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DICKENS COUNTY FAIR WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

The Dickens County Fair held its second annual meeting in Spur five days of last week. It was a grand success in every particular. There were thousands of people here not only from the surrounding country but from a distance. The exhibits in livestock, agriculture, art and womens department, though possibly not as large, were as fine as were ever shown at any fair. The automobile races, horse races, carnival attractions and aeroplane flights entertained and amused everybody. Again we say the fair was a success in every particular, and the various committees are to be commended for their efforts in making it a success. President Clifford B. Jones and Secretary Sam T. Clemmons deserve special commendation. While everybody contributed to the success of the fair, we mention these two because of the fact that they contributed time and services unreservedly, and conducted the affairs of the association ably, efficiently and successfully.

It was impossible to get a complete list of the prizes in each department at this time on account of its large volume. However, if possible, it will be published next week in full detail.

J. W. EDWARDS BUYS A 230 ACRE CROP

J. W. Edwards, of the Croton country, was in Spur last week closing a deal whereby he purchased a two hundred and thirty acre crop of J. H. Hodges on the Edwards place in that section of the country.

Mr. Edwards now has something near three hundred acres of cotton and from which he expects to pick an average of one-third of a bale to the acre. A portion of his crop will make a much larger average in production, but from the three hundred acres he expects to get at least a hundred bales of cotton.

OVER 20 NEW HOMES IN McADOO COUNTRY

The fact that the McAdoo country is keeping in the development progress of the Spur country is evidenced in the fact that during the past year more than twenty new farm homes have been built in that section, and possibly two thousand acres of new land placed under cultivation. That section boasts of as fine rural school building and as fine a school as any section of the whole country. The organization of a Methodist church and the construction of a new church building is now being contemplated, other churches being already organized, one or two new farm houses are now under construction and some of the older homes are being remodeled and enlarged. Thus the statement that the McAdoo country is progressing and developing is abundantly substantiated, and such development is encouraged by the further fact that no land in all of America is richer and more productive.

BUILDING NEW FARM HOME NEAR McADOO

W. H. L. Ward left Spur last week for the McAdoo country where he is now building a new farm home on one of the Wooten places. During the year Mr. Ward has constructed several farm homes on the Wooten places. The Wooten brothers are among the leading farmers and citizens of that section of country, and are doing their part in the development of the country.

THE BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE STATE

Chas. Martin and family, of Albany, came to Spur last week to visit his brother, John Martin and family. He liked the town and country so well that he secured a job and will probably make Spur their permanent home in the future. Spur is the biggest little town and fastest growing town in all of Texas.

FARMER HENRY SMITH

"With respect to lords and kings, owners of yachts and such like things. With defiance to Western men who own all lands within their ken, I'd merely like to rise and state that I have not found up to date a man whom I'd trade places with. I'm only Farmer Henry Smith, owner of these few cows you see, but don't take time to pity me. A dozen cows, a sunny day, a wife and kid not far away, a clump of woods, an arch of sky, a breeze that sings as it goes by, freedom from debt, landlords and rent, these things are mine, I am content."

Well the Fair is over, the music of the merry-go-round remains only in memory, the red lemonade in the long glass, the nigger dolls, the nigger dip, the broncho shows are gone, but not forgotten. Now we must settle down to business. We want to say right here that we have never had such a run in Ladies Ready-to-Wear as we had last week. We sold lots of dresses to ladies of other towns and had many compliments on the style and class of merchandise we handle in our Ready-to-Wear Department. Ladies are learning that they don't have to go or send away to get high class merchandise. New Dresses, Suits, Coats, Shirtwaists, coming by express nearly every day. Visit this department and see the newest in Ladies wear.

Millinery, yes, Miss Roberts is having wonderful success. She culled the prettiest things from the largest Millinery houses of St. Louis, and other Millinery centers. We feel that we are justly proud of this department and invite you to come on and join the well dressed procession of Ladies who buy their merchandise in all lines from Bryant-Link Co.

Our stock of Red Seal Gingham is ready for your selection; nothing so good for school and house dresses as Red Seal.

Queen Quality Shoes. You can pick out from a crowd the women who wear our shoes. She looks well dressed because her shoes are correctly fashioned. She looks happy because her feet are comfortable. Our many patrons are our best advertisements. Ask the women who wear them.

Bilikins for the kiddies. Why not buy your children for school wear what they really want—Bilikin Shoes?

An Irishman went before a judge to be naturalized. Have you read the Declaration of Independence? "I have not," said Pat. Have you read the Constitution of the United States? "I have not, yer honor." The judge looked sternly at the applicant, and asked: "What have you read?" Patrick hesitated, but the fraction of a second before replying: "I hov red hairs on me neck, your honor."

We wonder sometimes if you have read our ads, or whether your are like Pat.

Yes, our car of old Reliable Peter Schuttler Wagons is here.

GLADIOLA FLOUR WINS THE PRIZE AT THE FAIR

We have always believed Gladiola Flour to be the best, and now we know it. Why? Because the judges of the Dickens County Fair said so, as well as Mrs. Newt Harkey who won the prize on baking. You could not make her believe there is any more such flour, and we know you could not make Mr. Harkey believe there are any more such cooks. So then, good flour and good cooks make us all happier. Then why not be happy while you live? It costs no more, therefore we are asking that you give us your business the next time. You will not only find Gladiola at our store, but you will find first-class groceries every way. We want you to come to see us in our new place of business, whether you buy or not.—A First-class Grocery Store.

BRANNEN BROS. CO.

EXHIBITION OF FALL CLOTHING LAST WEEK

On the 4th and 5th of September Hogan & Patton had their annual exhibition of fine clothing at their store next door to the Red Front. The exhibition was superintended by J. W. Roseberry, representing the Globe Tailoring Company of Cincinnati.

Hogan & Patton are making these exhibitions an annual event, thus giving customers and the general public a thorough demonstration of "quality" clothing through a large display of varied fabrics.

BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE ON FARM NEAR McADOO

J. C. Caple has hauled out lumber from Spur and the com-modern five or six room farm tractors are now building a home on his place near McAdoo on the plains.

Mr. Caple also owns a farm four miles west of Spur, but intends to move to his place at McAdoo and make his home.

Iron and wood wheel trucks. Peter Schuttler Wagons talk for themselves. All you need to know is where to find them—Bryant-Link Co.'s is the place.

1916 is looking better after hail storms, sand storms and drouth: if we stick to our jobs we will all look into 1917 and see the star of hope still shining. Come on with the crowds who trade with us and are our friends.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

SPUR SCHOOL BEGINS 1916-17 TERM MONDAY

The Spur Schools commenced the 1916-17 term Monday of this week under the superintendency of Prof. T. A. Tunnell and an able corps of assistant teachers. At the opening the following program was rendered: A song, "America." Prayer by Rev. Bates. Some remarks by Superintendent T. A. Tunnell. "The Outlook For The Spur Schools" by B. D. Glasgow. "The Need of Education on the Farm" by R. E. Dickson. A reading by Miss Kercheville. "Relation of Trained Minds to Big Business" by C. B. Jones. Piano solo by pupil representing Mrs. Clemmons. "The Value of Education in the Personal and Social Life" by Geo. S. Link. "Proper Habits and Sentiments of Pupils" by Mayor F. W. Jennings. Vocal solo by Miss Baker. An impromptu speech by Chas. A. Jones. Announcements by the superintendent and benediction by Rev. Douglass. At the conclusion of the program the pupils marched to their respective rooms preparatory to beginning the year's work.

