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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT AT DICKENS

The following gentlemen composed the petit juries for the week: J. W. Anderton, John Latham, H. P. Cole, Tommie Hobson, W. G. Crego, John Harrington, Paul Douglass, Dud Martin, A. A. Allen, L. L. Arnold, Billie Smith, A. S. Jackson, J. A. Neighbors and J. B. Conner.

Knobe Adams, charged with gaming, continued to the next term of court.

L. C. Sweet, charged with swindling, continued.

W. R. Gannon, charged with boot-legging, continued.

H. E. Elliot, charged with an affray, continued.

The case of H. A. C. Brummett, tried for failure to work road, jury disagreed.

Jas. R. Stafford, two cases charging the unlawful practice of medicine, verdict of not guilty in both cases.

The Jury Commission appointed to select the jury for the next six months were T. M. Green, J. P. Koonsman and R. T. Dopson.

Court adjourned Friday of last week.

HILL STREET WILL BE WIDENED WITH GRAVEL

Hill Street, running from the north end of Burlington Avenue west and connecting with the Dickens road, will be widened and regraded by the City government. In the beginning this street was graveled by the individual property owners of that street. The grading is so high and narrow that it greatly inconveniences the passage of vehicles, therefore it will be regraded, widened and regravelled, thus making it a first-class highway.

The City Commissioners have issued interest bearing warrants for a long term of years and the funds thus derived will not only be used on Hill Street work but in putting in another pump engine and sinking another well for the City Waterworks Department.

AN EPIDEMIC OF THE MEASLES IN DICKENS

We were in Dickens the latter part of last week and were informed that but few families of the town had escaped having one or more cases of measles. However, the epidemic is not of the malignant form and the many who have the disease suffer more from the inconvenience of having to "stay in" than from the measles.

The Dickens School has temporarily suspended, but will begin again just as soon as the epidemic has passed.

A CARD OF THANKS

May we express to you who have been with us in the tenderest way we know our sincere appreciation for your love, sympathy and kindness rendered during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

D. E. Thomas and family.

DEATH OF MRS. MARTHA A. THOMAS

Mrs. Martha A. Thomas, wife of D. E. Thomas, after a prolonged illness was called to her reward February 25. For the past two years she and her husband had made their home with their daughter, Mrs. John Luce. Mrs. Thomas was born Feb. 1, 1843, in Louisiana and came to Texas sixty-six years ago. She made a profession of religion at a camp meeting in Hunt county and joined the Methodist Church in 1872.

The seven living children with their father were with her in her last days of sickness. Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. John Luce and R. E. Thomas, all of Spur, and J. I. Thomas of Hunt county, Mrs. W. A. and M. E. Goss of Abilene are the seven living children. Our sympathy goes out to all of these as well as to the other relatives and friends.

At a ripe old age God has seen fit to carry another from this world of sorrow and suffering to her reward.

A MILE OF GRAVEL ON THE DICKENS ROADWAY

The one mile of graveled roadway leading out of Spur on the Dickens road has been completed and it is a real pleasure to those who travel that way. There is absolutely no question but that the graveled roads are the thing for this country. On this graveled road one team can pull twice as big a load in any kind of weather as could be pulled before it was graveled. Of course a graveled road costs more in the beginning but it pays big dividends to those who travel it with loads, and it is there to stay and does not have to be repaired after each rain.

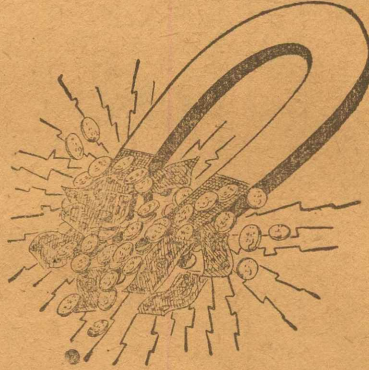
The Dickens and Afton road is traveled more than any other road in the county and we want to see it graveled completely from Spur, through Dickens to Afton. This could be done by a bond issue at a very small cost to each tax payer yearly, and to haul just one big load over such a road the tax payer would save the amount of the yearly tax, and the loads hauled thereafter would be clear profit.

The county is having one mile of graveled roadway built in each of the four Commissioners Precincts, and we know that the building of these roadways will convince every man that it pays to build hard-surfaced and permanent roads. The graveled of the streets of Spur thoroughly demonstrated and convinced us that it was a waste of money to merely grade and round up a road subjected to constant and heavy traffic. Before the streets were graveled every few weeks these streets had to be almost completely rebuilt, whereas, since graveled more than a year ago we have noticed no street working. It pays in every way to build good roads and permanent roads, and the Spur-Dickens-Afton road is one which should be put in first-class shape.



In 1492 a great discovery was made. That has been a long time. Many other discoveries have been made since. And today those ladies who have not visited our Ready-to-Wear department. If they will do so, will not find a new country, but will find Gowns, Suits, Coats, Hats, and Skirts, that to them, will be as wonderful a revelation in the Ready-to-Wear line as was 1492 discovery in the new country line. We don't care where you go or send, you will not find better styles or values than we can show you in this department. You know in fishing, people are always trying to fish on the side of the creek farthest from them and many times the deepest water and biggest fish are on their side of the creek. Now perhaps in this country there are some people who send away to other cities for the new hat, dress, coat or suit they may need and never even look to see what they can find in our Ready-to-Wear Department. In doing this they are paying more for what they get for the city is the home of high prices. All we ask is a fair comparison. Now we are having a wonderful business in this department and there's a reason. Ask the well-dressed ladies as you meet them and see how many buy their dresses from

Bryant-Link Co.



As surely as the needle points to the pole and as the particles of steel gather around the point of the magnet; so surely we feel will good stocks of merchandise, bought right and sold right, attract the people. Now we are striving to serve our customers better all the time. We are just starting a big warehouse, building it of brick, when we could have built of cheaper material, but we feel that Spur and the Spur country should have the best, and we want to invest our money in the country that helped us make it. And in this connection, we want to say that new customers are coming in every day, many of them sent by our friends, and again we must say that we would not give the friendship of our customers for any other asset we have. They are our friends in reality and we love to shake their hands and talk with them about and help them as best we can with their troubles and problems.

Now as to prices of merchandise, we just tell you as we have always told you. We sell as cheap as merchandise can be honestly sold and continue in business. We buy in large quantities, discount all bills that can profitably be discounted

TWO MORE BIG BRICKS TO GO UP IN SPUR

Contracts were let Tuesday of this week by the Bryant-Link Company and the Spur Overland Company for the construction of two big brick business houses to cover adjoining lots, 75x100 feet, on Harris Street west of Burlington Avenue, Ferguson & Nolen being awarded the contract.

Work on these buildings commenced Wednesday and will be rushed to completion. One of the buildings will be used for the Bryant-Link tin shop while the other and larger building will be used by the Spur Overland Company as a show room and for storage purposes.

