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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

**Cotton Seed \$40**

Cotton Seed is bringing \$40 per ton on the Spur market and going higher

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### BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WITH TARGET

Last Monday morning two small boys on Senator Stones farm one mile northeast of town by the name of Johnson and Daurity went out to look at their traps a few hundred yards from where their parents were at work. The Johnson boy carried a 22 target rifle. They found a covey of birds and the Johnson boy attempted to shoot, but the cartridge hung and in his effort to take it from the gun he accidentally shot the Daurity boy. The bullet entered the body just below the right shoulder blade and ranged downward. Doctor Green was called and attempted to locate the ball but it being so small and finding that it had not penetrated the lungs or stomach he thought it best to await further development. The writer accompanied the Doctor Monday evening about 5 o'clock to see the boy again and found him doing well, very little fever and we feel sure if the parents will follow the Doctor's advice he will be well soon.—Roaring Springs Echo.

### BUILDING NEW FARM HOME IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Lewis Holly was in Spur this week after lumber with which to build a farm home on land recently purchased in the Afton country. Mr. Holly returned some time ago from New Mexico where he spent several years in an effort to accumulate more wealth and property. However, he is back in the Spur country, is now improving a new home and his many friends hope to see him continue to prosper in this section.

W. M. Randall was in from the Steel Hill country one day this week on business. He reports bad colds and the gripe prevalent in that section.

## -GREETINGS-

As a loyal friend of our store, we desire to extend to you our grateful appreciation of your confidence in our Merchandise which has been our good fortune to enjoy.

As a great era of unprecedented prosperity now comes in view, it is with the utmost assurance that we wish you a most Successful and Happy New Year.

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### REMEMBERING AND FAVORING THE TEXAS SPUR

Following are the names of a few Texas Spur readers who have remembered us and favored us recently with a renewal of subscriptions to the extent of from one dollar to three dollars each: F. W. West, Spur; J. H. Johnson, Spur; H. C. Parsons, Spur; Will Smith, Spur; Mrs. Z. V. Smith, Spur; H. C. Allen, Spur; J. D. Hufstetler, Spur; P. Henson, Spur; W. F. Shugart, Spur; S. R. Bowman, Spur; H. E. Grabener, Spur; D. W. Pritchett, Spur; Mrs. M. E. Gilpin, Spur; J. G. Franks, Dumont; C. C. Haile, Draper; T. J. Harrison, Dickens; E. H. Blakely, Dickens; J. H. Miller, Dickens; J. W. Edwards, Dickens; T. B. Cross, Clairemont; J. E. Wright, Draper; E. R. Rorie, Turkey; S. E. Mezes, Austin; C. D. Byrd, Matador; J. A. Legg, Dickens; W. W. Stegall, Dickens; J. Anderson Davis, Spur; A. C. Lewis, Spur; R. I. Goodall, Clairemont; Mrs. Ada Travis, Cone; Mrs. J. B. Pruden, Chillicothe; Robt. T. Dopson, Spur.

Following is also a list of new names recently added to our subscription books: W. W. Garner, Spur; J. C. Keller, Spur; G. W. Rash, Spur; J. H. Jones, Spur; Dr. Grace, Spur; W. F. Baber, Spur; H. Ward, Spur; Al Sullivan, Spur; J. H. Dobbins, Spur; J. W. Carlisle, Spur; J. M. Aston, Spur; Baxter Scogins, Justiceburg; C. M. Grabener, Milano Junction; A. J. Grabener, Rogers; Mrs. C. L. Allday, Holdenville, Okla.; Neil Holman, Roaring Springs; Mrs. R. G. Cates, Decatur; Mack Kercheville, Devine; Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Kosse; Roy Nickels, McAdoo; Mrs. L. C. Harrison, Seymour; Dr. J. E. Montgomery, Herbert Posey, Peacock; D. C. Wolverton, Milano Junction; S. W. Lane, Spur; H. J. Koch, St. Jo Mo.; W. J. Johnson, Trevat; Mrs. Mary McAlester, Curno N. Mexico.

To be able to publish such long lists of renewals and new subscribers gives us greater energy to enter upon the new year with a determination to do all we can for the upbuilding of Spur and Spur country—the "garden spot" of Texas.

### PLEASED AND PROSPERING IN HIS NEW HOME

L. W. Davis, of California, spent a day or two here last week with his father, J. C. Davis, and Sol Davis and other relatives and friends in the town and country. He was returning from Georgia where he had been to accompany the remains of a relative who died in California. Luke had been the private secretary of this man since going to California about one year ago, and had also been looking after the settlement of an estate. While here Luke expressed himself as well pleased with his new home in California and stated that he would probably make his permanent home in that country. His many friends here were glad to see him again and also glad to know that he is pleased and prospering in his new home.

