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A NEWSPAPER

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

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A NATIONWIDE NEWS-PAPER CAMPAIGN

But the mail order houses go right along doing more and more business just the same and notwithstanding. They now are planning on a nationwide newspaper campaign to follow up their catalogue business. Business men cuss them and try various and divers means of attacking them. But abusing the mail order house never is an argument. Saying mean things about them is making them friends. Talking about supporting home industry doesn't get very far because the average business man who talks about patronizing home business usually buys more or less of his own personal necessities some where else. There is only one way to compete with the mail order house and that is to do business the way he does it. Don't ask for sympathy because you carry lots of bad accounts on your books. Don't complain about his prices when you can meet them. Meet them and let your public know you can meet them. Do your advertising and do it more efficiently than he does. His once a year catalogue isn't in it with your regular announcements of prices. We are not suggesting that you run one big advertisement for a week or anything like that. But make your advertising valuable by its attractiveness, its continuity and the plain statements of goods and prices. —Houghton Gazette.

There are business men in Spur who are competing with the mail order concerns every day in the week. There have been instances where a Spur business concern has sold to customers at mail order prices directly from the catalogue. Others can do the same and make a profit on such sales. The greatest trouble, and one which encourages further mail order buying, is the fact that local merchants do not generally pay as much attention to the advertising end of their businesses as the mail order concern. Advertising is the only means through which mail order sales are made, and the mail order concerns study and push that end of their business regardless of all other business considerations. When local merchants fully realize that advertising is the real life of business then the mail order business will be cut down in this country. There are business men here who realize this fact and are now getting a big percent of the cash trade, yet only two or three local merchants can not hope to compete with the millions of dollars spent in advertising by the mail order concerns. If every merchant in every town in the country would join in a systematically organized advertising campaign it would require only a short time to put the mail order concerns out of business in this section of country.

Again we say that the local merchants of Spur can compete with the mail order houses by selling better goods at cheaper prices of standard brands and makes, but the great trouble is

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RANCHMEN GIVE NOTICE TO ALL TRESSPASSERS

Notices to hunters, trappers and all tresspassers are being published each week in the Texas Spur by the ranchmen of the country, including Bert N. Brown of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, Sam White of the Spur Ranch, I. R. Powell of the Half Circle S Ranch, W. R. Stafford and J. P. Goen of Dickens county. All of these men are broad gauged and liberal and in no instance is one of them "ticky" in any particular, and in posting their pastures they do so with the intention of protecting their property against damage by tresspassers. There are those who will breakdown fences in hunting and probably shoot into a bunch of cattle without regard or respect to the owner and his wishes in the premises, and the man who thus disregards the rights of ownership and disrespects the privileges of ranchmen and large landholders should suffer the penalty of the law. We call the attention of all readers to these notices and we hope that the rights of these ranchmen and citizens will be respected on every occasion.

RESIDENCE NEARLY COMPLETED

R. C. Forbis came in one day last week from his ranch home in the north part of the county and spent some time here on business. His residence in Spur is now nearing completion and Mr. Forbis and family expect to move here as soon as possible for the benefit of the Spur Schools.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Preaching at the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. by Presiding Elder B. W. Dodson. On Monday at 10:30 a. m. the Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held at the Spur Church. —Ed E. White.

BUYS SPUR FARM AND WILL LOCATE HERE

W. F. Baber, of Winsboro, was in Spur last week and while here purchased the W. S. Dunn farm on Duck Creek just east of Spur. He also purchased a twenty acre block of land adjoining Spur. Later Mr. Baber and family will move to Spur and make this their future home. Mr. Baber is a substantial citizen and we are glad to see he and family become resident citizens of the town and country.

SOLD HIS PLACE

Lige Cooper, of the Afton country, was in Spur last week and reported that he had sold out, lock-stock-and-barrel, and is now foot-loose in the country. While he did not say so, yet we are confident that he will again soon get another foothold in this country and become permanently located in the future.

BUMPER CROP.

W. P. T. Smith, of seven or eight miles west of Spur, was among the number in Spur Saturday. He reports his crops doing fine and he expects to secure bumper crops again this fall.



