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AN OPEN LETTER IN RE-GARD TO BOND ISSUE

statements made against the road bonds, it is but fair that the ment. voters of Dickens county should hear both sides of the question. progressive. Vote for the bonds.

outside labor be employed when grandchildren, "We did it."it is possible to secure local work- Jeff D. Reagan. ers.

cluding crap-shooter, gamblers, etc. will not be brought in to work on the road, but the improved conditions will bring into the country desirable settlers who are willing and anxious to locate in a progressive country where they can have the conveniences that go hand in hand with good roads.

The road bonds will not impose a burden upon posterity; on the other hand, their road taxes will be less in the actual amount of money to be paid, and the road tax rate will be less than we are paying today. No argument to show that such a burden will be imposed has been made, nor can it be made and sustained by facts and figures.

All of the work as outlined can be done with \$100,000, and not with a less amount. smaller bond issue would tend to produce the dissatisfaction and ice cream were served. that some claim a road bond issue will produce, in that all parts of the county could not get road service as provided for in the \$100,000 issue.

It is stated without fear of successful contradiction that there are not ten men in Dickens county who have lived where roads are built and maintained by bonds, opposed to the bond

pay the price, either for the improvements, or in time, trouble and loss pay many times the cost by trying to exist under unfavorable conditions. As a de-In anwer to some of the ob- veloping agency and a business jections raised and some of the venture good roads will produce the greatest results, and pay the highest dividends on the invest-

Get in the procession. Be a The money will not be squader- Be ready to show your country's

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained the "Merry Wives Club" and hnsbands at their home Friday evening with a George Washington party. The house was appropriately declorated in the patriotic colors and some of the ladies were dressed in the style of the early day, while all of them had their hair powdered and dressed high with long curls hanging over the left shoul der. Several old games, such as "feathers", "plate", etc., were enjoyed by the whole crowd, and a merry crowd it was. Then little blue books with red hatchet and small flag on each, and tied with a red and white ribbon, were passed and partners selected to guess the names of noted people whose pictures were pinned on the walls of the different rooms. Lovely refreshments of salted peanuts, two kinds of cake you a price of \$ per hundred brother in Oklahoma, and for A tiny flag was in each cup of cream.

Just before leaving, all sang 'America" and "Star Spangled poultry fence, shelf hardware Banner", and all were glad that George Washington had lived and could be remembered in such a nice way.

ROAD BOND SPEAKING

FULL OF GINGER

Johnnie had a little dog And ginger was his name. He got hit by an auto car, Which made him awful lame. Will he bite me? A stranger hundred acres of land, and we

And Johnnie said, "perhaps, You see sometimes he's gentle, But sometimes Ginger snaps." you about the line of muslin underwear we had coming. Well, brated Weatherbird Childrens J. M. Neely. Shoes. They are models of neatness, quality and durability, and will reduce your childrens shoe bills materially. Ask for Weatherbird Shoes for children. And dont forget, Iron Clad Hose for your children-the best hose you can make or money can buy.

"A woman without jealousy is like a ball without elasticity."

Wire and nails-just unloaded a car-and we are going to make on wire, nails and staples. The wire is "Baker Perfect." See our Mr. Jennings when you need wire, nails, staples, hog fence, and the best line of implements

made-"Jno. Deere." "The ignorant are never defeated in an argument. Be not lenient to your own faults, keep your pardon for others.',

On March 4 they say Woodrow

Something good to tell the Speeches were delivered in ladies: Miss Burnett is with us **MEXICAN TREACHERY** Spur Saturday afternoon on the now and is opening up our new The. deposed president and road bond proposition, County line of spring millinery. Most vice-president of Mexic, Madero women know Miss Burnett who and Saurez, were murdered last have traded at Spur. As we week on the streets of Mexico have said of her before, she has City. The official report of few equals and no superiors in the murders is to the effect any manner that the members her art and you cannot go wrong that while the Diaz troops were if you let her help you plan or transferring Madero and Saurez select your spring hats. Come from the Capitol Palace to the in and look the new things over. Penitentiary for safer keeping It's pretty cool to tell you and protection a mob attacked gentlemen we have your spring the party and fired upon them suit already, just waiting your with the above result. The P. J. Hext a prominent citizen approval. Now they are snappy general opinion of the coun- appear's to be a misunderstandwhile the opportunity was ours. of the north part of the coun- and the prices \$7.50 to \$20-in try is that it was a treacherous ing as to the ownership and use Some who say that they wish try was in Spur Wednesday reach of all. See Bennett, the plot on the part of those in powconditions now were like the and while here was a pleasant clothing man. He can fit you all er to get rid of the ex-officials contracted for by the Mothers conditions of twenty caller at the Texas Spur office. over in a hand-me-down or a in order to have freer reins in Club and partly paid for and the years ago disprove their state- Mr. Hext is one of the stock- measure-me-up. You know our the exercise of their powers over club assumed the debt against ments every day of their lives. holders in the Southern States reputation in the clothing line. the government and the people the piano, and to that extent are They have neat homes, tele- Cotton Corporation and he re- The best in quality, price, and of Mexico.

in cash. Uncle Tom Smith set-It has a fine orchard of about one thousand trees, two houses and will buy your children the cele- place. The deal was made by FARMING A BUSINESS H. C. Allen, one of the most prominent citizens of the Dry

TOM SMITH FARM SOLD

this week to J. H. McCamant of

Duncan, Arizona. The place is

located twelve miles southwest

of Spur, comprises near eight

Uncle Tom Smith sold his place

Lake community, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, contributing to our subscription funds on his own account and adding another name to the list, having the paper sent to his which he has our thanks and appreciation. Mr. Allen is one of the several farmers of the a general rain fell all over this country who consider farming a section of country, and while business proposition and looks the rain was not heavy it was after his farming interests in a sufficient to be of great benefit business way, and if more of the to the agricultural interests. farmers would get in this procession the country and the peo- country are in good shape for ple would be in better shape.

