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## DEBATING, DECLAMATION AND ATHLETIC MEET

On last Friday night the Dickens County Debating and Declamation League held its first meeting at Afton. This organization was perfected during the Teachers' County Institute at Spur, and much interest seems to prevail in the various schools.

When the hour for opening at Afton came, the large Baptist tabernacle was filled with interested spectators. There were present also a number of boys and girls who had come for the purpose of endeavoring to carry off first honors in the county contest.

The program was interesting, instructive and showed painstaking work had been done by the contestants, as well as careful training by the various teachers who had supervised the preparation. When we noted the ambitious boys and girls who with glowing cheeks, sparkling eyes and melodious voices strived to excel and place their names at the top, we felt sad that only one from each department could claim the high honors. The judges rendered their decisions as follows: Miss Pearl Lloyd, Prairie Chappel, Girls' Senior Contest; Thomas Stephens Dickens, Boys' Senior Contest; Miss Zada Stafford, Afton, Girls' Junior Contest, and Julian Stark, Afton, Boys' Junior Contest.

Prof. Johnson and his people had made systematic preparation for the entertainment of the guests and after a few minutes of social pleasure, every one left to return Saturday morning for the field meet of the Dickens County Athletic Association.

By ten o'clock, despite the cold north wind, representatives from various schools began to arrive by tens and twenties and soon the campus of the Afton school was fairly alive with jolly boys and girls impatient to begin the sports. The time before noon was spent in competitive jumps, races, etc., the honors being variously divided among Dickens, Croton and Afton. At the noon hour the ladies served dainty lunches which were highly appreciated by all.

The north wind was so furious by this time that only one match game was played during the afternoon, that being a girls' basket ball game between the Dickens and Afton Teams. At the close the score stood twelve to four in favor of Dickens.

The Association then adjourned till the next meet which is to be held at Dickens the latter part of February.

### PLEASED WITH SPUR COUNTRY

J. H. Boothe, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city on business last week. He reports that he has finished up his 1912 crops and is now preparing for another bumper crop for 1913. Mr. Boothe has only been in this country one year, made fine crops and is well pleased with the country and satisfied to make this his permanent home. He has lately made additions to his home and is preparing to live more comfortably in the future.

## DEMONSTRATES BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING MEDIUM

L. C. Arrington, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Friday buying supplies of the Spur merchants and on other business.

A few days prior to this time Mr. Arrington was in Spur and had a notice inserted in the Texas Spur to the effect that he had several loads of wood on his place near Spur for sale and the result was that sixteen loads of the wood was sold immediately following its appearance.

While in the city Friday Mr. Arrington called at the Texas Spur office and requested that the notice be run no more because, as he expressed it, "I sold sixteen loads of the wood before the ink hardly had time to dry on the issue of the paper in which the notice appeared and should the notice be run again I will either be compelled to turn the people away or permit my entire supply of wood to become exhausted."

This is but a practical demonstration of the value of advertising. It matters not what you may have to sell or want to buy, your wants made known through the columns of the local press will most assuredly bring the desired results, and that too, in a more satisfactory and economical manner than could be had through any other source.

### ON EXTENDED VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McDonald left Spur the latter part of last week for Fort Worth, their old home, where they will spend

## FINEST HOG COUNTRY ON AMERICAN CONTINENT

W. D. Blair, of near Spur, to the east, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Wednesday. He said that during the past year Mrs. Blair had sold \$71.00 worth of chickens and \$43.50 in watermelons, making a total of \$114.50 in addition to his main farming operations on his place.

He stated further that he bought a sow last year for six dollars from which he sold \$18 worth of pigs, lost three from eating cotton seed, secured 225 pounds of meat for his own use and now has three fine shoats for another year. This is just another evidence that the Spur country is one of the finest hog countries of America.

some time with relatives. Later they will go to Oklahoma for a while. Mr. McDonald stored his furniture and confectionery fixtures and will probably return to Spur in the fall and again resume his business here.

His house was recently destroyed by fire and he says that owing to the city law prohibiting the building of anything but a brick, concrete or fire-proof building he is not able to rebuild at this time, but that if the City Commission can be persuaded to grant a permit he may rebuild a frame house and re-establish a permanent business in Spur.

Mr. McDonald is a substantial and desirable citizen and the Texas Spur will be glad to see him re-established in business and again be identified with our permanent citizenship.

