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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 2, 1917.

Number 14

MEETING CALLED FOR STOCKHOLDERS OF FAIR

A meeting of the stockholders, officers and directors of the Dickens County Fair Association will be held next Tuesday, February 6th, in the directors room of the Spur National Bank at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Not only the officers, directors and stockholders are requested to attend this meeting, but everybody interested in the life and continuation of the fair are urged to attend.

This meeting is called for the purpose of deciding whether or not the Dickens County Fair Association shall dissolve, tear down its buildings and equipments and liquidate the present indebtedness.

At the present time the fair association is in debt something near two thousand dollars for improvements on the grounds and other incidental expenses.

Up until the present time only a very few men have been active in boosting and managing the fair association business. Some of these men have become discouraged because of lack of support, assistance and cooperation. Last year the conduct and management of the fair devolved principally upon Clifford B. Jones who paid without the funds of the fair association for the time of a secretary and assistant in the management of the fair. The Spur Farm Lands management donated the grounds and liberally subscribed to the stock. Many others subscribed stock which has not been paid and which placed the management in an embarrassing position since they counted on securing these subscriptions in making improvements on the grounds. The fair is essentially for benefit of every business man and citizen of the country. No one man nor three or four men feel disposed to continue this work without help and cooperation from others. The fair is for the pleasure, entertainment and benefit of every man, woman and child in the country as well as for the promotion of agricultural, stockfarming and commercial interests. We cannot afford to let the fair die and dissolve merely for lack of interest and cooperation, and we urge every citizen of the town and surrounding country to attend this meeting next Tuesday.

A FARM DEMONSTRATOR FOR DICKENS COUNTY

Dickens county has secured a farm demonstrator from the state department. The demonstrator will visit the different section of the country and go to the fields with farmers, not only telling them how to farm but showing them. A small acreage on each farm will be devoted to the demonstration work to convince the farmer of the value of more scientific farming methods.

NOTICE!

Dr. Daly is coming prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and fit glasses. Don't forget the dates—in Spur February 9th and 10th. Office with Dr. Morris.

POLK UPSHAW SERIOUSLY BURNED MONDAY

Monday morning Polk Upshaw was seriously burned about the face, head and hands as the result of the tent in which he was sleeping catching fire. He was with a crew of workmen drilling wells on the George Renfro ranch, working both day and night shifts. Polk was on the night shift and had just come in to his tent, made up a good fire and retired for a few hours sleep. The tent caught fire and the roar of the flames awakened Polk, who jumped from under the cover of his bunk, the flames striking him in the face and hands. The tent and contents were completely destroyed.

THE HOG LAW WILL BE ENFORCED IN SPUR

Hereafter the law prohibiting the running at large of hogs will be enforced in Spur, and we are requested by Deputy Sheriff Hazlewood to state that hereafter all hogs found running on the streets will be placed in the "pond" and the regular fees will be charged for their release.

NEW NAMES ADDED TO THE TEXAS SPUR LIST

During the past week the following new names have been added to the Texas Spur subscription list. We appreciate the fact that the Texas Spur list continues to grow rapidly, and we appreciate every reader of the paper:

H. A. P. Lafoon, Jayton, Texas; J. M. McMahan, Whitesboro; W. A. Davis, Rule, Tex-Richter, Alamogordo, N. M.; as; C. W. Avery, Spur; August Ben Holly, Spur; W. M. Hazel, Spur, Texas; T. W. Smith, De Kalb; Miss Robbie Standifer, Columbia, Mo.; Miss Jessie Steele, Madisonville; W. H. Lain, Sanger, Texas; Mrs. R. Wiley, Madisonville; W. C. Messer, Spur, Texas; Mrs. C. R. Friebele, San Angelo; J. E. Davis, Sour Lake, Texas; J. W. Garner, Upland, Texas.

The following have renewed their subscriptions during the past week:

R. P. Davis, Spur; W. J. Elliot, Spur; A. C. Lewis, Spur; J. F. Speer, Dickens; Fred Hisey, Spur; W. E. Duke, Spur; M. L. Blakley, Afton; T. M. Cain, Spur; J. J. Martin, Spur; N. A. Hinson, Spur; G. B. Jopling, Spur; J. W. Smith, McAldoo; R. M. Hamby, Spur; Mrs. Addie McGinty, Plains; Mrs. L. B. Propps, Gilleland; Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy, McLean; W. A. Valentine, Spur; B. F. Finley, Spur; Jim H. Smith, Spur; J. T. Gartet, Spur; Will Walker, Spur.

OPERATING NEW TRACTOR ON FARM NEAR SPUR

C. D. Copeland recently purchased a new farm tractor with which he is now doing his breaking and preparation work for the 1917 crops. This tractor does the work of eight or ten horses. Installing tractors on the farm at this time is a progressive move. We have always known that such a machine on the farm would be a success and we venture the assertion that within the next few years such machines will be generally used on the farms throughout this great agricultural belt. West Texas people are the most progressive people in America. They do things in a big way and should lead in futher the progressive development of agricultural interests.

WATCHING THE MARKET

By constantly watching the market we are always in a position to protect you on prices.

You will be satisfied with the results of your dealing with us.

Our Mr. Link and Miss Roberts are off this week to the Eastern markets to buy our Spring stock of Dry Goods and Millinery, and to say that they know good goods and good prices is putting it mild, and if you don't believe us just call in and see for yourself as soon as the goods arrive.

If you're looking for Shoes That are stylish and neat; The envy of all,

As you walk down the street,

If you are seeking shoe comfort

And Shoes of renown,

Take a peep in our windows,

At the Best Shoes in town.

If it is groceries you are looking for just step in our store and the best you will find, and the prices are always right and the quality the best.

If it is Hardware you want, we have it, and at prices to suit. That car load of Jno. Deere implements are going fast. If you are going to need some you will have to hurry, or they will be gone, for we bought them to sell and they are going fast, and the next ones will have to be sold at an advance, so come on and buy what you have to have to make that Bumper Crop with, which we are all expecting to make during the year 1917. If you are not already a customer of ours, why not give us a trial with your cash and when that is gone your credit as well.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

778 POLL TAXES AND 10 EXEMPTIONS ISSUED

Up until the first day of February there were issued in Dickens county 778 poll taxes and 10 exemptions, making the total voting strength of the county 788 during the year 1917.

Last year there were issued 711 poll taxes and 35 exemptions, a total of 746 votes. Notwithstanding that this is an "off" year there was a gain of 42 votes, which is substantial evidence that the county is settling. Had this been an "election" year we would have had at least one thousand voters.

PAYS US OUR FIRST ONE DOLLAR & FIFTY CENTS

Andy Thomas has the distinction of being the first Texas Spur subscriber to pay us the new rate of one dollar and fifty cents a year. We will place his name at the head of our "honor roll." The high cost of all printing material has forced us to advance the price and we feel confident that every reader and subscriber will appreciate our position. We would be glad to continue to publish the paper for one dollar a year, but with the present high prices it is an absolute impossibility.

DIED.

Coy Lee Pleasant Brantner, aged fourteen years, died at his home in the Tap community January 23, and was buried in the Tap cemetery. He had only been sick a short time, and his death came as a great shock to the family. Coy Lee was preceded by his mother just three years to day.

