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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 9, 1917.

Number 15

WILL ORGANIZE YOUNG MENS BUSINESS LEAGUE

A meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock in the the directors room of the Spur National Bank for the purpose of organizing a Young Mens Business League in Spur.

There is not a business man in Spur but knows and realizes the need of such an organization. There is not a week nor a day passes but that some character of community business interests comes up and should be looked after, and without an organization with some head such interests are neglected. It is not the intention, as we understand it, to organize this business mens league and employ a high-salaried man as its head to begin with, but rather to begin on a more economical scale in the beginning and grow to larger proportions as the work brings in returns to the business interests of the town. The man selected as secretary of the league can not be expected to do the work at his own individual expense and time, but he can do the work designated by the organization with an hour or two hours each day, and this expense will not be burdensome to all of the business interests combined.

It is hoped that every business man in the town will attend this meeting, participate in the organization of the league and take an enthusiastic working interest in the conduct of its affairs.

SPUR OVERLAND COMPANY MAKING CHANGES

Recently T. A. Tidwell purchased an interest in the Spur Overland Company and will hereafter devote his attention to the business. The company has purchased a lot on Harris Street where they contemplate building a brick business house in the near future, furnishing not only a show room for their cars but also storage room.

They have just received two big car loads of Overlands with which to supply the demand for that brand of cars in this territory.

MERRY WIVES

Last Friday night Mesdames Clemmons and Morris were hostesses to the Merry Wives and their husbands. An unusually large number of guests gathered early and played a number of games of forty two. Refreshments of chicken salad, chese sandwiches, celery, olives and coffee were served.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Baker, Manning, McClure, Moore, Richbourg, Jennings, Grace, Standifer, Busby, Sullenberger, Nicholson, Higginbotham, Bobo, Cates, Edmonds, Hogan, Neilon, Pierce, Andrews, Morris and Clemmons.

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.

A FARMER WHO KNOWS HOW TO DO FARMING

W. L. McAteer, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city this week. He informed us that he recently sold five hundred pounds of "dry, soft bellies" at a price of eighteen cents per pound. These hogs had been grown, fattened, killed and cured on his farm. Mr. McAteer is one of the farmers who knows how to farm. He raises his own feed (and has some to sell) hogs and some cotton. He is living easy and making money farming in the great Spur country.

CHILD DIED ON ROAD TO STANDIFER HOSPITAL

Last Monday afternoon the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parker of McAdoo died.

The parents were bringing the child to the Standifer Sanitarium to be operated on for appendicitis. Before arriving at Spur however, the child died. After spending the night at the home of R. M. Hamby the parents left Tuesday morning with the corpse for Roaring Springs where the funeral services were conducted.

BUD MARABLE DIED IN POST LAST SATURDAY

Mat Bingham and family were called to Post Saturday of last week on account of the death of Bud Marable which occurred at that place Saturday at seven o'clock. Mr. Marable's death was unexpected since he had not been confined to his bed. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham remained in Post a day or two with relatives.

COTTON DROPS \$25.00 PER BALE LAST WEEK

The greatest "flurry" ever known in the cotton market occurred last week when Germany announced that she would resume an unrestricted submarine warfare within defined areas of the sea. The price of cotton, wheat and other products dropped as a result. The price of cotton dropped \$25.80 per bale, wheat dropped fifteen cents a bushel and other products in proportion. However, after a time prices rallied. Cotton is now selling in Spur for 14.25, whereas it heretofore sold as high as twenty cents. The probability is that the price of cotton will continue to decline, and it is predicted by those familiar with the situation that cotton will sell for from five to ten cents a pound during the fall of 1917. The wise farmer will plant plenty of feed, potatoes, peanuts and pigs and prepare to live at home with a little surplus cotton for Christmas money.

SPECIAL SERMON AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday night beginning at 7:30. Subject: "The Two Supreme Objects In This Life." The business men of our city are especially invited to hear this Sunday night. Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. All are invited to attend.

W. T. Lovell, one of the most distinguished citizens of the Draper country, was a recent business visitor in Spur and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything flourishing in his section at this time with prospects of a bumper crop of five cent cotton for another year.



ONLY ONE MAN IN A HUNDRED

Will fail to take advantage of our unheard of offering in Winter Suits and Over Coats. These are all this season's stock and the fact that we do not want to carry them over is the reason we offer them at such a Sacrifice. It will pay you big to buy one of these Suits or Over Coats even at this late in the season at the prices we are offering them.

Some men have expressed in language more forceful than elegant their contempt for Public Opinion. We are not in this class, but will continue to court the good graces of Public Opinion by the offering of a Maximum of Value at a Minimum Price..

Flour, a new car of Light Crust just arrived, the best ever made, and in fact just anything you want in the Grocery line, we have it at a Minimum Price.

"A Few Pointed Questions."

Do you know, Mr. Builder, that you are risking the life of your buildings if you put into its construction anything but First-Class Hardware?

Are you, therefore, making it a point in purchasing the Hardware, to look First, for Quality regardless of Price?

Do you know that every article you buy from us is just what we represent it to be and that you can save Money on your Hardware bill if you trade with us?

A little child was told by its mother, that the minister was coming and to be ready to answer any question that was asked him. She said: "He will probably ask you what your name is! how old you are and where bad little boys go when they die."

The minister, when he arrived, said, "Come here, my little boy! What's your name?" The answer was, Freddy, five years old—go to hell."

President Wilson has said the word, and Bryant-Link has the goods just sit steady in the boat and trade with

BRYANT-LINK CO.

ODD FELLOWS LODGE INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Monday night the members of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Spur met at their hall for the purpose of installing new officers for the ensuing year. Martin Gay, District Deputy Grand Master, was the installing officer and the following officers were installed: J. E. Berry, N. G.; L. E. McClelland, V. G.; J. W. Carlisle, Financial Sec.; G. E. McClelland, Rec. Sec.; T. C. Ensey, Treasurer.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the installation work, and a number of visiting members were present on this occasion.