### PASSING AWAY

As we write these lines we can feel the old year passing away. 1915 in one more day will only live in history. To us it has been a good year and we hope 1916 holds in store for us and this country another as good. It is natural for us to look forward when the Christmas days are over, to Spring time when the old earth will again be clothed in her most charming apparel, when the tiny germ that has lain dormant in its seed shell through the cold winter months feels the warmth of the spring time sunshine and bursts out of its prison walls to meet and greet the warm zephyrs and refreshing showers. Life is a looking forward; real life is never satisfied with its deeds accomplished in the past, but is always expecting to improve. Did you ever notice it is the life that has been spent that lives in the past? The person that broods over and tells of the great things accomplished in years gone by and yet is not accomplishing something now is the life that has spent its usefulness. What has been done may have been well, but what counts and makes us known for usefulness in this new country is what we may accomplish in the future. Neither should we feel that our efforts having been successful, we may stand at ease or only make the same efforts we made in the past years. New Years bring new and greater responsibilities, and also greater opportunities. Our grandfathers rode in ox wagons and were great men whose lives we venerate, but under 1916 conditions the "ox wagon" gait would leave us far behind.

We as a business concern are not satisfied with past successes. We can now see how we might have accomplished more, and it shall be our aim from the moment the cows kneel down to pray on New Years night until Old Santa comes again to make 1916 a better year than 1915. We want to give better merchandise and better service if we possibly can. We want to keep a more complete stock and add to it some new lines. We intend to increase our floor space so as to display our goods better and to make it more comfortable for our customers. We want to give glad hand shakes to cheer our fellowmen and tell them more how we appreciate their friendship. We want to give more to worthy causes and to be of more service in every way to Spur and the Spur country.

Resolutions made are often broken yet the person who never resolves to do more and be better, we fear, never amounts to much. We are either going upward or downward the mercury of life is never still; hope is the propeller, will the power, that pushes us through this hurrying age to success if we reach that goal. It is our aim to build in Spur a business (which we have tried to found on sound business principles) that will not only do credit to the town but to the fast developing Spur country. We are trying to keep pace with the progressive farmers and ranchers and to do this we know that we cannot sit still. We want

### DOUBLE TRAGEDY NEAR HERMLEIGH

The Hermleigh community was stricken with untold anguish Tuesday when the awful news was confirmed by facts of the tragical ending of two precious lives. The victims of the tragedy were Mrs. C. A. Taylor and little four year old daughter, Josie. Mrs. Taylor was a victim of the dreaded pellagra and had been advised that her physician had no hopes of rescuing her. At their home near Hermleigh Tuesday she was seen to take her little girl and enter an outbuilding and close the door. Her daughter growing suspicious followed to investigate and just as she opened the door her mother cut her own throat with a razor, having already treated her little Josie likewise.

It is quite beyond us to realize the heart rendering sorrow that envelops this desolate family, but the deepest sympathy of which we are capable goes to them in their lonely peril.

Mrs. Taylor was thirty eight years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prescott of the Lone Wolf community.—Record.

### DIED

Tom Jackson died Sunday in Spur at the Standifer Hospital and the remains were carried Monday to Dickens where interment was made in the Dickens cemetery. Mr. Jackson was working on a ranch in Crosby county and was brought to Spur for an operation in hopes of saving his life. However, the operation was unavailing and all efforts to save his life were unsuccessful. Tom Jackson was a single man and a brother to A. S. Jackson and Walter Jackson of the Dickens and Croton countries. Mr. Jackson underwent an operation for an abscess in the appendix and for six days after the operation was doing well. However, pneumonia was contracted and as a result of this complication he died five days later, having been in the hospital eleven days. The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to the relatives in this bereavement.

your support, we want your friendship. We try to hitch our wagon to a star. And we want to see more in business than dollars and cents, tell us some of your troubles along with your joys. We want to be your real friends during 1916.

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abe Lincoln.

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### WARRING NATION WANTS ONE MILLION BALES

Ft. Worth, Texas, Dec 17 — The offer of a warring nation in Europe to pay twenty cents per pound for one million bales of cotton will be accepted and plans are being worked out by the committee in charge for making an early delivery, according to H. N. Pope, President of the Texas Farmers Union who returned recently from New Orleans where he attended the meeting of Southern Farmers Union Presidents.

"While the name of the country making the offer will not be given out at this time", President Pope stated today "the proposition is a bona fide one and the nation in question is anxious to secure the shipment as early as possible.

The committee appointed at the New Orleans meeting to look after the matter, consisting of Peter Radford of Austin, D. E. Lyday of Ravenna and myself, will get together at an early date and arrange for an early consumation of the plan."

