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### ONE OF THE OLD TIMERS OF THE SPUR COUNTRY

Judge A. J. McClain came in Wednesday from the Cat Fish country. He stated that he "stood the Christmas holidays" better this year than for many past years. He was looking well and was wearing his usual jovial smile. The Judge has been here since the early days, helped organize Dickens county and was one of the first County Judges of the county. He and others of that day are due the honors for paving the way for the present day progress.

### MOVES TO SPUR COUNTRY FROM THE EAST

Will Watson and family, of Marquez, arrived in Spur last week and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Watson recently purchased the Mat Bingham farm home consisting of three hundred and twenty acres of fine farming land nine miles east of Spur, this trade being consummated through the Spur Real Estate and Livestock Company with headquarters at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Watson is a fine citizen and we are glad to welcome him to the Spur country and feel confident that he will prosper here beyond his expectations.

### DRAPER WILL ENFORCE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Prof. Southall, who is teaching the Draper school, was in Spur Wednesday and while in the city was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Prof. Southall stated that after next Monday the compulsory school attendance law would be enforced in the Draper district. At the present time there are fifty six pupils in regular attendance, and since a number of family have recently moved into that community the school attendance will be considerably increased after the next week.

### BUILDING HOMES IN THE GREAT SPUR COUNTRY

The following are some of the number we noted loading out lumber one day this week for the purpose of building new homes: J. A. Robinett of the West Pasture, W. A. Harris of Dry Lake, C. A. Kidd of Dry Lake, Wesley Lewis of Dry Lake, J. A. Neighbors of a few miles southeast of Spur, J. H. Boothe of two or three miles southeast of Spur, and Ed Lisenby who is building two fine homes on his farm east of Dickens and who is also putting in several hundreds of acres of new land for cultivation this year.

This list is but a few noted loading out in one day from one lumber yard of the city. Each of the three lumber yards are kept busy loading lumber and hundreds of new farm homes will be built during the new year. One notable fact is that the homes being built are modern and would be a credit to any country.

### W. H. PUTMAN WILL BUILD A FINE HOME IN SPUR

W. H. Putman will begin the construction immediately of one of the finest homes in all of Western Texas. The contract was let this week to Thos. Vetch of Anson and the home will be located on Hill street in the north part of Spur. The residence will be a two story structure of nine rooms, two halls and bath. Cabinets and closets will be built into the several rooms. The outside finish will be of white stucco. The plans were drawn by W. B. Ferguson, an architect of exceptional ability, and who will superintend the construction work. The building is to cost seven thousand five hundred dollars when complete.

This is but one of several fine homes to be built in Spur during the year 1917.

### BUYING LAND AND BUILDING NEW HOMES

A. W. King, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. King recently sold their farm in the Cat Fish country and purchased land nearer Spur. They were here after lumber and building material with which to build a new home and otherwise improve their new home.

This is but one instance of a hundred or more who have bought new homes and making improvements.

The Spur country today is the most rapidly and substantially developing country in all the United States.

### JACKSON REALTY COMPANY DOING BUSINESS

Mr. Henson, of Jayton, was in Spur Wednesday looking over the town with a view of buying property and moving to our city. We hope that he was successful in finding what he desired and that we will soon have the privilege of welcoming he and family as citizens of Spur.

W. H. Birdwell, of six or seven miles south of Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city.

### BUILDING A NEW SUB-URBAN HOME 1 MILE EAST

Mat Bingham is now having a modern and handsome home constructed on his two twenty-acre blocks one mile east of Spur and recently purchased of the Spur Farm Lands management.

Mr. Bingham recently sold his three hundred and twenty acre farm and ranch nine miles east of Spur and is moving to town for the benefit of better schools for his children.

Mat is one of the old timers here, having punched cattle over the ranges many years before Spur was even dreamed of by the country and the promoters. He is well fixed and one among the best men of the West. We are glad to have him as a resident citizen of the city.

### WHERE THE SMILES ARE KEPT.

"If we knew a box where the smiles are kept

No matter how large the key Or strong the lock, we would try so hard

To make it open for wee. And over the land and sea broadcast

We'd scatter the smiles to stay

Until each one's face would hold them fast

For many a joyous day.

If we knew a box that was large enough

To hold all the frowns we meet

We'd try to gather them every one

From the lodge room, home and street

Then holding and folding we'd pack them in

And turning the master key We'd hire a giant to sink the box

Far down in the deep blue sea.

—Bryant-Link Co.

We feel as we enter 1917 with its many duties and responsibilities, with its promises of success and its possible drouths and failures, that if it was not for your friendships and kindly feelings toward us we could not begin the year with any degree of hope, nor could we find any pleasure in our work. But feeling as we do that we have thousands of friends, and also in our hearts reciprocating that friendship, we start into the new year full of hope—not only hope for a greater business than we had last year, but hopeful that the dove of peace may really appear on the Eastern horizon, and that it may be the dawning hour of the longed for time when the implements of war may to a large extent be turned into channels of legitimate business. And we come to you telling you our last year's business was very satisfactory, and we do not attribute our successful business to ourselves but to our friends and our God: to the latter of which, we acknowledge with you, that we owe all. And now we come to you promising to do our dead level best to be better men and merchants, and give you better service than we have ever done, and we are asking you for your continued trade and good will. If we know ourselves we want to bury with the old year every unkind thought we may have had towards any one. So come on with us and let's do our best to make 1917 a great year. We remember a friendly word that's kindly spoken is just as cheap as one that's cross, and it may brace some pilgrim broken, who finds this life a total loss. We remember and suggest to you all, it doesn't cost a penny to say "Good morning, how do you do?" and it may mean a lot to many and set their faces smiling too. The smiles we wear are inexpensive, yet keep the world in better shape; their influence is so extensive it can't be measured with common tape. The kind and friendly

### BETTER ROADS WILL BE BUILT HERE IN 1917

County Commissioner J. A. Murchison, of the Draper section of country, was in Spur recently and informed the Texas Spur that we had caused him considerable trouble in that bond buyers and road builders throughout the country had loaded him down with letters of inquiry concerning the proposition of his Commissioners Precinct issuing bonds for the purpose of building more and better roads as was reported in the Texas Spur some time ago. We are glad to know that the Texas Spur is read abroad and that what it reports is of importance to them, but we will be "gladder" to see the bonds issued and better roads built throughout the country, and which we are confident will be done during the year 1917.