At the present time there are five brick business houses under construction, which is some evidence that Spur is building and growing permanently and rapidly. We know of four other brick business houses now under contemplation and it is very probable that they will be built some time during the year.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF THE Y. M. B. L.

A very enthusiastic and most profitable meeting of the Young Mens Business League was held Tuesday afternoon in the Directors' room of the Spur National Bank, there being quite a number of the membership and a few visitors present.

At this meeting it was decided that the league would stand behind the officers and the City Government and insist on the enforcement of the Sanitary Laws of the City. A committee composed of Oscar Jackson and Oran McClure was appointed to draw up and have printed the ordinances of the City of Spur relating to sanitation, and deliver a copy of such laws to each citizen of the town in order that no one would not be familiar with such laws. A general "clean-up" day will be designated, after which fines will be assessed against any premises within the corporate limits not kept in strictly sanitary condition.

It was decided that the second Thursday night of each month would be the regular meeting nights for the league.

The Young Mens Business League is beginning the work of such an organization in the proper manner, and its work will be felt, not only within the city limits but throughout the Spur country.

And, by doing a large cash and credit business, we get a volume which makes our expense of selling cheaper than the store that tries to sell exclusively for cash. Ask the prosperous people of the country and see how many trade with us. Trust your business to us. We have no specials to catch you, but you will be properly treated.

Your friends,
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

DEATH OF MRS. MARY R. CLINE

On February 23 at one o'clock a. m. Mrs. Mary R. Cline, sister of Mr. J. E. Brown, of the Dry Lake community, died at the home of Mr. Brown. Had Aunt Mary lived until Sept. 2 she would have been 85 years old. She was born in Kentucky in 1832 and came with her brother to Texas about ten years ago. She has one sister, Mrs. Emily T. Scott, who still lives in Kentucky, and one son, John Wesley, who lives in Illinois.

Regardless of her old age, Aunt Mary always kept young. For one of her age until Wednesday before her death she was in good health and was especially strong. Thirty-six hours before her death, however, she was stricken with paralysis and after that never spoke a word.

The whole community feels deeply the loss of this bright spirit. None, however, would recall her to this world for those who knew her realize that she has passed out into a better and brighter world, for she knew Christ as a personal Savior.

A FARMER MAKES 102 BALES FROM COTTON CROP

A. W. Jordan, a big farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur recently and informed us that he made a total of one hundred and two bales of cotton from his cotton crop of the past year. He is holding sixty bales of this cotton, having sold forty two bales at prices ranging up to twenty cents a pound. Aside from his cotton crop Mr. Jordan made a big feed crop and a good crop of wheat last year. His cotton crop was hailed out and notwithstanding this misfortune a good average crop was gathered all around. Mr. Jordan is a farmer who farms with his brain as well as brawn, and the rich soil of the great Spur country will not only prosper such men but grow them wealthy in the years to come.

A. C. LEWIS BUILDING A BRICK SHOE SHOP

A. C. Lewis is having a brick shoe shop constructed on the east side of Burlington Avenue and adjoining the French Ruby Cafe, the work being done by H. F. Murray. The structure will be complete and ready for occupancy by the first of next week.

Let the building progress continue uninterrupted in Spur.

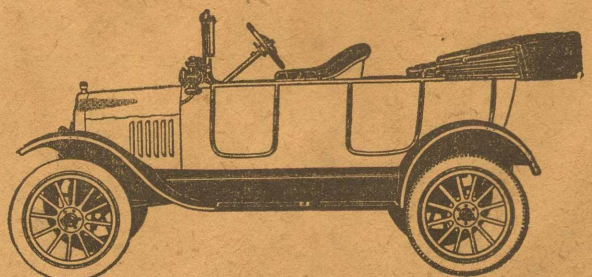
ACCIDENTALLY POISONED BY EATING CAN GOODS

We are informed that the Morgan family west of Spur suffered considerably last week by being poisoned in eating can goods. However, we are glad to note that each member of the family thus affected recovered, having suffered only a few hours.

\$1,000,000 TO LOAN ON FARMS AND RANCHES

at 8 per cent for 5, 7 or 10 years to pay at end of first year and stop the interest or at end of 10 years.
WE DON'T REQUIRE CASH INTEREST PAYMENT IN ADVANCE. MONEY READY NOW.

OSCAR JACKSON



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



ATTENTION!

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A BANK ACCOUNT is ALWAYS at ATTENTION; A PROTECTION in times of PEACE—A STRENGTH in times of WAR.

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

FRUIT AND PLANTS MAY BE MADE TASTE AS WISHED

The day is coming soon when potatoes dug from the ground will taste like cantaloupes, grapefruit will be plucked from the trees like cherries and the Sahara desert will bloom like a rose garden. Such was the prediction made by Howard Dean, professor of chemistry at Park college, speaking before the Missouri Valley Horticultural society.

Professor Dean said he had already succeeded in reducing the starch of a potato to sugar through chemical treatment. He asserted that by feeding certain plants on formaldehyde they can be made to develop sugar and starch.

Investigations are now being made by chemists which show that plants manufacture compounds that are not normal to them. These investigations, he said, are being continued, and chemists are diligently searching the leaves of plants in an attempt to find the agent which converts the carbon dioxide in the air and the moisture into plant products.

When the secret is discovered—and its early discovery he is confidently waiting—he said he would possess an unlimited source of energy. The point he brought out was that the possession of that secret would enable man to convert the sun's energy to his own use in any way he desired.

Then it would be possible, he asserted, to fill the Sahara desert with plant life; to grow any plant or fruit so that it would taste exactly as the grower wished.

Mrs. F. W. West, of two or three miles west of Spur, was among the shoppers in the city Saturday.



GERMAN KITCHEN AND BAKERY

THE KIND THAT MOTHER MADE

cannot surpass the quality of our bread. We use the best flour procurable, and every other essential in bread making is of the highest standard quality. Baked to a perfect turn. Good bread is scarce, therefore, all the more to be appreciated.

THE MERRY WIVES

On Friday afternoon Mrs. W. F. Godfrey entertained the Merry Wives. After a number of interesting game of forty two delicious refreshments of sandwiches, fruit salad, coffee, ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames C. L. Love, C. A. Love, Pierce, Busby, Richbourg, Jennings, Cates, Link, Higginbotham, Manning, Edmonds, Moore, Wilson, Nicholson, Whiting of Oklahoma Morris, Standifer, Davis, Andrews and Godfrey.

Lost—Chain Bracelet between Gem Theatre and Midway Hotel. Linked with Amethyst; had GML engraved on outside. Return to Love Dry Goods Co., for reward.

John Weathers came in Saturday from the Red Mud Camp southwest of Spur. John Weathers deals in fine horses and cattle and is one of the most liberal traders of the country. He buys, sells and trades anything in the livestock line and as a result can generally supply any one with what he wants in this line.