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Messrs. King Kennedy, Bob Cannon and R. L. Collier sold several hundred head of cattle last week to parties in Floyd county. The cattle were in excellent condition and were sold at the highest market price known in this section for some time for range cattle, some of the herds having brought \$52.50

Notwithstanding the continued dry weather throughout the winter months the ranges. are still in fairly good condition for this time of year and the ranchmen and stock farmers in general report their livestock in good shape. These favorable conditions have brought many cattle buyers to this section who because of the excellent condition of the cattle and the big destuff, have purchased several hundred head at and around the high price of \$50 each.

The Spur country is not only one of the best agricultural sections of the country but is also noted for the production of livestock and many farmers of this section are raising cattle, hogs etc. in connection with other lines of diversified farming and the results obtained have been of a most satisfactory and profitable nature.

RAIN OVER SPUR COUNTRY

The latter port of last week The sandy land portions of the plowing, while the hard land is in need of more rain for farming purpos

asked.

understand that the consideration was six thousand dollars Now, ladies, last week we told the place many years ago.

ed or wasted. The work will not development, and say to the its here now ready for your in- well improved. The place is one be done by contract, nor will new-comer, to your children and spection, and it is the snappiest of the finest sandy land places in line we have ever been able to the county, and we can't help per head. buy; the values are a real sur- but think that Uncle Tom will prise. We bought these goods soon be willing to pay double the An undescribable class, in- GEO. WASHINGTON PARTY. at 25 per cent discount by tak- price received for the place reing an entire assortment and are turned to him. We understand going to give this to you; so do that Mr. Smith will move with not fail to see this line. This his family to San Patricio. Mr. line is new and dainty and con- McCamant will not immediately tains too many items to mention. move to this section and said that Let us call your attention to he bought this place principally childrens shoes. Do you know as an investment, but that later it costs more to shoe a child than if he can secure the control of it does a grown person. We can more land he will stockfarm and help you lessen this cost if you raise thoroughbred cattle on the mand in the market for butcher

issue.

Some say that the question has come up too soon. With some people any movement that Judge Ferguson and Jeff D. tends to progress and development is "too soon." But we are living in a progressive age, and if we fail to keep up with the procession we get run over and road bond issue and it is very left behind. We want some of probable that on the eighth day the comforts of life now. and when we pass out of this earthly existence we want to leave something behind us to show that we were alive and doing something phones when they can get them, ports that the organization is fit. frequent mail service and schools. now complete and a number of If such conditions are an unde- bales of cotton have been taken will fill Bill's chair, but if we see sirable burden why don't they up in Dickens county. The cor- right, after Wilson is seated tear out the telephones, move in- poration will be in full opera- there will be room to spare. todug-outs, burn their schools and tion for this year's crop and destroy the farms? Or in case will buy the fall crop at this fever? We have secured the the fear of the law prevents time for future delivery paying agency for the Krit Car and will them why do they not move to a a price of fifteen cents a pound. have a demonstrator car here country where lands are cheaper, and the houses are further apart than in this county? As a matthemselves.

thing for nothing, and we must same.-W. H. L. Ward.

Reagan favoring the issue and Wm. Elliot and W. A. Craddock opposing the issue. Much interest is being manifested in the of March a full county vote will be polled on the proposition.

READY FOR THIS YEARS CROP

NOTICE

If there is any one in Spur, Groceries-we buy in car lots ter of fact they do not want Texas. I owe, please present largely and the quality is the conditions as they were twenty, your bills to me not later than only thing high in our grocery or ten years ago; they prove it March 7, at 3 p. m. and I will line.

gladly pay the bills if I fail to Come in without knocking and We cannot expect to get some- hold to hold a receipt against don't knock when you go out. - ness visitor in Spur from his Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, president; Bryant-Link Co.

best car made at the price.

RESIDENCE BURNED

The residence of Mrs. W. A. Harrell, of the Tap country, to-Automobiles - have you the were completely destroyed by fire Thursday morning of last munity circulated a petition for next week. Wait and see the the purpose of raising funds with which to replace the building, which is reported to already be under construction.

> T. E. Ham was a recent busi- appear in the local newspaper.home in the Croton country.

MOTHERS CLUB WORK

In the fall of 1911 the Mothers Club was organized for the purpose of assisting the school in of the club could, as a body, or individually. Children have been furnished with books and clothing, and a number of books have been given the school library. Also a piano has been bought and partly paid for and there of the piano. The piano was responsible for it until the last note is paid off. When the piano was first bought it was delivered at the High School and has never been moved from there. It was bought for the use of the school gether with all household goods and when the last payment is made and the club is free from the responsibility assumed by week. The citizens of that com- them the property will be the property of the public school.

To aid in the payment to be made on the school piano a "Tacky Party" will be given on Friday, March 21. Further announcement and program will

Mrs, Jeff D. Reagan, secretary,

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

> 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 ne one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow tresspassers hereafter without favor.