The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the relatives in this sad hour of bereavement.

E. H. Hendricks, of Matador, and who is also manager of the Afton Telephone Company system, was here Monday and Tuesday looking after the Company's interests.

BUILDING NEW FARM HOME NEAR THE CITY

L. A. Hindman hauled out lumber and other building material this week with which to build a home on his three hundred and twenty acre tract of land a few miles west of Spur. The home will be modern, handsome and roomy and is but one of a great number of such homes now being built in the Spur country.

Mr. Hindman recently sold his home in Spur, bought this land and will engage in farming and stockraising. The farming and stockraising business is the foundation of all prosperity in this country and we hope that Mr. Hindman will enjoy a liberal share of such prosperity.

ODDFELLOWS LODGE TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The Odd Fellows Lodge will meet Monday night in their hall in Spur for the purpose of installing new officers to serve the ensuing year. The meeting will also be of a social nature and refreshments will be served during the evening. All visiting brothers are cordially invited.

ADVERTISING IS NO LONGER AN EXPERIMENT

W. L. McAteer, of several miles north of Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office Tuesday and requested that we discontinue his advertisement for the sale of feed since he had sold out. He said that wagons came to his place as far as Jayton for the purpose of buying his feed as the result of the advertisement appearing in the Texas Spur. Every day we can see results of advertising, even in the growing business of the firms who are live and constant advertisers. Advertising is no longer an experiment but a demonstrated business producer. In fact the public reads advertisements to see what to buy and where to buy in this day and time. A certain mail order concern has spent millions of dollars in advertising and constantly keep their name and wares before the people in their homes. They sell billions of dollars worth of goods, and their name is so well known that should a letter bearing simply their name without postoffice address be dropped in any postoffice in the United States it would be forwarded to its proper destination. They get results from their advertising and instead of figuring on decreasing the amount spent in this way they are each year increasing the amount appropriated for advertising purposes. Think of it, millions of dollars invested each year in advertising alone. It pays them and they know that it is no experiment.

A. Lollar left Saturday for Anson on business and to visit relatives.

R. S. Holly and wife, of the Afton country, were among the shoppers and visitors to Spur this week.

A. & M. COLLEGE BILL PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

The bill proposing that a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for West Texas was passed Wednesday in the House of the Legislature by a vote of 101 to 17. This is one of the greatest legislative bills ever passed for the benefit of Western Texas by the Legislature, and the large majority vote for the measure is evidence that our legislators recognize the needs of the Western portion of the state at least to the extent of better educational facilities.

The bill as passed was not as originally formulated. It provides that the proposed school shall be located north of the thirtieth parallel and west of the ninety sixth meridian. The present A. & M. College is located within these bounds, and it is possible that the requirements of the bill could be met without the creation of another school. However, since the real object and purpose of the bill was to furnish Western Texas an A. & M. College it is not anticipated that the locating board will entertain an idea of defeating the object and purpose of the bill.

The difference in the altitude, climate, and general conditions which prevail throughout the state, and the distance from the east to the west boundary lines, demands that colleges be located in different sections and widely separated, and we appreciate the recognition of these facts by our representatives in the legislature.

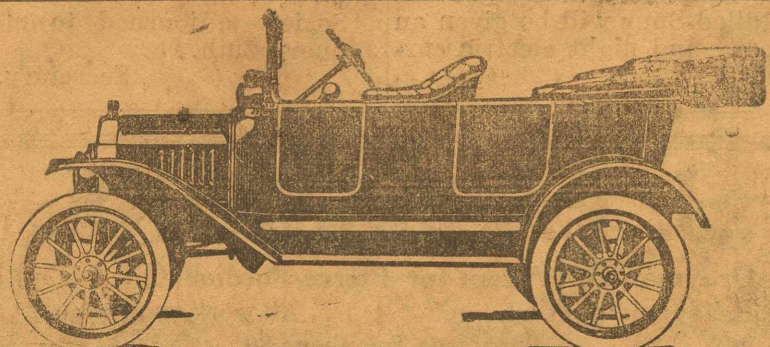
In locating the school we are confident that the locating board will also consider these propositions, and in this connection we believe that Spur is entitled to their serious consideration, since the town is located at the foot of the plains, is neither too high nor too low and centrally located with reference to north, south, east and west. In fact Spur is in the very heart of Western Texas not only with reference to location but with respect to agricultural, commercial and educational development progress, and by virtue of these and other inducements we feel confident that Spur will get the branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

SPUR BOYS MAKE RECORD IN SCHOOL

In Kemper School, Boonville, Mo., where two hundred students are in attendance, the highest grade in the senior class was made by Robert Bartlett of Spur, his general average being ninety-five per cent.

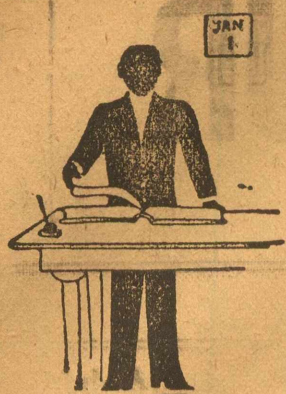
The highest grade in school was made by Reese McNeill, son of Mr. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm. The general average of the school for the month was 84.5. Reese made an average of ninety seven per cent.

Spur, Texas, should be very proud of boys who make such a showing in a school where each stands on his own merits.



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit Touring Car, 360; Roadster, 3345

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman Spur Texas



Turn Over a New Leaf

and make this a BANNER YEAR. Let your Bank Book record your PROSPERITY and insure your Success and Independence for all succeeding years.

We earnestly solicit your co-operation to the end that this may truly be a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS year.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

C. A. JONES, PRESIDENT
W. G. SHERROD, VICE PRESIDENT

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

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

HOW MUCH GOLD CAN YOU CARRY?

"The United States is accustomed to tying its gold coin up in sacks that contain \$5,000.00 each. Such a sack weighs 19 pounds. It takes 200 of these sacks to make a million dollars and this amount of money weighs 3,800 pounds, or nearly two tons, and is a good load for a two horse wagon. So would the two billions of gold in the Treasury weigh 7,600,000 pound or 3,800 tons. It would take about 4,000 horses in a procession thirty miles long to move it. If it were to be packed on the backs of the American army and each man were to carry fifteen pounds of it, there would be the necessity of increasing the army to half a million men that it might be borne. If it were loaded into freight cars it would require 125 cars carrying capacity weight to bear it. Four hundred thousand of Uncle Sam's sons and daughters might be handed these nineteen pound sacks of coin, each containing \$5,000, before the Treasury would be emptied. It would take a single file of these gold bearers eight days to pass a given point, even if they were able to excel in speed the Nation's best marching troops."

Elmo Sleight made a business trip Thursday to Dallas.

J. E. Johnson, of the Spur Light & Power Company, is spending the week in Dallas for the purpose of making arrangements in the purchase of new machinery, etc., in view of installing a new light plant, ice plant and steam laundry, and also in remodeling and equipping his gin plant. Should this new machinery and plants be installed Spur will be given an all day and night electric current.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

The following program will be rendered at the Parent-Teachers Association meeting to be held Feb. 6th, 1917.