T. J. Hicks, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving a check for five dollars to credit his subscription up to the present time and for which he has our sincere thanks. We have never objected to carrying our patrons, even over a number of years, and this trust has never been betrayed except in two instances. In these two instances we credited them for five or six years subscription and then had the misfortune to have the paper stopped without the parties paying up, each of the two sending a notice through the postmaster that the paper was refused. However, we are glad to know that there are but two of that calibre in this broad land. Read the Texas Spur.

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Office over the Spur National Bank

A QUIET PLACE

A thin little man entered one of the stores recently and quietly seated himself on a convenient chair. One of the clerks approached and asked if he wished to purchase anything. "Oh, no" said the man, "I just dropped in for a few minutes." After half an hour had passed, the proprietor asked what could be done for him. "Why, nothing that I know of," said the man. "You see, I have nervous prostration, and the doctor told me to stay in a quiet place. Noticing that you never advertise, I knew this would be the quietest place I could find." Every reader can guess where he stopped.

A FAMILY OF BIRDS

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robin, her second Sparrow the present Quale.

There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow and three Quales in the family. One grandfather was a Swan and another a Jaye, but he's dead now and a bird of paradise. They live on Hawk Avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands.—Ex.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

A little squirrel broom machine, also some material and a small amount of broom corn. Will sell cheap or will trade for anything useful.—W. H. Teague. 18-1f.

IT IS 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

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.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Remember that W. W. Hunt wants your hides and furs at the Farmers Wagon Yard, and will pay the highest market price. 17 3 tp.

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 Cope-land. 3-1f

Tom McArthur, of the Tap country, came in Monday.

Gill Green, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

For Sale—Two buggies and horses, worth the money.—W. L. Hyatt. 18-1tp.

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

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of town, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

T. V. Davis, of nine miles west of Spur on the Highway, was among the number here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker came in Saturday and spent an hour or two here trading and meeting friends.

Tom Dodson, Jr., of the Afton country, was among the many in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants of the city who are reaching out after the trade of this territory. Tom Dodson owns a fine, sandy loam farm consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, the principal part of which is under cultivation and from which he harvests big crops each year. In fact he is getting rich farming in that section.

MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN LUBBOCK

Pat Posey was fatally injured by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a friend Thursday evening about 6:30 at Lubbock and died the following day at noon.

Just a week more than 18 months ago Pat's father, J. B. Posey, formerly in the banking business at Floydada, and son, Evens, were killed by gas fumes in an underground silo near Slaton.

Pat's fatal injury was received at the hands of an intimate friend of about the same age in Lubbock, a young man named von Rosenberg, a nephew of former Commissioner of Banking and Insurance of this State. The discharge of the pistol was accidental according to Pat's statement made when he recovered consciousness shortly before his death. He was at his friend's home when the accident occurred.

At the time of his death Pat was stockfarming southeast of Lubbock. He is survived by his widowed mother, four brothers and two sisters.—Floyd County Hesperian.

Ben Holly, of near Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

Buster Bural, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday trading.

Mrs. J. C. Davis spent last week in Spur with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Davis.

H. P. Cole, of near Dickens, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

W. L. McAteer, of several miles north of Spur and in the land known as "Egypt", was in Spur Saturday.

..J. P. SIMMONS..

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

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THE THREE BEST AND MODERATELY PRICED CARS ON THE MARKET.

Let us demonstrate either one of these cars, and if you are in the market for a car you will be pleased.

DAVIS & EDMONDS

Citizens Garage & Machine Shop

P. A. RAMSEY & SON, Props.

We have bought the Citizens Garage and are now installing a new OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING Machine and other equipments necessary for a first-class garage and machine shop.

We make a specialty of repairing electrical starters and every job turned out is Guaranteed to give Perfect Satisfaction.

If Your Car NEEDS REPAIRING Bring It To US

SALOONS ARE DOOMED IN THIS COUNTRY

Another evidence of the tendency of the people to do away with the saloons of the country was demonstrated last week when a large delegation met with the Commissioners Court at Clovis, New Mexico, and presented petitions asking that the saloon licenses of all saloons in Texico be revoked. The Court stated that such action would be taken should the law delegate such power to it. Texico has long been noted as a drinking and gambling resort, but its days as such are numbered. One half of the states of the United States are now in the prohibition ranks, and it is only a question of a few years until whiskey will be outlawed throughout the country. Texas will be the next state to go dry, and since Congress has passed a law prohibiting the shipment of whiskey into dry territory those who cannot live without stimulants will be forced to go over to old Mexico and drink "mescal" with the Mexicans.

Spur is the "biggest little city and fastest growing town in America." A dozen new bricks built in 1916, five bricks under construction today, and four to be built soon is some evidence to back up this statement.

A few years from today Dickens county citizens will be driving exclusively over paved highways. We are growing and advancing along material lines. Come to Dickens county.

The Allies are feeling the effects of Germany's submarine warfare in that they, too, are short on food stuff. The European war is developing into a war of starvation as well as of slaughter and murder.

Dickens county has the finest road building material in the world, and we are now building the roads. We can boast of the most progressive and enlightened citizenship in the world.

It is reported that the Germans have destroyed 228 ships during the month of January. Since instituting the unrestricted submarine warfare the first of February this number will probably be greatly increased during this month.

Germany is still blowing up ships in the European waters, some times at the rate of eight or ten a day. The United States continues to look for and expect Germany to commit that "overt act" by blowing up an American ship within the war zone created by that country.

When we get that A. & M. College railroads will build in

from every direction, our agricultural interests will develop more rapidly, substantially, systematically and scientifically and we will become the real center of attraction of all of Western Texas. We want it and we are after it.

The farm Demonstration agent in Dickens county is going from farm to farm, showing the farmers how to farm. He is being paid by the county and no farmer wishing to gain more farming knowledge should hesitate to call on the demonstrator for his aid and assistance.

Building is not the only progressive movement now under way in Spur. The Young Mens Business League is alive and cleaning up the town, streets are being paved, the City Water works is being extended and better equipped, and the biggest of all we are out after that A. & M. College. Come over and help us.

Senator Johnston, of Hall county, evidently was playing "high politics" in bringing the charges against Governor Ferguson. The Senator intends to run for Lieutenant Governor at the next election, but the notoriety gained by this method will not advance his prospective candidacy. The legislature is no place in which to play politics, nevertheless much of the time is devoted to that business.

PARKING CARS

I hereby call attention to the public to the City law relating to parking cars: That is to say, all cars going south should be parked on the west side of Burlington Avenue and all cars going north should be parked on the east side of said street, and all turns are required to be made at street crossings. Also due notice is given on rate of speed not to exceed 15 miles an hour.

Penalties will be enforced for violations of these laws. Also keep lights at night in front and rear of car. Please take notice.—City Marshall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. B. L. Nance, Sunday School Field Secretary for the North West Teras Conference of the Methodist Church is in town looking after the interests of the Sunday School work at Spur. Sunday morning at ten o'clock there will be a Sunday School Rally conducted by Bro. Nance. All members of the school are urged to be present, and others interested in Church and Sunday School work are cordially invited.