### IMPROVING NEW HOME IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

J. Z. Smith, of twelve or fifteen miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday buying supplies and looking after other business matters. Mr. Smith recently purchased land in that section, built a new home and otherwise improved the place. He made a trip into New Mexico recently with the intention of buying land in that country. His many old time friends in the Spur country will be glad to know that he has returned and will be permanently identified with the citizenship and interests of the great Spur country again.

### WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN STAMFORD

Stamford, Texas.—Mrs. Palmer Anderson was instantly killed at the home of her father Len White, four miles south of Stamford January 1st. She was showing her younger brother how to operate a 22-target rifle when the gun was discharged and the bullet pierced her heart.

The Andersons were married here about two years ago and have been living in Colorado. They have no children.

words we scatter, with love of mankind in our tones, will survive the wreck of matter, the crash of dynasties and thrones."

Come on with the crowds who trade with us. Our stocks will be better and bigger than ever before.

Your friends,  
BRYANT-LINK CO.

### BOUGHT FINE FARM NEAR CITY OF SPUR

G. W. Finch and wife, formerly of the Cat Fish country, returned last week from Rotan where they spent several days with old time friends. Mr. Finch has bought one of the finest farm homes in the whole Spur country, the trade having been consummated through the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Company with headquarters at the Texas Spur office. However, since there has been a delay in making proper title the place purchased will not be made public at this time.

### SELLS FARM HOME AND MOVES TO NEW MEXICO

J. T. Whitaker, of the Afton country, was in Spur last week and informed us that he was leaving for New Mexico where he had purchased land and would make his home in the future. He recently sold his farm home in the Afton country. Mr. Whitaker has been living in this country a long time and we doubt if he will be perfectly satisfied in his new home. However, the latch-string hangs on the outside of the Spur country and his many old time friends here will be ready to extend him a welcome "back home."

### PROGRAM OF PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Following is the program to be rendered at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association to be held at the school auditorium Tuesday, January 9th, 1917:

Piano Solo—Mrs. Clemmons. Agriculture in Public Schools—Mr. Dickson.

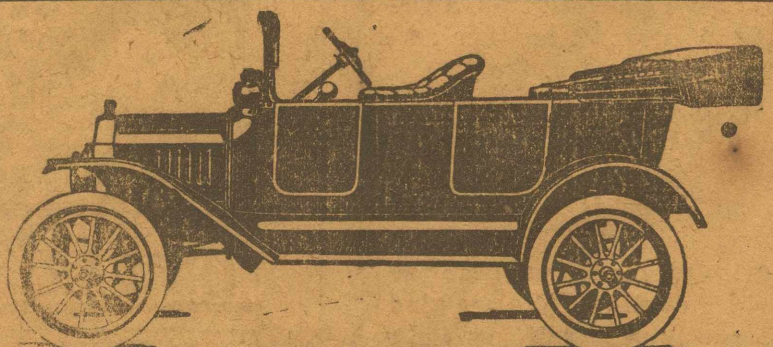
Ways and Means for Beautifying School Grounds—Mrs. Sol Davis.

Suggestions for Securing Members for the Association—Prof. T. A. Tunnell.

Business meeting—all members requested to be present.

### ATTENDANCE LAW WILL BE ENFORCED JAN. 8TH

The Spur School commenced again Monday after an intermission for the holidays. After the eighth day of January the compulsory attendance law will be in effect and enforced within the Spur Independent School District. The attendance now is about four hundred pupils, and it is presumed that the enforcement of this new attendance law will somewhat increase the present enrollment of the Spur School.



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit  
Touring Car, 360; Roadster, 345

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman  
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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### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

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

O. W. Maddox, of the Cat Fish country west of Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday.

**For Sale**—Shed room, 10x28 and dug out, young orchard, all fenced. Will sell cheap.—J. P. Wilkes, Painter. 9tf

Luther Ragsdale, of the Afton country, was in Spur recently trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends here.

J. H. Farmer and family, of four miles northeast of Spur, returned this week from a visit to relatives in another section of the country.

W. S. Taylor handed us a dollar last week from Towns Taylor for the Texas Spur one year. Towns is now working on a ranch near Corona, New Mexico where he has been the past six months. We are glad to send him the Texas Spur and will be glad to see him return to Spur at any time he desires to return home.

Read The Texas Spur—\$1.00

**For Sale**—20-acre tract, 3-room house, best water in the country. Will take \$2000.—Mrs. M. E. Gilpin, Spur. 93tp

W. W. Waldrup, of the Draper country, was recently in Spur greeting friends. Mr. Waldrup is one of the stockmen of the country who always raises a few thoroughbred calves on his ranch and has them to supply others at a higher cost.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill country, will leave this week for the extreme western part of the state where he contemplates buying land. We understand that he wants to get out where he can get more land and cheaper land on which to graze his cattle.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry recently sold his farm home north of Spur and purchased the C. F. Cates suburban home near the experimental farm, where he and family are now making their home. We are glad to have the preacher and family as resident citizens with us.

