

THE ROAD BOND ELECTION POSTPONED TO MARCH 8

The Road Bond Election ordered for last Saturday was postponed and the County Commissioners have ordered the election to be held Saturday, March 8th, 1913. The court stated that the former election order was canceled because a list of the qualified voters for each voting box could not be prepared in time for use in the election.

The good roads movement denotes progressiveness, and the desire on the part of a number of the voters for an equal distribution of the proposed bonded funds denotes a further progressive spirit. The building of good roads is not merely a local proposition but extends from county to state, and from state to national import as is now evidenced by a movement looking to the Federal supervision and direction of road building, and the most important problem in any manner of road building is the just and equal distribution of the road building funds.

The cost of building macadamized roads will vary considerably in different sections of the county in accordance to the distance in hauling gravel and crushed rock to the road bed. In other counties the average cost of building first-class highways amounts to about six thousand dollars per mile. In Dickens county an estimate of the cost of building roads in the different parts of the county has not been made, and therefore voters are not informed as to how the proposed road fund will be apportioned in the several sections, nor how the roads will be built should the proposed one hundred thousand dollar fund prove insufficient to build the macadamized roads as planned by those in authority.

Every good citizen is willing to bear his just and equal burden of taxes, and realizing the advantages of good roads the majority of voters will vote a bond issue when assured that the fund will be justly and equally apportioned and the roads built in accord with the amount of taxes received

from each community of citizens. Again The Texas Spur makes the appeal that such a plan be adopted in the campaign for better roads in Dickens county.

619 POLL TAXES PAID.

Sheriff and Tax Collector J. B. Conner was in the city Wednesday and reported that there had been paid 619 poll taxes in the county and that there were five or six exemption certificates issued, making the total polling strength about 625 votes.

SPRAINED ANKLE.

J. C. Davis, of Dickens, while in Spur last week accidentally sprained his ankle and from which he has been suffering considerable pain. Mr. Davis was at the Spur Inn and in walking down the steps which were covered with ice, he slipped and fell with the above result.

BOUGHT RESIDENCE.

Recently Ned Hogan bought the Jess Moseley residence in the city and will make that place his home in the future. Mr. Moseley and wife have moved back to San Angelo where they will reside in the future.

BLOOD POISONED.

Will Walker was in the city Monday from his home several miles east of Spur. Mr. Walker has been suffering of blood poisoning in the face but is almost completely well. The poisoning originated from a small pimple on his face.

FORMERLY SPUR MAN.

The many friends of Mr. Eucie Strickland will be delighted to learn that he has sufficiently recovered from his long illness so as to be able to walk to town. Eucie Strickland is a valuable citizen, he is a loyal friend, a man who is held in the very highest esteem and in common with all of our people we rejoice that he is now on the road to full recovery and wish for him as speedy and full restoration as possible.—Gatesville Messenger.

Mr. Strickland formerly resided in Spur, he having been manager of the Spur Drug Company business for some time, and during his stay here formed many lasting friendships.

READ AND REMEMBER

Bryant-Link Co. has the largest stock of shoes they have ever shown in Spur and the quality is as good as the stock is big. Remember, ladies, we are exclusive in the famous Queen Quality shoes for ladies. Over twenty different styles of new spring oxfords, straps and pumps—watch the show window for new shapes. Now don't forget our prices on shoes are as right as the class and quality. We can sell you a neat ladies shoe for \$1.35; also in mens a shoe good enough for Sunday wear at \$1.35. We defy mail order house competitors in our shoe department and we are back of the goods we sell.

"An old darkey came to town with a coop of chickens, stopped his cart in front of a store and while waiting for a buyer the chickens began to fight. A bystander said to the darkey, uncle, 'what causes your chickens to fight so?' The old darkey answered: 'I dono massa, less it's kause dey hatched in a hencubator and didn't hab the refining influence of a mudder's care.'"

The fact that spring goods are arriving should be made known to the public. Most ladies, even this early, are interested in the new styles. The magazines have been picturing new styles for two months, so you ladies that have read know what they are. Throughout our store is a dainty bit of newness, no matter in which department you look. New cottons, snowy embroideries, shadow laces, embroidered nets, flouncing and a hundred other items are clamoring for recognition, which they all deserve.

Linweave, Linweave, Linweave—every lady who reads the Home Journal and other high class magazines knows what Linweave means. Ask to see it—its a real, guaranteed white goods—if it loses its luster from washing you get a new piece. Remember the name—Linweave.

