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## THE SPUR COUNTRY DISCOUNTS THEM ALL

J. W. Smith and family and Frank Smith returned last week from the Coast country and will again become resident citizens of the great Spur country. About one year ago they left for the southern part of the state with the idea and impression that that part of the world was a veritable "Garden of Eden," but they return satisfied that Western Texas is a good enough place in which to live. They say that on the coast they could only work half the time on account of rain, and the mosquitoes, malaria and other disadvantages more than overbalance the shortcomings of this section. We are glad to see them back in the Spur country and feel sure that they will continue to prosper so long as they are contented to remain with us in the Spur country.

## SPUR RECOGNIZED AS A SCHOOL OF FIRST CLASS

Word was received last week that the school at Spur had been classified as a school of the first class by the State Board of Education at Austin. This makes Spur one of the two hundred ten first class schools of the state (there are about eight hundred "high schools") and one of the nine first class schools west of the Wichita Valley Railroad and north of the T. P. Railroad.

This classification is not merely a "guess" of some interested party but is the deliberate judgment of a disinterested body—the State Board of Education, composed of the State Superintendent and others. In order to secure this a full statement of the course of study, the length and number of recitations, and teachers was sent to the State Board. With this went a full set of examination papers for three months from the high school and all of the themes, note books, maps, and other written matter required of the pupils during this time. This was carefully examined by the State Board and the certificate issued accordingly. This certificate is now framed and is hanging in the high school room. This certificate means three things.

First: That the work laid out for the Spur schools conforms to the requirements of the State Board, and that the length of term and the amount of work done is also satisfactory.

Second: That the students of the school have done the work laid out and required in a satisfactory manner.

Third: That the teachers in marking examination papers, themes, etc. have been strict and accurate.

Having placed ourselves in the front rank there should be no falling back. One of the requirements for maintaining this standard is that we have an eight months school. This has already been promised by the Board. All should join in an earnest cooperation to this end. To do less than this, or to by

word or deed put a stumbling block in the way of maintaining the school and its present high standard would be to be disloyal to the best interests of Spur as well as to the school. We trust that from now on we will have the cordial assistance of all friends of education, all friends of the school, and of all interested in Spur.

We have also secured the affiliation with the Texas A. & M. and are taking steps to send papers to the University of Texas to secure the affiliation with that institution and it is almost certain that we can secure this also. All of these require and are based on an eight months school.—F. F. Mace, Supt.

The Spur School is one of the best educational institutions of Western Texas, and its recognition and classification as a school of the first-class by the State Board of Education is gratifying to patrons. In the recognized advancement and progress of the Spur School the superintendent, teachers and members of the board of education deserve the highest commendation and worthy congratulations Superintendent Mace is an able educator, promoter and school superintendent and his efforts in Spur are being recognized, appreciated and crowned with success.

J. A. Neighbors, a prominent citizen of the Stell Hill country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading with Spur merchants.

## SHIPS CAR OF HOGS TO FORT WORTH TUESDAY

Tuesday of this week a car load of fine hogs were shipped from Spur to Fort Worth to be sold on the market at that point. The car was made up by Perry Fite, R. L. Collier and Mr. Crosby, and it is expected that the shipment will bring the very top price since this section of the country produces the biggest, finest and fattest hogs to be found in any country.

The Spur country is especially adapted to the most successful hog raising business, since in this section the climate and altitude encourages none of the diseases common to hogs and an abundance of the best and cheapest feed is grown. The Spur country is becoming more generally recognized as "the hog country."

## HARDWARE DEALERS EXPECTING BIG BUSINESS

Otho Hale, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur the first of the week on business. During the week we noted ten or fifteen wagon loads of farm implements hauled out from Spur to the Hale mercantile establishment at Afton. Evidently the hardware dealers of this territory expect a big business in their line during 1914. In the county are five hardware dealers, all of whom are largely stocked with farm implements.

## PLAIN SPEECH.

We come not to you with excellency of speech or enticing words of man's wisdom declaring the superiority of our merchandise, but in plain speech easy to be understood. We want to call your attention first to our Dry Goods Department in which you will find a complete and well selected stock of Dry Goods, Notions, etc. Don't forget Queen Quality Shoes. We also have a large stock of Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags at prices that will interest you. Come and see.

In Hardware, we have many things we would like to mention but space will not permit but a few. The Old Reliable Peter Schuttler Wagon has been the standard of quality for a half century. Buy one and lighten the burden of your team.

If you contemplate buying a Windmill, come in and let us show you why the Star is superior to all others, and costs no more. Why not have the best? We also carry a complete stock piping, cylinders and pipe fittings, and want your trade in this line.

"Husbands love your wives," and buy her that Darling Range she has been wanting so long. We have them, and would be glad to show you through our stock.

Planting time is here and we want to sell you that Planter. Our No. 105 John Deere has no equal, so simple a woman can run it. Our stock of John Deere implements is complete. Remember too that when better plows are made John Deere will make them. Ask Higginbotham to show you through.

Our Grocery Department is brim full of good things to eat. Always fresh, and at prices as low as dependable goods can be sold for. Light Crust, the name is a kitchen motto. Buy a sack. Once a customer always a customer. Remember we always keep a fresh stock of Candy, Fruit and Nuts. Have you tried our English Style Cakes? Ask for the Loose Wiles kind, baked in a factory with a thousand windows. We have a large assortment and invite your inspection.

We thank you one and all for the business you gave us last week and ask you to come on with the great throng of satisfied customers who trade with us. Your friends,—Bryant-Link Co.

## WILL DRILL FOR OIL

Mr. Der, of the Lee County settlement on the Plains, was in Spur several days this week on business. Mr. Der is an oil expert and claims to possess the ability to locate oil wherever it may be. In the Lee County settlement he says can be developed a rich oil field at a depth of from fifteen to sixteen hundred feet. An oil development company is now in process of formation for the purpose of drilling a well to that depth to determine conclusively if the oil is there. Other surface and oil indications warrant the expenditure and effort as planned by citizens of that territory.

## PROHIBITION MEETING

Persuant to a resolution adopted by the State-Wide Conference Prohibition to unite on a candidate for Governor, held at Fort Worth, January 24, a call is hereby made for a County Prohibition Democratic Mass Meeting to meet at Dickens Saturday, February 14, 1914, at one o'clock P. M., which will elect delegates to meet in Fort Worth, again on Saturday February 21st, for the purpose of completing the work of uniting on a candidate for Governor. Each County is allowed one vote for each ten votes cast for Constitutional Prohibition in 1911.—O. S. Ferguson, County Chairman.