Violin and Piano Duet—Gladys Stafford and Helen Grace.

The Necessity of Night Study and Best Methods of Obtaining It—Mrs. Johnson.

Discussion. Are We Losing Control of Our Children—Mrs. Senning.

Discussion. Proper Foods for School Children—Miss Boothe.

Are Ideals Worth While? If so, How May We Inspire Them?—Mrs. Forbis.

Characters from the life of Uncle Joshua. (1st chapter)—Prof. T. A. Tunnell.

REGULAR MEETING OF METHODIST AID SOCIETY

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was held at the parsonage Monday, January 22, with thirteen members present, the President presiding.

The meeting was opened by the singing of hymn No. 120 after which the President read the 6th chapter of Gal. We were then led in prayer by Rev. White.

The Treasurer reported a total of \$123.50 paid out during the last quarter, \$18.75 being dues and the rest for local work.

The Asst. Treas. reported \$5 paid to the Riter Hardware Co. No report from other officers present.

It was decided to give the play, "Sewing for the Heathen" and the following committee was appointed to assign parts: Mrs. White, Mrs. Hooper, and Miss Etta Fite.

A committee was also appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Mrs. W. W. Sample.

Society adjourned to meet January 29th.

Secretary.

TEXAS WAKING UP ON GOOD ROADS QUESTION

There is not the least doubt but what the Texas Legislature is this year going to pass a law creating a State Highway Commission. This will give us the necessary legislation so much talked of wherein we can receive Federal aid in building roads. Not only this, but they are going to pass a law wherein every automobile will be taxed at the rate of twenty-five cents per horse power, no license to be less than \$7.50 nor greater than \$15.00. It certainly begins to look like old Texas is waking up to the good roads question through our legislative body.—Ex.



The Railroad Station

is usually on the edge of town. To reach it means a trip across the city.

If you are taking the train, or meeting travelers, a telephone inquiry to the station agent about the movement of trains will save you a second trip to the station or a tiresome wait there when the train is late.

This is but one of the many ways in which Bell Telephone Service serves.



THE SOUTH-WESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work Why Not Now?

A message was received Thursday morning of the death of Mrs. Love, mother of Messrs. C. L. and C. A. Love, at Dover, Oklahoma. Her remains will be carried to Missouri for interment in the old family cemetery, accompanied by C. A. Love who was with his mother at the time of her death. We extend our sincere sympathy to them in this bereavement.

Recently in reporting that J. P. Gibson bought a section of improved land in Dawson county, it read that he purchased the land for a consideration of twenty cents an acre. Of course any one knows that land can not be had for that amount. The mistake occurred in that our typesetting machine failed to cast a line, giving the dollars in connection with the cents. Mr. Gibson paid twenty three dollars and sixty five cents for the land and says that it is level, rich and well improved. We had no intention of making it appear that land could be bought for a few cents, therefore we make the correction.

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

PROPOSED PASSING OF WEBB-KENYON LAW

Austin, Jan. 26.—The enactment of the provisions of the Webb-Kenyon act into a state law as an amendment to the Allison liquor law is part of the program which will be pursued by the prohibitionists as an aftermath of the failure to obtain two-thirds of the house in the vote to engross the submission resolution.

It was authoritatively announced this afternoon that a bill embodying provisions that would effectively prohibit the shipment of liquor into dry territory in Texas is being drawn and will be introduced in a few days.

The plan of the pros is to put this bill through to disarm the criticism of the antis that they do not want a "bone dry" state, and to put the question up to the members of the house from submission districts who voted against the submission resolution Thursday.

Under the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States the right of state legislatures to prohibit intrastate shipment of intoxicating liquors is established, according to the pros, and the passage of such a bill would obviate the necessity of including that feature in a constitutional amendment in order to make the state "bone dry."

Talk of other legislation and of the passage of a resolution providing for a constitutional convention is also heard today. The election of a prohibitionist governor is also put forward as an absolute necessity to carrying out the plans of the pros during the next three years in the event submission fails.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. W. W. SAMPLE

At a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church held January 22, 1917, the undersigned committee was appointed to draft resolutions to the memory of our sister, Mrs. W. W. Sample, whose earthly life was ended at Spur January 11, 1917.

In discharging this duty, we feel that every officer and member feels distinct and personal loss, and that her seat which stands vacant among us this day is a cause for deep sorrow and loneliness.

No woman had more sincere friends and we believe was wholly without enemies.

The splendid qualities which have always endeared her to her neighbors have won and held our unanimous and unqualified respect throughout our association.

Our deep sympathy is extended to the husband and to all other members of her family in this time of great sorrow.

The parting from our beloved sister is softened and brightened in the sure knowledge that God has called her to a higher sphere of usefulness.

Mrs. J. E. Morris
Miss Etta Fite
Mrs. M. E. Manning,
Committee.

By resolution unanimously adopted this tribute to her memory. It was ordered spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to Mr. W. W. Sample also to the Texas Spur and Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

NOTICE!

Automobile for sale or trade. W. C. Harrel at Fry Furniture Company.

..J. P. SIMMONS..

Drayman and Agent for Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n. Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed. Residence Telephone 30

The Westside Barber Shop

MANY VERNER, Proprietor

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE

**Business House and Lot
Centrally Located, in Spur.
Will Sell or Trade for Farm
Lands near Spur.**

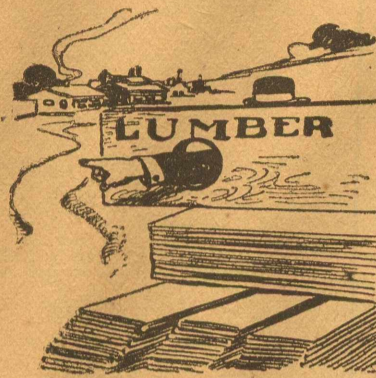
CALL AT TEXAS SPUR OFFICE

DAVIS & EDMONDS

DEALERS IN

Hupmobiles and
Chevrolets.....

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



A POINTER ON LUMBER

When selecting it have an eye for its dryness. Thoroughly seasoned lumber will not warp or crack. All our lumber has to be good or we couldn't keep supplying experienced dealers right along. Consult us when in need of lumber.

BRAZELTON-PRYOR & CO.

I make no charge for stalls and yardage in daytime. Come and do your horse trading here.—Farmers Wagon Yard. tf.

Tom Owen and wife were in the city Wednesday from their ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

B. F. Crump, a prosperous farmer of several miles southwest of Spur, was among the visitors here the first of this week.

Rev. Bates left last week for Mississippi where he will spend some time on business. During his absence Mrs. Bates will spend the time visiting relatives in Austin.

Ex-County Clerk Ezell and family, of Crosbyton, returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in the Eastern part of the state. They made the trip through the country in an automobile.

Geo. S. Link left this week for the Saint Louis, Chicago, Baltimore and New York markets to buy goods for the Bryant-Link Co. firms here and elsewhere. He will be gone about three weeks.

Miss Lula Martin, who is teaching the West End school, spent Sunday with her parents in Spur.

W. M. Childress, a successful farmer and hog raiser, was greeting friends on the streets of Spur the first of this week.

M. L. Blakely, a leading farmer and citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading and greeting friends.

J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northwest of Spur, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the first of the week. He has our thanks for another subscription to the Texas Spur.