## FARMERS ARE PLOWING IN MANY SECTIONS

A. A. Marshall, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Wednesday and while here handed us a dollar to extend his subscription to The Texas Spur and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Marshall says that while some of the farmers of that country are plowing land at this time, yet it is getting pretty dry to do plowing and a good rain would be of great benefit to the country as a whole at this time. Those now plowing are using listers.

### COTTON CROP DESTROYED

Y. C. Carpenter, a prominent citizen of near Dumont, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports every thing in good shape in that country. Last year he said that his cotton crop was hailed out and he only made feed crops of roughness. His cotton, he said, was more than knee high at the time of the hail and gave promise of an abundant yield, but as a result his whole summer's work was a total loss. Before leaving Mr. Carpenter handed us the coin of the realm with which to extend his subscription to the Texas Spur and which is duly appreciated.

### ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER

Granville Brown and wife entertained twenty-five or thirty friends with a turkey dinner Sunday at their home north of Spur. The guests were most acceptably and pleasantly entertained, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown established the fact that as hostesses they have no superior.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE REGULAR MEETING

The County Commissioners met Monday in regular session and transacted such business as was brought before them.

An order was made, in response to petitions, that an election be held in Dickens county on the 8th day of February to determine whether or not the county shall issue bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be used in road work. Only resident property tax paying voters will be allowed to participate in this election. Should such an election carry in county, provision is made that a tax will be levied in sufficient sum to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to meet the principal which is due forty years from date of issue. We are informed that the plan is that one hundred miles of first-class roads be built in the county, and that this one hundred miles of road be supplemented with roads of the second class, thus giving the entire citizenship of the county the benefit of good roads and access to main trunk lines of first-class roads.

It is planned that the main first-class trunk line roads will run from the north county line above Afton, through Dickens, Spur and to the Kent county line to intersect a road through Red Mud to Clairemont; from the Duck Creek and Gilpin countries up the railroad to Spur and on near old Espeula where it will intersect an east and west line of road running through the Croton country, Dickens and on into the Wake country; and from Spur to the Tap country.

These main trunk lines of first-class roads as above planned and outlined will be supplemented by tributary roads of the second-class, running from every community and into the main trunk-line roads, thus giving every citizen of the county not only the benefits of good roads from every community but access to the main trunk lines of first-class roads leading throughout the county and to every important point in the county.

A sum of five hundred dollars was allowed for the improvement of the Tap and Post road near Tap in the shinnery, and which road will be clayed and in good shape. L. S. Scott is overseer of this road and will probably superintend the work under the directions of Commissioner Reagan of this district.

Permission was also granted that the small bridge over Dockum near Spur be re-floored and placed in good shape, and which work is already complete, having been done this week under the superintendency of Commissioner Reagan.

### SELLING MAIZE

L. J. Elsby, a prosperous farmer of the Plains country, was in Spur Tuesday with maize which he sold for twelve and a half dollars a ton on the Spur market. The Plains country made a big crop of maize this year and as a result many tons are coming to the Spur market for sale.

# HAVE YOU HAD TROUBLE

## In Getting Extras for our Plow?

Buy a Success Sulky or any P & O Implement and this trouble will be eliminated. They are sold everywhere and you can get extras no matter where you live

We sell two or three cars of P & O Implements every season which is more than any other two makes

There's a Reason. Ask your Neighbor who has one or come and we'll tell you

# Spur Hardware Company

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter Will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**I**N Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land 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 pretend 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 trespassers hereafter without favor.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

### THE GOSPEL OF SUNSHINE

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sun-bean in a sick room. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. This world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the headache, backache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your

friends with a smile. The good humored man or woman is always welcome. The world is a land of echoes. The message we call to it comes back to us from every side. In truth we get out of life what we put into it.—Exchange.

J. L. Gilbert, of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

T. E. McArthur, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here.

Carl Davis left the latter part of last week for Abilene where he will attend school.

### DICKENS COUNTY LEADS FARM PROPERTY VALUE

Dickens county stands first in the state in the percentage of the value of its farm property that is represented in land, according to data recently compiled by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association from a preliminary statistical report on agricultural conditions in Texas furnished by the United States Department at Washington.

The average amount of the land as compared with the value of the entire farm property in the state is 73.6 per cent, while in Dickens county it is 89.7 per cent.