Read and remember—Old Homestead flour, first patent, guaranteed to be as good as any other brands advertised at \$3, only \$2.80. We stand behind every sack; why pay more?

"A gentleman who recently moved to the Spur country was asked if the country agreed with his wife. His answer was, 'no-sir, that's more than I would expect of any country.'"

Read and remember—Jno. Deere implements can be found at Bryant-Link Co. The very name carries with it the climax of quality and the price is as cheap as inferior lines. Don't be satisfied with less than the best when buying implements. Any item we haven't in stock we will gladly order for you.

A car of wire coming; also hog fence, poultry netting and shelf hardware at prices that will interest you. We want the cash business and are getting a liberal share of it. Doing a large business and having several stores to buy for enables us to easily meet competition.

Come in without knocking and don't knock when you go out.—Bryant-Link Co.

MARRIED

There is a most excellent thing about country life. There is no "my set" and "your set" among us. We all belong to the same circle; if we have anything good to offer our friends, we want "everybody" to share it. Nobody is slighted intentionally.

Accordingly everybody in the neighborhood who could possibly come were guests at the wedding of Mr. Joe Hamilton and Miss Myrtle Arnold, who were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents last Thursday evening at half past four o'clock, Rev. W. B. Bennett officiating.

The groom is a man of unquestionable character and unusual talents, who at the age of twenty-one has realized that life is too short to fritter precious years away in bachelorhood, so he has wisely chosen a helpmate. God saw that it was "not good for man to be alone," and so did Mr. Joe Hamilton, who is to be congratulated on obtaining such a beautiful and accomplished girl for a bride. Miss Myrtle is noted for her kindness of heart and gentle manners.

All who witnessed the wedding will never forget the principal actors in the drama. The bride, who is always pretty, was looking her prettiest in her bridal dress of shimmering white. As she timidly gave her right hand to the groom at her side, in response to the solemn words of the minister, it seemed that an Angel could scarcely have looked more beautiful. Any one could see that she fully realized the step she was taking. She knew that she was giving up her name, her loving father and mother, brothers and sisters; in fact everything pertaining to her former life for the man at her side. No one can foretell the future. Can anyone blame her if her heart asked the question: "Where am I going to land? Will he always love me as he does now? Will he take the place of my loved ones whom I am leaving forever? Will he—?" But when she felt the pressure of his strong right hand and heard his solemn vow, she

MARKETING BROOM CORN AND FEED STUFF IN SPUR

This week several loads of feed stuff have been marketed in Spur from the Plains country, and especially we noticed a big load of broom corn brought in from that section and sold to the Spur Broom Factory.

The broom corn was of long, bright straw and demonstrated the fact that the finest broom corn can be grown in this section of the country.

Farmers within the Spur country are engaging more extensively each year in diversified farming operations, and the varied soil of the country and the better prices for produce is substantial encouragement for further diversified farming operations.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

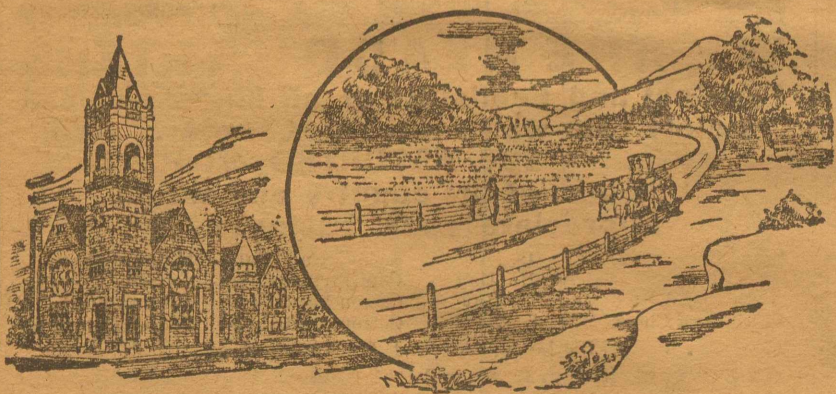
Two good young mares at a bargain or will trade for mules not over seven years old.—W. F. Shugart, Spur, Texas. 10-4tp

knew that he would always love her, and smiled through her tears. With the groom it was different. He was losing nothing, he had nothing to fear. He was winning—had already won his hearts desire and was master of the situation, at least that is what his countenance seemed to say.

