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THE TEXAS SPUR

AND DICKENS ITEM

A NEWSPAPER

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CHAS. ADAIR DIED IN SPUR OF APPENDICITIS

Chas. Adair, a young man twenty three year of age and making a crop this year on the Gage farm in the Pitchfork Ranch, died Monday afternoon in Spur as a result of an attack of appendicitis. Mr. Adair suffered an attack Sunday night, the first day of November, Dr. Stone of Dumont being called to his home on the Pitchfork Ranch and diagnosing the case and recommending an operation at once. However, the patient postponed an operation hoping that it would prove unnecessary. Later in the week his condition became more critical and Dr. Blackwell of Dickens was called in for consultation, confirming the diagnosis and recommending that an operation was the only means of saving the patient's life at this stage of his illness. Mr. Adair was brought to the Standifer Hospital, arriving here at three o'clock Sunday night but on account of his condition at that time Dr. Standifer thought it inadvisable to perform an operation, each of the doctors in the case concurring in the opinion that the appendix had bursted, and the patient being in such a weakened condition that it would be impossible for him to withstand the anaesthetic necessary to an operation. Treatment was immediately begun to improve the patient's condition but he survived only a few hours, dying at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Chas. Adair was only twenty three years old and had been married less than a year, moving to this country the first of the year from Blum, Texas. The body was shipped to Blum for burial and was accompanied by his wife, father and brother-in-law.

GATHERING AND MARKETING BIG COTTON CROPS

L. C. Arrington, one among the biggest farmers of the country, was in the city recently from his home in the Afton country and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us the "coin of the realm" with which to extend his subscription to the paper and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Arrington stated that on account of being hailed out early in the crop season he is making no cotton on his home place. However, on his other places big crops of cotton are being gathered and marketed, thus relieving the tension in his farming operations. He owns a fine farm east of Spur and also one south of town, both of these places making big crops.

WANTS MORE LAND HERE

Green Wilson, of Plainview, was in Spur this week looking after his farm and ranch interests in this section, having leased the property again for another year. Mr. Wilson would like to trade his present holdings for a larger tract of farm and ranch lands within the Spur territory, such a trading proposition being left in the hands of the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Company under the management of R. L. Collier.

PRISONERS ESCAPE SUNDAY FROM DICKENS JAIL

Sunday two prisoners confined in the Dickens jail made their escape by digging a hole through the floor, a short piece of iron piping being used in the digging. Sheriff Conner, who is also jailer, was out of town at the time and the jail delivery was not known until his return late in the afternoon. The two prisoners were Charley Hunter, charged with cow theft, and a Mr. Haile, charged with perjury, he being one of the carnival crew showing in Spur last week.

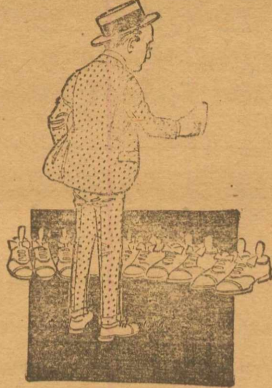
Monday night Charley Hunter was captured by Constable Yopp and Marshall Barber at the home of J. O. Yopp. However, the prisoner remained in their custody only a few minutes when he made a successful run for his liberty under the fire of Constable Yopp. The officers are now seeking both prisoners.

This is the second jail delivery to occur in the Dickens jail, but officers have heretofore been successful in recapturing the prisoners.

REUBEN M. ELLERD OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN IN SPUR

Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd, of Plainview, was in Spur Tuesday and addressed the people on the streets in opening his campaign here for the position of Congressman of this District, to succeed Hon. John H. Stephens whose term expires after the election next year. Reuben M. Ellerd is well known in this section, having served as District Attorney of this District a number of years. In outlining his policies he stated that he was opposed to the policy now being adopted by the President and Congress in expending millions of dollars in "preparedness for war", and that he would encourage the expenditure of such money in establishing and maintaining a "merchant marine" to further the commercial interests of the nation. He favored state wide and nation wide prohibition of the liquor traffic and thought the states and nation should not encourage the sale of whiskey in order to secure the revenues.

From Spur Mr. Ellerd went to Dickens where he addressed the people Tuesday night. He is making the trip through the country in an auto and intends to cover the principal part of the district within the next twenty or thirty days.



TAKE YOUR CHOICE

of our line of Marshall shoes, just received, a new shipment. Remember Goodman shoes have no equals for a medium priced shoe and our shelves are full of them now. Also, Ladies our Queen Quality line is as snappy as can be, and you know what "Queen Quality" means.

Work shoes for men—we carry Wein Berner line, and we honestly think there are none better. Billikin shoes for the kiddies, in fact, our shoe business has been great, and there is a reason. "A Fit for every Foot and Purse." "Do everything NOW that you should have done, Then spell it backwards, you will have WON.



STEER CLEAR

of inferior flour. Get Light Crust. We have just unloaded a big car and are selling it at the same old price. Light Crust—not the cheapest but the best—ask for Light Crust. Don't take something just as good.



LITTLE BO PEEP

has lost her sheep, but she's alright because she has found out the new shipment of Ladies'

WORK OF GRAVELING THE STREETS IS PROGRESSING

Throughout the week the work of graveling Willard Avenue from Hill Street, which is already graveled, to Harris Street, and on Harris Street from Willard Avenue to Burlington Avenue has been in progress and is now almost complete. This work is being done wholly at the expense of property owners along the streets. A petition was presented to the City Commissioners, accompanied with a cash donation of one-fourth the cost of the work, and a tax amounting to three-fourths of the cost of the work will be assessed against the adjoining lots in accord with the taxable values of each lot.

The concrete-gravel being used makes a hard-surfaced street which is almost equal to and second only to paved streets. There is no question but that this character of work solves the street improvement problems until we are ready for paved streets in Spur, and we hope to see every street in the city thus improved before the end of 1916.

BUD DENNINGTON SEVERELY INJURED SATURDAY

Saturday, while coming to Spur from Dickens with a load of cotton seed Bud Dennington was severely injured by the wagon running over his body. In driving over the Duck Creek bridge Mr. Dennington in some manner fell from the wagon with the result that the wheels ran over his body. He was brought to the Standifer Hospital and after being treated was able to be returned to his home at Dickens.

The Baptist Ladies Aid will serve dinner Saturday at the old Love stand.

Tailored Suits at Bryant-Link Company and is tickled to death over the style and value of them. Come on quick before the stock is broken again. All ladies hats go at a discount until the stock is closed out.

Last week's business was fine and we certainly appreciate your trade and we still say 1915 will be our banner year in Spur. Many of our customers have already paid their accounts and we know the balance will come in soon with what they owe us. So we will be in shape to take care of our friends next year.



JUDGE BRYANT DIES MONDAY IN TUCUMCARI

Judge Bryant, father of Hawley Bryant of the Pitchfork Ranch, died Monday, November 1st, at a sanitarium in Tucumcari where he had been some time under the treatment of physicians.

