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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1916.

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JO A. P. DICKSON ANNOUNCES FOR JUDGE

Judge Jo A. P. Dickson, of Seymour, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and authorized his name placed in our announcement column for reelection to the office of judge of the 50th Judicial District, candidacy being subject to the action of the democratic primary elections to be held throughout the district in July, 1916. The 50th Judicial district is composed of the counties of Dickens, Motley, Cottle, Knox and Baylor.

Judge Dickson has served two terms of four years each as judge of this district, and during the time has demonstrated his ability and qualifications for the place. Judge Dickson is well informed and his ability on legal questions is not surpassed by any man of this whole western country.

The Texas Spur asks the voters of Dickens and other counties of the district to give Judge Jo A. P. Dickson's candidacy for re-election a due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot in the July primary election.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SPUR

The Hamlin District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will hold its regular annual session at Spur beginning at 2:30 p. m., March 23rd, and closing at noon, March 27th.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons will be given to the discussion of the Sunday School, Epworth League and Evangelistic work of the Church. Special emphasis will be laid on the workings of the "One-to-Win-One" movement. The subject of missions will also be discussed at these afternoon sessions.

Thursday, Friday and Monday mornings will be devoted to the business of the conference. At eleven o'clock, however, each morning and each night at eight o'clock there will be preaching by members of this District.

The public is cordially invited to be present at any or all of the services.

CLAIREMONT BASKET BALL CLUB WINS GAME

The Clairemont High School Number 2 Basket Ball Team played Rosewoods' First Saturday, resulting in a score of ten to seven in favor of Clairemont. We understand that Rosewood has refuted this statement. We only ask them to consult the bulletin or else learn the game. We would prefer more scientific playing other than jokes.—A Witness

Mrs. Petefish, of Abilene, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Neilon. Mrs. Petefish is superintendent of the millinery and ready-to-wear department of the Minter Dry Goods Company of Abilene.

OLD TIMERS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Monday, March 6th, Messrs L. T. Cochran, A. C. Lewis and H. T. Garner met at the Lewis shoe shop for the purpose of celebrating their birthdays which occurred on that day. An hour or two was spent in reminiscences of the by-gone days and in partaking of memory exhilarating refreshments as the time swiftly passed. During the time County Attorney B. G. Worswick came in and related many interesting and laughable incidents of the early day history of Dickens county.

On March the 6th L. T. Cochran was seventy one years of age, A. C. Lewis was sixty seven, and H. T. Garner was sixty six years of age. H. T. Garner has the distinction of being one of the three oldest continuous residents of the county, he having moved to Dickens county in 1890 and lived here continuously since that time, there being only two other men in the county, Jeff D. Harkey and John Jackson, who have lived here continuously for a longer term of years. Mr. Garner bought a farm when he first arrived and has been engaged in the farming business successfully since 1890. L. T. Cochran came to this country in 1882 at which time he was employed in carrying the mail from old Mt. Blanco to Fort Sumner. Later he carried the mail from Abilene, Snyder, Dockum and Estacado. Mr. Lewis came to Dickens county when Spur first opened a little more than six years ago.

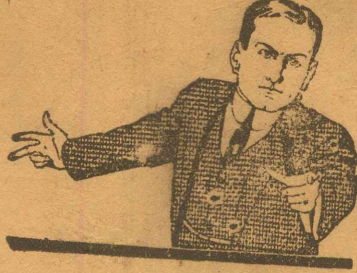
We wish these "old timers" the enjoyment of many more birthday anniversaries, and on March the 6th of next year we want to again meet with them, and will assist in arranging for an "old settlers" gathering on that occasion.

BUY LOTS AND WILL BUILD BRICK HOUSES

Deals were consummated the past week whereby W. C. Gruben came into possession of one lot, C. W. Lowery one lot and Hogan & Patton one lot each. These lots are all located on Burlington Avenue and are among the most desirable business lots in the city.

We understand that Mr. Gruben is now having plans drawn for the construction of a brick business house on his lot and the actual work will commence on his building at an early date. Messrs. Lowery and Hogan & Patton also will build brick business houses on their lots just as soon as the present lease now held by Riter Hardware Company expires.

We hear it stated that E. J. Cowan also contemplates the building of a brick business house on his lot adjoining that purchased by Mr. Gruben therefore it will be noted that Spur is now on the eve of a big building movement, and in a most substantial manner.



YOUNG MAN YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS NOW

To begin saving your money. We offer you Style and Wear at a reasonable price. Young men need clothes that fit their requirements as well as their income. The men higher up always have bigger incomes. The younger men who are climbing the ladder have to compete with them. Ability and appearance both counting Styleplus \$17.00 Clothes put the stamp of success on young men. The models are just as skillfully designed as those of higher priced clothes. If the trade mark were not on the clothes experts would probably tell you that such fabrics could not be sold for \$17.00. The smart finish shows the work of skilled fingers. Thousands of young men from Maine to California have turned to Styleplus for the appearance they need in their business, at the lower price, and with the guarantee of wear thrown in. Why pay more than \$17.00? Save \$3.00 to \$8.00 on your suit by buying a Styleplus. Come in and let us prove what we say.

A negro woman in Savannah was preparing to get married. She saved up four weeks wages. After the ceremony she hunted her mistress and asked her to take charge of the fund. I'll take it of course said the puzzled woman, but Mandy, wont you need money to spend on your honeymoon? Miss May, said the bride, does you think I'se goin' to trust my self wid a strange niggah and all dat money on me?