A. B. Nichols, a prosperous farmer of the Dickens country, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the Spur merchants and on other business. While in the city Mr. Nichols called at the Texas Spur office and reported everything in fine shape in his section.

W. M. Hunter, of several miles east of Spur, came in Saturday and spent several hours in the city trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs. Mr. Hunter is one of the most successful farmers of the Spur country and one of our very best citizens.

Bert Duncan, of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Friday and spent some time here on business.

Rev. Knox, formerly of Spur, but now of Abilene, was in Spur last week shaking hands with his friends.

Mr. Chatman was at Coleman the first of last week on business, returning to Spur Wednesday.

W. D. Conway, of several miles north of Spur, left the first of last week for Dublin where he will remain several days on business.

Elmer Green, who has been employed at the Dickens gin during the ginning season just closed, passed through Spur Sunday on his return to his home in Bell county.

Rev. Bowles and wife shipped their household effects last week to Kansas where Rev. Bowles has accepted the pastorate of a church in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles have many friends who regret their departure.

J. C. McNeill and family returned last week from Galveston where they had been some time with Mrs. McNeill's father who was sick and died. Friends of the family extend condolence in this bereavement.

Miss Pearl Blackwell left the latter part of last week for Abilene where she has accepted employment in the Alexander Sanitarium.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

A. Stiffler came over from Dickens the latter part of last week and spent some time in Spur on business. Mr. Stiffler is interested with T. A. Corbett in the sale of pianos and they report a good business and numerous sales in their line.

W. A. Johnson was in the city Monday from his home near Spur and while here called at the Texas Spur office and renewed his subscription to the paper for which he has our thanks.

Walter Davis, who has been employed at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank for some time, left last week for Lake Arthur, New Mexico, where he expects to reside in the future.

J. J. Martin, of the Tap country, was in the city recently and handed us a dollar with which to extend his subscription to the Texas Spur another year.

A. Q. Smelser, one of the leading citizens of the Spur country, was here this week on business, spending several hours in the city.

E. L. Blakeley, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur recently on business and spent some time here.

\$25.00 invested with us will save you \$10.00 to \$12.50.—R. R. Morrison Stand.

Ladies coat suits at 50 per cent discount.—R. R. Morrison Stand.

# Experience Teaches

S AID Billy Smart, at work in the ditch: "I'm young and stout and earn plenty of money. I want to dance and I don't kick on paying the fiddler. I believe in having a good time today. Tomorrow can take care of itself."

The gray-haired laborer at his side smiled sadly as he replied: "I thought the same way myself when I was of your age. That's why I am pegging away now when I am all played out. If I had only had sense enough to have started a bank account and stayed with it I wouldn't have to work now. Hop to it lad. Nothing but experience will teach you."

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

W. J. Young, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday and hauled out supplies. Mr. Young reports everything in the Afton country in the finest shape, all the farmers finished gathering last year's crops and now preparing for another crop. The Afton country made bumper crops of feed and cotton this year and the farmers of that section are all in pretty good shape financially.

J. C. Cooper came in Monday from the Afton country and spent Monday and Tuesday in Spur looking after business matters and trading with the merchants. Mr. Cooper moved to the Afton country last year and made a crop and he says that this is the first country he has struck in some time where he can make a living and as a result he is going to stay with it.

J. H. Edwards was in Spur Monday and Tuesday from his home near Casco and reports everything in good shape in his section. Mr. Edwards formerly lived in the "contested" strip of country north of Dickens but moved last year to his present place, leaving his former home, land and improvements to others.

G. C. Pass and family move last week to Velasco where they expect to make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Pass have resided in Spur since the beginning of the town and their many friends here regret their removal to another section of the state. The Texas Spur wishes for Mr. Pass and family much prosperity in their new home.

Frank Smith came in Friday from his home in the Red Mud country and spent some time in the city trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs. While here Mr. Smith called at the Texas Spur office and reported his section of the country in the best of shape.

R. I. Goodall, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Girard country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Goodall called at the Texas Spur office while in the city and reported everything in fine shape in his section of the country.

R. L. Overstreet, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and on other business. Mr. Overstreet reports everything in fine shape in his section.

T. B. Rutherford, of the Tap country, left the latter part of last week for Navarro county where he will remain several days visiting his parents and other relatives and friends.