The auditorium was filled to its capacity with pupils and patrons of the school. The large number of patrons present on this occasion is evidence of cooperation, and with cooperation we will have the most successful school in the history of Spur. Prof. Tunnell is an able and efficient teacher, and has a corps of assistants unsurpassed by any school in western Texas, and with the cooperation being extended by patrons we expect pupils to be advanced rapidly in their studies during the 1916-17 term and a permanent reputation established for the Spur School as a leader of the high schools of Western Texas.

There were 322 pupils enrolled on the opening day, and a number of others have come in during the week.

MARRIED IN SPUR SUNDAY AT MIDWAY HOTEL

W. F. Acrey, of Jayton, and Mrs. Laura McKay, of Spur, were married Sunday at the Midway Hotel, Rev. J. F. Traugter of Jayton officiating. The groom was accompanied to Spur by a number of Jayton friends who witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Acrey left for Jayton where they will make their home in the future.

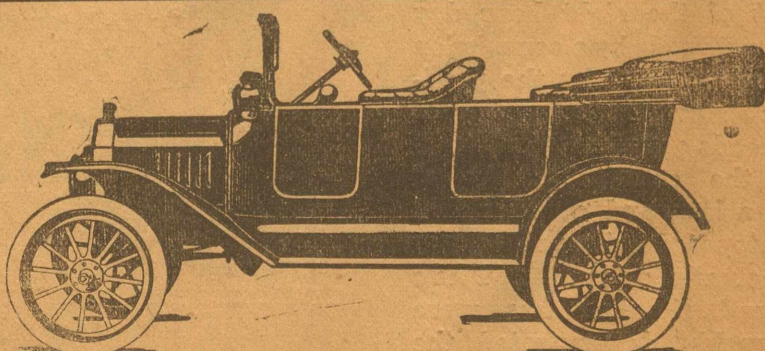
You Are Not Taking

Any Risk When You Purchase a

Bridge Beach

For 78 years of successful experience in manufacturing is behind every Cook Stove. Our stock is complete and we invite you to call and see them.

Spur Hardware Co.



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit W. F. GODFREY, Salesman
Touring Car, 360; Roadster, \$345 Spur Texas

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager.

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

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ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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When not specified, all Ads will be continued until ordered out and charged for accordingly.

FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

The strike as scheduled by the railway employees has been averted and a real nation wide calamity was prevented by the passage of an eight hour law by Congress. This bill provides that after January 1, 1917, eight hours shall be required as a basis of reckoning for a day's pay of men engaged in the operation of railroad trains in interstate commerce (excepting roads less than 100 miles long and electric lines); that they shall receive pro rata pay for work in excess of eight hours, and that their rate of compensation shall not be changed pending an investigation for 6 to 9 months of the effect of the eight hour day upon railroads by a commission to be appointed by the president. However, a number of the heads of railroads will contest the constitutionality of such a law, and consider that the proposed strike will be only temporarily delayed. This railroad situation has more thoroughly demonstrated the fact that employer and employee, big business and little business and the general pub-

lic are all dependent one upon the other and cooperation is necessary for the best interests of all. We believe that this railroad situation just experienced will encourage a more rapid consummation of the plan of government ownership of railways—and why not? Railroads have become an absolute necessity to the country and the people, and while owned and operated by individuals or corporations can by arbitrary decisions on their part bring about a calamity to the country and distress to all people. Any business that has grown to this extent should be controlled by the people.

The Texas Central Finance Committee for the National Democratic campaign is endeavoring, through systematic and aggressive effort, to enlist the financial aid of every loyal Democrat in Texas in behalf of the reelection of Woodrow Wilson.

State headquarters has been established in the Burkburnett building at Fort Worth, with R. B. Ridgeway as chairman, and the work of organizing the State for the raising of funds is well under way. A committeeman has been appointed for each senatorial district, and these committeemen are appointing chairman for the counties in their respective districts as rapidly as practicable. It is the purpose of the Texas Central Finance Committee to raise at least \$100,000 as the offering of the Lone Star State toward a great national victory for the cause of Democracy and the reelection of our peerless leader, Woodrow Wilson. Campaign receipt blanks have been furnished to County Chairman Jas. F. Williams who will accept a dollar from any democrat in Dickens county who wishes to contribute to the national campaign fund, and will forward such contributions immediately to the campaign

headquarters. We are all interested in the reelection of the democratic administration, and any amount sent in from Dickens county will assist that much.

A strike is on in New York by the carmen. Strike leaders assert that the effort of local traction interests to destroy the union is the "forerunner of a movement by capital to crush organized labor throughout the country," and that since congress has enacted into law the principle of the eight-hour day, "organized capital does not intend that such legislation shall remain on the statute books." Efforts are being made to institute sympathetic strikes on the part of all trade unions served by the transit company.

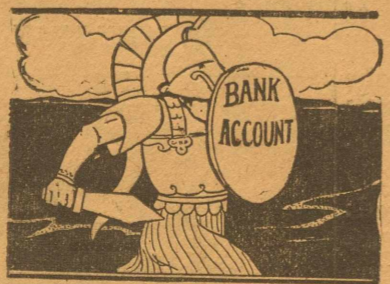
This is the beginning of the third year of the European war, and the end is not yet in sight. It is the greatest war in the history of the world in the ex-

penditure of both money and lives. Thousands of big guns are exploding hundreds tons of ammunition and millions of lives are paying the toll for the greed and avarice of monarchs and rulers. The great battle now in progress on the Somme alone has cost the combatants forty billions of dollars, and it is estimated that if this battle continues through the year it will cost one hundred billion dollars without regard to the lives lost.

The second annual Dickens County Fair is now of the past. It was a success in every respect. The exhibits in every department were of the very best. The entertaining features were varied. Fair weather prevailed throughout the five days and thousands of people enjoyed and appreciated the occasion to the fullest extent. We are beginning now to prepare for a bigger and better fair next year.

West Texas is not only building substantial business houses, farm and town homes, but is about the only section now engaged in the construction of railroads. A railroad is building from Midland to Seminole and will eventually be built to Roswell, New Mexico; the Santa Fe will build a road from Lamesa to Seminole; and another road is building from the plains through Memphis. Again we say West Texas is the coming country.

For Sale—Good work horses for sale at attractive prices.—White & Swearingen, Spur.



PROTECTION

TO PROTECT HIMSELF is the first instinct of man in every department of life, and this is especially true in business. To get your business on a sound basis and keep it so, a commercial bank account is essential. Our bank is encouraging the opening of new accounts. Won't you look us up and start an account?

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDMONDS Cashier
C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.
J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

WAGONS---BUGGIES

We have a full line of Wagons and Buggies, bought before the rise, and can save you money on these items. We are also headquarters for Builders Hdw., Oil, and Firestone Tires & Tubes and Accessories.

Ford Parts

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Dodge Parts

RIEGER HDW. COMPANY

LETTER FROM J. E. DAY IN NEW MEXICO

Grants, New Mexico, Sept. 9th.—Mr. Oran McClure, Spur, Texas. Dear Editor: You will find enclosed one dollar, for which please keep the Texas Spur coming, for we are always glad to get it.