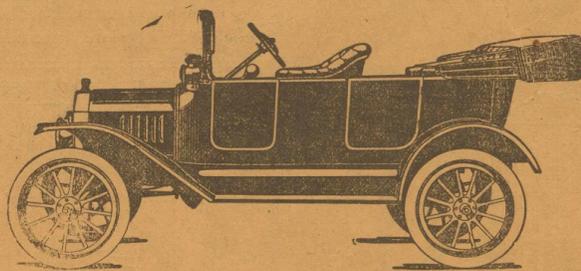
### KILLING AT FLOYDADA SATURDAY NIGHT

Last Saturday night about eleven o'clock in the Woody drug store at Floydada, Jim McPete shot and killed Mr. Bishop, a clerk in the store. It is reported that McPete was drinking and that he had come in the drug store several times and tried to get Bishop to sell him some alcohol and Mr. Bishop, of course, refused him. And it seems that McPete went out and came back and demanded him to sell him some and he again refused him and then he pulled his gun and shot him through the left leg just above the knee, severing an artery, and death resulted in a short time from the loss of blood. We understand that McPete says that he shot him accidentally. Facts in the case cannot be learned at this writing. Examining trial will come up Thursday.

Bishop leaves a wife and five children, while McPete is a single man.—Ex.

### BUYS A CAR

C. D. Copeland was among the number in the city this week. While here he bought a new Mitchell automobile which he is now driving for the convenience and pleasure of himself and family.



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### THE GREAT RESOLUTION

Time was, is past; thou canst not recall;  
Time is, thou hast; employ thy portion small;  
Time future, is not, and may never be;  
Time present is the only time for thee."

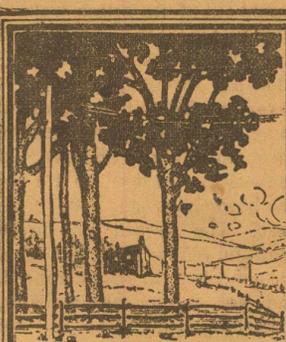
There is at least one good thing about the "New Year's resolution" and the "turning over of a new leaf." It is an admission on the part of the person making the resolution or turning the leaf that he is guilty of things which are not right; and the realization on his part that it is incumbent upon him to live righteously—"to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with God." Such an admission or such a resolution means much toward the improvement of the person making it, for the man who has become accustomed to sin, who is indifferent to the pleadings of the "still small voice," is much less susceptible to the admonitions of those about him, less responsive to the exhortations of his friends who would have him forsake the "ways of the world," turn to the light and struggle up the mount of consecration, even though with the bleeding footsteps of sacrifice and martyrdom. He whose resolution to reform is not based upon the

principal of good, and who does not rely on Him who fulfilled every promise and kept every vow for support when the subtleties of material philosophy are presented to him, and the insidious snares of false reasoning are laid about him, is likely to yield, for "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

Mere human will is a broken reed. God is not back of it; and this being true, it has no support. It takes a yearning, heartfelt desire, born of repentance and hope, to nerve one to the overcoming of "the world, the flesh and the devil." The self-satisfied, the spiritually comfortable, individual who has the "holier-than-thou" idea about himself, is as far from the kingdom as he who is "dead in trespasses and sins," for there is hope of a sinner that he will repent and reform; but the Pharisee who considers himself superior to other men, who thanks God that he is "not as other men," is in danger of the judgment. Lillie E. Barr writes—

The tree God plants  
Strikes deeper root, grows higher still,  
Spreads wider boughs, for God's good  
Will meets all its wants.

The resolution which covers all other resolutions is the one which consists simply of the determination to follow the light of Truth, to walk in the footsteps of Him who pointed out the way to a lost world, even though they be marked with blood and punctured by groans of suffering and sacrifice. It is only love of God, love of humanity and love of righteousness that can inspire with sincerity the determination to forsake the primrose path of sin, to leave forever the devious ways of error, to become heedless of the siren song of evil and struggle onward and upward toward that "city which hath foundations." Health and happiness are the companions of holiness. Holiness takes thought away from sinful indulgences, and since it is sin which causes all the ills of life, it is plain that in proportion as we become freed from its vile meshes do we become ex-