Judge Bryant was a former citizen of this section of the country, having located in King county in 1890, where he lived until recent years when he moved to his present home near Logan in New Mexico. Judge Bryant is well known to the old timers of this section and the many friends of the family will learn of his death with sorrow. He was sixty one years of age, was a true type of western citizenship and his death is a real loss to the country. One by one the "old timers" who paved the way for the present day civilization and contributed to the progress and prosperity of the country are passing to that "Great Beyond", and we know that each deserves recognition for having made possible the Western Texas of today.

WRITES FROM NEW MEXICO

We recently received a letter from C. H. Rogers, formerly of the Draper country but who is now teaching singing schools near Melrose, New Mexico. He says that everything is looking good in New Mexico and that the section in which he is located is wide-awake for a singing man and the people are coming to the front in the matter of music. He taught three successful schools in the country. Mr. Rogers is employed on a ranch at idle times in the singing school business and we are glad to know that he is succeeding and prospering in his new location.

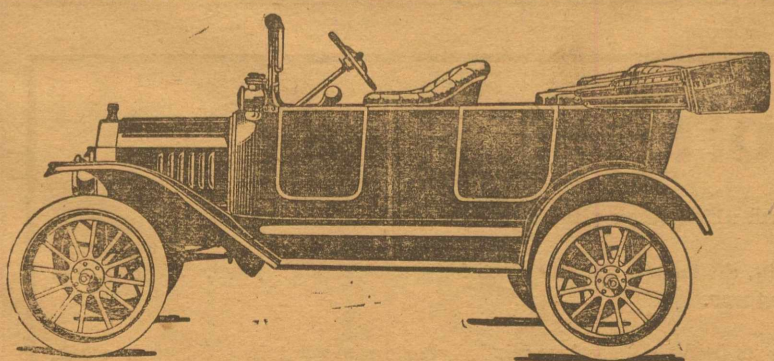
ANOTHER FAMILY MOVING TO SPUR COUNTRY

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was in the city the first of the week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving another dollar with us for the paper another year. He came in to unload a car of household goods shipped here from Springtown by Ben Wyley who is coming through the country with his family to make their home in this section of the country. Mr. Wyley will either buy or rent a farm for another year. However, he desires to rent a place in Spur until the first of the year, but up to the present time Mr. Noland has been unable to secure a vacant house in the city.

We are glad to have Mr. Wyley and family as resident citizens of the country and wish them much of the prosperity which prevails throughout this section.

BUMPER CROPS

J. P. Koonsman, a prosperous citizen and successful farmer of the Draper country, was in Spur last week on business. This year Mr. Koonsman, with other farmers of that section, is making bumper crops.



Fords and Buicks--- CAR LOAD Just Received
Touring Cars, \$440.00
Roadsters . . \$390.00
F. O. B. Detroit
W. F. GODFREY
Salesman Spur, Texas

Just received 36 overcoats that we want to make a clean sweep of and they are going to be sold at \$5 each. Get one before they are all gone.

Bryant-Link Company.

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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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

J. A. Blair, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

Sheriff Conner was in the city several times this week on official business.

Lonnie Harkey, of Dickens, was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday.

J. L. Perry, of near Spur, was among the many in the city this week ginning and marketing cotton.

Roy Harkey came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the day here on business and greeting friends.

Bob Davis of the Dry Lake country, was among the large number of visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Martin Gay came Saturday from Dickens and spent the day in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

W. T. Lovell, of the Draper country, has been in the city the past week ginning and marketing cotton.

Uncle Jimmy Jones, of the Afton country, was among the number in the city this week ginning and marketing cotton.

Cecil Bennett, of Gilpin, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of the city, was here the latter part of the week on business and greeting his friends.

A. A. Allen, of the Croton country, was among the large number of farmers in the city this week ginning and marketing cotton.

Mrs. Nix, who has been in the city some time visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Hyatt and family, returned Thursday of last week to her home in Oklahoma.

N. B. Fuqua, one of the most substantial citizens of the Red Mud country, was in the city last week with cotton to be ginned and marketed from his place.

John Weathers, of the Red Mud camp southwest of Spur, was among the business visitors to town Saturday, spending several hours here greeting friends.

Oliver Gray, manager of the Afton Telephone Company, came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the day here on business and greeting his many friends.

Mrs. Nora Parkhill left Spur the latter part of last week for Lueders where she was called to attend the funeral of her brother who was killed Friday in a runaway accident.

A. S. Jackson, a leading citizen of Dickens and one among the most prominent men of the country, was in the city Saturday on business and shaking hands with his friends.

H. T. Garner, of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday greeting his friends and feeling of the cotton situation with a view of selling should the price reach his demands.

The Bryant-Link Company has had installed a special telephone for the grocery department, this business having reached such proportions that the regular telephone service is inadequate to supply the telephone demands.

D. G. Hisey received a message the first of the week from Stafford, Kansas, stating that his oldest sister was very sick and not expected to survive.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot and daughter were visitors in the city the latter part of last week from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home southwest of Spur.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, was among the many business visitors in town the latter part of last week. While here he handed us a big silver dollar to extend his subscription to the Texas Spur.

Towns Taylor, of the O-O Ranch in Kent county, was brought to Spur this week and will probably undergo an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital.

Dave Taylor, formerly of Stephenville and who is now employed in the grocery department of the Bryant-Link Company, had the Texas Spur sent to his father at Stephenville for one year for which he has our thanks.

TO THE PATRONS OF SPUR P. O.

The Post Office Inspector, Thomas D. Dawkins, of Austin, Texas, rules that all lock post-office boxes positively must be kept locked for the protection of the enclosed mail; that the Post Master is subject to severe reprimand if these instructions are not followed. The Postal Regulations, Sec. 853 states that a box cannot be re-rented if these rules are wilfully disregarded. So please learn the combination to your box and be governed accordingly.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Lela Evans, P. M.

For Sale—Southwest quarter Section 241, two and one-half miles east of Spur. Choice land, fenced and some in cultivation, price reasonable on easy terms. Apply to M. Clendenin, Burkburnett, Texas. 2-2t.

Mr. Finch, who last year purchased the Baxter Scoggins ranch home southwest of Spur, was in the city this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Finch reports everything doing well in his section.

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was among the large number of business visitors here this week. Mr. Rogers was selling sweet potatoes and other farm products than cotton, which is evidence that he is a diversificationist.

W. F. Cathey was in the city this week ginning and marketing cotton. This year Mr. Cathey made a big crop and up to date has been marketing his crop at an average of about twelve cents a pound, and securing from thirty five to forty dollars a ton for his seed.

YOUR CREDIT

is the estimate of your financial worth which others place upon you.

Being a clearing house of credit, the bank is the best place for you to establish yours. A good word from your banker will help you a long way.

The City National Bank offers its facilities to serious minded people who want to build their credit.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

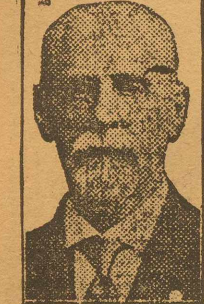
CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000
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C. HOGAN, Asst. Cashier G. H. CONNELL, President J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.