I would like to see my old friends in Spur and Dickens County, but don't guess I will ever come back there to live. My boys have all got homes here. I can sit in my door and see all of their places. They are all out at work now. We have all got 85 head of stock, and water and grass for 500 more if we had them.

I like the Morman people fine. We hardly ever see a doctor in this country. I have not seen a lawyer, land agent or preacher since I left Dickens county, ha, ha.

Hurrah for Bob Collier! I think he is the best sheriff Dickens county ever had.—So good bye, J. E. Day.

We are glad to hear from John Day, and his many friends here will join us in wishing him abundant prosperity in his new home.

NO FISHING AND CAMPING

All parties are hereby warned that no fishing and camping will be permitted in any of the pastures controlled by us.

WHITE & SWEARINGEN.

We hear gratifying echoes from each of the points touched by the Spur "boosters" for the Dickens County Fair. It is evident that they created not only attention but enthusiasm.

REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

Commissioners Court convened in regular session recently and the following business was transacted:

Taxes levied at the rate of 25c on the \$100 valuation for general purposes. Poll tax of 25c on every male person, not exempt by law for county purposes. A tax of 10c on the \$100 valuation to supplement the jury fund. A tax of 15c, \$100 valuation for special road and bridge purposes, a tax of 2½c on the \$100 valuation to create a sinking fund to meet the payment of 13 interest bearing warrants of \$500 each to Austin Bros. for construction of bridges; an occupation tax of one-half of the amount fixed by law from every firm, corporation or person representing any of the occupations named and specified by law; a tax of 3c, \$100 valuation to pay current interest and to supplement sinking fund for payment of court house and jail bonds dated April 10, 1900; a tax of 1c on the \$100 valuation for road and bridge bonds dated May 15, 1900; a tax of 10c on the \$100 valuation for payment of bonds in said road district dated April 10, 1915; a tax of 32½c on the \$100 valuation in school district No. 1 for maintenance of the public schools therein and 17½c on the \$100 valuation for maintenance fund school districts Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18; a maintenance tax of 20c on the \$100 valuation in school district No. 4; a maintenance tax of 15c on the \$100 valuation in school

district No. 13; a maintenance tax of 30c on the \$100 valuation in school districts Nos. 6 and 15 and a tax of 20c on the \$100 valuation for payment of bonds in said district; a maintenance tax of 35c on the \$100 valuation in school district No. 16.

Trustees of common district No. 5 permitted to sell the school building in said district and use the proceeds for new school building.

On petition from R. L. Holly and others for cancellation of order relating to change in Dickens and Matador road near F. T. Whitaker's land, order was cancelled.

M. Gay having resigned as janitor for the court house, and after considering several applications, G. T. Snodgrass was employed at \$30 per month.

W. F. McCarty authorized to spend \$500 or such part as necessary to grade one mile of Afton and Dumont road just east of Afton.

Ordered that permission heretofore given Ed Lisenby to connect his fence with the bridge on Little Croten on Dickens and Highland road is rescinded and the Road Overseer is directed and authorized to remove the fence from said west side roadway, provided however, said Overseer shall place said fence on the line and work down the hill so as to enable stock to pass on both sides of the creek.—Dickens Courier.

It's the fashion. What's the fashion? Why to eat at the German Kitchen. 28 tf.

LADY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED NEAR DICKENS

One of the saddest accidents to happen in this country occurred Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock on the Dickens-Guthrie road, about one mile west of W. W. Waldrup's place. Mrs. Blanche Brannen was accidentally shot with a 32-caliber automatic pistol, while in the auto. Her husband, J. E. Brannen, had gotten out to pump a tire and the gun, which was in the front seat was discharged probably by one of the young children who stepped on it. The ball entered her side and ranged upward, passing through her body. The family were from Hill county and were en-route to the homes of relatives on the plains. She died almost instantly. The body was brought to Dickens and inquest was held by Justice of the Peace J. W. Thompson and verdict was that death resulted from accidental discharge of an automatic pistol. The family are well known in Hill county and well thought of and among the best citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Brannen were the parents of eleven children. She was only forty years old. Funeral services were conducted in the Dickens Cemetery Wednesday.

The accident was deeply regretted by all in this part of the country, as they were highly respected citizens, and among the children to mourn the loss of a dear mother, are two small babies and one only six weeks old.

Read The Texas Spur—\$1.00

COTTLE COUNTY FARMER SHOT SON AND DAUGHTER

A telephone message was received here about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon stating that J. C. Lemons, who lives in Cottle county, about ten miles south of Kirkland, had shot and dangerously wounded his son, Newt, and daughter, Miss Jewell.

Newt was shot twice with a six-shooter, one bullet shattering the right arm and another piercing the right side. His sister, Jewell received a bad wound in the left arm and right hand. Both will probably lose an arm and the wound in Newt's side may prove fatal.

There are many different reports as to the cause of this deplorable affair. From the best we can learn Newt and his father had a fight in the yard and Mr. Lemons was knocked down with a whiskey bottle and beaten. Getting up he ran into the house closely followed by Newt, who attempted to batter the door down. Fearing for his life Mr. Lemons secured his gun and started shooting through the door. In this manner Newt was shot and his sister who was trying to prevent him from entering the house, was accidentally wounded.

This version of the affair, we understand, was given by Mr. Lemons to Kirkland parties who were present immediately after the shooting.—Childress Post.

See Dr. Rodgers, Veterinary, Spur, Texas. All work guaranteed. 22tf

MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS

WE have moved our stock of goods into the concrete building on the east side formerly occupied by Love Dry Goods Co. In our new home we will be able to serve you better and continue to save you money on your every day needs in the Grocery line. We pay highest market prices for cream.

Spur

FARMERS CASH STORE

Texas

Love's Sledge Hammer Arrivals!

Our First Announcement of New Fall Goods This Week

Should prove to you that we have not been idle during the buying season. They are all hollaring high prices. We admit this cry is true, but we were on the job and have purchased Fall Merchandise on cash basis, placing us so we can and will maintain the old prices. A careful consideration of our stock and prices will readily convince you that there is only one place to leave your cash, and THAT PLACE IS LOVE'S.

<p>Ladies Fall Caps A grand assortment of the latest Fall Novelties in Caps and Fancy Headgear, velvets, corduroys, silks, etc., price 65c, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.00.</p>	<p>Fancy Dress Goods A beautiful line of new Fancy Dress Goods, all the new shades and combination of colorings now displayed in windows. See them, choice 35c yard.</p>	<p>Very Best Outings Five cases very best Outing Flannels, fancy, light or dark colorings. This grade is cheap under present market at 12 1-2c, Loves Sledge Hammer 10c.</p>
<p>Greatest Known Hdkf. Value. 100 doz. Fancy Handkerchiefs, assorted patterns, colors and designs, price about half real worth, 5c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c.</p>	<p>New Fall Gingham 100 pieces new Fall Gingham, double folds, a Gingham worth 12 1-2c, our special price only 10c a yard.</p>	<p>Full Yard Wide Fancy Dress Percale, 25 different designs and colors to select from. This is the best value in Spur, 10c a yard.</p>
<p>Ladies Ready-to-Wear Our Ladies Tailored Suits, Silk and Fancy Dresses, Cloaks, Wraps, Skirts, Shirt Waists, Middies, Kimonas, are now arriving daily by express. These are late numbers and not stuff manufactured six months ago, before the late fall models were adopted by the manufacturers association. A visit to this department will convince you our styles are distinct.</p>		
<p>A Calico Special 25 pieces Red Oil Calico, bought below market value, just what you need for quilt lining, while it lasts, 4c a yard.</p>	<p>Boys School Pants We have just received 25 dozen Boys School Pants, age 4 to 18 years. Our prices are right, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.25.</p>	

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! We have lately received over \$3000 worth of Fall Shoes, the most complete stock within 100 miles of Spur. No matter what your wants are Loves Shoe stock contains just the Shoe you desire. We carry the stock, we sell the Shoes and BACK THEIR QUALITY.