Clay Smart returned the first of the week from Weatherford where he had been with his grandmother who died at that place. His father, J. T. Smart, of Rotan, was also with him at Weatherford.

J. F. Speer, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and handed us another dollar to extend his subscription up another year and for which he has our thanks. He reports everything in good shape.

Constable Street, of Dickens, was in the city Wednesday.

W. L. Thannisch was in Spur Sunday from the Draper country and spent a short time here on business and greeting freinds

J. A. Murchison and two sons, of the Draper country, returned Saturday from Fort Worth where they had been a week or ten days under the treatment of a specialist of that city. We are glad to note that the treatment was successful and they are each regaining former good health.

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Practice in District and Higher courts is solicited.
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Prompt service and safe delivery guaranteed.

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Contractor & Builder
Estimates furnished on bricks and other buildings.
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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. 1 20.

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**

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The Commissioners Court of Dickens County will receive proposals, at their next regular term of court, February 12th, 1917, from any banking incorporation or individual banker in this county as may be desired to be selected as the depository of the funds of the County.

The proposals must be sealed, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the County, for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular term for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent. of the County revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

Witness my hand this the 15th day of January, A. D. 1917.

WALTER L. POWELL,
County Judge. 12 4t

Carl Paton returned the first of the week from Sherman where he spent several days with his parents.

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, and Jake Scott, of the Afton country, spent several days of last week in Fort Worth on business.

Mrs. H. Dodge, who has been sick, we are glad to report is now able to be up.

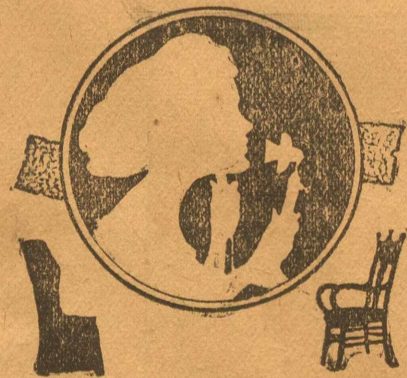
Judge and Mrs. Walter L. Powell, of Dickens, were greeting friends in Spur Wednesday.

It is urgently suggested by City Marshal and Deputy Sheriff Hazlewood that people with hogs in Spur keep them up and do it now, or cost will accrue and the "hair will fly."

Ranchman Robert Butler, of the McAdoo country on the plains, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur looking after far more important business than farming. They say he comes regular, and from all we can learn of the case we don't blame him.

C. D. Pullin, of near McAdoo, called in Saturday. He reports farming operations in that part of Dickens county progressing rapidly. The McAdoo section is one of the richest farming sections of the whole country and the citizenship is prosperous and progressive.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday. He just recently returned with his wife from an extended visit to their sons in New Mexico where he reports having had a most pleasant visit, rambling over the mountains, forests and taking life easy.



Telephone If You Like

for anything you desire in the way of

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE OR CARPETS

and your wants will be quickly supplied. Or phone an appointment and we will have a special salesman here to wait on you and show you the attractions of our show-rooms. Everything here is of the best quality, though the prices are marked most moderately. Come and see.

Fry Furniture Co.

Business Phone 13 Residence Phone 120
SPUR, TEXAS



NEIGHBORLY ADVICE!

ought to put you on the right track for good groceries. They deal here—and for that reason are probably getting better Groceries than you. We make it a point to keep only the best and most satisfying grades and for that reason we are free from complaints. Give us a trial and prove this to your own satisfaction. And do it soon—for your own sake.

Farmers Cash Store

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.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

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

Judge F. C. Gipson, a leading merchant and citizen of Dickens, had business in Spur the first of the week and spent an hour or two here greeting his friends.

J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northwest of Spur, was a very pleasant caller Saturday at the Texas Spur office, reporting everything in good shape at this time in his section of the country.

Howard Campbell, of three miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to his father-in-law at Almagorda, New Mexico.

W. M. Austin, of near Afton, was in Spur the first of the week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Bill Austin is one of the "old timers." He has befriended us more than once and we appreciate him as a friend. He is a man who observes that principle of "do unto others as you would have them do to you" and he does not hesitate to do it. We are glad to number him as one of our friends.

Hamp Collett was among the number here Saturday from his farm home several miles southwest of Spur.

C. B. Jones returned Monday from a business trip to Stamford and other points where he spent several days.

Tom Dodson, of the Afton country, had business in Spur Monday of this week, spending a few hours in the city.

H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm a few miles northeast of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Monday.

G. W. Dodson came in Monday from his farm home in the Afton country and spent a few hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was in Spur Tuesday. He had just returned from Seymour where he attended court in the case of Stovall vs. Martin, et al.

J. A. Neighbors was among the business visitors here the first of the week. He recently sold his farm home in the Steel Hill country and built a new home nearer Spur. Mr. Neighbors is one of the best farmers and best citizens of the country.

Dr. B. F. Haile, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

W. D. Thacker, postmaster, farmer and stockraiser of Draper, came to Spur Tuesday in a four horse wagon prepared to haul a large amount of supplies.

W. A. Craddock, of several miles west of Spur, had business in the city Tuesday. Mr. Craddock formerly operated a dairy business in Spur. He is now raising Jersey cows, hogs and hominy on his farm.

J. B. Conner was in Spur Tuesday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had his subscription marked up a year ahead of time and for which he has our sincere thanks. Since retiring from the sheriff's office Mr. Conner is now engaged in the stock raising business.

C. A. Love left Saturday evening for Oklahoma in response to a message stating that his mother was critically ill. A message was received from him by C. L. Love Tuesday stating that their mother was still living but gradually sinking. We extend to them our sincere sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Frank Speer, of near Dickens, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday of last week.

Mesdames C. L. Love and C. A. Love returned Sunday from Stamford where they had been spending several days visiting friends in that city.

W. R. Stafford and daughter, Miss Zada, and Mrs. Usry spent Monday and Tuesday in Roaring Springs visiting relatives and on business.

L. J. Elsyby, of the plains country near McAdoo, is reported quite sick of pneumonia, having been confined to his bed several days. We hope soon to note that he has completely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn and Sanders Taylor made a trip Sunday to Lubbock, accompanying Mrs. M. Taylor who was on her way to Roswell where she will make her home with Towns Taylor near Corona, New Mexico.

Mrs. J. O. Yopp has our thanks for a subscription to the Texas Spur sent to H. A. P. Lafoon at Jayton, Texas. Notwithstanding the high cost of living the Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow.

G. L. Barber returned this week from ranches to the east where he has been engaged in building tanks.

R. C. Forbis, W. M. Stovall and others returned Monday from Seymour where they had been attending court the past week.

Rev. Douglass returned to Spur Saturday from Abilene where he is attending school, filling his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Saturday night and Sunday.

Attorneys W. D. Wilson and B. D. Glasgow returned the first of the week from Seymour where they had been representing clients in the District Court now in session at that place.

\$5.00 Reward—Strayed from my place about September 25, one redish-brindle yearling heifer, branded 7 with bar underneath, on left shoulder, unmarked, white face with two spots on nose.—Mrs. J. B. Morrison. 1t.