Rev. North moved last week to the residence recently vacated by G. C. Pass and family in the north part of the city.

Everything in dry goods, notions, shoes, hats, caps, overcoats, suits, etc. at bankrupt price.—R. R. Morrison Stand.

Sheriff Conner was in Spur Wednesday and spent several hours here on official business.

\$200.00 invested with us will save you from \$80.00 to \$100.00. R. R. Morrison Stand.

J. C. Jones was in Stamford the first of the week on business.

Ladies skirts at half price.—R. R. Morrison Stand.

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### WATER MOST VALUABLE AGRICULTURAL ASSET.

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The cry of water arising from the arid regions of Texas has caused the Texas Welfare Commission to investigate the subject of irrigation.

The report of the commission shows that we now have 425,000 acres of land under irrigation in Texas today, and of this area 275,000 acres are in rice and 150,000 in general crops and the land is the most valuable in the state.

The report further states that water is our most valuable agricultural asset. According to the report of the division of irrigation investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture, there is wasted into the Gulf of Mexico through the ordinary flow of the Trinity river each year upwards of four million acre feet of water, through the Brazos two million acre feet; through the Colorado one and one-half million acre feet through the Rio Grande five million acre feet, one-half of which we claim. Through these four streams at least ten million acre feet of water is each year lost to Texas which, if conserved, would serve as a supplemental supply of water to at least six million acres of land.

The commission finds millions of acres of fertile soil in southwest and west Texas land without an artificial supply of water that has very little value, and there is no section of the state in which the productive power of the soil will not be immensely increased if, when periods of scant rainfall occur, a supplementary water supply is available and applied. The area to be irrigated is only limited by the extent of the water supply. This supply may be drawn from the natural flow of streams, from their flood discharges by impounding in reservoirs, from artesian and from shallow wells.

The commission suggests a unity of effort between the federal and state governments in the solution of our irrigation problems. The federal government stands ready to spend dollar for dollar in this co-operative work with the state. It is hoped that a co-operative bill along this line may be enacted at the coming session of the legislature.

Where Are the Walkers?  
Excellent days for walking, the glory of the year, but where are the feet? Can Americans walk? Will they, do they walk? A few, perhaps, when no trolley or other wheeled transport can be had. Besides, if you walk in these days you may be thought to be devil-wagonless; and what is man, woman, life itself without that shoe of swiftness? Old men can remember when bicycling was about as common as taxes. Do folks bicycle now? In less golden or snobbish regions, yes. In this United States workmen and old-fashioned folks and a few others; but here again the people who can afford a bicycle must have a motor car.—New York Sun.

A Costly Gift.  
"Those Billyunnalres have been awful proud since Christmas," said the Envious Neighbor.  
"What makes them so?" inquired the Curious Friend.  
"Oh, their parents filled their stockings with eggs."

A Hanging Matter.  
Folk—Hang up your stocking this Christmas?  
Dolk—Nope—hung up overcoat.

### 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. Tennison, 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.

### FOR SALE

3,000 bundles cane and 36 tons maize, 2 miles north of Spur on Dickens road on my place.—W. Bender.

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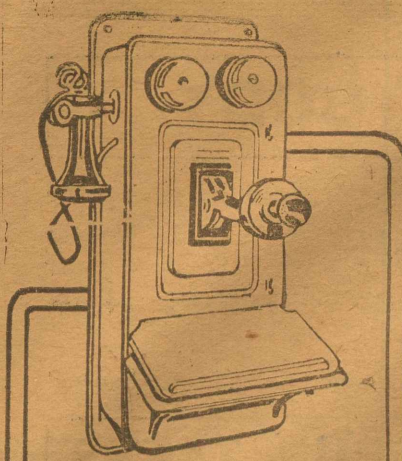
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W. D. Davis was in Spur the first of the week from his home several miles east of the city and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

### FROM DICKENS ITEM

Will Hyatt, of Spur, was in Dickens last Sunday.

O. O. Love made a business trip to Spur this week.

J. M. Neely, of Spur, was in Dickens on business last Wednesday.

A. S. Jackson, the Dickens hardware man, made a trip to Spur since our last issue.

W. A. Wilkinson, cashier of the First National Bank, spent some time in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley, who have been visiting in Spur and Dickens, returned last Saturday to Whiteflat, Motley county, where they will make their home with their son, Jay.

