is thus possible for the user of one of these instruments to move some little way from the telephone and yet hear when the person at the other end of the line is speaking.

### Early Days of Trousers.

Ancient Britons were among the people whose wearing of trousers was noted by the more civilized ancients who eschewed them. "Braccae" ("breeches") seem to have impressed the Roman mind very much as Chinese pigtail did the modern west. Gaul beyond the Alps was at one time known as Gallia Braccata—Trouserland; and Cicero taunts a man with having sprung from "trousered" ancestors. As Roman ways degenerated, the use of trousers began to creep in, and it is recorded that Alexander Severus wore white ones, previous emperors' trousers having been crimson.

### 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. 5-1f

Mrs. Y. L. Jones and little daughter, Miss Nan, returned last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Louisiana.

S. R. Bowman, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Shelton returned last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Jayton and other places in that country.

C. B. Lomax was in Spur Monday from the Paddle Ranch and spent some time here with the Christmas crowds.

Mr. Young, of the Afton country, was in Spur this week and reported that the people of his section would have a Christmas tree.

## Brazelton-Pryor & Co.

LUMBER DEALERS

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## CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

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## NEW WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP

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FIRST-CLASS BARBER WORK

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

**STILL BELIEVE IN SORCERY**

Dupes Fill Coffers of the "Black Art" to Overflowing Even in These Enlightened Days.

What, after all, do the members of this submerged guild really supply to the hardy adventurers who seek them out? In its broadest outlines, fortune-telling is probably always the same. The best that can be offered to youthful eagerness is a lover—a legacy—a journey—a letter. The most precious intelligence that an older woman can receive concerns the good fortune of her husband or her child. For it should not be supposed that the clientele of any sorceress is made up entirely of lovesick maidens. Stout, elderly women with large commonplace families and individual outlooks that cannot possibly hold any hint of romance appear to find the universal pastime quite as congenial.

Habitual patrons of the art do, however, fall into several classes, as their own statements reveal. One is the orderly, unimaginative, but by no means unintelligent type who considers it prudent to invest \$5 yearly or half-yearly in a budget of comprehensive practical advice from an expert in prophecy—somewhat as she, at regular intervals, engages a seamstress and visits a dentist. She reserves the right, of course, to discredit, even to flout the advice after she has received it, as she would the diagnosis of a physician who has not inspired confidence; but in general it gives her a sense of security and administrative competence to have the next six months, for instance, plotted out in advance. If she pays the considerable fee that has been mentioned, she ought, of course, to get a fairly entertaining return, and if she is thrifty she should see that she gets a little astrology thrown in. Apart from the sheer glamour of the starry science, it is found that it greatly flatters the sense of personal importance to learn the bearing of the planetary course upon one's individual affairs, and to discover how constant and how intimate this mysterious influence is.—Harper's Weekly.

**"JUST LOOKING TODAY"**



All day doth the Christmas shopper  
Rush madly here and there,  
And all she spendeth is one dime,  
And that is for street car fare.

**TAUGHT A MORAL LESSON**

Two Christmas Presents, Neither of Which Brought Satisfactory Results.

There once was a rich old uncle who had two poor nephews. And when Christmas came the two poor nephews were anxious to show the rich old uncle how much they thought of him.

Now the first poor nephew reasoned that he should impress his rich old uncle with the great affection he bore him by some tangible means. So he drew out his savings and purchased for his rich old uncle a magnificent gold watch, and had it neatly engraved. To it he attached a gorgeous chain, put the whole affair in a lavishly decorated box and sent it to his rich old uncle with his best wishes.

The second poor nephew figured that any extreme financial outlay would convince his rich old uncle that he was trying to jolly him a bit, too much, so he invested a nickel in a neat but tasty Christmas card, which he mailed to the rich old uncle.

So the rich old uncle received the two remembrances, and said of the first nephew:

"Humph! A man who will spend all he has for a gold watch to give a man who already has all the watches he ever will need hasn't got enough judgment to be trusted with money. I will leave him my blessing and a few words of good advice."

