

Cotton 12c

The price of Cotton has been from 12 cents to 12 1-4 in Spur This Week

THE TEXAS SPUR

AND DICKENS ITEM

Cotton Seed \$35

Cotton Seed is bringing \$35 per ton on the Spur market and going higher

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION PROVIDED FOR

The Terrell Election Law provides that a political party casting 50,000 or more votes for governor at the last election shall, on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1916, hold a primary election for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President and Vice-President, Presidential Electors and Delegates to the National Convention. The ballots for such an election shall provide for the first and second choice for such candidates by voters.

In view of such a law, it is now a question to be determined by the Democratic party of Dickens county whether or not such an election shall be held on that date in Dickens county. Should such an election be not held the people of this county will have no voice whatever in the selection of a candidate for President, Vice-President, Electors and Delegates.

We have always believed that the people of this country should have the controlling power in governmental affairs, and now that we are given an opportunity to express our choice for officers from President down to Constable we should not neglect this privilege and duty of every good citizen.

Let us hear from the Democracy of Dickens county as to whether or not the people of Dickens county desire to assist and participate with the country at large in selecting national candidates.

NEW READERS AND RENEWALS TO TEXAS SPUR

Following is a list of new subscribers which we have recently added to our subscription books: W. S. Hunter, Spur; S. W. Stephenson, Spur; T. W. Morgan, Spur; H. T. Garner, Spur; W. L. Huddleston, Spur; T. A. Ham, Dickens; Bert King, Seymour; Curtis Harris, Mt. Lebanon, La.; T. H. Jenkins, Dickens; R. L. Self, Spur; A. C. Buchanan, Temple; W. L. Bulloch, Spur; Miss Fannie Kelly, Albany; J. A. Mebane, DeKalb, Texas; Abe Reed, New Boston, Texas;

The following subscribers have our thanks for their renewal: J. D. Martin, Spur; W. L. Powell, Spur; L. J. Archer, Singleton; L. J. Powell, Singleton; W. L. Hyatt, Spur; J. E. Burton, Spur; for himself and E. E. Lampkin, Pooleville; Spur Drug Company; J. P. Simmons, Spur; W. T. Marshall, Spur; J. Q. Adams, Girard; G. A. Howsley, Albany; Jim H. Smith, Spur; Lee Carpenter, Paducah.

HELP US DOUBLE UP

A. B. Morgan, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday on business. He recently had his name enrolled on the Texas Spur list and also on our clubbing list for the Dallas News. The Texas Spur list continues to grow, and we want each one of our present readers to assist us in doubling our number of subscribers during the year 1916.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD GIN MAN

While in the city Tuesday R. R. Wooten called at the Texas Spur office and spent a short time. He said that he and every farmer of the McAdoo country on the plains were very anxious to secure a gin for that section another year. He said that 2,500 acres of land would be planted to cotton this year within a radius of seven miles within the Lee County settlement, and that with a normal production one thousand or more bales would be produced. He stated further that he would donate a gin site and furnish water for the operation of the gin. The people of that community will not only agree to haul out all building material and machinery but will pay a bonus on each bale ginned. This is a proposition worthy of consideration by some good gin man, and should a gin be established in that section hundreds of acres more of cotton will be planted another year, thus making the Lee County settlement one of the best locations for a gin of any other community in Dickens county.

MOVED IN MEXICO

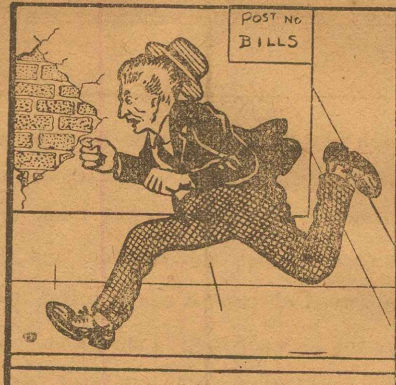
We received a letter this week from Tom Allen requesting that we hereafter mail the Texas Spur to him at Grants, New Mexico, instead of Datil. Tom Allen and wife and John Day and family formerly lived near Datil, New Mexico, but have recently moved near Grants where we understand they have purchased land and will make their home in the future. They have many friends in Spur and Dickens county who will be glad to know that they are prospering in their new homes in New Mexico.

BUYS FARM HOME IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

E. W. Winkle and family, of Fisher county, near Roby, passed through Spur last week on their way to Afton where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Winkle recently bought the W. J. Young farm home near Afton. We understand that the consideration in this purchase was forty dollars an acre, this being the highest price paid for farm lands in that section. However, the W. J. Young farm is one of the best in the whole country and without a doubt is worth the price paid. We extend Mr. Winkle and family a hearty welcome as citizens of the great Spur country and wish them not only a most pleasant home among us but much of the prosperity which abounds throughout this section of Western Texas.

We received a letter this week from J. R. Lair of Saskatchewan Landing in Canada, enclosing a one dollar bill to have the Texas Spur continue to come to his address and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Lair is with the Matador Land & Cattle Company of Canada, having formerly been a citizen of this section and is well known to many readers of the Texas Spur.

WHEN YOU READ THE JOYFUL NEWS



Off you'll start, no time to lose; And be the first in line to choose That John Deere Implement; light on your mules.

Yes, we just received a car load of John Deere Implements and they are going fast. A great many of you have been waiting on this car. Come in and get your plow. We have a full new line with the latest improvements and adjustments.

We also have a complete stock of corrugated roofing but it is going fast. A few more spools of barb wire at the old price. A good chance for you to save some money.

We want to invite you new comers that will have to build fences and make other improvements on your new land to visit our builders' hardware department, as we have the wire and hardware for you. We are headquarters for nails, locks, etc. A few more of those Old Reliable Peter Schuttler wagons left; also a new shipment of the Famous John Deere Iron-Clad wagons here. Don't fail to see this line before you buy.

The ladies will be glad to know that we have in a new shipment of white goods, the famous Linweave white fabric. Call now while the stock is complete. The cold winter is here with its frosty and icy breath. We are selling overcoats too cheap for you to stand around and freeze to death. A good overcoat at \$5.00. Only a few more left. Bring in your dry goods bill and let us show you.

Now remember we are headquarters for groceries. Light Crust Flour and Maxwell House Coffee will make a happy man out of a grouch.

We are glad to report that little L. S. Taylor, son of Sanders Taylor, who has been quite sick this week of pneumonia, is better and on the way to recovery. All the boys are well and on the job. It seems there has been a great deal of sickness in the country. We hope all our friends who are on the grip and sick beds are on the road to recovery.