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empt from its penalties. For what says the apostle? "Sin entered into the world, and death by sin." As Samuel Longfellow says, "God's beauty, truth, right, power, are continually pressing for entrance into all souls in the uni-

verse, and as much enters each as it will allow. But, as the light that enters is affected by the quality of the window it passes through, so it is with the light of God shining through human souls." This suggests a great and important question for each to ask himself introspectively, what sort of a transparency for Truth am I? Am I, as the window pane through which the light of Love must shine for men, free of the darkness of sin, so all the light may reach them? The great resolution to "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven," includes about all there is of duty. It includes love for man, and the desire to demonstrate it on every occasion. It includes determination to be patient with the follies, faults and foibles of others. It includes willingness to help bear the burdens of others. It includes devotion to principle, consecration to holy purposes and fidelity to Him "in whom we live, and move, and have our being." John Chadwick says, "A good fight is never for its day alone—it is for many days, and it is not alone for him who bears its utmost stress. No man can live his own life bravely and quietly and not be an energy of social good, virtue proceeding forth from him to heal some brother's wounded heart." Robert Collyre speaks strongly and eloquently when he says, "This is the preparation for a good old age; duty well done, for its own sake, for God's sake, and for the sake of the commonwealth of man. When a man works only for himself, he gets neither rest nor reward hereafter."

Oh, men and women of the world, every day is the beginning of a new year—a glorious year, a God-loving, humanity-loving year; a year that is fraught with joy and peace and peace and happiness for ourselves and those about us; a year that has no beginning and no end, but lasts as long as eternity—if we but obey the injunction to "Love the lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself."—Dallas News.

### AN ORDINANCE

Be it remembered that the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, hereby order that Miller Avenue from First Street to Third Street, a street and highway within the incorporated limits of said City of Spur, be improved by grading and graveling the same, and said Commissioners have ordered that the sum of \$325.00 be expended in said improvement—one-fourth (1/4) of which sum is to be paid by the City of Spur, and three-fourths (3/4) of said sum, the said Commissioners have determined should be assessed in accordance with the provision of Chapter Eleven (11) Title Twenty two (22) of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, against the abutting property or lots on said Miller Avenue as follows:

The following lots to be assessed on the basis of 16 cents per foot frontage on said Miller Avenue.  
Lots No. 10 to 18, both inclusive, in block No. 33. Lots No. 1 and 14 in block No. 34. Lots No. 1 and 14 in block No. 47. Lots No. 10 to 18, both inclusive, in block No. 48.

It is further ordered by said Commissioners that a meeting of said Commissioners be held in the City of Spur at the office of the City Recorder on the 4th day of January, A. D., 1916, for the purpose of hearing any contest or contests of the owner or owners of said property to be so assessed as provided by Article 1013 of said Title and Chapter aforesaid, and that a true copy of this ordinance be published in the Texas Spur for three successive issues of said paper as a notice to the owners of said property of said proposed assessment, and of the time and place of said meeting for the hearing of contests.  
F. W. Jennings, Mayor.  
Oscar Jackson, City Clerk. 7-3t.

### NOTICE

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### OUR DEFECTIVES AND HUMANITY

The action of Dr. J. H. Hazelden of Chicago in refusing to perform a surgical operation for the purpose of saving the life of a defective infant has brought acutely before the people the problem of what to do with our defectives. It is the burning issue of the day, the theme of discussions by millions upon millions of people throughout the civilized world.

When born the child was in this condition: It had but one ear; it had no neck, the base of skull being about even with its shoulders; one side was paralyzed; it had a curved spine; on the left side it had a double kidney connected to the bladder by one tube; on the right side it had no kidney; there was no opening to the lower intestine; its stomach was dilated; its thighs were abnormally large; it had a hemorrhage in the spinal canal, indicating an injury or a diseased condition of the blood vessels; there was no passage way to the

missing ear; its brain was apparently normal, with the exception of a hemorrhage on the left side.

The performing of a simple operation would have saved the life of this child. But the surgeon, knowing the future that would await it, refused to operate. A Coroner's jury, consisting of a number of the most noted physicians in Chicago, found that he acted strictly within his rights and within the ethics of the medical profession.

Was this doctor a human being with a great heart, who refused to prolong the life of this child and thereby condemn it to an existence of helpless misery? Or was he a criminal in his refusal to perform an operation that meant life, though that life be worse than death?

Hardly a day passes but we read of a crime committed by some person who is later proven to have been a defective from birth. There is no punishment for such. They must be committed to an institution for the rest of their days, or be permitted to run at large and con-

tinue to be a menace to all people with whom they come in contact.

Many of these defective people grow to maturity, and marry and bring other defectives into this world. The world is full of them, and humanity is becoming more morally depraved and mentally warped every day. Europe in particular is deluged with them in high places, brought about by the pernicious system of inter-marriage, and Europe is drowning in a sea of blood and destruction.

What are we to do with our defectives? Are we to nurture them and send them forth into the world to breed other defectives, or serve as a canker in the mentality and morality of mankind? Or should they be allowed to slip back into the mystery from the place from whence they came?

We correct the mistakes of nature in all other respects by removing the menace in time.