## MERRY WIVES MEET

Mrs. Geo. S. Link entertained the Merry Wives Friday afternoon. The reception room was very prettily decorated with bowls of Narcissus and pot plants. A number of games of forty-two were enjoyed by all. Mrs. J. E. Morris assisted the hostess in keeping score and serving a delicious salad course. Those present were: Mmes. G. T. Brandon, Y. L. Jones, Geo. Bennett, W. D. Wilson, Sol Davis, C. L. Love, T. E. Standifer, E. C. Edmonds, G. M. Williams, H. T. Burgoon, M. E. Manning, J. D. Reagan, John H. Reagan of Palestine, R. P. Cole, N. A. Baker, J. E. Morris, T. L. Higginbotham. The Club meets next Friday with Mrs. H. T. Burgoon.

## SHELLS LEFT IN SPUR BY THE SAFE BLOWERS

Last week two boxes shot gun shells were found in behind a stack of lumber in the Bowman Lumber Company sheds. Each of the shells in the two boxes had been cut open and the powder or ballistite removed, and it is supposed that this was reduced to a more powerful explosive and used by the robbers in blowing the safes recently at the postoffice and depot. It is thought that the shells were taken from Riter Hardware Co. store which was entered the night of the robbery. One night last week the safe in the Breckenridge postoffice was blown open and four or five hundred dollars secured. It is our opinion that the same yeggmen are continuing their operations on down the line from Spur.

## INDEPENDENT FARMER IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

R. L. Overstreet was in Spur Saturday from his farm home in the Afton country. Mr. Overstreet is one farmer of the country who grows plenty corn and other feed stuff each year, has about twenty fine hogs in pens, several fine milk cows, lots of chickens and eggs, several young mules and work stock and one of the very finest farms in all Western Texas. All things considered he is one of the most independent if not richest men of the country and is now in position to enjoy life.

## SPUR COUNTRY WILL GROW FINEST FRUIT

M. L. Blakely brought in a grape vine this week which measured twenty-four feet in length. This vine came from his orchard and was grown last year. He has a row of grape vines about one hundred yards long and six feet a part from which he sold one thousand pounds of grapes, had plenty for home use and some for his neighbors. He has the White Niagra variety and which he says will grow as fine in the sandy lands of the Afton country as in the more noted fruit belt of California. Mr. Blakely formerly lived in California and came to this country from California. This country is unquestionably a fine fruit growing section, and in the years to come will be generally recognized as among the best fruit producing sections of the whole country.

## COMES TO DICKENS TO ESCAPE FROM THE WAR

Mr. Crabtree, father of L. G. Crabtree of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Crabtree and family are now making their home in Dickens, having recently removed here from their farm and ranch home in Old Mexico on account of the war. Mr. Crabtree said that he was forced to leave his stock and other property at the mercy of the warring factions and remove from that section to protect the lives of the several members of his family. He moved to Mexico six years ago, settling in a colony formed ten years ago. At that time the colony purchased two hundred thousand acres of land at thirty seven and a half cents an acre. He paid from one to two dollars an acre for his land which is now selling for about five dollars an acre. Mr. Crabtree thinks the war will soon end, and that within ten more years land in that country will be worth forty and fifty dollars. He is in sympathy with the revolutionists and thinks they will control Mexico at an early date.

## COUNTRY SETTLING

L. A. Hindman returned Saturday from the Girard country where he has been several weeks drilling a number of wells for new settlers of that section of the country. There are many new farm homes being settled and improved this year near Girard, and the indications are that within a few years Girard will become a trade center of note to that territory.

## PROBABLE CANDIDATE

We hear the name of Eli Harkey mentioned as a probable candidate for Tax Assessor. Mr. Harkey was formerly Assessor of the county, having served one term, and being familiar with the duties of the office he is qualified in every respect and will make an excellent officer.

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L. W. Clark, a prominent citizen of the south part of the county, was in Spur Monday on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. This is Mr. Clark's first year in the Spur country and we hope he will make bumper crops this year, buy a farm and become permanently located here.

J. A. Neighbors, a prominent citizen of the Stell Hill country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading with Spur merchants.

W. W. Ellis, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday. He was accompanied by his wife who came in for medical treatment.

The Morgan brothers, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading and looking after other business matters.

Sam Presslar, a prominent citizen and one of the oldest settlers of the Tap country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday.

Bert N. Brown, manager of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

W. A. Jordan, of Steel Hill, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday, spending several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

W. D. Blair, of a mile or two east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week trading and attending to other business matters.

Robt. T. Dopson was here this week from his home in the Dry Lake community and spent some time here trading and on other business.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur this week on business and greeting his friends.

W. Neilon has our thanks for a dollar, he having his name added to the growing list of subscribers to the Texas Spur.

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

H. H. Hill, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was a business visitor in Spur this week.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, was in the city Monday on business.

J. C. Davis was in the city the latter part of last week from his ranch home north of Dickens and spent some time here on business and visiting his sons, Sol and Luke Davis.

D. C. Abney, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Tap country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Hodges Haile, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday and Sunday, having come down in his Ford car which he left in the garage here for repairs.

Mr. Edwards spent Sunday in Dickens with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Cobb.

J. J. Rogers, a prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

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W. M. Randall, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday. He reports everything in fine shape at this time in his section of the country and crop prospects most promising for bumper crops.

J. E. Counts was in the city Monday and reports that one of his little boys is now quite sick. We hope that the illness will not be serious and the boy will soon be able to re-enter school.

Lost—I will pay \$5 00 reward for return of one deep red cow, five years old, branded Y on side, also Y on hip, marked split in each ear. Strayed from Spur about Aug. 1st.—G. L. Barber.

Mrs. Willis Smith, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and visiting her friends in the city.

I will be in Spur on the first Saturday in each month to do veterinary work. Bring your horses to the Harkey Wagon Yard.—J. F. Speer. 12tf

W. A. Johnson was in the city Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur. He reports everything in good shape.



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W. T. Wilson and family, of several miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday and spent several hours here shopping and greeting their friends.