We wish to thank you for the business you have given us and for the way you are starting this New Year. We feel sure you will help us make this the best year ever. The country is in a better shape than ever before and as we have stood side by side during the hard years we hope to still do so and are keeping a better stock and do all in our power to give you good value for your money. We want your business either cash or credit. Come on with the crowds that trade with us. Come in and tell us your experiences and let us get our shoulders to the wheel to make 1916 the greatest year the Spur country has ever had.

Yours truly,
Bryant-Link Company.

SPUR FARM LANDS CONTINUE TO SELL

Since the last report in the Texas Spur fifteen more tracts of the Spur Farm Lands have been sold as follows: J. D. Martin of near Spur, one section; W. K. Perry of Spur, eighty acres; T. A. Harvey of Wise county, one quarter section; W. K. Williams of Coleman county, one quarter section; Penn Hollingshead of Girard, twenty acre tract; R. H. Cox, Girard, twenty acre tract; R. F. Thomas of Spur, one quarter section; J. M. Hahn of Girard, twenty acre tract; J. E. Hodges and R. N. Clark of Girard, one quarter section; Arnold Copeland, of near Spur, one quarter section; T. E. Blackwell of Dickens, one quarter section; C. F. Brooks of Gilpin, forty acres; T. V. Davis of Spur, eighty acres.

During the year 1915 more than a half million dollars worth of land was sold by the Spur Farm Lands management to actual settlers and home builders. The fact that this much land has been sold is substantial evidence that the Spur lands are not only attractive but desirable to the homeseeker and home builder. It is now becoming generally recognized that the Spur country is the finest agricultural section of America.

900 BALES GINNED

J. E. Reams, who has been associated with J. V. McCormick throughout the fall in the ginning business at Afton, returned this week to Spur and will probably make his home here again. He reports that the Afton gin will soon close up for the season, having ginned about nine hundred bales of cotton.

MOVES TO SPUR AND ENGAGES IN DAIRY BUSINESS

S. B. Abercrombie and family arrived in Spur last week from Merkel and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Abercrombie recently purchased the dairy business of W. A. Craddock, including thirty head of Jersey cows, the lease of his twenty-acre farm home and eighty acres of grass land. Mr. Abercrombie is an experienced dairyman and no doubt will make a success of the business in Spur. We welcome he and his family to Spur and with confidence wish them much prosperity among us.

FARMERS UNION WILL PUT IN NEW BUSINESS

A meeting of the Farmers Union membership was held in Spur Monday of this week for the purpose of discussing a proposition to establish in Spur what is to be known as a Clearing House. It was decided by the meeting that such a house would be established in Spur, and in accord with this decision a Board of Directors composed of seven members was appointed, among whom were J. P. Fibson, A. W. Jordan, J. A. Murchison, J. Carlisle and three others whose names we failed to secure.

We are informed that through the board of directors a general mercantile store will be established in Spur at an early date, the store to carry groceries, dry goods, hardware and implements. A general manager for the business will be employed by the board of directors.

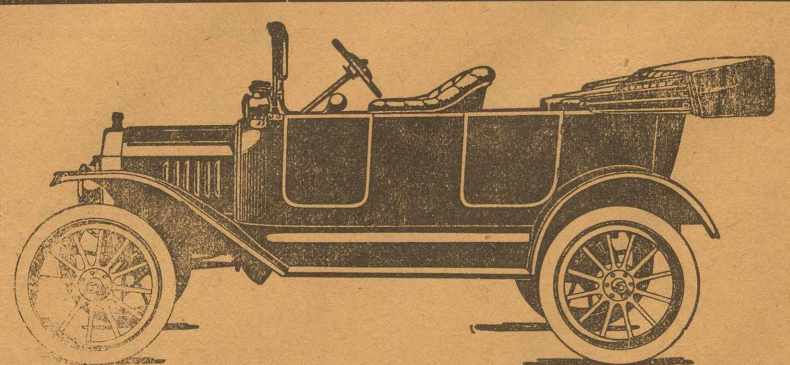
A meeting of the board of directors will be held in Spur Saturday, at which time the details of the proposition will be decided upon.

WILL ATTEND COURT

Quite a number of the people of Spur and Dickens county are now making preparations to attend court at Seymour next Monday morning at which time the Perry Fite case will be called in the District Court which is now session at that place. Possibly fifty witnesses will attend from this section.

AN EPIDEMIC OF LA GRIPPE AND PNEUMONIA

An epidemic of la grippe and pneumonia is being experienced not only in the Spur country but throughout the whole United States. Here in this section five or six deaths have occurred as a result of this epidemic, while in the larger cities of the North and East thousands of deaths have occurred. Such an epidemic can not be attributed to the defects of any section of the country but rather to atmospheric and weather conditions which prevail throughout the whole country, and we presume the only preventative is a careful observance of the laws of nature and health and avoidance of unnatural exposure. It is said that sickness and disease is the result of violating the laws of health, and in many instances such laws are violated through indifference, neglect and even ignorance.



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Roadsters, \$390 00
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Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

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Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

H. P. Cole, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Monday on business.

Lee Carpenter has moved to Paducah where he will make his home in the future.

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

Ranger Robinson was here Monday from Dickens and spent some time on business.

O. W. Maddox, of twelve miles west, came in Monday and spent several hours on business.

Roy Butts was among the large number here Saturday, coming in from his farm home six miles east.

Will Walker came in Monday from his home two miles east of town and spent several hours here on business.

C. D. Copeland, an extensive farmer and prominent citizen of six miles east, was a business visitor to Spur Monday.

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.

For Sale—Pork and lard at money saving prices.—Mrs. Williamson, four miles west of Afton. 11-tf.

J. H. Latham, of the Red Hill country, was in the city Monday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday of last week greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Al Sullivan came in Monday from his home in the Gilpin country and hauled out lumber and material to make improvements at his place.

J. G. Currie, of the Archer County settlement, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. E. Burton, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill community, was here Saturday and paid the Texas Spur a pleasant call, leaving a couple of dollars to be applied on his subscription to this paper, for which he has our thanks.

Mr. Long and wife, of the Eastern part of the state, are on an extended visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman, four miles north of the city.

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

Paul Douglass had an operation performed last week in the removal of a cancer from his neck. He is doing well and is confident that a permanent cure has been effected by the operation.

Will Cobb, brother of County Clerk Crawford Cobb of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Cobb has been making his home in the Panhandle country and is here to spend the winter with his brother. He reports that good crops of feed and grain were made this year in the Panhandle country, the wheat crop averaging about thirty five bushels to the acre.

J. C. Davis, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Afton country, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends here.

Miss Jessie Lisenby, of Dickens, boarded the train in Spur Sunday on her return to Abilene where she is attending Simmons College, after spending the holidays with her parents and other relatives and friends.