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DREAM OF HEAVEN

What heaven is I know not, but I have dreamed of its purple hills and its fields of light, blos- home in Spur. Mrs. Tyler resoming with immortal beauty; of ports her school progressing niceits brooks of laughter and its ly. rivers of song, and its place of its flowers and live and love for- ly at this time. ever. I long have dreamed of

Mrs. C. C. Tyler, teacher of of the Red Hill School, spent Saturday and Sunday at her I have bought the ice business

eternal love. I long have dreamed ens, underwent an operation at full weight and satisfactory China hogs a specialty. See me safe, and, hence, the robbers had that every bird which sings its the Standifer Hospital last week service and will appreciate any when you want to buy or sell. 12 their trouble for nothing.-Jaylife away here may rest among and is reported to be doing nice- and all business given me.-

NOTICE

I beg to advise the public that only from the Spur Bottling Works and will run it independent of this concern. I expect to Witt Springer.

Dan Hogan, the painter, formerly of Spur but recently of Ralls, returned to Spur last week and will probably locate here permanently.

John Sparks, a prominent citi-Referring to above I have this zen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business and

ANOTHER ROBBERY

The express office at Girard was broken into again on Sunday night, but no money or other valuables were secured. Since the R. L. Collier, dealer in live- office was robbed sometime ago Mrs. Dr. Blackwell, of Dick- make prompt deliveries and give stock, Milk cows and Poland nothing of value has been left in ton Herald.

> **HOGS! HOGS! HOGS!** Three thoroughbred Poland

opal towers and burnished domes, me here.-Bob Taylor.

P. Hinson, of Tap, was in the city Saturday marketing eggs, butter and other farm produce trading with the merchants of the same stand.-T. L. Higgin- country, was in Spur this week and also buying supplies of the Spur. Spur merchants.

J. H. Vernon, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, made a business trip last week to Stamford and other points.

Tap country.

but what care I for gate of pearl zen of the Steel Hill country, has been run in connection with spent some time here. or street of gold if I can meet was in Spur Saturday on busithe loved ones who have blessed ness and trading with the merchants.

E. R. Rorie was in Spur the latter part of last week from the the latter part of last week from ranch and spent some time here his home several miles northon business.

Judge A. J. McClain was in T. S. Lambert was in Spur Spur Saturday from his home on Saturday from his home in the the Cat Fish and spent some time in the city.

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citi- day sold the ice business which

my bottling works, known as the C. J. Smith, of nine miles trust the public will be as liberal city several hours. northwest of Spur, was in the with him as with myself. I will city the latter part of last week continue the bottling business at botham.

> W. P. T. Smith was in Spur west of the city on business and trading with the merchants. Mr.

Smith will enter a crop in com- Money to loan on farms and petition for one of the cash ranches, do my own inspecting, several days of last week on prizes offered by the Texas In- no delays.-L. W. Davis.

dustrial Congress for the best crop production on a given acreage.

W. M. Randall, one of the leading citizens of the Steel Hill community, was in the city the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and on other business.

J. E. Sparks, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time in the city on business.

Frank Smith, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city last week trading with the merchants.

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

trading with the Spur merchants and on other business.

on business.

China male pigs for sale at my Sheriff Conner came down farm four miles west of Claire-Spur Ice & Bottling Works, to from Dickens Monday on official mont. They are four months old, A. W. (Witt) Springer and I business and remained in the of the big-bone type, and registered certificates can be supplied King Kennedy, of the Croton with each pig if desired.-B. C. Cairns. 16-4t

> I have high bred White Orpington, White Wyandotte, Barred Deck Edwards came in Mon- Rock and Rhode Island Red Hens. day from his place on Croton Will sell a few settings locally for and spent some time in the city 50c, \$1 00 and \$1.25.-F. F. Mace, Spur, Texas. 14tf

> > W. F. Godfrey was at Dickens business.



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five hundred good, typical American families all purchasers, working properly. A few years all desirable customers.

newspaper should be, through give. his advertising columns, the trust the country Dodson's Liver Tone ed and valued agent and promot has practically taken the place. er of at least ten great industrial of calomel as a liver remedy. merchandising concerns. Dodson's Liver Tone is mild, merchandising concerns.

able through his columns to sell for use when your children beeverything. His readers buy come bilious and constipated. everything that is for sale- But the most remarkable feature from nails to pianos, and from of Dodson's Liver Tone is the fact pills to automobiles. They buy paint and roofing and stoves and solutely. The druggist will relamps-hundreds of commodi- turn your money with out arguties that the city dweller never ment if a bottle fails to give enbuys.

the United States in any one of have it ready for the next memwhich ten or even fifty great ber of your family whose liver American merchants and manu- goes wrong.

for sale and will demand and get (Reproduced by Permission their share of the national prosfrom the Editoral Columns of perity, acting as national industhe New York Evening Journal.) trial and commercial representa-We repeat that advertising in tives, and not merely as the local

MEANS LAZY LIVER

if your tongue is coated, he is trying to find out if your liver is ago doctors had to prescribe cal-Every publisher of a country omel-there was nothing else to

Recently in many sections of The country publisher alone is pleasant tasting and harmlesswhich makes it a fine medicine that the Red Front Drug Store tire satisfaction.

There is not a community in that you get a bottle today and

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INCREASED CORN YIELD RESULTS FROM PRIZE CONTEST OF TEXAS INDUSTRIAL

CONGRESS.