For Sale—Lot 15, in Block 12, well located east front business, lot on main street of Spur, Texas. Price \$200. Address C. H. McDonald, Roaring Springs, Texas

J. C. Martin has our thanks for a dollar, having his name added to the growing list of subscribers to the Texas Spur.

Wayne VanLier, of north of Spur, was among the number of business visitors to the city Saturday.

For Sale—Several fine Jersey cows now giving milk.—C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 13tf

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Fern Zinn sustained painful injuries Saturday while playing with a shotgun barrel. He had a loaded shell placed in the old gun barrel, striking it with an iron rod. The shell exploded, firing backwards and striking his hand. The wound was dressed by Dr. Grace and is now doing nicely.

Miss Ella Garner, who has been visiting the past two weeks with friends at Matador, returned this week to Spur and is again employed in the abstract office of L. W. Davis.

C. P. Poole returned Monday from Abilene where he spent several days with Irvn Joplin and wife who are now making that place their home.

C. D. Pullin came in the latter part of last week from the J. P. Higgins ranch and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

J. H. McCamant came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and spent some time here on business.

J. E. Sparks, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richbourg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rentfroe at their ranch home in Kent county.

Mrs. G. E. Nicholson left this week to visit relatives and friends at Hamlin and other points.

Ray George, of Kent county, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

C. A. Jones, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and with other parties of that section hauled out several wagon loads of implements for dealers of Afton.

Sol Davis and family and Luke Davis and family visited friends in the country south of Spur Sunday.

Tol Merriman was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home several miles south of Spur.

Wyatt Taylor, of Crosbyton, was in Spur Saturday on business, spending several hours here.

J. H. Boothe was in the city Saturday from his farm home a mile or two southeast of Spur.

J. P. Gibson, of Steel Hill, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

George Odam, of Afton, was in the city Monday and hauled out freight for merchants.

J. N. Rhodes returned last week from Post where he spent some time on business.

W. F. Markham, of the Dry Lake community, had business in the city this week.

J. C. Davis was in the city this week from his home in the Dry Lake community.

J. D. Hufstедler, of the Dry Lake country, was in the city Tuesday on business.

S. R. Bowman was in the city Saturday from his farm home north of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLier were among the visitors in the city Saturday.

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## TEXAS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

424 Miles Built in 1913.

There were 424.1 miles of new railroad built in Texas during the calendar year 1913, and this new mileage was secured by raising bonuses of approximately one million dollars, according to data compiled by the Texas Business Men's Association. The new mileage was constructed at a cost of \$10,600,000 but it enhanced the value of contiguous property, according to customary estimates, approximately \$27,000,000. Railroads known as "independent" lines are credited with the greater part of the new trackage. The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific are the only "system" companies that built new mileage. These two roads constructed 136.7 of the 1913 mileage and the "independents" built 287.4 miles.

The mileage constructed during the calendar year 1912 was 153.6 and 599.4 in 1911. Prior to 1911 no data have been kept of the construction by calendar years.

The San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf leads in new mileage built during the year, having laid 95 miles of steel on the 114 mile line between Corpus Christi and Pleasanton. The Santa Fe takes second rank, with 89 miles of steel laid on the Lubbock-Farwell cut-off. Under the encouragement of heavy bonuses, the Orient was pushed 63 miles nearer the Mexican border and the trains are now operating as far west as Alpine. The Quanah, Acme and Pacific constructed 40 miles of new line early in the year, affording Motley County its first rail connection with the outside world. The Houston and Texas Central, one of the two "system" lines that built additional mileage in 1913, laid 47.3 miles of steel on two different projects. The Stone City-Giddings extension, which is 39.0 miles in length, was completed and all but a mile of steel laid on the Eureka-Stella cut-off.

The Jacksboro-Salesville extension of the Gulf, Texas and Western, which was started last year, was completed and all the steel laid in 1913. Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, secured their first railroad when the 23.8 miles was built to the main line of the S. A. & A. P. The Paris and Mt. Pleasant Company completed its line, which was begun last year, between Bogota and Mount Pleasant. This road is 27 miles in length and the laying of 19 miles of steel in 1913 finished the project. Steel laying on the road between Bronson and Hemphill, a distance of 11 miles, was begun and completed in 1913. The citizens of Matador raised a hundred thousand dollars and are building a railroad to the main line of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific, which missed their town by 8 1-2 miles to the south when it built into Motley County last spring. Five miles of steel were laid in 1913, and the road is rapidly nearly completion. The laying of 4 miles of steel on the 18 mile line of the Artesian Belt between Christine and Crowther, and the building of a 3 mile tap by the Nacogdoches and Southeastern in Nacogdoches County, completes the roster of railway construction in Texas for the year.

### Builders Trust to Future.

Practically all the roads built during 1913 have been into new and thinly settled territory and the builders have trusted to the future to provide tonnage to pay interest on bonds and dividends on the investment. The density of population in the counties along the route of the three longest lines built in 1913 averages 5 persons to each square mile of area, according to the latest Federal Census figures. This territory is only one-half as thickly populated as Africa. The 1912 farm, mine and factory production in the counties traversed by the three roads had a value of less than \$7,000,000, which is \$28,500 of products to each mile of road built. For each mile of road in operation in the entire state there is an annual yield of \$53,000 of farm, mine and factory products.

### Six Counties Get First Railroad.

The railroad made its initial appearance in Bailey, Gillespie, Hockley, Lamb, Live Oak and Motley counties in 1913, and many residents of these counties heard for the first time the whistle of a locomotive. Texas still has 27 counties without a single mile of railroad and their combined area is 32,000 square miles, and is equivalent to the area of the State of Indiana. The counties in Texas without a mile of railroad on January 1st, 1914, are as

Andrews, Bandera, Blanco, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hutchinson, Kimble, King, Loving, Mason, Moore, Ochiltree, Schleicher, Somervell, Starr, Sutton, Terry, Throckmorton, Yoakum and Zapata.

There are 11 counties in the state which have less than 15 miles of railroads. They are as follows: Aransas, Brooks, Castro, Dickens, Franklin, Hockley, Lipscomb, Martin, Rockwall, Stephens and Sterling.

## OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS CROSS OCEAN TO REACH FACTORY.

### Each Consumer Should Call for Texas-Made Goods.

### Texas Farmers Produce \$600,000,000 of Raw Factory Material Annually.

The farmers of Texas produce \$600,000,000 worth of raw material per annum which must pass through the factory before it is consumed, and \$100,000,000 is the raw material capacity of the Texas factories. The balance must journey to the foreign factory and a large per cent of our agricultural products cross the ocean to reach it. These statistics present a startling necessity for more factories and in defense of our growing country we must have them, but many of the factories we now have are compelled to seek out-of-state markets for their output and a few have had to shut down for want of a market.

Every consumer is a market-maker and can become a powerful factor in building up the manufacturing industry in Texas by calling for Texas-made goods. If we would patronize home factories, it would call for an investment of \$500,000,000 in the manufacturing industry, give employment to 400,000 people and provide a home market for the products of the farm, ranch and mine.

The federal census reports show 4,588 manufacturing establishments in Texas. The capital invested is \$216,876,000, there are 84,575 employees engaged in the business; the factory value of the annual output is \$272,896,000 and the value added to the raw material by manufacturing is listed at \$94,717,000. The four leading industries in the order of the value of their annual output are:

Slaughtering and meat packing, \$42,530,000; flour and grist milling, \$32,485,000; lumber and timber products, \$32,201,000; cottonseed oil and cakes, \$29,916,000.

During the past five years we show an increase in establishments of 1,430; in capital invested an increase of \$101,211,000 and an increase in employees of 26,683.

The new hog has become so popular with the housewife that we consume all of our home production and ship in \$24,000,000 of pork and its products per annum. He is one of the best revenue producers in the animal kingdom, and has shown an increase in value per head during the past five years of \$2.80. The statistics of the Federal Department of Agriculture pay a glowing tribute to the growing popularity of the Texas hog, and show a decrease of approximately a million head in number and an increase of over \$2,000,000 in aggregate value. We are traveling rapidly on the road of extermination of the swine industry in Texas, and the National Breeders' will make an exhibit at the Fat Stock Show that will seek to turn the tide. It is one of the missions of the management to balance production and consumption, and no more effective methods can be employed to encourage hog raising than to exhibit the leaders of the swine family to the farmers of Texas.

King Cotton has had the audacity to counterfeit some of the by-products of the hog, but Uncle Sam caught him in the act and passed a pure food law and the subjects of the king are now compelled to march under their own flag and parade under their own colors.

## FARMERS HOLD MEETING

### Legislation Needed by Farmers Declared to be the Paramount Issue.

### National Aid in Marketing Requested. To Co-operate with State University.

The called session of the Farmers' Union, held at Fort Worth, January 14th and 15th, was attended by over 600 delegates from local Unions all over the state. The convention was called to consider marketing problems and special attention was given warehouse legislation adapted to handling the cotton crop.

### Farmers Want Warehouses.

Some of the features of the warehouse bill approved by the convention are these: It provides for voting bonds for building warehouses; a state warehouse commission to supervise the operation of the warehouse system; the sampling of cotton at gins and guaranteeing the quality as represented by sample; warehouse receipts on cotton will be guaranteed by the state, and many other provisions which facilitate the handling of this commodity. The proposed measure, when enacted into law, will enable the farmers to secure cheap money on cotton placed in warehouses and provides for economic and systematic marketing of cotton.

The subject of legislation needed by the farmers absorbed most of the attention of the convention, and the trend of discussion was that the next legislature should devote itself diligently to the solution of farm problems. The convention, by unanimous vote, adopted the views of Peter Radford, which have been given wide publicity in the press, on the legislative needs of the state.

### Radford's Legislative Views Endorsed.

The platform given out by Mr. Radford declares marketing and helping the tenant farmers to be the paramount issues in the present campaign. A strong appeal is made for a system of co-operative laws that will give the business of farming the same legal facilities that are now accorded commerce and industry; the anti-trust laws are commended and amendments strengthening them are requested; the improvement of railroads and increase of mileage is asked for; woman's suffrage is opposed. The most interesting declaration, from a political viewpoint, is the liquor plank, which emphatically declares that no liquor legislation of any character be enacted by the next Legislature. Compulsory education, good roads, care for our wards, consideration of our convicts, and a business government are demanded.

The action of the convention is doubly significant in that it is the authoritative voice of agriculture, and it has spoken at the opening of the campaign. The session was a most harmonious and satisfactory one, and the organization will now take up the work of putting its legislative views into law.

### Aid to Be Asked of Congress.

Recognizing the great need of immediate relief in the marketing of perishable truck, the convention voted in favor of requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to endeavor to secure such legislation from Congress as will enable it to establish and maintain inspectors of carlot shipments of perishables in every city in the United States, who shall examine and report by wire, upon arrival, the conditions, grade and market price of the same to every efficient co-operative distributing agency.

President Lewis was heartily commended by the convention for his wise and conservative handling of the many problems which have come before the Union and for his success in his recent attempts to have the funds appropriated by the Thirty-third Legislature for increasing marketing facilities used for that purpose.

### Texas University to Co-operate.

Mr. F. M. Bralley, in charge of the Extension Department of the University of Texas, addressed the gathering and gave his views on rural life problems, including land ownership, rural population, country homes, rural schools and kindred subjects.

He stated that the University of Texas expects to co-operate with the Farmers' Union of Texas in the matter of gathering statistics on farm

products and its study of rural co-operation and farm finance. He laid stress upon the land ownership problem and quoted statistics to show that the tenant farmer is on the increase in Texas. He pointed out the need for better homes and better schools in the country and stated that this could only be brought about by a better system of farm finance and marketing of agricultural products, so that the producer would get what belongs to him in the way of proper remuneration for his efforts.

## THE RURAL PRESS

### The Local Paper a Most Useful Agency on the Farm—The Press, Pulpit and School a Trinity of Influence that Must be Utilized in Building Agriculture.

By Peter Radford.

A broad campaign of publicity on the subject of rural life is needed in Texas today to bring the problems of the farmers to the forefront. The city problems are blazoned upon the front pages of the metropolitan dailies and echoed in the country press, but the troubles of the farmers are seldom told, except by those who seek to profit by the story, and the glitter of the package oftentimes obscures the substance. A searching investigation into the needs of the farmers will reveal many inherent defects in our economic system that can be easily remedied when properly understood and illuminated by the power of the press.