After the ceremony and congratulations were over, the groom and his bride together with the guests repaired to the dining room where a feast good enough for a king was spread before them. Perhaps the turkeys were relished more than anything else on the table, at least that is what one of the waiters thought about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will make their future home in Oklahoma. They boarded the train at Spur Saturday evening en route to their new home. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and successful married life. May their love for each other grow brighter each day, and may God bless their union, is the prayer of—One of Their Friends.

GOOD ROADS



COMPANION AGENCIES IN MORALITY.

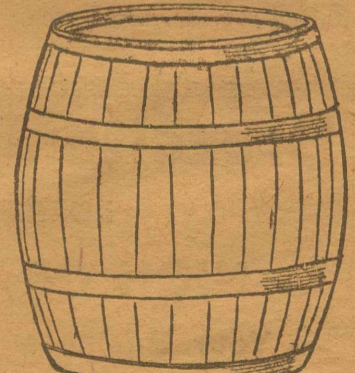
A good road is one of the greatest moral forces in the world today. It is a companion agency to the church and school house and as an elevating influence it is the equal of the pulpit or the rostrum.

Bad roads cause an unnecessary and useless waste of time and money, increase illiteracy, destroy society and encourage profranity in a community. A dollar spent in improving public highways will add more happiness, prosperity and morality to a community than any other form of investment. Build roads and be good.

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As a revenue producer, the Texas hog undoubtedly excels every other animal on the globe and enjoys the distinction of being the only animal that can swell a bank account by emptying a swill barrel. He is the favorite of the barnyard, a leader in packing house society and occupies first place in the larder of the consumer. In addition to consuming all the pork we produce, we ship in 100 carloads of pork per week and our annual consumption excels production \$24,450,000.

The Texas pork barrel will be investigated by the Texas Welfare Commission. Col. I. T. Pryor of San Antonio is chairman of the sub-committee having this subject in charge.

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

IN 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.

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CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

PHOTOS

We have come to make pictures of every body that wants to have pictures made. Pictures that are good and better. A picture of your self, your family, farm or ranch. You cannot do better than see Randolph, at the Photo Car, located just west of the old Spur Standard building.

Come in and let us show you our work and give us a trial. We make good pictures.—P. E. Randolph. 13-1f

Jeff Williams and family left this week for Witchita Falls. Mr. Williams has been sick and goes to Witchita for the benefit of his health.

J. J. Cloud has been suffering considerably the past week of a crippled foot, he having stepped on a nail.

Why not buy Baker Boy Flour where you get it for only \$3 per hundred pounds.—E. Luce.

COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

The First State Bank of Spur was the successful bidder for the deposits of Dickens county funds, the bid being five and two-tenths per cent interest on daily balances of such deposits. The depository interest was formerly four and a half per cent.

Hodges Haile, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business. Hodges reports everything in good shape in the Afton country.

G. A. Howsley has been quite sick the past week, but we are glad to note that he is now able to be up.

Oscar Jackson and wife made a trip to Dickens on business and visiting friends one day this week.

White Oak Heart is the best of the best of wood.—Brazelton-Pryor & Co. sell it. 131f

SAFER THAN CALOMEL

Dodson's Liver Tone at Night Will Straighten You Out by Morning. Calomel May Knock You Out of a Day's Work.

If you are a calomel user, next time you are tempted to buy it ask your druggist if he can absolutely guarantee the drug not to harm you. He won't do it because he CAN'T do it.

But here is a perfect substitute for calomel which the druggist does guarantee—the famous Dodson's Liver Tone. The Red Front Drug Store will refund your money without question if you are not thoroughly satisfied.

Go to The Red Front Drug Store whom you are acquainted with—and find out about the great number of people who are taking this remarkable remedy and feeling better, keener, healthier, and better able to enjoy life than they ever were when taking calomel.

Why? Because calomel is a poison—one that may stay in the system, and while seeming to benefit you temporarily, may do harm in the end. If you haven't felt these ill effects so far, it is because you are fortunate enough to have a strong constitution.

Don't take the risk any longer. Get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone (50c) and note how easily and naturally it corrects all bilious conditions, how it clears away that sick headache and coated tongue, how it sets you right without ache or gripe. The most wonderful thing in the world for constipation.

All this without the slightest interference with your regular habits.

Lehman Dunn, who has been spending some time in south Texas and the coast country, returned this week to Spur and is now greeting his friends here.

Full car of Baker Boy Flour at \$3 per hundred.—E. Luce.

POLL TAXES IN CROSBY

It is reported that Crosby county issued four hundred poll taxes this year. Counting overs and unders and exemptions the voting strength of the county will be between four and five hundred.

