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## THE COST OF BUILDING GOOD PUBLIC ROADS

Information received from county judges, commissioners and commercial clubs throughout the state by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association indicates that over \$5,000,000 was expended in Texas on highways during the year 1912, resulting in the improvement of approximately 1,500 miles of roads.

Many counties and precincts spent as high as \$5,000 per mile for road construction during the year. While \$5,000 per mile was expended on the highways in many counties for good road construction, it was an exception rather than the rule, the general average running about \$3,000.

The total mileage of graded roads in Texas approximates about 35,000 miles, including all highways under the improved class. Of this mileage approximately 7,000 miles has been given sufficient attention to enter them into the higher class of improved highways. The greater portion of the class of highways considered improved is surfaced with either mudshell, gravel, macadam crushed, rock or sand clay.

Texas has approximately 140,000 miles of public highways, enough to encircle the globe six times. As resources of the state are developed this mileage will increase. However, of the total mileage of public highway in the state, only about one sixth may be classed as improved.

Although the Texas state government has not officially recognized the paramount importance of scientific public highway construction, counties, precincts and cities are exhibiting an active interest in the "good roads movement" and millions of dollars are being expended annually in providing cheap and easy transportation to the producer and traveller. The well constructed public highways in Texas have already demonstrated their economical value.

### A TACKY PARTY

The Mothers club will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Friday, March 21. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the paino fund.

A program consisting of elegant solos, a lovely quartette, a sinfunny orchestration, original stunts, several big hits and a spectacular parade will be rendered.

Every Body is to full dressed (tacky), and those not complying with dress regulations must pay the penalty.

Admission 25 and 15 cents. The big show beging at 8:15. Doors open any time after dark.

### ATTEND STOCK SHOW

M. L. Blakeley, Mr. Johnson and Uncle Jimmy Jones and wife, of the Liberty community, were in Spur Tuesday and boarded the train here for Fort Worth where they will spend several days attending the Fat Stock Show and seeing the sights.

### DIED

The death of Mrs. Duke Henson, which ocured Monday afternoon at her home in Spur, came as a shock to the friends and acquaintances of the family.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Henson underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital, being later removed in a convalescing condition to her home where it was thought she would soon regain her former good health.

However her condition again became critical a few days ago and death was the result. The remains were interred Tuesday afternoon in the Spur cemetery, funeral services being conducted at the home by Rev. Berryman and attended by many friends.

The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the bereaved husband and little child.

### TEXAS WINS DISPUTE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The report of the special commission to fix the boundary between New Mexico and Texas has decided in favor of the lone Star State. The point of dispute was where the bed of the Rio Grande existed in 1858 the date of the original Clark survey. The report has been approved and settles a dispute of 50 years standing. About 60,000 acres were involved.

### THE SPUR DEEP WELL IS NOW 4,045 FEET DEEP

Driller Minnihan informed us this week that he is now four thousand forty five feet deep in the drilling of the deep well in Spur for artesian water.

This is now the deepest well in the State of Texas, and although the successful termination of efforts to secure artesian water are yet uncertain we are confident that if something does not happen to delay operations something will come of such persistent effort on the part of S. M. Swenson & Sons. Work has been in progress on this well more than three years and thousands of dollars have been expended.

Mr. Minnihan is now drilling on an average of about ten feet uninterruptedly.

### FUR PRODUCING SHEEP

R. L. Collier is extending his farm and ranch business in the Afton country, having lately added a sheep raising industry on his place. It is said that the sheep to be placed on his ranch came from Russia where they are considered sacred animals and so recognized by the inhabitants of that country. One pair animals were brought to America a few years ago through the subterfuge influence of Theodore Roosevelt, this being the only method of securing permission from the Czar of Russia to remove them out of that country. The sheep are perfectly black and produce fur instead of wool. Mr. Collier will experiment in raising lambs for the pelts, which is said to be as valuable if not more so than recognized fur growing animals.

### SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

How thankful we should all be for the refreshing showers of rain. In our imagination we can see the prairies covered in green and decorated with flowers of various tints, shedding their perfume freely into the balmy spring air. We can now watch with interest the old earth donning her Sunday clothes. Let us with one accord thank God for the rain.

Miss Burnett will have her millinery opening next Saturday, the 15th. Every lady in the town and country has a special invitation to attend and see the new things in headwear. We feel that we have the best showing we have ever had and as good as could be found in towns three times the size of Spur. So we will be disappointed if you fail to come. But be sure and don't bring your husbands, for men are a little strange about millinery. They don't seem to enjoy looking at millinery—especially the hats ranging from \$25 upward.

It dosen't take much to make a fat woman happy—tell her she's getting thin. The more bread a baker makes the more he kneads. Beware of talkless men and barkless dogs.

Remember our special 10 cent gingham—beautiful patterns and the real 12 1-2 to 15 cent values. They are going fast.

Send us your mail orders for dry goods. Send for samples; we know we can serve you as well as the city stores with their heavy expenses, and we would not ask for your business if we didn't know our prices and merchandise were right. Try us on one mail order and be convinced.

Lots of new things in dress goods in plain and fancy voils, sponge cloth, crepe, plesse, marquisetts, ratines, embroidered nets and many other new things. And don't forget linweave—pure white and guaranteed to hold its luster through the wash tub. You can't look prettier than you will look in linweave.

The greatest stimulant is hope. The ungrateful are always wicked. A batchelor says pin money is so called because wives stick their husbands with it.

Get right for farm and home. See Jennings the implement man. Get a Stag Sulkey, they are so light they will make your horses laugh.

A fresh car of Light Crust flour just unloaded—the best, not the cheapest. Its poor economy to buy anything but the best flour—Light Crust. Come on ladies and join the good bread procession.

During the courtship the girl quotes poetry to a man. After marrying him she quotes what he used to say to her before they faced the parson.

Are you going to buy an auto? If so, let us sell you a Krit. It is cheap in price but not in quality. See us for information and catalogue and investigate the Krit before you buy.

Enterprise is the magnet that draws things our way. We are building a great business in Spur and want your help.—Bryant-Link Company.