1671/2 Bushels on One Acre. Alford Branch is a wide-awake farm-er boy living at Overton, Rusk County, Texas, who, by careful preparation of his land in the fall of 1911, so that it was in condition for the winter rains to sink in and to be stored for the season; who carefully selected the best seed-corn that was grown in his section and by shallow and constant cultivation from the time the corn was a few inches high until it was actually mature, not only kept it free from weeds, but kept the surface for an inch and a half or two inches so finely pulverized that it acted as a mulch and prevented the loss of moisture by and prevented the loss of moisture by capillary attraction, has raised on one acre of second bottom land 167½ bushels of corn at a cost of 13 cents per bushel. Rating the corn at the low price of 70 cents per bushel, there was a net profit of \$95.35 from this acre. Adding to this the \$250 prize if your tongue is coated, he is dustrial Congress, makes a total of \$345.35, which is the interest at 6 per cent upon \$5,755.83, and represents the value of an intelligent combination of brains and work.

the early winter with a two-horse plow, cutting about six inches deep followed in the same furrow with a team pulling what is known as a "bull tongue" that cut ten inches further int the earth, but turned up no new soll and formed a reservoir to hold the moisture as well as to aerate the land and make more plant-food available He used five hundred pounds of com mercial fertilizer that had been recom mended by a reliable house as bes adapted to the successful growth o corn upon his black, sandy land, which had been in grass for a number o years and had an ample supply oo humus. He used seed-corn that was popular in his neighborhood, known as the "Bloody Butcher." He states that he made as much corn on the on acre by the better methods above nentioned as his father acres prepared and cultivated in the old-fashioned way.

The picture below is a graphic Illus tration of the value of using improved methods

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FOUR THOUSAND PRISONERS being leased. IN TEXAS INSTITUTIONS 31,000 acres of land will be cul-

The latest report of Prison crops raised by the State. Commissioner Ben E. Cabell The state also maintains a for. There are 489 convicts on valued at \$527,382.64. the Harlem state farm, 524 on

Clemens farm at Brazoria, 457 on the Imperial farm at Sartaria and 403 on the Ramsley farm at Otey. All convicts are now

It is estimated that more than tivated by State convicts during the coming year. Cotton, corn Fort Worth, Texas, Jan., - and sugar cane are the principal

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

shows that there are 3,862 pris- machine shop, shoe shop, tailor oners confined in the two peni- shop, blacksmith shop and cabitentiaries and on the 12 States net shop in which convicts farms in Texas, of this number are employed. The Clemens 591 are confined within the walls sugar mill is the only one that at Huntsville, while 307 are kept did not show a loss for the past inside the walls at Rusk. There year. This mill showed a gain This young man broke his land in is a total of 79 women on the of \$33,586.76 above all expenses. Goree farm, no females being The total value of all property confined within the penitentiary owned by the State given over walls. At the Wynne farm for to the convict system is \$3,927,consumptives 101 are being cared 077.86. The state railroad is

> Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Parks visited friends at Jayton the first of the week.

worked on State accounts, on C. D. Copeland was in Spur properties either owned or leased Saturday on business from his by the State, no more prisoners home six miles east of town.



facturers would not gladly hire body else can reach. The coun- opposition to the issue. try newspaper is the best of all advertising mediums. And the every copy of the paper sold.

Little by little advertisers will on other business. come to learn the value of the R. M. Hamby, a prominent country newspaper, and very citizen of Dickens and one of rapidly, let us hope, the country the most extensive cattlemen of editors will come to learn the country, was a recent business value of that which they have visitor in Spur.

Come to

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at high pay a competent, earnest W. J. Elliot, of the Spring representative able to talk every Creek Farm and Ranch, was in day to five hundred or more Spur Saturday on business and GENERAL AVERAGE OF ALL CONTESTANTS families. And every business- also to attend the road bond like, hard working country pub- speaking, he being one of the lisher is such an agent, able to principal speakers of the occareach the customers that no- sion and delivered an address in

J. D. Martin, of several miles publisher's profits should be not north of Spur, came in Saturday less than six dollars annually for and spent some time in the city trading with the merchants and

1671/2 BUSHELS PER ACRE LARGEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD The general average of all contest-ants was fifty-one bushels to the acre, while the general average for the state in 1912 was but twenty-one bushels. If all of the corn growers in Texas had averaged just what these contestants averaged, at the prevailing price, the crop would have brought one hundred state and state an one hundred and sixty-odd million dol-

one hundred and sixty-odd million dollars more than it did. In 1911 the average corn crop of Texas was 9.6 bushels to the acre. Seventeen hundred and forty-six con-testants for the prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress, coming from one hundred and sixty-one coun-ties, averaged 31½ bushels of corn per acre. All of the prizes were won in seventeen counties. In 1912 there were 4,030 contestants from 205 coun-ties. Fifty-five counties won prizes ties. Fifty-five counties won prizes and 16 of the 17 that won in 1911 won again in 1912. This clearly demon strates that the work of the Congress is constructive, permanent and cumulative.

The Congress keeps in touch with all contestants, makes suggestions as to preparation of soil, conserving moisavailable, as to seed selection and the best methods of cultivation, but all of these are subject to any changes that the contestant thinks best to make; the only object being to offer suggestions that cause the farmer to investigate and with all the informa-tion at hand to determine the besi methods to adopt.

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DRY LAKE ITEMS

T. G. Cherry says he is tired of hauling water.

H.C. Allen was in Spur Saturday and Monday on buisness.

W. A. Johnson is breaking sod this week, although the ground is very dry.

Ed Brown of near Spur is the ant day. guest of Bascum Tunnell this week.