The Texas Spur is in receipt of a letter from W. A. Wilkinson, of Ritchie, New Mexico, in which he enclosed one dollar for the payment of his subscription another year. We sincerely thank Mr. Wilkinson for this remembrance and invite others to follow his example.

Fred O. McFall, one of the most prominent men of the Spur country, came in Monday from his home in the Soldier Mound settlement and spent some time in the city on business. While here he dropped in and handed us a dollar and said, "Let the Texas Spur keep a coming."

Hon. A. J. Hagins, a leading citizen of the Jayton country, was here Thursday on business. He reports that one hundred and forty bales of cotton were grown and harvested from his places in the Spur and Jayton countries this year.

Ed Hulse, a prominent farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week on business. Mr. Hulse invariably has something to sell from his farm and as a consequence is one of the best fixed men in this whole country.

R. S. Holman and family, who have been making their home at Floydada, moved recently to Matador where they assumed charge of the hotel at that point and where the Judge will continue the practice of his profession as attorney-at-law.

W. J. Duncan, of Dickens, was in Spur last week greeting his friends here. He and family recently returned from a trip to New Mexico where they spent some time with their sons and daughter. Mr. Duncan is one of the "old timers" of Dickens county and is one of our very best citizens.

TEA PARTY

Miss Adrian Attebury entertained her little girl friends at her home in the city last Friday afternoon with a tea party. The following were present to enjoy the occasion. Little Misses Dick Stafford, Adalaide Senning, Elva Lee, Bessie Wayne Jackson, Willie Richbourg, Mabel Stafford, Mildred Williams and Ruby and Dorothy Love.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at different amusements and at the conclusion dainty refreshments were served.

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When You Turn Under Bolls, You Protect

Weevil and other Insects through the winter

Pull all the bolls, opened and unopened, and bring them to the gin. We get out the cotton for you and burn the hulls and all insects in our furnace. You make good money by doing this. We gin every day. We are well prepared to handle this rough stuff and give you good turnout and sample.

Citizens Gin & Power Company,

Spur, Texas

BUYS SUBURBAN FARM HOME NEAR SPUR

George Paddick recently sold his suburban home one mile east of Spur to W. E. Fletcher who with his family have moved to the place and established their permanent home. Mr Paddick and family left for Oklahoma with the intention of making their home in that section. Geo. Paddick was a good man, a successful truck farmer and made money on his twenty-acre block. We regret to lose him from our citizenship but welcome W. E. Fletcher and family as citizens to take their place.

Everything good to eat. Give us a call.—German Kitchen. 11 tf

Oscar Jackson and children have also been sick the past week of the grippe.

W. T. Wilson, of five miles east, was among the many visitors to Spur this week.

Mrs. J. I. Mecom is also reported sick of pneumonia at their home in the city.

Mrs. M. L. Blakely, of the Afton country, is reported quite sick at her home.

G. J. Stearns, a leading citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur this week greeting his friends.

Little Miss Bona May Ford has been sick this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Ford, suffering of the grippe.

John Anderson, traveling representative of the Magnolia company, was in Spur Thursday seeing the trade here.

Harry Ward, grocery drummer of Stamford, was in Spur Wednesday supplying the merchants with goods in his line.

Mr. Butler, of the plains country near McAdoo, was among the business visitors to Spur this week.

J. D. Hufstедler, of the Dry Lake community, was among the number of visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Mr. Allen of the plains country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Tuesday and Wednesday.

J. J. Cloud, of the Soldier Mound community, was among the number in the city the latter part of last week.

H. H. Hill was in the city Wednesday from his home in the Dry Lake country, spending several hours here on business and greeting friends.

DIED

Ed Eldredge, who has been in the Standifer Hospital some time, died Tuesday evening and the remains were carried to Dickens for burial Wednesday in the Dickens cemetery. Mr. Eldredge was a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eldredge of near McAdoo and about twenty three years of age. He leaves a young wife, having been married only a few months. Mr. Eldredge underwent an operation for appendicitis a week or ten days ago. Later he contracted pneumonia which caused his death at this time. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife, mother, father and other relatives.

F. W. West came in Tuesday from his farm home four miles northeast of Spur.

Bob Morgan, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday.

C. C. Haile, of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday on business and greeting friends.

W. D. Blair, of two miles east, was in the city Wednesday trading and looking after other business affairs.

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday of this week looking after business affairs.

T. S. Lambert was in from Tap Tuesday and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting his friends.

Dock Edwards, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday selling cotton to the buyers of Spur.

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and looking after business affairs.

C. H. Perry and wife are both reported quite sick of pneumonia at their home in the east part of the city. We hope to soon note their recovery.

Strayed—A 78 Jersey cow, 5 years old, dark brown, branded lazy H on left side. Will pay \$5 for her return. Notify C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 11-3tp.

W. F. Foreman was in Wednesday with a bale of cotton to be ginned from his place north of Spur. He says one more bale will wind up his cotton picking for this season.

Carl Patton, of the Hogan & Patton firm, has been quite sick the past week of pneumonia. However, at this time we are glad to note that he is reported doing nicely and we hope to soon note his complete recovery.

PIONEER KENT COUNTY STOCKMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. Oz Smith, a well known pioneer citizen of the Snyder country, died suddenly with heart failure about 2 o'clock last Saturday at the home of Mrs. J. M. Smith, in Kent county. Oz Smith was one of a large family of brothers who have been identified with the cattle and ranching business here since the days when this was a frontier territory. They had accumulated much property in Scurry and Kent counties.

Oz was about 45 years old and unmarried. For two or three years he had been living in Kent county and managing Mrs. Jack Smith's ranch near Clairemont.

It is said that after being out looking after his business Saturday he went to the house and complaining he didn't feel well, went to his room and lay down. A member of the family went to the room about 15 minutes later and found him dead.—Ex.

DIED

J. E. Shelby died Thursday of last week at his home in Spur after an illness of several days of pneumonia, and the remains were buried Friday afternoon in the Spur cemetery. Mr. Shelby had been a resident of Spur almost since the beginning of the town six years ago and was one among our best men and citizens. He leaves a wife and four small children to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

DIED

Jack Elkins, one of the pioneers of Kent county, died at Snyder on Tuesday night of diabetes and was buried on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Elkins had spent his life in this immediate section of Texas and was respected by all who knew him. His death removes another of the hardy frontiersmen whose lives were spent in helping to change a wilderness into the present prosperous country. The Post tenders its sympathy to the stricken family.—Post City Post.

Miss Erma Baker returned last week to Dallas after spending the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker. Miss Erma is attending the Southern Methodist University of Dallas.

NOTICE!

