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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

## A NEWSPAPER

For the Homes of Dickens County, and the best advertising medium of this section of West Texas

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### MADE ONE BALE TO THE ACRE LAST YEAR

W. F. Shugart was here Saturday from his farm home six miles east of Spur and spent several hours here on business. He reports that his crops are doing nicely and that he suffered from the recent hails. Mr. Shugart is another one of the big farmers of the country and is this year cultivating several hundred acres of land to cotton and feed stuff. Last year Mr. Shugart made more than a bale of cotton to the acre on much of his land, and the whole crop came near averaging a bale to the acre. The time is coming when the farmer who fails to grow a bale of cotton to the acre in this country will be considered a poor farmer. With the proper preparation and cultivation the soil of the Spur country will produce as abundantly and in as great variety as any country, and this fact is being demonstrated each year.

### SPUR MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Thursday morning of last week at ten o'clock members of the Spur Masonic Lodge met at the lodge hall for the purpose of installing new officers. The following were installed in the various offices:

Geo. S. Link, W. M.; S. T. Clemmons, S. W.; J. B. Hardin, J. W.; M. E. Manning, Treasurer; Oscar Jackson, Secretary; L. T. Higginbotham, J. D.; E. C. Edmonds, S. D.; A. W. Springer, Tyler; P. H. Miller, and N. Q. Brannen, Stewards; W. S. Taylor, Chaplain.

The Spur lodge now has an enrollment of 60 members. The next meeting will be held on the last Thursday night on or before the last full moon in July, and a full attendance is desired at this time.



WALK OVER

### THE PANAMA EXPOSITION JUDGES AT SAN FRANCISCO

Have Awarded WALK-OVER Shoes THE GRAND PRIZE!!

This is the highest possible award and the greatest compliment that could be paid the world-famous shoes.

We are the local representatives of the manufacturers of this famous brand of Foot-Wear that has won, through merit, the confidence of critical people all over the world.

The Best in Mens Apparel Will Always be Found at This Place

Hogan & Patton  
"THE MAN'S STORE"

### HEAVY RAINS

A. S. Jackson, a leading citizen and former business man of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting friends. Mr. Jackson reports a heavy rain in Dickens and surrounding country Friday night of last week. The rain in Dickens amounted to one and one-half inches, the rain being accompanied by an electrical storm.

### BUMPER PROSPECTS

Fred O. McFall, a successful farmer and one of the leading citizens of the surrounding country, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday. He reports good rains the past week in his section and crops in ideal condition at this time and promising bumper yields again this fall.

Mrs. Mary A. Harvey was in the city Saturday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Childress where she is spending the summer. Later Mrs. Harvey will return to Amarillo where she is now making her home.

### MADE BIG FEED CROPS NOW FATTENING HOGS

W. M. Childress, of several miles northeast of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday, spending some time here on business and greeting his many friends. This year Mr. Childress made a big feed crop, averaging from one to two tons of maize and kafir corn to the acre. After selling a portion of his feed crop he is now fattening seventy five or one hundred head of hogs for the market on the surplus feed crop which could not be sold for the price. In this manner we are confident that he will realize a big price for his feed.

### PROSPERITY

S. W. Rather was here Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and reports everything progressing in the most satisfactory manner in that section. Every section of this country has had good rains recently, crops are fine, grass is good and cattle are fat and everybody expects one of the most prosperous years within the history of this country.

### OLD MINISTER

Rev. E. B. Featherston, of Aspermont, and a pioneer preacher of this western country, was in Spur last week visiting old time friends. Rev. Featherston preached in the settlements of Western Texas some fifty years ago and contributed much to the social, moral and religious progress of the country.

### BUYING MACHINERY

Editor Cooper, of the Girard Reporter, was in Spur Friday and Saturday on business. He is adding more machinery and better equipments to his printing plant and will hereafter publish a better paper. He is already publishing one of the very best newspapers of the country and deserves not only a liberal support but the hearty cooperation of the people of his town and community in the newspaper work.



### GENTLEMEN.

We want your attention. Now you can't afford to wear that heavy suit all summer, get one of our Palm Beaches or light weight specials. And that old straw hat is looking mighty yellow. We'd like to clothe you from head to foot. Marshall shoes means comfort, service and style. And one of our silk shirts will tone up your appearance more than you can imagine. Dress don't make a man, but it adds much to his appearance and often introduces him into positions he could not hope to reach if he had been slovenly in his dress.

"Its funny isn't it, everybody in our family is some kind of an animal?"

Some kind of animal Bobby? What do you mean?"

"Well", mother is "dear" you know!

Yes certainly. And my baby sister is mother's little lamb, I'm the kid and dad's the goat.

Bryant-Link Company.



### "That Sheepish Feeling"

that often comes from buying of catalog houses can be entirely eliminated by first visiting our store. That quality and class that is looked for in the city stores may be found right here in our dry goods department, where you can see the goods and know what you are buying.

We want your business, spend your cash with us, it improves your credit in case you should need a little extension sometime. Our cash business so far this year has doubled that of last year. There is a reason—the country is in a better condition and we are improving our merchandise and service.

"Mother", asked Tommy, is it correct to say that you water a horse when he is thirsty?"

"Yes dear", said his mother. "Well then," said Tommy picking up a saucer, "I'm going to milk the cat."

Bryant-Link Company.



Standing in our shoes and looking at the prospects for 1915 they are promising and we are sure everyone is optimistic, in fact there is no place in the wide world that a pessimist is wanted. If a real pessimist could get through the gates into the New Jerusalem he would complain that they didn't use asphalt in place of gold to pave the streets, and the whiteness of the pearl of which the gates were made would likely scare his team.

To us this is a great country and a great age and we are happy and thankful and optimistic. We believe in the country, and the people and are going to do all we can to scatter sunshine in the pathway of even a pessimist if he cares to come our way.

"Standing in our shoes You have a right to talk, And when you wear our Marshall's They will rest you when you walk."

Come on everybody wanted at our store next Saturday to drink ice water, talk about the crops and incidentally spend your surplus cash.

Bryant-Link Company.

### WILL BUILD \$2,500.00 RANCH HOME NEAR SPUR

J. B. Morrison let the contract this week for the construction of a two thousand five hundred dollar residence on his ranch property twelve miles southwest of Spur. The building contract was let to P. H. Miller and the carpenters will begin the construction work immediately.

When complete this ranch home will be one the most modern, convenient and handsome structures within the Spur country.

### DOES YOUR COW COME UP?

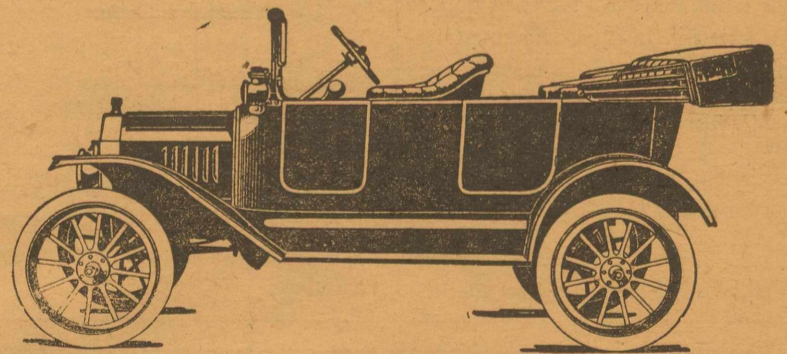
If not feed her Monarch Milk Maker and Bran and you will find her with her head over the fence at milking time.—Spur Grain & Coal Company.

### ONE BALE WILL BE AVERAGE CROP OF COUNTRY

W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Smith is another one of the farmers of this country who picked a bale of cotton to the acre from a considerable portion of his crop, and he now has prospects of doing the very same thing again this year. When more scientific methods of farming are more generally practiced in this country a bale of cotton to the acre will be generally recognized as the average crop production. There is no finer farming country in Texas than the great Spur country, and the homeless man who now fails to realize the conditions which prevail and neglects to secure a home will in the years to come pay the price of such neglect. The time is rapidly approaching when farm lands can not be purchased in this country for less than from fifty to one hundred dollars an acre.

### BIG CROPS OF GRAIN GROWING IN WEST TEXAS

C. F. Cates had his wheat crop threshed last week, the crop averaging fifteen bushels to the acre. Mr. Cates sowed his wheat for the purpose of grazing his cattle. After fattening his cattle he decided to see what the crop would do, and without any expectations of securing a harvest as above stated. Throughout this western country this year there will be more wheat and oats harvested than any other year within the history of farming in this section, and in every section the crops will harvest from fifteen to forty bushel to the acre.



An average cost of two cents a mile provides for operating and maintaining a Ford car. And "Ford After Service for Ford Owners" assures the continuous use of your car. In every contingency there's a Ford dealer near by, with a complete stock of parts.

Barring the unforeseen, every retail buyer of a new Ford car between August 1914 and August 1915, will receive from \$40 to \$60 as a share of the Ford Motor Company's profits.

Touring Car \$490; Runabout \$440; Town Car \$690; Coupelet \$750; Sedan \$975; f. o. b. Detroit with all equipment.