<p>We Want Your Trade</p>	<p>LOVE DRY GOODS CO. SPUR, TEXAS</p>	<p>We Protect Your Cash</p>
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R. L. Overstreet and family, of the Afton country, were recent visitors in Spur.

Dr. Morris made a business trip this week to Haskell where he spent several days.

An eight pound boy was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson at their home on the experimental farm.

Little Miss Matthews, of the Double Mountain country, is in Spur with her sister, Mrs. Ensey, attending the 1916-17 term of the Spur Schools.

Sim Everett, of Carlton, is in Spur this week visiting his brother, Claude Everett at the Spur Inn, and also his uncle, J. B. Richbourg and family.

W. G. Sherrod, former cashier of the Spur National Bank but now cashier of one of the Lubbock banks, was in Spur last week shaking hands with his many warm friends.

John Clark and family, of Albany, were in Spur last week visiting friends and seeing the sights at the fair. Mr. Clark is a printer employed the past several years on the Albany News. He owns some town lots in Spur which he purchased at the opening of the town about seven years ago.

J. C. Caple, of four miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday.

W. W. Waldrup and family, of the Draper country, were in Spur Wednesday shopping and visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. Blackwell and family came over Wednesday afternoon from Dickens and spent a short time in Spur with their friends.

Dr. Hunt, president of the Stamford college, was in Spur Sunday and preached at the Methodist church to a large and appreciative audience.

J. C. Garrett, of the Tap section of country, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

T. S. Lambert came in Wednesday of this week from the Tap country and spent some time in Spur on business.

We are requested to announce that services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church Sunday by Rev. Bates. Everybody is invited to attend.

Hamp Collett called in at the Texas Spur office the first of the week. He says that his crops are doing well and he will soon begin picking cotton.

J. R. McArthur was here the first of this week from his home in the Tap country.

Tom McArthur came in one day this week from his farm and ranch home in the Tap section of country.

J. G. Currie, of the Watson community southwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birdwell came in Tuesday of this week from their home south of Spur, and spent a short time here shopping with merchants and greeting friends.

Frank Howsley, of Albany, spent several days of last week in Spur with his father, G. A. Howsley.


M. W. Winkler, of Dickens, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Sol Davis entertained for his sister, Mrs. T. B. Johnson of Fort Worth, Friday, August twenty fifth, at her home in the city.

Dr. Montgomery, of Stamford, spent two days of this week in Spur at the office of Dr. Morris treating diseases of the eyes, ears, nose and the throat.

Mrs. V. C. Smart entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday evening, September first, at her home in the city. Forty two was played and at the conclusion of a number of games delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

Judge A. J. McClain and wife were in the city Tuesday of this week from their Cat Fish farm and ranch home. The Judge has been in poor health the past several weeks, but we are very glad to note that he is able to come to town and greet his friends.



**OUR LINE
of
GROCERIES**

IT DOESN'T MATTER
what you want in the grocery line, for breakfast, dinner or tea, we can supply you with it. And what is more, our groceries are always fresh and we give full weight and good value for your money. Just try trading with us for a short while; we'll guarantee you'll never go anywhere else.

BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY

DICKENS DOINGS.

School is progressing nicely. The Dickens gin is doing good work.

W. B. Cobb has returned from Gray county.

Mrs. Jaye is visiting relatives in east Texas this week.

Joe Stovall has gone out with the Matador surveying crew.

C. A. Gladdish sold a ton of maize in town Wednesday at \$19.00.

A fine rain fell Monday, and which will cause the grass to take a new growth.

W. D. Thacker and wife, of Draper, were in town Wednesday on their way to Spur.

Business in Dickens is exceptionally good, all merchants reporting a good trade.

Commissioners were in session Monday and very little business to come before the body at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Greenwade have moved into the residence of B. A. Crego in west Dickens.

A large number of the plains people attended the funeral of Mrs. Blanche Brannen here Wednesday.

J. R. Rogers and son, Robert, and daughter, Mrs. Ellsworth Ham and her little son, left this week for a visit to relatives near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The Methodist meeting is in progress this week, conducted by Rev. I. A. Smith. The meeting will continue through the week. All are invited to attend.

Miss Velma Reed, who has charge of the music department of the Dickens High School, visited home folks at Girard last Saturday and Sunday.

Sabe Kennedy, George Rollins and Fay Brock left this week for New Mexico with 96 head of cattle belonging to Mr. Kennedy, and where they will put them on the range in that section through the winter.

We wish the commissioners court or some other jurisdiction would take cognizance of the fact that some of the bridges in Dickens need the approaches repaired, as they are getting in bad shape, especially the bridge on the south side on the way to the school building.

Mrs. A. O. Lilly will do plain and fancy sewing.

W. M. Randall, of Steel Hill, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of this week.

C. D. Copeland recently wrecked his automobile while running a wolf over the hills east of Spur. While running the car struck a deep ditch. No one was injured, and the damage was nearly two hundred dollars.

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it remembered that the City Commissioners of the City of Spur hereby order that Sixth Street from Burlington Avenue to Cowan Avenue and Cowan Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street being streets & highways within the incorporated limits of said City of Spur, be improved by graveling the same, and said Commissioners have ordered that the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Six & No-100 (\$296.00) Dollars be expended in said improvement, one-fourth (1/4) of which sum is to be paid by the City of Spur and three-fourths (3/4) of said sum the said Commissioners have determined should be assessed in accordance with the provision of Chapter Eleven (11) Title Twenty-two (22) of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, against the abutting property on lots on said Sixth Street and said Cowan Avenue as follows:

The following lots to be assessed on the basis of 8.3c per foot frontage on said Streets: Lots Nos. 12 & 13, Blk. No. 6. " " 7 and 8, Blk. No. 7. " " 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 " " 8. " " 1 and 14 " " 9. " " 1 and 14 " " 10. " " 1, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 " " 11.

It is further ordered by said Commissioners that a meeting of said Commissioners be held in the City of Spur at the office of the City Recorder on the 30th day of September, A. D., 1916, for the purpose of hearing any contest or contests of the owner or owners of said property to be so assessed as provided by Article 1013 of said Title and Chapter aforesaid, and that a true copy of this ordinance be published in the Texas Spur for three successive issues of said paper as a notice to the owners of said property of said proposed assessment, and of the time and place of said meeting for the hearing of contests.

F. W. JENNINGS, Mayor. OSCAR JACKSON, City Clerk.

See Mrs. A. O. Lilly for plain and fancy sewing.

J. M. Foster, of the Croton country, was in Spur recently greeting his numerous friends.

M. L. Blakely and little son, of the Afton country, were recent visitors in Spur and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hodges, of the Croton country, were in Spur this week. Mr. Hodges last week sold his crop in that country to J. W. Edwards.