W. G. Sherrod and W. A. Wilkinson made a business trip Monday to Dickens where they spent several hours.

Tom Greer, of the Tap country, was in the city this week on business and greeting his friends.

See me for land loans. No attorney nor inspection fees.—E. C. Edmonds. 14-1f.

Baker Boy Flour is the best flour that comes to Spur. \$3 per hundred.—E. Luce.

PUTTING IN WATER WORKS

Aspermont has voted bonds and is now installing a system of water-works. It is said that they have one of the largest and best reservoirs for storing water of any town in the country and the dam was built at a cost of about ten thousand dollars.

Come to E. Luce for groceries. We sell for cash and keep the quality up and the price down.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rucker, of Afton, are visiting at the home of R. S. Holman and family.

E. L. Blakeley, of the Afton country, spent several days of last week in Spur.

Buy Baker Boy Flour at \$3 per hundred pounds.—E. Luce.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement City of Spur, 1911 and 1912, ending Jan. 31, 1913.

Receipts	
Tax 1911.....	\$922.47
Occupation Tax	21.00
Dog Tax.....	41.00
Street Tax.....	539.50
Gen Tax.....	1373.40
Fines.....	49.00
Total.....	\$2946.37
Disbursements	
Vou. 1 to 114.....	\$1978.81
Cash on hand.....	967.56
Total.....	\$2946.37

J. M. Neely, Treas.

Before me the undersigned authority on this day appeared J. M. Neely City treasurer and being by me duly sworn deposes says the abovestatement is a true and correct statement of the City of Spur on the 31st day of January 1913.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th day of February, 1913.—Cephus Hogan, Notary Public in and for Dickens Co. Texas.

(Seal)

W. S. Taylor, who is in the grocery department of the Bryant-Link Company, brought the Texas Spur a box of matches last week. The matches are of the non-poisonous, double dip variety. They are licensed by the government, are of good quality and more desirable for family use on account of being non-poisonous.

W. B. Griffin and Ross Edwards left this week for an extended trip over the west part of the state and into the Davis Mountains. They expect to be gone six weeks or two months and will trap, hunt and fish to not only pay expenses but with the intention of making more than wages.

N. A. Baker and Dr. Standifer spent two days and a night shooting ducks in the West Pasture last week. They report having secured a number of big Canyon Backs and Green Heads on the trip.

Mayor Geo. S. Link made a business trip to Stamford last week where he spent some time.

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\$6.00 Values.....	\$4.50	\$4.50 Values.....	\$3.00
\$5.00 Values.....	\$3.50	\$3.00 Values.....	\$2.20

\$65.00 White Sewing Machines \$25.00

\$40.00 New Home " " \$20.00

R. R. Morrison Stand

C. C. TYLER, Manager

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cross, of the Paddle Ranch several miles south of Spur, were here Monday trading with the merchants and visiting friends in the city. Mr. Cross reported that several hundred head of steers on the ranch were now being fed preparatory for marketing and that they would be shipped to the Fort Worth markets in the near future.

I. D. Rodgers, of near Clairemont, was in Spur the first of the week buying supplies of the merchants and on other business. He reports his section of the country in good shape, although a good rain is needed at this time.

Luther Hindman returned last week from a trip to the eastern part of the state where he spent several days visiting friends and relatives. Luther says that the sections visited are in good shape financially.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was here from the ranch last week and spent several hours in the city greeting his many friends and also attending to business affairs.

Mrs. C. C. Tyler, who is teaching the Red Hill school, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with Mr. Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter left Sunday for Hamlin where Mrs. Riter will spend several days visiting relatives and friends. From Hamlin Mr. Riter went to Dallas to be in attendance at the Hardware Dealers Association in session in that city this week.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and spent some time here.

Harry Ward, of Stamford, representing the J. M. Radford Grocery Company, was in Spur Friday looking after the trade in his line.



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Elmer Rogers, of the Wichita community, was in town Monday of this week and hauled out a load of telephone poles to be used on the Afton Telephone Company's line east of town.—Dickens Item.

Express & Baggage ...WAGON...

Your hauling of express, baggage, etc., is solicited.