Bro. Nance will also speak at the eleven o'clock service and again Sunday night.

Wren Cross came in from his ranch home in Kent county and spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Spur on business and with friends.

For Sale—Good 5 passenger, 1916 model Maxwell car. In good condition. A bargain.—Brannen Bros. Co. 17-tf.

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CLEARING LAND AND BUILDING FARM HOMES

W. D. Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Eldredge reports everything in good conditions in that part of Dickens county at this time. A number of new farm homes have been built in that country this year and hundreds of acres of new land will be placed in cultivation. The sod land is now being broken preparatory to the planting season. There is no country in Texas settling more rapidly and substantially than the Spur country at this time. Hundreds of new farm homes have been built throughout the country and thousands of acres of new land is being placed under cultivation.

ARTHUR EDWARDS OPTOMETRIST

Graduate of Southwestern Optical College of Kansas City, Mo., will be in Spur from

March 3rd to March 11th, Inclusive

Prepared to do all kinds of optical work. Eyes tested free. All work absolutely guaranteed. Bring your broken lenses and have them duplicated.

If you prefer I will call at your home and test your eyes. Cross eyes streightened with glasses.

Located at Farmers Cafe

WE WANT THE WEST TEXAS A. & M. COLLEGE

Every town in this whole territory is after the West Texas branch of the A. & M. College, and some of them are holding enthusiastic meetings almost daily to devise means and ways of landing the institution. Among the number of towns now actively after this college are Haskell, Stamford, Hamlin, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Sweetwater, Snyder, Post, Lubbock, Plainview, Tulia, Amarillo and El Paso. The committee to locate the college is composed of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture. We understand that five hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated by the legislature and that two thousand acres of land will be required on which to locate the college. No bonuses will be considered by the committee and the college will be located where it will best serve the educational interests and the whole people of Western Texas. We honestly believe that Dickens county is as near the center of Western Texas as such an institution could be located. We are approximately one hundred and twenty five miles from the dividing line of east and west Texas, and the same distance from the western boundary line, and approximately two hundred miles from the south and the same distance from the north boundary lines of the western half of the state; therefore, geographically Dickens county is entitled to favorable consideration at the hands of the locating committee, since we are practically in the center of Western Texas. Dickens county is on the dividing line of the Great Staked Plains, and taking a portion of the plains as it does our agricultural interests are varied and an Agricultural and Mechanical College located at this point would serve in educational advantages not only the plains country but that portion of Western Texas under the Cap Rock. Our soil, our climate, our location and our great agricultural possibilities are factors to encourage the location of the A. & M. College here and which should be placed before the locating committee.

We want Spur to have this college. It is the greatest opportunity that will ever be presented, but we can not hope to get it by sitting idly by and watching others work for it.

We want to get busy, prepare data of facts and present them to the committee and get them to come out and look over the situation. We can see but a single objection to Dickens county as the logical site for the college, and this single defect can and will be overcome if we can attract the consideration of the locating committee—and that is our present lack of railroad outlet. However, with railroad connection at Crosbyton we are directly connected with every section of the plains country and accessible from every point of West Texas. If the college should be located here there is no question but that the railroad terminus at Roaring Springs or the road from Matador to the north of us would extend this way; also the terminus at Rotan to the south would be encouraged to head this way. The fact of the business is that if we secure this college we will be the center of attraction. This may be only the "dreams of a country editor," but if we do not dream we never accomplish. We want the A. & M. College, and we must get it. It means something not only to us now but in the future.

SCHOOLS CANNOT ENFORCE VACCINATION

Austin, Texas, Feb. 7.—That no child in Texas may be excluded from the public schools by order of an City Council, Board of School Trustees or even the State Board of Health, because it had not been vaccinated, and that there is no statute in the State of Texas authorizing compulsory vaccination, was the holding today of the Third Court of Civil Appeals when it reversed and remanded the case of Fritz Waldschmidt et al. vs. the City of New Braunfels et al., from Comal county.

The court ordered that the judgment of the trial court is reversed and here rendered; that the appellees be enjoined from excluding the children of New Braunfels, and that the superintendent of said schools be required to admit said children to said schools.

In the opinion it stated that Fritz Waldschmidt is a Christian Scientist and does not believe in vaccination.

"The Legislature of Texas has never enacted a law to exclude from any school any child who has not been vaccinated, nor has it expressly authorized any City Council, Board of School Trustees or even the State Board of Health composed, as it is, of eminent physicians, to do so," said the opinion.

FOR SALE.

About forty head of yearling thoroughbred Hereford bulls now ready for delivery. For price and terms, see W. H. Putman, Spur, Texas. 17 4t p.



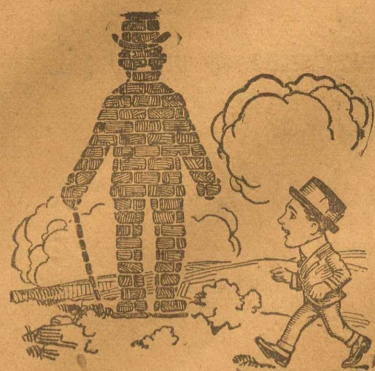
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J. A. Neighbors, of a few miles southeast of Spur, had business in town Monday.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

T. H. Tallent, of three or four miles south, was in Spur Monday.

J. W. Smith, of the McAdoo country, was here Saturday after supplies and looking after other business affairs.

Wanted—A man with team to make a crop on place at Meadow, Texas. If interested write to Box 727, Spur, Texas. 182t

W. A. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was among the many business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

W. H. Taylor came in late Saturday evening from his farm home in the Steel Hill country. He is generally one of the first to arrive.

C. D. Copeland and wife, of eight miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday buying supplies for their farming interests.

R. P. Davis, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Dry Lake country, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Roy Butts, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was here Saturday. He was thrown from his horse last week while running a cow and as a result he is barely able to get about without crutches.

J. C. Ward, of eight miles south of Spur, was one among the number of business visitors here Saturday. He reports everything progressing satisfactorily at this time with fine prospects of bumper crops on his place.

T. A. Smith came in Saturday from his farm and ranch on Red Mud and spent an hour or two here meeting friends. This is the first time Mr. Smith has been to town in several months. He says he has been grubbing and putting in new land and otherwise improving his place. He is one of the hardest working men we know.

A. C. Hindman, of two or three miles north of Spur, was in town Saturday.

Frank Smith, of the Red Mud country, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

Al Sullivan came in Monday from his farm home in the Gilpin country.

G. W. Finch, of near Steel Hill, was here Saturday buying supplies.

H. C. Cherry was in the city Saturday from his home southeast of Spur.

George Snodgrass, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday morning and spent an hour or two here on business.

Crawford Cobb came over Monday from Dickens and was here an hour or two on business.

Bill Cherry, of Kent county, had business in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here shaking hands with his numerous friends.