Parties knowing themselves to be indebted to us please call and settle at once.—German Kitchen, J. W. Dunn, Mgr.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to friends and neighbors who so generously and kindly assisted us in the illness and death of my mother. Your kindnesses will always be remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. Dock Grubaugh and family.

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.

Bring us your peanuts. We will buy them any time. If we can get enough of them we will crush them. This will start a new enterprise and insure a future market at home. Will start to making cold pressed cake. Watch for announcement.—The Spur Oil Mill Company, Spur, Texas. 112t

Mrs. G. O. Hubbert this week sold her Racket Store and business to A. A. Fry who will hereafter conduct the business at the same stand. Mrs. Hubbert will continue to be employed in the business in the future. Mr. Fry recently purchased the W. A. Smith residence and moved to the city from the Cat Fish country. We are glad to have Mr. Fry identified with the business interests of the town.

WINDING UP THE CROP GATHEING FOR 1915

M. L. Blakeley and son, of the Afton country, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday bringing in two bales of cotton to be ginned and sold in Spur. While here Mr. Blakeley was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, informing us that he and other farmers of his section were winding up their crop gathering for the 1915 crop. Mr. Blakeley is one among the number of successful farmers of this section and as a result is one of our most prosperous citizens.

C. D. Pullin came in Tuesday with his last bale of cotton made this year on his place near McAdoo on the plains. He made ten bales of cotton on the place this year and plenty of feed to run him another year. After paying for the ginning and hauling of his cotton Mr. Pullin realized about five hundred and fifty dollars.

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

We Just Received A Large Shipment of Racket Goods!

These goods were bought some few days ago, but in the meantime I sold my stock of goods to A. A. Fry who will do everything in his power to handle the business to suit the trade. I will remain with Mr. Fry and solicit a continuation of the liberal trade heretofore accorded me in the Racket Goods business.

Mrs. G. O. Hubbert,
SPUR, TEXAS

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FIGURE WITH US

Just received a car each of Avery and Standard Implements.

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

GOOD RESOLUTIONS SUGGESTED FOR NEW YEAR

Since we have entered into the season of good resolutions, it may not be impertinent to suggest one for adoption by the dignified gentlemen who sit on our high benches. It would be that next year, and during the years thereafter, they write fewer opinions, and also briefer ones. That, within some undefined limitation, they will be better for being briefer, needs no statement. Let no one imagine that this is a small or indifferent reform. Almost any lawyer will admit that he is being walled in in with court reports, and that unless there is some great cataclysm to destroy the law libraries, public and private, the court reports will soon expand to a bulk which will leave us room for none of our accustomed employments and exercises. It is a dire prospect. And our own respected appellate Judges are more blamable for the disquietude it occasions than those of any other state. That is why this projected reform should get its impulse from them. Our appellate courts, civil and criminal, grind out more opinions annually than those of any other State. And what is more—and worse—those they grind out are longer than those of any other State, with only three or four slight exceptions. For this grave charge we have the authority of The Docket. The Docket engaged in a laborious and painful research of the statistics for 1914. It counted the opinions delivered by the appellate courts of every State for that year, and also made an average of the words per opinion. The results testify to the industry of our high Judges and to the extreme patience of the rest of us.

It was shown, for example, that during that year no fewer than 1,841 such opinions were delivered, which is at a rate that beats five a day, including Sundays, the Fourth of July and every other work day or holiday. Perhaps the verbal flood would be tolerable if it could be thought necessary. But can one think it necessary when it is a record that is rivaled in no other State? The nearest approach to it is that made in Missouri, where

during the same year 1,180 opinions were dumped on the legal fraternity. That this is far too much legal lore per capita is shown conclusively by the fact that New York, with more than twice our population, was made to get along with only 224. To be sure we have more Judges on the job than any other State. Ours number thirty, whereas New Jersey, which, next to us, is more amply supplied, has only twenty-four. Massachusetts, which is about our size in population, has only seven. But the excess of our burden is not to be ascribed solely to the excess in the number of our Judges. For whereas the Judges of Missouri average fifty-nine opinions per Judge, those of New York twenty-two, and to make but one other citation, those of New Jersey twenty-five, our Texas Judges went at the rate of sixty-one per Judge, an output per Judge that was excelled only in four States, and those States which indulge in appellate Judges much less freely than we do. Every now and then one catches the murmured complaint from these high places that the Judges are overworked, and none can deny that the complaint is statistically well founded. But are not they who make the complaint the authors of their grievance?

Nor, as was intimated a moment ago, is this all, or the worst. Not only are the opinions with which our bench bombards bar and laity more numerous, but they are, verbally, of much larger caliber than those that other States are accustomed to, with some exceptions. The Docket tells us that the average number of words per opinion in Texas is 2,241, enough to overflow two columns in The News. In some States this feat of verbosity was surpassed, as has been said; but

our Texas Judges outwrote the average. A simple calculation will stimulate the imagination to appreciate the verbal fecundity of our high Judges. For, by multiplying 1,841, which is the number of opinions rendered during the year, by 2,241, which is the average number of words per opinion, one gets 4,125,681 as the number of words, long, short and medium, that our Judges emit every year. It is not manifest, to the degree of being painfully palpable, that our high Judges are overworking themselves, and that if they can not be persuaded to conserve their strength, something ought to be done to restrain them from this profligate dissipation of their vital resources? —Dallas News.

MY AUTO 'TIS OF THEE.

My auto 'tis of thee,
Short cut to poverty,
Of thee I chant.
I blew a pile of dough
On you two years ago,
Now you refuse to go,
Or won't, or can't.

Through town and countryside,
You were my joy and pride:
A happy day.
I loved the gaudy hue,
Thy four white tires so new,
Now down and out for true,
In every way.

To thee, old rattle box,
Came many bumps and knocks,
For thee I grieve.
Badly the top is torn,
Frayed are thy seats and worn,
A cough affects thy horn,
I do believe.

Thy perfume swells the breeze,
While good folks choke and wheeze,
As we pass by.
I paid for thee a price,
"I would buy a mansion twice,
Now all are yelling "ice,"
I wonder why.

Thy motor has the grippe,
Thy spark plugs have the pip,
And woe is thine.
I too have suffered chills,
Ague and kindred ills,
Trying to pay my bills,
Since thou wert mine.

Gone is my bank roll now,
No more "twoold choke the cow,"
As once before.
Yet if I had the mon'
So help me John-amen,
I'd buy a car again
And speed some more!

—Anonymous.

A REAL PLEASURE

L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in Spur last week and favored us with a couple of dollars on subscription to this paper. Mr. Crabtree's visits to the Spur office are rare but most pleasant and welcome. He is one of the most interesting talkers and conversationalists of the whole country and one of the best informed men of this section. It is a real pleasure to know such men as L. G. Crabtree and number them among our friends.