Jack and Stallion to Sell— $\frac{3}{4}$ Belgian and $\frac{1}{4}$ Steel Dust Stallion, weight 1350, 5 years old. Also Black Spanish Jack, 7 years old. See J. F. Speer, 2 miles north of Dickens on Afton road. Will take cash, notes or cattle. 14-tf.

A. C. Lewis has moved his shoe and boot repairing shop from his former location to the back end of the Racket Store in the Dunn building on the east side of Burlington Avenue where he will be prepared to do work in his line. Call on him at his new place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bragg are in Dallas, Mr. Bragg being confined in a sanitarium at that place, suffering of appendicitis. Mr. Bragg had gone to Dallas on business when he was attacked with the disease. It is not known if he underwent an operation. His friends join the the Texas Spur in hoping that he will soon recover and be with us again.



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SPUR, TEXAS

CHANGE OF A. & M. BILL CREATES SURPRISE

The bill proposing that a branch of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College for West Texas was introduced in the Legislature last week, but the measure introduced contained several surprises for those who have been working for the branch college. The measure provides that the school shall be located north of the thirtieth parallel and west of the ninety-sixth meridian, and a look at the map of Texas shows that the present A. & M. College is both north of that parallel and west of the meridian named, so that it would fill the requirements of the bill without creating another school. This designation of the location bounds may have been a trick to kill the bill in its formation and again it may have been placed that way to win support to its passage. And when the various amendments that are certain to be proposed are acted on, the bill may not have its original appearance in any respect. Such a location as the bounds named make possible would not benefit West Texas in any way. One redeeming feature of the measure is that no money, lands nor inducements shall be offered for the location of the school.—Slaton Slatonite.

It pays to trade in the best town—come to Spur.

Wanted—A good strong white girl for general work at the Spur Inn. 13tf.

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

Wanted—To buy from 100 to 1000 acres of land, either improved or unimproved, must be worth the money. Address 625, Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas. 13-3t.

NO HUNTING!

Hunting is positively forbidden on any land controlled by me and any trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.—J. B. Morrison. 11 tf.

BUYING FURS.

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

Why not have your hauling done with that big truck and get it done quick. 14 tf.

Chas. Horton, of Dickens, had business in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Perry Sayles, and Mrs. J. F. Young, sister of Mrs. A. Lollar, are guests this week in the Lollar home.

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

When you have hauling see J. P. Simmons and have it hauled on that big truck. He will deliver the goods at the right price. 14 tf.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community southwest of Spur, was in the city Thursday on business and trading with the merchants.

J. C. McNeill came in Wednesday from the Alamo Stock Farm and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting friends.

Witt Springer returned Wednesday from a trip to Claremont, Aspermont and other points where he spent some time visiting relatives and looking after business matters.

Anyone that has hauling to do I have bought a two ton truck and any one that has hauling will do well to see me. I will send it anywhere and prices will be reasonable.—J. P. Simmons. 14 tf.

PASSING OF A THIRD PIONEER WITHIN WEEK

In the passing of Mr. G. H. Lollar, last Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock, at his home in South Anson, the third pioneer citizen of Anson and vicinity has answered the summons of that grim reaper, death, within the past week. First came the call for the spirit of Uncle Geo. Castles, second that of Grandpa E. Sanders, then closely following was a message for the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Lollar had been in failing health, due to erysipelas of the right eye, for the past five years, having recently returned from the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas, where he had been under treatment. For a time his condition seemed to improve, but the day prior to his death his local physician realized that he must soon go. Mr. Lollar was able to be up and about the place at intervals throughout day of his death, and was sitting in a rocker in his room, when the summons came, and without a struggle, the breath of life, left the natural body, and the pure spirit of one of our most beloved citizens had gone to its everlasting home of rest.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Hope cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Rev. A. S. Albright, after which the remains were interred in the tomb.

Giles Harvey Lollar was born in Jasper, Ala., Jan. 21, 1855; was united in marriage to Miss Sallie F. Watson on Nov. 6, 1872, at Mooresville, Miss. To this union were born six children, four sons and two daughters, who survive, viz: Alonzo

Lollar of Dickens county, Mrs. M. L. Caffey and Mrs. O. M. Thompson; W. W., J. A. and T. L. Lollar, all residing in Jones county, near Anson. The children were present at the funeral except Lonzo, who could not reach Anson in time, and Mrs. Caffey was sick at her home six miles south of town. Mr. Lollar is survived by two brothers, J. F. Lollar, of Anson, and L. A. Lollar of Baldwin, Miss., and two sisters, Mrs. W. L. McLaren of Anson, and Mrs. E. T. Tyra, wife of Mayor Tyra of Fort Worth. His wife predeceased him in death three and a half years.

Deceased had been a citizen of Jones county 24 years, was a faithful member and deacon of the Missionary Baptist Church and a most highly respected citizen and friend to all.—The Western Enterprise.

108 steps from postoffice to the Racket Store.

S. R. Bowman was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Saturday, giving us encouragement in our efforts to publish a paper. We appreciate such expressions from our readers and friends. Encouraging words are not only appreciated but stimulating.

G. F. Metcalf moved with his family last week to Spur from Haskell, having purchased a residence in the city and will make this his permanent home in the future. We are glad to welcome them to Spur and wish them a happy and prosperous home with us.

A. J. Thomas, of Spur, was the first one to renew his subscription to the Texas Spur at the \$1.50 rate. When he was informed that the price had been raised he said "I am going to take it if it has gone to a dollar and a half." Mr. Thomas realizes that it was absolutely necessary for us to go up on our paper and therefore he is willing to pay the price.

STOVALL-MARTIN CASE CONTINUED AT SEYMOUR

The W. M. Stovall vs. Van Martin, et al, case, which was transferred from Dickens to Baylor county, was called Monday and continued on account of absence of defense witnesses.

This is a case wherein W. M. Stovall is suing for a bunch of cattle driven from his ranch to the Van Martin ranch in Motley county, the latter claiming the cattle had been stolen from his ranch. W. M. Stovall, purchased the cattle from Ben G. Reynolds, Jr., of Aspermont, who had bought them at the stock yards in Fort Worth. It is alleged that the cattle were stolen from the Martin ranch, driven through the country to near the border of West Texas and afterwards shipped in to Fort Worth where they were sold. The case is set for the July term of court at Seymour.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our brother. Your acts of kindness and sympathies will ever be remembered by us.—The Brantner family.

We will carry a complete stock in our line.—Racket Store.

Wren Cross was in Friday from his ranch home in Kent county.

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

Mrs. Grover Overstreet, of the Afton country, was brought to the Standifer Hospital last week and where she underwent an operation Thursday of this week. She is reported doing nicely at this time we are glad to report. This is the third operation for Mrs. Overstreet and we hope that permanent relief will result.

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PRESIDENCY REFUSED

Plain Democrat Tells Why He Cannot Head Ticket in Mexico.