L. A. GRANTHAM MOVES TO SPUR FROM ASPERMONT

L. A. Grantham of the Brazos Valley community has sold his farm to his brother Clint, and is moving this week with his family to Spur.—Aspermont Star.

GERMAN KITCHEN PUTTING IN NEW OVEN

The German Kitchen and Bakery is this week installing a new oven in connection with the bakery. The new oven has a capacity of two hundred twenty five loaves. The German Kitchen will hereafter extend their bakery business to surrounding towns and will be in a position to handle a larger and more extensive business in the future. Home institutions of this character should be given a liberal patronage and the preference by all home people.

FIN. WHITAKER FARM HOME BURNED SUNDAY

The Fin Whitaker farm home in the Afton country was totally destroyed Sunday of last week by fire, the origin of which is unknown, but supposed to have caught from a flue. Everything in the house was destroyed. Mr. Whitaker's mother-in-law and brother-in-law had just moved into the home and everything they had was also burned.

The house was partially covered by insurance.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR BUMPER CROPS IN 1917

S. M. Bailey, of the plains country near McAdoo, was a recent business visitor in Spur, reporting everything in that part of the country in fine shape at this time with respect to crop conditions and crop prospects. If everything continues throughout the year as it is now the year 1917 will prove to be one of the biggest crop years in the history of this country.

HAS PROSPERED IN THE GREAT SPUR COUNTRY

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday and spent a short time in Spur on business matters. Mr. Shaw has been in this country many years, having engaged in the stockfarming business here in the early days. He has been successful and has prospered and is today recognized as one of the best fixed men of the country. In fact he is now in a position to live easy the balance of his days. This country will prosper any man who will come here, stay with it and use business judgment.

MERRY WIVES

Friday afternoon, Jan. 26th, Mrs. W. D. Wilson delightfully entertained the Merry Wives in her beautiful new home. After a number of very interesting games of forty two, delicious refreshments consisting of creamed peas in patty shells, coquettes, hot biscuit, celery, olives and coffee were served to Mesdames Pierce, Godfrey, Morris, Ned Hogan, Jennings, Senning, Neilon, Davis, Forbis, Putman, Richbourg, Manning, Glasgow, Cates, Higginbotham, Edmonds, McClure, Bates, White, Andrews and Wilson.

SPUR COUNTRY SETTLING FAST AND SUBSTANTIAL

Since the opening of Spur seven years ago the Spur Farm Lands management has sold more than two hundred thousand acres of land for settlement. This land has been sold principally in one hundred and sixty acre tracts, making more than one thousand two hundred and fifty separate farms to be improved. There has already been built more than seven hundred new farm homes, and farm houses are now being built in every section as fast as the lumber and building materials can be hauled out. Before the end of 1917 more than a thousand new farm homes will adorn the great Spur country and more than a hundred and fifty thousand acres of new land will be under cultivation.

The homes being built are modern and handsome, and would be a credit to much older settled countries. The men settling here are of the highest intelligence, progressive in every respect and will prosper beyond their expectations. They are building and developing an agricultural empire which in the years to come will be recognized as the most productive and richest section of America.

More than half of the Spur Farm Lands has already been sold to home builders, and only a few years remains until the whole area will be in the hands of individual owners and developers. The lands are being sold at a price of ten to twenty dollars an acre. The improved places are selling for from twenty to forty dollars an acre. We make this statement of prices because numerous inquiries from a distance concerning the price of lands in the great Spur country. Those seeking a home will find here not only rich and fertile farming lands but schools and churches in every community and the best people on earth.

MARRIED.

Olin Arthur and Miss Georgia Stephens were married Wednesday of last week in Dickens at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stephens. In the evening a wedding party was had at the home, a large number of guests being in attendance.

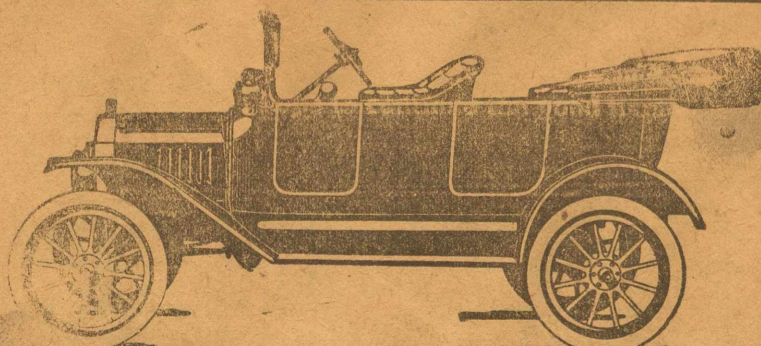
Mr. Arthur is an employee of the F. C. Gipson drug and grocery business, and is a young man of business ability and integrity.

The Texas Spur extends to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur our very best wishes for many happy and prosperous years of married life.

DIED.

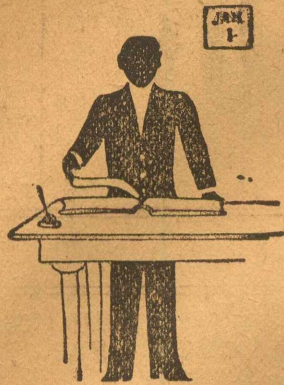
T. A. Childress died Wednesday at his home twelve miles west of Spur and the remains were interred Thursday in the Spur cemetery. Mr. Childress had been suffering several days of pneumonia.

The Texas Spur extends sincere condolence to the bereaved family.



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

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

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W. G. SHERROD, VICE PRESIDENT JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASH.

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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

Mat Howell, of the Cat Fish country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Ed Lisenby, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur this week.

R. R. Wooten and wife, of the plains country near McAdoo, were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur one day this week.

Robt. Nichols, of Mart, who has been spending several of the past weeks on his farm in the McAdoo country, was in Spur one day this week on business.

Fred Nickels, who left this country last year for Blum, returned recently and will again engage in the farming business near McAdoo on the plains. We are glad to welcome Mr. Nickles and family back to the great Spur country and wish them much of the prosperity which abounds throughout this entire territory.