Many people could profit by the example of Mandy, and not trust their money with people they do not know. Spend your money in Spur. Some people unthoughtedly send their money out of the country to the most gigantic trusts now in existence, that feed upon the country yet do not pay taxes or help in any way to build up the country or society, and these same people when the drouth comes and money is scarce, come to their home merchants for help. Think it over, spend your cash as far as possible with your home merchants, and incidentally we would say give Bryant-Link Company a liberal share like you have been doing thus far in 1916. We have determined to make this our banner year and to do so we know we must give you values and service. We are not complaining, for to date we have a nice gain over 1915. Higginbotham, our best looking hardware man, has returned from a visit at his father's in Abilene, and

THE RENFRO RANCH PROPERTY IS SOLD

The George Renfro ranch property consisting of eight hundred acres of fine farm and ranch land and good improvements was sold last week to Mr. Blackwell of Stonewall county. This ranch property is located about twelve miles southeast of Spur in Kent county, and the consideration in the sale was about eighteen dollars an acre. This sale was consummated through the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Company, R. L. Collier being the manager of the business. During the past few months a number of considerable land sales have been made by the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Company.

BUYS SPUR PROPERTY AND WILL LOCATE

J. C. Bass sold his wagon yard and business this week to H. E. Brooks and brother, formerly of Fisher county. Messrs. Brooks will move their families to Spur and will make this their permanent home in the future. We are glad to welcome them to Spur and wish them not only a pleasant but a prosperous home among our good people.

Dr. Montgomery, of Stamford, spent two days of last week in Spur treating diseases of the eye, ear nose and throat. We knew Dr. Montgomery in our boyhood days. He is not only honest and efficient in his profession but is well informed and able in his undertakings.

is now ready to serve you.

Yes, its dry, but it always rains after a dry spell, so lets do our part, keep on working and the rain will come in time to make as much as we can gather.

Out in the shed the foreman found a laborer fast asleep. With a stern smile the boss said, "Slape on and be darned! While you slape ye've got a job. When you wake up ye're out of work."

We want to hold our jobs so we are going to keep wide-awake and ready to serve you with a stock of merchandise we would not be ashamed of in a town ten times as large as Spur, and at prices we know to be right if quality is considered. Come on with the crowds who trade with us tell us your troubles, we may be able to help you.

Your friends,
BRYANT-LINK CO.

RUNNELS COUNTY REMAINS IN DRY COLUMN

Ballinger, Texas After five years of drouth in Runnels county, the county remained dry in an election held recently by a majority of 450 votes in a recent prohibition election with two small boxes to hear from. The day was an ideal one and the farmers were up with heirwork, and the largest vote ever polled on any question was cast. Ballinger gave the pros sixteen majority, the first pro victory in the history of the town.

In the campaign that covered a period of twenty days, the artis confined their work to quiet personal campaigning while the pros waged an aggressive campaign, speaking in every voting box and distributing much literature and using newspaper space.

The country has been in the dry column for five years, the first victory for the pros being scored in March, 1911, when the county went dry by 338. Another election two years later reduced the pro majority to ninety-eight. An increase of 600 polls for the present year is credited with being responsible for the artis asking for an election at this time.

BUILDING GIN IN THE McADOO COUNTRY

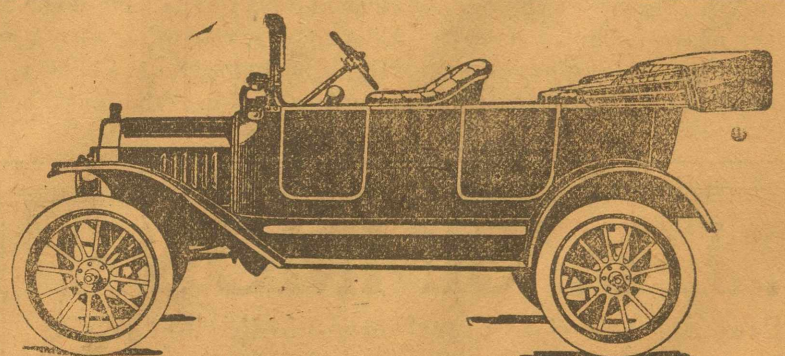
Jess Norris, a leading citizen and ranchman of the plain country near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that work is now in progress on the new gin being built on the Wooten place near McAdoo. The gin will be of sufficient capacity to handle all of the cotton of that territory during the fall of the year 1916.

Evidences of substantial and extensive building improvements can be observed in every section of this country.

BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

Oscar Benson, of Dickens, called in Friday of this week and handed us a five dollar bill to be credited to the subscription of his father, W. C. Benson, and for which he has our sincerest thanks. We appreciate these remembrances and again say that the people of this section of the country are the best people in the world.

Mrs R. L. Collier and Miss Ella Pierce left this week for an extended visit to relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state.



FORDS AND BUICKS

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman

G H O S T S

A Wonderful Mutual Masterpicture

FEATURING

Henry Walthall, Thomas Jefferson and Miss Mary Alden

We have a return booking of this picture, requested by many who have seen it. Will show afternoon and night, first afternoon show starting at 2:00 o'clock, second show at 3:45 o'clock; first night show at 7:00 o'clock, second show at 8:45.

Saturday, March 11. Admission 10c & 20c

LYRIC THEATRE



"BELL" Connection

Brightens Farm Life

A telephone, on a line connected to the Bell System, adds much pleasure to life on the farm.

Over the Long Distance Bell Telephone lines, you may visit with friends or relatives, near or far, without leaving home.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY. 11-R-14

Wyatt A. Taylor, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in the city Tuesday shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

DIED AT COMMERCE

A message received in Spur Tuesday from Commerce by Mrs. J. P. Simmons brought the sad news of the death of Mr. Simmons's father who was seventy six years of age. Mr. Simmons received a telegram from Commerce last Friday stating that his father was not expected to live and he hastened to him and was at his father's bedside when the end came. This man was not known to us but being the father of a true and noble character like our friend and townsman, J. P. Simmons, we know he lived a life above reproach and is now at rest in the home eternal. The Texas Spur joins the friends in extending condolence to the relatives in this hour of bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell left Wednesday for Angleton where they will visit in the home of Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Judge A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Tuesday and hauled out lumber, ports and other material with which to make improvements on his place.