### A PLAINS WIND PLOW

Plainview, Texas, March 5.—A wind plow is proposed by H. M. Fletcher of this place as the solution of the question of economical power for the staked plains farmers. Fletcher has constructed such a plow and the only difficulty he has encountered is that it will not turn the soil. He has demonstrated that the principle is correct by making a seventy-mile trip on the highway.

Briefly, the idea is to erect a wind mill on a plow chassis and let this mill generate power to run the plow just as a stationary wind mill produces power for running a mill or pumping water. Fletcher built his experimental machine of wheels discarded from other agricultural machines and he thinks his chief difficulty is that there is too much lost motion and that a specially made gearing would propel the plow with sufficient power to cut a ten-inch deep furrow with a wind of sufficient force to keep a kite in the air.

"Thousands of millions of wind horse power are going to waste on the Plains of Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and other states," says Fletcher, but when I get my plow working there will be little demand for horses or fuel engines.

Fletcher is devoting his attention to completing a workmanlike model.

### GOOD RAIN OVER THE SPUR TRADE TERRITORY

During the past week several showers of rain fell over the entire country, and as a result everything is in the finest shape and the indications are that the Spur country will make a bumper crop again this year.

The total amount of rainfall registered near one and one-fourth inches, and coming as it did, slowly, it all soaked into the ground and we have a good season in the ground for this time of the year.

### NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

J. E. Sparks was in the city Saturday from his home in the Tan... and reports everything in fine shape. He says that he entertains no fears at the deferred rains, since in the years past he says the people of this country have made fine crops when no rain came until April and May. If a rain comes in time to plant cotton in June he will be satisfied.

### RETURNS TO SPUR

Herbert Irwin, who has been in Houston the past several weeks, returned this week to Spur. Mr. Irwin is an expert, practical electrician and mechanic, and we will be glad to see him again permanently located in Spur.

### CALLED TO ARKANSAS

Clay Smart left Sunday for Arkansas where he goes in response to a telegram stating that his uncle is very sick and not expected to survive. During the absence of Mr. Smart Mrs. Cole is employed in his place with Sol Davis.

### RESULT OF ROAD BOND ELECTION HELD SATURDAY

The election held Saturday in Dickens county for the purpose of determining whether or not one hundred thousand dollars in bonds be issued to construct, maintain and operate macadamized, graveled or paved roads, or in aid thereof, resulted in defeating the proposition by a vote of 150 to 175 votes, as canvassed and announced by the commissioners. The votes in the several boxes of the county were as follows:

Spur, .....	91	For,	40	Against
Dickens.....	19	"	33	"
Tap.....	3	"	6	"
Afton.....	30	"	20	"
N. E. Corner	00	"	12	"
Liberty.....	00	"	32	"
Croton.....	9	"	6	"
Dry Lake.....	1	"	9	"
Plains.....	2	"	5	"
Draper.....	5	"	3	"

No election was held at the Duck Creek voting box, and we could not secure the returns from the Novview voting box. Spur was the only box in the county to give the proposition the required two-thirds majority vote.

The above returns would indicate to outsiders that the people of Dickens county were opposed to building good roads, but such is not the case. The road bond proposition as planned was unsatisfactory to a majority of the people, and a number of voters have stated that while they favored issuing bonds they voted against the proposition because the funds would not be divided in accord with the taxes received from the several sections of the county.

We were convinced from the very beginning of the campaign that the proposition as planned would not carry. The real campaign for better roads in Dickens county is just now lauched, and we venture the assertion that if the proposition be resubmitted with the understanding that the funds thus derived from each section of the county be spent in that section, or if submitted to each commisioners precinct separately in the amounts needed in each precinct, bonds for good roads will be voted by a two-thirds majority. The great trouble in Dickens county is unequal taxation. A majority of people of Dickens county are progressive, and they recognize the benefits of good roads, but they are not willing to be burdened with an additional road tax unless they are assured that they will receive road benefits in accord with the amount of taxes paid.

### BUYS BUSINESS AT JAYTON

N. Q. Brannen went to Jayton Wednesday to assist in invoicing a stock of general merchandise bought this week of W. E. McKenzie by Mr. Brannen and his brother of Jayton. It is probable that Mr. Brannen will move his family to Jayton where he will be actively associated with his brother in the business. We wish him a prosperous business. He is a capable, deserving and worthy young business man.



# 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

### FARM LIFE FACTS

The plow is mightier than the sword.

Those who till the soil are chosen people of God.

Farming is as old as the human race and is yet in its infancy.

Success is bonud to come to the farmer who plans while he plows.

The tenant farmer beats the bush while the landlord holds the bag.

No civilization has ever advanced the agricultural development.

Upon proper tilling of the soil rests every institution of civilization.

Cooperative thinking is the biggest problem that confronts the Texas farming today.

We may do away with most any class of labor, but we cannot do away with the farmer.

Farming is a business proposition and the farmer is the biggest business man in business.

The development of the farmer himself must precede the full development of the ground he tills.

The future of the nation is dependent upon the farmer, the farmer dependent upon his methods of culture.

No true gentleman ever ridiculed the farmer or his work.

Farming is the most honorable and noble vocations.

If the farmer should stop his plow and his hoe for one year, the larger part of the human race would starve to death in that time.

In order to make farming profitable two things are essential.

First, intelligent and diversified production; second, successful marketing.

Some of the worlds first gentlemen and scholars and patriots were farmers and today some of the world's best thought is given to farming

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Spur Friday of last week and spent several hours here shaking hands with his friends. We are glad to note that Uncle Pink is now very much improved in health.

### GERMS OF HAPPINESS

"Our Two Great Bugbears, Fear and worry," is the title of Ralph Waldo Trine's article in Harper's Bazar for March. Among other things he says:

"The way we approach the daily problems of life will in practically every case determine their out come. We will then inoculate our minds with the germs of happiness; it is just as easy when we get the habit, as to have them inoculated with the germs of fear or worry or discontent—and the results are always better. Why then will we think of those things that are unpleasant? As it will do us no good in any way, why then cripple our thoughts and there by our energies when by it there is something to be gained, but, on the contrary, everything is to be lost?"