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SILO BUILDING.
 By Peter Radford.



The silo is a development agency and one in which both the commercial and agricultural interests of Texas can successfully co-operate in promoting.

If we are to place our cereal and forage crops on a stable and profitable basis, we must use all helpful devices and processes that multiply the value of the product after production and that enables us to turn waste products into profit. The economies easily possible in these two lines of endeavor are sufficient to make the Texas farmers home owners and wealth accumulators.

Feeding corn direct to stock by the old method, it is authoritatively estimated, adds approximately 30 per cent. to its value, and the farmers using silos will find that when corn is cut at the right time and is fed as ensilage, the efficiency of the feed is increased 40 per cent., making a net gain of 70 per cent. over the market value by feeding to livestock through the silo.

The silo is a manufacturing plant built on the farm, and therefore lends itself to co-operation of the commercial and agricultural interests, and the farmer, by operating it, gets the profit of both the producer and the manufacturer. The farmer does not want bonuses, fee sites, etc., but the commercial interests can materially assist him by making it easy to build silos.

This can be done by making available money for building them on easy terms and at a low rate of interest. It is opportunity, rather than favors, the farmer needs, but when a community has money to invest in promoting agriculture, it can put it to no better advantage than by applying it in encouraging the construction of silos. When so expended, every dollar hits the mark and the merchant and banker spend their money where it does the most good, and they are helping those who help them.

A farmer can build a fair sized silo for two or three hundred dollars, and it will, under ordinary conditions, pay a dividend of 40 per cent. where it is run to its capacity. No better investment can be made than in the construction of a silo.

The silo will help on to maturity crops that are frequently caught by a drought or burned by hot winds, and there is scarcely a year in Texas in diversified farming that the silo will not rescue a crop from the delinquent forces of nature. As a stimulation in diversification alone, it is a valuable agency.

My own observation is that the silo is one of the greatest business educators in agriculture, and, like all great and far-reaching improvements, stamps its characteristics indelibly upon its human associates. It arouses the spirit of enterprise, develops commercial ingenuity, awakens the joy of ownership and will take away the nomadic habits of the tenant farmer and plant within him a desire to own a home. Every farmer in Texas should build a silo.

Bill McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were among the visitors in the city Saturday of last week.

Judge A. J. McClain and wife were in the city the latter part of last week greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

H. E. Grabener came in the latter part of last week from his farm home east of Spur and spent some time here on business. Mr. Grabener is making bumper crops this year and is enjoying his prorata part of the prosperity which prevails throughout the country.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of town, was here Saturday and called at the Texas Spur office, having the Farm & Ranch and Dallas News included with their subscription to the Texas Spur.

Jeff Smith, Jr., of several miles west, was among the number in the city this week with cotton. Jeff is this year working a new place and is making big crops. We can consistently holler, Hurrah for the farmers of the Spur country this year. They are making bigger crops than other farmers and are making more money than people in other lines of business.

The Morgan boys, of twelve miles west of town, were here greeting friends last week.

J. W. Carlisle was here last week from the Gilpin country spending some time in the city on business.

Mace Hunter came in Saturday from his place east of town and spent several hours here on business.

Mr. Arthur, of the Dickens country, was among the many business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Sam Owen, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and tradind with the merchants.

W. T. Wilson, of five or six miles east of town, was among the number in the city the latter part of last week.

W. B. Arthur, of Dickens, was among the many visitors in Spur last week, spending some time here on business and greeting his friends.

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 And in addition to the complete daily issue, with its many excellent features you get the big Sunday copy, with its magazine-color section. A paper of unusual interest to every member of the family.

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 And we will send your order for \$3.25 and save you the bother. Don't forget the Annual "Bargain Days" date is between—
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NOTICE.
 All parties knowing themselves indebted to me please call in at once and make settlement or make satisfactory arrangements for an extension of time.—Dr. J. E. Morris, Spur, Texas. 52-tf.

For Sale—Span mules, three and eight years old, both broke. Price \$250.00 and worth it.—W. J. Elliott. 45tf

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.

White Swan Coffee
 (Texas Roasted and Blended)
 Shipped to your grocer the same day it was roasted. And it is so popular and sells so rapidly that it never has time to get old, even if age could affect its goodness, packed as it is. No wonder it is rich, strong and chock full of aroma.
 Make Your Next Coffee Order White Swan Coffee
 Full weight, one, two or three-pound cans. Whole or ground.
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M. S. Faver, one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur this week greeting his many friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. Neal A. Douglass, of Roaring Springs, spent several days of this week in Spur with Horace Usry and family and Paul Douglass and family. She was returning home from Snyder where she has been spending some time with her parents.

The Baptist ladies of Spur are now preparing to serve a dinner next Saturday at the old Love stand. The dinner will be prepared by the ladies of the town and will be worth the price charged. The money secured from this dinner will be used in furthering the work of the Baptist Church people.

Drink with Cush at Stafford's Pharmacy. ltp.

J. C. Stephens, Jr., of the Tap country, was among the number in the city Saturday.

Miss Jewell Douglass, of Dublin, arrived in the city Tuesday and is now visiting at the home of Carl Douglass and family of several miles southwest of Spur.

T. S. Lambert and family, of the Tap country, were among the visitors to town this week, spending some time here shopping with the merchants and greeting friends.

P. H. Miller, who was recently injured in an auto wreck at the Dickens Hill on the Croton road, is now reported doing well and slowly recovering. We hope to see him at his place of business at an early date.

BRING ME YOUR COTTON SEED
Always in the Market
D. H. SULLIVAN, Spur, Tex.

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

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 The Dixy Telephone Company offers you the best, most efficient service in either the local or long distance branch of the business. If you do not have a Dixy telephone in your home or place of business, see the manager, who will be pleased to furnish you with any information you may desire.
Dixy Telephone Co. Jim Gibbs, Manager
 SPUR, TEXAS

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on Broadway Next Friday Night

AT THE
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IN JUGGERNAUT

A Very Exciting and Thrilling Drama!!

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and this is the season for advanced prices:

15c and 25c

FARMERS CONTINUE TO
BUY SPUR FARM LAND

In the past two issues of the Texas Spur we reported the sale of twenty eight tracts of land to be improved and placed under cultivation for another year. Since the last issue of the paper six more tracts have been sold to the following parties: T. J. Harvey, of a few miles north of Spur, one quarter section; J. E. and J. T. Sanders, of Sagerton, a quarter section near Spur; John Aston, a quarter section in Dry Lake country; John McKeever, a quarter section in the West Pasture; J. D. Hufstедler, a quarter section in the Dry Lake community; and W. H. Putman, one section adjoining his ranch property twelve miles northwest of Spur.