Some good American Democrats will run for anything, but I do not belong to that class. Some have such a hankering for running for office that they run for everything from justice of the peace to dog pelter. Nothing in these United States is safe from their greedy clutches. And some of the brethren would fain travel over into Mexico and run for the presidency of that glorious commonwealth. But I repeat that I am not one of them, even if I have at times, as a good American Democrat, had the feeling that I was ready to sacrifice my personal interests to the dear people and help protect them from the blood thirsty gang from Wall Street and those pesky political boll weavils known as Republicans. But even if I might be persuaded to accept office at the hand of my native people, I affirm that I positively will not go on duty in Mexico.

For the past several years the presidential campaign over there has been so immoderately warm as to be positively uncomfortable in some instances. Somehow the voters of that country cannot determine just who will be the captain of the ship of state and who will be the crew, though the captaincy seems to be a much sought after position in the government.

But notwithstanding the popularity of the presidential position, it has now been several weeks since any patriotic hombre has shot up the town and announced his candidacy, though Mr. Villa does occasionally remind the voters that his hat is still in the ring. But if a new one should volunteer, he would instantly be greeted with loud and vociferous "Vivas," for the Mexican Democrat is by no means niggardly with his "Vivas." Loudest of all will he thus cheer the last man to the bat, especially if this last man has managed to obtain a good supply of powder and shot.

There are several good reasons why I have thus unalterably put my foot down on any possible proposal to have my name head the national ticket in Mexico. To begin with, the campaigns are entirely too strenuous and the opposition too well armed. Here at home I have voted the Democrat ticket all of my long and useful life; I have cheered the candidates of the grand old party until my voice was husky and my throat raw, enjoying all of it; but I do not approve of the way they do things over across the Rio Grande.

Here in the good old United States the candidate arms himself with a long speech and a few good jokes on the Republicans, and, mounting the party platform, persuades the voters to lambast the enemy with a paper ballot. But in Mexico the favorite stick of presidential timber takes a long pull at a quart bottle of mescal, decorates his stomach with three rows of cartridges, and, mounting a confederated cow horse, gallops with his crowd of voters down among the prickly

pears and shoots the enemy through the leg.

But forgetting the strenuousness of the campaign, I might add just here that I simply do not want the office and would not have it if it were handed to me on a golden platter, said platter being beautifully studded with precious cotton seed or Irish potatoes. If it becomes absolutely necessary that somebody give me something, I should prefer a bundle of sorghum. I could hang that out of reach of my cow and let the faithful old bovine feast her longing eyes on it several times daily.

I might digress just here long enough to admit that there might be some very fine things about being president of Mexico, even if they are outweighed by the burdens incident to the office. For instance, I suppose that there must be a powerful spring of pleasure welling up in the heart of the president elect when his patriotic voters scale the barracks of the capital and give their gallant chieftain a chance to get a shave, crawl into a new and much bespangled suit of clothes, and get ready for the ceremony of swearing his eternal allegiance to the constitution of the Republic. Then I fancy that there are some exciting times when the president gets frisky at the inaugural dance and tangoes with the belle of the ball, much to the disgust of the flop-eared dudes of the capital, who have been all the time considering themselves the cock of the walk. Then I suppose that some joy might exist when His Most Exalted Excellency, the President of the free and independent state of Mexico, mounted on a white-eyed mustang, rears back on his dignity to an angle of forty-five degrees and heads the Fourth of July procession, while the great garlic scented throng throw their sombreros into the air and yell as if somebody had knocked a home run with three men on bases.

However, these are the roses that are in his pathway; but roses are always attended by thorns. And to me one of those thorns would be the writing of the president's message. To the mind of a life-long Democrat, who has always voted for a yellow dog rather than scratch the ticket, it would be a blamed excruciating piece of business to write a president's message in the lingo that a Mexican uses when he asks the landlady to please pass the frijoles. I just could not bear to compose anything that would sound so much like a perfectly good line of talk hashed up to small bits in a sausage grinder. I for one am for the plain old United States talk. I'll never vote for any tongue-tied sucker who can not speak it plainly; if I ever write a president's message it will be in a language that a body can sabe.

I do not believe that even those Mexicans can pronounce the names which appear in that part of the geography set apart for benefit. Such jawbreakers have always stumped me, and I suppose always will. When I was a boy at school the teacher would try to get me to cough up such words Popocatepetl and Guadalajara, but I

just could not get the stuff out of my system. And one day when I did make a sudden and somewhat explosive attempt to pronounce the name of a Mexican city that looks something like Che-haw-haw, the teacher slapped me, claiming that I had made an assault with attempt to bray.

Furthermore, I would not relish the sport sometimes indulged in by the president of shooting all the pessimists and calamity howlers. Here in the United States the oppressed population can gather at the depot every time the train comes in and spit tobacco juice and cuss the legislature all it wants to. But in Mexico such a popular out-cry for forty acres and a mule would necessitate an order from the president to the effect that the out-cryers be taken out behind a mud house somewhere and shot at.

Another thing that would be calculated to ruffle the serenity of my life as president of Mexico is the persistency of the jack-leg office seekers of that country. Some people say that they are worse there than here in the United States. If that is rue, many of the patriots who desired to importune the president for a political plum would no doubt have to come from a distance, and that being the case would have to stay all night in the capital. And being a friendly people, they would perhaps figure on the president's asking them to stay all night with him, and would feel miffed with him if he failed to do so. And the president would not care to sleep on a cot or a mattress spread on the floor in order that the footsore Collector of Customs from Juarez and the The Most High Inspector of Hot Tamales could bunk together in the presidential bed.

Besides the things mentioned, I have some pet personal aversions that would make my life in the City of Mexico a very unsatisfactory one. The general odor of the whole country gives one the impression that half of the republic has been planted in onions and the other half in cayenne pepper, and that the entire crop has been put on to boil together. And I never could stand chilli, which very thing might get me into trouble, for, as you may guess, the Mexican cook books are afflicted with a chronic chilli trouble. My preference for plain old United States ham and eggs might tempt me to be impolite at some of the public eating contests given in my honor. Suppose for an instant that while I was campaigning over the country for a second term the governor of some of the states would want to banquet me—and that in the company of the brave generals and wise statesmen of his council charmbes. Of course, I should be compelled by all the rules of polite society to say that the grub was good and that Mis' Governor was a fine cook; but my naturally delicate soul would revolt at such deceit. I am a plain man and prefer to tell the truth if the hair slips. But since good manners would compel me to refrain from feebly pecking at the food like a love-sick pullet and leaving half of the feast banked up on the back of my plate, I should have to force the whole thing down if I could. But who would not prefer to be a plain Democrat in the United States, and eat fried chicken and white gravy at home with the old woman than to be the president of Mexico and sit down in high society to graze on a menu like this?

First Course
Chilli Con Carne With Beans.
Second Course
More Chilli Con Carne With Beans.
Third Course
Still More Chilli Con Carne With Beans.

Mr. Editor, I have said enough. In the light of my statements, I hope that I may be allowed to live peacefully in Dickens county without having greatness thrust upon me.

Yours very truly,
A PLAIN DEMOCRAT.

Little Jack Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, who has been sick some time, we are glad to note has now completely recovered.

Miss Kidwell, one of the teachers in the Spur School, was called to her home this week, supposedly on account of the illness of some of her relatives.

W. J. Elliot was in the city the first of the week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home, and handed us a dollar to shove his subscription up another year to the Texas Spur.