### FEED CRUSHED

A feed crusher has been installed in the old Haskew Stable and we are now ready to grind and crush your feed for \$3 per ton. Bring in your maize and kaffir corn. — Perry Fite. 11-tf.

C. P. Poole and wife and Mr. Poole's mother, who has been visiting at the Poole home for some time, left Monday for Mineral Wells where the Mesdames Poole will remain indefinitely for the benefit of their health. Mr. Poole will probably return to Spur the latter part of the week.

## USE OF CALOMEL PRACTICALLY STOPPED

For Bilious Attacks, Constipation and all Liver Troubles. Dangerous Calomel Gives Way to Dodson's Liver Tone

Every druggist in the state has noticed a great falling off in the sale of calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place.

"Calomel is often dangerous and people know it, while Dodson's Liver Tone is perfectly safe and gives better results," says The Red Front Drug Store.

Dodson's Liver Tone is personally guaranteed by The Red Front Drug Store who sell it. A large bottle costs 50 cents, and if it fails to give easy relief in every case of sluggishness, you have only to ask for your money back. It will be promptly returned.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a most pleasant, purely vegetable remedy—harmless to both children and adults. A bottle in the house may save you a day's work or keep your children from missing school. Keep your liver working and your liver will not keep you from working.

T. E. Murdoch, a prominent citizen of Jayton and one of the old timers of this section of the country, was in Spur Monday shaking hands with friends and attending to business affairs. Mr. Murdoch reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country.

I will be in Spur to do veterinary work the first and third Saturdays of each month. Bring in horses and mules to Conner's wagon yard. — J. F. Speer. 9-tf

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.

J. L. Smith, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and reported everything in good shape in his section of the country.

W. S. Hancock, of Jayton, passed through Spur Sunday on his way to Crosbyton and other points on the Plains where he will spend several days on business.

Joe L. Jay, Vice President of the First National Bank and one of the leading citizens of Jayton, was in Spur recently on business.

Jno. Awalt, a prominent citizen of about thirty-five miles south of Spur in Kent county, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and on other business.

A. L. Houston, of Arlington, district manager for the Texas Life Insurance Company of Waco, was in Spur several days of this week on business.

R. A. Jay, cashier of the First National Bank of Jayton, was in Spur recently and spent several hours here on business.

H. K. Parks, a prominent business man of Jayton, was in the city the first of the week on business.

Frank Cox left last week for Jayton where he has accepted a position in the C. M. Hinds Barber Shop.

R. R. Wooten, of the Wake country, was in Spur Friday on business and spent some time here.

Jno. W. Kolér, of Claremont, was in Spur several days of last week on business.

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C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent some time here on business.

Rev. Mike M. Young and family, of the Red Hill community, were in Spur Monday trading with the merchants.

J. D. Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur this week on business, spending several hours here.

Judge A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here greeting his many friends.

Trunks: we have them at 33 1-3 per cent to 40 per cent discount. — R. R. Morrison Stand.

Mrs. Will S. Cooper and children returned Monday from Claremont where she has been spending several days with her parents.

Rev. Bilberry and wife, of near Dickens, were in Spur Monday and Tuesday visiting friends and trading with Spur merchants.

\$100.00 invested with us will save you \$40.00 to \$50.00. — R. R. Morrison Stand.

Captain J. A. Lambdin came up from Stamford Saturday and spent some time in Spur this week looking after his business interests.

Mrs. M. A. Bingham, of Girard, brought her little son to Spur Monday for medical treatment, he having sustained injuries on the Girard school ground the latter part of last week.

Mr. Harvey and family, of near Dickens, were in Spur Monday after supplies and building material. Mr. Harvey is building sheds and making other improvements on his farm in that section.

\$50.00 invested with us will save you \$20.00 to \$25.00. — R. R. Morrison Stand.

C. E. Pearson, of Abilene, district organizer for the Praetorians, was in Spur this week in the interest of the order.

F. M. Brown, of Merkel, was a business visitor in Spur the latter part of last week, spending several hours in the city.

Overcoats at half price. — R. R. Morrison Stand.