H. C. Eldredge and wife, of near McAdoo on the plains, were in Spur this week to be with their son, Ed, who is critically ill at the Standifer Hospital. Ed Eldredge recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. However, we are informed that a complication of other diseases are retarding his recovery at this time and he is reported in a critical condition.

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DIED

Mrs. F. M. Squyres died Friday afternoon at her home in Spur after an illness of several days duration. The remains were interred Saturday afternoon in the Spur cemetery. She leaves an infant child and husband to mourn her departure from this life, and to whom The Texas Spur joins the friends of the family in extending our sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

NEW READER

R. F. Keene, a prominent citizen of the Spur country, called in at the Texas Spur office Tuesday and had his name enrolled on our subscription list. One of our greatest pleasures is to add new names to our subscription list and we thank Mr. Keene for this consideration. We would like to have the Texas Spur go to every home in this whole country.

L. C. Arrington, of Afton, was among the business visitors to Spur this week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor is reported quite sick at this time suffering of pneumonia.

R. R. Wooten, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of this week on business and shaking hands with his friends.

E. B. Shaw, a leading citizen and stockfarmer of the Croton country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur the first of this week.

W. D. Eldredge, of near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of the week on business and to be with his nephew, Ed Eldredge, who is critically ill at the Standifer Hospital.

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.

FIRST AID TO GRIP VICTIMS

The grip germ is lurking in every nook and corner. If you haven't been in the throes of this common, though dangerous epidemic, the chances are that you will be an early victim.

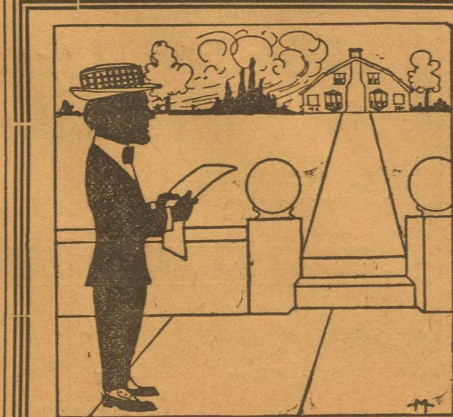
Remember—"That an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

You have la grippe—If you have a severe headache, pain in the eyeballs, backache, sharp pains running up and down the backs of the limbs, rapid rise in temperature, nose stopped and breathing through the mouth or a fast and strong pulse.

First thing to do—Is take a hot bath; go to bed and heap bed covers about you in order to produce perspiration; take a liberal dose of some good cathartic and clean out the system; keep open all the windows in the room and remain in bed until you feel yourself again.

The proper kind of food—Is the most easily assimilated by the digestive organs, such as milk, soft boiled eggs, toast, cereals and fruit. Don't humor your appetite. Take food modestly. Take care of your body.

Doctors are unanimous in the statement that la grippe is dangerous. Many serious complications are big brothers of "simple cases of grippe." A sneeze, that chilly feeling, then a bad case of grippe; then, probably, pneumonia, large doctor bills.—Dallas News.



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**MRS. JOHN H. REAGAN
DIES NEAR PALESTINE**

The death of Mrs. John H. Reagan, widow of the illustrious statesman, was announced Monday at 12:25 o'clock at her home near Palestine. She is survived by two sons, Jeff D. Reagan formerly of Spur but now of Arizona, and Lieutenant Mills of Palestine, and one daughter, Mrs. P. F. Watson of Palestine. The death of Mrs. Reagan ends a useful life, the greater part of which was spent as helpmate of a real statesman and concerning whom we reproduce an article published in 1905 in the Chicago Record-Herald and written by Henry Barrett Chamberlin:

Tall and rugged, every line of his face indicating indomitable will, there stood upon the western bank of the Red river a stalwart young fellow of twenty years. In his hand a small bundle tied in a blue handkerchief—his entire wardrobe. In his pockets a \$10 bill issued by the bank of Holly Springs, Miss.—his entire fortune. His face was toward the setting sun and he looked Texasward.

It was the afternoon of May 29, 1839, and as the young man looked he realized that in all of the great land before him there was none to whom he might look for aid. His fortune was his alone. About him on every side were the foes of the frontiersman, but not for a moment did his feet falter; not for a moment did his heart fail. He was strong with the strength of one who knows himself, and without fear he took up his journey into a strange land.

Three score and six years after, the young man, now in his six and eightieth year, had closed a marvelous career. In his life he had served under three flags, had honored and been honored by the people in whose cause he was as valiant in war as he was wise in peace, and in the fullness of years and achievement, passed to his eternal rest.

Born in Sevier county, Tennessee, October 8, 1818, and dying at his home in Palestine, Texas, March 6, 1905, the activities of John Henninger Reagan furnish an inspiration to all Americans. In the Republic of Texas he fought many campaigns against the Indians. In the State of Texas he served the

commonwealth as colonel of its militia, justice of the peace, sat in its legislature and upon the bench. Then he went to Congress and was counted one of the ablest members of the House, which he left in 1861 because he believed it his duty to cast his lot with the confederacy.

Under the stars and bars his was high political preferment. First Postmaster General of the Confederate States of America, he relinquished that post to become Secretary of its Treasury, devoting his energies and his fortune to a cause he loved and fondly hoped might prevail. But when the fortunes of war decreed that the southland should not depart the Union returned to his people to advocate conciliation and unity.

Ripe in experience, he again became a legislator of the nation, serving as a senator from 1887 until 1891, fathering the "Reagan interstate commerce law," which as afterwards amended by Senator Culom of Illinois became the one which is now in force.

The life of Judge Reagan links the history of the old with that of the new. His work was strenuous, history-making. For more than sixty-five years and during the greater part of this period he was in the political arena. He remembered the great tariff debate of 1832, which resulted in the passage of the nullification act by South Carolina. He could recall the fight made by Andrew Jackson against the United States bank.

As a young man he was thrilled by the cry "Remember the Alamo," and it may be said that he never ceased to be inspired by Sam Houston's injunction. He saw the Republic of Texas set its star in the flag of the Union. He saw the great West and Southwest won into the circle of civilization. He felt that the war clouds were forming as early as 1840, and he witnessed the compromise of ten years later. By him the "Dred Scott" decision was heard as it came fresh from the lips of Taney, and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was read and given his careful thought almost the moment it came from the press.

When the Butler-Brook-Sumner incident occurred in the Senate Judge Reagan was a member of Congress. His associates were the great men of the period of 1840-60. Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Benton, Houston, Breckenridge, Douglas,

Cass—these men he knew intimately. Upon the southern states he saw the war cloud burst—all of this he saw and part of this he was.