While enjoying the fair by watching the races, seeing the games and exhibits of various kinds don't forget that winter is coming and that you could find no better time than now to replenish your winter wardrobe and than there is no better place than Bryant-Link Company to find the new, snappy items of merchandise that you are looking for. See our line of Ladies Coats \$3 to \$65, we have arranged to suit every purse. Ladies' Suits \$5 to \$35. Ladies' Dresses \$1 to \$20. The biggest line of Middy Blouses you have ever seen in Spur 65c to \$1. Tams to suit all the folks from grandma down. Skirts; we don't take our hats off to anybody when it comes to our \$5 line. They have the style, fit and quality and are as good as the average \$7.50 line.

If you are of the Missouri type all we ask is a chance to show you. We have so many new things we can't tell you about all of them. Miss Mathews has filled her department full of the newest creations in millinery. Right from New York, Chicago, and Saint Louis, and invites all fair visitors of the fair sex to give her a fair chance to show the biggest and snappiest line of hats we have ever been able to show. The place: Bryant-Link Company.

Now we want you all to have a real good time at the fair, drink red lemonade, ride the merry-go-round and buy you a toy balloon. and the good time will follow. Visit our booth, we will have a place for you to rest, between drinks (Red Lemonade).

An old darkey came to town with a load of chickens, stopped on the square and was seeking a market for them when some bystanders noticed the chickens fighting fiercely and asked the old darkey what caused them to fight so. His answer was: "I dunno less its kase dey was hatched in a hincubator and didn't hab the 'finement influence ob a mudders care."

People who are not thankful for the conditions that exist in this country now remind us of the negroe's chickens. Let us all be optimists and thank God for 1915. And do all we can to help those we meet each day. We want your business. Bryant-Link Company.

DIVERSIFIED FARMER.

Ed Hulse, of several miles west of Spur, was here Saturday and reports everything in his section in the very finest shape at this time. Mr. Hulse is one of the most successful farmers of the country, and one who devotes his time and labor to diversified farming. On his place each year he raises large crops of peanuts and feed stuff and some cotton.

GOOD PRICE FOR COTTON BY SYSTEMATIC SELLING

Throughout this Western country cotton has been selling on the local markets for from nine and a half to ten and a half cents a pound, and cotton seed has been selling at from twenty to twenty four dollars a ton. There is no question but that good prices will be maintained throughout the fall season provided the farmers will make use of the warehouses and are in a position to hold cotton to prevent crowding the market.

This year the Federal Government is proposing to advance money to the banks of the country in such a manner as to permit them to loan money to the farmers at an interest rate of six per cent or less, and thus place individual farmers in a position to get money on their cotton for immediate needs and at the same time hold their cotton in the local warehouse for a higher price or to prevent crowding the market.

Spur has a warehouse which has been turned over to the farmers for their use free of cost, and if it be necessary we would like to see this warehouse fill up with cotton to maintain a price of not less than ten cents. Considering the existing conditions throughout the cotton states, those in a position to know, predict that a price of not less than twelve cents can be maintained by systematic marketing throughout the country.

Considering the decreased acreage in cotton, the loss in other sections by boll weevils and other pests, together with the demand for cotton by European countries and the price these warring countries are willing to pay to secure the staple, if we had any cotton we would hold it for a price of not less than twelve cents.

BEST FIXED COUNTRY WITHIN THE STATE

J. E. Counts returned the first of the week from his farm in the Draper country where he spent several days. He reports the crops in that country turning out bumper harvests, especially with respect to the feed crops now being harvested. If the market price of fed and cotton can be maintained to a legitimate, standard price throughout the fall the Spur country will be one of the best fixed sections of country within the state of Texas.

A NEW CITIZEN

F. A. Bird, who recently moved with his family to Spur and will become a permanent citizen of the country, had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list last week. We welcome Mr. Bird and family as citizens and are very glad to number him among the Texas Spur readers.

HERE ON BUSINESS.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was among the number of visitors in Spur last week from Dickens, spending some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters.