This makes thirty four tracts of land within the past thirty days, and every one of which will be improved, homes built and a considerable acreage placed under cultivation for another crop year. There are a number of other farmers of the country who have selected their land and are only waiting to sell their cotton to make the first payment and secure the deeds. We estimate that there will be at least one hundred new farms being cultivated another year within the Spur trade territory.

This settlement and development progress will not only enhance the agricultural interests of the country but materially advance the commercial interests of Spur.



The Telephone
"S. O. S."
Saved the Farm

"One day last fall my wife and I started for a drive, leaving the house deserted. A short while after we'd passed Jones' place, Mrs. Jones saw smoke coming from our roof.

"She ran to the telephone—Got Mrs. Reed who operates the switchboard located in her home. Mrs. Reed called all the nearby people on the line (two long rings—the emergency signal,) and they put the fire out with little damage."

A Telephone on the Farm connected with the Bell System is a protection and safe-guard in all emergencies.

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.
4-R-14.

TREATMENT FOR DIPHTHERIA

"Take a spoonful each of turpentine and liquid tar; put them in a tin pan or cup and set fire to the mixture, taking care to have a larger pan under it as a safeguard against the spread of the flames. A dense resinous smoke arises, making the room dark. The patient immediately experiences relief, the choking and rattle stop, the patient falls into a slumber and seems to inhale the smoke with pleasure. The fibrinous membrane soon become detached and the patient coughs up microbes which, when caught in a glass, may be seen to dissolve in the smoke. In the course of three days the patient entirely recovers. Before using ingredients named it is well to remove or cover up closely any article in the room that will be injured by the thick smoke.

If you will spread the knowledge of this simple remedy, many lives may be saved. It is always necessary after diphtheria to avoid any exertion whatever until perfect strength has been restored. Many people do not know the danger of heartfailure when the patient seems convalescent.—Ex.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Spur postoffice, and when calling for same please say "advertised letters."

- Apperson, G. W.
- Avry, C. W.
- Baily, Olin 3 letters
- Bailey, S. A.
- Bertran, P. W.
- Billiman, Floyd
- Brd, J. A.
- Cray, C. C.
- Chanee, James
- Ciller, George
- Clifton, E. R.
- Cooper, Mrs. Amanda
- Cooper, J. W.
- Compton, Elwin
- Cook, Charley
- East, E. C.
- Franks, Jim
- Franklin, L. B. 2 letters.
- Fulbright, F.
- Grimes, Bob
- Holmes, Nat
- Johnson, Tomp
- Jones, Rosie
- Jrennine, Freddie
- Lacey, Jeff
- Lane, Oliver
- McKay, Louis
- McGenley, Eva
- McDonald, J. F.
- Points, Lawrence
- Polton, Mrs. Brammer
- Porter, Fannie
- Rogers, A. J.
- Rogers, Mrs. A. J.
- Rollins, Caudies
- Rollins, Kansas
- Roundtree, Jake
- Davied, R. P.

Mrs. Evans, P. M.

Drink with Cush at Stafford's Pharmacy. Itp.

PRIZES AWARDED IN THE
COLT SHOW SATURDAY

In the colt show held Saturday in Spur by Messrs. R. L. Collier and G. Brown, first and second prizes for the best colts shown were as follows: J. A. Henson first prize of fifteen dollars, and Mr. Leach second prize of ten dollars, given by R. L. Collier for colts from his horse, Krach. Burl Harrington first prize, and Paul Douglass second prize, given by G. Brown for colts from his horse.

There were a number of colts entered in this contest, and a finer lot of colts were never before shown in Spur. As much as one hundred and seventy five dollars was offered for some of the colts in this show, this offer being refused by the owner.

It is very evident that the people of this country appreciate the fact that it pays to raise better horses and cattle. In the years to come the Texas pony and long-horn steer will be known only in the history of the past.

BOUNDARY SUIT WON
BY LUBBOCK COUNTY

Sweetwater, Texas, Nov. 5.—Lubbock County won its suit growing out of a boundary dispute with Hale county, in a verdict returned in the district court here today. The case had been on trial for eleven days.

The dispute was over 10,000 acres, which has been claimed by both Hale and Lubbock counties for some time. The Lubbock county authorities filed suit in the district court asking for an official designation of the boundary line and seeking to prevent the authorities of Hale county from collecting taxes on this property.

The land in dispute is valued at \$200,000.

It is expected the case will be appealed to the court of civil appeals and likely will find its way into the supreme court before it is finally settled.

MRS. HUBBERT SELLING
LOTS OF RACKET GOODS

Mrs. G. O. Hubbert recently opened up a Racket Store in Spur and is now enjoying a liberal and extensive business. She has a varied stock of five and ten cent goods needed in every home; a select stock of Toilet Articles including the best soaps, creams and face lotions; also fancy candies and a thousand and one items to be purchased in a well stocked Racket Store.

Mrs. Hubbert sells good goods at low prices. She is a deserving lady and since this is her only means of supporting and educating her fatherless children we bespeak for her a continued and liberal patronage from the people of Spur and the Spur country.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson is visiting relatives and friends in Dickens this week.

J. E. Wright came in Monday from the Draper country and spent Monday and Tuesday in the city on business and also feeling of the cotton market with a view of selling a portion of the big crop he is now gathering on his place. Mr. Wright has already picked out about 60 bales of cotton.

A CONTRAST

He was the deacon in the church.

He was director in the leading bank.

He controlled hundreds of acres of land, and his farms were all well stocked.

The sun shone bright on Sunday morning. Nature's minstrels were in tune and the birds trilled until it seemed that their little throats would burst with the very joy of living.

His children felt the gladdening effects of the glorious day and awoke with joyous shouts of gladness. With a sanctimonious frown he said: "Children, be quiet and behave yourselves; it is unseemly that you should act this way upon the Sabbath." Breakfast was a gloomy affair. The restlessness of the children worried the patient mother and she spoke sharply to the youngsters. She knew that each of them had to be washed and dressed for Sunday School and Church. She knew a Sunday dinner had to be prepared.

Eventually the kids were off with their father who had a Bible under his arm. The little fellows knew that a long two and a half hours of what, to them, was torture was in store. Glad indeed were they when the minister reached: "In conclusion, Brethren and Sisters." for they knew that within thirty minutes after "In conclusion" was said they could go home. Upon reaching home they ate a stiff dinner in a stiff way, and each and all of them felt as stiff as their starched Sunday clothes. The long day without play or recreation (re-creation) was at last ended and every little fellow in the bunch went to bed hoping that they would never see another Sunday.

Himself, who owned no land, no bank stock, nor belonged to any sect, waked up on this same bright Sunday morning, and when he saw the glorious sunshine and heard the warbling of the birds his heart beat responsively. While Himself dressed the baby he hummed a tune, and going into the boys' room he grabbed each by a leg and pulled them out with a shout of laughter. The boys responded to his mood instantly and with happy cries proceeded to try to give daddy a licking. Breakfast was a happy affair and the mother entered into the merry spirit of the husband and kids and laughter sauce seasoned each mouthful of food. A lunch was packed and a hike to the creek was in order. After luncheon Himself took his paper, filled his pipe and lay back against a tree and proceeded to enjoy himself in his own way, while the kids raced off with merry shouts. There in a cathedral erected by the God of Nature; Himself and family worshiped and loved in their own way the things God had created.