A. A. Allen, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He had been up on the plains looking after the improvement of his place recently purchased a few miles north of McAdoo. Mr. Allen will make a crop this year in the Croton country, but will probably move to his new farm home another year. He reports conditions good on the plains and farmers breaking sod right along.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday to attend the meeting of the fair association.

A. B. Morgan, of twelve miles west of Spur, came in Tuesday of this week and spent a short time in the city on business.

M. C. Hobson, of three or four miles north of Spur, was in the city Monday after supplies.

J. N. Zumwalt, of sixteen or eighteen miles west of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city Saturday of the past week.

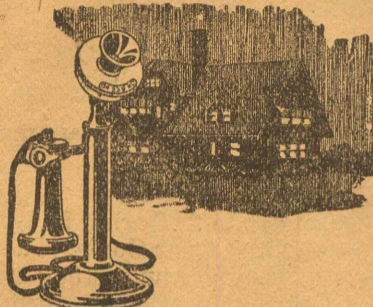
Mr. Hill, of Jayton, came up and spent several days of this week at the home of T. H. Talant of three miles south of Spur. He was here also for the purpose of buying a farm and it is very probable that he found a farm home to suit him and will locate with us. He is a good citizen and we will be glad to welcome him to the great Spur country.

Doc Ellis and wife were in the city Thursday from their ranch home several miles west of Spur. While here Mr. Ellis handed us a check for two dollars and twenty five cents for the renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas Semi-Weekly News another year and for which he has our thanks. We consider Doc Ellis not only one of the best men of the country but one of our best friends, and we appreciate him as such.

Firm Self, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Monday.

For Sale.—Three room house freshly painted and papered, barn 10x30.—See J. P. Wilkes, the painter. 15-1f.

W. F. Walker came in Saturday from his home near Spur. Mr. Walker sold his farm the latter part of last year with the intention of heading westward. However, he later decided to remain in the Spur country and has rented a place, and probably by fall his western fever will have cooled and he will decide to repurchase land and make his permanent home in the greatest country of America.



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Oscar Jackson, Spur

W. J. Hunter, of four or five miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and handed us two dollars and twenty five cents for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year and for which he has our sincere thanks. This is the first new subscription we have received for the Dallas Semi-Weekly News and Texas Spur in combination since the new prices have gone into effect and therefore we have placed his name on our "honor roll."

Ed Hufstedler, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Hufstedler came to this country last year and said that great changes had been made since his coming. Formerly, he said he could return home almost directly, whereas now he is forced to follow the section lines the land having been fenced and placed in cultivation. A few more years and raw land will be a thing of the past in this country

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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.

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Spur, Texas

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.

Harry Ward, traveling salesman out of Stamford, was in Spur Thursday calling on the merchants.

The Misses Adams, of the Red Hill country, were in Spur Saturday shopping with the merchants.

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake community, was among the business visitors to Spur Saturday of last week.

Lee Payne, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday shaking the hands of friends in the city and surrounding country.

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

George Greenwade came to Spur Thursday from Dickens and spent several hours here on business and greeting his numerous friends.

O. O. Gray, general manager of the Afton Telephone Company, came over Thursday and spent a short time in Spur on business.

C. A. Jones, one of the most successful farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week circulating among the crowds and looking after business matters.

The members of the Spur band will hold a meeting Tuesday night for the purpose of reorganizing and securing a leader and director for the ensuing year. The Spur band is already one of the best young bands of the state and with a leader and director they are expected to develop into the leading band of Western Texas if not the whole state.

W. A. King, of three miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. M. Childress, of near the city of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week trading with the merchants and probably marketing something from his farm.

T. W. Morgan was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the latter part of last week. He reported that he recently returned from Jones county driving through the country a bunch of cows which were placed on the Morgan ranch west of Spur. Morgan brothers are engaged in selling milk cows to supply the demand in this section and are keeping a number of choice selections on feed at their place.

Paul A. Turner is in Spur this week for the purpose of making a directory for Dickens and Kent counties and parts of Garza and Crosby counties, including all of the Spur territory. This directory will have the names and addresses, the amount of land owned and the amount of taxes paid by every citizen within this territory, together with other valuable information. This directory will be of material benefit to every business man of the town and surrounding country.

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 for further notice.—Arnold Cope-land. 3-4



THAT AFTER THEATRE SUPPER

is one of the most pleasant features of an evening's enjoyment, particularly if the restaurant selected is one where the service and food is first-class in every respect. We cater especially to after theatre parties, and our quick service and excellent food is appreciated by our patrons. Come in to-night after the show, and get the best supper you have had in many a moon.

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The Westside Barber Shop

VERNER & SIMPSON, Proprietors

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



HERE'S THE PAINT FOR YOU

Goes farther than any other in covering surfaces and it lasts under severest wear. If you're tired of the same old paint—paint it over with our excellent quality paint and get a new effect. Our paints, enamels, stains and varnishes offer a wide variety for selection. Want any suggestions?

BRAZELTON-PRYOR & CO.

H. P. Cole and wife were in Spur Monday from their ranch home near Dickens, spending several hours here shopping and visiting friends.

George Snodgrass came over from Dickens the first of this week and spent several hours in Spur greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

C. C. Garrett, of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here trading with merchants and looking after other matters.

R. R. Johns, of a few miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday to attend the fair association meeting and looking after other business matters.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over one day this week from Dickens and spent some time here looking after the trial of several cases in the Justice Court.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week and spent some time here looking after business matters and greeting his friends.

T. A. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday for the first time in several months. He has been putting in new ground on his place and preparing for a bigger crop in 1917 than he has heretofore produced.

W. T. Wilson and family, of five miles east of Spur, were in the city the latter part of last week trading with the merchants of the city. Mr. Wilson is one of the most extensive, most successful and most progressive farmers of this part of the country.

W. S. Taylor and family, J. E. Taylor and family and Mrs. Jno. Dunn and children spent Sunday at Afton with friends.

Bill Cherry, of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday. He reports everything in good condition in his section with respect to crop prospects.