THE FAIR IS NOW IN FULL BLAST AT SPUR

The first annual fair of the Dickens County Fair Association will begin Thursday morning according to the regular schedule. At a called meeting of the stockholders and directors held Wednesday morning it was decided by a majority vote of those present that the fair should open Thursday morning, notwithstanding the rainy weather, and that the fair be continued throughout Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, thus continuing the fair three days longer than has heretofore been advertised.

This extension and continuance of the fair for the three days more than was advertised was because of the rainy and uninviting weather at the beginning of the fair. The fair management has gone to no inconsiderable expense in securing exhibits of livestock and farm products which include every class and variety within the country, and in securing amusements, including the Parker Amusement Company, aeroplane flights for each day, shows of all kinds including vaudeville, hypodrome, The West Texas Riding Concert, moving pictures, base ball games, foot ball game, and various and sundry other concessions and amusements for the entertainment of the old as well as the young people.

Suitable programs have been arranged for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The program for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be arranged later. The program for each of the six days of the fair will be interesting and worth coming to see. The Spur Band will furnish music throughout each day of the fair.

On the grounds and ready for the opening are as fine exhibits of farm products of every character as can be seen at the Dallas fair or any other fair, every pen and every stall on the ground is full and can show as fine horses, cattle, hogs and other livestock as any fair in Texas. The poultry exhibit will show as fine chickens as were ever hatched in any country. The art and culinary departments will be extensive and worth seeing. In fact the large and exceptionally fine collection of exhibits to be shown at this first annual fair is worth coming to see even though you are forced to come through the rain. In securing such an exhibit is the result of untiring effort on the part of the fair management and through the cooperation and assistance of the people of Dickens county, and all should feel proud of the showing made at the Dickens County Fair.

The fair grounds will be open Thursday morning to the public and you are invited to come and bring your neighbor with you and be with the thousands of people expected to be here each of the six days of the fair.

Remember the dates, beginning Thursday, September 23rd, and continuing through Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.



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KNOW THY STATE

THE SILOS' RELATION TO TEXAS AGRICULTURE.
By H. G. Harvey.



In discussing the possibilities of the silo in Texas, Mr. H. G. Harvey, who is the directing head of the Texas Kalamazoo Silo Company, at Fort Worth, said in part:

"During the last fifteen years the population of the United States has increased 12,000,000 but the production of beef animals has decreased 18,000,000 head in the same time. Cattle raising has dropped off in Texas to a greater extent than in any similar area of the United States, the reason is that most Texas farmers and stock raisers have been under the impression that grazing was necessary to the proper feeding of market cattle. It is not the case. The Texas farmer simply has not looked into the feeding question the way Northerners have. He merely took the position that cattle could not be profitably grazed in Texas, which was quite true and stopped at that.

By a proper feeding system the Texas farmer can produce better beef and at a lower figure than the Northern feeder can ever hope to attain.

The feeding of silage constitutes the proper system—it is self evident that the Northern farmers are raising beef and raising it profitably. Is it not a fact that there would be a good profit in it for the man who could raise beef for less than the Northern feeder and get just as much for it?

In Texas we have an advantage over the Northern farmer. We raise cotton. Cotton gives us seed and seed gives us the meal that is so greedily sought by the Northern feeder to feed with his silage.

There is not a farmer in Texas who cannot raise a better silo crop in the forepart of the season than any other crop he could produce, fill his silo with it and raise a succor crop on the same ground later in the year.

Silos would enable the farmers of Texas to fatten almost an unlimited number of cattle instead of limiting the herd as at present. He could feed his cattle through instead of selling them as he does now, getting little or nothing for them. Silos have proved invaluable in weaning calves. A calf can rustle through a hard time and live but he invariably shows the mark of his rustling in a stunted growth. Silage will make him a better steer and put dollars onto his frame that will return in welcome form.

Silos are the solution of the livestock problem in Texas just as it has proved to be in the North."