It was truly a day of rest and recreation.

Upon going home late in the afternoon Himself and his children met He and his children.

"Hasn't it been a lovely day?" remarks Himself.

"Hunh, if we don't get some rain pretty soon corn is all going to be burnt up", replied He.—Motley County News.

W. S. Campbell is now driving a new car, it being a Maxwell of the latest model. More evidences of luxury and prosperity within the Spur country. Come to Spur.

PROCEEDINGS OF
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Commissioners' Court convened Monday morning in Dickens when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The County Judge was authorized to have the Public Street in the town of Dickens, Texas, repaired and made passable between the residences of J. D. Harkey and Ed Lisenby.

The Quarterly reports of the County officers were examined and approved.

W. A. Johnson was authorized to have a portion of the Dickens and Spur road graveled immediately north of the Duck Creek bridge, a distance of about 150 yards, the citizens of the county having agreed to pay one-half of the expense.

He was also authorized to have a portion of the same road graveled just south of the Dud Martin place provided the citizens will pay one-half of the cost.

D. A. Young, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 3, was authorized to rent an office in the rear of the City National Bank building at a monthly rental of \$5, for Justice Court purposes.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a Jury of View to locate the roads in Road District No. 1:

- C. A. Jones,
- S. R. Davis,
- Geo. S. Link,
- J. P. Gibson,
- W. D. Blair.

T. A. Ham was authorized to have the Dickens Hill just east of the County Site railed, provided the citizens would bear a part of the expense.

The following accounts were allowed: For "general purposes" \$135.21; for roads \$220.20; expense of court for the term \$24; total expense \$429.41.

The following amount of fines were collected since August 1st: J. B. Conner, County court, \$40.00 D. A. Young, J. P. Pre. 3, 101.00

FAMILY REUNION

Frank Goff and children returned the first of the week from Throckmorton where they had spent the week with relatives in a family reunion. Other members of the family were a brother from Fort Worth, Mrs. Matthews of Albany, Mrs. J. B. Armstrong of New Mexico, and Mrs. McCabe of Throckmorton and at whose home the family met. It had been twenty three years since the family had all been together, and the occasion was one of real pleasure to each one of the family, meeting as they did at the old home and surrounded by familiar scenes of youthful days, and again greeting friends and acquaintances of past years.

POPULAR CITIZEN

Cal Cade, of Kent county, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on his way to Roaring Springs. While in the city he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, spending a short time with us talking over "old times." Cal Cade made the race in Kent county for sheriff, and although defeated he is one of the most popular citizens of that county. We knew the Cade family more than twenty five years ago in Eastland county. They are good citizens and are entitled to the consideration, respect and esteem of the citizenship wherever they may reside today.

DISTRICT COURT WILL CONVENE NOV. 29TH

District Court will convene in Dickens county Monday, November 29th. The following gentlemen have been selected to serve as petit jurors during the term:

FIRST WEEK

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| Ed Jackson | J. D. Harkey |
| J. M. Perkins | Oscar Jackson |
| W. F. Markham | Elbert Ellis |
| C. W. Littlefield | J. P. Gibson |
| C. H. Senning | T. M. Green |
| S. W. Rather | G. S. Link |
| W. C. Gruben | O. W. Maddox |
| J. L. Karr | J. A. Koon |
| T. J. Hicks | M. L. Jones |
| W. T. Lovell | J. W. Gaddy |
| J. J. Barton | J. R. Hinkle |
| H. J. McCarty | R. E. Neeley |
| J. P. Goen | Homer Pullin |
| J. G. Franks | A. C. Gentry |
| C. R. Dunn | G. T. Coker |
| J. S. Coop | R. F. Rogers |
| G. L. Barber | J. E. Arthur |
| W. C. Cartwright | J. F. Ragsdale |

SECOND WEEK

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| J. P. Montgomery | Fred O. McFall |
| R. A. McCormick | M. K. Lawson |
| A. A. Allen | J. B. Cade |
| N. S. Copeland | A. J. Huckabee |
| J. R. Robertson | E. M. Brown |
| E. V. Dennington | J. H. Boothe |
| T. S. Boucher | A. S. Jackson |
| J. J. Hickman | R. R. Johns |
| R. P. Davis | D. H. Dunn |
| J. H. Hooper | J. F. Goodwin |
| R. J. Hairgrove | C. M. Jones |
| W. C. McArthur | G. W. Jackson |
| W. M. Hunter | J. J. Martin |
| F. W. Jennings | C. A. Bobo |
| A. Lollar | W. L. McAteer |
| W. E. Ragsdale | M. E. Manning |
| S. T. Clemmons | W. H. Young |
| J. H. Miller | S. L. Porter |

GRAND JURY

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| L. W. Bilberry | J. A. Blair |
| M. L. Blakely | J. C. Christopher |
| E. C. Edmonds | R. C. Forbis |
| J. M. Foster | Ned Hogan |
| Otho Hale | Homer Jackson |
| L. S. Scott | J. H. Latham |
| R. McLaughlin | W. A. Newman |
| T. A. Tidwell | J. A. Murchison |

BASKET BALL GAME

The basket ball team of the Spur Public School went to Jayton Wednesday and played a match game with the team of the Jayton school, the score being eight to seven in favor of Jayton.

The Jayton team will come to Spur Friday and play another match game on the Spur School grounds.

The Racket Store has tinware, hardware and notions at prices of 5 and 10 cents. See our goods before buying elsewhere.—Mrs. G. O. Hubbert.

V. C. Smart Spur-Roaring Springs

Auto Service via Dickens and Afton
Phone Southwestern No. 78
Leave Spur 8:00 Arrive Roaring Springs 11:20
Leave Roaring Springs 12:30 Arrive Spur 5:20

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work Why Not Now?

J. C. Weir was among those who had business in town Wednesday.

Carl Patton is spending the week in Dallas and Denton visiting friends.

You can get what you want at the least price at the Racket Store. Mrs. G. O. Hubbert.

Mrs. Mace Hunter was among the many visitors to Spur the latter part of last week, coming in from her home four miles east of town.

Roy Butts, of five or six miles east of town, was among the number here this week ginning and marketing cotton and on other business.

G. W. King, of several miles east of Spur, was here Wednesday and marketed seventeen bales of cotton. He secured a price of only 10.80 but the total sum amounted to more than one thousand dollars.

J. C. Bryant, of the Baker-Bryant Company of Stamford, and also of the Bryant-Link Company of Spur, came up from Stamford this week and spent a day or two here looking after his business interests.

T. B. Cross, an old timer and extensive ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur recently and hauled out posts and other supplies with which to improve and run his place. Mr. Cross came to this country in early days, secured lands and cattle and today is one of the best fixed men of the West.