V. H. BRYANT, Spur, Tex.

ROAD BONDS SPEAKING

J. D. Reagan will speak on the road bond issue, explaining every phase of it in a clear, common-sense way so that any one can understand how it will effect the citizens of Dickens county. Your presence will be appreciated. The speaking dates will be as follows:

Dry Lake, Monday night,	Feb. 17
Prairie View Tuesday "	" 18
Liberty Wednesday "	" 19
Worswick Thursday "	" 20
Afton, Friday "	" 21
Spur, Saturday, 3 p. m. "	" 22
Steel Hill, Monday night, "	" 24
Red Hill, Tuesday, "	" 25
Wichita, Wednesday "	" 26
Croton, Thursday "	" 27
L. Cot. Wood, Friday "	" 28
Tap, Saturday "	Mar. 1

I have leased the Gilpin well and will sell water from same at customary prices.—J. H. McMichael. Phone 1 long and 1 short ring. 12-5t

Hamp Collett was in Spur last week on business from his home several miles west of Spur.

Tom Cochran was at Dickens Monday on business.

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PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

The Industrial Congress is offering three thousand dollars in premiums for the best crops to be grown on a four-acre "model" farm, and it is urged that the schools of the country take up this proposition and by so doing not only add to the practical and material educational facilities of the schools but have an opportunity to secure one of the big cash prizes. We have often wondered why the schools of the country fail to teach practical lessons of every-day life. The largest percentage of the pupils of Dickens county schools and the schools of other counties of this country become farmers in later years, and yet the teaching of ideas as to soil productiveness and its adaptability to growing the various crops is conspicuously lacking in the schools curriculum. Why not teach in our schools the ideas and practical knowledge of occupations in which a majority of the pupils will engage as a life's work? The crying need of the whole country is more farmers and better farmers. Schools are supported and maintained by the people and patronized by pupils for educational advantages, and none can but realize that a thorough course in agriculture and soil culture would be of more practical and material advantage to pupils and the country than all the Greek, Latin and higher studies. The Texas Spur would like to see the Spur School enter the "model" farm contest, take the lead in practical, material educational advancement, and the School Boards and Trustees can do much in instituting and furthering such school advantages and facilities.

The money trust investigating committee has at last succeeded in interviewing Wm. Rockefeller and found that in reality his condition would not permit of the ordeal in giving the desired testimony with regard to the operations and schemes of the money interests. It is said that Wm. Rockefeller, during his life time, has amassed the largest monied fortune of any one man in the world, and it is very probable that he knows and could give more information concerning the operations in financial circles than any other man. Mr. Rockefeller is seventy odd years of age and has spent the greater part of his life money grubbing and manipulating schemes to increase the contents of money bags, and no doubt he could give the public a clear idea of the methods of manipulating financial affairs and the formation of a so-called money trust. Palsied, shaking and only a few more days of life remaining, it is a pity that Mr. Rockefeller can not and will not give the desired information and thus contribute to the betterment of conditions and the whole people.

The Road Bond Election will be held Saturday, March 8th.

Spur will have an election next Monday to vote the issuance of \$25,000 in city bonds to put in a system of water works. Every body in the town realizes the necessity of having a supply of water for home use and for better fire protection in both the residence and business sections of the town. The proposed bonds will be payable forty years from date of issue, redeemable in ten years and will bear five per cent. interest. It will require a tax of about thirty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property to maintain the system and pay the bonds. The system will be under the supervision and management of the City Commissioners and the needs and requirements of the town demand that we have a system of water works, and the voters will meet such demands at the appointed time.

The one inch snow over this country last week places the Spur country in much better agricultural condition, and the indications are that we will again have bumper crops this year. Come to the Spur country.

The trial of Beal Sneed, charged with the murder of Al Boyce, Jr., is now in progress at Vernon, and it is very probable that this trial will end all trials in the Sneed-Boyce cases.

Representative A. J. Hagins of this district requests the Texas Spur to state that all who wish appointments as notaries public should send their applications at once to him at Austin.

The Ground Hog has ruined his reputation as a weather indicator. However, all indications are subject to reverses in Western Texas.

In Spur there are ninety qualified voters, that number having paid city poll taxes before the first day of February.

The assessed valuation of Spur property for the year 1912 amounts to \$625,116, and the total city tax is \$1,552.79.

\$10,000 OFFERED THE FARMERS OF TEXAS

The Texas Industrial Congress has announced its third annual prize offer of \$10,000 in gold to farmers of the state who secure the largest yields, cost of production considered, of specific crops raised in Texas during 1913. The prizes are free and competition is open without charge to every man, woman or boy who will comply with a few simple rules which the Congress has found necessary to lay down.