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Dickens County Fair

SPUR, TEXAS

PROGRAM

Thursday, September 23

- 9 a. m. Band procession from town to the Fair Grounds
- 10 a. m. Gates open
- 11 a. m. —Opening address C. A. Jones

Afternoon

- 2:30 p. m. —Base Ball game called Albany vs Spur
- 5 p. m. Aeroplane flights

Friday, September 24

- 10 a. m. Horse races
- 11 a. m. Speaking by visitors of prominence

Afternoon

- 2:30 p. m. — Address to Old Confederates Elder B. W. Dodson
- 3:30 p. m. —Base Ball game Albany vs Spur
- 5 p. m. Aeroplane flight

Saturday, September 25

- 10 a. m. Baby Show at Grand Stand
- 11 a. m. —Base Ball game Albany vs Spur

Afternoon

- 2 p. m. —Foot Ball game Britton Training School, of Cisco, vs Stamford College, of Stamford.
- 5 p. m. Aeroplane flight

Band Concerts both morning and evening of each day

**IS CHEAP MONEY
A POSSIBILITY?**

EDITOR'S NOTE:—This is the first of a series of Articles on AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS prepared by Judge S. A. Lindsey, chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission.

I am to write a series of short articles relating to agricultural problems. In this one I shall show that it is possible for money to be had by Texas farmers on good land security at 6 per cent and on cotton at 5 per cent. It is only a question of arranging the security and taking down the bars which keep money from land securities.

All will agree that there is much money in the world to be had at 4 and 5 per cent if the security is satisfactory; that there is no better security than agricultural lands and cotton, if the land is good, well improved and kept in that condition, and the cotton is first-class staple, well ginned, baled, wrapped and dry, securely housed in a warehouse and insured.

If evidence is required here it is: All over Europe land security gets money at from 3 to 4 1/2 per cent. Money is not chained down in Europe and a difference of 1 per cent will bring it here provided the security is the kind that the investor is accustomed to.

In many Northern and Eastern states money is seeking investment in good land securities at 5 and 6 per cent. The cotton warehouse people in Memphis borrow money, all they want, at 4 per cent. I have seen apples 25 cents a bushel in Missouri and \$2 a bushel in Texas; peaches 40 cents a bushel in Texas and \$3.75 in Colorado. Why? For the same reason that money is 4 and 6 per cent in other states and countries and 8 and 10 per cent in Texas, which is that fruit growers and fruit consumers have no means of dealing directly with each other and the agencies that bring the two together take the difference.

Last summer while discussing the subject of rural credits with Messrs. Wolf and Cahill of London, the two best authorities in the world on the subject, one of them said: "Money talks to such only as understand its language. All one has to do to get cheap money is to learn to speak its language and go where it is. Money has no home affections. It hunts security and interest rate. The first thing one thinks of when contemplating rural credits is, where is the money to be obtained. This is an unwarranted uneasiness. Arrange the security so it speaks the language that money understands and it will come."

The other day a Texan giving testimony before the congressional committee having before it the subject of rural credits mentioned "vendor's lien notes"; the discussion that followed showed that congressmen, senators and financiers had never heard of a vendor's lien note. The only ones who understand the Texas vendor's lien security are Texans, and they would be foolish to lend money at 5 and 6 per cent when they can get 8 and 10 per cent. German money understands the meaning of Landshaffen debentures; Austrian money the bonds of the land mortgage banks and the French money the language of the credit Foncie. If we want German, Austrian or French money at their interest rates, or Eastern money at rates prevailing there, we must arrange our securities so they can speak the language of these monies.

In my next article I will tell how this may be done, I will also point to an abundance of cheap Texas money which would safely cross the barrier to the farms of Texas if we do not by law keep

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AN OLD TIMER

T. B. Cross, one of the oldest citizens of Kent county and one of the best fixed men of Western Texas, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here handed us a dollar to keep the Texas Spur coming to his address. Mr. Cross has extensive holdings in farm and ranch lands in Kent and Garza counties. He and his wife have had eleven children, all of whom are now prominent citizens of the country.

OLD SHOES.

Bring me your Men's old Shoes where the uppers are good and I will buy them.—A. C. Lewis.