Sunday with her parents south several hours here. of Spur.

M. C. West is having a cistern dug this week with expectation this week and spent some time of a big rain soon.

Mrs. U. C. Cartwright has been real sick of Lagrippe but conducted Episcopal services at is reported convalescing.

Bob Davis spent several hours day and Tuesday night. in Spur Saturday but whether he was trading any we hardly know.

Rev. Norris preached a good the same, and remember, we sermon here Sunday morning are still selling everything at which will long be remembered bankrupt prices.-R. R. Morriby the many present.

and tanks brim full.

Rev. Mike M. Young will preach at the Dry Lake school house Sunday morning at eleven, and Rev. Geo. Berryman will the Afton country but recently preach at his regular appoint- moved to a place in the Tap ment.

to a close a few words must be said about our school which is Mae Cherry, their teacher, who would come.

worked so dilligently to help prepare this entertaining program which will long be remembered and appreciated by those present. -Maiden Vine.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson visited friends Sunday at Tap where they spent a most pleas-

W. A. Johnson was in Spur Saturday from his Dockum Stock Miss Fannie Mae Cherry spent Farm on business and spent

> W.F. Markham, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur here.

> Rev. Seaman, of Stamford, the Presbyterian Church Tues-

> Come and see us and get our prices whether you buy or not. We will appreciate the call just

> son Stand.

Every one in this section is Carl Lowery returned Tuesday wishing for a good ground soak- from Dallas where he had gone er with which to begin turning to attend the funeral of his sisthe soil and to fill the cisterns ter who died in that city last week. The many friends of Mr. Lowery sincerely sympathize with him in this bereavement.

John Stephens, formerly of country, was in Spur Tuesday Before these items are brought tled in his new home and ready to begin farming operations.

prospering so nicely and of which Bill McArthur was in the city we are all so proud, in deed. Tuesday from his home in the Also the entertainment given Tap country and while here he here Friday evening in honor of handed us a silver dollar to be Geo. Washington's birthday. credited to his subscription to It was a program well worth the the Texas Spur. Bill reports time and labor spent. We not everything moving along nicely only give the credit to the pupils in his section, but says the farmof the school but to Miss Fannie ers would all smile if a good rain ter.



Your Attention is Called to This Space

SPECIAL BARGAINS EACH WEEK

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

A good rain fell here last Thursday night.

Miss Pearl Goodwin, of near Gilpin this week.

Little Oleta Bilberry, who has

Messrs. L. W. Bilberry, W. B. a business trip to Spur Monday. J. C. Hindman.

Mrs. E. J. Bilberry and grandthis week.

The entertainment given by Sol Davis left last week for our school in honor of Washing- the eastern markets where he ton's birthday was largely atwill buy a large stock of goods tended. The children recited for the spring and summer trade. beautifully and sang with patriotic enthusiasm. The subject, Mrs. C. Hogan, who has been Resolved that Washington was on an extended visit with relaa better general than Lee," was tives in Big Springs, returned few days. Come let us show debated and though it must have this week to her home in Spur. caused the honorable judges Ross Edwards and Burley to Car. genuine sorrow to have decided Griffin returned this week from against our beloved Washington, an extended fishing and hunting they were obliged to decide in favor of the negative. The occasion will long be remembered trip. by all who were present. There was scarcely a married man in our vacinity Saturday days this week on his ranch days and Thursdays in the Dickens country looking night. P. E. Hagins and L. W. Clark were at Jayton attending after his cattle interests, he "The intelligence of the people the Masonic Lodge; W. B. Ben- having sold several hundred is the security of the nation." nett and L. W. Bilberry were at head of his cattle for spring So continue to use your best or fall delivery. Red Mud attending an ordination service; W. P. Sampson and J. E. Dement traded his place R. R. Morrison Stand. Charlie Brooks were off trapping in Spur recently to C. F. Cates = in the Croton breaks, and Earl for property in Plainview. Mr. Hagins was off on a fishing ex- Dement and family will remove pedition, and D. D. Hagins and to Plainview at an early date at the City of Spur, Texas, that there be W. A. Hawkins were at Mem- which place they will make their held an election on the first Tuesday in phis. As a consequence the future home. Rev. Keene of Jayton was met by a small audience Sunday. Rev. Keene will preach here for such liberal patronage. Some the date of their election, and that said again the fourth Sunday in next of you have been told that you law governing city elections and be it month and if you enjoy listen- pay straight retail prices at our further ordained that Cephus Hogan, T. ing to a good sermon come out store, but the man who thinks A. Tidwell and C. F. Cates are hereby to hear him. Well, my wife says I've either ter. We congratulate the citi- and that said election be held in the got to attend to the baby or go zens of Spur and vacinity for Foy Land building in Spur, Texas. and milk the cows. I intended their intelligence to know barto tell you about-But, I've got gains.-R. R. Morrison Stand, 1913.-Geo. S. Link, Mayor; Oscar Jack-- milk the cows. - A Farmer. C. C. Tyler, manager.

Judge McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur this week on business.

Jayton, is visiting relatives in in Spur this week on business we wish to express our sincere and spent some time here.

W. S. Campbell has been conbeen quite sick, is reported bet- fined to his room several days of kindness shown us and shall this week, suffering of the grippe. endeavor to prove ourselves

Highest cash price paid for Bennett and P. E. Hagins made chickens and eggs. Phone 91.-19 4tp

Jim Perkins, of the Tap coundaughter, Miss Mamie Bilberry, try, was in the city Wednesday tinners tools, all in first-class are visiting relatives at Oriana and spent some time here on condition which we will sell business.