### REPAIR WORK

Furniture and Stoves repaired. Wagons, Hacks and Buggies fixed to run like new ones.

**SMALL JOBS** done at shop or I will go out and do your work.

**WILL BUY OR SELL** all kinds of Second Hand Goods and do repairing at Reasonable Prices. See me at Grubb's Blacksmith Shop.

**G. W. BILLS**  
Spur, Texas

Read The Texas Spur—\$1.00

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

J. H. Farmer recently had a few lines placed in The Texas Spur offering a reward for the finder of a lost cloak. The cloak was found and brought in last week. The Texas Spur is read and its advertising brings results. If you have anything to tell the people, tell it thru the columns of the Texas Spur, because it costs but little and reaches thousands of people every week in the year.

Many Verner, who recently purchased the Westside Barber Shop of Tidwell & Reeves, will move his family from Jayton to Spur just as soon as a house can be secured. At this time it is almost impossible to secure a house in Spur unless one be built. At the present time two and three families are living in one home and many families are living in "shacks" and tents in the suburbs of the city.

Ed Hulse, of the Cat Fish section of country, was a visitor to Spur one day this week.

T. G. Bass, of the Dry Lake country, was among the many in Spur one day this week.

Wayne Van Leer, of two or three miles north of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week.

J. N. Zumwalt, of fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city.

S. R. Bowman, of several miles north of Spur, was here one day this week greeting his many friends.

Mrs. Horace Usry returned Wednesday from Bartlet where she spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. I. G. Van Leer, of the Soldier Mound country, was in the city the latter part of last week visiting friends and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Sullivan, of the Gilpin country, spent several days of last week with friends in Garza and Kent counties.

C. I. Cannon, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur one day this week buying of the merchants and shaking hands with friends.

W. M. Childress, of several miles north of Spur, was among the number here this week doing business with the merchants and greeting friends of the town and country.

Conductor Keith, of the Stamford and Northwestern Railway spent the closing days of December in the Spur country hunting quail, wolves and anything else that could be found at which to shoot.



**THE EXAMPLE**

### Of the Successful Business Man

is a good one to follow; you can't go far wrong if you walk in his footsteps. No man of affairs today is without a commercial bank account; no business however small, can afford to be without one. If you have not an account, get in line for success by opening one with us today.

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.

# NEW YEARS GREETINGS

To Friends and Customers of The Spur National Bank

We wish to express to you our sincere thanks for the business you have given us during the past year, and to assure you that your co-operation has made us stronger and in a better position to grant you accommodations than ever before. The year just closed has been a prosperous one for the country tributary to Spur, and for most of the customers of this bank. We sincerely hope and believe that it is the beginning of a period of substantial growth and development---*That the Spur Country is coming into it's own.* It has been our aim to assist the good people of this community, the farmers, merchants, and cattlemen throughout the pioneer period, and they may depend upon us to continue to extend in every way consistent with safe banking the increased accommodations incident to the expansion of requirements of the country and all classes.

Our facilities and resources will always be found equal to support every call for assistance that justifies accommodation by any good bank.

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*This week is the beginning of a New Year,  
Earnestly, Sincerely and Heartily we wish you Prosperity in full measure, pressed down and running over;  
and with it Happiness and Health.*

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## THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$100,000

SURPLUS \$25,000

MAKE OUR BANK YOUR BANK

# New Year's Greeting

**WE** are very thankful to our friends and customers for the liberal patronage extended us in the past, and especially during 1916.

We now have with us a corps of first-class workmen and we are prepared to turn out good work on short notice, and will appreciate your business and all the work given the shop during the year 1917.

Spurs and bridle bits made to order and branding iron making a specialty.

## SPUR BLACKSMITH SHOP

G. A. HOWSLEY, Prop.

### A DINNER GIVEN FOR THE OLD PEOPLE OF SPUR

One among the pleasant events of the holiday season was a dinner given to the old people of Spur by Mesdames Nellie Carlisle and C. H. Perry, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry. Among the number of guests present for this occasion were the following ex-Confederate Soldiers and the regiments: W. A. Taylor, C. F., 5th Regiment, Alabama; L. T. Cochran, Co. H. 2nd Infantry; C. T. Osborne, 3rd Mississippi Battalion Cavalry, Co. F.; A. S. Ford, Co. F., 13th Texas, Bates Regiment; C. W. Morris, Mississippi Regiment, Co. A.; Jonas Carlisle, 17th Alabama, Co. C; Grandpa Sampson, Co. G., 2nd Tennessee. Other guests and their ages were: Mrs. Hood, 70; Mrs. Bradley, 79; Mr. Ford 74; Mr. Osborne, 71; Mrs. Osborne, 63; Mrs. Fite, 61; Mrs. Meadows, 64; Mr. Cochran, 72; Mrs. Cochran, 72; Mr. Teague, 57; Mr. Lee, 50; Mr. Taylor, 73; Jonas Carlisle, 72; Martha Carlisle, 68; Blake Carlisle, 63; Addie Carlisle, 61; Mrs. Teague 58; Mr. Luce, 74; Mrs. Luce, 66; Uncle Eb Garrett, 71; Mr. Morris, 70; Mrs. Morris, 65; Mr. Parrock, 68; Mrs. Parrock, 65; Estell Berry, 27; L. E. McClellan, 28; G. E. McClellan, 29; Jim Perry, 30; Mr. Gray, 37; Mr. Crawford, 32; Charlie Osborne, 33; Miss May Apperson, 34; Miss Susie Shives, 35; C. E. McClellan, 36; Mrs. Mattie Ford, 37; Miss Pearl Blackwell, 38; Eunice Sampson, 39; and Mrs. Jim Ross. Rev. E. M. Douthit and wife were also among the guests, and Brother Douthit conducted the old time singing and prayer service which was enjoyed by all. The old Soldiers related incidents of the war and told many stories, and withal the occasion was a real pleasure to each of the number of guests.