M. A. Jordan and family, of the Childress country, were in the Spur country this week visiting relatives and greeting their many friends of this section. Mr. Jordan formerly lived in the Steel Hill community. We are inclined to believe that he has a hankering to return to this section, and we assure him now that he will have a hearty welcome to return.

Pencils, pens, tablets and other supplies for school children at 5 and 10 cents at the Racket Store.—Mrs. G. O. Hubbert.

T. A. Tidwell and family, accompanied by H. J. Luck, made a trip Sunday to the Afton country visiting friends. Mr. Luck recently installed a new lighting system in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Chambers of the Afton country. This new lighting system is said to be better and cheaper than electricity or oil lights.

A. Stiffler returned this week from Jayton where he delivered a fine player piano to Mr. Jones. Mr. Stiffler has sold a number of these instruments throughout the country the past year and reports that he can sell them faster than the factory can deliver them. This is a further evidence of the general prosperity of the Great Spur country.

Oscar Hart was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Hart is manager of the West Texas Riding Concert Company and has one of the largest and best string of bucking horses of the country. He was here to make arrangements with the Dickens County Fair Association to hold a three days Cowboys Reunion and displaying scenes of the frontier days, and giving the people of this section three days of pleasure during December.

HOLDING COTTON

W. P. T. Smith was in town again Wednesday with more cotton to be ginned. Mr. Smith is not selling his cotton, having decided to hold the staple until it reaches a price of twelve cents. There are many other farmers of the country who are holding their cotton for a price of twelve cents.

THE MARKET CONTINUES HIGH IN SPUR

During the week the price of cotton seed advanced to \$37.00 a ton in Spur. Cotton also advanced in price, selling for eleven cents and better. The tendency of the markets is "upward", and we believe our former prediction that cotton will sell for fifteen cents is well founded. The cotton crop of the whole country is several million bales short, the warring countries of Europe want cotton and are competing with other manufacturers for the staple. Farmers of the Spur country as well as throughout the cotton belt are holding staple off the market and have been marketing more systematically throughout the season, and since they have plenty to live on at home they are in a position to ask and secure a legitimate price in the sale of cotton. Speculators and buyers have tried to hold the price down but the tide is too great. Conditions have placed cotton producers in the saddle, and since they have heretofore been imposed upon, we could but smile should they demand twenty cents for cotton.

COMING A LONG DISTANCE TO GIN AND SELL COTTON

J. W. Phillips and wife, of near Dumont in King county, were in Spur Monday with cotton to be ginned and marketed in Spur, also to trade with the merchants here. They live a distance of thirty five miles from Spur and which is a long distance to haul cotton to the gin and also to market and trade. However, Spur furnishes not only the best market but the best trading point.

Jim Perkins was among the number in Spur from the Tap country the latter part of last week.

Bob Worswick, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends.

Luther Ragsdale and wife, of the Afton country, were in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and marketing cotton.

Marriage License was issued November 8th to Mr. Lon M. Rucker and Miss Bertie Harkey, both of Dickens. Miss Harkey is the daughter of J. D. Harkey.

C. G. Wilie, cashier of the bank at Matador, and U. L. Wilie, manager of the Bell-McKenna Lumber Company of that place, were among the visitors to Spur Monday of this week.

G. W. Dodson and Tom Dodson, Jr., of the Afton country, were in Spur Monday and Tuesday ginning and marketing cotton from their places in that section. They are making fine crops this year and with continued good prices will realize good profits from their farming operations this year.

D. I. Herndon, formerly of Spur but now of Sweetwater, was in the city this week looking after his property interests in the city. Mr. Herndon is engaged in the shoe business at Sweetwater, and we understand that he is enjoying an extensive business in the exclusive sale of shoes. His many friends here will be glad to know he is prospering in his new home and business location.



We carry a fine line of Stationery

No one can afford to use common stationery. The one who reads judges the writer by the PAPER the letter is written on quite as much as by the words written. Attractive, stylish stationery is just as NECESSARY as attractive, stylish clothes.

WE have the kind of stationery YOU ought to have.

WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Red Front Drug Store
Spur - - - Texas

Come to the Racket Store for 5 and 10 cent goods in great variety.—Mrs. G. O. Hubbert.

For Sale—15 head of horses and mules including a stallion and jack, broke and unbroke. Cheap for cash. Phone or write Fred W. Nickels, Dickens, Texas. 51-1f.

Aunt Sallie Glenn, of King county, was in Spur this week to be with Mrs. Chas. Adair through the illness and death of her husband.

I. B. Brown and wife, of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, were in Spur the first of the week visiting friends and shopping. While in the city Mr. Brown called in at the Texas Spur office and had a new name added to our subscription list. We appreciate such callers and invite others to do likewise.

J. E. Brown, one among the most successful farmers of the Dry Lake country, was among the many visitors in the city the first of the week ginning and marketing cotton. Mr. Brown recently bought another quarter section of land in his community from the Spur Farm Lands management, thus further evidencing successful farming and prosperity.

THE VITAL PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE

By Peter Radford.
There is no escaping the market problem and the highest development of agriculture will not be attained until it is solved, for a market is as necessary for the producer as land on which to grow his crop. Governmental and educational institutions have spent \$180,000,000 in the United States during the past ten years for improving soil production and improving seeds and plants, but very little attention and less money has been given to the marketing side of agriculture. The problem is a monumental one and one which will never be solved until it gets within the grasp of a gigantic organization where master minds can concentrate the combined experience and wisdom of the age upon it. It is a problem which the farmers, merchants, bankers, editors and statesmen must unite in solving.

SEVERAL OPERATIONS AT STANDIFER HOSPITAL

During the past week a number of operations have been performed at the Standifer Hospital, among whom are the following: Mrs. Byrd, of Clairmont; Mrs. Evetts, of Girard; Miss Clara Goodrich, of Jayton; Miss Edith Stephens, of a few miles east of Spur; Mrs. Darden, of Girard; and Towns Taylor, of the O-O Ranch in Kent county. Each of the patients now in the Hospital are reported doing nicely and recovering.

Throughout the six years since the establishment of the Standifer Hospital in Spur an unparalleled record has been made in both numbers and successful operations, and today Spur is a leader in surgery as well as in commercial industry.

SUCCESSFUL STOCKFARMER

J. D. Martin was here last week from his farm home four miles north of Spur. He made good crops this year and is now making arrangements to clear up more land on his place for cultivation another year. Until a few years ago Dud Martin was one of the cowboys on the Spur Ranch. The past year or two he has been devoting his time to farming and raising a few cattle, and is today not only a prosperous citizen but one of the most successful farmers and stockraisers of the country.

Mrs. Hawley Bryant and little child returned Thursday of last week from Tucumcari, New Mexico, where she had been some time at the bedside of Judge Bryant who died in a sanitarium at that place Monday of last week. Mr. Bryant accompanied them to Tucumcari but was called home on urgent business before the death of his father. We extend to Hawley Bryant and family our sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

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

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.—J. P. Goen. 47-3mp

For Sale—8,000 acres of land, three miles north of Jayton, Kent county; all in good state of cultivation; will sell in any amount to suit purchaser; good terms.—G. A. Pursley, Jayton, Texas. 505

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 Half Circle S pastures.—I. R. Powell, Manager. Mar. 1 p.