The best three-section ranch in Dickens county for sale. I have a price that is attractive. Call and see me.—Jackson Realty Co.

Winter Turf Oats for sale by J. P. Koonsman, 5 miles east of Dickens. 45-2tp.

For Sale—Seed wheat, \$1 00 per bushel. See Mace Huner, three miles east of Spur. 1tp.

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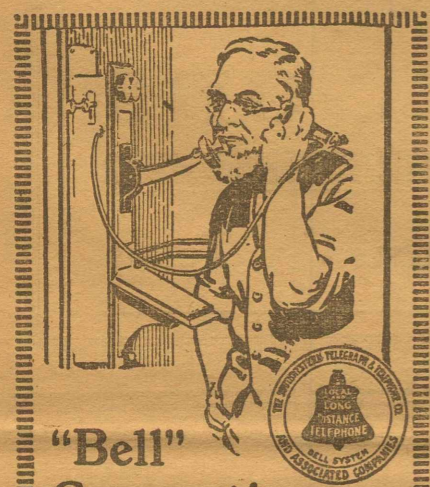
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C. A. JONES, VICE PRESIDENT JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASHIER

Miss Mary Copeland left Monday for Tehuacana where she will attend the college at that place another term. She had the Texas Spur follow her to that place to keep her informed of the happenings in Spur and this section of the country.



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- Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
- Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
- Never spend your money before you have earned it.
- Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.
- Pride costs more than hunger, thirst or cold.
- We seldom repent of having eaten too little.
- Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
- How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened.
- Take things always by the smooth handle.
- When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count ten hundred.

Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

Misses Boykin, Collins and Hensley and W. F. Godfrey spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster of the Croton country.

R. L. Collier returned the first of the week from Fort Worth and southern Texas where he spent several days in the interest of his livestock and other businesses. He carried a load of hogs to the Fort Worth market and secured a price of cents per pound.

J. R. Rogers, a leading citizen and extensive farmer and stockman of the Draper country, was among the many visitors in Spur the latter part of last week.

If there are any Black Essex hogs in this country we would be glad to hear from the owner. We will make it to their interests.

Chas. Cox and wife were in Spur several days last week with a view of locating here and making Spur their permanent home. Mr. Cox has been one of the immigration agents for the noted King ranch in south Texas and has been instrumental in selling thousands of acres of land on this ranch. His intentions are to engage in the real estate business at Spur.

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Mrs. Bert N. Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, is now on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

W. H. Birdwell, who recently, moved to this country from McLennan county and is now making his home on the former T. A. Smith place six miles south of Spur, was in the city Monday and called around and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list and for which he has our thanks.

Just Received

A Car of the Old Reliable

Newton Wagons and Trucks

Have a few Buggies at bargain prices. Let us figure with you.

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HIGHER BRED STOCK PAYS BETTER REVENUE

Both farmers and stockmen are coming to see the advantage of better beef and dairy cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and poultry. The well bred brings a better return than the scrub which costs about as much to grow. C. O. Keiser, of Canyon, Texas, sold a hundred range cows at \$125.00 a head last spring and the purchaser considered it a bargain. These cows had cost little more to raise than cows that sold for less than half the money.

There has never been the interest in better stock in Northwest Texas and Eastern New Mexico like at present. The various fairs recognize this and there will be much fine stock on exhibition. The railroads recognize the value of the fairs in the development of the territory they serve and have made the

fares to the shows very low.

This is essentially a stock growing and stock feeding country and the live stock departments in the fairs should appeal strongly to every progressive farmer and stock farmer.—A. M. Hove in Lubbock Avalanche.

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 owned by me.—W. R. Stafford. 47-3mp.

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You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, trapping, fishing, shooting or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures owned by me.—J. P. Goen. 47-3mp.

H. E. Grabener, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of several miles east of Spur, was among the visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Money! Money!! Money!!!

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A. K. HALL, Manager
Roaring, Springs, 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

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

J. R. McArthur, of Tap, was among the number of visitors here Saturday.

J. C. Sellman, of the Spur Ranch, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

J. A. Neighbors, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Monday on business.

Mrs. F. R. Harrington returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends at Vernon.