S. R. Bowman came in Saturday from his farm home north of Spur and spent an hour or two here trading with the merchants and looking after other affairs.

Howard Campbell came in Saturday from his farm home three miles southwest. His mother has been quite sick of pneumonia and we are glad to report that she is now doing better.

Hamp Collett was here Saturday from his home southwest of Spur. We are glad to report that his child who has had pneumonia is now able to be up and has almost completely recovered.

Oliver Gray, manager of the Afton Telephone Company, came over Monday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business. Oliver knows the telephone business in every detail, having been in the business for many years, and under his management the Afton Telephone Company is considered one of the best independent systems of the whole country.

Willie Hagins, of Gilpin, was in Spur Monday.

W. E. Fletcher, of near Spur, was here Saturday.

W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud country, had business in Spur Saturday.

C. H. Cherry, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the many in the city Saturday of the past week.

For Sale—Thoroughbred S. C. Rhode Island Red eggs at \$1.50 per setting, from prize winning string.—Mrs. W. M. Hunter, Spur, Texas. 18-4tp.

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.

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S. B. Scott came in Saturday from his farm and spent Sunday in town with his family.

Sheriff Collier spent Monday in Spur looking after official matters.

Judge F. C. Gipson, the leading druggist and groceryman of Dickens, was in Spur Monday on business.

W. J. Duncan, of the north part of the county, was in Spur recently shaking hands with friends and acquaintances.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm, had business in Spur Monday.

Mrs. Will Watson, of nine miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday shopping with the Spur merchants.

M. S. Faver, of four or five miles east of Afton, was in the city Saturday buying supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Faver is one of the best farmers and best citizens of the country.

Ol Taylor, of the Duck Creek country, was among the number here Saturday. Some time ago Ol was seriously injured in a run-a-way accident, breaking his collar bone and arm. We are glad to note that he has now about recovered.

W. W. Waldrup, of near the Draper school house, came in Monday of this week from his ranch and spent the afternoon here on business and greeting his friends. He reports that everything is getting dry in his section at this time, and while nothing is suffering as yet, they would appreciate a good rain throughout the country.

Walter Jordan, of near Steel Hill, was in Spur Saturday.

Sam White came in Monday from his ranch headquarters.

Poet Hagins, of near Gilpin, was in town Monday.

J. C. Weir, of near Spur, had business in the city Monday.

J. E. Burton, of the Steel Hill country, was a recent visitor in Spur.

Red Sampson, of twelve or fifteen miles southwest of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

J. A. Kerley, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday trading and on other business.

W. H. Birdwell and wife, of several miles south of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping with the merchants and visiting friends.

W. B. Arthur, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent an hour or two here loading out supplies and on other business.

J. F. Vernon received word Thursday of last week of the death of his brother's boy at Sagerton. Pneumonia was the cause of the child's death.

C. J. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, spent an hour or two here Saturday on business and conversing with his friends and acquaintances. Mr. Smith is another one of the old timers here. He is also a good farmer and each year harvests bumper crops. He now has his land prepared for planting and at the proper time will diversify in his crop production.



What a Lot of Groceries

you may remark when your order comes home. So there is, but examine your bill and you'll find you haven't paid any more than usual for a smaller quantity. "High Cost of Living" would not be a subject for investigation if everybody bought their groceries of

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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

Bob Morgan came in Saturday from his home west of the city.

J. L. Curry, of a mile or two east of Spur, was here Saturday.

Mace Hunter came in Monday from his fine farm home a few miles east of Spur.

J. H. Jones, of the Tap section of country, was among the number of business visitors in town Saturday.

Doc Ellis and wife, of Crosby county, were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur last Saturday.

J. R. McArthur came in Saturday from the Tap country and spent the afternoon here trading and greeting his many friends.

G. S. Jones, one among the most progressive farmers of this territory, was among the number in Spur Saturday of the past week.

J. N. Zumwalt, of eighteen or twenty miles west of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday buying supplies of the live-wire merchants of the city.

T. W. Morgan called in at the Texas Spur office Saturday. He says that it pays to advertise since he has been getting good results in the sale of cattle which he has been advertising the past month.

Tom Owen came in Monday from his ranch home southwest of Spur.

J. M. Aston, of four miles south of Spur, was here trading Saturday.

Jim Perkins, of the Tap section of country, was in Spur Monday trading and greeting friends.

Prof. Green, of the White River School, was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday. He reports his school progressing nicely.

J. M. Foster, came in Saturday from his ranch home in the Croton country and spent the afternoon here meeting his numerous friends and also looking after business affairs.

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.

G. P. Kiester was on the streets Saturday. Mr. Keister recently bought land near the city of Lubbock, but we infer that this purchase was purely for speculation since he and family continue to make their home in Spur.

A. B. Morgan, of twelve miles west of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

J. W. Young, a good farmer of near Afton, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

L. C. Arrington, who recently moved to Dickens from the Afton country, had business in Spur Saturday.

J. E. Shaw, of the Draper country, was in Spur the first of this week after supplies, spending some time here on other matters.

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, was among the recent visitors in Spur, spending a few hours here conversing with friends and also trading with the merchants of the city.

W. A. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday of the past week. He reports every thing in good shape in that part of the country at this time.

H. E. Grabener, of eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday, spending a few hours here trading and greeting his friends. Mr. Grabener is one of the successful farmers of this territory and has one of the best farms of this immediate section.

Mat Howell came in Saturday from his farm home in the Red Mud country.

W. J. Elliot and daughter were in the city Saturday from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home.

J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday buying supplies and greeting his numerous friends.

Tom Cherry, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was one among the number of business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

G. W. Dodson, of the Afton country, had business in Spur Saturday and spent an hour or two here trading and greeting his numerous friends.

L. W. Bilberry, a leading citizen of the Gilpin country, was among the number here Saturday trading with the Spur merchants.

R. R. Johns, of two or three miles north of Spur, was among the many visitors here Saturday. Mr. Johns is one of the big farmers of the country. He is big in more than one respect: He is a big man, has a big farm and makes big crops every year on his place.

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

L. L. Arnold, of near the city of Spur, came in Saturday and spent some time here trading with the merchants of the city.

Maize, corn and bundle cane and pair work mules for sale.—J. J. Cloud. 17 2 t.

Mr. Lashley, who is farming this year on the J. H. Farmer place, was in the city the first of the week.

Ed Hulse and wife, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping with the merchants.

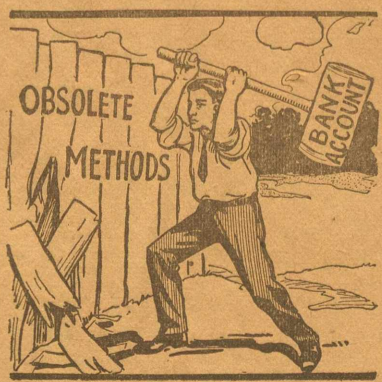
R. E. Thomas, of the old Espeula country north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

T. M. Cain, of a mile or two north of the city, was here Saturday and spent an hour or two on business.

Geo. S. Link and Miss Roberts returned last week from the northern and eastern markets where they spent several days buying goods for the Bryant-Link Companies here and elsewhere.