W. T. Lovell, who is now manager of the Swenson gin at Girard, was in Spur Wednesday on business and shaking hands with his many-Spur friends.

S. W. Lane made a trip to Girard the first of the week where he bought and shipped a number of bales of cotton. Girard has received more cotton up to date than Spur on account of rain in this immediate territory.

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BUILDING BRIDGE ON THE SPUR-GIRARD ROAD

County Commissioner J. H. Montgomery has contracted with S. D. McEachern of Jayton to build a bridge across the creek in the north part of town on the Spur road. Mr. McEachern and his crew of workmen began putting in piers for the bridge Wednesday and he plans to have the structure completed at an early date.—Girard Reporter.

For plain and fancy sewing, see Mrs. A. O. Lilly.

Doc Edwards, of Croton, had business here Tuesday.

J. A. Neighbors, of Steel Hill was here Tuesday transacting business.

LOST—A crank cam to an automobile, between Spur and Roaring Springs. Finder return to Henry Dodge.

Mike M. Young, of near Matador, was among the recent visitors to Spur.

Mace Hunter returned last Tuesday from Plains where he accompanied Mrs. McGinty to her home. He reports the roads muddy all the way.

Mrs. J. E. Standifer accompanied her daughters, Misses Robbie and Donnalita, to Missouri where they will enter a college.

J. H. Edwards, of Dumont, was in Spur last week greeting his friends. He reports every thing in good shape in his part of the country.

Chas. Perrin, of several miles east of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday buying supplies of the Spur merchants and greeting his friends here. Charley Perrin is one of the best men of the country.

Paul Douglass, wife and two children left Spur this week for a trip into New Mexico to spend a week visiting relatives, attending a fair at Clovis and also looking after property interests in that section.

Mr. Williams and wife, of Waco, passed through Spur Tuesday. They are making a trip through into New Mexico and Arizona. Mr. Williams is connected with Waco Times-Herald, one of the leading papers of the country.

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it remembered that the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, hereby order that Harris Street from Willard Avenue west to the City limits, a street and highway within the incorporated limits of said City of Spur, be improved by graveling the same, and said Commissioners have ordered that the sum of \$420.00 be expended in said improvement, one-fourth (1/4) of which sum is to be paid by the City of Spur and three-fourths (3/4) of said sum the said Commissioners have determined should be assessed in accordance with the provision of Chapter Eleven (11) Title Twenty-two (22) of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, against the abutting property on lots on said Harris Street as follows:

The following lots to be assessed on the basis of 9 cents per foot frontage on said Harris Street:

Lots Nos. 8 to 14 both in. Blk 17	" " 8 to 14 " " 18	" " 8 to 14 " " 19	" " 8 to 14 " " 20	" " 1 to 7 " " 29	" " 1 to 7 " " 30	" " 1 to 7 " " 31	" " 1 to 7 " " 32	" " 1 to 7 " " 33	" " 1 to 7 " " 34
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Am now in the market for the new maize crop. Must be dry. See S. W. Lane.

Miss Irene Barrett is now assisting Miss Leona Barrett as operator at the Southwestern Telephone Company office.

Burl Harrington made us feel good the other day when he handed us a check to keep the Texas Spur coming to his address.

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur buying merchandise the first of the week and while here paid us a pleasant call.

F. A. Loyd, one of the leading merchants of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week on business and greeting his friends.

A. A. Allen, wife and children, of the Croton country, passed through Spur Tuesday on their return home from a visit to relatives and friends in Jones, Coleman and Eastland counties. Mr. Allen reports a pleasant visit and having seen a number of his old time friends of past years.

TAP TELLINGS.

Robert Pirkle, of Spur, was in our midst Sunday.

Leonard Ward is at Matador this week looking after business matters.

Melvin Rankin, of White River, was smiling at the girls here Sunday afternoon.

C. W. Hinson and family, of Watson, were visiting at the Volentine home this week.

Amos Box, of Jones county, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Perkins, and other relatives here.

Good rains fell here the first of the week and everything is looking green and fresh like spring-time.

Prof. Frank Mayo, of Graham, sang for us here Sunday afternoon. He was en route to Crosbyton and probably will locate there.

Raliegh Hinson and his sister, Miss Annie, of Matador, were here the past week visiting relatives and attending the fair.

Rev. R. H. Thorp, of Waco, who has been in the West for some time engaged in meetings, preached at the Baptist church here Sunday night.

We are informed that Mr. Rufus Henderson has bought what is known as the Tandy Smith place. We are glad to have this fine family of people locate with us.

J. M. Perkins and wife have returned from an extended trip over the great western country where they had gone for the benefit of their child's health. They say the child's health is much improved.

Mrs. P. Hinson was called by telephone to come to her mother at once as she was seriously ill and not expected to recover. Mrs. Hinson left on first train after receiving the message, for Winters where her parents reside.

—GAD-A-BOUT.

R. C. Forbis and family have moved back from their ranch home to Spur and will remain here throughout the school term.

J. M. Jones was here Wednesday from his home in the Afton country. Uncle Jimmie reports everything in good shape and moving along satisfactorily in his section—plenty rain and crops good.

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in Spur Thursday. He informed us that his cotton crop this year was much better than last year and that he would pick more bales of cotton from the same acreage this year than he did last year. When the whole crop is in we are of the opinion that it will not miss very much being as large as that of last year, notwithstanding the hail storms and other disadvantages encountered in this section this year.



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CONCERNING THE DEATH OF JAS. E. McWATERS

U. S. Mobilization Camp for Colorado, Rifle Range, Golden, Colo., Sept. 3, 1916.—Mr. J. D. McWaters, Spur Texas, Sir: As you have already been advised by Major Hamrock, commanding this Camp, your son, James E. McWaters, died here this morning. The cause of death was acute rheumatism affecting the heart. Your son apparently suffered very little pain, or if there was pain he bore it without a murmur or complaint.

I desire to say that your son while here in this organization had earned the praise of his officers and the respect of the men of this command, by his soldierly conduct and attention to duty, and his loss is keenly felt by all members of the company. He was a young man of ability and had every prospect for rapid advancement.

You may be sure that everything was done for him that could have been done. The physicians in charge of the Camp Hospital are among the best in the state, and for such small comforts as he could use he had at his disposal the company fund and the care and attention of all of us.

Permit me on behalf of all members of this command to express my sincere sympathy to you and your family in this misfortune.—Yours, with esteem and sympathy,

A. H. DAHLINE,
First Lt. Commanding Co. A.

MARRIED AT MATADOR

Jack Eaton and Miss Annie Mae Stokes, both of Afton, went to Matador last Saturday night and after procuring the necessary papers were united in marriage. Miss Stokes is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes of Afton and is well and favorably known in that section of the country.

Among those who have renewed their subscription to the Texas Spur during the past week are J. J. Hickman of the McAdoo country, W. M. Austin of Afton, J. C. Davis of Afton, R. R. Wooten of McAdoo, B. T. Duncan of Dickens, T. A. Rogers of Spur. The following new names have also been added to the list of regular subscribers: Frank Whitaker of Pueblo, Colorado, Homer Terry of Linddale, Mabel Ferrell of Tyler, J. J. Proctor of Dumont.