When he looked at the card he nodded his head approvingly and said:

"There's a man after my own heart. He knew I would not care for an expensive gift, and he knew that I would value his good wishes, so he very wisely sent them to me in this inexpensive manner. He shows a marked economical trait and I am sure he will get along in the world without any aid from me."

So he made a new will and left all his money to found an institution for the study of prehistoric manifestations of microbic diseases in fossilized animalculae.

WILBUR D. NESBIT.

**Don't Take What You Can Get**

**But Get What You Want**

**OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS**

Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps are now complete.

As long as they last we are selling our regular \$1.00 Underwear at

**65c Per Suit**

We are also trying to turn our line of Wool Shirts and will make special prices on them.

**OUR GROCERIES**

are always new and fresh. Remember we make a special of the

**WHITE SWAN LINES**

We feel that we have experienced buyers as well as salesmen, and can give you the very best of service. All we ask is a trial. The store will be closed on Christmas Day also on New Year's Day. So kindly let us fill your orders on days before. **PHONE 139**

*Sol Davis*

**THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST**

M. L. Blakely, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and trading with the Spur merchants.

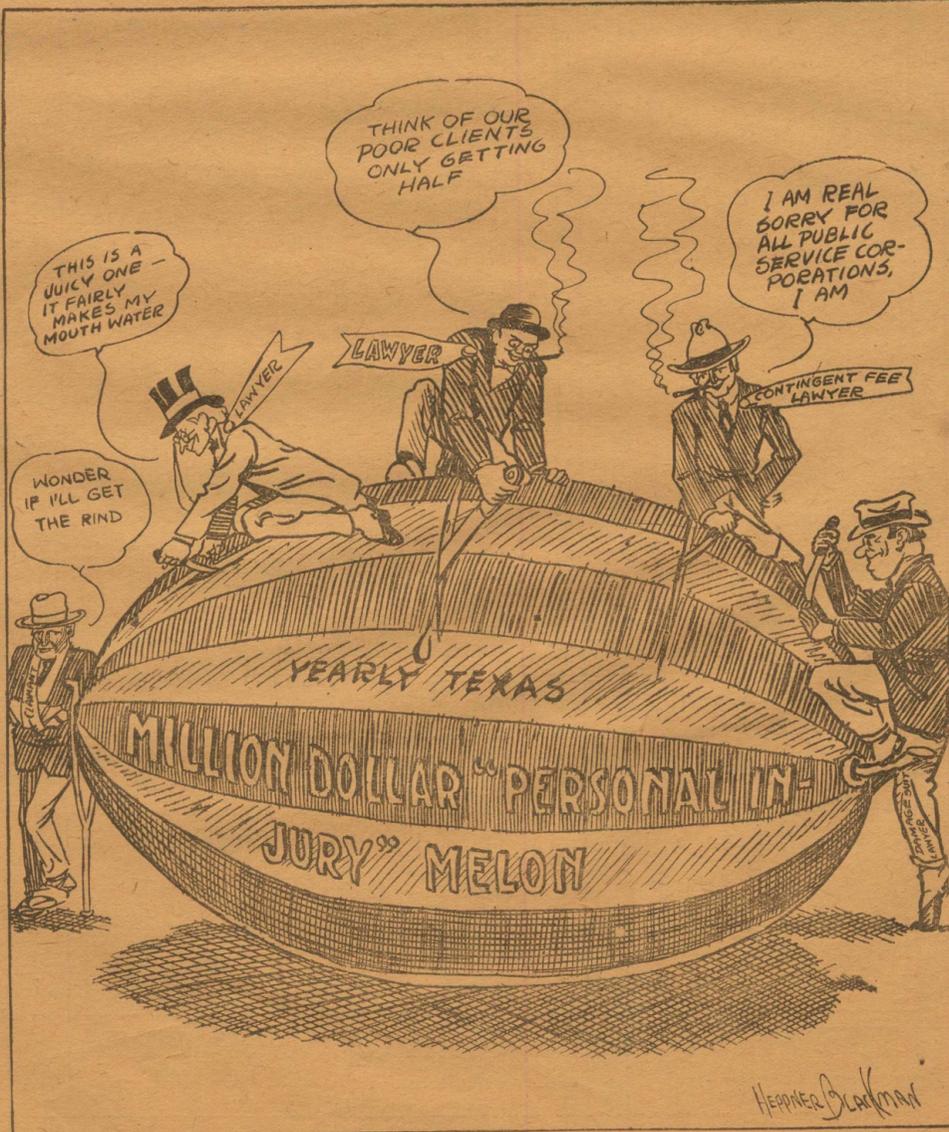
**NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS**