H. C. Eldredge, a leading citizen of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday. He reports everything in good shape now in that part of the county, farmers breaking sod land and making preparations for bigger farming area and bigger crops this year. The McAdoo country always makes good crops and the farmers are all diversificationists.

R. J. Williams, of the West End community, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Williams stated that he now had all his land listed and ready for planting, and since his time is not required on the farm he is now engaged in the carpenter business, having spent some time carpentering at Crosbyton and in Garza county.



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"Nowhere are these things more clearly shown than in our methods of making and enforcing laws, in this we have retained without material improvement an organization adopted when parliamentary government was in its infancy. It is wholly unsuited to the complex requirements of the century when the government is being used more and more as an institution of direct service. Other countries have recognized this. Great Britain has had reform after reform until its method of preparing and enacting bills is far superior to their procedure of one hundred and fifty years ago and as superior to ours today as the motor car is to the ox cart as a means of travel.

"The forty-eight states of this country have just elected in all about four thousand members of the state legislatures. They will soon be assembled to turn out a new grist of laws and provide for the running expenses for the next year or two years. If these men had been chosen to operate railroads or factories each one would have been required to show that he was capable and qualified for the task, that he was either practically experienced or knew something of its theory. This greater task of government, welfare of the people more intimately than banks or railroads, has equal need of competent and efficient direction.

"It would be interesting to know how many of those elected have any adequate knowledge of their state's needs or definite plans regarding the work ahead of them. I happen to know two of the recently elected members. One is a university graduate who has served in previous legislatures. He has the benefit of some knowledge of the theory of governments and of the working of the legislative machine. His record is good. But this did not insure his election. It required the hardest kind of work on the part of his friends

to prevent his being defeated by a candidate without previous experience in legislation and with no apparent equipment for the duties of a legislator.

"The other member is a carpenter. This is his first lesson. He knows nothing of the large problems of the state and has no concern about them. To him politics is a pastime. His chief idea is loyalty to his party and to help it down the other side, exactly as he supports the local base ball team against those from other towns. His feeling of partisanship has no connection with the purposes and policies of legislation. It is doubtful if this member could prepare a bill of any kind if he worked on it the whole length of a session. He has, however, no intention of attempting it and yet it is certain that when the records are made up his name will appear as the introducer of a considerable number of the bills. He is canvassing now for such a grist, telling his supporters, "If there is anything you want done, fix up the bill and I will introduce it." And all over the state and probably over the country bills are being incubated by the hundreds and will in time be dumped into the legislative hoppers of the several states without any coherent idea of what is to be accomplished and with the final outcome of the session quite largely a matter of blind chance.

"At the last legislative session in California 2,877 bills were introduced. Of these the governor vetoed 227 and 771, an appalling number, became laws. The Session Laws of Arkansas for 1915 comprise a book of 1,046 pages and of Massachusetts 1,100 pages. Think of the tremendous adjustment it requires to have such a mass of inchoate and ily digested laws added to the existing accumulation."

"In their organization and operation our state legislatures are archaic, obsolete and unworkable. They not only need to be reformed but to be reconstructed. Instead of our decentralized, irresponsible committee system we need a centralized, responsible authority, like the cabinet of the British government or of Canada, which will determine what laws are to be considered and cast aside without mercy the mass of trivial or irrelevant bills that now discredit our legislative records and are such a dangerous nuisance to the business in this country. Some provision must be made for the proper preparation of important bills. In nearly every government except our own the ministry acting as an executive committee

of the legislative works continuously between the sessions considering government affairs and perfecting measures to be introduced at the next session. Some of the important industrial measures are often worked on two or three years before being introduced. We need in this country what other efficient governments have—a committee representing the party in power which will determine the bills that are to be considered and an officer having the legal knowledge to put all bills to be considered into proper legal form and determine in advance their effect on existing laws."—Elwood Mead.

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TO THE PARENTS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

This week marks the close of the sixth month of school. We feel that in so far as we have been able to make them so these months have been successful. The work of the pupils ranges from excellence to dead failure; the work of the majority has been fairly satisfactory.

But we need the help of all the parents to make the remaining months what they ought to be. Some students have failed in their work already; some are on the borderland between failure and passing. We ask that all parents keep close tab on the work of their children—study the reports carefully—and help us boost the faltering ones over the lines. A little encouragement from you may keep many from failing. And if encouragement won't do any good, try using force in the matter of securing enough home study to enable the child to pass in the work. It is all a farce to say that it does a boy no good to force him to work on his books. Don't you force him to work in your stores and on the farms? We are not going to take any student and tenderly lift him out of one grade into the next; he has got to make the grade himself. We will do all in our power to get him to do it, but will not make him a present of the promotion.

Now is the time for him to make it; then he won't embarrass the superintendent at the beginning of next term by saying how long he has been in that one grade and how he will work if he is just given a trial at the next one.

Another thing that we want your help in, and that is the elimination of tardies. Some pupils—and apparently some parents—do not think much of a child being tardy. Some of the excuses we get would make a horse laugh. The tardy habit has within the last few days become so intolerable that drastic action will have to be taken to counteract it. We will be compelled to punish, severely, the students who make a habit of being tardy without legal excuse. A boy or girl who is always late or out of school whenever he feels like it, can't make much headway in school and is laying the foundation for failure.—T. A. Tunnell.

Ben Holly, of near Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

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RAIN, SLEET AND SNOW OVER SPUR COUNTRY

Thursday morning of this week a heavy sleet, light snow and rain fell continuously throughout the day, the moisture amounting to probably as much as one half inch of rain, being amply sufficient to meet the immediate need of the country. With warm weather now grass will come and the farming interests will be greatly advanced.

DR. MONTGOMERY

Dr. Montgomery will be in Spur Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 and 15, prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and fit glasses. Also will remove tonsils and adenoids. Office with Dr. Rogers. 18-2t.

DRAFT TEAM FOR SALE

Two draft horses, weight 1,350 each, 16½ hands high, 8 years old, sound as a dollar. See Geo. S. Link. 18-tf.

Arnold Copeland went to Fort Worth this week with a shipment of hides and furs which he has been buying in

DRAFT TEAM FOR SALE

Two draft horses, weight 1,350 each, 16½ hands high, 8 years old, sound as a dollar.

Please see Jno. Weathers, dealer in thorough bred cattle and high bred horses. I guarantee prompt and satisfactory dealings. 16-tf.

It is reported that the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman was kicked by a mule the hoof striking the child on the eye, resulting in serious injury.

Grand Opening Saturday, March Third

New Up-to-Date Dry Goods Store MELROSE DRY GOODS CO.