CARD OF THANKS

To all those who so kindly assisted us in the replacing of our C. F. Shipp, of Stamford, was home recently destroyed by fire thanks. We are grateful for the donations and other acts of worthy of these considerations. -Mrs. W. A. Harrell and family.

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> One great statesman said: judgement and trade with us.-

ELECTION ORDER

Be it ordained by the commissioners of April, 1913, in the City of Spur for the purpose of electing a mayor and two Thanks to our many customers | commissioners to serve two years from and acts for himself knows bet- appointed judges to hold said election,

> By order of the commissioners of Spur, son, Recorder. 16-4t

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its order. However, we favor affairs. the improvement of roads in any manner, the cost and durability appeal that the funds of the proconsidered, but prefer the build- posed one hundred thousand doling of macadamized roads so con- lar road bond issue be disbursed structed that they will remain in and spent in accord with the taxgood shape at the expiration of able values of the several secthe forty-year bond period, and tions of the county. In this manthe funds for such road construc- ner we believe the proposition that it would only add 21-2 cents tion apportioned according to the would be more acceptable to a to our tax-that is if at 1712 taxable property values of each majority of the taxpayers and cents and of course 3 cents if at

The fact that the state is divided into counties, and counties divided into precincts recognizes the justice and necessity of local needs and representation in the ernmental affairs. That counties ed by his own trusted army offi- some how, if it carried. But are divided for such purposes is cials. It is very probable now Judge Ferguson intimated that further recognized in law as well since the revolution is ended that the intention was to use 5 cents as equitable justice by the fact a Civil War will commence for of the present 15 cent road tax that any one Commissioners Preand privilege in law to vote bonds ognized as North Mexico and plied that the 10 cents balance alone for the special benefit of South Mexico. It is very appar. of the present 15 cent tax would that single precinct or division of ent to us that the revolutionary not be collected as heretofore. a county. Thus it can be readily noted that in standing for an equitable apportionment according to taxable values of precincts in disbursing the proposed road bond funds The Texas Spur has no thought of encouraging sectional strife and animosity, but rather to prevent and discourage such a state in our county affairs by contending for equal justice another people."

vancement of a higher civilization, the development of both agricultural and commercial resources, and the interests of the present and future generations November 12, 1909, at the post demand that in planning and inaugurating public improvements by bond taxation, such improvements should be of a permanent nature, and to encourage and perpetuate such development progress the plans should be formed and executed on a solid and firm basis of equity-giving every community equal taxation and equalized benefits of such taxation. When such methods are adopted by leaders in furthering improvement progress, we can all help push such a proposition Notwithstanding the fact that conscientiously and heartily in speakers on the road bond prop- the assurance that by so doing osition state that it was never we will all be benefitted, no one contemplated to build macadam section will profit at the expense roads in Dickens county, the com- of another, the taxpaying citizenmissioners court order for the ship of any one of the several holding of the election plainly precincts can but realize taxation says "for the purpose of con- equitably returns benefits, no structing, maintaining and oper- citizen could register a just kick ating of macadamized, graveled even though against his will he or paved roads or turn pikes in be taxed to pay the expense, and said county, or in aid thereof." whether the proposition be ac-If the commissioners court con- cepted or rejected by voters, we templates the improvement of would nourish the consciousness roads only by grading or round- of having made a fight for iming up the roadways, it should provement progress and the right so state the proposition plainly in kind of administration of public Again, at the eleventh hour, we

recognized precinct in the county. carry with much less opposition,

the Madero administration is now the present road and bridge tax ended. President Madero having of 15 cents would be discontinubeen betrayed, arrested and jail- ed or applied to bond issue tax, the purpose of dividing Mexico in addition to the \$100,000 bonds, into two governments to be rec- and made no promise nor imwars in Mexico, while possibly I have been informed by a good

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> \$100, so that this "total tax of poker rooms and other places 17 1-2 cents looks to me should visited by members. be on \$100 also. If I am wrong

in this and we are asked to pay 17 1-2 cents on one thousand dol-

the subject I would like very much that you put before the voters of Dickens county some interesting facts which came to light in the addresses made by Judge Ferguson and Mr. Reagan at Spur last Saturday, and which the voters will be glad to know before election. First, Judge Ferguson stated that it would necessitate a tax

ISSUE

MORE FACTS CONCERNING

of 18 cents additional for the first year and there after of 171-2 cents per annum for a number of years-what I have read in your valuable paper regarding this matter written by those advocating the bond issue states 18 cents for first year. But, sir, they must have been like most The Mexico revolution against of us-under the impression that

fund for the maintenance of the roads when built, so it will be best to retain 5 cents of the present road and bridge tax, making an increase of 75 cents on \$1,000." (This is the same) as 7 1.2 cents on \$100.) Take his own figures: 17 1-2 cents total bond tax and 5 cents maintenance tax. This totals 22 1-2 Practice Solicited in District and Higher cents. Allow 5 cents from present tax; this leaves 17 1-2 cents, and if all the 10 cent balance of present tax was applied, 10 cents from 17 1-2 cents looks like 7 1-2 instead of 2 1-2 cents over our present tax. But does it do even that? We have no All legal business attended with accuracy official or unofficial word that we will be relieved of one cent of the present 15 cent tax. So until we have some assurance of relief from the present tax 1 see nothing but 17 1 2 cent additional.