### ORDINANCE

Be it Ordained by the Commissioners of the Town of Spur, that all taxes due the City of Spur, Texas, for the year 1912, shall be paid on or before the 31st day of January 1913, and any person, firm or corporation failing to pay any tax due, according to the terms of this ordinance shall be due to pay a penalty of 10 per cent of the amount of tax due and same shall be charged to their accounts and collected in the same manner provided for the collection of delinquent taxes.

Done by order of the Commissioners of the city of Spur, Texas, Dec. 31, 1912.

Geo. S. Link, Mayor.  
J. M. Neely, Sec.

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two good young mares at a bargain or will trade for mules not over seven years old. — W. F. Shugart, Spur, Texas. 10-4tp

H. C. Harvey, a prosperous farmer and good citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur Monday with his family buying supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Harvey hauled out fence posts and other building material with which to make improvements on his place.

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## THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

E. B. Shaw, one of the most prominent citizens of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday of this week and hauled out lumber and other supplies and by this we judge he is making improvements on his place.

In every section of the country improvements are being made, and the improvement progress of the country is even surpassing that of the towns of this section. Let the good work continue. So long as the surrounding country progresses, improves and settles the towns need have no fear of stagnation.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

P. E. Hagins made a business trip to Spur Saturday.

Cecil and Melton West, who were quite sick last week, have recovered.

Messrs. Willie and Jessie Hagins, Cecil Bennett, Charley Carlisle and Top and Luther Hawkins and Misses Mamie Bilberry, Mary Bennett, Lillie and Mattie Hagins and Alice Goodwin attended the literary at Girard last Friday night. All report a nice time.

W. T. Lovel is attending the Farmers' Union Convention at Fort Worth. Mr. Lovel was sent as a delegate to represent the Duck Creek Farmers' Union Order.

Willie Hagins has bought a new buggy and is now ready to make his debut.

Last Friday night a black cloud rose in the northwest and made a bee line for Gilpin. The lightning flashed, the thunder rolled, great drops of rain began to fall and the people thought that that much needed rain was surely coming. But it proved to be only another West Texas joke. It hailed furiously for about two minutes and passed away with a great noise. The next morning a big frost lay sparkling in the early morning sun.

Misses Lillie Belle Thomas and Alice Goodwin have returned to their homes near Jayton.

W. P. Sampson and Mr. Cecil Bennett are on the sick list this week.

L. W. Bilberry made a business trip to Jayton last week.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Duck Creek Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night.

Jim Craven and family have moved to a place near Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks took dinner with Rev. Bennett and family Sunday.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins is quite sick.

Mrs. W. A. Hawkins is reported on the sick list this week.

O. O. McCracken, real estate dealer, and D. N. Garland, ranchman and financier, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were the victims of an automobile wreck near Gilpin Saturday night while en route from Jayton to Crosbyton. One of the front lights having gone out and the other one being defective, the chauffeur was unable to see the road and ditched the car. None of the occupants were hurt.

Well, it does seem strange that just as I get started to write the Gilpin news I have to quit and go chop wood.—A Farmer.

# BAD WEATHER

## SEASON IS NOW HERE!

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### MARKETS LAST BALE

T. A. Smith and son, Riley, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur Saturday and while here sold their last bale of cotton of the season. The cotton was sold for about ten and a half cents which is considered a good price since it was of the very last picking.

Uncle Tom Smith is one of the most substantial citizens of the country. He owns several hundred acres of fine sandy land on Red Mud and on which he grows the finest produce as well as the best staple crops.

Mr. Barrow and son, Leonard Barrow, and Jim Gilmore, all prominent citizens of near Verbena in Garza county, were in Spur Tuesday on business and also trading with the merchants. They report everything in good shape in Garza county.

Walter Jackson, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and trading with the merchants.

Cal Martin was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Croton country and spent several hours here on business and trading with merchants of Spur.

Hodge Adams, one of the most prominent citizens of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants of Spur.

R. D. Shields, one of the leading merchants of Dickens, was in Spur Monday on business and spent several hours here.

## Drugless Sanitarium

The Drugless Sanitarium recently established in Spur has been the recipient of much favorable comment throughout this section of Texas—why? Because we are capable of, and can, cure the many diseases of humanity. If sick, come to us. No charge, except a reasonable rate of board.