"Some one has said, the first step toward happiness is to determine to be happy." To get up each morning determined to be happy, to take anew this attitude of mind whenever the dark or doleful thought presents itself, is to set our own conditions to the events of each day. It is thus that we condition circumstances instead of allowing ourselves to be conditioned by them.

"Wise is he who determines early to do away with the companionship of these two great filchers of the best there is in life. To determine resolutely to bid good-bye to fear and worry, opening all doors and windows to hope and faith and courage, and then coupling rightly directed effort with this, will work a complete revolution in life. To take the attitude of cheerfulness, looking always on the bright side of things, to determine to hold oneself in an opti-

mistic, never-down-in-the-mouth but courage-always-up attitude of mind and heart, is to set into operation these silent, subtle forces that will be working continually along the lines we are going.

"It is not, therefore, what are the conditions in any life?—but how one meets the conditions that are found there, that determines one's real stamina and worth, and that determines one's real success or failure."

S.W. Rather, a proinent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was a recent business visitor in the city and reports everything in his section in pretty good shape.

Al Sullivan was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm several miles southeast of Spur.

in Spur last week on business and spent some time here.

Money to loan on farms and ranches, do my own inspecting, no delays.—L. W. Davis.

### CANGES HANDS

Advice comes to us that the Stamford Inn, the leading hotel of Stamford, and which has been owned by Swenson & Son since the opening of the town, has been sold to H. P. Edwards and wife, of Amarillo, who were to assume charge on the first of this month.

Mrs. W. S. Cooper left Friday of last week for Clairemont where she will spend some time visting her, parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wade. Mrs. Cooper was accompanied by her sister, Miss Jeanett Wade who has been spending several weeks in Spur.

W. M. Randall, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Hill Community, was in Spur Friday of last week with a load of wood.

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C. D. Copeland was in Spur Monday and reports that he is now up with farm work until planting time, he having his farm of over four hundred acres all broke and in good shape for growing a bumper crop this year.

Uncle Tom Smith was in Spur last week and hauled out lumber with which to make an addition to the residence on his farm six or seven miles southwest of Spur.

Frank Smith was in the city last week from his home southwest of Spur and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

W. B. Rodgers was here this week from his Kent county ranch and spent some time in Spur on business.

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Judge McClain came in Saturday from his ranch and farm on Cat Fish and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

Mace Hunter, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and was still wearing that properous smile.

W. B. Rodgers, of several miles east of Spur, was in Spur this week on business and spent some

Bert Brown, of several miles west of Spur, was in Spur Monday on business and buying supplies of the merchants.

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### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. R. O. Butts visited in Gilpin Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Ruth Marshall and baby, of near Afton, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sampson and family this week.

Rev. W. B. Bennett and wife were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Butts Friday.

Rev. Bennett and children and Miss Mae Wasson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clark Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Marshall, of the Steel Hill community, is the guest of the Misses Sampson this week.

Mrs. Mary Harris and children, of Spur, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Butts last week.

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

Mrs. W. P. Sampson, who was quite sick last week, is reported improving.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins and children visited Sunday at the home of D. D. Hagins and wife.

It is reported that D. D. Hagins was on the sick list last week.

L. W. Bilberry made a trip to Spur last week.

Mrs. F. W. West is on the sick list this week.

Miss Mamie Bilberry visited Miss Lilly Hagins Sunday.

The prayer meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor last Wednesday night was largely attended.—A Farmer.

J. P. Gibson was in Spur Saturday from the Steel Hill country and reported that no election on the road bonds question was held Saturday in the Steel Hill and Duck Creek voting box. The voting box and tickets were sent out but were not turned over to Mr. Gibson who was appointed Judge of the election, therefore the people of that section failed to express an opinion in the matter.

### HOGS! HOGS! HOGS!

Three thoroughbred Poland China male pigs for sale at my farm four miles west of Claremont. They are four months old, of the big-bone type, and registered certificates can be supplied if desired. B. C. Cairns. 16-4t

R. T. Dopson, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Dopson recently moved to the Spur country from Arkansas and is one of our most valued citizens.

J. D. Martin, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

R. R. Johns was among the many citizens in Spur Saturday voting and looking after other business matters.

G. A. Draper, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here.

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### FROM DICKENS ITEM

A windmill is being erected in the jail yard.

E. L. Clay, of Spur, was in the city this week.

Mrs. Dr. Blackwell has returned from Spur.

Mrs. Brandon, of Spur, is now filling the position in the school which was vacated by Prof. Barnes a few weeks ago.

We are sorry to say that the last report is that Prof. Barnes' eye is doing badly, but we sincerely hope that he will have a speedy and full recovery.

The Dickens basket ball team played Spur Saturday on the Spur court. The score was seven to six in favor of Spur.

Mr. Forrest Martin, of the Red Mud community, was in town the first of the week to secure a license to marry Miss Mamie Garrett. They are prominent young people of the Red Mud country and their many friends are wishing them a prosperous married life.

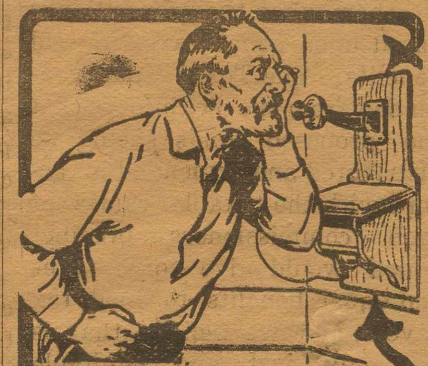
H. P. Cole was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here. He was in his new Hupmobile recently purchased from Hubbard of the Plains.

T. A. Smith was in the city recently after lumber and other material with which to build a new house on his farm south of Spur. Since selling his old home place Uncle Tom intends to move to his new place nearer Spur.

G. A. Howsley returned last week from Albany where he has been spending several days with his family. Mr. Howsley has been sick several weeks and the trip to Albany improved his health considerably.

Poet Hagins was in Spur Saturday and spent the day here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Tom McArthur was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday from every section of the country.