J. R. Rogers, a leading farmer, hog raiser and stockman of the Draper country, was in Spur Sunday. He reports everything in good shape at this time in his section.

M. Gay, our efficient County and District Clerk, came over Friday from Dickens and spent an hour or two in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

Strayed—One red, motley face cow, branded W on left side, marked crop the right and split the left ear, coming four years old. \$5 reward for return to Dr. J. E. Morris.

KENT COUNTY CITIZENS AT SEYMOUR COURT

The following were summoned from here as witnesses in the Lotta Graham case, who was to be tried at Seymour at this term of District Court, but was postponed on account of the failure of some of the witnesses to appear: C. O. Ham, R. C. French, S. D. McEarchern, Rev. O. M. Addison, Jerks Garrett, Jim Barkley, J. A. Suits, D. I. McCombs, S. C. McCombs, D. L. Winter, Lawyer W. P. Blackburn, John Goodall, Jim Pursley, Uncle George Pursley, J. M. Hall, R. I. Goodall, Mrs. Gertrude Pursley and daughter, Miss Thelma, R. L. Cathey, W. M. Matthews, and Sam McCombs.—Jayton Herald.

DUMONT

It has been very cold now for several days. The snow has made a very good season for the farmers to plow in preparing the land for another crop.

Fred Thomas of Walters, Okla. slipped in on his brother, J. R. Thomes, for a week or two's visit last Saturday.

J. L. Sinclair came up from Guthrie last Sunday to see his wife and baby for two or three hour's stay.

Geo. Douglas of Guthrie was up last Sunday on business.

Mrs. J. M. Patterson gave the young people a party last Saturday night and they enjoyed it very much.

A. P. Hollar had the singing class with him last Sunday evening. The class rendered some good songs.

The Literary met last Friday night and installed the new officers for the incoming year, to wit: George Cross, President; H. V. Scott, Jr., Vice-President; Miss Lela Mauldin, Secretary. A nice program was rendered after the installation of the officers. Mr. Murel Jay was elected as editor and Miss Irene Neeley as associate editor.

At the Literary last Friday night Old Bill learned something new and that was this: A cyclone made the house fly. A whip made the horse fly. The merchant made the sand fly. And pancakes made the butter fly. It is all true, too.

Several of our good townsmen went out last Monday afternoon to kill jack rabbits. They are going to try to glut the rabbit market at Ft. Worth. I hope they will succeed in doing so.

Honest, Mike, this is all I know.

R. B. and Mrs. White returned home last Saturday night from Geary, Okla.

OLD BILL in Paducah Post.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends who showed us so much kindness through the sickness and death of our little daughter, Georgia Lyn.—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

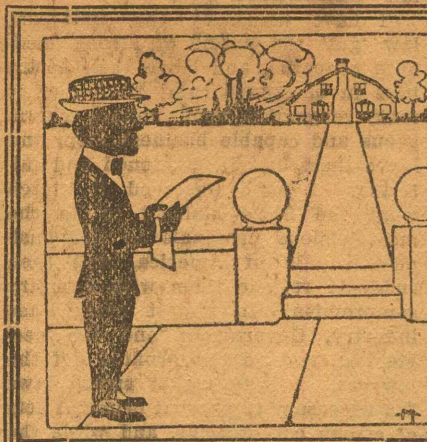
Mr. Winship, of Stamford, was in Spur Thursday and spent a short time here on business and visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love.

Tom Greer came in Wednesday from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in good condition throughout his section.

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MOTOR TRUCKS USED IN SPUR AND COUNTRY

Last week J.P. Simmons put on a motor truck service in connection with his dray business in Spur. The truck is of two-ton capacity and will be used in making deliveries to surrounding towns as well as in Spur. We understand that F. C. Gipsen, of Dickens, has also secured a motor truck to be used in freighting to Dickens in connection with his business at that place, his truck being of one and one-half ton capacity. The Hale Hardware and Grocery Company of Afton have been using a motor truck for some time, as has the 24-Ranch south of Spur, thus making four motor trucks now being used in this territory.

Gradually and surely the motor is taking the place of the slower methods of service in Western Texas. We are a progressive people and are adopting progressive methods in all lines of business and commerce. And in this respect the farmers are not behind, since traction engines are being installed on the farms.

West Texas is a wonderful country not only in production but in progressive people and progressive methods.

EVERYBODY INVITED

The Parent-Teachers Association will give a Silver Tea at the Red Front Drug Store next Thursday afternoon, Feb. 8th, from three o'clock until six. Any silver coin from a dime upward will be received. The purpose of the tea is to raise money for the public school library; and it is hoped that everybody in town will come help a worthy cause, and spend a pleasant time with us.

Alec Winkler came over from Dickens Tuesday and spent some time in Spur on business.

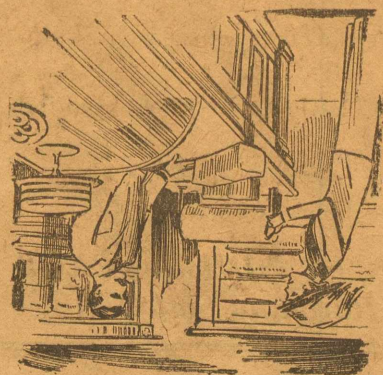
W. W. Sample, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Busby and Percy Moudy, of Stamford, composed a hunting party to Kent county Tuesday of this week. They reported having had a very successful hunt and found more birds than they could shoot. In fact they brought in the limit, at least.

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Get Back to the Soil—
With Protection

Would Raise Plow to the Level of
the Factory.

Henry N. Pope, president of the Association of State Farmers' Union Presidents, has issued a statement in pamphlet form to members of the union pointing out discriminations in the Underwood tariff against the agricultural interests favoring protection on all farm products and demanding a revision of the tariff so that the farmers will not be compelled to sell in a free market and buy in a protected one. In discussing the subject the head of the union said: "The effect of the Underwood tariff acts to protect capital and labor engaged in manufacturing and to expose to world competition capital and labor engaged in production. It is perhaps the most antagonistic expression congress ever made toward the agricultural interests of this nation, and had not the European war arrested its operation, would have wrought disaster to the farmers of the country. This tariff gives a protection of approximately six billion dollars per annum to capital and labor engaged in manufacturing, but gives no protection to the farms. When released from war influences this tariff will reduce the selling price of farm products approximately a billion dollars per annum. It brings capital and labor employed on the farm in direct competition with free lands in primitive countries and compels the farmer to compete with wild men who live in trees and caves and raise their children in nakedness and ignorance. The only purpose and the only result of taking agricultural products off the protected and placing them on the free list was to reduce the price. The act was therefore deliberately unfriendly to the farmers of the nation. The next session of congress should revise the tariff and get back to the soil with protection. Giving to the plow the same friendly consideration that is now given to the factory."

B. F. Crump, a prosperous farmer of several miles southwest of Spur, was among the visitors here the first of this week.

BACK TO THE CONSTITUTION

By J. S. Cullinan.