He was with Jefferson Davis at Montgomery and at Richmond. He saw the confederacy rise and he saw it fall. He met and chatted with Lee and Jackson and Stuart and Johnston and Beauregard and Gordon. He wore the gray when McDowell was routed at the first Manassas, and he was wearing it when the great Lee, on that April morning in 1865, said to the heroes of the Army of the Virginia:

"Men: We have fought through this war together. I have done the best I could for you. My heart is too full to say more."

The uniform of gray was worn by Reagan after that. He still wore

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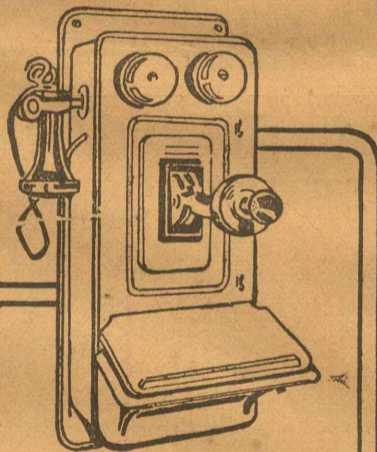
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G. L. Gaddis, of the Red Mud country, was in town Tuesday and while here remembered the Texas Spur by calling around and handing us a big silver dollar to be credited to his subscription, and for which he has our thanks. Again we say that the Texas Spur has the best list of paying subscribers of any other paper in the country which has not adopted the cash in advance system of doing business. The people of the Spur country are the best people on earth any way you consider them. We are glad to live in such a country and among such people.

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it when, with Jefferson Davis, he started on that fateful ride to the southward from Richmond.

Through the period of reconstruction he passed. And he lived to rejoice that the men who plundered the South in her poverty, oppressed her in her weakness and mocked at her in her calamity were cast down. In the times of depression, failure, and discouragement he turned his face toward the morning, he looked to the dawn of a new and better day. Shoulder to shoulder he stood with the great men who emancipated and redeemed the land he loved best of all.

In a talk with a friend some time before his death, Judge Reagan said:

"I am hoping to have time to write a little something on a subject very near and dear to me. I am not fighting the war over again. God forbid that I should say one word to revive the dying embers of passion and prejudice. What I would do and what I would have all true southrons do is to preserve the true, loyal spirit of the confederacy and take a positive stand against the perversion of the history of the conflict and its causes.

"It is not for the past that I would fight, but for the future. It is not for ourselves, but for our children. It is for them to perpetuate all that is noble and grand and manly in the history of their fathers and forefathers to keep ever in mind and bring to the eye of all the world the history, the true history, of the confederacy, and the causes, the real causes, which led up to the war between the states."

This passing of the "last of the confederates" calls to mind the cabinet of the South, its chief, Jefferson Davis, its vice-president, Alexander H. Stephens. Robert Toombs, of Georgia, was secretary of state; C. G. Memminger, of South Carolina, secretary of the treasury; L. P. Walker, of Alabama, secretary of war; S. R. Mallory, of Florida, secretary of the navy; and Judah P. Benjamin of Louisiana, attorney general. The companion and peer of such men as William L. Yancey, "the morning star of secession", Benjamin H. Hill, R. Barnwell Rhett, James L. Orr, R. M. T. Hunter, Augustus H. Garland, and Louis T. Wigfall in the Senate, and Meredith P. Gentry, Roger A. Pryor, and Thomas S. Bocock in the House, his was a position both enviable and influential.

In 1876 Judge Reagan was in the turmoil of the Hayes and Tilden contest, and although he believed that the latter was elected and the

former seated, he accepted the decision for himself and saw it accepted by the South with absolute loyalty and absolute selfcontrol. He witnessed all the interesting political and social developments that have made for progress in three-score years. Throughout his long life he conserved the boy into the man and stood for honor, justice and truth.

Pioneer, surveyor, lawyer, legislator, soldier, jurist, statesman, patriot, honest gentleman, John Henninger Reagan, true to himself and false to no man, leaves upon the scroll of fame a name which adds luster to the glory of the country.

Dr. Blackwell was in Spur one day this week from Dickens on professional business.

Harry Cates left last week for Dallas where he is attending a business college.

H. O. Satterwhite was a recent visitor from Roaring Springs to Spur, spending an hour or two in the city.

Earl Wright was in the city Tuesday from the Draper country and spent some time here on business.

Uncle George Davis, of the Liberty community north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday with cotton to sell to Spur buyers.

Jesse Fletcher left Spur recently for Sweetwater where he has a position as cook in a leading cafe or hotel at that place.

J. A. Neighbors, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city the first of the week greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

C. M. Buchanan and daughter, Miss Emma, of Several miles north of Dickens, were in Spur Monday visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

Geo. S. Link, of the Bryant-Link Company made a business trip this week to Stamford where he spent several days, returning Wednesday to Spur.

BUILDING HOMES

Prentiss Counts, of the Draper country, was in Spur last week and hauled out a big load of lumber with which to make building improvements in that section of the country. The building improvements continue in every section of the surrounding country. There will probably be more than one hundred new farm homes built this year within the Spur country.

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- „ Fannie May Cherry
- P. E. Copeland
- Mrs. J. W. Dunn
- „ Tom Davis
- „ George Erath
- „ Ed Hulse
- „ R. L. Jones
- „ J. M. McMahan
- „ R. F. Rogers
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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Pay your poll tax and be prepared to vote for officers in county, state and nation. They are all to be elected this year.

The Afton gin, in Dickens county, has ginned about nine hundred bales of cotton up to date, and will possibly get one thousand before the season ends.

A man's character is the reality of himself. His reputation is the opinion others have formed of him. Character is in him. Reputation is from other people.—Selected.

If you haven't paid your poll tax you had better do so before the last day of this month if you wish to participate in any of the elections to be held during the year of 1916.

Up to the present time the three gins of Spur have ginned seven thousand three hundred sixty bales of cotton of the 1915 crop. There will probably be one hundred fifty or two hundred more bales to gin from this

Former Governor Tom Campbell has announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to fill the place of Culberson. There are already four other candidates in this race: R. L. Henry, former Governor O. B. Colquitt, Geo. W. Riddle and Dr. S. P. Brooks. The state campaign, as well as that of Dickens county, promises to become warm as election time draws near.

There are eighteen states that have voted state-wide prohibition, Maine, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and North Dakota.

More than five hundred thousand dollars worth of Spur Farm Lands have been sold in 1915 to actual settlers and home builders, and during 1916 hundreds of new farm homes will adorn the surrounding country.

The fact that many farmers are buying and driving new automobiles is substantial evidence that the Spur country is not only prosperous but progressing rapidly.