W. J. Elliot came in Wednesday of this week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch twelve miles southwest of the city.

Faust Collier returned this week to Georgetown where he is attending college after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier.

### BUILDING NEW FARM HOME NEAR McADOO

Rush McLaughlin, of near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of the week and hauled out lumber and building material with which to build a fine residence on his farm in that section. Christmas day Mr. McLaughlin's house was destroyed by fire. As a result he is now building a much finer home.

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### LEM STANDEFER DEAD.

Lem Standefer, of Flomot, died at a sanitarium at Lubbock last Saturday where he had been under treatment for some time. The immediate cause of his death was diabetis. Mr. Standefer was one of the best known citizens of Motley county and all regret to learn of his death. Interment took place in the Floydada cemetery.—Motley County News.

G. T. Snidgrass, of Dickens, was among the number in the city Wednesday.

### ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

One of the most enjoyable social events of the Christmas season was a dance given by Misses Kate and Nell Mahon at the New Western Hotel Friday night of last week. The guests tripped the light fantastic steps until the wee small hours, and at the proper hour punch was delightfully served by the charming hostesses.

The guests were Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer, Ruth Hastings of Stamford, Ella Garner and Flora Love, and Messrs. Lilburn Standifer, Jim Mahon, Faust Collier, C. A. Bobo of Stamford, Chas. Yates, Bony Fields, Ed Potts, and Elmo Sleight.

### MARRIED.

Sunday, December 30th, Mr. N. E. Caldwell and Miss Bessie Counts were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Counts, one mile north of Spur.

The bride is a charming young lady and is accomplished in that she will grace a true home with grace, beauty, affection and ability.

Mr. Caldwell is an expert mechanic employed at the Highway Garage, and is a young man of sterling worth and integrity.

The Texas Spur extends to Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell our warmest congratulations, and may their married life be happy, prosperous and of many years.

The next Lyceum number will be heard at Gem Theatre Thursday night, Jan. 11. This number will be Wood Briggs, story teller. You will laugh if you come. At 8:30

### STANDIFER HOSPITAL SUCCESSFUL IN SURGERY

During the week Mrs. William Gardner, of Swenson, and M. C. Cooper, of Matador, returned to their respective homes after having undergone successful operations at the Standifer Hospital. Also during the week Miss Johnson, of Matador, C. Hays, of Aspermont, and Mrs. Willie Cooper, of Matador, each underwent successful operations and are now rapidly recovering.

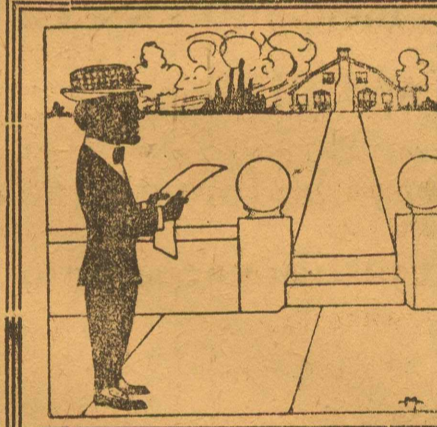
During the past seven years hundreds of operations have been performed at the Standifer Hospital by Dr. Standifer, and in not a single instance has he lost a case as the result of surgical operation. No surgical institution in America has had more phenomenal success than has the Standifer Hospital and Dr. Standifer today is recognized throughout the country as one of the best surgeons of Western Texas. He has made Spur noted as a town for safe and successful surgery.

### TWO MORE BRICKS TO GO UP IN CITY OF SPUR

Plans have already been made for the construction of two more brick business houses in Spur and the actual construction work will begin about the first of March. The two buildings will be built by C. W. Lowery of the Red Front Drug Store and Hogan & Patton, and will be on the lots now occupied by the Riter Hardware store.

During 1917 there will be more building progress in the city than was the case during the year just closed, and the building progress of 1916 was unsurpassed by any other city in all of Western Texas. During the year just closed ten new brick business houses were constructed and two are now under construction. Plans are already made for the construction of several fine residences in Spur and work will soon begin on these. At the present time there are five or six residences under construction, and possibly fifty new homes have been built during the year just closed. Those who are familiar with the prevailing conditions surrounding Spur and the Spur country predict that 1917 will witness more building progress than at any time within the history of city building in Western Texas.

R. A. Squyres called in one day last week and left a five dollar "william" with us for five years subscription to the Texas Spur and which we appreciate to the full extent. This is a great country and the people here make it greater.



## YOUR NEW HOME

will have the desired appearance if you purchase your Lumber from our Yard.

HIGH GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

Let us furnish you with the very best coal for your heaters and base burners. We also have blacksmith coal.

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

### STATE LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE IN JANUARY

At the approaching session of the State Legislature there are two most important measures to be introduced, both of which are of great importance to Western Texas and the Spur country in particular. A bill will be introduced to create a branch of the A. & M. College to be located in Western Texas. We not only want this bill passed but we are now making ammunition for a scrap to have this branch of the college located in Spur. The other bill is to create a State Highway Department, and unless this department is created we can not hope to receive any portion of the Federal appropriation of seventy five million dollars for good roads. Should this department be created the approximate amount of money to be apportioned to Texas will be one half million dollars, but in order for any county or precinct to expend at least an equal amount as will be apportioned by the Federal government to that county or precinct. Dickens county is ready to build good roads, and in order to secure Federal aid every cit-

izen should confer with our representative and urge the passage of these bills.