As I see it, the courts have civilization by the throat today just as the churches had it a few centuries ago, which reached its climax with the Spanish Inquisition. Fortunately for the civilization of that day many religious leaders looked with alarm upon the clergy clad in robes of State, legally censoring divine rights of men, and who were authorized by law to deprive any person of their life, liberty or honor. The capable element of the clergy more than any other influence assisted in removing their high priests from the bench to the pulpit, and stopped the legal holocaust of human life that shames the pages of history.

Happily for our welfare today there are many good citizens who seriously doubt the wisdom of government making honest and necessary business transactions a crime, and many capable members of the legal profession who look with alarm upon a lawyer clothed with power of State having authority to legally lynch honest property or illegally protect criminal property. Such concentration of power was never contemplated under our form of government, and it is un-American, unwise and destructive to organized society. To force honest property to confess guilt, and permit criminal property to escape punishment, reverses the genius of American government.

It is not the mission of the League to legally fix responsibility between the law and the Administration of the law, but the citizen has a contract with government for life, liberty and justice, and it is the right and the duty of the citizen to say when government crosses the border line and trespasses upon his Constitutional rights as they are not as public officials interpret them. The citizen—not the office holder—is the one to say when government violates its pledge to the people. In the name of the Texas Economic League I this day charge that government is guilty of tyranny, injustice, favoritism and incompetency in its relation to productive industry. We shall not at the moment undertake to separate responsibility as between the Legislative, Administrative and Judicial branches of government, but the man who leads a legal mob is a worse criminal than he who leads an illegal one, and deserves more severe punishment, no matter to what department of government he belongs. 37-e

"ONLY TWO REAL LAWS IN TEXAS STATUTES"

'EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND
PERMANENT WAREHOUSE
ACTS.'

By J. S. Cullinan.

"We have upon the statute books of Texas at this time only two pieces of constructive legislation capable of maximum efficiency in administration. They are the Employers' Liability Act and the Permanent Warehouse Law. Both of these laws represent a type of co-operative legislation, in which the citizen has a part in the administration of law. They call upon the business genius of the day to solve business problems, and appeal to the citizenship for co-operation in instituting collective economies and encouraging fair dealings between man and man, and between any one line of business and that of associated industries. Having had some experience in dealing with large business problems, and having made observations from points that admit of a wide horizon of vision, I have formed very definite conclusions as to the difficulties and remedies that confront our Government in the development of industry.

Law Seeks Common Result.
"The result which both these laws seek is identical with that of the anti-trust law; to-wit, to prevent unfair transactions.
"I have witnessed the anti-trust law 'gut' the credit of strong business concerns, and leave their securities in blackened ruin; have seen it reek vengeance upon honest, courageous and capable business men, and leave them dazed, frightened and faltering. I have observed it clutch what the State claimed to be the most vicious criminals in the business annals of America, and then suddenly release them with a paltry compromise. In almost every case industry, Government and the people lost, and no one profited but the lawyers. I believe that strong laws are necessary to prevent criminal acts of strong corporations, and while the anti-trust law may be subject to improvement, it should not be repealed.



Feb. 20 & 21st

On the above dates Mr. Roseberry of Cincinnati will be at our store. He is showing all the new things in

Suit Patterns for Spring

Watch and wait for this opportunity. Its Unusual.

The patterns will be shown in full length drapes making selections easy. Whether a prospective purchaser or not be sure to visit us on Feb. 20 and 21st.

"The Man's Store" HOGAN & PATTON

BUILDING GOOD ROADS IN DICKENS COUNTY

The Commissioners of Dickens county have authorized the construction of one mile of good roadways in each of the four Commissioners precincts of the county, and this work is now in progress.

These roads will be graveled and hardsurfaced where practicable and is for the purpose not only of furnishing the citizenship with the best roads but to demonstrate the real value of a first-class highway.

This is a wise move on the part of the commissioners and we give them the highest commendation. There are many who already appreciate the value of good roads, but when a first-class highway is built in each precinct every citizen will then know that good roads is the best investment that can be made in the country.

Fresh stock arrived today.—Racket Store.

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

We pay the highest prices for Poultry, Eggs, Hides and Furs.—Spur Produce Co. 10tf

For Sale—50 or 60 head Jersey cows to sell, also mules and horses. Good terms.—A. B. and T. W. Morgan, Spur. 114t.

R. R. Wooten and wife, of the plains country near McAadoo, were in Spur the first of the week trading with the merchants.

J. F. Speer, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and handed us another dollar to extend his subscription up another year and for which he has our thanks. He reports everything in good shape.

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CHANGES MADE IN THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS

Deals have just been consummated whereby Richard H. McCarty sold his newspaper plant at Aspermont, the Aspermont Star, to Will A. Dunwoody of Anson who now has charge of the publication. R. H. McCarty purchased the Albany News of Paul Baker and has moved back to his old home, he having published the Albany News in the past years. R. H. McCarty is one of the best writers and newspaper men of Western Texas, and the fact that he was petitioned by the entire citizenship of Albany to return to that place is evidence that the people of that town know and appreciate his ability as a newspaper man.

FATAL MISTAKE

S. J. Kendrick, of Quitman, Wood county, Texas, died at the Midway Hotel in Spur, Sunday night at 11 o'clock, a victim of accidental poisoning, self administered.

Mr. Kendrick was writing life insurance in the Spur country for the fraternal order of Yeoman and was esteemed by many who knew him. He was not known to be a man who drank, yet from the testimony before the Coroner's Court held by F. N. Oliver, J. P., it developed that on Saturday and Sunday the deceased had gone into a barber shop and into the back room where barber supplies were kept and took several drinks of hair tonic containing poison from which he died Sunday night.

Mr. Kendrick had small policies of insurance, some \$2,000, in favor of a son living at Quitman.

Mr. Kendrick, a brother of deceased, arrived in Spur Tuesday and shipped the remains to their home at Quitman.

The Hit of the Season

At the Gem Theatre, Friday, February 9th, the Ladies Missionary Society will present "Sewing for the Heathens," a burlesque full of humor. All in Spur and vicinity are invited to see an entertaining play staged by some of the West's best amateurs.

"SEWING FOR THE HEATHEN" CHARACTERS

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| Mrs. Judd, the Hostess..... | Mrs. E. E. White |
| Mrs. Chesty, the President..... | Mrs. S. Evans |
| Mrs. R. B. Powers, the stranger..... | Mrs. S. Davis |
| Mrs. Grandma Gibbs—Deaf, but persistent..... | Mrs. Richbourg |
| Mrs. Strong, a Suffragist..... | Mrs. S. I. Powell |
| Mrs. Meeker—Gentle and good..... | Miss Etta Fite |
| Mrs. Day, a Bride..... | Mrs. Hooper |
| Mrs. Do Little—Very unconcerned..... | Mrs. Morris |
| Mrs. Short—Very stingy..... | Mrs. Gardner |
| Mrs. Drowsy—Rather Stupid..... | Mrs. Fite |
| Mrs. Saynothing, Mrs. Drowsy's companion..... | Mrs. Jopling |
| Meeley, the hired girl..... | Mrs. J. R. Lane |

Scene: Mrs. Judd's Sitting Room.

To be given under the auspices of the Ladies Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, 8:30 P. M., GEM THEATRE

Prices: 35c for adults, 20c for school children