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On Saturday, March 3rd, we will open up a strictly up-to-date Dry Goods Store. Our stock will consist of

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Be sure and come to the opening and see all the new Spring novelties in Dress Goods, Silks, LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR AND MILLINERY.

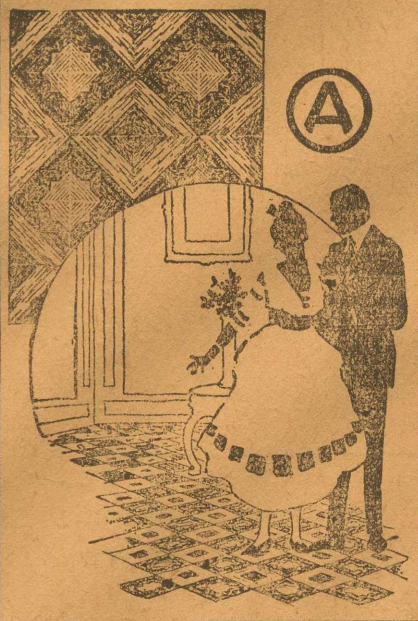
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Campbell & Campbell

RAISING AND SELLING HOGS ON SPUR MARKET

C. A. Jones and F. W. Phillips, of Afton, brought in forty seven hogs Monday and sold them on the Spur market at a price of eight cents a pound on foot. During the past year or two Messrs. Jones and Phillips have been farming at Afton and raising hogs on the side. They have made money in the hog raising business, but Mr. Jones stated that since maize had advanced to thirty dollars a ton and other feed stuff in proportion they had decided to sell their surplus hogs rather than to fatten them on thirty dollar maize.

Mr. Jones owns one of the finest farms in Dickens county. It has running water through it throughout wet and dry seasons and anywhere on the place water can be had within a few feet of the surface of the ground. This land will grow anything in the world, and if it were "back east" it couldn't be bought for two hundred dollars an acre. Mr. Jones is considered one of the best farmers of this whole country, but he does not know the value of his land, since he wants to sell it for forty dollars an acre.

Deputy Sheriff Hazlewood made a trip to Abilene this week.

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Wednesday and had his order the Dallas Semi-Weekly News for him.

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POWELL SELLS YEARLINGS FOR \$25.00 PER HEAD

Last week J. D. Powell sold to C. I. Cannon fifty four head of yearlings and calves at a price of twenty five dollars a head. The yearlings will be moved from the Powell ranch to the Cannon ranch in Crosby county at once and there fed and pastured in preparation for the market at a later date.

Cattle throughout this country are doing well and but comparatively few have had to be fed through the winter.

THE COUNTY AGENT AND HIS DUTIES

The County Agent is the representative of the County, the State Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. He should assist the farmer and ranchman in every way possible, and should foster and encourage every enterprise or organization that is for the betterment of the county.

Blackleg and how to Control it.

Symptoms: The animal separates from the herd and stands with its head down and when made move usually drags one leg, which on examination will be found to be swollen up near the body. However, it is possible to be found anywhere on the body. When the case advances, the animal lies down. The effected parts continue to enlarge and will show signs of fever. On rubbing or massaging, a crackling sound as of crushing parchment paper can be noticed, due to the collection of gases in the lesion. The coagulated blood can be seen if the animal is skinned and it will have the appearance of a severe bruise.

Blackleg is caused by a germ known as bacillus of symptomatic anthrax, for which there is no known cure, but a very good preventative is available in the form of vaccine will only hasten its death, but if vaccinated two or three weeks before exposure eighty-five to one hundred per cent will never show any indications of the disease. Animals should be vaccinated from six months to two years of age, twice a year. Do not wait until the disease is in your herd to vaccinate.

As indicated there is no cure and the germ will live for years in the soil, therefore, it is dangerous to drag the dead animal after being skinned, or to leave the carcass lying around even in the most remote places, as the germs may be scattered by birds, dogs, hogs, wolves, etc. Burning the carcass, or burying very deep is the safest method to control this dreaded stock disease. They can easily be burned by saturating them with oil and laying them on an iron wheel, or digging small trenches under them so the air can pass through easily. It is evident that this disease is spreading throughout Dickens county and every precaution should be used to stamp it out before it spreads farther.

The government vaccine is furnished free upon application and can be obtained by writing to Doctor L. J. Allen, First National Bank Building, Fort Worth, Texas. However, the County Agent usually has a supply on hand, and when an outbreak of blackleg is noted, advise him at once and he will be glad to help in any way possible to control the disease. Through him you have access to specialists along this line.—G. L. Crawford, County Agent, Dickens County.

A HINT TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT

"Now is the Time" To carry out your New Year resolutions: Take for your motto "Safety First." Grow enough food for the family. Grow enough feed for the stock. Reduce your cotton acreage. Do your terracing. White wash interior of barn. Repair farming implements. Prune your orchard, vineyard and shade trees. Watch for disease while pruning and replace dead trees and vines with new ones. Set out onions, plant in hot beds, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, pepper and early radishes.—G. L. Crawford, County Agent.

DIED

Mr. Jackson, a young man seventeen or eighteen years of age, died Tuesday in the Afton country after a brief illness, the remains being interred in the Afton cemetery. Recently, we understand, the mother died, a few weeks later the father also died and now the son has passed into the Great Beyond. We extend to the remaining members of the family our heartfelt sympathy.

F. A. Prideaux returned last week to Spur and will remain in the city some time.

J. C. Stephens, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Stephen Kadera and wife, recently arrived in Spur and are now making this their home. Mr. Kadera is with the German Kitchen as baker.

For Sale.—Three horses, one wagon and harness and three buggies, three shoats and two cows. At a cheap price. See L. W. Warren at City Wagon Yard, Dickens. 18-1tp.

DRAFT TEAM FOR SALE

Two draft horses, weight 1,350 each, 16½ hands high, 8 years old, sound as a dollar. See Geo. S. Link. 18-tf.

Big Six Buick Roadster for sale at a bargain.—Spur Overland Co. 18-tf.

Mr. Keisling, formerly with the Spur Oil Mill Company, moved with his family recently to the eastern part of the state, having sold his interests in the business here.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

3 Special Days Sale!

During these three days we offer you **SOME REAL BARGAINS** that you won't duplicate again during the year 1917.

10 dozen beautiful Middys, white fancy combination. Sizes 34 to 44, a real bargain, special price 59c.

SHIRT WAIST SALE

10 dozen Ladies white Shirt Waists worth \$1.50 to \$1.75 each, nifty high class Waist, special 3 days only \$1.00.

CHILDRENS DRESSES

Last chance to buy a little dress, worth 75c to \$1.00, ten styles, they won't last long, better come early, special 3 days 59c.

50 pieces fancy hair ribbon worth today 20c to 25c a yard; light and dark colors, 3 day special 10c.

LADIES GOWNS

A neat muslin Gown, lace and embroidery trimmed, all sizes, six styles, worth \$1.25, special 75c.