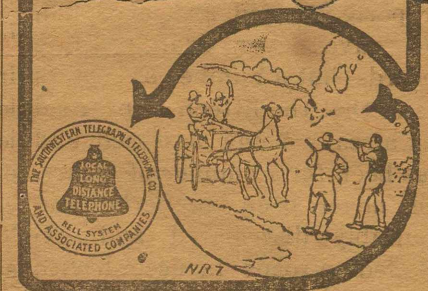


### GIVES MIDNIGHT ALARM

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.

The horse-thieves were headed toward the Stout farm. Calling his hands he armed his forces, lined them upon the turnpike, captured the thieves and held them until the arrival of the Sheriff.

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Mrs. C. C. Tyler came in from her school several miles east of Spur and spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with Mr. Tyler.

L. W. Davis has been sick the past week, but we are glad to note that he is able to again be in his office.

Mrs. Blackwell, who recently underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital, has returned to her home at Dickens.

Mr. Rowland, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here.

Luther Rucker, of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday after freight for Afton merchants.

E. W. Cross, a prominent cattleman of Kent county, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Although the road bonds proposition as planned was defeated in the election held Saturday, there are many men who favor good roads and are willing to pay for them when the proposition is based upon equal taxation and benefits. The Texas Spur contended from the beginning that the proposed funds should be distributed and expended in accord with the taxable values of each commissioners precinct which would give equal taxes and equal benefits to road tax payers, and we believe that is the only just and equitable method of handling a bond proposition. We talked with many voters both before and since the election, and we were assured that the road bond proposition would have carried by more than the required two-thirds majority vote if the Commissioners Court had given assurance that the proposed funds would have been distributed and spent in accord with the taxable values in the several sections of the county, and the road engineering work properly planned and executed. We have never examined the records, but a number of voters claim that the fifteen cent road tax already being assessed and has been for a number of years, has never been properly and equitably distributed and expended on roads in accord with the amounts of such a tax received from each precinct. We would like to see a set of commissioners elected who would straighten out the tax problems of Dickens county and give the tax-payers equal benefits of the taxes assessed.

The State Legislature has passed a bill to the effect that in issuing road bonds in the future a majority vote rather than a two-thirds majority vote will be required. This move is in accord with democratic principles, yet there are those who will continue to believe that the manipulation and expenditure of public funds a good majority should be required to institute such

proceedings. Juries are required to be unanimous in the conviction or acquittal of charges against individuals, and it cannot be denied that such requirement is a safer move for the protection against a possible wrong, as would be the requirement of a two-thirds majority vote in issuing bonds for public purposes, yet improvement progress cannot longer be delayed by less than a majority desire on the part of the citizenship.

Since an election is ordered for the selection of city officers to serve Spur as mayor and commissioners during the next two years, who will be public spirited enough to offer themselves as public servants. There is no pay in the offices, and notwithstanding the fact that such offices may encounter a few knocks and cusses on occasions, the majority of the citizenship will appreciate an intelligent, honest and progressive administration of city affairs. The officers who have been serving the past two years have given us such an administration and on better men could be selected to serve another term, but since there is no pay in the offices we believe that it is an imposition to force one set of public spirited men to continuously serve the public without compensation. There are many men in the town who are capable and willing to devote a portion of their time to necessary public duties and we believe that it is right, proper and to the best interests of the town and in perpetuating representative government to change public officers and impose upon no one.

The indications are that the "iron hand" of Diaz is controlling the situation in Mexico at least more to his advantage and ideas than has been the case in other instances. However, we continue to believe that since the "people rule" project has been suggested in that country the people will not continually submit to a one man rule. The Mexicans may not at this time be capable of self government, but having made one step in that direction they are educated to that extent and will reach out for more power rather than submit to less.

The columns of the Texas Spur are open, free of charge, to any and all announcing for city officers in the election to be held the first Tuesday in April. While there is no pay in the offices, a city office will be somewhat of an honor to the incumbent, and there should be a number of men willing to offer to give the town the service required. Every good citizen is due local government a certain amount of public service and duty

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#### BOUQUETS FOR THE LIVING

The flowers on Madero's casket is only another reminder that people are only too willing to wait until a person is dead to distribute their bouquets. Four weeks ago if the people of Mexico had given Madero bouquets, and followed their actions up by personal deeds, it might have been worth something to him. Yes, he might yet have been president of Mexico and had he been given enough bouquets by people who were sincere in their gifts he could have easily put a stop to the revolution and have brought the country of Mexico to a state of civilization. Study the moral and resolve to give the living your bouquets instead of wasting them on the dead. — Ex.

#### A "SISSY" BOY

The boy who can stand for being called a "sissy" sometimes is the one who will make the strong, well balanced man. There is a story of a boy where he was called a "sissy" because he would not help raid an apple orchard. His associates would have made him a thief, and when he refused they tried to taunt him by saying he was a "sissy." The same thing applies to being called a "mamma" boy. No boy ought to care for being called a "mamma" boy, but should consider it quite an honor instead of a slur. Mother is the best friend that any boy will ever have and to be like her is only to be a better character than you would be if you were different. — Ex.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS.

Come on and have your picture made and get that enlarged picture free while you have an opportunity as we are going to Jayton the first of next month for a short stay. Come and ask about the enlarged picture—its free. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Randolphs Photo Car.

#### BUILDING RAILROAD

The construction company is progressing nicely with the work on the Quanah, Acme & Pacific. At this time the steel is laid within about five or six miles of Tongue River and the work is being pushed as fast as possible. The last shipment of the cross ties are expected to reach Paducah during the week. About 95 per cent of the ties are already in the yard. All of the rails have been received.

The construction company received a very large pile driver a few days ago which will be used on the bridge on Tongue River. The one they have been using so far has been a small affair, but they have now discarded it and will use only the large one just received.—Paducah Post.