WHEN WE DIDN'T KEEP THE HOURS

I believe in the eight-hour work day. That is long enough for anybody to have to fight the wolf. In fact, it is quite a sacrifice to give that much of your time to so commonplace a thing as just labor, when you stop to consider that the country must be "saved" every few months, that the flies have to be swatted nearly all the year and that it is harder to catch a mess of fish now than it used to be.

In the good old days, when a fellow could take down his bamboo tackle and go out and fetch in a mess of sun perch in a few hours and elections did not come so often, it was easy enough to give over more of your time to bread-winning.

I remember when a work-day began with the crowing of the roosters in the morning and ended with the milking of an old crumple-horned cow that layed out until about 9:30 o'clock at night. I hired myself to a ranchman who said there was nothing to do, but that he wanted somebody about the place so his wife wouldn't be afraid of the Mexican laborers. It was the hardest job I ever had in my life and I received ten dollars per month for it. He was very religious and would not work on Sunday, he always spent the day reading the bible and riding over to a brushy pasture where he had a few mavericks hid out. He wanted to see if anybody had been interfering with them. Before he would leave he would always say to me: "Now while you are resting today you can shoe the horses so that we can get an early start in the morning." The country was open then; it was before barbed wire fences had made their way into the extreme southwest along the border and some times we would be in the saddle as early as 2 o'clock. A round-up on the range in those days meant that the cattle had

to be driven to a given point, for twenty-five miles in every direction. It was generally my job to help hold the "cut." Sometimes it would be late in the afternoon when we would start home and it would take until midnight to reach our destination. Of course it was inconvenient to get supper at such an hour after greasing the windmill, which had been screaming all day, and fixing a float valve that was out of place or something of the sort, I would be dead tired and the boss would say: "Well, I guess you had better turn in 'early' because we have lots to do tomorrow."—Temple Mirror.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following Democratic Nominees as candidates for offices in November election:

For Representative, 105th District
FRITZ R. SMITH
For District Judge
J. H. MILAM
For District Attorney
J. ROSS BELL
For County Judge
WALTER L. POWELL
For Sheriff and Tax Collector
R. L. COLLIER
For District and County Clerk
M. GAY
For County Treasurer
J. B. YANTIS
For Tax Assessor
G. B. JOPLING
For County Commissioner Precinct No. 3
W. A. JOHNSON

We received a card this week from Arch Barnard requesting that the Texas Spur be sent to him at Abilene. We presume that Mr. Barnard is either rail-roading or building better dirt roads in that section.

E. R. Rorie, of Turkey, returned home the first of this week after spending several days in Spur seeing the fair and meeting his many old time friends. For many years Mr. Rorie was one of the Spur Ranch boys and we are always glad to see him.

WEED OUT THE COWS THAT DO NOT PAY

In his address before the Southern Cattlemen's Association, Mr. Felix Williams, of Villa Rica, Ga., told how he made money on ten cows during his early dairy experience; but when he bought more cows, increasing the herd to 32, he found himself losing money although he had to do much more work.

The average young man would have quit dairying and ever after been convinced that there was no money in the dairy business. But Mr. Williams was not of that type. He inquired the cause of these losses and quickly found by weighing and testing the milk that the profits made by the smaller number of really good cows were being consumed by the larger number of poor cows.

This is just what is happening on nine out of ten Southern dairy farms, and yet the owners seem to prefer to milk many cows at a loss or for no profit than to milk a smaller number at a profit and weigh and test the milk. The prejudice of some so-called dairymen against weighing and testing the milk of their cows is simply amazing. There is no other way of weeding out the poor cows and there is more profit in the ten good cows alone than from these ten cows and any number of poor ones added; but still the average man will not weed out the poor or unprofitable cows, because he can not do it without weighing and testing the milk. This he has determined he will not do, because it is "theory" or "book farming."

Misses Donnalita and Robbie Standifer and Erma Baker were guests at the inn in Crosbyton Sunday, returning to Spur in the afternoon.

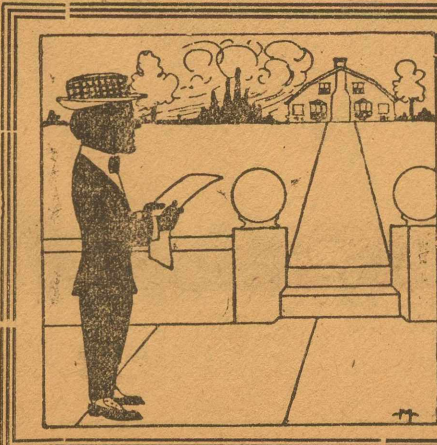
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ECHOES FROM THE SPUR FAIR BOOSTERS

A bunch of Spur boosters, forty-five strong, arrived here about ten o'clock last night in autos to advertise the Dickens County Fair, which is to open in Spur next Tuesday and continue until Saturday. They were to have reached Crosbyton some time yesterday afternoon but one of the biggest rains this country has had in a long time detained them for several hours, and then the roads were nearly impassable. However, the Spur people are never outdone, and they braved the rain and mud and came over to invite our people to visit their fair. The Spur brass band accompanied them and early this morning they made their presence known to the populace by rendering some sweet music in front of the Crosbyton Inn, and soon a large crowd was gathered around to greet our unexpected visitors. Clifford B. Jones, manager of the Swenson interests, made a talk explaining the object of their visit and extending an invitation to attend their annual fair, soon after which they departed in their autos through the mud for home.—Crosbyton Review.

The Dickens County Fair will open September 5th, and continue for five days. This is the story told by fourteen auto loads of Spur business and professional men who spent an hour in Floydada Wednesday afternoon advertising the fair and telling of the features which would be offered for the entertainment and edification of visitors to that city during the first week of September. Among other entertainment features will be automobile races and aeroplane flights. This year's event is to be their second annual fair. It is promoted by an incorporation composed of business and professional men of Spur.—Floyd Co. Hesperian.

Frank Whitaker, of several miles north of Dickens, called in recently and had the Texas Spur sent to him at Pueblo, Colorado. He sold his crop and moved to Colorado where he will engage in public work in that state. Mr. Whitaker was one of our best citizens and we regret his departure. We feel confident that his stay in Colorado will be only temporary.



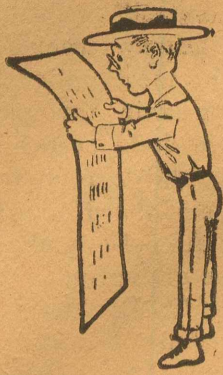
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MIDWAY HAPPENINGS

R. F. Simpson went to Roaring Springs Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Averett, of Afton, were in our midst Sunday.

A good rain fell over this scope of the county Monday and Tuesday.

Nearly every one attended the fair last week. All reported a pleasant time.

Ira Dobbs and Eugene Blakley Jr. were in Roaring Springs the first of this week.

Fin Whitaker baled hay the latter part of last week on Croton Flat for Ed Lisenby.

Picking cotton and heading maize is the order of the day with the farmers of this section.

Miss Eula May Blakley has returned home after spending several weeks with relatives near Floydada.

D. C. Barrett was in Spur one day last week trading with the merchants and seeing the many sights.

Eugene Blakley Jr. and family, formerly of Midway, but now of New Mexico, are back visiting relatives.

Several from here attended the Dickens County Baptist Association at Dry Lake last Saturday until Sunday night.