Creola Richbourg, who has been spending the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richbourg, left this week for Georgetown where she is attending school.

Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer returned this week to their college in Missouri after spending the holidays in Spur with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Standifer.

### FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Miss Ruth Glasgow charmingly entertained a number of guests Thursday evening of the past week with "forty-two" at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Glasgow. The guests were Misses Louise Cates, Kathrine Cates, Clemmie Putman, Ethel Henson, Zada Stafford and Mary Rash, and Messrs. Faust Collier, Chas. Yates, Jim Mahon, Earl Senning and Dr. Moore.



## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

will be assured if our Groceries are delivered to you regularly. We delight in Pleasing Particular Patrons by giving them the finest assortment of groceries procurable. We buy the best and buy right; that's why we can give you the Best at Prices Really Reasonable.

**BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY**



## If You're Playing To Win

in the Game of Life, equip yourself with a BANK ACCOUNT and make your Score assured.

Don't wait until Tomorrow Get in the Game TODAY

### THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

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

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

### FARM AND RANCH LOANS

Money to loan on farms and ranches; also will buy or take up and extend Vendor's lien notes. If you have a note maturing soon, or need money to increase your land holdings, see me. Long time, lowest rates, no delays.

E. J. COWAN, Cowan Building

**For Sale**—Three young, gentle work horses.—Spur Grain & Coal Company. 1t

Roy Butts, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, was among the large number in the city this week.

J. A. Kerley, of several miles east of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city this week.

P. Hinson, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur last week on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

John Weathers, of the Red Mud Camp southwest of Spur, had business in the city Tuesday of this week and spent an hour or two here greeting his friends.

G. A. Howsley returned the first of the week from Albany where he spent the holidays with his family and friends. He reports having had a "big" Christmas.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday buying supplies and looking after other business matters.

J. L. Curry recently bought a quarter section of land from the Spur Farm Lands management. This land is located a few miles south of Spur and is considered one of the best quarters in the whole country.

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city. Mr. Blair several weeks ago bought a tract of land adjoining his place from J. L. Curry. This addition to his already fine farm makes it one of the best and most desirable farm home of the country.

Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons and children are spending the holidays in Ballinger with relatives and friends.

J. E. Johnson returned this week from Stamford and other points where he has been spending some time on business.

George Greenwade, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week on business and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

J. C. Bryant and A. J. Martin, of Stamford, were in Spur during the holidays visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link.

Miss Mary Copeland returned Monday to Austin where she is attending college after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland of six miles east of Spur.

J. Mont Taylor left for Dublin Sunday on account of the illness of one of his children. Mrs. Taylor, with her children, is spending the holidays with her parents at that place. We sincerely hope that the child's illness will not be serious.

E. F. Springer recently sold his confectionery business and cold drink stand to L. H. Presnall. Mr. Presnall will conduct a restaurant in connection with the cold drinks and confections and will have one of the most inviting places in the city.

J. D. Martin and wife returned the latter part of last week from Grandbury where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Martin said that he and wife were glad to get back home, and although raised in that country since living here they would not have all of that country if given to them and forced to make it their permanent home.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. While here he took five dollars worth of the Texas Spur subscriptions which he will have sent out to friends in other parts of the country. If half of the men in the town and country were as liberal in sending out the Spur paper as is Mr. Allen we would not only have a big list but possibly could influence more people to "come this way."

## Town And Country

are linked together by Bell Telephone Service.

Merchants in town are able to serve their customers in the country, and people living outside of town are kept in constant touch with the resources of the town through Bell Telephone Service. The Bell Telephone serves both with equal promptness.



THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

B-1

Am now in the market for the new maize crop. Must be dry. See S. W. Lane.

A. J. Richey and wife of the Croton country, were in Spur Monday shopping with merchants.

When you want maize come over to "Egypt" and be supplied with the best from my farm seven miles north of Spur.—W. L. McAteer. 1t

W. A. Smith, of the Red Mud country, had business in Spur Tuesday of this week, spending some time here trading and also greeting his friends.

W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur recently and handed us another dollar to extend his subscription up another year to The Texas Spur and for which he has our sincere thanks. W. H. Smith is an "old time" printer, having edited and operated the Clairemont Enterprise in Kent county a number of years ago. He is a fine man and a true type of Western manhood.

**Murray Brothers...**  
YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

## IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S CROP

WE HAVE TWO CARS OF

## P. & O. Implements

And can supply your needs in this line. Canton Listers and Success Sulkeys are the best. If you haven't used one ask your neighbor about it.

## Spur Hdw. Co. Spur, Texas

See D. H. Sullivan when you want maize heads and shelled corn. 1t

Mike M. Young and family, near Girard, were recently in Spur visiting friends and trading with the Spur merchants.

Dick Sampson, of twelve or fourteen miles southwest of Spur, was among the many business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

Henry Ligon, of Oklahoma, recently came to Spur and is now employed in driving the line car from Spur to Roaring Springs for V. C. Smart.

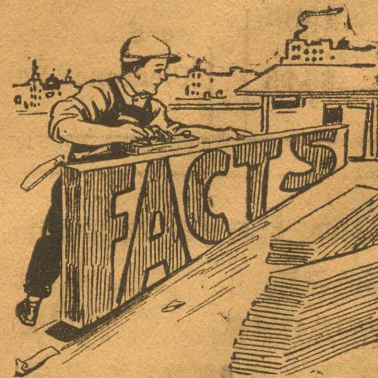
**Strayed**—2 year old heifer branded (coffee pot with handle and spout and S in the center) on left side. \$5.00 reward for her return.—Mrs. W. G. Potts, Spur, Texas. 1tp

Paul Douglass was here one day this week.