One more important point and I am done. Please refer to road bond election order. Skip on to, 'Said court shall be authorized to issue bonds of said county in the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing, maintainand operating ing macadamized, graveled or paved roads or turnpikes in said county or in aid thereof." Judge Ferguson said that we were all mistaken. That there would be no macadamized or any other kind of road built that the order calls for. But just common dump roads or such. That we did not need macadamized or turnpike roads, (I quite agree with him) and that no such roads would be built. Why issue such an or- Diseases of Women and Surgery a Specialty der of election then? Where is the bug?-Wm.J. Elliot.

It is said that the recent freeze in California did damage to the fruit to an amount of only thirty Spur, Texas, Feb. 23.-Dear lars instead of 15 cents on one Editor: If you are not tired of hundred, all right, I am for it, has been raised fifty per cent. you bet. But he goes on: "It Evidently the California freeze will be necessary to provide a will be of material benefit to that country.

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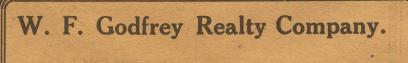
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leaders than for the real benefit have that chance. of the people and good of the country.

Efforts to secure a necessary to each community and every tax quorum to do business in both payer, and discouraging the ten- houses of the State Legislature dency to revert to old methods of during the past week have been "taxation without representation unavailing. Whether or not menor unjust benefits derived from ingitis is contagious, evidently taxing one section of people for the sanitary conditions now prethe benefit of another section or vailing at the State Capitol are not sufficiently inviting to encour-

Road building and road im- age a number of our Representaprovement are among the great- tives to return and save the est factors in the further ad- country.



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justified by the existing conditions lawyer that before the present of the country government, are road and bridge tax of 15 cents being continued and encouraged could be discontinued that we by leaders more for the prestige would have to vote it off-and and power to be gained by such we certainly are not going to

It does not take much of a mathematician to add 17 1-2 cents or 18 cents to 5 cents. I make that 22 1-2 cents or 23 cents. So that, instead of an additional 2 1.2 cents or 3 cents we will have to stand for the whole of the new tax, 17 1-2 or or 18 cents. I am not a past master in figures; I have made errors in totals, but if the present 15 cent tax is not voted off or discontinued, I see no other result.

Accepting the statements and igures of Mr. Reagan and Judge Ferguson as correct in detail as to when and how the issue would be paid, could they not have and fumigated, and the announce made an error elsewhere? Fig- ment made that no germs and ures don't lie, do they? Let's microbes of any character now see. In your issue of Jan. 31 Mr. Reagan says: "Under our present road and bridge tax we cents required to provide a sink- will be polled on that day.

ing fund, making a total bond

State Legislature are reported to have died of meningitis during the past several weeks. As a result the Legislature was tempoa reconvening of the legislative body the legislative hall has been swept, new carpets laid and the whole capitol building cleaned enjoy the freedom of the house.

Saturday, March 8th. is the are paying 15 cents on the \$100 Road Bond election day in Dickvaluation." Sure that's so. "A ens county. Since this propositax of 12 1-2 cents will be re- tion affects every tax paying quired to pay 5 per cent on \$100,- voter in the county it is very 000 and an additional tax of 5 probable that a full county vote

tax of 171-2 cents, an increase For further and full protecof 21-2 cents or 25 cents on the tion of Representives, judging \$1,000." That looks queer. Mind from past press reports, it would you we are paying 15 cents on be advisable to also fumigate



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# They Are Watching!

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### **GIVES MIDNIGHT ALARM**

Farmer Stout was awakened from a sound sleep by the ringing of his telephone bell. The barn of his neighbor, three miles down the turnpike, had been broken into and a driving horse stolen.

toward the Stout farm. Calling his hands he armed his forces,

ed age. The events of this A. M. in Europe are real this P. M. in America, and the intelligent are not all in the towns and cities. No, oh no. There are people in the rural districts of this country who are better post- Commission, is now off the press ed than many of our merchants. and ready for distribution. The Be this to their everlasting praise investigation developed startling in- man and our ablest president .-and may they continue to think equalities in assessment of property. R. R. Morrison Stand. and act for themselves.-R. R. Real estate was found to be under-Morrison Stand.

J. W. Johnson, of a few miles intangible personal property goes on latter part of last week and pur- ty of railroads amounting to \$174, chased a bill of supplies of the batter was a bill of supplies of the state tax board at full value. the merchants. Mr. Johnson is place which when completed will Harriman lines, said: make his one of the most desirable country homes of the no property is assessed for taxation Spur country.

Miss Edith Marley, niece of Mrs. C. C. Tyler, came up to Spur from Jayton and Girard Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, returning Sunday. Miss knows that the railroads of Texas Marley is a musician of marked are assessed for the purpose of tax- | fraternity, ability and in view of the large ation at about twice what they are class she has at the beginning of her career we predict great success for her in the future.

ands of patterns made by the Standard Fashion Company enormous stock. No doubt you needed to foreclose almost any discan find just what you want at cussion of Texas railroad securities the small sum of 10c; 3 for 25c.-R. R. Morrison Stand, C. C. Ty- Katy system, said

ler, manager. N. B. Fuquay, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur recently and while here was a pleasant the government. We are, however, the country.

I have leased the Gilpin well we are concerned we are too proud customary prices.-J. H. Mc- taxes." Michael. Phone 1 long and 1 short ring.

Will Stephens, formerly of Spur, but now of Stamford, was in Spur recently on business and

#### We are living in an enlighten- TAX INVESTIGATION DE-VELOPS STARTLING INEQUALITIES.

Welfare Commission Recommends Remedial Legislation.