I will not be in position to be in the several voting boxes to collect taxes, therefore, taxes will be collected at Dickens.—J. B. Conner, Tax Collector. 8-3t

**A number of good Jersey**

cows, some with calves, others coming in later. See me for prices.—P. L. Maddox, on Jno. Day place, ten miles west of Spur. 7-4tp tf

**THE MELON CUT THAT HURTS**



An investigation made by the Wisconsin Legislature disclosed the fact that it required \$82 to carry \$18 to an injured employe.—Texas Welfare Commission.

**TEXAS SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.**

**Texas Nuts Fill Nations' Christmas Stockings.**

Santa Claus spends a great deal of his time in Texas getting ready for Christmas. The Texas products are so popular with the children of the nation that each year he has largely increased his purchase of nuts, fruits, etc., until he now stands ready to buy the available output. He is so eager for our products that one would think he has been having a heart-to-heart talk with Uncle Sam, or had been reading the literature of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association.

The Texas pecan is a special favorite with Santa Claus, and he is rushing car load shipments to his distributing depots where they will be convenient for filling Christmas stockings and decorating Christmas trees. Our peanuts, popcorn and other products are anxiously sought by Santa Claus and he finds them extremely popular with the children.

We not only load down his sled with things the children most love and which make the reindeer pull with pride, but we supply the decorations for the Christmas festivities. We ship out Christmas trees by the car load and send with them holly, mistletoe and flowers in profusion. Without Texas Santa Claus could hardly pull off a respectable Christmas celebration and he would certainly lose out with the children if he should attempt it.

Then there is the Christmas dinner that must be provided from the poultry yards, the winter gardens and the farms of Texas. We furnish several million fowls, train loads of vegetables and choice meats for the Christmas dinner and there is no more important function in the holiday festivities than a Christmas dinner prepared exclusively from Texas products.

A visit through our jobbing houses will convince one that Santa Claus is moving his headquarters to Texas. He is shrewd enough to grasp the advantages of our location as a world distributing center and he knows it is only a short time until he will be able to reach the hearthstone of the people more quickly from Texas than any other point on the globe.

Then he likes to live in a country where the atmosphere is laden with human happiness; it fills his heart with the holiday spirit and helps him to give us all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Plus and Minus.**

Formerly, in order to express the sign of addition, the Latin word plus (more) was abbreviated to P, which in the haste of writing often degenerated into a simple cross and was ultimately adopted as such. With regard to the sign of subtraction, we see in many books published before the eighteenth century that it was written as a small horizontal stroke beneath the letters ms. Gradually it came to be written without the letters as we use it today.—Harper's Weekly.

**Work of Grecian Women.**

The first women's paper in Greece was established twenty-five years ago by Mme. Callirhoe Parren. The oldest women's organization was founded in 1873 under the name of the Ladies' society, with the object of securing employment for poor women and encouraging native industries. For several years the Greek National Council of Women has been a power in the affairs of the country, and it aims to secure equal rights for women in all departments of the government.

**OLD MAN GIDDLES OBSERVES**

The polite lie is often solidified into a Christmas gift.

Henry Tarbuck says that as soon as people begin giving him socks and handkerchiefs exclusively for Christmas he is going to apply for a berth in the old folks' home.

Eli Timmons says he doesn't see the sense of tying up a 25-cent present in 18 cents' worth of ribbon and tissue paper and paying 50 cents to send it to some one.

While you are sorry for the tired salesman, like as not the salesman is thinking sympathetic thoughts of you.

Little Joseph Gillett has been pulled through the Fourth of July, the mumps, a birthday party, the chicken-pox and the measles so far this year, and his parents hope he is rugged enough to survive Christmas.