The rural press, the pulpit and the school are a trinity of powerful influences that the farmer must utilize to their fullest capacity before he can occupy a commanding position in public affairs. These gigantic agencies are organized in every rural community and only await the patronage and co-operation of the farmers to fully develop their energy and usefulness. They are local forces working for the best interests of their respective communities. Their work is to build and their object is to serve. They prosper only through the development and prosperity of the community.

Every farmer in Texas should subscribe for the local paper, as well as farm periodicals and such other publications as he may find profitable; but he should, by all means, subscribe for his local paper, and no home should be without it. The local paper is a part of the community life and the editor understands the farmers' problems. It is the local press that will study the local problems and through its columns deal with subjects of most vital importance to local life of the community.

### A Noble Task.

In too many instances the country papers mimic the city press by giving prominence to scandals, accidents and political agitation. The new rural civilization has placed upon the rural press renewed responsibilities and enlarged possibilities for usefulness. It cannot perform its mission to agriculture by recording the frailties, the mishaps and inordinate ambitions of humanity, or by filling its columns with the echoes of the struggles of busy streets, or by enchanting stories of city life which lure our children from the farm.

It has a higher and nobler task. Too often the pages of the city dailies bristle with the struggle of ambitious men in their wild lust for power, and many times the flames of personal conflict sear the tender buds of new civilization and illuminate the pathway to destruction. The rural press is the governing power of public sentiment and must hold steadfast to principle and keep the ship of state in the roadstead of progress. The rural press can best serve the interests of the farmers by applying its energies to the solution of problems affecting the local community. It must stem the mighty life current that is moving from the farm to the cities, sweeping before it a thousand boys and girls per day. It has to deal with the fundamental problems of civilization at their fountain head. Its mission is to direct growth, teach efficiency and mold the intellectual life of the country, placing before the public the daily problems of the farmers and giving first attention to the legislative, co-operative, educational and so-

cial needs of the agricultural classes within its respective community.

### The Power of Advertising.

The influence of advertising is clearly visible in the homes and habits of the farmers, and the advertising columns of the press are making their imprint upon the lives of our people. There are ten pianos in the homes of Texas where there is one bath tub; automobiles are more popular than telephones, and more homes are supplied with patent medicine than with screen doors. The farmer possesses the things that are best advertised.

The farmer is entitled to all the advantages and deserves all the luxuries of life. We need more art, science and useful facilities on the farms, and many homes and farms are well balanced in this respect, but the advertiser can render a service by teaching the advantages of modern equipment throughout the columns of the rural press.

## MALT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

### Mild Stimulants Taking the Place of Strong Drink.

The manufacture of malt liquor ranks fifth in importance in Texas manufacturing industries from the standpoint of capital invested and ranks third in value added by the manufacturing process. According to the last Federal Census Report we have twelve establishments engaged in the manufacture of malt liquors, employing 931 persons, with an investment of \$7,027,000 and an annual payroll of \$900,000. The records of the Federal Government show that the capital invested, and the value of the Texas output, have been doubled during the past decade. During the past five years two new establishments have been erected and two million dollars of new money put into the manufacturing business. There are no distilleries in Texas and no whiskey is manufactured within the State.

No authoritative figures are available on the amount of foreign malt liquors consumed in the State, but reliable estimates indicate that 5 per cent of Texas' consumption is manufactured outside the State. Probably 95 per cent of the Texas products are consumed within the State. We consume in Texas approximately 2 per cent of malt liquors manufactured in the United States, while we have 4 per cent of the population. The Texas products have taken first premium at world's fairs, and their purity and perfection is universally recognized. We manu-

### FROM DICKENS ITEM

It is reported here that some of the citizens of the Liberty community have been stung by the political bee and will toss their hats in the ring in the near future. The line up is as follows: Charlie Stinnett, County Judge; Wess Harvey, Sheriff; Bud Dennington, Constable.

Bob Goodall, of near Girard, was a business visitor in the city one day this week.

Geo. S. Link and George Bennett left this week for the Dallas market to buy goods for the Bryant-Link establishment.

J. W. Young, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and called in at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us a dollar and six bits for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year. Mr. Young reports everything in fine shape in his section with fine prospects for bumper crops this year. The Afton country makes bumper crops every year.

Ted Brannen came up this week from Jayton and spent several days here with his brothers, C. E. and N. Q. Brannen.

E. B. Shaw, one of the leading citizens of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent some time here trading with the merchants.

W. P. Sampson, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

W. S. Taylor and wife visited friends Sunday at Dickens.

# 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.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

For Representative, 105th District:  
Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:  
J. Ross Bell, of Paducah

For District and County Clerk:  
Cephus Hogan

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison (2nd term)

#### READY FOR BUSINESS

Mr. Christian, an expert jeweler, is now in charge of the A. T. Odeneal jewelry and watch repairing business. All work guaranteed by A. T. Odeneal will be made good under the present management. A new stock of watches, clocks and jewelry will be added and former patrons and the public are invited to call at the same stand and are assured of the best goods, the best prices and the best work.—Mrs. A. T. Odeneal.

A. S. Jackson, the hardware man of Dickens and one of the most prominent citizens of the country, was in Spur this week on business in connection with his Spur property.

#### TAP TELLINGS

The recent cold snap has been an advantage to the fruit crop.

All the farmers of our community are very busy turning the soil for that bumper crop we are expecting this fall.

The Literary Society proved a success Friday night. Our society has just begun and we have the material to make a good literary at Tap.

J. C. Pirkle and J. E. Sparks made a business trip to Spur this week, returning same day.

The Parson brothers attended the all day services at White River Sunday.

L. S. Scott lost a fine hog this week.

Milt Trout and family have moved to the S. S. Allcorn place and will be one in our midst this year.

J. E. Sparks and family spent Sunday with C. J. Smith and family, of Dockum Flat.

Clyde Davis, from north of Spur, was a pleasant caller at John Hinson's Sunday. There must be some attraction here for him.

Two sisters, from Knox county, are visiting their brother, Dave Scott.

T. S. Lambert and family attended the all-day services at White River Sunday.—Kid-alude.

Found—A stray pig, two or three months old, red with some black. Call at the Texas Spur and pay for this notice. tf

Mrs. L. W. Davis and children are spending the week in Dickens with her mother who is reported in ill health.