Henry Mitchell, a prominent citizen of near Dickens, was in Spur Monday of this week on business and greeting his numerous friends.

Recently Miss Emma Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, advertised in the Texas Spur for a lost fur muff. The muff was brought in to The Texas Spur office last week. Advertising pays. Try it.

C. L. Love returned Tuesday from Oklahoma where he spent Christmas with his mother. While gone he also made a trip to St. Louis and the Dallas markets to buy goods for the Love Dry Goods Company. He says that conditions in the East and North are not as prosperous as in Western Texas.



### THE PLAIN FACTS

about lumber and its proper seasoning and handling are best understood after a visit to our yard. Just take any board you wish from the piles of lumber here. You'll find it just as perfect, and seasoned as those on top. Place your order with us if you want Satisfaction.

## BRAZELTON-PRYOR & CO.

### The Westside Barber Shop

MANY VERNER, Proprietor

Solicits Your Patronage and Guarantees Satisfaction Good Workmen, Hot and Cold Baths, Good Service

## ..J. P. SIMMONS..

Drayman and Agent for Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n. Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed Residenece Telephone 80 Business Telephone 120

Love Greet's You With A New Year

# CLEARANCE SALE

WE are planning great things for the year 1917. We have resolved to put forth every energy at our command to increase to a greater business, to reach out to the new settlers that have cast their lots with us and we extend to them a Welcome and Promise them their interest will be looked after when they visit Love's Cash Store.

We invoice February 1st. Until then the most interesting prices ever made under such Market conditions will be extended the Buyers of Spur Trade Territory. These Prices only hold good so long as our present stock lasts as we CAN NOT PURCHASE THESE LINES OF MERCHANDISE TODAY AT THE PRICES WE QUOTE.

## VISIT OUR STORE WITHOUT DELAY

### FANCY DRESS GOODS.

Here we offer you choice of a great line of Novelty Dress Goods and Fancy Poplins worth from 35c to 50 cents a yard. Some choice styles. Best bargains you ever saw in dress goods.

Clearance Sale price.....25c

### SILK DRESSES

Our line of Silk Dresses, also Tailor Made Suits, being so broken and in numbers, we can't quote Specials but will sell you anything that we can fit you in at a Saving of from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

### MENS SUITS

2 Great Trade Winners in Mens Suits, Fancy Worsted, Casimere, Cheviots and etc. All this seasons styles, hand-tailored, worth from \$13.50 to \$20.00.

\$9.95 To Specials \$13.95

### LADIES CLOAKS

Here we open your eyes on Cloak values. A beautiful Black Cresh Flush Cloak worth \$10.00 to \$12.50 any day.

Clearance Sale price.....\$5.95

### BOYS SUITS.

Just bring in the boys, we can fit him, any size, 4 up to 18 years, and will save you several dollars.

See our **Wooly Boys Suits**, one backed by a guarantee.

### BEST COAT MADE.

In the Spring farm work a full length, blanket lined, big collar, steam dried ulster, ready for any kind of weather. Sold over 25 this season at \$6.00.

Clearance Sale price.....\$4.95

### DRESS GINGHAMS

A great assortment of fine Dress Ginghams, worth up to 15c a yard. The only chance in 1917 to get such a Bargain.

Clearance Sale price.....10c

### MENS OVERCOATS

Full length Mens Storm Ulster, our regular \$11.00 Coat. We cannot carry them over, so take our loss if you want a good one, see it

Clearance Sale price.....\$6.95

### OUTING FLANNELS.

40 pieces very best Outing Flannels in light or dark shades These goods on the market today are worth 15c a yard. So long as we have it you can buy

Clearance Sale price.....10c

### LADIES DRESS SKIRTS

A line of Fancy Worsted, also Serge Skirts, latest models, tan, black or blue. You can't buy the goods by the yard to equal this splendid value.

Clearance Sale price ---\$3.95

### CHILDRENS DRESSES

We offer you 10 dozen fine Madras and Gingham Dresses, age 2 to 12 years, elegant in style and cannot be duplicated under \$1.00.

Clearance Sale price .....59c

### LADIES BLACK CLOAKS

Here we offer you a Cloak always worn, good every season a full length Black Kersey wrap worth \$8.00, all sizes.

Clearance Sale price.....\$4.95

### LADIES CLOAKS

A beautiful Velour Cloak in fancy shades, fur trimmed. A Cloak worth \$22.50. If you want the latest, here it is. A real swell novelty wrap.

Clearance Sale price....\$12.50

### MENS UNDERWEAR

50 dozen Mens Under Shirts or Drawers, heavy fleeced or ribbed style. These goods are worth today 75c a garment. All sizes, can fit any one.

Clearance Sale price.....45c

### MENS DRESS PANTS

We want to clean up all our Pants and will save you from 50 cents to \$1.50 on your purchase of pants. We have what you want. See our line.

Clearance Sale price....\$3.95

### MENS WORK PANTS

We have cleaned out a great assortment of Mens Odd Pants here. You will get a great value for your money in this line pick.

Clearance Sale price.....\$1.95

Remember we have countless things of useful, every-day need. Heavy wool underwear, Caps, Ladies cap sets, Wool socks, Work coats, Gloves, Sweaters, Jerseys, all this kind of merchandise will be sold at Clearance Prices. Just see what we are doing on Shoes. We carry the line of shoes sold and stand back of them. Special Price on Boots and a Good Saving on every pair of shoes. Not cut in quality; same GRADE, same PRICE.

BUY FOR CASH  
1917  
YOUR MOTTO

Love Dry Goods Co.  
SPUR, TEXAS

RESOLVE  
1917  
TRADE AT LOVE'S

## DAVIS & EDMONDS

DEALERS IN

Hupmobiles and  
Chevrolet's.....