When a man volunteers to play Santa Claus at a Sunday school Christmas tree set it down that in his heart he considers himself a natural-born comedian.

# 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."

## AGRICULTURAL ASSN. MEETS AT ANSON

The Central West Texas Agricultural Association and the Jones County Farmers' Institute held a joint meeting at Anson, December 14. There was a good attendance of farmers and four counties were represented at the meeting.

In the absence of the president, Jeff D. Reagan, of Spur, was elected chairman of the meeting and Homer D. Wade acted as secretary.

Interesting addresses were made on the "Crops in Central West Texas," by Mr. Reagan; "Whether Crops Could Be Made in This Section, Wet or Dry," by F. S. Peel; "The Proper Time to Do Deep Plowing," by J. W. Neill of the State Department of Agriculture; "The Benefits of Good Roads," by Homer D. Wade, besides a number of other short speeches.

Prof. L. T. Cunningham, County Superintendent, delivered the address of welcome at the meeting, which was responded to by Judge L. M. Buie, of Stamford.

Following the addresses, Jno. C. Hood, County Farm Demonstrator of Jones county, read his report on the work done in Jones county during the past year.

Upon motion Abilene was selected as the next place of meeting, which will be held on the second Thursday in February.

The following resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas, the Russian thistle is now reported to be spreading rapidly over the Panhandle and

Plains country, and is now spreading southward at a most remarkable rate, and,

Whereas, unless checked will soon make its appearance in Central West Texas,

Therefore, be it resolved by the West Texas Agricultural Association, and the Jones County Farmers' Institute, in mass meeting assembled, that his Excellency, the Hon. O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas, be requested to recommend to the next legislature the passage of suitable laws to eradicate the said thistle and for the prevention of shipping hay and seed from other states infested with it.

Desiring to encourage the organization of boys and girls hog, milo maize, kaffir corn, baby beef clubs and others of similar nature, we beg to ask the co-operation in this work of the business men of our respective counties by offering money prizes, which will be outlined by a committee which this meeting shall appoint.

Whereas, the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Mens' Association has organized a Farm Life Commission, the object of the same being to promote a close co-operative relation between the town and country; to study the best methods of production and marketing, rural and co-operative financing, home economics, etc. and,

Whereas, we believe that such a movement is of mutual interest to the farmer and business man.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the association give the movement a hearty endorsement, and pledge ourselves to co-operate in the work as outlined above.

Whereas, the Federal Government, through its department of agriculture, the state Government, through the extension department of its University, A. & M. College and other state institutions, are all rendering valuable aid in the matter of improving the rural and agricultural conditions of our state.

Therefore, we express our ap-

preciation of these efforts, and pledge ourselves to aid in their promotion in every possible way.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Cat Fish country and spent several hours here on business.

Mr. Braddock, one of the most prominent citizens of the north part of the county, is moving with his family to Spur where they will make their home in the future. Several months ago Mr. Braddock bought several acres of land west of Spur near the Experimental Farm and had a nice residence erected.

T. L. Higginbotham made a business trip to the Dickens, Afton and Draper communities last week and reports everything in fine shape in that part of the country.

W. F. Shugart was in the city on business last week and spent several hours here.

## THE PARCELS POST RATE OF POSTAGE

Beginning January 1, the general parcels post will be put into operation. Parcels weighing from four ounces to eleven pounds will be accepted for mailing and transmission at lower rates than have heretofore been applied.

The postoffice department requests all postmasters to give the following special rules the widest possible publicity:

That distinctive parcels post stamps must be used on all 4th class matter, beginning January 1, 1913, and that such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "Held for Postage."

All parcels post packages must be mailed at postoffices.

That all parcels must bear the return card of the sender, otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

Following are the rates of postage:

Up to 4 ounces, 1 cent an ounce any distance.

Rural and city delivery, first pound, five cents; each additional pound, one cent; eleven pounds, fifteen cents.

Within—	Mi.	1st lb.	Ad. lbs.	11 lbs.
	50	05	03	.25
	150	06	04	.46
	300	07	05	.57
	600	08	06	.68
	1000	09	07	.79
	1400	10	09	1.00
	1800	11	10	1.11

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