T. L. Higginbotham spent several days of the past week in Ellis county, returning with Mrs. Higginbotham who has been visiting her parents the past two months at Waxahachie.

THE LONE OAK FARM AND RANCH HOME

J. I. Greer came in Wednesday from his farm and ranch home ten miles west of Spur and while here paid this office a very pleasant call. Mr. Greer settled on his place eighteen years ago and has steadily improved it till this good day. His ranch contains five hundred acres of fine grazing land and one hundred and fifty acres in cultivation that is as rich and as productive as the valley of the Nile. He is now putting out many fruit trees which will add more luxuries to this desirable ranch home. Happiness and contentment is written across Mr. Greer's face. He doesn't worry about the outcome of the cotton crop or what the price will be. He raises his living at home. He is a strong advocate of preparedness, always being prepared to live at home. His holdings hereafter will be known as "The Lone Oak Farm and Ranch."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preaching services will be held every third and fourth Sundays at eleven o'clock, a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at ten o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend.—H. P. Bates, Pastor.

J. H. Farmer was in the city Saturday from his home four miles northeast of Spur and paid this office a pleasant call.

County Treasurer J. B. Yantis was in Spur Wednesday on his return home from an extended visit to relatives at Marlin.

ACCIDENTS

May happen to you anytime. Everybody is getting sick. I have the best accident and sick policy in the world; also the cheapest. See me and get one.—S. W. Lane, the maize buyer. 17-3t.

Eat and be filled with the best in themarket.—German Kitchen.

T. L. Cowser, of the Girard country, was in Spur Saturday selling seed potatoes.

J. E. Sparks, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the business visitors to the city the first part of the week.

V. C. Smart Spur-Roaring Springs

Auto Service via Dickens and Afton Phone Southwestern No. 78

Leave Spur 8:00 Arrive Roaring Springs 11:20

Leave Roaring Springs 12:30 Arrive Spur 5:20

The best cook in West Texas is employed at the French Ruby Cafe.

Miss Zada Chenoweth, teacher of the Cat Fish school, was in the city Saturday shopping with the merchants and to cash school warrants. Miss Chenoweth is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McClain.

"Lure of the Mask"

A Film Version of

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A Mutual Masterpicture

Featuring

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The Lyric Theatre

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Dixy Telephone Co. Jim Gibbs, Manager
SPUR, TEXAS

IMPORTANT FACTS CONCERNING SPUR SCHOOL

By request of the School Board of the Spur Independent School District, the Texas Spur prints the following for the benefit and information of the patrons of the Spur High School.

To-wit: This, The State Superintendent has now in the field seven High School Inspectors, whose business it is to visit the high schools of the state. On February 29th, Mr. McDonald visited the Spur High School and then had a meeting of the School Board, at which he delivered an address upon the Spur High School. In this address he told the Board some of the points wherein the Spur School has fell short as a high school of the first class. However, most of these remarks were directed to the fact that the school is overcrowded and that the teachers were teaching in badly crowded rooms. In view of this fact he offered the suggestion that our corps of teachers should be increased by at least three teachers for another year. The Board is very glad to say that the inspector saw fit to compliment very highly the present teachers upon the manner in which they are handling the school in its overcrowded condition.

He also informed the Board of a number of things that the Board is anxious to have brought before the patrons of the school, among which was this information, that the state is now prepared to make an appropriation

to the high schools that want to place themselves in the "A No. 1" class of schools of the state. When the Board makes an appropriation of say \$500.00 for the purpose of putting in a domestic science department, then the state will appropriate an equal amount, that is, \$500.00, if the State superintendent is convinced that the school intends to make good in this new department. On another line, if the Spur School shall set aside as much as \$500.00 for the purpose of maintaining a small experimental station, say three or four acres, then the state will appropriate an additional amount equal to the appropriation by the Spur School. Any amount of land that is donated to the Spur School for the purpose of an experimental station will go as credit upon the donation and in the eyes of the School Board this is a splendid opportunity for the Spur School. It has been the purpose and intention of the Board whenever they could raise the funds to place the high school of Spur in the highest class of high schools in the state and there is no reason why this should not be done another year.

The attention of the Superintendent was called to the fact that the Spur School is teaching about one hundred thirty pupils who are not enrolled. The district has been donating to these pupils the sum of \$9.86 per pupil they should have placed in the funds of the Spur School. The funds that they drew from the county and state will amount to something like \$1,200. These

pupils, through negligence of their parents, either failed to transfer their funds to the Spur School or they failed to enroll with the census taker as they should have done. Consequently, the Board passed an order that due notice should be given to the parents of these pupils who want to enter the Spur School for another year, to this effect, that where it is possible, for them to enroll their pupils and transfer them to the Spur School. Should they fail to do so they must pay tuition for the pupils during the coming school year. The board deemed it necessary to pass this order for the protection of the school inasmuch as the parents of these pupils have been very negligent in looking after the matter of transferring their children.

In the coming year we expect

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Attorney-At-Law

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County Attorney's Office Dickens, Texas

B. D. GLASGOW
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Will go Everywhere, Any Time.
Price right.

W. S. HUNTER

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Also Repairs Furniture
See me for Estimates and Prices

Mr. Freeman, of Swenson, was in the city Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at this office. He informed us that he would soon be in Spur with Wild West shows and give some riding concerts, dates to be announced later in the Texas Spur.

W. C. BOWMAN
Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

to have a better school for Spur than she has ever had. We expect to have the funds by which we may obtain the school and we expect to obtain the teachers who will do the work and all we ask, as a Board of the patrons of the school, is to give us the same loyal support that they have always given us and every other Board preceding us, to build up the kind of school that we want for our town.