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THE DRUGLESS SANITARIUM  
Spur, Texas

J. A. Nichols, one of the most substantial citizens of the Plains country, was in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

E. C. Edmonds returned the first of the week from New Mexico where he accompanied his sister, Miss Donna Edmonds. He reports a most interesting trip over narrow-gauge roads and into higher altitudes, over mountains and 'round gulches and seeing scenery worth noting. When we get rich we intend to go over the same route and enjoy some of the beauties along the way.

Will Eldridge was in Spur Tuesday with maize to sell on the Spur market. The maize was grown on his farm near Wake and sold for the prevailing price of twelve and a half dollars on the Spur market.

G. E. Nicholson was called to Hamlin Sunday on account of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Claren, whose death resulted from a brief illness. Mrs. Nicholson had been with her mother several days.

Mrs. G. M. Batchelor, who has been spending several days at Post City with Dr. Batchelor, has returned to Spur and resumed her duties as music teacher in the Spur Public School.

W. M. Randall, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the country, was in the city Wednesday from his home in the Steel Hill community.

R. C. Forbis was in Spur the first of the week from his ranch north of Dickens and spent several hours here on business and greeting his many friends of Spur.

### ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Spur in Dickens county, Texas, that on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1913, there be holden an election by the qualified resident property tax paying voters of and within the corporate limits of said city to determine whether or not the said Board of Commissioners of said city shall issue the bonds of said corporation for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a system of water works for said city of Spur.

Said bonds to be in the amount of \$25,000 to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable in forty years and redeemable in ten years from their date.

And also whether a tax shall be levied upon the property within the corporate limits of the city of Spur, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and provide a sufficient sinking fund to liquidate said bonds at maturity.

It is further ordained and ordered that said election shall be holden at the building formerly occupied by the Spur Standard, and that J. D. Reagan is hereby appointed as presiding officer and H. T. Burgoon and T. A. Tidwell as judges, and that it be held in same manner as required by law for holding general elections.—Geo. S. Link, Mayor; Oscar Jackson, Recorder.

Mrs. W. S. Campbell returned Tuesday from Angleton where she spent two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams. While there Mrs. Campbell attended the marriage of her sister, Miss Lillie Mae Williams, to a young man of Angleton. Miss Williams spent the summer in Spur and has a number of friends here who extend best wishes to her for a long and happy married life.

Mrs. J. J. Martin, of the Tap country, is at Eden, Concho county, where she has been several weeks with her father who has been quite sick. Mr. Martin received a letter this week from Mrs. Martin stating that her father is recovering.

Jim Robertson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country and formerly of Spur, was in the city this week on business and spent some time here.

FOR SALE—Bundle maize, kaffir corn and cane, also Mebane Triumph cotton seed.—J. P. Gibson, Spur, Texas. 11 5t

Miss Bessie Morris, who is teaching the Bunker Hill school twelve miles west of Spur, and a most charming and accomplished young lady, was in the city Sunday and spent the day with Granville Brown and family.

George Greenwade, a prominent citizen of Dickens and one of the directors of the F. & M. State Bank of Spur, was in the city Tuesday looking after his interests.

Derrick and Clay Carpenter, two prominent young men of Matador, returned this week to their home after spending several days in Spur looking after business interests and visiting friends.

Attorney Dalton, of the Plains country, was in Spur Sunday visiting Judge Holman and family and also looking after legal business.

Uncle Wash Robertson, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday after supplies.

Clay Smart and W. S. Taylor spent Sunday with Wyatt Taylor and wife at their home on the Plains.

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### DRY LAKE ITEMS

Carl and Jim Davis, who have been spending the past week at the home of their brother, Bob Davis, left Friday for Abilene, where they will remain during the New Year.

Mr. Wier and family, who have been living on the W. A. Craddock farm the past few months, moved to their new home east of Spur Thursday.

Miss Lois Vernon, of Spur, was a guest of the Misses Davis Wednesday.

W. A. Johnson left the first of the week for the Plains where he will remain several days on business.

Misses Irene and Erma Mae Leatch were the guests of the Misses West Saturday and Sunday.

A play party was enjoyed last Wednesday evening at the home of Misses Mamie and Wilma Wier.

A. H. Smoot moved last week to the White Flat community about eight or ten miles north of Matador.

Dan Pritchett, Fred Wells and Louis Bowman spent last week hunting up on Croton, but we have not learned the extent of their success.

Wayne VanLeer left the first of the week for Garza county where he will spend several days on business.