Seed Oats For Sale, 65c a bu. See A. W. Jordan, Steel Hill. tf

#### NEW HOPE

Jack Nelms has sold 5 acres of land for fifty dollars per acre.

Wyatt Taylor, of the Silver Lake Farm, is in our midst.

Will Austin and family have been visiting at the home of C. M. Buchanan.

C. M. Buchanan has been visiting his brother at Corsicana, and while away went to Galveston.

Jacob Scott has just returned from Cleburne, Fort Worth and other towns in Texas.

F. A. Lloyd, the Afton merchant, had business in Spur last week.

Through the efforts of J. C. Stephens a Christian church is completed at Amity. The tabernacle is 30x40 feet and has a seating capacity of about 500. There is about 6 acres in the lot and a graveyard has been started.—Oat Meal.

Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan entertained Wednesday at her home in honor of the mothers of Spur. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation while knitting and fancy work. Refreshments were served, and quite a number of ladies enjoyed the occasion.

L. N. Riter spent several days of this week in Hamlin looking after his business interests in that town.

Little Velma Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, is reported quite sick of fever this week.

W. S. Taylor was regularly ordained as a minister Sunday at the Church of Christ in Spur.

Mrs. J. O. Yopp visited relatives and friends this week in Jayton.

**C**OMPETITION is the most powerful factor in commerce and the most successful agency in empire building. Whenever it is stimulated prosperity abounds and when it is stifled progress is blighted. It is the only sovereign that sits upon a world throne and rules on land and sea. Proud vessels that majestically sail the deep and hurl defiance at governmental rate-makers will dip their flags at the appearance of this invisible monarch of the world's traffic.

The greatest event in the commercial life of the State during the past year was the establishment of an independent steamship line, managed by Texas merchants, plying between New York and Freeport, and the establishment of a free port where the commerce of nations can pass to and from this country without paying toll to private enterprise. Its effect upon commerce will be international and the lowering of rates has extended the trade territory of Texas jobbers hundreds of miles into the interior.

The Texas jobbers purchase from the Atlantic seaboard markets approximately \$250,000,000 of merchandise per annum and the larger volume moves via the steamship lines. An increase in freight rates not only serves to reduce the profits of the jobbers but contracts the trade territory of the Texas dealers. There is no event quite so certain—not excluding death and taxes—as an increase in freight rates when no independent steamship line is in the field and the new steamship company is rendering all the people of Texas an inestimable service by holding down the rates.

A free port injects into the marine affairs of Texas an element of competition much needed in water traffic. It is more than a business device to fight competitive ports—it is progress. The improvement of the harbor and port facilities at Freeport which can be completed to accommodate twenty-five-foot vessels at an estimated expenditure on the part of the Federal Government of \$300,000 will perpetuate competition in ports and competition in ocean traffic. No more profitable investment can be made and no greater aid rendered the public.

### "Little Drops of Water"

The drop of water on your coat sleeve is easily brushed aside as of no consequence. Yet enough of these drops joined together and put in motion would furnish power to turn a mill. The small change in your pocket may seem of little consequence to you, but once start it to piling up in the bank and you'll soon have a fund that may lead you on to fortune.

The F. & M. State Bank  
H. P. COLE, Cashier

**GOOD ADVERTISERS ARE DEVELOPMENT PROMOTERS**

One good advertiser in a town helps the whole community. His store attracts long distance customers as well as near-by ones, and always there are a few of them who drift into the less enterprising and less worthy stores. In these days of town rivalry the town that has no advertising merchants soon loses out. Its business goes to competing points. And the merchant who refuses to advertise, but sits in wait to catch chance business drawn to town by advertisers, is guilty of disloyalty to his home. Just as certainly as good advertising pays a good merchant, just that certainly it pays the whole commercial community. The advertising merchant helps the real estate owners, for the more business the merchants enjoy, the more rent they can pay. On the contrary, the smaller their sales, the lower their rents must fall. Everybody knows this to be true, but in many towns the owners of the business buildings are the most liberal element. They hem and haw longer over contributing ten dollars to a town betterment than the renting merchant haggles over a contribution twice as large. In older times, when stores were few and far apart and there was only one sizable town in each county, merchant and landlord could better afford to sit back and wait for trade and increase to come. Today the merchant or the realty owner who follows that plan sees competitors in or out of town taking his prosperity away from him. The "narrow-contracted" merchants and communities are losing steadily to the "wide-expanded" ones.—Dallas News.

Do you read the Texas Spur? If not, why not? \$1 cash or credit



**E. LONG, BOOT-MAKER,**  
REPAIRING DONE  
Spur, - - - Texas

**TAX PAYING ROUNDS**

Chas. A. Jones returned the first of the week from his tax paying rounds in Crosby, Garza, Kent and Stonewall counties, taking up the regular annual taxes on the Spur Farm Lands and Spur Ranch properties. The taxes of this property contributes a considerable support to the government of each of the five counties in which it is located.

Rev. McMahan has been sick the past week and as a result was not able to fill his regular appointment in conducting services at the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. Scott, a pioneer preacher of Western Texas, preached Sunday and Sunday night.

John Wooten, one of the most prominent citizens of the Plains country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday buying farm implement and other supplies. He reports that the Plains country is now drying out sufficiently to do some plowing.

Walter Wilson, of Lockney, came down this week and spent some time in Spur with J. H. Fox and family.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

**A TEXT BOOK ON UP-TO-DATE FARMING**

During the last months of his life Colonel Henry Exall practically completed a text-book on up-to-date farming, intending it to be used to some extent in place of bulletins in crop contests of the Texas Industrial Congress. It was written especially to meet farming conditions in Texas.

The work of the Congress, expressed in three words, has been to popularize scientific farming. Colonel Exall therefore laid hold of the wealth of useful information locked up in government bulletins; in reports from the experiment stations of the States, and in the works of scientific agriculturists, and made out of it a plain, simple, easy digest in language that everybody can understand, and to this he added a number of conclusions and suggestions from his own study and experience. He knew that the farmers of Texas, as a class, are not college graduates, and that most of them are not high school graduates and that many of them are not even common school graduates. He therefore barred out all scientific jargon, and used the words he would have used in talking to his farmer friends personally.