E. C. Edmonds, President.
B. D. Glasgow, Secretary.

Peter McClain was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Good jack for sale or trade cheap.—J. H. Latham, Girard, Texas. 19 2t p

Will pay cash for dry bones, eggs, poultry, hides and furs. See the Spur Produce Company before you sell

Albert Jackson was among the many visitors in the city the latter part of last week, spending some time greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

W. F. Shugart, a prosperous farmer and a leading citizen of his community, was a visitor in the city Wednesday from his home six miles east of Spur.

Boney Scott was among the many visitors in Spur Wednesday from the Cat Fish country, bringing in a dressed swine to sell on the Spur market.

A. D. Smith, who recently moved from Hico and located near Afton, was in the city Wednesday meeting the people and trading with the merchants.

George Renfro was a business visitor in the city Wednesday from his ranch home several miles southeast of Spur and spent some time here greeting his friends.

Mrs. C. F. Cates entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon from three to six. Guests of the club were Mmes. G. E. Nicholson, J. E. Morris, J. H. Grace, G. S. White, W. H. Putman, Will Putman, Newton Johnson.

UNCLE TOM DODSON
DIED FEBRUARY 23

In the death of T. N. Dodson, which occurred at his home near Roaring Springs on February the 23rd, Motley county has lost one of its most usefull citizens, and the people of this section a true friend. Uncle Tom, as he was familiarly called, was a resident of Dickens county for several years and he numbered his friends by his acquaintances and it is truly said that he had not an enemy. The high esteem in which he was held by all was manifested by the large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives to the city of the dead on February the 24th, where the remains were laid away by the Independent Order of Oddfellows. It is a sad task which befalls the lot of the newspaper man to chronicle the death of a friend, and one who has been so instrumental in the development of this country.

ENTERTAINED WITH "500"

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cates entertained with "500" Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon won high score. Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. White, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love.

MOVED

Spur Produce Company has moved to two doors west of post-office opposite Miller Lumber Co. yard

A General-Mercantile business in railroad town invoicing between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Clear of debt and doing a good business. Will trade for 160 to 320-acre farm clear of debt. Also have store building price \$1200, incumberance \$500 and a 6-room residence, price \$1200, incumberance \$250.—Address Box 162, Loving, Texas. 17-4t



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Office With Brazelton-Pryor & Co. Spur, Texas

JOE'S PLACE

So many have passed compliments on my classy Confections—

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IF YOU COME HERE

QUEER EFFECT OF THE PREPAREDNESS POLICY

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson's policy of preparedness has had a queer effect in Oklahoma, if the contents of a letter received today by Representative "Alfalfa Bill" Murry of that state from W. T. Brain' Atoka' can be relied upon. Brain, who is the publisher of the Gladiator, wrote this:

"I read the president's note on preparedness, and I have also heard some sly hints taken from the papers about what you have to say in regard to the same.

"Yours and the president's ideas had a wonderful effect on me. They buoyed me up, and I thought preparedness was the one lovable thing. I was down, and everything was lovely and the goose hung high.

"I went home and armed myself with two big guns. They weighed thirty five pounds each, and believing that I was then cock of the walk, I went back and gave a Tecumseh warhoop.

"In a few seconds I was surrounded by the sheriff's force, city police and many citizens. They all wanted to know what I ment.

"I told them that I was prepared. Then I found out that they were prepared also and the thing came off.

"This morning, the day after the battle, seven hearses stand in front of seven of the best homes in town, and I am in jail with one eye shot out, a broken leg and my skull crushed in on the left side. So much for being prepared."

CARD OF THANKS

We desire at this time to sincerely thank every one who so generously and kindly assisted and comforted us during the time of our need and great sorrow in the illness and death of our husband and father, T. C. Morgan, which occurred on the first day of January, and in the illness of our son and brother which immediately followed. Also in the death of little Alvis Morgan, son of A. B. Morgan and wife, which occurred February 16th. The assistance and consolation extended to us by many friends during these days of great trials will ever be cherished in our hearts and memory.

MRS. T. C. MORGAN
And Children.

J. P. Koonsman, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday and spent some time here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

YOUNG LADY NEAR GIRARD LOSES HAIR

Mary Sisk, thirteen years old daughter of Mrs. Bettie Sisk of the Lost Lake community, was the victim of an unusual procedure on Tuesday night of this week when some miscreant came into the home while the family were asleep and cut off the young lady's hair.

Mrs. Sisk came into Girard Wednesday and reported the affair to the officers who went out to the home and conducted an investigation. However nothing that would lead to a definite clue as to the perpetrators was found. The affair is regarded with mystery since not one of the family was awakened by the intruder's presence.

Mrs. Sisk is of the belief that she and her family were drugged, as on the following morning the family slept until an unusually late hour and during the greater part of the day were affected with dizziness and headaches.

The premises of a suspect, who it was alleged proclaimed to be a maker of hair switches were searched by the officers, and other clues run down, but nothing that would lead to an arrest.—Girard Reporter.

Mace Hunter, of five miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill country, was among the visitors in the city Saturday and spent some time here shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

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
CRAWFORD COBB

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

For County Treasurer:
J. B. YANTIS

For County Judge:
BLAINE SPEER
WALTER L. POWELL

For District Judge, 50th Judicial District
J. H. MILAM
JO A. P. DICKSON

For Representative, 105th District:
FRITZ R. SMITH

W. D. Blair was in the city Monday from his home three miles east.

Hamp Collett, of three miles southwest of Spur was in the city Saturday on business.

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, was greeting his friends here Saturday last.

J. H. Jones was here Saturday from the Tap country and reported everything in fine shape in his section.

Rev. E. E. White left last Friday for Waco and other points in the eastern part of the state. While away he will visit home folks at San Antonio.

SANITARY GROCERIES!

Buy your groceries from us and receive the best of quality for the least price. We handle nothing but the best we can buy. No second hand stuff comes into our house, therefore, you are safe in trading with a first class grocery house, where you can depend on the service you get.