W. D. Blair, of a few miles east of Spur, was trading with the Spur merchants Saturday.

J. E. Kellar, of near Spur, has recently purchased the Virgil Davis interest in the Riter Hardware Company business and will hereafter be personally associated in the management of the business. Mr. Davis, we understand, will move soon to a farm on the Plains and engage in the farming industry.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in the city Saturday and hauled out several sacks of cotton seed to plant this year. Since seed selection is a most important factor in the production of crops in this or any other section, we judge that Mr. Carlisle intends to have the advantage of the very best seed obtainable.

L. N. Riter made a trip to Hamlin the latter part of last week to meet a new grandchild who arrived at the home of his daughter at that place a few days ago.

J. H. Boothe, of two or three miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business. Mr. Boothe is one of the most prominent farmers of the Spur country.

Kay Combs, of Jayton and lineman for the Luzon Telephone Company, was in Spur several days of last week working on the company's lines here.

C. B. Lomax passed through Spur Monday on his return to his home in Kent county from a business trip to the Plains country.

V. H. Grubbs, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and on other business.

Mr. King, a prosperous farmer of the Cat Fish country, was in the city last week on business and trading with merchants of Spur.

Mr. Cole, who was in Spur throughout the fall season buying cotton, has returned to his home in East Texas.

Mat Howen, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of the week and spent some time here on business.

W. W. Foss, a prominent citizen of Kent county, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the merchants.

Otho Hale, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton was in Spur last week and spent some time here on business.

W. P. Markham was in the city trading one day this week from his home in the Dry Lake community.

Joe L. Jay, banker and prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Monday between trains on business.

C. D. Copeland came in Saturday from his home several miles east of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in recently from the Spur Ranch where he is again making his home.

A. A. Marshall, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday.

For results try an add in The Texas Spur.

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Will sell Lot 5 Blk.  
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# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO EVERY CUSTOMER OF THIS STORE AND EVERY READER OF THIS PAPER

The generous support which has been accorded this store the past year is fully appreciated by its proprietor, and we desire at this time to extend to the entire citizenship of our town and county our heartiest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We trust that the feeling of satisfaction enjoyed by us is mutual. We have tried to make it so. Your good will towards this Store is one of its most valuable assets, and it shall always be our endeavor to merit a continuance of that esteem.

## Spur Drug Company

Sixteen Years in the  
Drug Business

The *Rexall* Store

Jas. F. Williams  
Proprietor

### FARMERS OF THE SPUR COUNTRY BREAKING LAND

Uncle Tom Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in the city this week and reports that the farmers of his section are all busy breaking land for another crop.

He says that while the sandy lands are in good shape for breaking yet the harder lands are pretty dry and beginning to need rain to put it in shape for plowing.

Farmers of other sections of the country are plowing, and while the recent snow put considerable moisture in the ground, a good rain would help the whole country at this time.

Try an advertisement in the Texas Spur for results.

#### NOTICE

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

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

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

The Jackson Realty Company bought the L. W. Davis insurance business this week and will hereafter be located in the Spur National Bank building on the second floor. Mr. Davis retained his abstract business and will continue that business in the same location over the Spur National Bank.

George Odum, of the Afton country, was in Spur this week after a load of freight for Afton merchants.

Will sell Lot 5 Blk.  
39 Spur, Texas for  
\$250.00 cash and  
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Wichita Falls, Texas

Advertise in the Texas Spur.

Judge McClain was in the city this week and reports that an enjoyable Christmas was spent by the people of Cat Fish. The Judge had a Christmas tree at his home which was enjoyed by a number of his family and grand-children.

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

### DRUGGISTS ENDORSE

#### DODSON'S LIVER TONE

It is a guaranteed harmless vegetable remedy that regulates the liver without stopping your work or play.

A dose of calomel may knock you completely out for a day—sometimes two or three days. Dodson's Liver Tone relieves attacks of constipation, biliousness and lazy liver headaches, and you stay on your feet.

The Red Front Drug Store sells Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it to give perfect satisfaction. If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and do not find it the safest, most pleasant and successful liver remedy you ever took, this store will give you back the 50 cents you paid for it without a question.

This guarantee that a trustworthy druggist is glad to give to Dodson's Liver Tone is as safe and reliable as the medicine, and that is saying a lot.

## Drugless Sanitarium Hotel

Spur, Texas

I have now opened up my Drugless Sanitarium Hotel in Spur for the purpose of curing all diseases and ailments of mankind. I give Masseur Treatments Absolutely Free. I only charge you a reasonable rate for board by the day or week and make no charges for treatment or cures. You will find me a plain man in every way. Read the testimonials and see what my friends say about me and my work

### An Explanation of the Massage Treatment

MASSAGE, a procedure, usually performed by the hands, such as friction, kneading, rolling, and percussion of the external tissues of the body, either to relieve pain or with some hygienic object in view. A male massagist is known as a Masseur; a female as a Masseuse. Massage in some form has always been used by savages as well as civilized. It was one of the luxuries of the ancient Greeks and Romans, was largely used by gladiators and to make slaves more comely by filling out their tissues. Sometimes it was done by medical practitioners, often by slaves and priests and those appointed to anoint the wrestlers when they exercised. Hippocrates, who employed rubbing to restore the free movement of blood and other fluids, says that "Rubbing can bind or loosen, can make flesh and cause parts to waste; hard rubbing binds; soft rubbing loosens; much rubbing causes parts to waste; moderate rubbing makes them grow." Manual treatment of the body was long ago practiced by the Chinese, Japanese, Turks, Egyptians, and the people of various nationalities have employed it in some form from early times. Often the use of Massage is associated with that of certain active and passive movements known as the Swedish Movement Cure (q. v.), established by Pehr Henrik Ling (q. v.). His system of gymnastics became popular in spite of opposition and of the fact that it was largely a revival of old methods of treatment. In 1873 Mezzger, of Amsterdam, and in 1877 S. Wier Mitchell, of Philadelphia, pushed forward the cause of massage. The procedures in massage may be placed under eight heads: Stroking (effleurage of the French), kneading (malaxation), friction, percussion, pressing, stretching, flexion and vibration. Stroking is performed over surfaces with the palm of the hand or its radial border or with the pulps of the fingers, or the sides of the knuckles. Kneading is the grasping of the muscles, etc., with both hands or between the thumb and finger of one hand, and rolling and squeezing them. Friction is a peculiar and forcible circular rubbing. Percussion is the striking or beating of a part, either with the hand or an instrument called a percussor or muscle beater. Pressing is performed by one or both hands, banded or mechanical device upon the spine or other parts of the body. Stretching is grasping the extremities of the body and pulling them, with the hands or apparatus. Flexion is grasping the extremities of the body and bending and turning them. Vibration is the shaking and quivering administration by one or both hands, or by an electrical apparatus. It is claimed that the modern system of massage makes the blood circulate more freely, strengthens the muscle fibers, causes effusions and exudations, creams joint-