Bob Belcher, who has been working for Ed Lisenby on Croton Flat, is back at Midway working for W. J. Clark.

Luther Blakley Jr., who got a piece of steel in one of his eyes a week or ten days ago, is still improving, which we are glad to report.

E. H. Blakely and children returned to their home last Saturday after spending most of the summer in New Mexico visiting relatives and viewing the state.—Pawnee Bill.

Ed Lisenby, a prominent ranchman of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday.

Mrs. Gertrude Pursley and daughter, of near Jayton, were recent visitors in Spur.

Miss Lillian Whiteside, of Matador, is in the city this week the guest of Miss Flora Love at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love.

Ranger Robinson came over from Dickens Monday and spent an hour or two in Spur on business and greeting his friend.

Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer left Spur this week for Columbia, Missouri, where they will attend the Columbia Christian College.

C. D. Pullin and Mr. Bruton, of the McAdoo country, were in Spur Monday and Tuesday. They report that feed crops are fine in that section, the cotton crop being short on account of being hailed out.

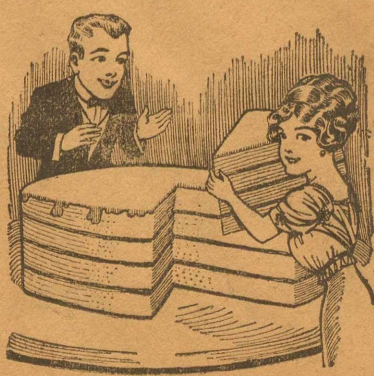
Miss Mamie Harper, of Ashville, Kansas, has accepted a position with the Love Dry Goods Company, taking the place of Miss Deliah Johnston who has accepted a position in Stamford with Baker-Bryant Company.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bailey, of Matador, spent several days of last week in Spur with Mrs. Oran McClure. They accompanied Mrs. Bailey's sisters, Misses Cal and Ruth Smith, of Stamford, who were returning to their home after an extended visit in Matador.

B. E. Miller and family, of Carlton, returned the first of the week to their home after spending several days in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richbourg. They were making the trip through the country in an auto, and Mr. Miller stated that the rains through the country were spotted, he having encountered muddy as well as dry roads along the way. The crops, he said, were better in this section than elsewhere.

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Wesley Wilson, who with his wife has been in Dickens during the illness and death of Mrs. Wilson's father, Chas. Jaye, returned Sunday to Ralls to resume his duties as an employe of the Ralls Banner.

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LARGE RANCH DEAL.

Stamford, Texas, Sept. 1.—The largest land purchase that has been made by an individual since the organization of the city of Stamford has just been consummated in which R. V. Colbert, president of the First National Bank, of this city has purchased from David K. Proctor of Monroe City, Mo., several thousand acres of the fine ranch located on the Clear Fork of the Brazos river, 18 miles east of Stamford, and known as the X pasture. The deal is for about fifteen thousand acres, the consideration being private.

The portion of the ranch purchased by Mr. Colbert contains some eight miles of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river, and about six miles of Fish creek, the two together making the property the best watered ranch property in Western Texas. On the Clear Fork, in this pasture, is located, what is generally considered as the best pecan grove in Texas.

It is understood that Mr. Colbert will shortly stock this newly acquired ranch with some of his registered Hereford cattle from the Stamford ranch, thus materially increasing the size of his fine herd of Herefords, and eventually making him one of the largest breeders of Hereford cattle in Texas.

A good rain fell throughout Dickens county Monday. As a result of the rain the picking and marketing of cotton has been delayed. The rains continue local, since Girard and other towns in Kent are dry.

The Spur Produce Co. always pays the highest market prices for hides, furs and all produce.

ARM BROKEN

L. A. Medlin, of Dickens, happened to the misfortune of getting his right arm broken last Monday while working on a gin plant at Roaring Springs. He fell from a ladder and was otherwise slightly bruised up. He is getting along nicely and improving fast.

Elmo Sleight, who has been in business here with F. J. Riordan, selling Overlands, will be connected with the Bryant-Link Company store at Spur, where he will have charge of the business. We wish Elm all kinds of success.—Anson Reporter.

W. M. Austin called in one day this week and handed us a dollar which paid his subscription to this paper more than a year ahead of time. We have always known that Bill Austin was a man of the right stamp, and we appreciate him now more than ever.

J. C. Davis came in this week and gave us a check which extended his subscription to the Texas Spur up to the year 1920. These are the kind of friends whom we appreciate and who do us a real service in our efforts to publish a newspaper. May he live long and always prosper.

Miss Ora Kinnebrew, of Eastland, returned Tuesday of last week to Spur. Miss Kinnebrew will again teach china painting in connection with the Spur Schools which commenced the 1916-17 term Monday of this week. Miss Kinnebrew is one of the best teachers in this line and has quite a number of pupils.

Farm loans at eight per cent.—E. J. Cowan. 34 tf.

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COMING BACK EAST ON A PROSPECTING TRIP

Last week J. R. Hill and Louis Propps, of Red Land, New Mexico, were in Spur and the Spur country prospecting. The rule heretofore has been that prospectors go further west, but apparently the tide is turning. We know of several coming to look over the Spur country from sections further west.

Sections of country further west may have fine lands and productive soils to offer prospectors, but we believe this country offers more inducements and opportunities to the home-seeker and home-builder than any other section. The greatest draw-back to a more rapid settlement of this country is the price of land. Prospectors come here with the hope and intention of securing five-dollar land. A few years ago land might have been had in this country for five dollars an acre. The five-dollar land is now a thing of the past. A few years from now land will be selling here for fifty dollars an acre in this country. As any country settles and develops the land values enhance and the price advances. The man who wants a home in any country had better buy it today.

MARRIED IN ALBANY.

G. A. Howsley went down to Albany to attend the marriage of his daughter, Miss Nellie May, to Leonard Lantroup, on Thursday, August 31st at 8:30 o'clock. The marriage ceremony was performed at the Howsley home and a wedding supper was served to a number of guests. Mr. Lantroup is a mechanic in one of the garages of Albany and he and bride will make their home in that city.

G. L. Gaddis, of the Red Mud country, left recently for Colorado for treatment, he being in a very serious condition. We hope that the treatment will effect a permanent cure of his disorders.

HEAVY RAINS DURING THE PAST MONTH

J. P. Brown, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Tuesday and informed us that at least two inches of rain fell in that country Monday. During the past month he says that at least nine inches of rain has fallen in that country. Rains have been falling throughout the whole Spur country during the past month and up to the present time. However, some of the farmers tell us that the rains have been making the cotton throw off a considerable portion of the blooms, squares and bolls. While the country at this time is not expected to harvest a full crop, yet with a late frost good crops will be made and with the higher prices expected the whole country will be in a prosperous condition.

L. M. JONES SECURES MORE RANCH LANDS

Luther Jones and family moved this week from their ranch home north of Spur to a ranch several miles south and west of Spur where he has leased a number of sections of land and will engage more extensively in the stockraising business. We regret to see Mr. Jones move away from this immediate section, but hope he will make a fortune in his new location. Mr. Jones was ranch-boss of the Spur Ranch a number of years. He knows the cattle business and unless some misfortune befalls he will make good in the business for himself.

Jas. F. Williams and Miss Lucy Webb left Sunday for Dallas where they will spend several days buying goods for the Spur Drug Company.