W. E. Fletcher, of a mile east of Spur, was here Saturday buying materials with which to make improvements on his suburban home.

If you want to buy fat hogs go over to "Egypt" and get them from W. L. McAteer who has them to sell on his place on the Dickens-Spur road. 15-1t.

G. W. Finch, who recently bought the J. P. Gibson place near Steel Hill, was among the business visitors here Monday of this week.

R. J. Williams, a leading citizen of West End, several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday buying supplies and looking after other matters.

A new ten and one-half pound "baker" arrived Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dunn of the German Kitchen and the Texas Spur extends congratulations.

J. P. Gibson and family left Tuesday of this week for their new home in Dawson county, he having recently sold his three hundred and twenty acre farm home at Steel Hill to G. W. Finch for a consideration of thirty dollars an acre. This is one of the finest and best improved farm homes in the country. We regret to see Mr. Gibson and family leave this section but wish them prosperity in their new home.

F. W. West, of two or three miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week.

M. C. West, of five miles south of Spur, was among the number here Saturday trading.

Dennis Harkey, of Dickens, came over Saturday and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting friends.

J. C. McNeill and wife, of the Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur, were in the city Wednesday visiting their friends and shopping with the merchants of the city.

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You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons, by Bert N. Brown Manager. 1 20.

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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

John Self, of the Red Mud country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of this week.

Miss Kidwell returned the latter part of last week from her home where she was called on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. J. E. Morris is on an extended visit to relatives and friends at Haskell.

W. H. Marshall and wife, of the Steel Hill country were among the visitors in the city this week.

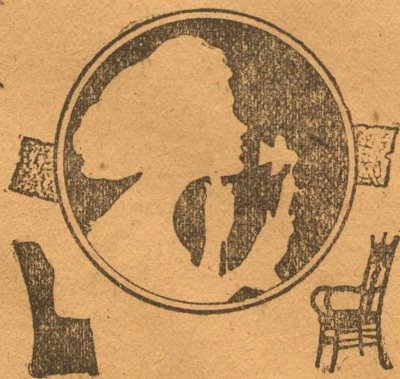
For Sale.—Full blood silyes laced wyandotte eggs, \$1.50 per setting.—Mrs. Joe Formby, Afton, Texas. 15-2tp.

R. J. Hairgrove, of near Spur, was among the number here this week trading with merchants.

R. D. Shields, one of the leading merchants of Dickens and one of the old timers of Dickens county, was among the business visitors in Spur the latter part of last week.

Judge F. C. Gipson, a leading merchant and business man of Dickens, had business in the city of Spur the latter part of the past week and spent several hours here greeting his numerous friends.

C. D. Pullen came in Wednesday of this week from his home in the plains country near McAdoo, spending some time here on business. He was here for the purpose of selling some of the hogs grown this year on his place, selling some fifteen or eighteen head. The farmer who raises hogs, feed and little cotton this year is the man who will be on the safe side.



Telephone If You Like

for anything you desire in the way of

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SPUR, TEXAS



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Farmers Cash Store
Spur, Texas

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

We will devote the next ten days to **Cleaning Up on Small Lots** Regardless of their kind. **All Mens Overcoats, Suits, Boys Suits, Mens Odd Pants, Underwear, Ladies Coats and Suits** are placed at savings of 25 to 40 per cent below the regular value. You will do yourself a wise turn to investigate this opportunity.

We are today selling **Shoes** from 25 to 40 per cent below the Market Value; If you desire this saving better hurry in and buy. **New arrivals in wash dresses for children, middies for children and women. New Gingham, Percals and other spring staples in a wide range.**

Love Dry Goods Company

The Store for Cash Buyers

Spur, Texas

THE FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING A SUCCESS

Practically every business man of Spur and a number of farmers of the surrounding country responded to a call for a meeting of the stockholders, officers and directors of the Dickens County Fair Association, held in the directors room of the Spur National Bank Tuesday afternoon. President Clifford B. Jones stated that the object of the meeting was to determine whether or not sufficient funds could be raised to meet the fair indebtedness or should the buildings and other improvements on the grounds be torn down and sold to liquidate the debts. The latter proposition would not be considered by a single man present, and every man present subscribed liberally to more stock in the association. R. C. Forbis made a proposition that if fifteen other men would give one hundred dollars each, and ten others fifty dollars each, that he would contribute one hundred dollars and in this manner the debts against the fair could be cleared up. The fifteen men subscribed the fifteen hundred dollars, the ten men fifty dollars each, a number subscribed thirty dollars and twenty five each, and others ten and twenty dollars each.

Secretary Sam Clemmons was appointed a committee of one to see others not present, and there is no doubt but that not only the required amount of money to meet all indebtedness will be secured but that a surplus fund will be created on which to operate the fair this year.

We are proud of the manner in which these men responded to the call to save the Dickens County Fair, and we extend to each one our very highest commendation. While heretofore the management of the fair has encountered misfortunes and worked at a disadvantage, there is no question but that it can be made a paying proposition, and while the fair was not organized for the purpose of making money, yet with the start it now has we are confident that each year a surplus fund will be realized for the purpose of making other needed improvements on the grounds. In fact we predict that within a few years the Dickens County Fair will be second only to the State Fair at Dallas.

The following gentlemen were those who subscribed stock and made it possible for the fair to continue to exist: City National Bank, Clifford B. Jones, Spur National Bank, S. M. Swenson & Sons, Bowman Lumber Company, Brazelton-Pryor Company, Miller Lumber

Company, Hogan & Patton, Sol Davis, S. R. Bowman, T. E. Standifer, W. G. Sherrod, W. S. Campbell, Riter Hardware Co., J. B. Morrison, J. P. Simmons, Red Front Drug Store, W. F. Godfrey, German Kitchen (J. W. Dunn), R. R. Johns, E. F. Hall (Highway Garage), G. S. White, M. L. Pierce, F. R. Harrington, J. H. Farmer, B. G. Worswick, W. P. Sampson, T. J. Harvey, R. E. Dickson, M. L. Borden, Frank Goff, J. A. Blair, E. E. White, W. W. Sample, W. C. Gruben, Lela Evans, Jas. F. Williams, Spur Light & Power Company, Sherrod A. Williams, E. Luce, J. E. Brown, T. G. Bass, Jim H. Smith, P. A. Ramsey & Sons (City Garage), J. C. Miller (Spur Produce Company), T. H. Tallant, J. L. Curry, A. C. Hindman, C. N. Kidd, W. M. Hazel, W. E. Duke, Jeff Smith, W. P. T. Smith, R. C. Forbis, Perry Fite, E. B. McLaughlin, Elmo Sleight, Geo. S. Link (Bryant-Link Company), C. L. Love, S. B. Scott.