The year of 1915 was the most prosperous since the beginning of agricultural development in Western Texas.

Lee Carpenter, who spent several days in Spur looking after his business interests, left last week for Paducah where he is now making his home. Before leaving he handed us a dollar and told us to keep the Texas Spur coming to him in the future.

CROSBYTON RAILROAD TO CONNECT TO SPUR ROAD

The Crosbyton-South Plains railroad has been absorbed by the Santa Fe system, according to a petition which citizens of Crosbyton, Ralls, Lorenzo and Idalou—stations on the Crosbyton line—have filed with the Texas railroad commission.

In this petition the citizens ask that the Crosbyton-South Plains railroad be treated under the same management as the Panhandle & Santa Fe railroad; that single line rates shall apply on both lines, and that differentials which exist on the Crosbyton line be wiped out.

No announcement of the sale of the Crosbyton-South Plains railroad to the Santa Fe has been made, but it has been reported several times such a transfer would eventually be made. The Crosbyton-South Plains line was built four years ago by ranch owners. It extends from Lubbock a distance of thirty-eight miles due east to Crosbyton.

In the reported purchase, West Texans see ahead the culmination of the reported plans of the Santa Fe to bring a new short line from the lower plains into Fort Worth. Two plans are reported for this line, as follows:

Construction of line direct from Crosbyton to Fort Worth, touching Spur, Aspermont, Throckmorton and Graham. Construction of line to Benjamin, thence to Graham for connection with Gulf, Texas & Western, building new line from Mineral Wells to Fort Worth.

Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham is in Ellis county on an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson. She intends to spend about two months with her parents before returning to Spur.

WILL LIVE COMFORTABLY

Jim Robertson, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday greeting his many friends, selling cotton to the cotton buyers and buying supplies of the merchants. Mr. Robertson was one among the number of farmers in that section who were hailed out and as a result he said he failed to make anything like an average crop of cotton this past year. However, he will live comfortably even though he again makes a short crop this year since he is not only well fixed but an energetic hustler.

L. J. Elsby, of the plains country, was among the number in Spur last week.

Chalk Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur one day last week on business and greeting his friends.

W. W. Stegall, a prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and greeting friends here.

W. S. Hunter went out this week to the Al Sullivan place in the Gilpin country where he will be employed in making improvements on the farm home.

Henry Elmore and wife, of the plains country, left this week for New Mexico where Mr. Elmore intends to work in the mines of that country.

M. C. Hobson called in one day this week and had us change the address of his paper from Draper to Spur, he having moved recently from that section to the Sol Davis place five or six miles north of Spur. Mr. Hobson is a good citizen and we are glad to have him identified with the citizenship of this immediate section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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

BUILDING NEW FARM HOME NEAR SPUR

T. G. Bass, who recently came from Runnells county and settled in the Spur country, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Bass informed us that he hauled out a load of lumber with which to begin building a new farm home on his land. He bought land in the Dry Lake community and will clear land for cultivation this year. We are glad to have Mr. Bass and family with us and wish them success and much prosperity in their new home.

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.

John Hardin, assistant cashier of the Spur National Bank, has been quite sick this week of the la grippe.

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"Rural Credits" is the subject of a book by Morris Sheppard, United States senator from Texas. It contains an address delivered before the Texas Farmers' Congress at College Station August 3, 1915.

Senator Sheppard gives a history of the rural credit impetus in Europe and describes the various co-operative societies. He explains the importance of credit and the necessity for long time loans for the farmers.

Of the importance of rural credit he says:

"Let me tell you that the most critical feature of the whole rural problem is found in the 2,500,000 of tenant farmers, that growing multitude of homeless men. With their families they already comprise nearly half the entire farming population. That they are the victims, not the makers, of conditions cannot be denied. To hold otherwise would be to indict Almighty God. They are fashioned from the same clay as are other men, with the same motives, virtues, aspirations. The vision of a home where loved ones may be sheltered and age discover peace is as sweet to them as to other men. The maintenance of their families, the education of their children, the enjoyment of the usual comforts and diversions of life mean as much to them as to other men. Their fate is fundamentally interlinked with civilization. A credit system signifying financial independence for the tenant farmer will do more for this republic than any human mind may measure.

"Establish co-operative credit in rural communities and organization along other lines of farm effort will logically follow. Co-operative buying, co-operative production, co-operative farm insurance, co-operative leasing, co-operative selling, co-operative holding in order that markets may not be suddenly glutted and beaten down, and all other forms of united action find a

basis and an impetus in co-operative credit that cannot elsewhere be obtained. Co-operative credit is the vital and primary step in the movement for the organization of rural life which I trust and pray may sweep this republic in the next five years. It is true that many co-operative farm enterprises have already been developed, principally along the lines of storage and marketing, in certain sections, but the general and permanent advent of co-operation in all phases of farm endeavor will ultimately depend upon the readily available funds of a co-operative credit system where interest and expense are reduced to the lowest possible degree.

"Establish co-operative credit in rural communities and the exodus to the cities and towns will be reversed. Civilization rests on credit and people are driven by necessity to occupations and localities where that fountain of economic existence may be most readily reached. The city of New York owes its greatness to the fact that it is our chief source of credit. Co-operative credit will hold in rural localities for their own development funds which are now concentrated in New York and other centers, adding to their already overshadowing influence. Also it will cause to be utilized capital that would otherwise remain in hidden places and would never reach the commercial bank. It will create a credit instrument of such soundness, it will constitute so efficient an addition to the circulating medium that its very presence will give new strength to the financial and commercial fabric of the nation. It will create a new and abiding interest in rural enterprise, a source of business identity and importance in rural districts. It will bring new hope and dignity to the humblest man who now extracts a reluctant sustenance from the soil.

"The existence of this republic and the integrity of its institutions depend in the last analysis

on an independent and prosperous farm population. A declining agriculture means a falling nation. To make rural life a source of happiness and wealth and pride, to surround it with all the comforts and facilities of modern invention, to place farming on an equal footing with other professions, to give it a system of finance by which its latent resources may be most highly developed, and its productive processes made the basis of a permanent credit, to give it a dignity corresponding to its supreme importance, to convert tenants into owners, to adopt measures leading to such enrichment for the land, such attractiveness and glory for the farm that young men and women will look forward to farm careers as to goals of honor unsurpassed, pinnacles of ambition unexcelled—all these compose a project that well may exercise the profoundest capacities of the statesman, the loftiest emotions of the patriot."—Farm and Ranch.

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W. P. Sampson, a prominent citizen of near Gilpin, was in the city the first of the week and spent several hours here looking after business matters.