WILLIAM DUKE  
The Electric Masseur  
SPUR, TEXAS

ments and oils to be absorbed when applied to the face or other parts of the body, improves secretory and excretory action, and invigorates the whole system. It is frequently used with good results to stimulate assimilation and invigorate digestion; to soothe nervous irritability; relieve pain; arouse nerve force; equalize circulation; remove morbid deposits from around the joints; restore mobility; for the correction of obstinate constipation and many other disordered conditions.

#### TESTIMONIALS

##### To Whom This May Concern:

This is to certify that I jammed a splinter through my hand and cut a main artery. I thought I was going to bleed to death. Mr. Duke the Electric Masseur stepped up and stopped the blood before I had time to think. My hand did not get sore or matter. It healed up and I worked on. I recommend him to others, even at a distance, if you can only get him by telegraph or phone.  
T. E. DEMENT.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1912.

This is to certify that I had been bothered most of my life with stomach trouble. About twelve months ago Mr. Duke began treating me and two week's treatment cured me sound and well.

J. W. HARRIS.

Spur, Texas, 1912.

##### To Whom This May Concern:

This is to certify that I was bothered with heart trouble for 16 years. I had several doctors with me but they never did me any good. I tried Mr. Duke the Masseur, and he completely cured me. It has been twelve months since I took a treatment and I have not had any return of the trouble, so I take pleasure in recommending Mr. Duke the Masseur, to any sufferer of pain.  
MRS. W. H. LARGE.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1912

This is to certify that Mr. Duke cured me of the rheumatism about fifteen months ago. After a few treatments it was all gone and has never bothered me again.

HARRISON LARGE.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 16, 1912.

This is to certify that my little girl had what three Oklahoma doctors pronounced scald head, and said it was incurable. Mr. Duke gave her three treatments and cured the disease. Now her hair is as soft and nice as can be found.

MRS. HAMILL.

This is to certify that I suffered for about 4 years with cancer. After receiving treatment from Mr. Duke, the Masseur, I was completely cured and the sore disappeared.  
MOLLIE HARRIS, Spur, Tex.

A fancy vest given with every suit ordered of Edwards-Hogan Company.

Jake Rains, of the Spur Ranch and one of the old timers of this country, was in Spur Tuesday shaking hands with friends.

W. G. Hooker, a prominent citizen and one of the leading business men of Palestine, is in Spur and will probably remain here a month or longer for the benefit of his health. Mr. Hooker is suffering of a nervous breakdown. He is an old time friend of J. R. Walker of the Spur Grain & Coal Company and through him Mr. Hooker learned of the healthfulness of this section.

WOOD FOR SALE—On my place 8 miles northeast of Spur, \$2 for a two-horse wagon load.—L. C. Arrington. 9-tf

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Looper and Mrs. Marvin Gwyn, of Cleburne, spent Christmas in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen at their home in the city.

Mr. Johns, who has been attending school at Dallas, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Johns, of near Spur.

Mrs. R. P. Cole returned this week from Hamlin and Rule where she spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Tom Hicks, a prominent citizen of Afton, was in Spur Monday to meet his family who have been spending the holidays with relatives in Eastland county.

Call 61 for the Abilene Steam Laundry wagon, or leave your bundles at Edwards-Hogan Co.



# YOUR EVERY NEED CAN BE SUPPLIED

<p><b>YOU NEED</b></p> <p>Underwear, Shoes, Hose</p> <p>Suits, Sweaters, Overcoats</p> <p>Hats, Caps, Dry Goods</p> <p><b>WE HAVE THEM</b></p>	<p><b>WE HAVE DECIDED</b></p> <p>for just a few days more to give you the</p> <p><b>OPPORTUNITY</b></p> <p>of again buying from us</p> <p><b>MORE FOR DOLLARS LESS</b></p>		<p><b>WE WANT YOU</b></p> <p>to come and supply your needs---to secure the goods you need</p> <p><b>NOW</b></p> <p>Come get what you really need where</p> <p><b>YOUR DOLLAR GOES FURTHEREST</b></p>	<p><b>YOU NEED</b></p> <p>Gloves, Ties, Collars</p> <p>Overalls, Jumpers, Boys Suits</p> <p>Comforts Cloaks, Cotton Flannel</p> <p><b>WE HAVE THEM</b></p>
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## THE MORRISON STOCK C. C. TYLER, Mgr.

### DRY LAKE ITEMS

Every one in this community seemed to enjoy the Christmas holidays to the fullest extent. Several big dinners were given and a number of parties and singings were enjoyed by the young people, and now all are anticipating a still better time in the Christmas times yet to come as our neighborhood continues to grow. Many newcomers have settled in our midst the past year and we hope to see many more join us during the New Year.

Mr. Hargrove was in Spur Tuesday and purchased several articles of up-to-date furniture and other household goods.

I. S. York and family were the guests of Tom Cherry and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Nonnie Rodgers, of Garza county, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van-Leer.

Rev. R. A. Stewart, of Spur, preached here Sunday morning.

Tom Allen returned the first of the week from Clairemont where he spent some time visiting relatives.

W. F. Markham and wife returned Sunday from Haskell where they have been spending the holidays.

Carl Davis and brother, of Roswell, New Mexico, are visiting this week at the home of their brother, Bob Davis.

J. A. Murchinson, underwent a successful operation Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital and is reported to be doing nicely at this time.

Mrs. J. A. Moore and children, of Lubbock, are spending the

Christmas holidays in Spur with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce.