Harry Cates returned home last week from Canada where he has been the past several months.

J. C. Weir, of near Spur, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

J. A. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. Hindman and children returned the latter part of last week from Denton and other places where they have been visiting relatives the past month.

Mrs. W. C. Martin and Miss Lula returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in Georgia. They spent two months in that country and report a most enjoyable visit.

Tom McArthur was in the city Monday from his farm and ranch home near Tap.

John Weathers was among the number in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

Misses Deliah Johnson and Flora Love spent Saturday and Sunday at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairns, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, spent several days of this week at the Spur Inn.

J. P. Gibson was here Saturday from the Steel Hill community and spent some time in the city on business and shaking hands with his friends.

H. C. Allen, a leading citizen of the Dry Lake community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

L. G. Crabtree, a leading citizen of the Croton country, was a recent business visitor to Spur and spent some time here greeting friends.

E. R. Rorie came in Monday from the east ranch line camp and spent time some here on business and greeting friends.

Mrs. L. R. Barrett and children returned the latter part of last week from Montana where they have been visiting relatives the past two months.

L. C. McNeil came in the first of the week to be with us throughout the fair and will help entertain the crowds on the grounds.

A. Fry, a prominent citizen and ranchman of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur last week and spent some time here on business.

Rev. McClellan, who has been spending some time in Abilene, returned Monday to Spur and is now at his home with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlisle.

Conductor Keith is again on his run from Stamford to Spur after an absence of several weeks spent in Northern and Eastern states fishing, hunting and recuperating.

J. C. McNeill came in Monday from his Alamo Stock Farm about twenty miles west of Spur and spent the day here on business.

A. S. Jackson, a leading citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and shaking hands with friends.

E. L. Clay, who has been employed in Dickens the past several weeks, returned last week to Spur and will possibly remain in Spur during the fair.

George Greenwade was in the city the latter part of last week and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

J. E. Wright and W. T. Lovell, two leading citizens of the Draper country, were in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and on other business. They report everything moving along nicely in the Draper country and farmers now all busy with the feed crops and beginning to pick cotton.

TO THE TRADE.

I wish to correct a statement made in last week's paper, as to the grocery stores of Spur delivering goods.

First we take a great interest in our delivery service and we believe we have as prompt a service as can be had in this place. We certainly intend to keep it up to the requirements of our customers and if one car can't do the work we will put on another. We want to say that we make deliveries in 10 minutes after an order has been received and expect to continue to do so. Phone your orders at any time from the time store opens till dark and your goods will be there before you hardly realize it. Thanking you one and all for your former business and trusting we have merited your good will and a continuance of your most highly appreciated business, we are

Yours for quick service,
Sol Davis.

When you buy bread insist on getting Spur Baked Bread. We bake every day. The German Kitchen. We are for Spur and Spur Institutions. 39tf.

J. V. McCormick came down last week from Afton and spent some time in Spur on business in connection with his gin business in Afton. He is making preparations for a big ginning season by adding more machinery and better machinery to care the the cotton as it comes in.

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. 1-26.

Good Results

Are bound to follow upon a good understanding with a service-giving bank.

When you have 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 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.

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DICKENS COUNTY FAIR

WILL BE

Continued Three More Days

WHICH IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Beginning Thursday Sept. 23, Closing Sept. 28

THE THREE BIGGEST DAYS WILL BE

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Price of Admission Will be 25 cents for Adults and 15c for Children Over Six

Fruit and Ornamental Trees

I am now representing the Austin Nursery, and am prepared to furnish you with Berries, Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees of every variety. Hold your orders for me.

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

NATURE WARNS

Against Using Calomel.

The sickening, nauseating feeling that follows the use of calomel is the natural result of disarranging your entire system. Doctors everywhere are agreeing that the action of calomel is much too strong, and leaves the body sick and weakened.

LIV-VER-LAX is a wonderful substitute for calomel, that has all of its good effects and none of its bad ones. It acts soothingly but thoroughly on the liver, cleansing it of bile, and ridding the entire system of stagnating poisons.