The prizes are divided into five "classes." Class A includes prizes for the most productive model farm; class B includes competition for the Texas Corn Club, open only to boys and girls under 20 years of age; class C embraces the offers for the Texas Cotton Club, also open to boys and girls. Class D covers the production of forage crops. Class E provides for crops under irrigation. One hundred and fifty nine separate prizes are offered, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$25.

The acreage limit of the model farms has been reduced from ten to four, and the prizes for them from \$5,000 to \$3,000. The \$2,000 deduction has been added to the offers in classes B and

C, increasing them from \$1,500 to \$2,500 each. A special combination prize of \$500 is offered to any contestant in both classes B and C who shall win the first prize in each class.

Last year the congress offered \$5,000 in prizes for ten-acre model farm, with the object of showing to every neighborhood the value of rotation and diversification. The conditions provided for alternating of specific crops in succeeding years, and the plowing under of a leguminous crop on a different one fourth of the land each year.

It seems wise to reduce the "model" farms to four acres. The land must consist of four one-acre plots side by side. On the first plot corn is to be grown; on the second plot cowpeas; on the third plot either kaffir corn or milo maize as the contestant prefers, and cotton on the fourth plot.

First prize, \$1,000; second prize, \$500; third prize, \$250; fourth prize, \$150, and for the twenty next best results \$50 each, a total of twenty five prizes in all, and amounting to \$3,000.

Competition in this class is open to everybody. Women and girls are not required to do any manual labor in cultivating their crops, but are expected to supervise and manage them only. The crops mentioned must be grown in the order named.

The teacher and trustees of every public school and district are invited to secure a four-acre tract of land to be entered in this class in the name of the school, and to be cultivated by the pupils, as a most practical course in agriculture.

The corn must be weighed in the shuck when it is fully matured and thoroughly dry, in the presence of two disinterested witnesses, and no estimate of the yield will be accepted. At maturity, and when thoroughly dry, the kaffir corn or milo maize must be headed, leaving shanks not more than three inches long, and all of the grain must be weighed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. The cotton must be weighed in the seed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. A written statement of the gin weight of the lint cotton, signed by the ginner, must also be made. The cowpeas may be harvested, but the weight of same, when thoroughly dry, must be reported and the yield must be determined by actually weighing the peas in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. The cowpea vines when thoroughly matured must be plowed under as a fertilizer for next years crop. The rent, cost of preparing the soil, cost of seed and cost of cultivating this crop will be refunded the prize-winning contestants, and every landlord is asked to co-operate with his tenants who enter the contest by remitting the rent,

cost of preparation, cost of seed and cost of cultivation, as the land receives all of the benefit and its fertility is conserved and increased.

When the cowpea vines are at the best and are ready to be plowed under, each contestant, in the presence of two disinterested witnesses, shall cut and weigh the vines from a plot measuring ten feet each way (making one hundred square feet), that is a fair average of the entire acre. Contestant and his witnesses shall make affidavit as to the number of pounds of hay. The number of pounds of peas from the entire acre must also be kept.

Class C—Texas Cotton Club: Competition in this class is open only to boys or girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 on January 1, 1913. For the largest yield from one acre of middling cotton, to be weighed both in the seed and the lint, cost of production considered: First prize, \$500; second prize, \$300; third prize, \$250; fourth prize, \$125; fifth prize, \$75, and for the fifty next best results \$25 each, a total of fifty five prizes in all, amounting to \$2,500.

Contestants in classes B and C are not required to do all the work themselves necessary to the crop, but must have control and exercise personal supervision over it; this applies especially to girls. The cotton must be weighed in the seed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. A statement of the gin weight of the lint cotton signed by the ginner must also be made. To any contestant entered in both class B and class C, who shall win the first prize in each class, a special prize of \$500 will be awarded.

Class D—Forage Crops: For the largest yield of merchantable grain, to be weighed in the head at maturity and when thoroughly dry, cost of production considered, from two acres either kaffir corn or milo maize (whichever the contestant prefers): First prize, \$300; second prize, \$200, and for the ten next best results \$50 each, a total of twelve prizes, amounting to \$1,000. Competition in this class is open to everybody. Women or girls are not required to do any manual labor in cultivating the crop, but are expected to supervise and manage it only. The crops in classes A, B, C and D must be grown without irrigation.

Class E—Irrigated Forage Crops: For the largest yield of merchantable grain grown by irrigation, to be weighed in the head at maturity, and when thoroughly dry, cost of production considered, from two acres of either kaffir corn or milo maize (whichever the contestant prefers): First prize, \$300; second prize, \$200, and for the next ten best results \$50 each, a total of twelve prizes in all and

amounting to \$1,000. Competition in this class is open to everybody. Women or girls are not required to do any manual labor in cultivating the crop, but are expected to supervise and manage it.

A complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make each crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be furnished for that purpose. No contestant may enter after April 1, and each contestant is requested by the congress to notify his county newspaper that he has entered for a prize. The cost of production is as important as the yield, the congress says, and will be considered in determining the successful contestants.

Don't be a clam. Come out and enjoy an evening of wit, humor and pathos with the impersonator, A. Lincoln Kirk, at Auditorum Saturday evening Feb. 15. It will only cost you 50 cents for reserved seats or 35 and 25 cents for general admission. Reserved seats at the Red Front Drug Store.

J. E. Sparks was here the latter part of last week from his home in the Tap country and reported everything in fairly good shape in his section, however, a good rain would be gladly received at this time.

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BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the First State Bank at Spur, Texas, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of Feb., 1913, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, Texas, State of Texas, on the 14th day of Feb. 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral \$58,246.25
 Loans, Real Estate 916.77
 Overdrafts 1,348.16
 Bonds and Stocks 3,913.96
 Real Estate (banking house) 7,750.00
 Other Real Estate 3,053.79
 Furniture and Fixtures 2,150.00
 Due from Approved Reserve Agents net \$25,491.75
 Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net 121.75—25,613.50
 Cash Items 323.15
 Currency 4,201.00
 Specie 780.85—5,305.00
 Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund 382.26
 Other Resources as follows:
 Assessment for Guar. Fund 132.10
Total \$108,811.79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in \$50,000.00
 Surplus Fund 2,500.00
 Undivided Profits, net 2,392.50
 Individual Deposits sub. to check 48,775.54
 Time certificates of deposit 5,125.00
 Cashier's Checks 18.75
 Certificates of dep. for money bor.
 Other Liabilities as follows:
 Taxes and Interest reserved
Total \$108,811.79

State of Texas, County of Dickens:
 We, G. H. Connell as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. CONNELL, President.
 E. C. EDMONDS Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to by E. C. Edmonds, Cashier, before me this 8th day of Feb. A. D. 1913.
 Witness my hand and Notarial seal on the date last aforesaid
 OSCAR JACKSON, Notary Public.

Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell before me this 10th day of Feb. A. D. 1913.

NORMAN E. NELSON,
 Notary Public, Tarrant Co., Texas.

Correct—Attest:

T. E. Standifer,
 S. R. Davis,
 W. E. Connell,
 Directors.

FIRE AT CROSBYTON

Fire destroyed feed stuff amounting to twenty five hundred dollars last week on the Julian M. Bassett dairy farm at Crosbyton. It is supposed that the fire originated from the sparks of an engine operating a threshing machine near the stacks of feed.

We sell Standard Granulated Sugar at \$5.50 per hundred. It is the best sugar in Spur—E. Luce.

NO. 9611

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Feb. 4th, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$202,668.45
 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 1,703.79
 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00
 Bonds, Securities, etc. 1,866.67
 Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures 32,000.00
 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 1,180.27
 Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Co's, and Savings Banks 408.60
 Due from approved Reserve Agents 51,338.03
 Checks and Other cash Items 2,450.00
 Notes of other National Banks
 Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents 120.73
 Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:
 Specie 12,462.40
 Legal tender notes 3,250.00—15,712.40
 Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 1,250.00
Total \$335,698.94

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in \$100,000.00
 Surplus Fund 15,000.00
 Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid 5,358.43
 National bank notes outstanding 24,500.00
 Due to other National Banks
 Individual deposits subject to check 190,826.62
 Cashier's checks outstanding 13.89
Total \$335,698.94

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

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

W. G. SHERRROD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Feb., 1913.

B. D. GLASGOW, Notary Public.

[SEAL]

Correct—Attest:

R. C. Forbis,
 C. A. Jones,
 Geo. S. Link,
 Directors.

EXPRESS OFFICE ROBBED.

The Girard express office was robbed one night last week, \$110 being taken from the safe. An investigation created a suspicion of the robber but no arrest has yet been made.

Dave Sparks, of the Croton country, was in Spur Saturday on business and shaking hands with his friends here.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

The three inch snow which fell here last week has given us a very good top season. Farmers can now finish breaking their land.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins visited at the home of his father near Jayton last week.

Mrs. Earl Hagins and baby have returned from an extended visit in Kent county.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

So far as we know, there is nobody on the sick list here this week.