BRACE UP!

Liv-ver-lax Will Make You Feel Better.

That tired feeling, dull headache and lasting grouch are most probably due to a clogged up liver. Now don't make yourself feel worse by taking nasty, disagreeable calomel, but clean out that bile and make yourself feel brighter and better generally by taking LIV-VER-LAX. It acts safely, surely and pleasantly, and is made entirely of harmless vegetable material.

LIV-VER-LAX IS GUARANTEED to give satisfaction or your money will be returned without question. Insist on the original, bearing the likeness and signature of L. K. Grigsby, for sale here in the 50c and \$1 sizes at the Spur Drug Company. 1-4t.

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. 47-3mo.

Why buy bread baked out of town when the home baked bread is better in every respect and bigger in the loaf? Get your next loaf from the German Kitchen and be convinced. 49 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. 52tf.

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

To Automobile Owners:

You are respectfully invited to make our place Headquarters while in Spur. Nothing but experienced men will work on your car.

Gas, Oils and Plenty of FREE AIR
Repairing A Specialty

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PLANNING NEXT YEAR'S CROP SYSTEM

Now is the time to begin planning for next year's crops—how much cotton to plant, how much corn, how much cane, sweet potatoes and forage; how to prepare the land, what kind of seed to use and how much labor, horsepower and machinery to employ. Unquestionably the successful man in every line of business, farming included, is he who looks ahead, plans and systematizes his work to suit the conditions with which he has to deal. We cannot undertake, in the narrow compass of one article, to deal with all of these questions; the cropping system itself is quite enough for us to take on, but we want to discuss that in some detail and in the light of permanent principles and of the extraordinary conditions with which we shall have to deal during the coming year.

Cotton has brought a good price this fall and there is going to be a well nigh irresistible temptation next spring to plant the whole farm, including the roads and fence-rows, to cotton. This thing must not happen. If it does cotton will sell next year at six to eight cents a pound, as it did the fall of 1914. The reason that we got a good price for cotton this fall is that we made a small crop—only about 11,000,000 bales against 16,000,000 bales last year; not because normal conditions and a normal market has been restored. They have not been, and they will not be until the principal disturbing cause—the war in Europe—has been removed. The acreage next year ought to be held down to that of the present year; for, while there probably will not be as much cotton carried over this year as there was last, we should anticipate as large a visible supply at this time next year as we have now, as our yield, if normal, will be considerably larger than the acre yield which we made this year.

At this point in our argument for a limited cotton acreage let us stop and see how we have come out with our small cotton crop this year. If you will sit down with your pencil and paper and do a little figuring you will find that our 11,000,000-bale crop this year is going to bring at least \$80,000,000 more in aggregate gross return for lint than our 16,000,000-bale crop of last year brought. Then it has taken at least \$50,000,000 less to pick and market this year's crop than last year's, and at least \$90,000,000 less to produce it. In short, this 11,000,000 crop, because of increased prices, has left the cotton growers with at least \$220,000,000 more than last year's crop, considering the lint only. The seed greatly increases the advantage in favor of this year's crop; but, owing to the fact that it is more difficult to get figures on the seed, we have not taken it into consideration. The big, powerfully impressive fact is that by leaving off a considerable percentage of our cotton acreage this year and planting to other crops we have gotten a big crop of food and feed, and, at the same time, considering both lint and seed, we have gotten probably \$250,000,000 more out of the cotton. Surely this will put people to thinking.

But the present year has not furnished us our only experience along this line. For many decades our small crops of cotton have brought more money than

Do You Want to Buy A Farm Or Ranch?

We have an 800 acre farm and ranch, 200 acres in cultivation with about \$5,000.00 worth of improvements. This farm and ranch is located near Spur, convenient to markets, and will be sold at a bargain to any man who can handle the proposition.

We also have a 320 acre farm and ranch, 100 acres in cultivation and one of the best improved places in all of Western Texas. This is an ideal proposition for a small rancher and farmer. If you are interested in either of these two places you had better call and see us at once because they are going to sell.

We have other farm and ranch propositions, in large and small tracts to suit any purchaser. Also some bargains in Spur town property and residences.

If you want to buy or sell property in Spur or the Spur country call and see us. We will give you the best bargains and the best service.

Spur Real Estate & Livestock Company

R. L. COLLIER, Mgr.

Office in Texas Spur Bldg.

Spur, Texas

our large crops, at the same time costing a great deal less to make and to gather. It is going to be the same way in the years to come. Where, then, is the sense, especially in a time like this of reduced cotton consumption and of badly disturbed economic condition of neglecting food, feed and everything else in order to plant the whole South to cotton? Are the corn, wheat, oats, forage, molasses, potatoes and meat which go with a small cotton crop a burden to us?

We believe, in fact, that every thinking man will agree that we ought to plant a reduced cotton acreage again next year. The trouble is going to be encountered in the handling of the individual farmer. The cotton-growing South is made up of individual farmers, and when there begins to be serious talk about reducing production in a crop of any kind and the individual farmer concludes forthwith that now is the time to plant the biggest crop of his life so as to come in strong on the high prices. It is not likely, therefore, that we have much cotton reduction next year, unless some way can be found for controlling the individual farmer. He was not much trouble to control this year, because he expected low priced cotton this fall, but, with the present good prices for cotton, it will be quite a different problem next year, if we may judge by the experience of the past.

To our way of thinking there are two feasible ways in which the acreage may be controlled. One is for the farmers of each

community to organize a diversification club and have each member pledge himself to plant only so many acres of cotton to the hand. The other is for bankers and merchants to make it a condition for advances of money and goods that only so many acres of cotton shall be planted to the hand. This would be a radical departure from the practice of past years, it is very true—they have been in habit of forcing the farmers to plant big cotton crops as security for money and supplies—but if the bankers and merchants will only consider the well-established fact that a small crop of cotton is in every way more valuable to the farmer than a large one they surely will have no misgivings about making the departure. All that would be necessary is a general understanding and agreement between them so as to insure an increased price commensurate with the reduction in acreage, and it seems to us that this could be handled without a ny great difficulty through the merchants' and bankers' associations. Intelligent farmers see the need of reducing the cotton acreage collectively, but it will require organized effort on their part and that of the business interests to handle the problem of the individual farmer.