LIV-VER-LAX is strictly a harmless vegetable compound, and is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be returned. Insist on the original, bearing the signature and likeness of L. K. Grigsby. For sale here at 50c and \$1.00 by Spur Drug Company.

LAND OWNERS ATTENTION

We have on file in the office of The Texas Spur an extensive list of names and addresses of prospective home-seekers such as have been compiled by the Emigration Department of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway Company. In addition to this, we have access to more than two thousand names and addresses wherein detailed information concerning each prospect is available.

If you have lands for sale, or land for rent, and desire to communicate with any of these inquirers the names and address will be furnished you free of cost by applying at this office.

Definite and detailed particulars as to the name, address, age, nationality, number in family, years at present address, number of live stock and general condition of all these prospects are also on file in the office of Mr. W. F. Sterley, general freight and passenger agent of the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. Co. at Denver-Record Building, Fort Worth, Texas, and such specific information concerning any particular prospective home-seeker may be obtained free of cost by enclosing self-addressed envelope to that office and making inquiry referring to the book number and applicant's number in the book.—Advt. 464

For Sale—Span mules, three and eight years old, both broke. Price \$250.00 and worth it.—W. J. Elliott.

Items Over Dickens County

BY CORRESPONDENTS

GILPIN

A nice little rain fell here Monday night which will do some good to the crops.

The farmers are busy gathering their crops, as cotton is now ready to gather.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sampson visited at Draper and Afton last week. Mr. Sampson was working in the interest of the Farmers Union.

A new baby visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett on Thursday the 16th. Mother and boy are doing nicely.

Cecil Bennett and Miss Bertie Parnell attended church at Steel Hill Sunday evening.

A. J. Hagins was here on business last week.

Dear readers of the Texas Spur, it is a question in doubt whether

we will have Cecil Bennett in our company as a single man. We already regret his loss.

Buster Bural made his appearance in Gilpin again last Sunday. We wonder why.

R. E. Lee left for Jayton last week where he will work.

Willie Hagins made a trip to Girard on last Sunday.

Misses Lilly and Mattie Hagins are both trying to be sick this week.

AFTON

Died.

Little Gay Lawson, who was nearly three years old, died very suddenly of diphtheria the 10th. All was done by the two doctors and loving hands that could be, but the Lord claimed his own and she passed to the land where there is no sorrow or sickness.

The bereaved parents and rela-

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

tives have the sympathy of the community in this bereavement.

School, Church and all public gatherings have been temporarily dismissed on account of diphtheria. There are still a few cases of the disease in the neighborhood but we are glad to note that they are very light.

Mr. Ainsworth, of near Paducah, is visiting in this community.

Cotton picking will begin as soon as the weather clears up.

P. J. Hext has gone to Geary, Oklahoma, for medical treatment. He has stomach trouble.

Coats and stoves feel mighty fine.

For Sale—A large \$65 cooking range, used very little and in good condition. Will sell for less than one-third the first cost. Call at the Texas Spur office.

Don't Be A Grouch

Our fair will be held on the 23rd, 24 and 25th of September.

You have the livestock, produce and everything that it takes to make it a success. We have the Lumber, Posts and etc. to make your home a success. Let us pull together.

P. H. MILLER, - - Spur, Texas
Dealer in High Grade Hard and Soft Coal



FAIR WELL WEEK

AT THE OLD STAND

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27
324
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337

OUR NEW BUILDING will be completed and occupied by us about October 1. Look out for the grand opening sale. We shall jar things, but don't forget we are making some hot prices at the same old stand the rest of this month.

See our new Cloaks, first display; see our new Middies, late things; see our new Novelty Silk Waists.

Our Fall Coat Suits will arrive this week, everything new and nobby in Dress Skirts. We are receiving this week our Fall Shoes. Latest things in Men's Hats and Caps just in.

The Love Dry Goods Co.