**TO BUY SEED CORN**

One of the very greatest problems confronting the farmers this year will be to secure seed corn. Dealers, it seems, have been put to an enormous expense to secure good corn, as they are asking \$3.00 per bushel f. o. b. at their station. Some of this corn is 2 years old and I shouldn't like to plant it if I could beat it. I aim to attend the Corn Growers Exhibition at Dallas, Texas, on the 10th of February, 1914, and if any farmers in this country wish they may send me their order for seed corn, together with the money, and I will select the very best seed obtainable and deliver to them at Spur, Texas, at just what it cost. No charges will be made by me. Yours for a big corn crop this year.—E. B. Shaw, Draper, Texas.

Scott Johnson, son of Mrs. Effie Johnson, is reported quite sick of fever, and as a result Mrs. Johnson temporarily resigned her position as teacher in the Spur School, the place being filled by Mrs. F. F. Mace.

Ed Ellis, who has been in Dallas several months, returned last week to Spur and is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ellis.

Mrs. E. Haase was in the city shopping Monday from her farm home several miles west of Spur.

**COMMUNITY COOPERATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

"No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself," is a truth that is as eternal as the ages, as everlasting as the book of life. We are bound together so that our every act has a constantly widening circle of influence over the lives of those around us.

In this great country every citizen is an integral part of the government, and it is only as the individual citizen acts rightly and thinks rightly that we accomplish anything in making self-government successful. Of course a dominant majority of good men may triumph over a majority of evil men, but the reverse is true also, as has been demonstrated in our political life time and again.

Educated, enlightened, intelligent voters are among our greatest needs today, and these are bound to come from the public schools. Not only from the public schools, but also largely from the schools of the smaller towns and the rural schools. Perhaps our great leaders in modern thought may be trained in the universities and colleges but the army which they must lead comes direct from the public schools. An advance in civilization is marked by the average intelligence of the masses and not by the culture of the favored few. There are only a few years in the formative period of a boy or girl when he or she may be taught in our public schools. Every hour spent in a public school should be a golden hour with opportunities for culture and improvement that should leave a lasting impression throughout life.

Texas today lauds education to the skies and yet a large part of the teaching in our schools is done by half baked youths just out of the high schools themselves and who too often have no thought on any subject higher than that of drawing their pay. There is need and urgent need for a law which will put our schools on a more permanent basis, and attract a higher grade of teachers and allow them to teach one school for more than a single term. One way to do this is to allow the teacher to contract for a number of years, or until a change was deemed desirable. Let the teacher become a part of the community life. Let the pupils know that the teacher of this year will be the teacher of next year. In this way a continuity could be given to studies which is impossible with conditions as they are at present.—R. K. Phillips.

**DESERVES CONSIDERATION**

W. F. Shugart was in Saturday. He says that he came in on very important business but that he could not get the attention at this time of the credit merchants of the town. He says that he has his land broke and the very finest crop prospects, and that if these facts were generally known he might receive some attention from the supply stores.

Jim Smith, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Miss Nig Blackwell returned Saturday from the 24 Ranch where she has been visiting the past two weeks.

**Good Results**

ARE bound to follow upon a good understanding with a service-giving bank. When you a business problem affecting the financial side of your business, or even its policies, a frank discussion of the matter with your bank will help in its solution. It is a self evident fact that the better acquainted your bank becomes with you and your affairs, the better able it will be to render the kind of service you most need. To the end that this bank may become a helpful factor in your business, it invites your account.

**THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS**

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier      G. H. CONNELL, President      S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.  
C. HOGAN, Asst. Cashier      J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.

**MAKING IMPROVEMENTS**

H. F. Murray left this week for the 24 Ranch where he will be engaged several weeks in doing concrete work for Bert N. Brown. Mr. Brown recently moved to the Chalk Brown residence on the ranch and is now having substantial improvements made on the place.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry was in the city this week shaking hands with his many friends of Spur.

**Fords & Buicks**  
BACHELOR & GODFREY  
SPUR, TEXAS

There are twenty-eight chapters in the book, on such subjects as preparing the land, drainage, use of fertilizers, seed selection, live-stock, dairy farming, hog-raising, the silo, better corn, better cotton, farm book-keeping, landlord and tenant, and healthfulness on the farm. The book is now being printed. It will be ready for distribution in March, and will be sold at \$1.00 per copy, the proceeds being used to meet the expenses of the Congress.

Poet Hagins was in the city Saturday from his home in the Gilpin country and spent several hours here greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

**REMEMBERS TEXAS SPUR**

J. W. Denton, who has been working on the Tongue River Ranch the past year, called in last week and handed us three dollars for three years subscriptions to the Texas Spur which he is sending to S. P. Denton of Pickwick. Mr. Denton will hereafter be with the Geo. M. Williams surveying crew which will be employed for some time in cutting up ranch property. During the past several days the surveying crew has been camped at Spade tank.

I have bought the Auto Garage and prepared to do all kinds of auto repairing. Also have oil and gasoline for sale. I will appreciate your business in this line.—E. L. Clay. 5tf

Jim Perkins, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here greeting his friends and trading with Spur merchants.

Money—James Brown, of Matador, makes farm loans at 9 per cent. No commission to borrower. Money ready. 11-tf.

Mace Hunter came in Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

Al Sullivan, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday on business.

**CENTRAL MEAT MARKET**  
PERRY FITE, Proprietor  
Fresh and Cured Meats  
Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

**..J. P. SIMMONS..**  
Drayman and Agent for  
Pierce-Fordyce Oil Association  
Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed

**Murray Brothers...**  
YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work Why Not Now?

**AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEETS IN SPUR**

At the last meeting of the Dickens County Experiment Station Association, the members discussed the proposition of systematically producing pure, high class seed for planting purposes.

Every year first class seed are very scarce and highest prices must be paid for seed which carry a guarantee of purity. In fact very few varieties of absolutely pure seed are now obtainable at any price, in this state. It is the plan of the Association to begin growing pure seed for planting and for the market. This work has never been given much attention and the members of the association can quickly build a wide-spread reputation for the production of good seed which will create a strong demand and command the highest prices.

The seed will be grown under the supervision of a committee of the association, who certifies to the purity and high quality of the seed. The greatest care must be exercised in growing seed which are kept absolutely pure, and the assurance of the association regarding the quality of the seed will be a strong guarantee of their value.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Saturday, February 28, in the Dunn building on the east side. The presence of the entire membership is desired at this meeting, when plans for conducting this work will be perfected.