But what are we to do with regard to the greatest of all menaces to future generations?

What will the future of our race be if they are allowed to grow, and propagate, and cover the land with the ever increasing accidental blights of nature?—Ex.

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### HIS TEN COMMANDMENTS

These old commandments still survive, Which married men have made for their wives.

1. Remember that I am thy master dear Whom thou shalt adore from year to year.
2. Thou shalt always be at home at night, And in thy duties take delight.
3. Thou shalt not spend my cash for snuff, Nor chewing gum and all such stuff.
4. My friends thou shalt with smiles receive, And pet me when they take their leave.
5. Upon my mother thou shalt wait, While she lives with us in grand estate.
6. Remember always to do thy best. To keep my trousers nicely pressed.
7. Thou shalt not carry the pocket book, Neither shalt thou in my pockets look.
8. Thou shalt always meet me smiling bright When I drink or stay out late at night.
9. With jealousy thou shalt never rile, When other women on me smile.
10. For baby thou shalt always care, No matter when you go or where.

No difference what I do or say, These ten commandments thou shalt obey.

—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

R. L. Stewart, of the Afton country, was in Spur this week on business. He is now making preparations to leave for New Mexico at an early date. He intends to take up land in that country and establish a new home. Mr. Stewart is one among our best citizens, and while we regret to lose him from our citizenship we wish him much prosperity and a pleasant home in New Mexico.

Mayor F. W. Jennings and wife spent Christmas in Snyder with Rev. Stewart and family. Mr. Jennings returned immediately after Christmas while Mrs. Jennings will remain in Snyder for a more extended visit.

Mrs. G. O. Hubbert returned Wednesday from Dallas where she spent Christmas with her children. She also combined business with pleasure by making purchases of goods for her Racket Store in Spur.

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**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

F. Fulbright, of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur this week.

Rube Sargent, of Dickens, was among the number in Spur this week on business.

Ten young work mules for sale at bargain prices. See W. F. Shugart. 9-tf.

Lloyd and Vivian Barber left Spur last week for Beeville where they will attend the next term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson spent Christmas in Dickens with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jaye.

W. D. Clay and wife spent a day or two this week in Dickens visiting his father, H. F. Clay, and other relatives and friends.

A. C. Hyatt came over Wednesday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

Mrs. Wood Williams and children are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in other parts of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Douglass and child returned this week from Dublin where they spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children are spending the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with her parents, W. E. Connell and family.

J. H. McCarty, of the Afton country, was in Spur this week and while here left a dollar at the Texas Spur office to extend his subscription another year.

Judge A. J. McClain and Mat Howell came in Wednesday from the Cat Fish country and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting friends.

E. L. Gordonier, of Roaring Springs, has been spending some time in Spur selling a bunch of Jersey cows to the people of the surrounding country.

Neil Holman, who is now manager of the Roaring Springs telephone exchange, was in Spur last week on business and greeting his friends here.

Mrs. Swearingen, of Stamford, passed through Spur this week on her way to Dickens to visit relatives and look after her property interests in that city.

Chas. A. Jones came in from Freeport and spent the Christmas holidays in Spur. We are always glad to see Mr. Jones and will be glad when he again makes Spur his home.

T. M. Burgess and children, of the Afton country, left Spur last week on their way to another section of the country to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

County Treasurer J. B. Yantis passed through Spur this week on his return home from Brady and other points where he spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Oliver Gray spent a day or two here this week looking after the telephone lines in connection with the Luzon Telephone Company, and incidentally enjoying the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mary Copeland came in last week from Tehaucana where she is attending school and spent the holidays with her father, C. D. Copeland and family, six miles east of Spur.

John Self was here last week from the Red Mud country.

J. C. Keller and wife are reported quite sick this week at their home west of Spur.

Rev. E. E. White, we are glad to note is again able to be out after an illness of several days.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of visitors in the city this week.

W. H. Putman is reported quite sick of pneumonia at his home in Spur, and at this time his recovery is very doubtful.

Will Walker called in one day this week and somewhat relieved the depression of the Christmas holidays by leaving a big silver dollar with us to extend his subscription up another year.

#### NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

We wish to thank the public for their past patronage and so licit a continuance of same in the future. Wishing one and all a prosperous new year, we are,  
Yours to serve,  
German Kitchen.

Uncle Jimmy Jones was in the city Wednesday of last week from the Afton country.

H. C. Cravey, of the Red Mud country, was in town the latter part of last week on business.

All gentlemen are welcome and invited to the German Kitchen, and ladies need no protection while in this place.

Lost in Spur, a pocket knife with "compliments of your brother, C. S. Greer" printed on handle. Please return to J. I. Greer. 9 3 t p

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.