Tol Ginn, Sheriff of Stonewall county, was in Spur Tuesday.

R. M. Keene, of near Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week.

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake country, was among the recent business visitors to Spur.

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

Roy Butts, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday circulating with the crowds here on that day.

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

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was in Spur recently on business and meeting his friends of the town and country.

W. F. Cathey, of several miles north of Spur, spent several hours in Spur Thursday on business and greeting his numerous friends.

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.

THE U. S. SEVERS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

As a result of the resumption of submarine warfare by Germany, the United States has withdrawn the Ambassador to Germany, given the German Ambassador his passports from this country and has completely severed diplomatic relations between the two countries. As scheduled the German submarine warfare was resumed on the first day of February, and on that day ten ships were sunk, of the number being an American ship loaded with wheat from Galveston, two ships of other countries and seven English ships. Since that time a number of other ships have been destroyed and the submarine activities continue, Germany refusing to modify her intention of continuing such warfare.

However, it is not presumed that our differences with Germany will go further than the severance of diplomatic relations, notwithstanding the fact that past history records that war has always followed the severance of diplomatic relations of countries.

W. H. Stephenson of near Spur, was among the recent business visitors here.

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

H. P. Cole, of near Dickens, was in Spur the first of the week.

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

Mrs. L. H. Edwards, of the Dickens country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time here shopping with merchants.

H. C. Eldredge, who has been sick of pneumonia at his home near McAdoo, is reported to be improving, we are glad to note.

C. D. Copeland, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, was in the city this week buying a big lot of supplies with which to supply his farm, one of the biggest of the country.

DIED.

J. Ewell died Saturday at his home in the Dry Lake community after an illness of several days suffering of pneumonia. The remains were interred Sunday in the Spur cemetery.

Mr. Ewell recently bought a place in the Dry Lake country and with his family had established a permanent home. We extend the family sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

A "barrel of fun" will be had Tuesday night, February 13th, at the building recently vacated by Riter Hardware Co. Everybody is invited to come and participate.

Uncle Buck Hardin, of Post, was in Spur Thursday looking after his interests here. Uncle Buck owns a fine farm about three miles southwest of Spur and on which he lived several years ago. He is now postmaster at Post.

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.

MARRIED.

Friday of last week Miss Crump, daughter of Mr. B. F. Crump, of the Watson community, and Mr. Grizzle were married at the home of the bride's parents at Watson, Rev. E. E. White performing the ceremony.

The Texas Spur extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Grizzle and may they live long and always prosper.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, spent several hours in Spur Tuesday of this week. He is of the opinion that farmers should plant the principal acreage this year to feed and food crops rather than cotton, since he with others is of the opinion that cotton prices will hit the bottom by the fall season. Cotton has already dropped five or six cents a pound and the indications are that it will go to a lower price before the end of the year.

CONTEMPLATE BUILDING MORE BRICKS IN SPUR

Plans are now materializing for the construction of five more new brick business houses in Spur. Work will begin about the first of March on the two brick houses to be constructed on Burlingto Avenue by C. W. Lowery and Hogan & Patton, these buildings to be on the lots where the Riter Hardware formerly did business. Three other brick business houses will be built on Harris Street.

The year 1917 promises to be one of building progress in Spur in both the business and residence sections, since there are a number of fine residences plans for which have already been made.

BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN FISHER COUNTY

The Commissioners' Court of Fisher county has ordered an election to be held on February 17th to determine whether bonds in the sum of \$100,000 shall be voted in that county for the purpose of constructing and maintaining roads.—Ex.

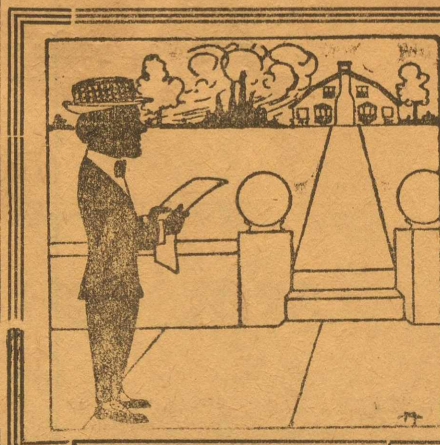
If you want to see a "barrel of fun" go to the old Riter Hardware stand Tuesday night and help the Christian Ladies Aid Society.

The Methodist ladies of the city gave a "tea" Thursday afternoon at the Red Front Drug Store, the proceeds to be devoted to the Methodist church money was realized from the tea.

J. L. Curry, of a mile or two east of Spur, called in Thursday of this week and handed us a check for two dollars and twenty five cents for his renewal Spur and Dallas News another year and for which he has our thanks and appreciation.

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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.

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Dealer in High Grade Hard and Soft Coal

Spot Cash Buying and Selling

proves a great boon to the country. No other agency performs such an important role in keeping the cost of living down. Remember, that even though we do not sell you the goods for the reason that you don't give us a chance, nevertheless, we are seeing to it that the other fellow makes you the right price. You know it's a common occurrence to use our prices as a lever to bring the other fellow down. Do you know that's wrong? If we make the price we ought to have the business. The merchant who carries you from month to month, and sometimes from season to season, needs a long profit. 5 per cent a month on a dollar makes 60 per cent a year. When you once think it over in the right light you will admit that the Spot Cash System is logical and the one to which you will eventually resort. WHY NOT NOW.