Note Our Motto: Honesty, Price, Quality, Service and every other good we can extend to you.

BRANNEN BROS. CO.

N. Q. BRANNEN, Mgr.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill community, was here Friday on business.

R. F. Rogers, of six miles west, was here this week greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Mrs. M. L. King and W. A. King, of several miles west, were among the many business visitors to Spur this week.

W. T. Wilson, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of six miles east of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city this week.

Mace Hunter, a prominent citizen of five or six miles east of town, was in Spur this week on business and greeting his many friends.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Spur postoffice. When calling for same please say advertised.

- Allen George
- Ashlock N. S.
- Barkley Mrs. Chapple
- Bills Miss Ruby
- Carnley Rub
- Cary H. A.
- Caylor G. N. 2 Letters
- Clark Roy
- Clark R. B.
- Davis Lark
- Duncan D. W.
- Edders J. W.
- Eldredge Miss Maggie
- English J. J.
- Franklin Jack
- Fuige Tom
- Groves Nancy
- Guthrie J. C.
- Hall Clarence
- Hamilton Miss Flo
- Hazlewood Mr.
- Hekley J. D.
- Hill S. C.
- Hinson E. E.
- Howard W. B.
- Howel Msss Carrie
- Hodges Ward 2 Letters
- Hunt Mrs. Fred
- Jones C. D.
- Jones Pat
- Johnson Jot
- Kemp Fannie Bee
- Lockhart Dale
- Morrow R. D.
- Morrison Mrs. M. A.
- McCollorn Will
- McGinley Mrs. E. J.
- McKniget W. E.
- Neece A. J.
- Paddick Mrs. C. A.
- Patterson J. R.
- Poonis Clarence
- Rogers Mrs. Era
- Rineheart Mrs. J. T.
- Scott C. H.
- Scott A. B.
- Thomas E. A.
- Thomas T. J.
- Tennison Mrs. M. J.
- Whitt H. A.
- Williams Mrs. Ellen
- Williams Tom
- Yow L. J.
- Youngblood J. D.
- Lela Evans, P. M.

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One 800-acre ranch, well improved, two sets houses, considerable acreage in cultivation and all tillable, well watered and worth more than the price asked A bargain for somebody who can handle the proposition
Another ranch of more than 2000 acres, fine improvements, living water, shinnery land and the cheapest priced in all of Western Texas.
Also one 6-section ranch, well improved, and ideally located.

These Ranches are Located Within 10 and 15 Miles of Spur

We have a number of improved farm homes which can be bought almost at prices which raw land is now selling for.
Come in and see or write us.

WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE AND CAN GIVE YOU SOME BARGAINS

Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co.,

R. L. COLLIER, Mgr.,
Spur, Dickens County, Texas
Office in Texas Spur Building

S. P. Odom was in Spur this week from his farm home south of Spur greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

T. N. Cook and family, who live on the Spur and Dickens road several miles north of Spur, were transacting business in the city this week. While here Mr. Cook had his name added to the growing list of Texas Spur readers for which he has our thanks.

If It's Hardware and Implements You Want

SEE OUR LINE BEFORE YOU BUY

Standard Planters

Mr. Bill Planters

J. I. Gase Planters

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Standard Go Devils

Windmills, Pipe and Fittings

Builders Hardware

Barb Wire and Nails

Newton Wagons

Emerson Wagons

Buggy and Team Harness

We have a large line of Auto Accessories, Casings and Tubes; also a large stock of FORD PARTS. Gasoline and Lubricating Oils.

RITER HARDWARE COMPANY

G. J. Stearns, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Monday on business. Mr. Stearns said he would put in a silo on his farm in the near future to better enable him to take care of the abundance of feed being grown each year on his farms. He handed us another dollar while here to be credited on his subscription to the Texas Spur for which he has our thanks.

FOR SALE

Four room house and two lots. Well located, well, windmill and good outbuilding, for sale cheap. Will take Ford car as first payment.—W. L. Osborne, Spur, Texas. 18 1tp tf.

If you have not tried our bread call and get a fresh loaf at the French Ruby Cafe. Fresh bread received every other day. tf.

A LETTER FROM GRANTS, NEW MEXICO

Dear Editor:— Enclosed find \$2 to keep the Texas Spur coming to my new home in New Mexico.

I have no more interest in Dickens county except my friends. I don't think I have found any better country than Dickens county but I have found a place where cotton won't grow, and stock does well, but is a hard country for a poor man to make a living in as there is not much work. I don't think we could have stayed here had it not been for our two boys, as they have helped us out by having steady jobs at \$40 per month, but we think we are in shape to stay here now. We like this climate fine. We have no blizzards in this country, just still cold, and it is only about three months between frosts.

I may come again some time and tell more about this part of Mexico.

Hoping you lots of luck with your new machinery, I am as ever A friend,— J. E. Day.

SHIP CAR OF LAMBS TO FAT STOCK SHOW

This week R. E. Dickson of the Spur Experimental Station shipped out a car of lambs for show purposes at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. It is said that these lambs are the finest within the whole state, and in view of such statements we expect them to secure the prizes ahead of every thing shown in Fort Worth. The fact of the business is that Spur and the great Spur country produces the very best and finest of all things.

J. R. Rogers was among the many business visitors from the Draper country Friday.

O. C. Henry was a business visitor in the city Wednesday from his home three miles south of Spur.

N. B. Fuquay was in Spur this week from his farm and ranch home in Kent county and spent some time here on business and greeting his many friends.

J. E. Sparks called in one day this week and had another name added to the subscription list of the Texas Spur. Verily our list continues to increase and which fact is very gratifying and encouraging.

Ed Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, returned last week from New Mexico and other countries where he had been the past year.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Radford

ON GOVERNMENT BY SELFISHNESS.