On display and sale by

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman.  
Spur, Texas

### CO-OPERATIVE MEETING TO BEGIN IN SPUR

A Co-Operative protracted meeting will begin in Spur July 4th. This promises to be one of the most interesting series of meetings ever held in Spur. Not only the membership of the various churches but the entire citizenship is invited to attend and participate in the meetings. Noted preachers and singers will conduct the services.

This meeting is being instituted along progressive lines and methods and it is expected to result in material religious benefit and progress.

People are expected to attend this meeting from every community of this whole territory and also from other sections.

### LOCAL FAMILIES SHIP OUT TO BUILD RAILWAY

J. T. Bond and A. O. Barnard, of near Girard, recently contracted for 5 miles of grade work on a new railroad being built in Kansas and will ship out for Lincoln, Kansas, Thursday of this week. Their families, J. A. Parks and wife, Arch Yandell and Ray George will go with them. They will ship 10 teams, several drag and wheeler scrapers and full equipments. The job will last about six months. Mr. Bond and family will drive through the country in a Ford automobile. They will leave their crops in charge of others.

### CHICKEN ROAST.

Wednesday evening a party composed of W. Neilon, wife, mother and sister of Wyley, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker and Miss Erma Baker, J. A. Koon and wife, Mrs. Smart, Miss Deliah Johnson, Carl Patton, W. F. Godfrey and B. D. Glasgow, went to Crow Springs near Dickens and enjoyed a "chicken roast" and other picnic perquisites.

Mr. Arthur, of near Dickens, was here Thursday with a load of nice peaches. He remembered and complimented the Texas Spur. An editor's life is not wholly without pleasing remembrances and kind considerations.

R. P. Chriswell was one of a party of gentlemen in Spur this week from Paducah for the purpose of submitting bids for the construction of two brick business houses in Spur.

Judge A. J. McClain and wife were in the city Wednesday from their home on Cat Fish.

N. A. Baker returned Wednesday from a business trip to Dallas.

### DICKENS COUNTY FAIR WILL MEET AND ORGANIZE

Every man who has subscribed for stock in the proposed Dickens County Fair organization is urged to attend a meeting of such stockholders to be held in Spur Thursday, July 8th, at two o'clock, in the directors room of the Spur National Bank.

At this meeting the organization will be perfected, all the officers elected and plans formulated in preparation for a fair this fall. Every man who owns a single share of the stock in this organization is expected to be present, participate in the meeting, help select the best officers and assist in every possible way to make the Dickens County Fair a grand success this fall.

### EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENT ON THE FARMERS GIN

J. E. Johnson returned Thursday from an extended trip to Eastern points for the purpose of beginning the improvements on the Farmers Gin. Another stand will be added to their equipments, a large warehouse will be built for storing seed cotton and other improvements will be made. When these improvements are completed the Farmers Gin will be one of the best equipped gins of the whole country.

### AUTO EXPERIENCES.

Fayette Springer, Charley Yates, Mack Brown and Leonard Joplin made a trip in an auto Sunday to Roaring Springs. While out they were caught in a hail storm and in the excitement experienced a breakdown. It is said that while thus stationary in the midst of the storm these young gentlemen engaged in the most consecrated and fervent singing and among the number one was sought to conduct devotional prayer services. After the storm and the car repaired another breakdown was incurred along the way and the party forced to make their way home in devious ways. It is said that these gentlemen have long contemplated an auto excursion for the pleasure of it and also to gain more knowledge of unrestrained autoing, and since an expense of some fifty dollars was incurred on this trip it is presumed they are now initiated to a certain extent.

J. C. Garrett, a leading citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur last week on business and greeting friends.

T. L. Cowsert and family, of the Girard country, were among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday.

## POLITICAL AGITATORS

POLITICIANS WHO CAPITALIZE STRIFE A MENACE TO GOVERNMENT.

Neglect of Agricultural and Industrial Opportunities a National Crime.

By Peter Radford.

There never was a time in the history of this nation when we needed statesmen more or agitators less than at the present moment. The opportunities now afforded us on land and sea demand the best there is in statecraft and the possibilities that are confronting us call for national issues that unite the people, build industry and expand trade. The agricultural and industrial development of this nation has suffered severely at the hands of agitators who have sent torpedoes crashing into the port side of business and whose neglect of the interests of the farmer makes them little less than political criminals. We want no more of these evil spirits to predominate in government. Too long their hysterical cry has sent a shiver down the spinal column of industry. Too long have the political agitators capitalized strife, pillaged progress and murdered opportunity. An industrial corpse is not a desirable thing, a crippled business an achievement or neglect an accomplishment about which any representative of the government has a right to boast.

Issues that Breed Agitators Should be Eliminated.

The political agitator must be eliminated from public life before thoughtful consideration can be given to a constructive program in government. The liquor question is the most prolific breeding ground for agitators and whether pro or anti, the hatch is equally as undesirable. This article is in no sense a discussion of the liquor question but deals solely and by way of illustration with the political products of that issue. Other subjects will be dealt with in the order of their importance.

In the history of our government the liquor issue has never produced a constructive statesman worth mentioning and it never will. It has sent more freaks to Congress, Lilliputians to the Senate and incompetents to office than any other political issue under the sun.

The recent experience of the English Parliament which lashed itself into a fury over the liquor question has a lesson that it is well for the farmers of this nation to observe; for the subject in some form or other is constantly before the public for solution and oftentimes to the exclusion of more important problems to the American plowmen.

Too Many Political Drunkards.

Lloyd-George, the Prohibition leader of Europe who led the prohibition fight in England, has declared that he will never again take a drink politically and there are many American politicians—pro and anti—who would render their country a service by climbing on the water wagon or signing a pledge of political temperance. Too often our legislative halls are turned into political bar-rooms and many of the members become intoxicated on liquor discussions. We have too many political drunkards—pro and anti—in our public affairs. No one who is a slave to the political liquor habit is quite so capable of dealing with the business affairs of government as the sober and industrious. We have few public men in this day who are strong enough to resist the temptation of strong drink politically and when the demon Rum once becomes firmly entrenched in the mind of a politician, he is less capable of meeting the demands for constructive statesmanship now confronting this nation.

We have in this country too many red-nosed politicians—both pro and anti. A candidate with political delirium tremens, a preacher with political snakes in his boots and an agitator drunk on the liquor question are the saddest sights in civilization and they should all be forced to take the political Keeley Cure.

It is far more important in government to make it easier for those who toil to eat than to make it more difficult for a few toppers to drink. There is not one person in one hundred of our rural population that ever touches liquor but we all eat three times a day.

J. B. Cole and wife and J. G. Cole, of Hico, are in the city visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace.



Um-m-m! That's Good!

You'll say it—the family will say it—company will say it; from the first sip to the last drop of ice tea made with

**White Swan Tea**

—makes the kind of ice tea that simply takes hold of you with its smooth deliciousness. Not strong, but full of body. Tea that is tea.

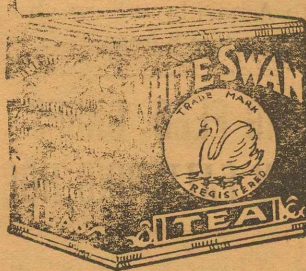
Most All Grocers

sell White Swan Tea—four sizes in air-tight tins—10c, 25c, 40c and 75c. Should your grocer be one of the very few who don't carry it, send us 75c for a pound—sent postpaid.

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### EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford.

Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the King."

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has

danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has plead with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter an European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Cooperation.



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to ask our advice on any business problem that confronts you.

It's our business to help you if we can, and every facility of Our Bank is

Always at Your Disposal

**The Spur National Bank**

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**IT NEEDS A DOCTOR--AND I'M THE ONE!**

My Operations are Quick, Thorough and Painless and produce Lasting Results. Bring your 'invalids' along and let me perform. It will not be in the "wheezing" class when it leaves my hospital.

**PROFESSIONAL FEES ARE VERY MODEST**

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**Eastside Barber Shop**

TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us



# CO-OPERATIVE MEETING AT SPUR

July 4th to 18th



Rev. J. T. BLOODWORTH  
*The Evangelist*  
A strong and forceful preacher



Mrs. J. T. BLOODWORTH  
*An enthusiastic personal work-  
er among Women and Children*



L. P. BLOODWORTH  
*Choir Director. Recommended  
by some of the leading churches*

HEAR THEM AT EACH SERVICE

*The Meeting will be a Success if All Co-operate*

## Two PURE Cinnamons— One strong, the other weak— Why?

Cinnamon is the bark of a tree. It gets its flavor from a volatile oil in the bark—the more of this oil the better and stronger the flavor.

The amount of oil varies according to the age of the tree, the soil, climate and the cultivation of the tree itself. Later, the handling of the bark must be such as to preserve the oil from evaporation, and finally the grinding must be so done that loss of oil will not occur during that process.

Thus you see that from the very start it is much more than purity that must be preserved for you—it is flavor and strength which can be lacking even in perfectly pure Cinnamon.

White Swan Cinnamon is made of high-grade, relatively high-priced and most carefully selected bark from young trees. In every step of handling and manufacture the greatest care is devoted to keeping the strength and flavor (the oil) intact. It is packed with the same care. We recommend it and guarantee its flavoring strength to be at least four times that of ordinary "pure cinnamon."