#### DIED

Mr. Hayes died Christmas day in Dickens after a short illness, and the remains were shipped to Comanche county, his former home, for interment. Mr. Hayes and family had recently moved to Dickens from the plains country for the benefit of the Dickens schools, and in this bereavement the family has our sincere sympathy.

#### NOTICE

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

#### NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank in Spur, Texas, on the second Tuesday the 11th day of January, A. D. 1915, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting.

R. V. Colbert, President,  
M. E. Manning, Cashier.  
Spur, Texas,  
Dec. 1, 1915. 6-tf.

### Encouragement and Co-operation

You are entitled to encouragement and co-operation from your bank in the development of your business along any legitimate and practical line.

It is the constant aim of the City National Bank to meet as many of the requirements of its depositors as it can consistently with sound banking principles, and to become a real factor in the development of their affairs.

### THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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

**Local and Long Distance Telephone Service**

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

**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

**WILL POSSIBLY ERECT  
DOUBLE BRICK BUILDING**

C. L. Mistrot, of Stamford, was in Spur one day this week looking over the town with a view of buying lots, erecting a double brick building and possibly later establishing a business here. He spent only a short time here but stated that he was very much impressed with the conditions and the future prospects of Spur. Mr. Mistrot is a member of the Mistrot Company of Stamford and other points, and in the past years the Mistrot Company owned numbers of stores throughout Texas and other states.

**A GOOD INVESTMENT**

Editor M. Clendenin, of Burkburnett in Wichita county, was in Spur this week and spent several days here looking after his property interests near Spur. Editor Clendenin owns a fine one hundred and sixty acre tract of land two or three miles from Spur and in buying this land we are confident that he made a good investment. Within a few years land near Spur will sell for fifty to seventy five dollars an acre.

**NO "CHRISTMAS TRAGEDIES"**

Christmas trees were had at the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches on Christmas eve night. A Christmas tree was also had at the school house on the afternoon the school dismissed for the holidays. All of the trees were loaded with presents, and it is presumed that there was not a single "Christmas Tragedy" within the whole Spur country. The "Goodfellow" organization secured liberal contributions, and assisted by individuals of the town, made every effort to see that Santa Claus visited every family who were not in a position to provide the joys of Christmas.

S. W. Rather was in the city recently from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home.

T. G. Harkey is reported quite sick of pneumonia at his home a mile west of town.

Bill McArthur was in the city Wednesday from his home in the Tap country.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks was in the city Wednesday from her home in the Tap country.

C. F. Cates has been confined to his room this week, suffering of the gripe.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For County and District Clerk:  
LESLIE E. WILLIAMS  
J. A. KOON  
M. GAY

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
R. L. COLLIER  
J. H. LATHAM  
J. B. CONNER  
BUD MILLER  
T. W. MORGAN  
G. L. BARBER  
G. T. SNODGRASS

For Tax Assessor:  
G. B. JOPLING

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial Dist.  
BERT KING

**ADVERTISED LETTERS**

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Spar, Texas. When calling for same please say "advertised."

Abney, R. H.; Alderman, W. J.; Ball, Bert; Bailey, E.; Bailey, H.; Beauchamp, O. C.; Berry, J. M.; Bennett, Manial; Boggs, T. J.; Boothe, Buster; Brasher, E. G.; Byrd, W. M. (2); Carwell, Fred; Cloud, Claude; Clark, Robert; Cox, R. H.; Cook, J. M.; Cooner, T. C.; Crow, C. L.; Daniel, Winford; Dancy, Sam Earl; Harris, W. O.; Hall, Dave; Harper, Jim; Hartley, Tom; Hanson, J. A.; Harvey, Bill; Hardin, Nathaniel; Harlin, Isom; Howard, Luther; Haris, Ida L.; Haskew, J. L.; Harcrow, Frank; Harvey, W. K.; Horton, Charley; Henderson, W. K.; Meadows, Will; Hinton, Johnie; Hodge, M. M.; Hudson, W. H.; Jamerson, Isiac; Jackson, Johnie; Lemmons, J. M.; Lewis, Cora; Love, Willie; Love, Dallas; Lions, James; Mimms, M. B.; Moore, Henry; Murry, M. M.; Newberry; Pearymond, Josie; Ray, Sherd, G. W.; Smith, Will; Tolaret Tilmon; Thomas, Dan; Thacker, Robert; Tucker, Marion; Underwood, Walter; Washington, Abe; Wallace, A. O. Williams, J. A.; Wyatt, E. Z.; Anderson, Jennie. Davis, Laura (2), Davis, Lena, Garrett, Della. Hall, Salie; Harvey, Grace; Harvey, R. E.; Stephenson, Bell; Thomas, Allins (2).  
Mrs. Evans, P. M.