Ever since the serpent in the Garden of Eden turned Hell loose on earth mankind has been ruled by emotions, good or evil—mostly evil. Trace the human race from the time history raises the curtain upon mankind to the present hour of extreme peril and we will find the frailties of human nature struggling for the mastery, and greed, properly restrained, the motive power that has moved civilization to its towering height and unrestrained, has hurled government to destruction and mankind to barbarism. Visit the cemeteries of civilization and we find written upon the time-stained monument of Egypt, pride; Macedonia, ambition; Persia, conceit; Rome, conquest; Greece, envy; and upon the tombstone

that marks the newly-made grave of the past generation, selfishness, and in this age we are chiseling as our epitaph, organized selfishness.

The peril of this nation today is organized selfishness. The individual has been swallowed up in organization and the unit of government has shifted from the citizen to class and in the transition we have lost many of the elemental virtues of the human race and developed many of the traits of the beast. Organized selfishness is leading civilization from divinity to the dens of animals. Classes, clans and sections tear at each other with the ferocity of savages and seek to disembowel and disintegrate government that dares to limit class liberty. Self-restraint is being driven from society; honesty has become a viewpoint and might a predominating factor in right. Patriotism never suffered more from commercial paralysis than at the present hour.

There never was a time in the history of the human race when creature comfort was at a higher premium or the ideals of human success more primitive than at present, for organizations that are swung around selfishness, call into action only such emotions as are felt by animals that roam the forest and selfishness suppresses the nobler qualities of human life. The squirrel that gathers a bountiful supply of nuts to its den is thrifty but it makes no contribution to society; the fox that outwits its neighbor has great ability but it has never helped others; the lion whose roar makes the animal kingdom tremble has great powers but has never used it to uplift civilization; the cannibal clans have fought desperate battles for supremacy but victory ended with the flesh pot.

Man is an animal and government should encourage and protect him in indulging every emotion that moves the heart of a beast but when a flash of divinity lit his soul, God Almighty expected something more of him than animal activity. He ought to try to do something an animal can't do. A voice should call him to nobler deeds. In society, place his fellowmen above self or class and in government "citizenship first."

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan

ON CITIZENSHIP.



The Texas Economic League invites the people of Texas into a discussion of citizenship, but before we can intelligently study so important a subject we must first define it. What is citizenship? Who is the best American citizen? Search the statute books for a definition of citizenship and unless one is a member of the legal profession we immediately become entangled in a labyrinth of confusing and oftentimes contradictory laws seeking to promote or restrain most every form of human activity, much of them good, some of them bad and others indifferent. But laws come and go; the Constitution is permanent. The preamble of our Federal Constitution states that our government is organized to give its citizens liberty and happiness. Read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and one cannot escape the conclusion that the best American citizen is he who is most free, patriotic, just, happy and active and who hands down to posterity a civilization more capable than he found it. The spirit of our country is freedom and no man can become a true American citizen unless he is free.

Turning a moment from documents of State perhaps the best authority on citizenship, and one universally accepted by the public, is Webster's International Dictionary, which defines a citizen as "A member of a State; a person, native or naturalized, of either sex who owes allegiance to government and is entitled to reciprocal protection from it." Further, "A citizen as such is entitled to the protection of life, liberty and property at home and abroad."

We now have before us the authoritative definition of citizenship by both government and society and in order that the most humble citizen may feel perfectly free to enter into a study and discussion of this subject, I will briefly outline my conception of what citizenship involves, for the work of the Texas Economic League will be in vain if the most lowly citizen does not feel free to give serious thought and expression to his obligation to government and his responsibility to his fellow men.

Applied to able-bodied adult males, with which I take it we will have chiefly to do, a citizen's duty, in return for the rights, privilege and protection outlined above, would seem to be: First, to expend sufficient labor in production, or auxiliary occupations, viz., manufacture, transportation and distribution, to support himself and his family in comfort. Second, conform to all laws framed in the interest of society under the Constitution. Third, contribute his just proportion to the maintenance of government in personal time, payment of taxes or, if need be, bearing arms in the defense of the nation.

In reaching the above conclusions I have assumed that under our system of government citizens are owners in common and are entitled to the rights and benefits of government during the term of their natural lives and for such period only.

We Are Now Open For Business

THE Co-Operative Cash Buying & Selling Association is now ready to supply your wants in the Grocery line. We have a fresh, new stock and we can save you money on your bill. Give us a trial order.

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New goods being continuously added to our stock. Call us on either telephone and we will promptly deliver your order.

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W. P. SAMPSON, Manager

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

John Self was a visitor to Spur Saturday of last week.

Lon Cross was a visitor in Spur the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass were visitors in the city Wednesday.

Dr. Blackwell, of Dickens, was a visitor in Spur Saturday of last week.

Uncle Tom Smith, of twelve miles southeast, was a visitor in the city Saturday of last week.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was transacting official and other business in Spur Monday.

H. C. Cravey, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, greeted his friends in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and son, Freeman, are reported quite ill at their home in the city, suffering of the grippe.

F. A. Loyd, a popular merchant at Afton, was in the city Wednesday on business and visiting his friends here.

Chas. Cannon came in from his home in the Dry Lake country Saturday and spent some time in the city on business and trading with the merchants.

G. S. Jones was among the many visitors in Spur the latter part of the week from the Tap country.

V. C. Smart is very sick at his home in the city. His father, T. M. Smart of Rotan, came up to be with him during his illness.

G. L. Barber came in Saturday from the Pitchfork Ranch where he has been for the past several weeks building tanks.

Dud Martin was a business visitor in the city Saturday, coming from his home four miles north of Spur.

J. B. Morrison, a leading citizen and ranchman of several miles west of Spur, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, was a visitor in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at this office.