Groceries, Corn, Oats, Coal and Cotton Seed Cake and Meal

SPOT CASH GROCERY, Spur, Tex.

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W. A. King, of three miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. M. Childress, of near the city of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week trading with the merchants and probably marketing something from his farm.

W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week.

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A BUSINESS HOUSE AND LOT IN SPUR, CENTRALLY LOCATED AND ON ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL STREETS OF THE TOWN, WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH AT A BARGAIN OR TRADED FOR A FARM NEAR SPUR OR IN THE McADOO COUNTRY.

THIS PROPERTY IS NOT ONLY VALUABLE AT THIS TIME BUT WILL ENHANCE EACH YEAR. IT IS SO LOCATED THAT IT WILL RENT FOR GOOD MONEY OR IT WILL BE A DESIRABLE LOCATION FOR ANY CHARACTER OF BUSINESS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL AT THE TEXAS SPUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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

J. J. Cloud came in Monday from his farm home in the Soldier Mound country.

S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was here Saturday on business and greeting friends.

Bob Morgan was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

Chas. Gunn, of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. P. C. Ellis is on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Higginbotham, of Anson.

J. W. Thompson, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

J. E. Cherry, of several miles south of Spur, was among the large number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number here Saturday trading and meeting friends.

J. B. Conner came over from Dickens one day this week and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting his numerous friends.

W. H. Taylor came in Thursday from his home in the Steel Hill community and spent an hour or two here greeting his numerous friends. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time.

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of Spur, was a business visitor in the city one day this week.

J. A. Kerley, a prosperous farmer of several miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday shopping with merchants and visiting friends.

H. E. Grabener, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

Jack and Stallion to Sell—³/₄ Belgian and 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. 14-1f.

Jim Foster, of the Croton country, was among the business visitors in Spur this week. He made a business trip last week to Seymour where he spent a day or two, returning home through the country in his car one of the coldest days of the season.

Miss Bennie Law, of the Afton country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday of this week.

John Law, who recently moved to his new farm and ranch home north of Afton, was in Spur Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore came in Saturday from their ranch home six miles west of Spur and spent some time in the city visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

J. E. Burton, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur the first of this week buying supplies and greeting his friends.

W. B. Arthur, of Dickens and a prominent citizen of that section of the country, was a business visitor to Spur one day the latter part of last week. He reports everything in good shape.

G. S. Jones, of near Spur, was in the city Monday marketing country produce and for which he secured the highest market prices. Spur is one of the best markets in all of Western Texas with respect to all farm and country produce. Come to Spur.

Mike M. Young, of near Jayton, had business in Spur the first of the week.

J. Anderson Davis, of four or five miles northeast of Spur, was among the large number in Spur Saturday.

Frank Goff made a business trip the latter part of last week to Rotan and other points of that part of the country. The trip was made through the country in an auto.

C. J. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday circulating among the crowds and greeting numerous friends and acquaintances.

C. I. Cannon was in Spur Saturday from his new ranch home in Garza county, he having recently sold his ranch property in the Dry Lake community to C. D. Bird of near Matador.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday. He shipped the engine of his car to Dallas for repairs. During the cold weather his car was driven to some gathering in that section, and while standing the water froze, bursting the water jackets surrounding the cylinders.

Miss Minnie Fite this week purchased a new Overland car from the Spur Overland Company.

T. J. Harrison, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday greeting friends and trading with merchants.

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies and shaking hands with friends.

Rush McLaughlin, of near McAdoo, on the plains, was in Spur Monday and spent the day here on business.

J. B. Morrison came in Saturday from the 7-N Ranch headquarters and spent the day here on business.

John Weathers, of the Red Mud Camp southwest of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business interests.

J. L. Curry, of a few miles east of Spur, had business in the city one day this week. He recently sold his place east of Spur and purchased a quarter section south of town and on which he will build a nice and modern farm home and where he intends to make his permanent home in the future.

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Mace Hunter, of four miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday of this week. We are informed that Mr. Hunter recently purchased a section of land on the where he intends to establish a small ranch. However, he has not sold his property in this part of this country and in this instance is only reaching out for more grass lands.



MEN DIFFER ABOUT THE TARIFF ON PROTECTION

but they don't differ on the question of the protection of safe deposit vaults in which to store the valuables of the family. Don't subject your valuable possessions to unnecessary risks when the annual rental of a safe deposit vault is so nominal. Consult us about this before something happens.

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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Builders Hardware, Mitchell Wagons, Woodmanse and Standard windmills, Pipe Fittings, Implements of All Kinds.

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JOHNSON INTRODUCES REDISTRICTING BILL

Senator Johnson of this senatorial district has introduced a bill reapportioning the senatorial districts of the state, giving west Texas more representation in the state senate. A number of changes have been made in the make up of the district in this section of the state. Wichita county is made a part of the 22nd district together with Clay Jack, Archer, Young, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Haskell, Hardeman, Ford and Knox counties.

Hall, Senator Johnson's home county, is made a part of the 31st district which, under Senator Johnson's bill, would comprise the following counties:

Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson, Moore, Hartley, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Donley, Armstrong, Randall, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Cottle, Motley, Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Dickens, Crosby, and King.—Amarillo Daily News.

A mighty good thing to remember is that helping others is one of the best ways to help yourself. Many a small town never gets beyond the village class because there are men in it who are so envious of the success of others that they would rather tear the competitors down than build themselves up.—Clarendon News.

Some smart citizen got his name in the paper the other day by informing the editor of one of our exchanges of some wonderful things that has come to his attention. He says that a wagon maker who was dumb since infancy picked up a hub and spoke; on the same day a blind carpenter reached out for a plane and saw; a deaf farmer went out with his dog and herd; an elephant inserted his trunk in a grate and flue; and a bed bug listened to a bed tick.—Ex.

LIST OF LETTERS

remaining uncalled for at the Post Office at Dickens, Texas, month ending Jan. 31, 1917.

Ladies

Mrs. Minnie Kelly
Miss Ruby Stone
Mrs. Maggie Thrash

Gents

W. M. Cox
J. B. Higginbotham

Parties calling for same will please say that they are advertised. If not called for by Feb. 28th, 1917, will be sent to the dead letter office.