W. T. Smith, who bought a place here some time ago, is now having some grubbing and fencing done preparatory to making a crop this year.

The Dry Lake school is progressing nicely. There has been an increase of ten or fifteen pupils since Christmas.

We have been having the coldest weather of the season during the last few days.

Mr. Langford and family have moved to their new home in this community.

Rev. Morris will preach here next Sunday morning.—Maiden Vine.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland returned from Mart last week where she has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Copeland is reported sick of pneumonia at her home six miles east of Spur.

Jack Renfroe, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here.

C. C. Haile made a business trip to Sweetwater the first of last week, returning to Spur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of the eastern part of the state, are in Spur with Sam Chapman during his illness.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor, who has been on a visit of several days to her parents at Clairette, returned last week to her home in Spur.

Mr. Neilon left the latter part of last week for Wylie for a several days visit to relatives at that place.

Wm. Moore moved with his family this week from the ranch to Spur and it is probable that they will become permanent residents of the city.

Mrs. Ada Travis left Friday for Quanah where she will make her home in the future.

Mr. Hightower, of Arkansas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Alva Scott, of the Tap country.

## IT TAKES MONEY TO RUN A NEWSPAPER

In a recent article commenting on the efforts of various organizations to secure free publicity, an Illinois editor made the statement that it took money to run a newspaper. Many other editors are laboring under a similar delusion, and for the benefit of this class, Thomas W. Mayo, publisher of the Record, St. Anne, Ill., pens the following:

"It takes money to run a newspaper? What an exaggeration. What a whopper. It doesn't take any money to run a newspaper. It can be run without money. It is not a business venture. It is a charitable institution, a begging concern, a highway robber. The newspaper is a child of the air, a creature of a dream. It can go on and on, when any other concern would be in the hands of a receiver and wound up with cobwebs in the windows.

"It takes wind to run a newspaper; it takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes scintillating, acrobatic imagination, half a dozen white shirts and a railroad pass to run a newspaper. But money, heavens to Betsey and six hands around, who ever needed money to conduct a newspaper? Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. When you see an editor with money, watch him. He will be paying his bills and disgracing his profession. Never give money to an editor. Make him trade it out. He likes to swap.

"Then when you die, after you have stood around for years and sneered at the editor and his little Jim Crow paper, be sure that you have your wife send in for three extra copies by one of your weeping children, and when she reads the generous and touching notice about you, forewarn her to neglect to send the editor fifteen cents. It would overwhelm him. Money is a corrupting thing. The editor knows it, and what he wants is your heartfelt thanks; then he can thank the printers and they can thank the grocers. Give your job work to a traveling man, and then ask for half rates for church notices. Get your lodge letter heads and stationery printed out of town and then flood the editor with beautiful thoughts in resolutions of respect and cards of thanks. They make such spicy reading, and you are so proud of your local paper when you pick it up filled with these glowing mortuary articles.

But money—scorn the filthy thing. Don't let the pure innocent editor know anything about it. Keep that for sordid trades people who charge for their wares. The editor gives his bounty away. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He takes care of the editor. Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the state to act as a door mat for the community. He will get out the paper somehow; and stand up for the town and whoop it up for you when you run for office. Don't worry about the editor—he'll get on. The Lord knows how—but somehow.

Attorney Dalton, of Plainview, was in Spur Saturday on legal business and spent several hours here.

## Always Open For Business

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C. A. JONES, Vice-President

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

W. Bender, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of two miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country

A. C. Carruth, inspector for the C. B. Roulet Fire Insurance Actuary of Dallas, was in Spur several days this week gathering data relative to the fire insurance rate of Spur.

Mrs. G. C. Nicholson left Friday for Hamlin to be with her mother who is reported to be quite sick at that place.

Mrs. Walker, formerly of Spur but now of Lubbock, was in the city last week visiting her brother, L. W. Squyres and other relatives near Spur.

W. T. Wilson, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city last week shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. Johnson and son, Scott, spent the holidays with her brother on the Plains.

Mr. Newsom, who has been in Spur the past month superintending the Morrison Stock Sale, left last week and is now on the road selling Hico milling products. C. C. Tyler is manager and now has charge of the Morrison stock business.

Mesdames Frank Smith and M. A. Deen, of the Red Mud country, passed through Spur Friday on their way to Jayton for a several days visit to relatives and friends.

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