Ask your grocer—he can tell you what White Swan means to quality.



Waples-Platter Grocer Co.  
Wholesale Grocers  
TEXAS

P. H. Miller made a business trip this week to Peacock and Jayton where he spent several days.

Tom Dodson, Jr., of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and greeting friends.

## OLD TIMERS PROSPERING AND BUYING MORE LANDS

H. T. Garner was in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Garner recently purchased another one hundred and sixty acre tract of land adjoining his farm home three miles northeast of Spur from the Spur Farm Lands management. He will improve the land and have a considerable portion prepared for cultivation another year. A most encouraging feature to be considered by new comers and homeseekers is the fact that old timers here and men who have been farming with success in this country for years are now buying more land and adding to their present farm land holdings. The fact that farmers who have lived and prospered in this country during the past twenty years are now buying more farm lands should be conclusive evidence to the Eastern man that the Spur country will do to tie to as an agricultural proposition. The price of land will advance as the years advance, and those who take advantage of the conditions today will profit in the end.

L. N. Riter and wife and Mrs. P. H. Miller left Spur this week for an extended trip through the country in an auto. They will travel through New Mexico to El Paso and will probably be gone three weeks or a month.

Fresh bread is baked every day at the German Kitchen, there is none better. Try one loaf and you will always prefer the bread made in your home town. 32-tf.

## A SPUR BOOSTER

R. L. Collier left this week for Roswell and other points in New Mexico where he will spend some time buying hogs and cattle with which to supply the livestock market in this section. Mr. Collier is always alive to the needs and demands of the Spur livestock market and is always prepared to furnish buyers with what they desire.

W. O. Smith is now in the Standifer Hospital as the result of an operation for appendicitis which was performed last week. He is reported doing nicely and will soon be able to be removed to his home.

Miss Mable Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young, underwent an operation Thursday of last week at the Standifer Hospital, and we are glad to note that she is now reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jennings, of Wellington, Kansas, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Long, in the northwest part of Spur.

S. R. Bowman was in the city Saturday greeting friends and also to participate in the postoffice election held here that day.

Miss Ella Garner was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday, spending the day here with friends.

J. A. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday on business and greeting friends.

W. F. Markham was among the number in Spur last week from the Dry Lake community.

## Hosts of Friends

*are interested in the Pony Contest; all are working to the same end. Will you help some boy or girl win a much desired Prize?*

*The increased volume of business given to the Merchants in the Advertising Contest enables them to sell for less than others.*

Spur Hardware Co. Lyric Theatre  
Red Front Drug Store German Kitchen  
Hogan & Patton Midway Hotel  
Texas Spur Texas

## NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52 tf

W. J. Elliott came in Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home and spent some time here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

W. D. Thacker, a leading citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur the first of this week trading with the merchants.

Mrs. J. E. Morris returned the first of the week from Haskell where she spent a week or ten days with relatives and friends. Dr. Morris' mother returned home with Mrs. Morris and will spend some time in Spur.

Miss Nora Matthews, who has been manager of the millinery department of the Bryant-Link Company throughout this season, left this week for her home at Avoca.

Miss Simmons, of Commerce, is in the city on an extended visit with her brother, J. P. Simmons and wife.

The man who experiments comes back to Firestones. The man of experience sticks to Firestones. Graduate now into the experienced class who enjoy MOST MILES PER DOLLAR.

See the Firestone man and find out why you can get this extra service at average cost.

# Firestone

Automobile and Motorcycle Tires, Tubes and Accessories



Riter Hardware Company

**CLUB ENTERTAINED**

Mrs. C. H. Senning entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon of last week at her home in the city. Progressive forty-two was the entertaining feature and delightful refreshments consisting of Angel Food cake and ice cream were served. A number of guests were present and enjoyed the occasion.

R. J. Hairgrove was in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Hairgrove recently had his name added to our subscription list and we are glad to number him among the number of appreciated readers of the Texas Spur.

W. M. Randall came in Saturday from his farm home near Steel Hill. He reports that whole section in first-class shape with respect to growing crops and bumper crop prospects.

T. A. Randleman was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday from his farm home several miles southeast of town. He reports his crop doing nicely.

H. C. Draper, one of the most successful farmers and prosperous citizens of the Spur country, was in the city recently from his home a few miles west of town.

J. E. Cherry and family were visitors in the city Saturday from their home in the Steel Hill country.

Sam White was in the city this week from the ranch headquarters and spent some time here on business.

Neil and Bobbie Holman arrived in Spur the latter part of last week and are spending a few days here with friends. They report that Judge R. S. Holman and family have moved from Roswell to Lubbock where they are now temporarily making their home. We expect to note their return to Spur within the year and stand ready to extend them a hearty welcome back "home".

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake country, was among the large number of visitors to Spur Saturday. He reports the crops in the Dry Lake settlement doing as fine as could be expected and everybody expecting bumper harvests this fall.

Frank Smith was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Thursday morning of last week. He reports everything in the very finest shape in the Red Mud country and bumper yields expected from all crops this fall.

Mat Bingham, who is now doing fencing for the Matadors northwest of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

Dr. M. L. Pierce and wife are spending several weeks with relatives and friends at their former home in the Eastern part of the state.

J. P. Gibson was here Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill community.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

## Chas. Jaye, of Dickens

Handles Binder Twine and Machine Oil, Ice and Cold Drinks, Groceries, Notions and Enamelware, Confections, Tobacco and Cigars.

TRADE WITH HIM AND SAVE MONEY

## ..J. P. SIMMONS..

Drayman and Agent for Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n. Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed

### THE TEXAS SPUR LIST CONTINUES GROWING.

J. E. Berry, a leading citizen of Jayton, was in Spur last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having his name added to our growing subscription list. During the past several months we have added something near two hundred new names to the Texas Spur subscription list, and which is very gratifying and encouraging to us in our newspaper work. We want to send the paper to every home in this country, and while we are not in a position at this time to send a solicitor around to see each one, we doubly appreciate those who voluntarily call in and have their names placed on the list.

#### A COLD DRINK FOUNTAIN,

#### CIGARS, CANDIES, FRUITS!

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and All Kinds of Fruits and Nuts, including the best Pecans, Almonds and Walnuts. Call and see me.

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**Wyatt Taylor**  
SPUR, TEXAS  
Agent for Dickens, Kent and Stonewall Counties



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THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. AND TELEPHONE CO. DALLAS, TEXAS

J. N. Zumwalt was here Saturday from his farm and ranch home sixteen miles west of Spur. He reports everything in fine shape in that section at this time.

Miss Mae Wasson, formerly of the Gilpin country, and Fred G. Simpson were recently married at the home of the bride in Matador.

### There is a "Sleight"

Difference between our prices and others' quite pleasing to our satisfied patrons.



Don't "SLIGHT" our yard when in need of anything in our line.

P. H. Miller

J. E. Counts returned the first of the week from a trip to his farm in the Draper country. He reports a fine rain over that section Friday night of last week, and as a result everything is in the very finest shape with respect to bumper crop prospects at this time.

W. C. McArthur, one of the oldest citizens of this country, was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Tap country. We are glad to note that Mr. McArthur is apparently in good health.

Tol Merriman came in Saturday from his ranch home south of Spur and spent some time here on business, greeting friends and also to participate in the postoffice election held here that day.

Howard Campbell was in town Saturday from three or four miles southwest of Spur and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was here Saturday to attend the regular monthly meeting of the old ex-Confederate Soldiers of the John A. Green Camp of Dickens County.

W. S. Campbell has our thanks for another subscription to the Texas Spur, having the paper sent to his father, I. D. Campbell of Munday.

J. H. Reynolds, former postmaster at Dickens and one of the old timers of this section, was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday.

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**List of Lands and Lots Delinquent on March 31st, 1915---Continued**  
**For the Taxes for 1914 Only, in Dickens County**

Reported Under the Provisions of Section 10, Chapter 103, Laws of 1897

Name of Owner	LAND				TOWN OR CITY LOTS			STATE TAXES					COUNTY TAXES					TOTAL TAXES		
	Abst. No.	Certificate No.	Survey Number	Original Grantee	No. Acres Delinquent	City or Town	Lot	Block	Revenue	School	Pension	Poll	Penalty	Ad Valorem	Special	Poll	No. Dist.		Dist. School	Penalty
Unknown						Spur	17 39		.09	.15	.04		.03	.19	.22				.04	.76
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do						do	1 45		.19	.30	.07		.06	.38	.43				.08	1.51
do						do	2 45		.19	.30	.07		.06	.38	.43				.08	1.51
do						do	3 45		.19	.30	.07		.06	.38	.43				.08	1.51
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do						do	16 64		.04	.06	.01		.01	.07	.09				.02	.30
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Unknown						Dickens	4 49		.09	.15	.04		.03	.19	.22	1 .38	.08			1.18
do						do	1 55		.38	.60	.15		.11	.75	.87	1 1.50	.31			4.67
do						do	15 84		.25	.40	.10		.08	.50	.58	1 1.00	.21			3.12
do	971		A L Gates		75				.56	.90	.23		.17	1.13	1.30	5 .68	.31			5.28
do	982		J F Dowdy		80 1/2			1.04	1.66	.41		.31	2.07	2.41	11 4.15	.87				12.92

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 COUNTY OF DICKENS }

I, J. B. Conner, Tax Collector of said County do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of said County for the year 1914, are delinquent for the taxes of the year 1914 only, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.