Joe Hamilton and Miss Myrtle Arnold were married at the home of the bride's parents last Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Bennett performing the ceremony. After the congratulations were over the guests, consisting of almost every body in the neighborhood, were marched into the spacious dining room where a feast good enough for a king awaited them. We feel very much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold for giving us such an enjoyable time. We regret to lose Miss Myrtle as she was one of our brightest stars, and many were the tears that were shed when we saw her depart Saturday for Oklahoma with her adoring husband. That they may live a long and happy life together is the sincere wish of their many friends.—A Farmer.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

A small snow fell in this section of the country last week which was of but little benefit to the farmers.

Rev. Bilberry preached here Sunday.

Bob Davis spent several hours in Spur Saturday on business.

Quite a crowd attended the singing at the home of the Misses McInteer Saturday evening.

Geo. Snodgrass sold his farm here this week to Bob English of Haskell, who will make it his permanent home.

Mrs. H. C. Allen left the latter part of last week for Carlsbad, New Mexico, to be with her daughter, who is reported real sick.

T. G. Cherry and family spent Sunday with Will Leach and wife.—Maiden Vine.

J. R. Walker returned recently from a trip to Palestine where he had been several days to attend an opening of a grocery company with which he was formerly associated. He reports a most pleasant trip.

Judge Ferguson will speak in Spur Saturday, February 22, at 3 o'clock on the road bond issue. Every voter especially invited. Judge Ferguson comes to speak in Spur by special request of citizens here.

A. S. Jackson, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday en route to Dallas to attend the State Hardware Dealers Association now in session.

I have high bred White Orpington, White Wyandotte, Barred Rock and Rhode Island Red Hens. Will sell a few settings locally for 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.—F. F. Mace, Spur, Texas. 141f

Standard Granulated Sugar at \$5.50 per hundred.—E. Luce.

J. I. Greer, of Tap, was in Spur Wednesday.

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Wm. Pearn will preach Wednesday and Thursday at the church,

E. C. Edmonds made a business trip Monday to Dickens.

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There are few high class entertainments in Spur. Don't miss one when it comes. See. Be at the School Auditorium Saturday evening Feb. 15 and enjoy the impersonations of A. Lincoln Kirk who will be here for the benefit of the school. Reserved seats at the Red Front Drug Store. Admission, 50, 35, and 25 cents.

Grubbers—to grub land for the wood, fine wood and a paying proposition. See L. C. Arington or W. F. Shugart, six miles east of Spur. 13-2t.

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

W. F. Clay, who has been at Freeport and other points on the Coast, was in Spur last week on his return to his home at Dickens.

C. H. Senning returned to Spur recently from the Childress country where he spent several days on business.

J. M. Neely returned Friday from a short visit to relatives at Hamlin and Stamford.

Miss Pearl Ormsley is in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hisey.

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John Langham, who recently sold his business at Draper, has bought an interest in the hardware business with A. S. Jackson. Mr. Langham is a good business man and well acquainted with the business. We wish the new firm much success.—Dickens Item.

Al Sullivan, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city last week and hauled out lumber with which to make improvements on his place.

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

THE SOL DAVIS DRY GOODS HOUSE

The Sol Davis house announces a new department in their store—That of millinery, and are now showing an advance line. And also, an advance line of silks, laces and all the new weaves in beautiful spring materials. Mrs. W. B. Griffin, an experienced milliner, will have charge of the department, and is now in the Eastern markets securing a splendid and up to date line, and on her return will be pleased to meet all her former friends and customers.

R. L. Collier, dealer in livestock, Milk cows and Poland China hogs a specialty. See me when you want to buy or sell. 12

Mace Hunter was in Spur this week from his home four miles east of the city, spending some time here on business.

Ivan B. Brown, of the 24 Ranch, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Miss Nina Woolly is in the city the guest of Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

See me for land loans. No attorney nor inspection fees.—E. C. Edmonds. 14-tf.

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SINCERELY

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It has just been reported to the Texas Spur that Tom McArthur is now a father, a fine boy having been born in his home several weeks ago. Though a little late we extend congratulations to the parents, and wish young Mr. McArthur a long, useful and prosperous life.

I represent loan companies who want to make large or small loans in Dickens and adjoining counties. Quick service guaranteed.—L. W. Davis. 14

Every Monday and Wednesday we are on the job for the Abilene Steam Laundry.—Edwards-Hogan Co.

J. C. McNeill was in the city Monday from his ranch home several miles west of Spur.

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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