Received a wire from the company stating that a car of Chevrolet's will arrive in Spur this week. SEE THEM.

### Money to Loan on Farms and Ranches

5, 7 or 10 years time, 8 per cent interest, liberal payment privileges. Can make loans on business or residence property, 9 per cent interest, 5 years time.

### OSCAR JACKSON, Real Estate & Insurance

#### DIED.

Grandpa Crabtree died Sunday at the home of his son, L. G. Crabtree of the Croton country, and the remains were interred in the Dickens cemetery.

Grandpa Crabtree formerly lived in Old Mexico where he now owns property. He came to Dickens county on account of the warring conditions of Mexico and was making his home with his son until the conditions in Mexico were somewhat relieved.

The Texas Spur extends condolence to the bereaved family and relatives.

Mr. Awalt, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday of this week.

G. J. Stearns, of the Steel Hill country, together with J. P. Gibson, left the latter part of the week for the west to prospect. Mr. Stearns also recently sold his farm in the Steel Hill country and is now giving possession to the purchaser. We hope that he will finally decide to buy again in the Spur country. He is a fine citizen and we will regret to see him leave.

#### WILL PROBABLY MAKE IMPROVEMENTS ON PLACE

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He was "pre-ambulating" around the lumber yards as if he had intentions of making some improvements on his home place. The building and improvement progress in every section of the great Spur country is unprecedented in the history of agricultural development. Hundreds of new farm homes are being built and every farmer is making some character of improvement on his place.

Charlie Leo Rich, of Ballinger, arrived in Spur this week and will make his home here in the future with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller, his mother having recently died.

Hugh Squires, of near Roaring Springs, was in Spur Tuesday greeting former friends of the city. Mr. Squires formerly lived in Spur during the early days, and he and Mrs. Squires have many friends in the city who are always glad to see them.

Doc Ellis, of several miles west of Spur, was a recent visitor in the city. Doc Ellis is another of the "old timers" in this country and one of the very best men of the country. We are glad to know such men and number them among our friends.

Mrs. A. Lollar, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and while in the city was an a pleasant and appreciated caller at the Texas Spur office. We are always glad to welcome our friends at the Texas Spur office.

**B. G. WORSWICK**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Practice in District and Higher courts is solicited.  
Co. Attorney's Office, Dickens.

**B. D. GLASGOW**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Office over Spur National Bank

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Dentist  
Highest Class Work and all work guaranteed. Tel. 3.

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Buys Cotton, Corn, Maise and Kaffir Corn, etc.  
Spur Nat'l. Bank, Spur, Texas.

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Baggage & Express  
Prompt service and safe delivery guaranteed.

**W. L. OSBORNE**  
Contractor & Builder  
Estimates furnished on bricks and other buildings.  
Indemnity Ins. to Employees

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Guarantees All His Work  
Telephone 23 P. O. Box 242  
Spur, Texas

**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

**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.

## W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

### Money! Money!! Money!!!

to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see **EDMONDS & HOGAN, Spur, Texas**

#### AFTON MERCHANTS USING BIG MOTOR TRUCKS

Hale Hardware & Grocery Company of Afton, have a big motor truck with which they do their freighting from Spur and Roaring Springs. This motor demonstrates that this is the proper way in which to do hauling, because it is rapid and cheaper than horses. It also demonstrates that better roads must be built for such traffic which will be adopted altogether at a later date. A hard-surfaced roadway is necessary for heavy and rapid hauling as is evidenced in that these heavy trucks cut out the softer roadways to such an extent that the harder roads will have to be built when the motor trucks are more generally used. We are still boosting for a graveled highway from Spur to Afton, and before the end of the ney year we hope to drive over such a roadway. Afton and Dickens both need such a road and are entitled to have it. We believe the saving to be made in hauling over a graveled road would pay the

expense of graveled within at least two years.

#### GIRARD REPORTER HAS AGAIN SUSPENDED

Dr. Reed, Mat Darden and Bush Mayfield, of Girard, and Mr. Reeves, of Jayton, accompanied by Editor Bill Cooper of the Girard Reporter, were in Spur Wednesday of this week. While here Bill Cooper called around at the Texas Spur office and paid us a fraternal call. He informed us that the Girard Reporter had again suspended publication on account of the lack of sufficient patronage to meet the expenses of operation in view of the high cost of paper and all other printing material. We are sorry that Girard is now without a newspaper. It is a good town in one of the finest agricultural sections of western Texas.

#### BUYING FURS.

I will buy all kinds of furs and pay the highest market prices for everthing in this line. Bring to Texas Spur office till further notice.—Arnold Copeland. 3-1f



#### CAPITAL LETTERS

That praise the Quality of our Furniture, are reaching us daily almost, from pleased customers. One reason is that

OUR FURNITURE IS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL DESIGNED AND STRONGLY BUILT

So as to insure durability. We have a very large assortment for you to choose from, and we know you will find our prices quite moderate for this quality of goods.

## Fry Furniture Co.

Business Phone 13 Residence Phone 120  
SPUR, TEXAS



## When Beauty Leads Us

we are apt to follow, and when good advice is given us we ought to observe it. When you are told to

Come Here For Your Groceries

that is GOOD ADVICE—the Best that could be given You. And You Will Be GLAD to take it when You find that in QUALITY and PRICE and PROMPT DELIVERY of orders We EASILY beat all our competitors.

**Farmers Cash Store**  
Spur, Texas

# NEW YEARS GREETINGS

In looking back over the year just closed we take great pleasure and satisfaction in knowing that it was our many friends who made it prosperous as we hope the present year will be for you. We offer the season's greetings and best wishes for your continued success and prosperity in the New Year.

## THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF SPUR



### A BASKET FROM THE BAKERY

filled with good things, is always welcome in the home. The woman who wants to save herself labor and worry, buys her bread and pastry at a bakery; it is cheaper in every way. We would like to have you try our bread, and pie, and cake, we feel sure they will please you. Everything is fresh here.

GERMAN KITCHEN & BAKERY, Spur, Texas

### SPUR BANKS HAVE HALF MILLION DOLLARS DEPOSIT

A substantial evidence of the general prosperity of the Spur country is in the fact that the two Spur banks have individual deposits to the amount of nearly one half million dollars the exact amount in their report of December 27th being \$450,075.30.

Twenty cent cotton and thirty dollars maize has made the farmers, merchants, doctors lawyers and all business men prosperous, as well as the two banks. Come to the Spur country where big crops are produced big prices paid for all farm products and everybody is living easy, happy and contented.

Rev. J. W. Hunt, President of the Stamford College, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday at 11:00 o'clock, a. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

### BUILDING GOOD ROADS IN KENT COUNTY

Newt Cravey, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur one day this week. He said that he had been so busy building good roads in Kent county that he did not even "lay-off" for the Christmas holidays. When individuals and a county become so enthused over building good roads that they can not take Christmas we all know that good roads will soon be an asset of that county and that people. Hurrah for Kent county, and also Newt Cravey.

### FOR SALE.

Two best business lots in Spur, 50 feet frontage, Block 37, Burlington Avenue, facing east, price \$800.00 each, terms \$200.00 cash, balance one, two and three years, eight per cent. An opportunity to more than double your money because Spur is going to be a city.—F. T. Rennie, Galveston. 10-3t

### ONE REASON WHY THE TAXES ARE SO HIGH

Sheriff Collier was in Spur Wednesday from Dickens, and in speaking of the tax-paying season he requested us to state to those who "kicked" about the "high" taxes that such was made necessary from the fact that so many new county officers were elected, and since they were all practically "busted" when they got in that it was necessary to raise the taxes in order to supply this deficiency. While Sheriff Collier may be one of the greatest "jokers" in the "official family" he is also going to make a sheriff unsurpassed by any county in the performance of official duties and in working for the interests of the county and the public in general.

We pay the highest prices for Poultry, Eggs, Hides and Furs.—Spur Produce Co. 10tf  
Tom Dodson, Jr., of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week and greeted us with his usual smile.

12,000 or 15,000 binds of maize for roughness to sell at 4c on the ground.—R. R. Johns, 2 miles north of Spur. 7 tf.

G. W. Dodson was here one day this week from the Afton country. He is one among the many successful farmers of the great Spur country.

Remember we will pay you cash for anything you have for sale. Country Produce, Hides Furs and Junk.—Spur Produce Company. 10 tf

Dr. E. L. Haney has located at Spur and has offices over the Spur National Bank. We are glad to welcome Dr. Haney as a citizen of Spur.

J. J. Rogers, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Wednesday trading with the merchants and shaking hands with friends of the town and surrounding country.

Mr. Hoffman and family recently moved to Spur and Mr. Hoffman will be associated with the Jackson Realty Company. The Jackson Realty Company is doing an extensive business in selling real estate of every description, and that they have a large list of desirable lands for sale is evidenced by their list published in the last issue of the Texas Spur. We are glad to welcome Mr. Hoffman as a citizen of Spur and hope that the Jackson Realty Company will sell a tract of land every day.

### WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT

and want the Best the Market affords, and want it prepared in the most inviting manner, go to

### THE FRENCH RUBY CAFE

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, Prop.

### BUYING MORE LAND IN THE DRAPER COUNTRY

W. L. Thannisch, of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of this week after material with which to make improvements on his place. Mr. Thannisch recently bought another tract of land consisting of more than four hundred acres and added to his present holdings in the Draper country. He now has about sixteen hundred acres of land in one body, and the greater portion of which will be placed under cultivation. Some day this land will make him rich. The price of land is advancing and will continue to advance. Some day land in this country will sell for more than one hundred and fifty dollars an acre, and we younger men will live to see that day. A man makes no mistake in investing his money in lands. It may be slow in making returns but it is sure.

A. Fry, a prominent ranchman of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Wednesday of this week on business.

### MARKETING MAIZE IN SPUR AT HIGH PRICES

C. D. Pullin, of near McAdoo was in Spur last week and hauled in several tons of maize grown this year on his place. Maize is now selling in Spur for thirty dollars a ton. This land in the great Spur country will grow from one to two and even two and a half tons of maize, kaffir corn and feterita. This means that from thirty to seventy five dollars an acre can be made from the Spur lands. The lands sell for from ten to thirty dollars an acre, depending on the location and character of soil. A number of farmers in Western Texas have purchased land and payed for it with one crop. Come west.

Judge Walter L. Powell and wife came over to Spur Wednesday from Dickens and spent a short time in the city visiting and greeting friends.

H. T. Garner came in Wednesday from his Prairie View Stock Farm northeast of Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting his numerous friends.

## New Years Greeting

During the year just closed we have enjoyed a very liberal and extensive business for which we are very thankful.

During the New Year we will be in a better position to handle your furs, hides and country produce of all kinds and will appreciate your business.

## Spur Produce Company

J. C. MILLER, Proprietor  
SPUR, TEXAS

## New Years Greeting!

At this, the beginning of a new year, we wish to thank our friends and customers for the liberal patronage extended to us during the year 1916.

During the year 1917 we will be prepared to supply your every need in drugs, medicines and the many articles carried by an up-to-date drug store, and we solicit and will appreciate your business.

## Red Front Drug Store

Spur, Texas