J. B. CONNER, Tax Collector.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of May 1915.

CRAWEORD COBB, County Clerk Dickens County.

By M. Gay, Deputy.

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640 acres of the best farm land in this section of West Texas is offered at a low price for quick sale. Two sets good houses, lots, sheds, etc. For full information write or call on J. E. Counts, or

THE TEXAS SPUR

Spur, Texas

# 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, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

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Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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#### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Tuesday evening the members of the Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a picnic over the hill north of town. A sumptuous basket supper was spread on the ground and ice cream cones were served in the most liberal manner to both young and old. "Drop the handkerchief" was a game very much enjoyed, and pleasant conversation enlivened the occasion. On account of the threatening clouds the picnickers departed for their homes at an early hour.

Dr. Smith, of Crosbyton, was in Spur the latter part of last week, bringing over Mrs. Smith for an operation at the Standifer Hospital, the operation being successfully performed Friday morning. After the operation Dr. Smith made a trip through the country to Sweetwater and other points to spend a few days with old friends before returning to Crosbyton.

Miss Mary Copeland was a visitor in the city Saturday from her home east of Spur, she having recently returned from Tehecana where she has been attending school the past year. She will return about the first of September to reenter the school.

Mat Howell came in Friday morning from his home in the Cat Fish country and boarded the afternoon train for McAlistter, Oklahoma, in response to a message stating that his mother died at that point Thursday night. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of Mat Howell in extending sincere sympathy to him in this bereavement.

Will Walker was here Saturday from his home a few miles east of Spur. Mr. Walker was among the number who had to replant his cotton on account of damage by hail. However, he reports that his cotton and other crops are now doing nicely with the very finest prospects for bumper yields this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of Spur, were among the number of visitors in the city Saturday, spending some time here greeting friends and shopping with the merchants.

John Smith of the Cat Fish country, was among the many visitors in Spur Friday and Saturday of last week.

#### NOTICE.

Dr. W. G. Jarvis O. D., of Stamford, will be at the Red Front Drug Store in Spur Friday, July 23rd and Saturday morning, July 24th, and once each month in the future prepared to fit and repair glasses and do optical work of all kinds. Dr. Jarvis is a Graduate Optometrist and is thoroughly competent to handle any case entrusted to him. Stopping head aches and fitting the "hard to fit" a specialty. If you have head aches or are bothered by your eyes see him. Prices reasonable. Work guaranteed Examination free. 35 3

Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, of Peacock, accompanied by her father, G. H. Griffin, came to Spur last week and underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital, the operation being successful in every respect and Mrs. Fitzgerald is now reported recovering rapidly.

T. H. Tallant, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

## W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

R. M. Hamby and wife are in Truscott this week visiting relatives and friends and also looking after business matters in that section.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Cat Fish country, was among the visitors in Spur the latter part of last week.

#### DOUBLE WEDDING.

On Wednesday 12th at the home of J. H. Smith, one of our Motley county ranchmen, Mr. Charlie Applegate and Miss Mae Lawson, Mr. Sidney Smith and Miss Ruth Lawson were married in the presence of relatives, Rev. R. L. Jamerson officiating.

The brides are daughters of Mr. J. E. Lawson, one of Dickens county's best citizens and we are glad to have these girls come to our town.

Mr. Applegate is one of our enterprising townsmen and we congratulate him on his getting so good a helpmate and we feel that she is also to be congratulated in her decision of a life partner.

Mr. Smith is one of Motley's best citizens and we are glad to see a young man so ambitious and enterprising as he is to secure the helpmate he has to stay with him through the hard-ships that is not uncommon in the life of any man, as Miss Lawson is capable of being.—Roaring Springs Echo.

### Don't Work Single-Handed

Don't strive to build your fortune single-handed. Let the City National Bank help. Your success will follow upon the growth of your capital, its careful management, and the proper use of credit. This bank stands ready to aid you in building your cash and credit resources. In taking it into your plans you shorten the time in which your success will be built.

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# PRICE BOTTOM DROPS OUT!!

## PRICES LOWER IN PRE-INVENTORY SALE

We are now entering our Third Week of this Big Pre-Inventory Sale and Only 15 Days are Left of These Wonderful Price-Making Records

Best Grade in Dark Calicoes  
During the remainder of this sale, at only **4 1-2c**

8c Quality Staple Check Gingham  
Will be sold for fifteen days only, at **5c**

36 inch L L Brown Sheeting  
Only **5c**

Ladies White Canvas Baby Dolls  
During this sale, only **\$1.25**

Ladies Patent Leather Sandals  
Pre-Inventory price, only **\$1.69**

Mens Low Shoes at a saving in cash of 75c to  
\$1.00 per pair, at \$3.95, \$3.35 and **\$3.65**

Childrens Patent Leather Baby Dolls  
During this sale for **75c**

Very Best Fancy Table Oil Cloth  
Per Yard **15c**

Some Startling Money Savers Will be on Sale at Our Store Saturday!!  
Take Advantage of This Big Sale While it's On and Save Big Money

# LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

Price Makers SPUR, TEXAS Quality Givers

### RESULT OF POSTOFFICE ELECTION HELD IN SPUR

In response to the order of Congressman Stephens, of this District, an election was held in Spur Saturday, June 26th, for the purpose of selecting a postmaster to assume the duties of the Spur postoffice at the expiration of N. A. Baker's term, July 22nd, Mrs. Lela Evans being favored for the place by a large plurality of the votes.

There were 140 votes poled in the election as follows, there being six names printed on the ticket to be voted:

G. W. Scott, 11 votes; C. F. Cates, 22 votes; Geo. T. Barnes, 17 votes; Jas. F. Williams, 23 votes; Mrs. Lela Evans, 61 votes; R. L. Collier, 6 votes.

The returns of the election show that Mrs. Evans only lacked ten votes of receiving a majority over all candidates in the race, and in accord with Congressman Stephens' plan she will be recommended to President Wilson for the appointment as postmaster at Spur.

This campaign was one of the most warmly contested within the history of elections held in Spur, and a commendable feature was the fact that not one of the candidates nor a single individual participating in the election exhibited the least illfeeling nor indulged a word of vituperation or mud slinging, a friendly spirit prevailing throughout the campaign and the election.

At a consolation meeting held by the disappointed candidates,

and in stating their conclusions why they were defeated, the following reasons were given: Scott said he was defeated because he was running against a woman; Cates said he was "spit on"; Barnes stated that he could not run fast enough to get warmed up; Williams said he just couldn't get the votes and that he is glad he hadn't closed out his drug store; Collier said that the people just didn't want him for postmaster and that if the six men who did vote for him would meet him at the Red Front Drug Store he would go the treats, but that some evidence would have to be submitted since at least sixty voters had already confidentially told him that they voted for him in this election. Later Collier was heard enquiring the price of a ticket to Mexico, possibly in preparation to emigrate.

We congratulate Mrs. Evans in securing the nomination, and since each of the defeated candidates are our personal friends we extend to them our sincere condolence in their disappointment, and to Congressman Stephens we suggest that he recommend the creation of at least two more postoffices in Spur to supply the demand for political preferment.

#### DON'T FORGET

that millet will make good feed on that vacant field. Buy your seed from the Spur Grain & Coal Company.

Robt. T. Dopson was in the city Saturday from his home in the Dry Lake community.

### SEVERE WIND STORM IN THE CAT FISH COUNTRY

J. I. Greer came in Monday and reported that his section of the country was visited by a severe wind storm Sunday night, doing considerable damage in that immediate territory. On the Greer place a windmill was completely demolished and the top of a chicken house was carried away after withstanding the winds of many summers. Mr. Greer said that this was one of the most severe wind storms to visit his place since he first settled there more than twenty two years ago.

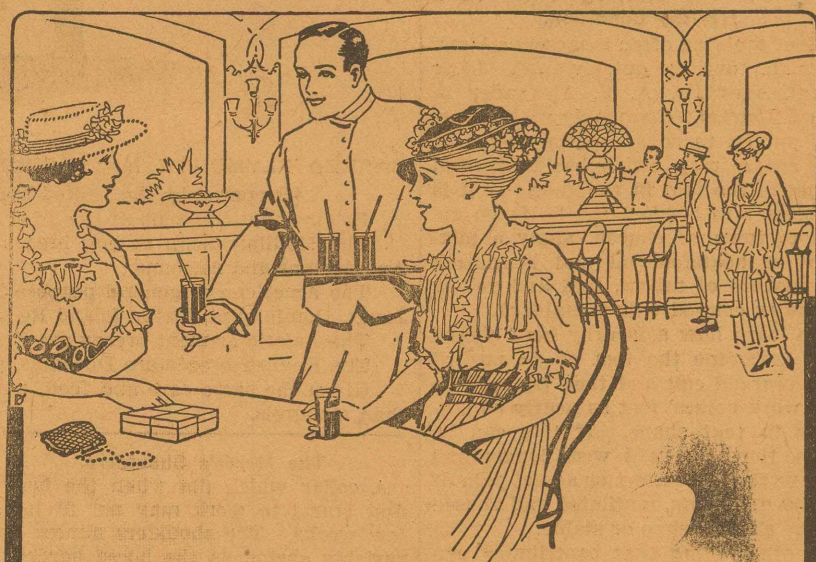
Mr. Greer was here to buy a new windmill and secure other material with which to repair the damage done on his place. While here he was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his sons, W. H. Greer and W. I. Greer at Chloride and Fairview, New Mexico.

#### NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-26t

We are sorry to note that Miss Jennie Shields has been quite sick the past week of inflammatory rheumatism. At this time, however, she is reported very much improved.

John Weathers was among the large number of visitors in Spur Saturday.



### Food through a Straw

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Marshall, Stamford, Tex.; and Ada, Okla.

# Following Fresh Farm Furrows

## FEEDING OF EWES

Rye and Blue Grass Form the Best Pasturage.

### USE GRAIN WHEN MARKETING.

This Helps to Fatten, but For the Animals Suckling Lambs It Was Found by Experts Unprofitable if the Ewes Were to Be Kept.

The feeding of ewes suckling lambs is a factor which materially affects the profit derived from the production of spring lambs. A circular just issued by the agricultural experiment station at the University of Missouri reports the work done with ewes suckling lambs fed on rye and blue grass pastures.

Ewes were placed in four lots. In one lot ewes received grain on rye pasture. Those in another lot received only rye pasture. In a third lot the ewes were fed grain on blue grass pasture, while those in lot 4 received only blue grass pasture. The grain for both ewes and lambs consisted of equal parts of crushed corn, oats, bran and rape.

The results show that the feeding of grain to ewes on rye and blue grass pasture was not profitable if the ewes were to be kept. If the ewes were to be marketed with the lambs the feeding of grain would have been profitable, because the ewes which did not receive grain became very thin and were not in condition to sell on the market, while those receiving grain maintained about the same condition of flesh throughout the experiment.

There was little difference in the efficiency of rye and blue grass pasture for ewes suckling lambs. In cases where grain was fed the ewes on blue grass had decidedly the advantage, while in the other two lots in which no grain was fed the rye had the advantage. The difference in each case was small. Rye will come a little earlier in the spring than blue grass, but will not afford as good a pasture in June as blue grass, because the rye heads, and the sheep do not like coarse, woody stems.

## CARE OF HORSES' HOOF.

Directions For Keeping Them in a Healthy Condition.

Hoof dressing often is merely a black varnish, drying quickly and doing harm, says Dr. A. S. Alexander in Farm Journal. Commonly such things are put on to cover up the marks of the coarse rasp which has been used to make the foot fit the shoe. If it is necessary to blacken the hoofs on going to town or church, apply a mixture of neatsfoot oil and lampblack or mixture of tallow, lard and yellow beeswax colored with lampblack.

To learn how a healthy hoof should look, examine the feet of an unshod two-year-old colt and then try to keep the work horses' feet as nearly as possible in that shape. If this can be done, the horse will wear longer and escape the discomfort or actual pain of contracted hoofs, mutilated and abused in the shoeing shop or stable.

Another thing that contributes materially to the welfare of the foot in after years of hard work is the admirable practice of bringing the colts up once a month, standing them upon a level floor, studying the hoof and then rasping the walls slightly to keep the foot trim and level. Train the feet in the way they should grow and they will not be so likely to depart from proper shape in adult years.

## Declaration of Independence Has Influenced Whole World

WHILE we celebrate on the 4th of each July the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, we perhaps do not reflect on the stupendous influence of that document on the world as a whole. It is safe to say that no political paper in all history has had so universal or radical an effect. Not only did its promulgation mark the beginning of the life of our own nation and not only was it the mother of the emancipation proclamation, but its advent started the wave of democracy and liberty now seen in every nation on the earth. Surely Americans have a right to be proud of a document that has literally inaugurated a new era of humanity.

Although it would hardly be within the truth to say that the Declaration of Independence had wrought all the marvelous political changes that have swept the world since July 4, 1776, it would be entirely within the truth to state that it has been the greatest single influence and therefore has the

### THE POULTRY YARD.

Few hens would ever steal their nests if they had a good, clean, well ventilated place to lay in the house.

Sour milk and buttermilk are well sold when given to the hens to be worked up into eggs.

Always remember that a warm, sunny morning is the best time to apply the grease remedy to a lot of lousy chicks.

Gapes develop in chicks between the ages of six and eight weeks and rarely ever in a bird after it is four months old.

Turkey eggs set in May should, with proper care, be turned into profitable carcasses for the holidays next winter.

A yearling hen with bright yellow legs may be put down as an ordinary layer. It is a noteworthy fact that with all the heavy layers the color of the leg becomes lighter as the hen grows older.

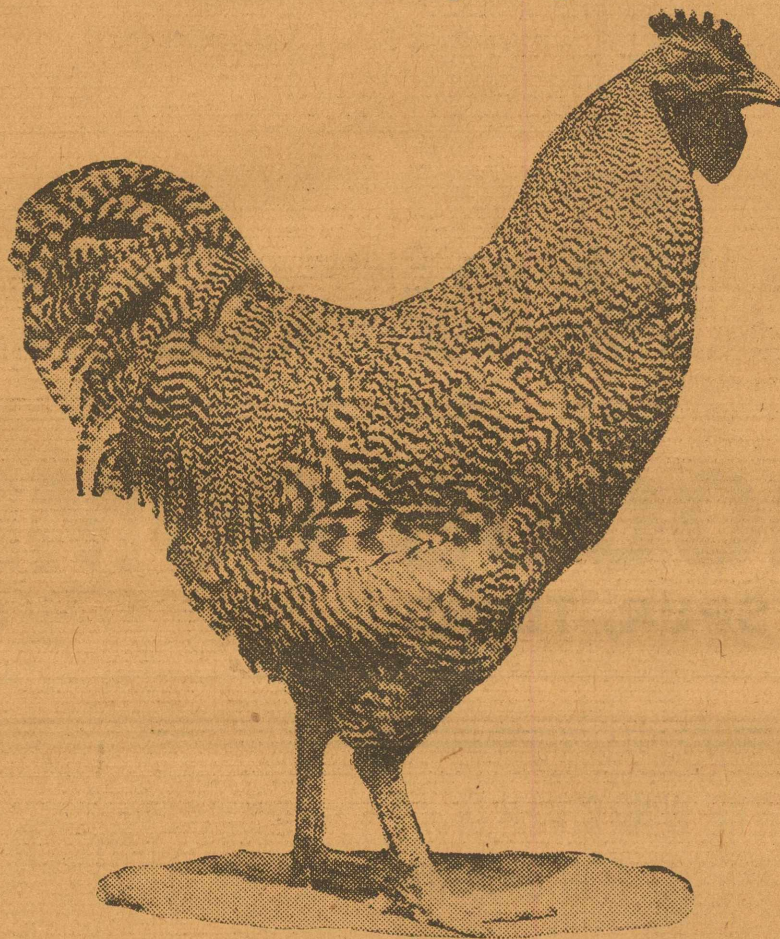
### TIMELY BEE HINTS.

If you have not done so already, by all means go over every colony and clip the wings of every laying queen, as this will enable you to hive automatically every swarm that may come out, and if properly done it in no sense injures the queen. Bent manicure scissors are the best instrument for this purpose.

If the tops of the combs of the brood nests are capped with nice white wax, indicating that new honey has been gathered, then place the surplus supers on without further delay. And where extracted honey is to be secured don't forget to put the queen's excluder boards between the brood nest and the extracting body, for the presence of unsealed brood in the extracting frames is annoying, to say the least.

Keep the grass and weeds away from the hives so that the returning heavily laden bees may not have to wend their way through a mass of weeds in order to reach their hives and store their hard earned sweets.

## Hints For Poultry Beginners



BARRED PLYMOUTH MALE BIRD, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT FLOCK.

[Prepared by the United States department of agriculture.]

Be sure that the male at the head of the flock is pure bred. The Mediterranean or egg breeds are Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Blue Andalusians and Anconas.

The American or general purpose breeds are Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Javas, Dominiques, Rhode Island Reds and Buckeyes.

The Asiatic or meat breeds are Brahmas, Cochins and Langshans. The English breeds are Dorkings, Orpingtons and Redcaps.

Given the same care and feed, pure bred fowls will make a greater profit than mongrels.

### The Horse's Shoulders.

A collar which fits when the horse first starts to work may not fit in a few weeks. The shoulders almost invariably shrink as the horse hardens. This makes it necessary to readjust the harness and the collar, or they will become so loose as to rub up and down and gall the shoulder. Working horses with one tug a little shorter than the other will often result in a sore shoulder. It is a splendid plan to wash the shoulders each evening in cold salt water. This not only cleanses the skin, but seems to harden it.