A musical entertainment was given last Saturday evening at the hospitable home of Miss Jewell Hardin in honor of her sister from Abilene who is now visiting them here. There was a large crowd present and the pleasant hours spent will be long remembered.

A singing was enjoyed Sunday evening at the home of the Misses Letch.

Rev. Geo. Berryman will fill his regular appointment here Sunday.—Maiden Vine.

### NOTICE

I have several thousand bundles of sorghum and grain for sale, also wood. W. Bender, 2 miles north on Dickens road.

A fancy vest (worth \$5.00) given with every suit ordered from Edwards-Hogan Co.

W. W. Ellis and family, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur this week trading with the merchants. Mr. Ellis is county commissioner of the Red Mud Precinct in Kent county and one of the most prominent citizens of the county.

R. R. Morrison and family moved this week to the Tom Harkey residence vacated by Dr. Grace and family who moved to the Berry Pursley residence in the north part of the city.

Rance Thomas, wife and children were in Spur Saturday trading and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. King, of Hamlin, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

### ORDINANCE

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

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

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

J. E. Counts returned Monday from his place in the Draper country where he spent several days looking after his farming interests.

Mr. Kerlin, a prominent cattle man of the Plains country, was in Spur the first of the week on business.

C. C. Haile moved this week with his family to Draper where he will operate the Draper store and post office during the coming year.

Mesdames Standifer and Reagan entertained a number of their friends Tuesday night, and guests were delightfully entertained as they "watched the old year out and the new year in."

At twelve o'clock Tuesday night the New Year was announced by the shooting of many guns, blowing whistles, beating tin cans and shouts of the revelers.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, had business in Spur Monday and spent some time here. He reports everything in good shape in his section of the country, the farmers all about through gathering this year's crops and beginning to break land for another year. The majority of farmers of this section are beginning to plow earlier this year than usual and we believe it will be to their advantage. A number of farmers already have their lands prepared for planting.

Throughout the day Wednesday the Sol Davis establishment was closed and the employees given a pleasant New Year's holiday.

LOST—A small, blunt pointed pair of scissors. Finder return to J. A. Lambdin & Company and receive reward.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith returned this week from Gilpin where she and children spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlisle.

Miss Hardin returned this week from Greenville where she spent the holidays with relatives.

Miss Burnett left last week for her home in Sulphur Springs where she will remain until the spring millinery season at which time she will return to Spur and again have charge of the millinery department of the Bryant-Link Co.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

L. N. Riter returned Monday from a business trip to Hamlin and other points where he spent several days.

### NEW HOPE

A. Smoot will move to the White Flat neighborhood some eight or ten miles north of Matarador.

B. G. Worswick is in our midst on legal business.

Frank Burgess who is now connected with the Edwards-Hogan Co. is at home for Xmas.

B. O. Greenwade spent the holidays in San Antonio.

Mrs. Aubrey Lloyd is visiting in the New Hope country.

Mrs. C. M. Buchanan attended the Xmas tree at Dickens Tuesday eve.

Miss Merl Davidson, Annie Reynolds and Neva Love were with us Sunday.

Ollie Scott has just returned from Johnson Co. visiting relatives and friends.

A. S. Jackson and W. A. Wilkinson came out to the home of C. M. Buchanan's Wednesday. After organizing they were accompanied by G. W. Dodson, Jake Scott and Newt Jones, and proceeded in soldier style to confiscate rabbits. At the close of the day some 60 or 70 of the carnivorous tribe were captured. Why not the commissioners' court give a bounty for these scalps?  
Oat-Meal.

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

W. D. Clay, who has been in Dickens the past two weeks laid up with a broken leg, returned Monday to his home in Spur.



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

## A Few Special Prices

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

## SPECIAL GOOD CLOTHES NEWS!!

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

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Bran, corn, Oats	Shorts, Maize	Seed Rye and Oats	Millet, Sacks
corn hops	Alfalfa Hay	old Pressed Cake	Johnson Grass Sd
Maize hops	Prairie Hay	otton Seed Meal	Chicken Feed
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Big Lump, Nut and Blacksmith Coal  
We buy Furs, Hides, Bran and Oat Sacks. Weigh your wagons here. Call whether you buy or not. We want to get acquainted

SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY BOTH PHONES 51 SPUR, TEXAS

## EGGS BY PARCELS POST

J. W. Alexander was the first citizen of Plainview to avail himself of the new Parcels Post. Mr. Alexander sent a crate containing one dozen eggs to his brother at Swissville, Penn. The crate weighed three pounds, and cost 28c to send.—Plainview Herald.

Jeff Kennedy was in Spur Tuesday and hauled out a load of lumber and supplies to the north part of the county. While here Mr. Kennedy was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

C. L. Love, C. W. Lowery, F. A. Prideaux and Miss Mahone went out the first of the week and spent one day hunting on Red Mud and Cat Fish. The party is reported to have killed about sixty quail.

W. A. Johnson and Mr. Davis shipped a carload of hogs recently to the Fort Worth market and we are informed that the shipment brought the top of the market on that date. The hogs were fattened entirely on maize and were considered as good as the best hogs on the market.

M. A. Rose sold his second-hand business, pool hall business and other property in Spur last week and is making preparations to move to the coast country.

W. H. Lane and family, who have been spending some time in another section of the country, returned last week to their home in Spur.

Mace Hunter was in the city Monday from his home several miles east of Spur.

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That's Us

Luzon 'Phone 78 SPUR

F. W. West, a prominent citizen of the Red Hill community was in Spur Tuesday and while here called in and made us feel good by handing in a dollar for the Texas Spur another year. Mr. West reports everything in fine shape his section.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

New Year's resolutions are still in order.

Many are again on the "water wagon," and who can say but that it is better than not to have boarded such wagon.

We are all beginning the New Year with renewed energy in efforts to promote the interests of our town, our country and our people.

First-class roads, a water system and lower taxes are on program for Dickens county and Spur during the New Year, and work to these ends has already begun.

The old year has been one of progress and prosperity for Spur and the Spur country. Let us all resolve to make the New Year more progressive and more prosperous.