**EASY TO TAKE  
NO PAIN OR  
ACHE.**

It's no longer necessary to bear the weakening sickness and terrible nausea that always follows a dose of calomel.

LIV-VER-LAX cleanses the torpid liver, and livens up the whole system by ridding it of the clogging poisons. Yet it works you so gently and pleasantly that you hardly know you've taken it.

LIV-VER-LAX, being purely vegetable, is absolutely harmless, and does not tear up the system like calomel. And it's guaranteed to be satisfactory, or the druggist will return your money. For sale at 50c and \$1 at Spur Drug Company.

**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.

**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.

**To All Our  
Friends and  
Customers**

**WE THANK YOU** from the depths of our heart for the prosperous business the past year ---the greatest in the history of this store.

We wish you one and all the greatest happiness and prosperity during the year 1916.

**Spur Drug Co.**

*The Rexall Store*

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was among the business visitors in Spur this week.

J. C. McNeill was in the city one day this week from his Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur.

Mr. Morgan, father of B. E. and T. W. Morgan, is reported quite sick this week at his home in Spur.

Mrs. C. F. Cates and children returned Thursday from Petersburg where they spent Christmas with her sister and family.

Dr. Crace has been quite sick several days of this week and has been confined to his room. We hope soon to note his recovery.

Many people in Spur and surrounding country are reported sick of la gripe and pneumonia. The severe Christmas weather is supposed to be the cause of the epidemic of gripe and pneumonia.

T. H. Jenkins recently moved to Dickens county from Throckmorton county. He has secured a farm and will make a crop here another year.

The Croton people are interested in the Dickens County Fair. It is our intention to have an attractive exhibit next fall and we are now preparing entries for the Arts and School Department. To have interesting exhibits from the rural schools it is necessary to publish the catalogue before these schools close.

There was recently some talk of uniting the Croton and Highland schools, and having three teachers. A good idea, which if carried out, would lead to a school that would need four or five teachers. If every one would yield a little, this could be accomplished. Instead of having the school boys to build roads on sand tables, let them bring their teams and actually build roads. In this way we would have good roads and automobiles could be run to carry the children back and forth to school. A big thing is in our grasp. Lay aside your old ideas and solve the problem.

**FOR A NEW  
YEAR'S GIFT**

**BUY SOMETHING USEFUL**

Something That Can Be Used All The Time

We have a complete line of Pocket Cutlery, Cut Glass, Silverware, Lap Robes and a large stock of

...Winchester Guns and Ammunition...

**Riter Hdw. Co.**  
Spur, Texas

**JACKSON REALTY CO.**

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.

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High Grade Lumber, Paints and Oils  
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We Appreciate Your Business



Just to Give You  
a Cup  
of Good Coffee

The cream of the coffee crops of far-off lands are gathered—shipped across seas—tested and tasted—the best selected, cleaned, roasted, dusted, ground and packed in air tight tins bearing the label

**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.

**WAPLES-PLATTER GROCER CO.**

(Wholesale Only)

Denison, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Amarillo, Bowie, Brownwood, Chillicothe, Dublin, Farwell, Gainesville, Greenville, Hamlin, Lubbock, Marshall, Stamford, Texas, and Ada, Oklahoma.

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**TEXAS CROPS OF 1915  
WORTH \$397,773,000**

Washington, Dec. 21.—The value of the principal farm crops produced in the State of Texas during 1915 increased \$46,145,000 as compared with the value of the production in 1914. Figures compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture show that of the \$5,500,000,000 crop value for this year, Texas furnished a total of \$333,773,000 in what the department classes as "principal crops," and estimates that all other crops not specifically enumerated amounted to \$64,000,000 which brings the grand total for Texas to \$397,773,000. The total production value for 1914 was \$351,623,000.

Texas made its greatest gain in the value of cotton, which, although less in production than in 1914, brought a higher price. The cotton estimate for Texas this year was 3,175,000 bales, as against 4,560,000 bales in 1914. The price then averaging 6.8c per pound, gave a total value of only \$148,528,000, whereas the average price of 11.1c this year

gave a total value of \$168,812,000, something more than \$20,000,000 increase. Texas also gained in the production value of grain crops, but lost in sweet potatoes, hay and rice.