S. R. Bowman was in town Tuesday of this week. He and family just recently returned from a visit back to old Hill county. He said that they were all anxious to get back to "God's country."

THE PROBLEMS OF OUR YOUNG COTTON

The late rains have caused a very vigorous growth of the young cotton all over the country, and which is causing a heavy top crop to be put on which will not have time to mature and which will hinder the bolls already set from maturing to some extent. As this same thing happens from year to year, and as there is always more or less crop of "bollies", it becomes desirable to know whether or not this condition can be remedied to some extent by topping the cotton and stopping the growth, or by deep cultivation close to the roots and destroying the numerous roots that are feeding on the top three or four inches of soil thus causing the plant to throw off blooms and squares and spend its energy in maturing the bolls already set.

This is a problem of vital importance to all of the cotton growers in this locality at this time, and I would like to see as many of the farmers as care to top a few rows of cotton and cultivate to a depth of four inches or to such a depth as to destroy the new crop of root-hairs feeding close to the top.

I want you to bear in mind that I am not advocating these practices except in an experimental way, and if you desire to apply this method to a larger tract of land you are doing so at your own risk.

The Experiment Station is carrying a test of this nature on cotton that was planted after the hail in June and would like to have in addition to the results received on the station plats the results obtained by farmers on different types of soil and on cotton of different stages of maturity.

I might state in this connection that we are handling this matter in several ways: 1st. Removing terminal bud. 2nd. Removing all buds, squares and blooms. 3rd. Cultivating shallow. 4th. Cultivating deep. 5th. Cultivating deep and removing terminal buds. We will be very glad to give you the results of our tests.

R. E. Dickson, Supt. Ex. Sta.

S. W. TELEPHONE ADDS SECTION SWITCH-BOARD

The Southwestern Telephone Company this week added another section of one hundred drops, thus increasing their local telephone capacity to accommodate two hundred and fifty patrons in the city. In making this improvement they also added another operator, thus being in a position to give more prompt service as well as increase the business. Messrs. Bob McCaskill, division installer, and Mack Haskins, of Fort Worth, and Mr. Harrison, district plant chief of Abilene, were here to install the new switchboard and to see it put in operation.

The company has announced that hereafter the one cent revenue charges on long distance calls will be discontinued.

Under the local management of A. H. Hill the telephone business in Spur has continued to increase in volume and efficiency.

S. P. Odom, of five miles south of Spur, was among the business visitors here this past week.

BETTER BABIES CONTEST AT DICKENS CO. FAIR

The "Better Babies Contest" held at the Dickens County Fair was one among the most interesting features of the fair. The examinations were held in accord with the standards and under the directions of the National Better Babies Association. The contest was under the directions of Mrs. T. E. Standifer who was assisted by all of the doctors of Spur, Dr. R. T. Price, of Swenson, being chairman of the executive committee.

Premiums were awarded as follows:

Boy, under the age of twelve months, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fry.

Girl, under twelve months of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Blair.

Boy, under two years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith.

Girl, under two years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowman.

Boy, under three years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen.

Boy, under five years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett.

Girl, under five years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shields.

The grand champion prize, a loving cup given by C. B. Jones, was awarded to the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fry.

MARRIED IN ROTAN.

W. C. Gruben, of Spur and Miss Stella Matthews, of the Double Mountain country, were married Sunday, September 10th, at Rotan. Mr. and Mrs. Gruben will be at home to their friends after September 17th at Spur.

Mrs. Gruben is a sister of Mrs. Ensey of Spur, and is an accomplished and lovable young lady. Mr. Gruben is a popular young business man of Spur and has many friends here who join the Texas Spur in extending congratulations to he and his bride.

We understand that E. H. Blakely of the Afton country, has returned from New Mexico where he has been the past several months for the benefit of his health. Mr. Blakely has been in poor health for some time and we hope that the trip was of great benefit to him.

COTTON SEED SELLS FOR FIFTY DOLLARS

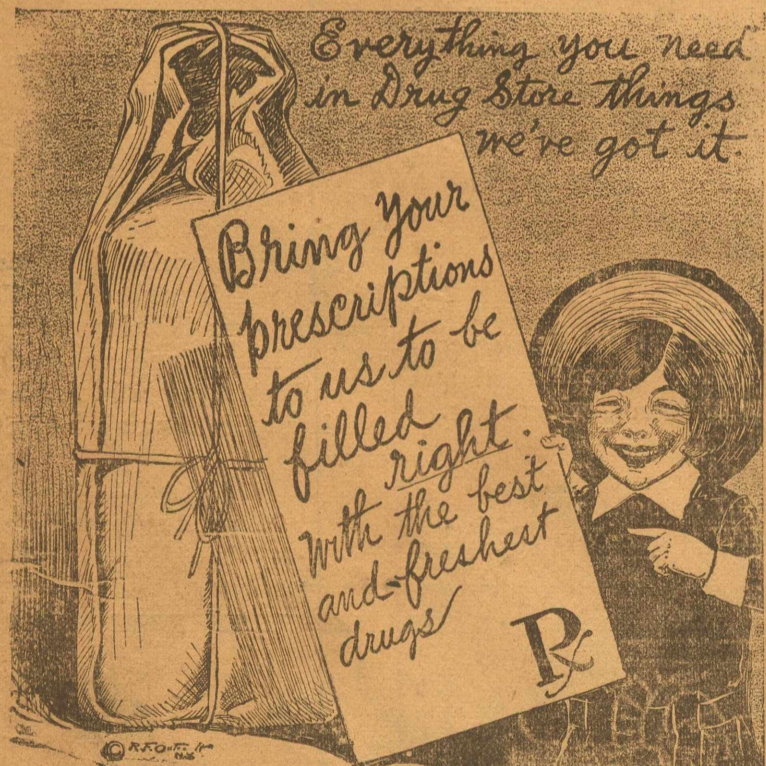
Cotton seed sold in Spur this week for as high a sum as fifty dollars a ton. From reports throughout the whole country seed has been selling for from forty to forty five dollars a ton. However, we understand that a number of the oil mills have quit buying seed until the "fight" ends, giving as a reason that the prices of oil continues to decrease and is now at a figure which will not justify paying the prevailing prices for seed.

Very little cotton has been brought to Spur up to the present time, since many crops were replanted on account of hail. The price paid for cotton during the past week went up as high as 14.75. Those in a position to observe more closely the cotton situation say that by marketing slowly and conservatively an average price of fifteen cents can be maintained throughout the fall season.

Throughout the fall the cotton buyers and cotton seed buyers of Spur will continue to pay the highest prices of the market, and farmers throughout the whole country will promote their own individual interests by not only keeping in touch with the Spur market but by making this place their regular market point. The buyers here are in the business more for the accommodation of the farmers than for the purpose of making money by buying the staple products of the country. They are not speculators, only buying and selling in accord with the leading markets of the country, thus giving the farmers of this territory the benefits of such markets.

FORMER SPUR BOY KILLS HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Lee Anderson, formerly of Spur and who worked with Perry Fite for a time, is reported to have killed his brother-in-law, George Zant at his home near Tucumcari, New Mexico, only a few days ago. The murder occurred early in the morning and it is alleged that the boy slipped up on Zant and shop him while he slept. Anderson left Spur only a few weeks ago, going to New Mexico with another family for the purpose of visiting the Zant family.



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