The usual quota of holiday celebration mishaps are reported over the state and country. The time is coming when the country may learn to sanely celebrate all occasions.

A one hundred thousand dollars road bond issue for Dickens county, a first-class water system and an abundance of artesian water is scheduled to arrive during the New Year.

Sam Chapman was operated upon Sunday at the Standifer hospital. Mr. Chapman was suffering with thrombosis, a blood vessel being obstructed by clotted blood. A second operation was performed Monday and Mr. Chapman is reported to have been in a very critical condition. Mrs. Chapman, who had recently moved to Rochester, was sent for and came through the country from Sagerton Sunday night. We are glad to note that at this time Mr. Chapman is doing nicely and recovering.

E. C. Edmonds, cashier of the First State Bank, left Spur Saturday to accompany his sister, Miss Donna Edmonds, to New Mexico where she will remain several months as superintendent and teacher of a school in that country.

J. M. Upshaw recently sold his farm near Spur and moved to Freeport where he is now making his home. We received a card from him this week requesting that the Texas Spur be sent to him at that place.

Will S. Cooper left Sunday for Hico in response to a telephone message stating that some of his relatives were sick at that place. Mrs. Cooper and the children are in Clairemont visiting her parents during the absence of Mr. Cooper.

## PARCEL POST BRINGS EGGS FROM NEW YORK

Eggs shipped by parcels post from New York City to Dallas were received at the postoffice here yesterday and delivered in first-class condition. A dressed squirrel from a point in Arkansas; several violins, a sack of cotton samples, a stove lifter and a double-bladed ax were among the things the parcels post brought to Dallas yesterday. The ax was not delivered because it was improperly wrapped and dangerous to handle. Another cowhide came through the mail yesterday, but it was not delivered, and is classed as unmailable matter.

About a dozen packages of eggs, shipped in from the territory immediately around Dallas were delivered yesterday, with packages of sausage and butter. A number of parcel post packages are being mailed with ordinary postage stamps thereon. These packages are not being handled. Neither will any package be transmitted which is not marked "From" followed by the name and address of the sender.

Secretary J. R. Babcock of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce said yesterday that the parcels post should prove a great convenience to merchants.

"Comparatively few of the things which retail dealers deliver to their customers weigh as much as eleven pounds," he said. "As it is possible to place several small articles of different sorts in a single bundle and be within the weight limit and the regulations.

"Practically every necessary household and business commodity, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, is admissible to the mails," Mr. Babcock suggested. "The ingenuity of men will provide methods by which all articles may be so safely wrapped or prepared the Government will gladly permit the handling. Gradually, possibly rapidly, the use of the parcel post in conjunction with the rural route will place the farmer, the suburbanite and the city man in touch, almost as fast as that of the passenger service, for the spread of interurbans will certainly increase the facility of delivering orders, filling them, or exchanging commodities between different persons, concerns, communities or institutions.

"If the parcel post continues to have the comparatively small weight limit and the size permissible, there will surely be a tendency on the part of business men and eventually of manufacturers to reduce the size, the weight and the trouble of handling anything in common trade demands. Naturally there will soon be smaller hats for women, shorter pins for their stability, and greater safety, comfort and moral tone to the men now discommoded. I have no doubt that within a little while, if the limits are rigid, there will be sewing machines within the regulations and big enough for every use, and that the parts of mowers, binders, automobiles will travel along with graphophones and hair brushes. Fruits and foods will be promptly handled, when they shall have come through the Panama Canal and up the Trinity River to Dallas, and the time from Ecuador to Everman will be unbroken, as the parcel will travel intact, and from every transfer point the speeding of the parcel will have the Government backing. The parcel post has come to stay, and staying to progress in usefulness and adaptability to local and long distance service."

## GILPIN HAPPENINGS

As Johnny Jump-up, for reasons best known to himself, keeps silent, I will write up the "Happenings" in his stead.

Tuesday morning the thermometer at Gilpin registered twenty degrees below freezing, but something must have been the matter with it. This is zero weather.

E. R. Hagins of Woodson has moved into our midst again.

Ben Hagins fell off his blacksmith shop one day last week and was seriously hurt. We learn he is much better at this writing.

Mr. Turner of near Jayton has moved to the Duck Creek vicinity.

Mr. S. R. Hawkins has bought a place south west of Girard.

A general moving has taken place in our community within the last few days. Mr. Clark from Scurry county moved where S. R. Hawkins lived. W. T. Land moved to the Tom Bailey place. H. L. Arnold moved to Jayton. J. A. Davenport moved to the J. Carlisle place. D. D. Hagins has moved to his farm adjoining P. E. Hagins place. Charlie Brooks moved to where Grandpa Butts lived, Grandpa moved to the G. B. Walker place. G. B. moved to the Jean Perry place, and Jean moved to the section house at Girard. That is moving some.

Miss Alice Goodwin is visiting E. R. Hagins and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins have returned from an extended visit to kinfolks in Henrietta and Memphis.

Miss Mamie Bilberry visited kinfolks at Jayton last week. Messrs. Willie Hagins, Cecil Bennett, Charley Carlisle and Luther Hawkins attended a party at Tom Bond's below Girard last Friday night.

P. E. Hagins, while chopping wood Monday evening was struck with a severe pain in his back which pulled him to his knees, and he is suffering considerably at this writing.

Miss Mae Wasson of Matador arrived at Gilpin Saturday evening. Miss Mae will teach the primary department of the Duck Creek school.

Miss Lillie Belle Thomas of near Jayton is visiting Miss Mamie Bilberry this week.

Miss Gertrude Craven visited Miss Mary Bennett Saturday evening.

Miss Edith Land visited Gilpin Saturday.

Our school conducted by Mrs. E. W. West and Miss Mae Wasson opened Monday with a good attendance, in spite of the bad weather.

The Fifth Sunday meeting, held at the Duck Creek School House was a feast to everyone who attended. Surely the splendid sermons and discussions, together with the good dinner that was spread on the ground each day, was appreciated by everybody.

Well my wife says that I must go cut some wood. I could tell you a whole lot more if I had time.

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

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