Spur, Texas

Westside 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

The City Garage

GENERAL REPAIR WORK

Cylinders Rebored for Over-Sized Pistons.
All work guaranteed.
Oil and Gas

A NATIONWIDE NEWS-PAPER CAMPAIGN

(Continued from first page)

the fact that they do not realize and appreciate the fact that "advertising" is the life of business. The mail order houses reach out into every community and place their goods and their prices before the families in their homes through advertising, and they get big returns. Local merchants can do the same thing if they will only awake to such business methods—and the once a year catalogues of the mail order houses will be a back-number in bringing results in comparison with a "live advertisement" from the local merchant and reaching these same people each week through the local country newspaper.

The Texas Spur covers this trade territory and an advertisement in its columns each week will cost very little in comparison with the cost of catalogue and circular letter advertising. The people read the Texas Spur and if every merchant and business man of Spur will organize and conduct an advertising campaign through its columns we will guarantee to materially reduce

the mail order business in this country. And if every merchant and business man will get up as attractive advertisements, describe their goods and quote prices, we will guarantee to put the mail order concerns clear out of business within this territory. There is no question but that the people of this country would prefer to trade at home, and the only reason they patronize mail order houses is because they are better informed as to the goods they sell and the prices they make. When the local merchant keeps the trade as well informed concerning his goods and his prices as does the mail order merchant, then the local people will give the local merchant the preference in making purchases.

HAS GREAT-GRAND CHILDREN

Mrs. Dilbeck and daughter, of Weatherford, and Grandma Davis of Buffalo Gap, returned last week to their homes after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis and other relatives of the Afton country. Grandma Davis is nearly ninety years of age and is the mother of our old friend J. C. Davis, and the grandmother of Sol Davis of Spur. has a number of great grandchildren, and possibly some great-great grandchildren.

THE AFTON SCHOOL IS TEMPORARILY DISMISSED

A little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Stovall, and a little child of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lawson, of the Afton country died recently of diphtheria. One of the children died last week and the other the week before, the little bodies being buried in the Afton Cemetery.

Fearing an epidemic of this disease the Afton School was dismissed Monday and will remain suspended only temporarily awaiting further developments of the disease in that community.

The families of Messrs. Lawson and Stovall have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement, and it is to be hoped that an epidemic of diphtheria will not develop in that community.

TO THE CITY TRADE.

It was agreed upon last week by some of the head clerks of the different grocery stores to have a certain time to make deliveries as was published but owing to the fact that some of the Bosses were not willing to it, it will not be effective. The publication being signed only by Brannen Bros. Co., instead of all the firms as agreed on, we feel it necessary to inform the trade just how this happened. Assuring you we will do our best to please, and that we will deliver groceries at any and all times.

We are,
Brannen Bros. Co.

The best three section ranch in Dickens county for sale. I have a price that is attractive. Call and see me. Jackson Realty Co.

First-class lubricating oil for 55c a gallon. Mobiloil 75c and 80c a gallon.—City Garage.

FOR SALE.

Mv 2068 1-2 acre ranch, 12 miles southwest of Spur, on Cat Fish River, at a bargain, on good terms. Will lease temporarily, also separate section near ranch for sale.—C. C. Higgins, Snyder, Texas. 36-tf.

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

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You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, trapping, or trespassing in any way in any of the Half Circle S pastures.—I. R. Powell, Mgr. Mar. 1 pd.

Brannen Bros. Co.

Will treat you fair, if you will buy your groceries from them, give you just what you ask for at the best price, remember this. During the Fair, and all time as well, don't forget to visit with us. We will do our best to help you enjoy yourselves. We feel that friendship is worth as much as groceries, and we all know, that, we have to eat to live, AND LIVE TO EAT. Come right on and make our store your home when in town.

Gladiola Flour

makes the best biscuit, the prettiest flour, the happiest home of any flour in town, and we sell it. First class delivery any time and anywhere in the city.

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If you are all run down you need a tonic

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Do you not need to "tone up" your system? A little medical advice and the right medicine taken IN TIME will often prevent a severe spell of sickness.

Come to us for your medicines and know that you will get the RIGHT KIND.

We keep right up to the the minute, too, and have on hand everything a first-class drug store should carry.

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