**NIGHT-WATCH APPOINTED**

At a meeting of citizens Friday night Jack Stephens was selected as the night-watchman to begin his duties the first day of February. Mr. Stephens will also act as City Marshal, the City Commissioners agreeing to appoint him as marshal in the place of Fred Hisey.



IN ALL THE WORLD  
THERE IS NO SHOE  
LIKE THE WHITE HOUSE

**Spring Footwear!!**

**THE NEW THINGS ARE HERE**

In Spring Pumps, Sandals, Oxfords and Tango Pumps. This latter style has the New Heel. Come in and look them over. Rubber Sole Oxfords in Tan and White. Plenty good styles in Mens, Ladies and Childrens.

IN THE FANCY AND STAPLE STYLES COME AND SEE WHAT CASH WILL DO HERE!!

**LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY**  
SPUR, TEXAS

**THE TEXAS SPUR HELPS SETTLE THE COUNTRY**

W. J. Stephenson and family recently moved to the Spur country from Arkansas, and while in the city Monday was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Stephenson said that he had been reading the Texas Spur and that as a result he has moved here, rented a place for this year and if at the end of that time he is pleased with the country he will make this his permanent home. He had the paper sent to V. W. Stephenson in Arkansas, stating that he was requested to tell us that the Texas Spur deserved a substantial pension for continuously boosting the country, and which is bringing results.

Some time ago we announced through this paper that we had organized a Literary Society—we repeat that announcement. We believe that to be a factor in school—realizing that the success in any school depends largely upon the hearty cooperation of the parents—we, therefore, ask you to come out and help us. It makes no difference whether you can take an active part or not, lend us your presence and you will thereby encourage and help us. Now come and help in this society. Girard will furnish us two debaters this term—J. P. and S. E. Boothe. That awful subject of Compulsory Education will be debated on Friday night, February 13, 1914.

Mrs. J. A. Swearingen returned last week to her home at Roaring Springs. She spent several days in the Gilpin settlement visiting relatives and friends.

Willie Hagins and sisters Misses Lillie and Hattie, made a trip to Jayton last Saturday and report a nice time.

J. T. and C. M. Carlisle and Willie Hagins made a visit to the F. E. & C. U. of Texas at Girard Monday night.

But look at the farmer who buys his supplies on twelve month's tick. At selling time he begins to kick. Because the goods that's to him lent. Have all been drawing fifty per cent.

Who of all men ought to be joined together in unity. Watching business day and night. Putting the trickery trust to flight.

Who ought to take and read the Texas Spur.

Give heed to every word and spell. That's written with a wise intent. And by the hand of an angel sent.—A School Chap.

**TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY**

In entering the race for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk, I wish to thank you for your support in the past, and if honored with the office again, I promise you the very best service possible for me to render, and in this connection I ask that every one who is in doubt as to my qualifications, to come in and investigate the records that I have kept for yourself. Don't take any body's word for it.

If you were in business and had a bookkeeper employed, one who understood your business and one who kept your books up in good shape and worked to your advantage, would you fire him and turn your business over to a new man at the same price?

No, you would not.

I am your County and District Clerk, your bookkeeper, your servant. You hired me to keep the books for the County and the longer I keep these books, the more experience I have, and the better qualified I am to give you proficient service. I have no political scheme or fad on which to make the race for re-election. I am making the race on my past record. The office is only a job, and I need the job. It is the only job that I have, and my home and all that I have is at the County site.

The following is from an attorney-at-law who most of you know.

Anson, Texas, July 9th, 1913.  
Hon. Crawford Cobb,  
Dickens, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend: I am in receipt of your favor of the 1st. inst, enclosing transcript in the case of T. C. Tripp vs The State of Texas on appeal from the County Court Court of Dickens County, and herewith enclose you formal receipt therefor. We will have the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals receipt you when we send in the transcript to him which will be within the 90 days from the adjournment of the term of court at which it was tried.

I think you deserve commendation for the manner in which this transcript has been prepared. I have been dealing with transcripts prepared in both criminal and civil cases for quite a number of years and have seen some pretty sorry ones and some very good ones, but I tell you frankly this one is the best one from every point considered that I have ever seen. The arrangement is good, the work is neat, the space between different instruments ample, the marginal work is neat and accurate, and the whole affair all that any one could wish.

With best wishes, I am, Your friend,—Chas. E. Coombes.

My announcement is subject to the action of the democratic primary and I will abide the wisdom of your honest decision. Your humble servant,—Crawford Cobb.

Jeff D. Harkey and family, of Dickens, were in the city Wednesday visiting friends and attending to business matters.

Good work mare for sale. Inquire of C. H. Senning at Spur Hardware Company. 14tf

**PREFERS SPUR COUNTRY TO ANY OTHER SECTION**

Uncle Wash Robertson came in Monday from the Afton country and spent some time here on business. While here he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Uncle Wash left here a year or two ago for New Mexico where he bought land with the intention of making his home. However, after a year he returned to the Spur country and will again make this his permanent home if he can sell his New Mexico farm. Uncle Wash Robertson is one of the very best men of the country and we are glad to know that he will continue to be a resident citizen of the Spur country.

**GILPIN HAPPENINGS**

Yes there is something happening here all the time.

Just think of it, Cecil Bennett made a trip to Soldier Mound Saturday, returning Sunday night. He reports a nice time.

Everybody enjoyed themselves at the singing Sunday night given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins.

Mrs. J. T. and C. M. Carlisle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins Sunday.

Mr. Elmer McClelland is making regular calls at Mr. Turner's here of late.

**FARMERS UNION SPEAKING DATES**

**N. N. Pope, State Lecturer and Organizer for the F. E. & C. U. of America, will deliver lectures at the following places:**

Girard, Monday, February 9th,	at 8 o'clock p. m.
Jayton, Tuesday, " 10th,	8 " p. m.
Center Point, Wed. " 11th,	8 " p. m.
Luzon, Thursday, " 12th,	8 " p. m.
Lower Red Mud, " 13th,	8 " p. m.
Duck Creek, " 16th,	8 " p. m.
Wichita School H. " 17th,	8 " p. m.
Afton School House " 18th,	8 " p. m.
Liberty, (Old) " 19th,	8 " p. m.
Dry Lake " 20th,	8 " p. m.
Spur, on streets, " 21st,	8 " p. m.

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