E. Ham,
Postmaster.

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.

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POLL TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED IN KENT COUNTY

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DUMONT

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Dr. F. E. Stone was here last Saturday in the interest of the Dumont school and investigated the sickness of several families and the doctor pronounced the malady smallpox. The sheriff of King county put up yellow flags at the following homes: T. C. Carpenter, C. C. and G. W. Carpenter, L. A. Barfield, W. T. Siwell, Tom Brown and C. Turner. A. C. Tackett was appointed to see that they receive the best of attention and administer to their wants. All children were prohibited from going to school.

J. L. Sinclair and wife went to Guthrie last Sunday. John Franklin gave the young folks a social last Saturday eve. All report a good time.

Mrs. J. N. Dillard is reported very ill. We hope she will soon recover and be at herself again.

A. Holmberg and J. C. Banks motored to Paducah last Monday after a brickmason to do some brick work on the school house, so the new stoves could be installed at once.

R. J. Bohner, wife and son, Sammy, made a visit to old-time friends in the beautiful town of Guthrie last Saturday and Sunday.—Old Bill in Paducah Post.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of Spur for their kindness in our recent sorrow. Especially do we thank Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby for their kindness in receiving us in their home.

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YOUR car is inseparable from the institution that built it.

The service it gives you is just what its producers have built into it and keep alive in it.

In motor cars, stability of product is inseparable from the stability of the producers.

Overland ranks first among producers of cars above the \$400 class—second in the entire industry.

There are 400,000 Overlands in use.

Overland dealers have contracted for one hundred and eighty million dollars worth of Overlands for 1917—an increase of seventy-five million dollars compared with last year.

Overland sales this year proximately as great as the entire annual gross revenues of the New York Central Railroad.

Overland net assets have grown from fifty-eight thousand dollars eight years ago, to over sixty eight million dollars to-

day. In our great Toledo plant and our allied plants we employ nearly thirty-eight thousand men.

They directly support more than two hundred thousand people.

Permanent well appointed factory branches and parts depots representing an investment of millions have been established in important metropolitan centers that cover the country.

These branches serve the five thousand Willys-Overland dealers who complete our great international service system.

These tangible evidences of the stability of the Overland Industry are your best assurance of stability of quality and service in Overland Automobiles.

The Willys-Overland line is now complete.

And it is the only complete line of cars built and sold—

—under one executive management, —with one engineering

staff, —with one purchasing power,

—by one production management,

—through one sales force, and

—one group of dealers.

Resulting economies amounting to millions of dollars, reduce the cost of every car—enable Overland to establish and maintain higher quality standards at lower prices.

So in your Overland you get maximum quality at minimum price—plus stability, to assure permanence of value in your investment.

You can select a car in the light four group, the big four group, or the light six group.

You can select one of the Willys-Knight group.

In either case it is dominant value in its class, for it has shared in economies of Overland bigness and stability.

See the Overland dealer now and make your selection.

The Willys-Overland Co.

Toledo, Ohio.

Light Four
Touring \$675
Roadster 650
Country Club 750

Big Four
Touring \$850
Roadster 835
Coupe 1250
Sedan 1450

Spur Overland Co.

Local Dealers

Elmo Sleight, Salesman

Light Six
Touring \$985
Roadster 970
Coupe 1385
Sedan 1585

Willys-Knight
Four Touring \$1285
Four Coupe 1650
Four Sedan 1950
Four Limousine 1950
Eight Touring 1950
All prices f. o. b. Toledo

SIDEWALKS, CURBING, LAWN

and park grading should be scientifically laid out to insure good drainage and best appearance. I build your sidewalks and curbing true to line and grade. No Guess Work. Will also grade yards and lawns. Make locations for trees and flower beds. All work done according to best Engineering Practice. Phone 140 and see what an improvement I can make for a few dollars.

CHAS. WHITENER

Concrete Foundations, Stock Tanks, Silos, Floors, Steps, Fountains and Cemetery Decorations
Agent TEXAS ANCHOR FENCE CO.

MATADOR-NORTHERN RAILROAD TO EXTEND

A Childress party who visited in Matador a few days ago, stated that plans are being made by the Matador & Northern Railway Company to extend their line from Matador to Childress.

The party stated that the Q. A. & P. Railway was fighting the Matador & Northern, and for that reason that directors of the latter road wanted connection with the Denver road. The extension would be the making of Matador and would build up a wonderful farming country between Matador and Childress.

Judge A. J. Fires of this city is working on the proposition and was in Fort Worth a few days ago conferring with prominent railway officials. It is thought the Denver may become interested in the project.
—Childress Index.

DUMONT

A. P. Hollar, L. A. Hollar and J. C. Banks motored to Dickens county last Friday and back home. The Hollars went to pay their taxes and J. C. Banks went along as company.

Dr. F. E. Stone was here last Saturday in the interest of the Dumont school and investigated the sickness of several families and the doctor pronounced the malady smallpox. The sheriff of King county put up yellow flags at the following homes: T. C. Carpenter, C. C. and G. W. Carpenter, L. A. Barfield, W. T. Siwell, Tom Brown and C. Turner. A. C. Tackett was appointed to see that they receive the best of attention and administer to their wants. All children were prohibited from going to school.

J. L. Sinclair and wife went to Guthrie last Sunday.

John Franklin gave the young folks a social last Saturday eve. All report a good time.

Mrs. J. N. Dillard is reported very ill. We hope she will soon recover and be at herself again.

A. Holmberg and J. C. Banks motored to Paducah last Monday after a brickmason to do some brick work on the school house, so the new stoves could be installed at once.

R. J. Bohner, wife and son, Sammy, made a visit to old-time friends in the beautiful town of Guthrie last Saturday and Sunday.—Old Bill in Paducah Post.