### Apparatus For Spraying.

For all sprays, when used on any considerable number of trees, some form of spraying apparatus will be necessary. A bucket pump or a knapsack pump, however, will be sufficient for low trees, ornamental hedges, etc. For orchards of some size a barrel pump will do more effective work, and for large commercial orchards a gasoline outfit may be desirable. Where only a tree or two are to be treated it is perfectly practicable to apply the wash on the limbs and branches with a brush. In such cases fish oil soap employed at the rate of two pounds to a gallon of water is an excellent insecticide.

the states of Europe either became republics or constitutional monarchies. Even Russia could not escape the universal wave of democracy. Last of all Turkey faces toward the sunrise and steps into the ranks of freedom. Poor Spain has tried several times to adopt republicanism, but the reactionary forces have been too strong and have held her till all of her colonies and most of her ancient glory have been swept away. Portugal is now a republic.

Following the example of the United States, all the Americas threw off the foreign yoke and became republics. Japan felt the new impulse, which has awakened China, which threw off the bonds which have held her for centuries and became a republic. South Africa experienced it, as she showed in her stubborn fight for freedom. And Australasia, touched by it, has the most enlightened and progressive governments in the world. Truly the Declaration of Independence has done its work, and the story is only half told. It will not be completed until there is a world republic and liberty comes to dwell among men forever.

# A Glance at Current Topics

### Machines to Fight Typhus.

New York, June 27.—The personal belongings of every man, woman and child in Serbia are to be disinfected in the effort to stamp out typhus, the disease that is at present killing more persons in that country than are the bullets of the enemy. This plan was announced by Dr. Leon L. Watters of this city, city chemist under Mayor Low and a former instructor in Columbia university and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Watters is the inventor of an apparatus for combating typhus, and the European governments have just appropriated \$150,000 for the purchase of his machines. An appropriation of \$25,000 by Serbia is available for immediate use.

The apparatus consists of a sterilizing chamber, a steam box, coal box and water reservoir. Each apparatus can disinfect the effects of fifty men at one charge, the work being done in less than thirty minutes. After sterilization the clothing comes out completely dry and can be worn at once. Each machine weighs 6,000 pounds and in a working day of ten hours can disinfect the effects of 1,000 persons. Seventy of these machines are going to Serbia.

### \$50,000 if He Becomes a Naval Cadet.

New York, June 29.—Frederick Martin Davies, member of the Stock Exchange firm of Davies, Thompson & Co., who died recently at 20 East Eighty-second street, left an estate of more than \$500,000. In a codicil to his will he provided that if his son, Frederick M. Davies, Jr., now eight years old, decided when he is old enough to go to college that he will take a course of training at the United States Naval academy, a trust fund of \$50,000 is to be set aside for him, the principal of which is to be paid over on his graduation or when he reaches twenty-five years of age. If he withdraws from the Naval academy before graduation his interest in the fund ceases.

### Protector of Our Interests in France.

Washington, June 28.—Although he has been in Paris since last September, William G. Sharp, American ambassador to France, has only recently secured a house in which to reside. The lease to the residence so long occupied by American ambassadors was given up before Mr. Sharp's arrival in Paris.

As representative of Uncle Sam to one of the belligerent nations Ambassador Sharp is called upon to solve many difficult and important problems. Matters of international import are constantly arising that call for the most careful consideration and adjustment.

When Mr. Sharp was appointed on June 12 to succeed Myron T. Herrick as ambassador to France, he was ranking member of the house committee on foreign affairs and had a general knowledge of international political affairs.

Like his predecessor, Ambassador Sharp is a native of Ohio. He was born in 1859 and has lived in Elyria



Photo by American Press Association. William G. Sharp, American Ambassador to France.

since boyhood. He was educated in the common schools and was graduated in law from the University of Michigan in 1881. He practiced law for a time and was made prosecuting attorney for his county. Soon the future ambassador gave up the practice of law and engaged in the manufacture of pig iron and chemicals, in which business he acquired a large fortune.

### Midshipmen Going to Pacific.

Washington, June 28.—The annual cruise of the midshipmen of the Naval academy at Annapolis is being made to the Pacific coast of the United States instead of to European waters, as is customary.

Under command of Rear Admiral Fuller, superintendent of the academy, the reserve battalions Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin left Annapolis June 6,

passed through the Panama canal and will spend July on the Pacific coast of the United States. The squadron will arrive at Annapolis on its return on Aug. 30.

### Stone Strong For Neutrality.

Washington, June 29.—As chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations Senator Stone of Missouri holds a position of great power in these troublous times of almost worldwide war. He is himself a pacifist and believes with most other citizens of the United States that there is little to be gained for a nation in subjecting international questions to the arbitrament



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of arms. In a recent statement anent the sinking of the Lusitania Senator Stone said, "We all want to avoid doing anything that would bring the country even to the verge of war."

### Nation to Sing Hymn July 4.

Philadelphia, June 28.—"The Star Spangled Banner" will be sung throughout the United States at noon on the Fourth of July as a result of the movement started by the committee which has arranged a national celebration of independence day.

Governors of all states and mayors of cities throughout the country have been requested to issue proclamations asking the people to join in the observance of this feature.

The executives of many states, Governor Goethals of the Panama canal zone and Governor Stone of Alaska already have approved the suggestion.

### Our Valuable Aid to Belgium.

London, June 29.—The American commission for relief in Belgium will have provided foodstuffs to the value of about \$65,000,000 for the Belgians by the middle of August. Charitable contributions from America will have amounted to about \$5,000,000 and from other quarters of the world approximately the same total. The great bulk of the food supplies, representing the remaining \$55,000,000, is being provided indirectly by the Belgian people themselves.

This is made possible by the elaborate financial machinery set up by the commission, enabling the Belgians to utilize their own energies and resources. Fully 75 per cent of the Belgian people are being supplied with food by the commission without recourse to charity. One result of the commission's operations is that bread is now cheaper in Belgium than in London.

When the commission was formed last October, under the chairmanship of Herbert Clark Hoover, it was estimated that the total imports required to keep the population of Belgium alive would amount in value to about \$50,000,000 before the next harvest. The rise in the price of foodstuffs increased the necessary amount to \$65,000,000.

### Wants Federal Volunteers.

New York, June 28.—Adjutant General Louis W. Stotesbury advocates the formation of a new body of citizen soldiery to be known as the Federal volunteers. These men, he says, could be under direct federal control and still retain their regular occupations.

"These men would be paid for the time they actually serve," he suggests. "They would be in the United States service and could be ordered around just like regulars, but they would not have to give up enough of their time to interfere with their occupations. They would be drilled at night as guardsmen are and officered by men from the regular army."

"A quick trained force of 300,000 men would be possible under these conditions. No matter how vigorous and enthusiastic American volunteers may be they are not soldiers unless they have passed through the guard or the regular enlistment. You cannot make trained soldiers inside of six months." [27 A]

**Items Over Dickens County**  
BY CORRESPONDENTS

**GILPIN**

P. E. Hagins made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Roy Thomas made a trip to Jayton one day last week.

Mrs. R. S. Boothe of near Girard spent a short time in Gilpin Tuesday.

Rev. Jackson, of Clairemont, filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Hon. A. J. Hagins, of near Jayton, was shaking hands among us last week.

Miss Lila Hagins, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is convalescent.

We are glad to note that Mrs. W. B. Bennett, who has been sick, is now able to visit among her friends.

Mrs. Wood Sheppard, of Weinert, visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. W. Bilberry, Wednesday.

Miss Lily Hagins received a box of ripe peaches by parcels post last Tuesday. It is not so bad to be sick when one has a friend like that.

Gilpin has had another fine rain, crops are growing nicely and the farmers are forging to the front. Prospects are excellent for a large feed crop.

The ice cream supper given by the Farmers Union Tuesday night of last week was largely attended and will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend.

Messrs. Willie Hagins, Cecil Bennett, L. Parnell, Mary Bennett, attended the ice cream supper at Mr. and Mrs. Dooley's near Girard Wednesday night. They report a pleasant time.

Top Hawkins, who is attending school at Hamlin, has received his diploma in short hand. We congratulate him on his success and hope that he will continue to go to school until he completes his education.

How many of us will profit by the editor's little talk on "boosting the home paper?" Few appreciate his efforts in behalf of our town and country as they should. Let us help our home paper in every way that we can. It is a duty we owe to our country.  
—A School Girl.

**THE ELIECTION CARRIES FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT**

In the election held in Spur last Thursday for the purpose of determining whether or not a property tax could be levied and collected to improve streets within the limits of the City of Spur, the vote was almost unanimous for the proposition. There were 31 votes polled, 27 for the tax and 4 against the tax.

The people of Spur are for progress and improvement first, last and all the time. Come to Spur.

**MIDWAY**

Crops are looking nice in our community now.

Hailing is the order of the day in this community.

Rosco Austin visited at W. W. Stegall's Wednesday.

A large crowd had dinner Sunday with Mrs. R. S. Holly

Almos Stegall took dinner with Ben Overstreet Sunday.

Lee Peters visited at the home of Wilburn Peters Sunday.

We had a real nice rain Sunday night in our community.

Mr. Burges and family visited at the Cargile home Sunday.

W. W. Stegall made a business trip to Afton Wednesday.

Miss Nora Blakley has returned home from a visit to Girard.

W. B. Arthur and family visited at W. W. Stegall's Sunday.

Rev. Hodge preached at Liberty Sunday morning and afternoon.

A large crowd of young folks visited the Browning Springs Sunday evening.