H. P. Cole was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday, spending a few hours in the city shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

Mat Howell was among the many visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

L. C. Arrington, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

George Greenwade was here Saturday from his home at Dickens and spent some time in the city on business and greeting his friends.

Ed Lisenby came over Saturday from Dickens and spent some time in the city greeting friends and looking after business matters.

J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northeast of Spur, was transacting business in the city Saturday and shaking hands with his friends.

L. S. Scott was a visitor in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters. While here he remembered the Texas Spur with the price of a years subscription.

C. L. Love returned last week from Chicago and Saint Louis where he has been to buy goods for the Love Dry Goods Co.

It is reported that J. A. Kerley is very sick of pneumonia at his home six miles east of Spur. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

J. W. Thompson, editor of the Dickens County Courier, was in the city Wednesday distributing literature for his favorite candidates.

G. A. Draper, was in the city the latter part of the week and spent some time here looking after business matters and greeting his friends.

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was a business visitor in the city Saturday and reported everything progressing nicely in his section.

Rush, Ralph and R. E. McLaughlin, of the plains country, were in the city the latter part of the week trading with the merchants and greeting their friends here.

EXIT CALOMEL

No More Nasty, Disagreeable Effects.

LIV-VER-LAX is now rapidly taking the place of calomel everywhere. It is just as effective, cleansing the system thoroughly of bile, toning up the liver; and making that sluggish feeling disappear like magic. Yet it is pleasant to take, and has none of the disagreeable after effects that make us dread calomel so much.

Feel fine all the time. Take LIV-VER-LAX regularly, and health becomes a habit.

Guarantee: Every genuine bottle bears the likeness of L. K. Grigsby, and if it does not give satisfaction your money will be returned. For sale in the big 50c and \$1 bottles at Spur Drug Co.

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.

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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.

For Sale—An eight-room furnished house, all modern conveniences, two lots, good orchard and all out buildings, good underground cistern.—For further information phone 70. 17-tf.

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When you are asked to pay an account twice, how much better to be able to say that, than "I have a receipt somewhere."

With a checking account of your own and a fixed rule to use checks in paying all your bills, you can readily clear up such a difficulty.

Have you a personal account at the City National Bank?

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New Stock of Furniture in Spur

WE are putting in a complete stock of Furniture in connection with the Racket Store, and have just received a car load, consisting of Kitchen Cabinets, Dressers, Iron Beds, Tables, Chairs, Springs and other items to handsomely furnish a home.

Don't Forget Our Racket Goods!

New goods arriving every day, making our stock more complete. Bring in your old furniture and trade it in on new furniture. We will treat you right.

New Stratford Oil Stoves

The best made, burn four hundred gallons of air to one gallon of oil. Come see them.

THE RACKET STORE

A. A. FRY, Proprietor

To Automobile Owners:

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

Gas, Oils and Plenty of FREE AIR

Repairing A Specialty

Martin Garage Co.

Wanted—To buy your poultry and eggs, also cattle hides, dry or green. Come in and see me.—Spur Produce Co., J. C. Miller, Mgr. 19tf

J. D. Harkey, a leading citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours in the city looking after business matters and shaking hands with his friends.

Mrs. I. G. Van Lier came Saturday from her home several miles north of Spur and spent some time in the city visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

S. R. Bowman came in the latter part of last week from his farm home north of Spur and spent some time in the city on business, greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

Some new telephone directories have just been issued by the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company, coming from the press of the Texas Spur.

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. 49ft.

In the absence of Rev. E. E. White, pastor of the Methodist Church, we are asked to announce that Rev. Geo. F. Fair, of Swenson, will fill the appointment at Spur next Sunday.

TAP TELLINGS

P. Hinson and family visited relatives on Dockum flat Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Hinson's father returned with them.

J. E. Sparks and family visited Mrs. Spark's sister, Mrs. G. W. Odom and family, near Afton last week.

Rev. W. M. Scott preached to a large and attentive crowd Sunday night. The singing at T. S. Lambert's last Sunday evening was largely attended and highly enjoyed by all.

We missed last week but were blown back again today. This old sand storm makes us think of old times and puts more grit in our veins and gives us better health.

Commissioner Johnson was in our midst the latter part of last week looking out a route to establish a first-class road, which is to intersect the Spur road that has lately been established north of here. If such road can be built it will do this community the same service as a road separate and apart from the road north and would be much less expense. This is to connect the Post City road with the Spur road north, which would not lengthen the Post City road and the Spur road one bit. If we get this or some other road we will get a mail route and not until then.

A new new-comer from down east asked one of our old time friends when he reckoned it was going to rain. "Well," he answered, "I haven't seen it wait longer than the 29th of June." Don't get scared friends. We have made more than a half bale of cotton to the acre more than once here in this country, planting in June.—Kid-a-lude.

C. D. Pullin and daughter, of near McAdoo, were in Spur for a few hours Wednesday. From here they went to Cat Fish to visit with relatives before returning to their home on the plains.

J. H. Latham, candidate for the Sheriff's office in the coming primaries, was in the city Saturday from his home in the Red Hill country and spent some time on business and greeting his friends.

Jim Perkins, of the Tap country, was here Saturday and spent some time in the city on business and shaking hands with his friends. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country.

Among those who went to Girard Tuesday night to see "Polished Pebbles" were Mr. and Mrs. John King, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker, L. R. Barrett and family, Mrs. R. G. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman, Misses Kate Boykin and Pearl Hensley, Mrs. C. L. Love, W. F. Godfrey.

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

Wren Cross was among the many business visitors in the city the latter part of last week, coming in from his ranch home several miles west of Spur.

Luther Jones, a leading citizen and ranchman of several miles north of Spur, spent several hours in the city Saturday greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

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

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Cylinders Rebored for Over-Sized Pistons. All work guaranteed.

Cars stored and looked after for \$2.00 per month.

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Buster Brown Will Be With Us

Monday, March, The Twentieth!