A. Q. Smelser called in at the Texas Spur office Monday and had the address of his paper changed to Matador where he and family will make their home in the future. We wish Mr. Smelser and family not only a pleasant but a prosperous home in their new location.

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Willis Smith was here Saturday from his home in the Tap country.

Dr. Wray, of Jayton, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and greeting friends.

J. E. Sparks, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday on business.

John Weathers and family, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and visiting friends.

A. Stiffler left Spur Monday for Roaring Springs where he expects to spend several days in the interest of his piano business.

J. Carlisle, a leading citizen of the Gilpin country, spent several hours in the city Monday greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

Poet Hagins, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Gilpin country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Thursday.

J. O. Wooten, of near McAdoo on the plains, was among the visitors to Spur Thursday of last week. He reports that section in a prosperous condition.

J. N. Zumwalt came in Saturday from his home twenty miles west of Spur and spent an hour or two in the city transacting business and shaking hands with his many friends.

E. E. Turner has been suffering the past week of the la grippe. However, we are glad to note that he is able to assume his duties in his blacksmithing business.

Mrs. J. Q. Adams and daughter, of Girard, were in Spur Saturday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Adams has our thanks for a dollar on subscription.

Mat Howell came in Monday from his home on Cat Fish.

A. W. Jordan came in from the Steel Hill country Monday.

Judge A. J. McClain was here Monday from his home on Cat Fish.

J. W. Billberry, of Gilpin, was among the shoppers in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier and Miss Ella Pierce spent several days in Lubbock this week.

W. F. Shugart, of six miles east, was among the many visitors in the city the first of the week.

J. C. McNeill was in the city Monday and spent some time here on business, coming in from his Alamo Stock farm, twenty miles west of Spur.

W. H. Taylor, a prosperous farmer and the leading turkey raiser of the Steele Hill country, came in Monday and spent several hours here on business.

Wren Cross and wife were in the city Thursday from their home in the Cat Fish country and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and visiting friends.

H. N. Johnson, of Ireland, Texas, spent several days of last week in Dickens with his mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jaye. While here he visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Wilson.

T. S. Lambert was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Tap country and spent several hours here shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

Ben Hagins, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Duck Creek country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Monday, spending some time in the city shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

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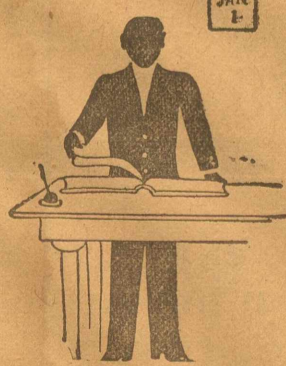
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Luke and The Little Tailor,

SPUR,
TEXAS

BUYS FARM HOME IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

We are informed that W. W. Waldrup recently sold his farm home in the Croton country to J. E. Wright of the Draper country. We understand that Mr. Waldrup will move immediately to his other ranch land where he will devote more time and attention to his highbred Hereford cattle interests for which he is already widely known. Mr. Wright and family will move soon to their new home where they will continue to stockfarm. Mr. Wright is one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of the whole country and we congratulate him in securing a place of his own on which to continue his farming operations.

W. M. Randall was in Thursday from the Steel Hill country. He, too, has been suffering of the grippe.

W. W. Garner was here this week to move his family and household goods to the W. J. Elliott ranch where he will be employed throughout the year.

W. F. Godfrey returned the first of this week from a business trip to Snyder and other points. He brought back a new six cylinder Buick for which he is sales agent in connection with the Ford.

Winter weather now prevails throughout the Spur country. The thermometer registered three degrees above zero Wednesday night. Throughout Tuesday night, Wednesday and Thursday the freezing point has been maintained.

MOVES TO FARM HOME 12 MILES WEST OF SPUR

W. A. Craddock and family recently moved to their farm home twelve miles west of Spur and where they will reside throughout the year 1916. Mr. Craddock recently sold his dairy business in Spur with the intention of devoting his whole time and attention strictly to the farming business throughout this year.

Mr. Craddock is a man who attends strictly to his own business and stays with that business, has made a success and no doubt will continue to succeed and prosper in any line of business undertaken. As said heretofore, we expect to number him one among the "most successful farmers of the whole country."

Miss Anna Maria Love is reported sick of the grippe at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love.

W. D. Thacker was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Draper country.

W. H. Birdwell, of seven miles south of Spur, was in the city Thursday on business.

V. H. Davis made a business trip Wednesday to Crosbyton, spending several hours in that city.

Howard Campbell was in the city Thursday. His mother, Grandma Campbell, has been quite sick of pneumonia at his home.

J. W. Young, a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of near Afton, was in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants and on other business.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE BROKEN INTO FOR "DOPE"

The Red Front Drug Store was broken into one night last week by one or two parties. Nothing else was missed from the store except a bottle or two of "dope" which was taken from a private department of the prescription case. An entrance was effected by breaking a window light in the rear of the store.

C. W. Lowery, manager of the business, had made one or two visits to the drug store for medicine during the night, and while he did not see the house-breakers in operation, he is confident that he knows the party or parties who committed this act, since "dope" was what they were after, and that was all that was taken from the store.

Eb Johnson, of the Citizens Gin & Power Company, has our thanks for permitting us to add his name to our growing subscription list this week.

Pink Keister and J. D. Powell returned Saturday from Fort Worth where they had been to accompany T. W. Morgan who was placed in a sanitarium for the treatment of a general nervous break-down. We hope that Mr. Morgan will soon be completely restored to his former good health.

R. L. Overstreet, of the Afton country, was here Thursday with two big wagons loaded with maize to sell on the Spur market. Mr. Overstreet is one of the farmers of the country who always has something to sell. He is one of the most successful and most prosperous of the whole country.

J. B. Morrison came in Thursday from his ranch home and spent some time here on business.



Why is one drug store a BETTER drug store than another? Because it takes KNOWING HOW to be a better druggist, just as it takes "knowing how" to be a better lawyer.

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Red Front Drug Store
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S. R. Bowman came in Thursday from his home north of Spur. H. T. Garner was in the city one day this week from his Prairie View Stock Farm.

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LOVE'S BIG JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE!!

GREAT REDUCTIONS on All Winter Wear, Mens Suits, Overcoats, Ladies and Childrens Suits, Cloaks Dresses, etc., including Sweaters, Underwear, Caps, Headwear, Comforts, Blankets, Woolen Dress Goods, Outings, Wool and Fleeced Hosiery and many other items

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WE have had a Big week's sale. Some lines are going fast. We expect to clean up all winter wear in the next ten days. Get Busy, be wise. If you can't come yourself send your neighbor. We guarantee more than you moneys worth or will return to you your cash.

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