Lena and Georgia Stegall visited their little friend, Maydell Peters, Tuesday.

White Gipson, of Young county, is visiting relatives and friends in the Midway community.

Mrs. Nannie Peters and daughters, Lillian and Maydell, visited at W. W. Stegall's Thursday.

—A Little Girl From Gay Ridge.

**SPUR HOGS TOP THE FORT WORTH MARKET**

Tuesday of last week W. A. Johnson and other farmers of the Dry Lake community shipped two car loads of hogs to the Fort Worth market where they brought the top price paid for hogs during the week.

Mr. Johnson accompanied the shipment and said that in one car he had fifty nine high bred hogs which averaged a weight of two hundred sixty two pounds each, being sold for an average price of \$7.85 per hundred pounds. The second car had fifty four hogs, averaging two hundred fifty pounds each which sold for \$7.75

The two cars of hogs sold for more than two thousand dollars which amount will contribute much to the prosperity of the Dry Lake country.

Mr. Johnson has been raising hogs a number of years on his Dockum Stock Farm and says that where a man has a pasture and is prepared to handle hogs a good profit can be realized in the hog business in this country.

Sure Corn Cure—Will remove corn for 50c, bunyon for \$1. Satisfaction guaranteed. No cure, no pay.—L. G. Garrett. 28-7tp.

**A FIRE MARSHAL ORDINANCE.**

An ordinance creating the office of Fire Marshal, prescribing the duties thereof, providing for its maintenance, and prescribing penalties for violations.

Be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Spur, Texas.

SECTION 1. The office of Fire Marshal is hereby created. Such office shall be independent of other city departments, the Fire Marshal reporting directly to the Mayor and City Commission. Such office shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, by and with the consent of the City Commission immediately after this ordinance shall take effect. The said Fire Marshal shall be properly qualified for the duties of his office, and shall be removed only for cause. He shall receive an annual salary of \$240.00 (two hundred forty dollars) payable in monthly installments, as full compensation for his services.

SEC. 2. The Fire Marshal shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring within this city by which property has been destroyed or damaged, and shall especially make investigation as to whether such fire was the result of carelessness or design. Such investigation shall be begun within twenty-four hours, not including Sunday, of the occurrence of such fire. The Fire Marshal shall keep in his office a record of all fires, together with all facts, statistics and circumstances, including the origin of the fires and the amount of the loss, which may be determined by the investigation required by this ordinance.

SEC. 3. The Fire Marshal, when in his opinion further investigation is necessary, shall take or cause to be taken the testimony, on oath, of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts or to have means of knowledge in relation to the matter under investigation, and shall cause the same to be reduced to writing; and if he shall be of the opinion that there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with the crime of arson, or with the attempt to commit the crime of arson, or of conspiracy to defraud, or criminal conduct in connection with such fire, he shall cause such person to be lawfully arrested and charged with such offense or either of them, and shall furnish to the proper prosecuting attorney all such evidence, together with the names of witnesses and all of the information obtained by him, including a copy of all pertinent and material testimony taken in the case.

SEC. 4. The Fire Marshal shall have the power to summon witnesses before him to testify in relation to any matter which is by the provisions of this ordinance a subject of inquiry and investigation, and may require the production of any book, paper or document deemed pertinent thereto. The said Fire Marshal is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths and affirmations to any persons appearing as witnesses before him.

SEC. 5. Any witness who refuses to be sworn, or who refuses to appear or testify, or who disobeys any lawful order of said Fire Marshal, or who fails or refuses to produce any book, paper or document touching any matter under examination, or who is guilty of any contemptuous conduct during any of the proceedings of the Fire Marshal in the matter of said investigation or inquiry, after being summoned to give testimony in relation to any matter under investigation as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and it shall be the duty of the Fire Marshal to cause all such offenders to be prosecuted. Any person being convicted of any such misdemeanor shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Provided, however, that any person so convicted shall have the right of appeal.

SEC. 6. All investigations held by or under the direction of the Fire Marshal may, in his discretion, be private, and persons other than those required to be present may be excluded from the place where such investigation is held, and witnesses may be kept separate and apart from each other and not allowed to communicate with each other until they have been examined.

SEC. 7. The Fire Marshal shall have the authority at all times of day or night, when necessary, in the performance of the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this ordinance, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire has occurred, and other buildings or premises adjoining or near the same, which authority shall be exercised only with reason and good discretion.

SEC. 8. The Fire Marshal, upon complaint of any person having an interest in any building or property adjacent, and without any complaint, shall have a right at all reasonable hours, for the purpose of examination, to enter into and upon all buildings and premises within the city, and it shall be his duty, quarterly or more often, to enter upon and make, or cause to be entered upon and made, a thorough examination of all mercantile, manufacturing and public buildings, together with the premises belonging thereto. Whenever he shall find any building or other

structure which, for want of repair, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or for any cause, is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other buildings or property, or so occupied that fire would endanger persons or property therein, and whenever he shall find an improper or dangerous arrangement of stoves, ranges, furnaces or other heating appliances of any kind whatsoever, including chimneys, flues and pipes with which the same may be connected, or a dangerous arrangement of lighting devices or systems, or a dangerous or unlawful storage of explosives, compounds, petroleum, gasolene, kerosene, dangerous chemicals, vegetable products, ashes, combustible, inflammable and refuse materials or other conditions which may be dangerous in character or liable to cause or promote fire or create conditions dangerous to the firemen or occupants, he shall order the same to be removed or remedied, and such order shall be forthwith complied with by the owner or occupant of said building or premises. Provided, however, that if the said owner or occupant deems himself aggrieved by such order, he may, within five (5) days, appeal to the Mayor, who shall investigate the cause of the complaint and unless by his authority the order is revoked, such order shall remain in force and be forthwith complied with by said owner or occupant.

SEC. 9. Any owner or occupant of a building or other structure or premises, who shall keep or maintain the same when, for want of repair, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or for any cause, it is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger buildings or property of others, or is especially liable to fire and which is so occupied that fire would endanger other persons or their property therein, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00)

SEC. 10. Any owner or occupant of any building or other structure or premises, who shall keep or maintain the same with an improper arrangement of a stove, range, furnace, or other heating appliance of any kind whatever, including chimneys, flues, and pipes with which the same may be connected, so as to be dangerous in the matter of fire, or health, or safety of persons or property of others; or shall keep or maintain any building, other structure or premises with an improper arrangement of a lighting device or system, or with a storage of explosives, petroleum, gasolene, kerosene, chemicals, vegetable products, ashes, combustibles, inflammable materials, refuse, or with any other condition which shall be dangerous in character to the persons, health or property of others; or which shall be dangerous in the matter of promoting, augmenting or causing fires; or which shall create conditions dangerous to firemen, or occupants of such building, structure or premises other than the maintainer thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SEC. 11. No prosecution shall be brought under Sections 9 and 10 of this ordinance until the order provided for in Section 8 be given, and the party notified shall fail or refuse to comply with the same.

SEC. 12. The penalties provided for herein shall be recovered by the city in the same manner as provided by law for the enforcement of fines, forfeitures, and punishments for offenses against the city.

SEC. 13. Every day's maintenance of any of the conditions prohibited in any of the foregoing sections shall be a distinct and separate offense.

SEC. 14. All misdemeanors herein provided for shall be prosecuted, and all fines and forfeitures herein provided for shall be recovered and enforced, in the same manner as provided by law for the enforcement of fines, forfeitures, penalties and punishments for offenses generally against the city.

SEC. 15. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 16. Whereas, public safety demands the immediate passage of this ordinance, creating the office of Fire Marshal and empowering the said officer to discharge the duties herein set out, therefore an emergency exists demanding a suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read three several days, said rule is hereby suspended, and this ordinance is placed on its first reading and final passage, and shall be effective and in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 28th day of June 1915.  
F. W. Jennings,  
Mayor.

Attest:  
Oscar Jackson,  
City Secretary. 35-3t.

**FOR SALE.**

A 5 room bungalow, good well, cistern, sheds, lots and 6 acres fenced and in cultivation, 7 acres in all, also small orchard, 1 mile west of Spur. Consideration \$1,250.00, part down, balance in good notes.—J. E. Day, Grants, N. M. 27-6mo

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Dickens }

To the Sheriff or any constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Emmett Jackson, by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Fiftieth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Fiftieth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct Number 1 of Dickens County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, on the fourth Monday of June A. D. 1915, the same being the 28th day of June A. D. 1915, then and there to appear and answer a suit filed in said court on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 104, wherein the Hale Hardware Company, a firm composed of O. L. Hale and Fred I. Hale, are plaintiffs and Emmett Jackson is defendant, the nature of plaintiffs' demand being as follows; to wit: Suit upon a promissory note, dated May 30th 1914, for the sum of \$129.00, due November 1st 1914, executed by the said Emmett Jackson, delivered and payable to the Hale Hardware Company at Afton, Texas, and bearing ten percent interest per annum from date until paid, and providing that if said note is not paid when due to pay all costs necessary for collection, including ten per cent for Attorney's fees.

Herein fail not but, have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, in the town of Dickens, this 17th day of May A. D. 1915.