BUSTER BROWN, beyond a doubt, the greatest known character in America, will make his first visit to Spur Monday, March, the 20th, spending the day with us at our store, and wants to meet all wearers of Buster Brown Shoes. A nice present will be presented to each visitor. We extend a welcome to all to attend the

BUSTER BROWN RECEPTION

Remember Also, That Saturday, March 11,

Will be Henderson Corset Day. A free thimble to every lady visiting our Corset Department Saturday, March 11th. New Spring goods arriving daily by freight and express. Such a complete stock was never shown before in Spur. They are talking Love's store all over

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Cash Price

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SPUR, TEXAS

Store With The
New Goods

JUDGE A. J. HAGINS CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Saturday, February 26th, Judge A. J. Hagins, of near Jayton, was the host at a celebration commemorating his 65th anniversary. All of his children and grandchildren were present in addition to several others of his friends. In all there were 208 guests present on this occasion.

An old time feast, at which many luxurious edibles were on the menu, was served at the noon hour. In the afternoon the Judge and his descendants were assembled in a group to be photographed. After this the men guests acquired shot guns and joined in a rabbit hunt and which sport was indulged for several hours. More than 200 rabbits were killed during the afternoon.

Judge Hagins came to this country about twenty six years ago and settled in Dickens county near where now stands Duck Creek school house. He was Judge of Dickens county at the time the county seat was changed from Espeula to Dickens and it was during his administration that the present court house at Dickens was built. He made the trip to Austin and personally solicited the approval and sale of bonds voted to build the court house and jail. During recent years he and family have made their home near Jayton.

Since becoming a citizen of Kent county the Judge has filled the office of Commissioner from his precinct and was elected to the legislature in 1912.—Girard Reporter.

J. F. BOSTICK KILLED THURSDAY NEAR ROTAN

Thursday of last week the news came to Spur of the killing of J. F. Bostick, an old time citizen of Kent county. The killing is reported to have occurred while Bostick was on the road from his home to Rotan. He was in a buggy and accompanied by one of his daughters, when it is said two men came from the roadside and shooting Bostick as he sat in the buggy by the side of his daughter. After Bostick fell it is said that the two men started to him but the daughter picked up Bostick's gun and threatened to shoot them if they came nearer. The parties doing the shooting were unknown.

Some time last year Bostick killed Lee Rasberry on the streets of Rotan, as the result of an old feud which had existed for years, and it is supposed that the killing of Bostick at this time was also the result of this old feud. Bostick had just been indicted for the killing of Rasberry and his trial was set for Monday in Roby, Fisher county.

J. F. Bostick was an old citizen of this section of Western Texas, and was a noted character, having been engaged in a number of shooting scrapes and possibly had several "notches" on his gun as remembrances of early day methods.

CHAS. CANNON'S BARN BURNS AT DRY LAKE

Monday of this week the big barn and contents on the Chas. Cannon place in the Dry Lake country, was totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown, and we understand that the loss was not covered by insurance.

The barn had just recently been built and was one of the largest and finest in the whole country, and was full of feed stuff, implements, etc. at the time of the fire. The amount of the loss is unknown.

T. W. Morgan returned last Monday from Fort Worth where he has been confined in a sanitarium since January. We are glad to note that he has completely regained his former good health.

CAMP NEAR GIRARD WAS BURGLARIZED

Some time during the day Tuesday the camp of Will Cowsert, in the Lost Lake community, was entered, presumably by Mexicans, and burglarized. A trunk was broken into and a 45 Colt's revolver and other articles were taken.

City Marshall V. L. Case of Jayton came up Thursday and assisted the local officers on the case. Several Mexican camps in the vicinity were searched but no clue as to the identity of the burglars was found. However, two suspects are to be further investigated and arrests will probably follow.—Girard Reporter.

NOTICE TO SOCIALISTS

A meeting of all Socialists Dickens county will be held in Dickens on Saturday, April 1st, and all Socialists of the county are urged to be present to discuss business of great importance to the party.

R. D. SHIELDS, Co. Sec.

W. T. Wilson was in the city Friday of this week.

MORE PLACES OF RECREATION NOW NEEDED

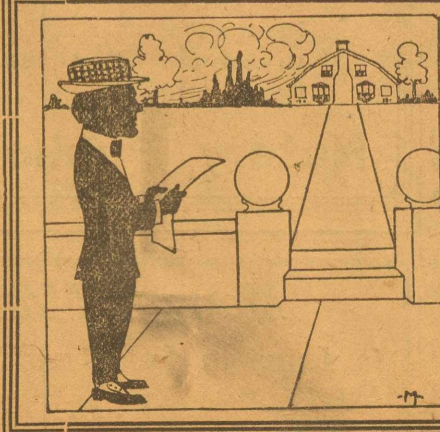
The last Legislature enacted what is known as the Davis Park Law, by which on petition of the people the Commissioners Courts of any county in Texas can submit to a vote of the people a tax of five cents or ten cents on the \$100 for the establishments of public parks, not to exceed four in any one county.

This law is of great worth to a people and various counties are taking hold of it, as it provides, while land is cheap, beautiful places of recreation where the people can meet, get acquainted, breathe the pure air and have a good time. It is progressive, elevating and socializing. Now, first attend to the beautifying of our cemeteries, then say provide two parks, one near Spur and one near Dickens. These things add value to all things real and personal.

Respectfully,
F. N. OLIVER.

Carl Douglas came in Friday from the plains country and while in the city was a pleasant caller at this office.

W. H. Wilson, who has been one of the Texas Spur force during the past year, left Saturday for Ralls where he will be employed on the Ralls Banner with A. C. Hyatt. Mrs. Wilson will spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jaye, of Dickens. We regret to lose Wilson from our force. He is a good man, a faithful employee and absolutely honest and trust-worthy in every particular.



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