Then what shall we plant on the erstwhile cotton land? Well, a portion of it, if one prefers, may be planted to some other money crop—wheat and kaffir or milo on the prairies of Texas and Oklahoma; peanuts, cowpeas and sweet potatoes on the sandy land

of East Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana; ribbon cane on the bottom lands of Louisiana and adjacent territory in Texas; and forage crops that can be turned into money in the forms of beef and pork, almost anywhere. But a large proportion of it, we believe, ought to be utilized in the production of food for the family and feed for the stock. These things can be raised much cheaper than they can be bought at the enormous credit which people usually have to pay. As we see it the cropping system ought to be planned to accomplish four great objects, to-wit:

1. To Feed the Family—It ought to include a vegetable garden, an Irish potato patch, a sweet potato patch, a small crop of wheat to make the flour and a small crop of sorghum or ribbon cane to make the molasses.

2. To Feed the Livestock—It ought to include a large crop of corn—plenty, in addition to the bread corn, to feed the stock and fatten the meat; plenty of peas, peanuts, sorghum, etc., for hay; rape, grain or something else for a hog pasture; and a Bermuda pasture for all the livestock.

3. To Furnish at Least Two Money Crops—Cotton and one or more of those we have mentioned, or some other which produce well and for which there is a good market in the section where they are to be grown. This is suggested for the average man only, there are many farmers who can do better without the cotton. But, at all events, we think there ought to be more

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you will not have cause to question our method of transacting business or our prices.

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



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The Spur National Bank

R. V. COLBERT, PRESIDENT
C. A. JONES, VICE PRESIDENT

M. E. MANNING, CASHIER
JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASHIER

THE GREATEST FARMING COUNTRY IN AMERICA

W. P. Marshall, of the Gilpin country, was here last week marketing cotton he informed us that he had already picked out fifty one five hundred pound bales of cotton from seventy six acres, and that a number of bales yet remained in the field to pick. It is being demonstrated in every community that this is the greatest farming country in America.

J. H. Smith, of the Tap country, was here during the week ginning a portion of his big cotton crop.

Tol Merriman was in the city one day this week from his farm and ranch home several miles south of Spur.

J. J. Cloud came in one day this week from his farm home in the Soldier Mound country and spent some time here on business.

J. G. Stearns, of the Steel Hill community, was among the many visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

O. W. Maddox, a leading stock farmer of several miles west of the city, was among the number here Saturday of last week.

Jno. D. Hufstедler, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake country, was among the many visitors to the city this week.

H. H. Hill was among the number in the city this week from the Dry Lake country, spending some time here on business and greeting his friends.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks was in the city Tuesday from her home in the Tap country and spent some time here marketing produce, trading with the merchants and greeting friends.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL

Walter Jackson, of the plains, autoed down in our community last Sunday.

F. F. Henry sold thirteen pigs to J. W. Thompson for a total consideration of thirty nine dollars.

Mrs. Mary McCarty has been to Spur to have her eyes treated by Dr. Daly. She reports her eyes gradually improving.

Joe Jackson recently delivered about fifty yearlings to a party at Roaring Springs. He reports the price as very satisfactory.

Rev. Lewis McCarty was called by telephone Friday to the bedside of one of his many friends at Jayton who is reported seriously ill.

S. H. Mitchel, of Dickens, is in our community this week on business.

M. M. Morris has been experimenting with clover and reports a very satisfactory result. He also raised a fine crop of Chisolm White corn.

There will be singing at Gravel Hill Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The class has organized and elected W. F. McCarty Leader and Lucius Hale Assistant Leader. Bring all the Sacred Harp books you have as they are making preparations for a day at the Dickens County Fair next year.

J. C. Garrett, of the Tap country, was among the business visitors to the city this week.

John Smith, of several miles west of the city was among the number of business visitors here this week.

Poet Hagins was among the number in the city the first of the week from the Gilpin country.

J. Carlisle was here this week from the Gilpin country and spent some time in the city shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

J. H. Farmer was in the city Tuesday of this week from his farm home northeast of Spur, spending some time here ginning cotton and keeping up with the cotton market.

Cecil Bennett, of Gilpin, was in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, reporting everything progressing nicely in his section of the country.

Mrs. T. G. Harkey and Miss Thelma returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to relatives in the southern part of the state. They made the trip through the country in a Ford car.

J. E. Johnson, of the Farmers Gin Company, made a business trip this week to Stamford, returning to Spur the latter part of the week. Mr. Johnson recently installed his new machinery and ginning equipments and is now operating two complete ginning plants under one roof.

D. R. Quisenberry and wife, who recently moved to the Red Mud country from Jack and Clay counties, were in the city the latter part of last week and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Quisenberry is well pleased with this country and intends to make their permanent home here in the future.

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Andy Wooten, of the plains country, came to Spur last week and underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital. His many friends will be glad to know that he is now doing nicely and will soon be completely recovered.

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PLANNING NEXT YEAR'S CROP SYSTEM

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The greatest economic problem confronting the farmers of the South today is how to arrange a cropping system that will feed

the family, in addition to bringing in a money income, and thus stop the life-sapping store account. Time trading is ruining many of us completely and world without end. It is bad enough to buy food and feed for cash even; but when it comes to paying 50 to 75 per cent interest on top of the dealer's profits, as most men do who want to trade on time, a man simply saddles a burden on himself that can do nothing less than break his back and ruin his business. Let's stop it. We have shown how, by planting a larger portion of the cotton land to food and feed crops, the subsistence for the family and the livestock can be produced as clear gain absolutely. Let's lay out such a system and stick rigidly to it the coming year regardless of temptation.—L. A. Markham in Farm and Ranch.

D. J. Harkey, of Dickens, was among the large number of visitors in the city Saturday.

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newspapers of the country were all fighting the railroads, the people thought they were leeches and the Legislatures enacted stringent, regulative laws. Today the newspapers, the Legislatures and the people are for the railroads, have concluded that they are being imposed upon, and are encouraging more railroad building by more liberal concessions. There is no greater force in the business world than judicious newspaper advertising. This force can be applied to local mercantile business as well as to the railroad business.

LIKES THIS COUNTRY AND WILL MOVE HERE

J. E. Davis, of near Muskogee, Oklahoma, spent several days of this week visiting at the home of his son, Bob Davis and family of the Dry Lake community. Mr. Davis is well pleased with this country. In fact he is so well pleased with the country and the prevailing conditions that he listed his property near Muskogee for sale or to trade for property here. Mr. Davis has a fine place

in Oklahoma, well improved, and should any one desire to make a trade of this character, see R. L. Collier or call at the Texas Spur office for full particulars. We will be glad to see Mr. Davis locate with us.

J. H. Meadors, a prominent merchant of Dickens, was in the city Thursday on business.

J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, was in the city Monday and spent the day here on business and greeting his many friends.

COUNTY COURT MEETS MONDAY, NOV. 15TH

County Court of Dickens County will convene Monday, November 15th, and the following gentlemen have been selected to serve as petit jurors during the first week of the term:

W. G. Crego, C. A. Gladish, S. R. Davis, W. E. Gates, L. B. Haile, J. W. Carlisle, C. F. Cates, B. S. Cargile, F. L. Allcorn, C. L. Simms, W. A. Hawkins, Doc Burleson, D. F. Capshaw, O. C. Henry, W. J. Clark, T. N. Cook.