Texas—Corn 175,075,000 bushels, \$101,544,000; winter wheat 110,802,000 bushels, \$24,462,000; oats 44,375,000 bushels, \$18,638,000; barley 252,000 bushels \$171,000; rye 34,000 bushels, \$35,000; potatoes 2,730,000 bushels, \$2,866,000; sweet potatoes 5,880,000, \$4,116,000; hay 765,000 tons, \$6,044,500; tobacco 100,000 pounds, \$27,000; rice \$7,058,000; cotton 3,175,000 bales, \$168,811,000; total \$333,773,000; estimated value of crops not enumerated \$64,000,000; grand total \$397,773,000.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Mrs. F. W. Jennings entertained the Merry Wives Club at her home Friday afternoon of last week with a Christmas party. The score cards were represented by a "grab bag" of Christmas toys, and as the players progressed they were entitled to a grab from the bag. At the conclusion of a number of games of "progressive forty two" refreshments were served by the hostess.

**LATEST TAX ROLLS SHOW  
LARGEST ASSESSMENTS**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—Tax rolls for 1915 show the largest amount of taxes assessed in the State of any previous year, totaling \$16,158,214.40. The total amount far exceeds the estimated and shows an increase of approximately \$5,000,000 over 1914.

The assessment for 1915, including the levy for ad valorem and poll taxes, totals \$16,151,879.50 and supplemental back tax amounts to \$6,334.90. For 1914 the rolls show assessment based on \$11,275,885.81 and a supplemental back tax of \$4,588.87, making the total for 1914 \$11,280,474.68, as compared with \$16,158,214.40 for 1915. All counties are considered in the report completed today in the Comptroller's department. This is likewise a feature of the report as in past years some counties have not submitted reports in time to be included in the final compilation of figures by the Comptroller.

**REMEMBER THE DEAD**

A few days since, a party of us drove out to look upon the beauties of our Spur Cemetery—the beautiful cemetery being the pride of every refined and well regulated town or city. Pained indeed we are to say there are no beauties there of the artistic hand. The word "dead" seemed only fitting the situation. Not even a graveled walk or rose or tree adorned the peaceful abode of the beloved dead. And none die but what are beloved by some one.

The brightest picture of the modern town or city of its civic righteousness is its well kept cemetery, because the living are here very briefly—they are dead a long, long time. Now, 1915 is hoary with age—will soon be gone and passing years can only bloom on eternity's scroll with good deeds done in memory of the loved and lost.

In brief, lets get the County Surveyor to plat the cemetery into family lots, choose a local secretary and treasurer, book all lots by numbers, at two to five dollars each, the fund to be used for upkeep of the cemetery together with any donations the public may make—then let the ladies organize a cemetery club to beautify the grounds and ere long the Spur Cemetery will be the bouquet of Dickens county and the pride of all who love and honor the beloved dead.

Sincerely,  
F. N. Oliver,

**OBITUARY**

E. R. Nix, formerly of Oklahoma City, died at the Sanitarium in Wichita Falls Dec. 23, of inflammation of the bowels. The body was sent to his old home at Holdenville, Okla., for burial. Mrs. Nix and little daughter, Vashti, came to Spur Christmas day to make their home permanently with her father, H. T. Garner. Her friends extend sympathy in this bereavement. "A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled."  
—A friend.

M. S. Favor, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and spent the day here trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

We extend thanks to our many patrons for the past season, and trust that the year of 1916 may bring many pleasant happenings.

**LOVE DRY GOODS CO.**

SPUR

Bob Davis was in the city Wednesday from the Dry Lake country and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting friends.

N. Q. Brannen and J. D. Powell made a business trip this week to Plainview. We are informed that Mr. Brannen intends to bring back an automobile to be used in his grocery business as a delivery car.

S. R. Bowman is among the number of farmers of the country who has recently purchased an automobile. This is evidence of "rapid" progress as well as substantial evidence of prosperity on the part of farmers of the country.

Strayed—A gray horse, roached mane, 16 hands high, with the Spur (triangle) brand, saddle horse. Will pay \$5.00 for his delivery at Girard, or \$2.50 for holding the horse and notifying me.—R. E. Darden, Girard, Texas. 9 tf.

**NOTICE**

Dr. Daly, of Abilene, will be in Spur January 26th and 27th. Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear and Throat and fitting glasses.

References from people who were once blind but who can now see to read.

Office With Dr. Morris.

J. H. Latham, of the Red Hill country, was among the visitors to Spur Thursday of this week.



At this season of the year you are so apt to eat too much of the wrong thing and become sick that it is well to have a DRUG STORE in mind.

Remember OUR drug store and remember your little druggist has written on the wall all That's all.

WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR

**Red Front Drug Store**  
Spur - - - Texas

**JUST FROM MARKET!**

I have just returned from market where I purchased a select stock of variety goods for my Racket Store. When goods arrive I will have one of the best stocked racket stores in this part of the state.

I will make special prices on all Christmas goods for the New Year.

I have just received a shipment of fine chocolate candy, nice and fresh.

**MRS. G. O. HUBBERT**