Tyler, Texas .- The report of S. A. Lindsey, of the Texas Welfare assessed from 10 to 80 per cent and not more than 2 1-2 per cent of the

In discussing the effect of our tax

"It is almost universally true that at its full value and of course railunreasonable assessments against railroads wherever they occur. It is their business to keep posted about such things. The financial world valued by the Railroad Commission of Texas. It does not stop to see We have hundreds and thous- idea that the state of Texas will as- meningitis abates. sess for the purposes of taxation railroad property for twice what it values it at for rate-making and stock just what they wanted in this reasonable that nothing more is new 'phones.

> in an eastern financial center." Mr. Frank Trumbull, head of the

"My general attitude on the matter of taxation has always been that of Spur, attended Court here we are not only willing, but we want | this week. to pay our just share of supporting caller at the Texas Spur office very reluctant to pay other peoples' and reported everything in fair- taxes, and if the basis of assessing ly good shape in his section of us is higher than it is to a man who owns real estate, we are paying a part of his taxes and so far as

and will sell water from same at to ask anybody to pay a part of our News for \$1.75.

commission recommends remedial legislation and urges the 12-5t Thirty-third Legislature to appoint a capable and non-partisan Special Tax Commission.

One poet said: "The plowboy homeward plods his weary way; Full many a flower is born to blush unseen." Isn't this true? Most assuredly this is true. But this is in the past, and now the Academy and University are calling boys from the plow to train them for our truest states-

### FROM DICKENS, ITEM

In a deal that was consumated east of Spur, was in the city the the payroll. The intangible proper- this week, Mr. Crawford Cobb, founder, and for nine years editor and publisher of the Item, retired to attend to the duties of his to begin soon the erection of a system upon railroad securities, Mr. office of County and District modern cottage home on his R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Clerk. Mr. Cobb endeavored to publish and did publish a worthy and clean newspaper. He stood by the town and county, and road owners know that fact. Rail- continually advocated the upbuild road investors know of excessive and ing of right and morality. He proved himself to be a proficient and honorable newspaper man, and many publishers will regret his departure from the newsraper

> The editor met Representative A. J. Hagin on the train Monday. He was on his way home whether they are under-valued for the purpose of taxation. But the from Austin to stay until the

O. O. Gray, of Spur, was here this week remodeling the local of New York. Many have found and bond purposes is so utterly un- telephone exchange and install-

> R. S. Holman, prominent attorney of Spur, was in Dickens this week attending County Court.

Ben Glasgow, popular attorney

L. W. Davis, abstracter of Spur, was in town Tuesday.

T. H. Gilmore, of Spur, was in the city last Tuesday.

The Texas Spur and Dallas

GOOD ROADS



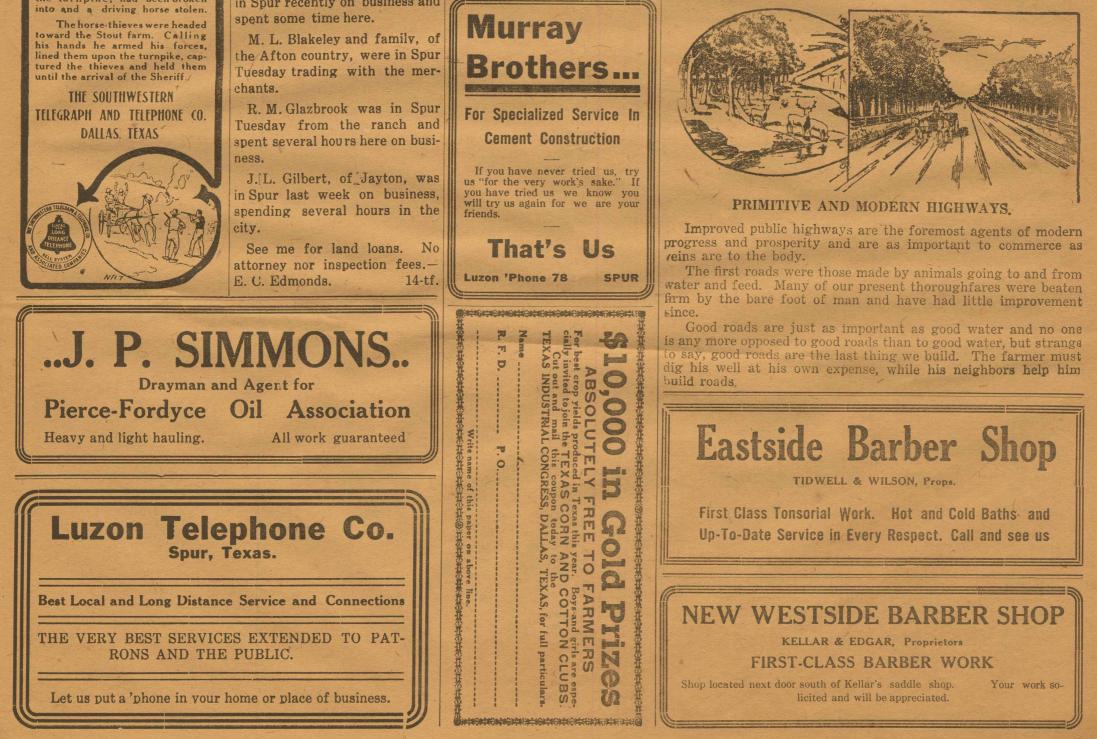
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