Some smart citizen got his name in the paper the other day by informing the editor of one of our exchanges of some wonderful things that has come to his attention. He says that a wagon maker who was dumb since infancy picked up a hub and spoke; on the same day a blind carpenter reached out for a plane and saw; a deaf farmer went out with his dog and herd; an elephant inserted his trunk in a grate and flue; and a bed bug listened to a bed tick.—Ex.

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

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number here Saturday trading and meeting friends.

JOHNSON INTRODUCES REDISTRICTING BILL

Senator Johnson of this senatorial district has introduced a bill reapportioning the senatorial districts of the state, giving west Texas more representation in the state senate. A number of changes have been made in the make up of the district in this section of the state. Wichita county is made a part of the 22nd district together with Clay Jack, Archer, Young, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Haskell, Hardeman, Ford and Knox counties.

Hall, Senator Johnson's home county, is made a part of the 31st district which, under Senator Johnson's bill, would comprise the following counties:

Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson, Moore, Hartley, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Donley, Armstrong, Randall, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Cottle, Motley, Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Dickens, Crosby, and King.—Amarillo Daily News.

W. H. Taylor came in Thursday from his home in the Steel Hill community and spent an hour or two here greeting his numerous friends. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time.

T. W. Morgan was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the latter part of last week. He reported that he recently returned from Jones county driving through the country a bunch of cows which were placed on the Morgan ranch west of Spur. Morgan brothers are engaged in selling milk cows to supply the demand in this section and are keeping a number of choice selections on feed at their place.

Paul A. Turner is in Spur this week for the purpose of making a directory for Dickens and Kent counties and parts of Garza and Crosby counties, including all of the Spur territory. This directory will have the names and addresses, the amount of land owned and the amount of taxes paid by every citizen within this territory, together with other valuable information. This directory will be of material benefit to every business man of the town and surrounding country.

NEGRO PRESSED IN BALE OF COTTON AT JAYTON

A negro, known as "Waco Slim", was killed Saturday night at Jayton by being pressed into a bale of linter cotton at the oil mill at that place. Children were playing around the oil mill Sunday and discovered a portion of the hand protruding from a bale of cotton. The bale of cotton was opened and the body removed. Two white men and a negro have been arrested pending further investigation.

The negro was working at the oil mill on the night shift, doing the press work. It is alleged that the negro had been drinking, and in throwing an arm full of cotton in the press he might have stumbled, falling head foremost into the press where he remained stunned or fell asleep, other hands filling the press with cotton and pressing the negro in the bale. Others think there is a possibility of murder, and infer that a fight might have occurred in a nearby box car, the negro's body being thrown into the press to cover up the deed.

Bloody clothes were found in a box car in Spur Monday and it is presumed that they were the clothes removed from the negro's body after being discovered.

WEDDING BELLS

On Sunday, Feb. 4th, 1917, at the City Hotel in Spur, Mr. Wallace Hinson and Miss Susie Scott of West end were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, F. N. Oliver, J. P., officiating.

This splendid young couple are favorites in the Red Mud community and carry with them on the sunny seas of time the heartiest and best wishes of a host of friends.

John Hazlewood made a run on the capital of Dickens county Monday.

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.

A mighty good thing to remember is that helping others is one of the best ways to help yourself. Many a small town never gets beyond the village class because there are men in it who are so envious of the success of others that they would rather tear the competitors down than build themselves up.
—Clarendon News.

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J. L. Curry, of a few miles east of Spur, had business in the city one day this week. He recently sold his place east of Spur and purchased a quarter section south of town and on which he will build a nice and modern farm home and where he intends to make his permanent home in the future.

Fred Nickels, who left this country last year for Blum, returned recently and will again engage in the farming business near McAdoo on the plains. We are glad to welcome Mr. Nickles and family back to the great Spur country and wish them much of the prosperity which abounds throughout this entire territory.

Mr. Hill, of Jayton, came up and spent several days of this week at the home of T. H. Tallant of three miles south of Spur. He was here also for the purpose of buying a farm and it is very probable that he found a farm home to suit him and will locate with us. He is a good citizen and we will be glad to welcome him to the great Spur country.

A. A. Allen, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He had been up on the plains looking after the improvement of his place recently purchased a few miles north of McAdoo. Mr. Allen will make a crop this year in the Croton country, but will probably move to his new farm home another year. He reports conditions good on the plains and farmers breaking sod right along.

Doc Ellis and wife were in the city Thursday from their ranch home several miles west of Spur. While here Mr. Ellis handed us a check for two dollars and twenty five cents for the renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas Semi-Weekly News another year and for which he has our thanks. We consider Doc Ellis not only one of the best men of the country but one of our best friends, and we appreciate him as such.

ONE OF THE EARLIEST GOOD ROADS ADVOCATES

J. L. Moore came in Monday from his ranch home five or six miles west of Spur and spent an hour or two here on business. Mr. Moore is another old timer of this country, having formerly resided in King county. He has the distinction of being one of the earliest good roads advocates of this whole country. In the early days, he devoted his time and at his own expense built a short distance of first-class highway in King county to demonstrate the advantages. He followed this work up by launching a campaign for bonds to build a good road. The bonds carried and is probably the first good roads bonds ever issued in Western Texas. Such men as J. L. Moore deserve credit for paving the way for the present day advancement and progress. You will find such men today not only favoring but pushing every public enterprise for the advancement and betterment of community interests.

J. E. Burton, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur the first of this week buying supplies and greeting his friends.

Mace Hunter, of four miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday of this week. We are informed that Mr. Hunter recently purchased a section of land on the where he intends to establish a small ranch. However, he has not sold his property in this part of this country and in this instance is only reaching out for more grass lands.

W. J. Hunter, of four or five miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and handed us two dollars and twenty five cents for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year and for which he has our sincere thanks. This is the first new subscription we have received for the Dallas Semi-Weekly News and Texas Spur in combination since the new prices have gone into effect and therefore we have placed his name on our "honor roll."

Ed Hufstedler, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Hufstedler came to this country last year and said that great changes had been made since his coming. Formerly, he said he could return home almost directly, whereas now he is forced to follow the section lines the land having been fenced and placed in cultivation. A few more years and raw land will be a thing of the past in this country.