A. C. Hyatt,  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Dickens County, Texas. 34-4t.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Dickens }

To the Sheriff or any constable of Dickens County, Texas, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John Allen, W. D. Allen and W. D. Gary, by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then, in any newspaper published in the Fiftieth Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Fiftieth Judicial District, to appear at a regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct Number 1 of Dickens County, Texas, to be holden on the fourth Monday of June, A. D. 1915, the same being the 28th day of June, A. D. 1915, at the Court House of said County, in the town of Dickens, and then and there to appear and answer the suit of J. D. Harkey, Plaintiff, against John Allen, W. D. Allen and W. D. Gary, being numbered 107 on the docket of said court, and filed on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1915, the nature of plaintiff's demand being in substance as follows:

Being for the sum of \$18.00, being the value of rent cotton, converted to the use and benefit of and by the said defendants and belonging to the said plaintiff, without the consent of the said plaintiff.

Hearin fail not, but have before said court on the first day of next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, in the town of Dickens, this 24th day of May, 1915

A. C. Hyatt  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1 Dickens County, Texas. 34-4t

T. L. Higginbotham, wife, son and daughter, formerly of Dublin, spent several days of this week in Spur with T. L. Higginbotham, Jr., and wife. From here they will go to Colorado to spend a vacation before settling in their new home at Abilene where they will reside in the future.

Randolph McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, while in the city Wednesday was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office to inspect our new printing press and watch it in operation.

J. V. McCormick and family, of Afton, were in Spur and spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of J. E. Reams and family.

**ICE!**  
Witt Springer

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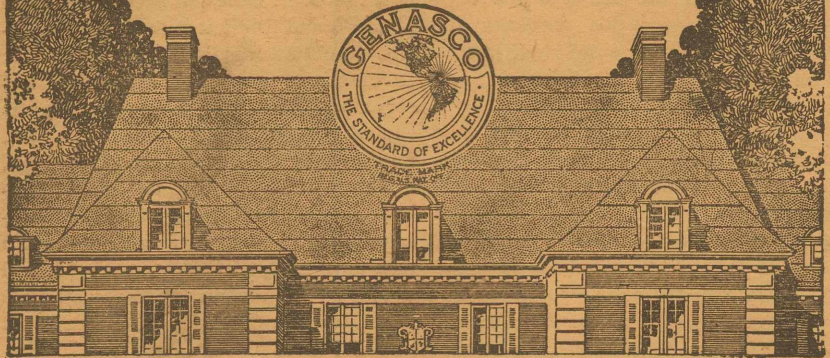
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We are ready to fill your order now.

**P. H. Miller, Spur, Tex.**



## SELLS BIG RANCH PROPERTY IN KENT COUNTY

Last week J. H. Latham, of Dublin, sold his ranch property in Kent county to H. W. Kuteman of Weatherford. The property represents about all the land held by Mr. Latham in that county and comprises something over 22,000 acres. The consideration was for cash, which amounts to about \$200,000.

The cattle and other livestock which stocked the ranch were not included in the deal to Mr. Kuteman, but were sold on the market by Mr. Latham at the same time.

### TRIP THROUGH COLORADO.

C. W. Lowery, Ned Hogan and Roy Johns returned the first of the week from an auto trip through Colorado, including Denver, Pike's Peak and other noted resorts of that country. They not only climbed Pike's Peak where the snow was eight or ten feet deep but went through the great steel works of the Carnegie corporation where they spent several hours witnessing the processes of manufacturing from crude iron ore the finished railroad railings, bolts, nuts, etc. They relate most interesting sights and a trip well worth the time and expense incurred.

### BIG FRUIT CROP

T. A. Smith was in town Saturday from his place in the Red Mud country selling peaches, apples and other fruit from his orchard. He says that his fruit crop this year is exceptionally fine and he expects to realize no inconsiderable sum from the sale of his orchard products this year.

W. F. Walker of a mile or two southeast of Spur, came in Saturday to participate in the election and also look after other business matters. He reports his crops doing nicely and he expects big yields this fall both in feed and cotton crops.

J. M. Foster was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home on Croton, spending the day here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

## THE STANDIFER HOSPITAL GAINS WIDE REPUTATION

The fact that the Standifer Hospital of Spur is recognized as not only a superior surgical institution and one of the most successful but one of the most favored institutions of this character within the whole country is evidenced by the large number of operations and the number of patients constantly in the hospital.

At the present time there are fourteen patients in the hospital, among whom are Mrs. Lewis of the Red Mud country, Mrs. Henry Craig of Truscott, Mrs. A. M. Burton of Steel Hill, Mrs. Winnie Smith of Garza county, Mrs. Andrew Wooten of McAdoo, Mrs. Smith of Crosbyton, Mrs. Jones of Crosby county, Mrs. Mat Bingham of near Girard, Mrs. John Gibson of Paducah and a sister of White Moore of Spur, Mrs. Fitzgerald of Peacock, Miss Mable Young of Spur, Walter Smith of Spur, Virgil Craig a four year old boy of Truscott who was operated on for a club foot, and a son of Tol Merriam of near Spur who underwent an operation Thursday of this week.

Dr. Standifer has performed one hundred and sixteen operations since a single case was lost, and at no time since the Standifer Hospital was established has a single case been lost as a direct result of an operation, there having been a total number of nine hundred seventy seven surgical operations performed within the history of the institution.

The Standifer Hospital is not only well equipped for modern surgery but Dr. Standifer is recognized throughout the country as one of the best and the most successful surgeons of the Lone Star State.

Sherrod Williams returned to his home in Spur last week from Baylor University where he was among the number who graduated at the closing of this term.

Judge O. S. Ferguson came over from Dickens Saturday and spent the day here greeting friends.

J. I. Greer was here Saturday from the Cat Fish country and spent several hours here greeting friends.

## THE SPUR CONCERT BAND PREPARING FOR CONTEST

The Spur Concert Band, under the leadership of R. G. Rogers, has been practicing and making special preparation to enter the band contest at Post July 5 h, and will give a concert Friday night at the Methodist tabernacle for the purpose of exhibiting their musical ability and also to secure funds for the benefit of the band.

Fourteen automobiles, bearing the band membership and other Spur boosters, will leave Spur Sunday for Post. Each car will carry a handsome and attractive "Spur streamer" and each individual will wear a "Spur" badge. The band membership will wear a white duck uniform with white caps, and will go to Post with the intention of bringing back the first prize money offered to bands entering the contest.

The Spur band is one of the best amateur bands ever organized in Western Texas and is so recognized by all who have heard them play. We have not the least doubt but that they will return from Post as the recognized champion band of the South Plains country.

Chalk Brown and wife and E. E. Kutch, of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, were visitors in spur the latter part of last week.

*Before you go away Better come to see us*



Mosquitoes and flies are no longer a joke. They live in swamps and foul places and feed on poisoned decaying matter. When they do get a whack at a real healthy person they are apt to cause contagion. So the thing to do is to PREVENT contagion. Come to us and get the things to do this. We can help you.

## Red Front Drug Store

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Just because you are feeling the ill effects of a torpid liver is no excuse for buying a harmful medicine that has brought physical decay to thousands. Calomel is dangerous and as everyone knows has very disagreeable and weakening after effects. Medical science has found a natural, vegetable remedy, GRIGSBY'S LIV-VER-LAX that thoroughly cleanses the liver and bowels without causing any bad feeling. Children can take it with perfect safety. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. None genuine without the likeness and signature of L. K. Grigsby. For sale by Spur Drug Co.

## NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company, to be held Wednesday, September 1st, 1915, for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to issue bonds, etc.

To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of June, 1915, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the Stockholders of said Company to be held on Wednesday, September 1, 1915, at offices of the Company at Crosbyton, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company to issue bonds thereunder to an amount and for a period to be fixed by the Stockholders at said meeting; and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds; and to obtain the authority of said Commission to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this June 16th, 1915, at Crosbyton, Texas.

(SEAL) W. R. LOTSPEICH,  
34-2mo. Secretary.

W. M. Austin, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday greeting friends.

## WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT GREAT FRUIT SECTION

Ed Hulse, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday marketing berries grown this year in his orchard and vineyard. He reports an abundant crop of fruit and berries this year. Each year the Spur country is becoming a more noted and more generally recognized fruit producing section, and the day is coming when this section will be recognized as one among the biggest fruit growing sections of the Lone Star State. Come to the Spur country.

### FREE

with each sack of Bran a 25c Medicated Salt Brick. I am not charging more for bran—but I am reducing the price to \$1.60 per 100 pounds. Monarch Milk Maker \$1.40.—Spur Grain & Coal Company. 34.

Mrs. McMahan, with her Sunday School class, enjoyed a picnic Tuesday afternoon near Spur. Various games were enjoyed and ice cream was served in abundance.

J. A. Murchison came in Tuesday from his farm home in the Draper country to attend a lodge meeting and also on other business.

Towns Taylor came in Monday from the 24-Ranch in Kent county on account of having one of his fingers mashed in a feed crusher.

Paul Draper was in the city the first of this week greeting his many friends after an absence of several months.

Miss Neilon, of Abilene, is in the city this week visiting at the home of her brother, W. Neilon.

Dock Ellis was in the city the latter part of last week from his ranch home in Kent county.



## The Charm of Youth

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