HANDKERCHIEFS

A great value in Ladies Handkerchiefs, worth three times the price; two specials for this sale, 2 hemstitched handkerchiefs 5c; 4 fancy embroidery handkerchiefs 25c.

Saturday Last Day

To buy those Mens Dress Shoes at \$3.95. This Shoe is worth \$5.00 today and in less than 90 days will cost you \$6. Remember Saturday ends this price.

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LET US SHOW YOU WHERE YOU CAN SAVE

MONEY by using a **J. I. CASE** cell, or one seed drop, **Cotton Planter**. Unloading a car of them this week. See Them.

Also a car of **OLIVER** Wiggle Tail Cultivators. See us before you buy.

RITER HARDWARE COMPANY

DODGE PARTS

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DUMONT

The smallpox is getting along nicely and will soon be over.

Mr. Thomas T. Hughes and family moved last Monday to Paducah.

Luther F. Edwards returned home last Sunday from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mrs. Maude Edwards from the Sand Hills over in Dickens county, was in town last Monday on a shopping expedition.

On last Thursday J. C. Franks and son, Calvin, of Mojintoria, New Mexico, arrived here on a visit to his daughter Mrs. J. R. Thomas.

Mrs. J. R. Thomas is visiting with her father in New Mexico. Last Saturday morning J. C. Banks and L. H. Criswell went to Sneedville.

J. G. Lane and wife were here last Monday on a visit to their old Dumont friends.

Elro Neeley and two sisters visited friends in Paducah last Sunday.

Tonie Gose is up from the Gose Ranch visiting his sister who is in school here.

J. C. Banks and A. S. Bass went to the J. S. Gose ranch last Monday on business.

R. E. Laster left for the market last Monday.

Miss Gertie Neeley arrived at home Sunday from a visit to old time friends at Paducah for a week or two.

R. W. White and wife were here last Monday on a shopping tour.

The smallpox people are doing fine. No new cases have developed.

Mrs. Sam Bass and Miss Ruby Fielder of the North Corner Ranch were here last Monday on a shopping tour.

There has been a number of sick people, mostly children, in this part of the country.

Grover Criswell and J. H. Shelby left for Paducah last Monday with I. H. Hughes' household effects.—Old Bill in Paducah Post.

MARRIED

Miss Ruth Brantner and R. A. Fry were married Saturday at Dickens, Judge Walter L. Powell officiating. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brantner of the Tap country and Mr. Fry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fry of the Cat Fish country and one among the leading young men of the country.

The Texas Spur extends to Mr. and Mrs. Fry our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many years of happy married life and may they always prosper.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week.

J. V. Ledford, of Santa Anna, is in Spur visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ledford. Mr. Ledford is working in the oil fields near Santa Anna and reports that a number of oil and gas wells have been brought in recently.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS NOTED

Ed Hufstedler, of seven or eight miles west of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in his part of the country at this time. Mr. Hufstedler moved to this country about two years ago, and at that time he said that he could come to town across sections but that now he is forced to follow the lanes along section lines. The development progress of this country is noted by every individual not only of this section but especially by those who come here from elsewhere.

J. P. Koonsman, a leading citizen and farmer of the Croton country, had business in Spur Saturday of the past week. Mr. Koonsman reports that the farmers of his section are all pretty well up with their work at this time and are expecting bumper crops again this year.

Jim Walker was here Saturday from his home near Spur.

Mrs. Mat Bingham, of near the city, was among the shoppers here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot, of the Spring Creek farm and ranch, were in Spur Monday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. J. B. Morrison was a visitor Saturday to Dickens, spending a short time in that city.

Word has been received in Spur that Faust Collier, son of Sheriff and Mrs. R. L. Collier, has been chosen on the Glee Club of the University at Georgetown where he is attending school. We are truly glad to hear of the Spur boys coming to the front in their chosen schools.

Dr. Geo. P. Stoker, formerly of Red Oak in Ellis county, has located permanently in Spur with offices over the Spur National Bank. Dr. Stoker practiced medicine in Ellis county for over twenty years, making a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat during the past few years. He comes to Spur highly recommended and his practice here will be devoted exclusively to the diseases of the eyes, ears, nose and throat. We are glad to welcome Dr. Stoker as a citizen of the town.

DIED.

The three months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stephens died Friday night at their home six miles east of Spur and the remains were carried to Afton and interred in the Afton Cemetery Saturday.

The child had not been sick, and the parents were unaware of its death until they woke up in the morning, the baby having died during the night.

The Texas Spur joins the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens in extending sincere sympathy to them in this sad and unexpected bereavement.

Lee Cathey, of several miles north, was here Monday.

C. M. Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

J. T. Strawn, a traveling salesman, was in Spur this week and spent several days here seeing the merchants.

E. E. Kutch, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Monday hauling out cake and other feed stuff with which to feed the cattle on the ranch.

135 red heifers, one and two years old, for sale, worth the money.—O. W. Maddox, 17 3 p

MAKES HIS FARMING A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community southwest of Spur, was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Duke is one of the most progressive farmers of the whole country. In his business of farming he keeps a strict set of books, and from which he can tell you just how much each crop cost him and how much each acre of his farm has made. In this manner he is in a position to determine what crops to grow and on what part of his farm to grow it. If every farmer in the country would keep books and conduct their farming operations in a businesslike manner, there is no question but that each would get better returns from their labors and farming investments.

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.

WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

The Westside Barber Shop, under the management of Messrs. Verner & Simpson, last week installed a new white enameled barber chair in their shop, this making five chairs for this popular barber shop. Later they contemplate installing fixtures complete in the white enameled finish. They already have one of the cleanest, neatest and most up-to-date barber shops in all of Western Texas, and when the new fixtures are installed the Westside Barber Shop will be second to none in any and all respects.

A ten-year-old boy heard a conversation about certain bills for services rendered, which had to be paid, and conceived the idea of making out a bill for the work he had done. So next morning he laid this statement of account on his mother's breakfast plate.

"Mother owes Willie for carrying in coal six times, 20 cents; for bringing in water lots of times, 30 cents; for going ten errands, 15 cents; for being good twice, ten cents; total 75 cents." His mother said nothing about it. That evening Willie found on his plate the 75 cents, and the following bill: "Willie owes mother for his happy home, nothing; for food and clothes, nothing; nursing him through a long illness, nothing; for being good to him, nothing; total, nothing."

When Willie saw the 75 cents he was pleased; but when he read his mother's bill his eye grew dim and his lip quivered. Then he took the money to his mother, threw his arms around her neck and begged her to let him do lots of things for her. Mother's bill is rarely presented, but it will pay each one to think it out and read it over for himself, and then pay it—in love and service.—Ex.

See D. H. Sullivan when you want oats and shelled corn. 1f.

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

GILPIN

Well, Mr. Editor, we are ashamed of the way your correspondents are doing you, ourselves included, but it is not our fault. Every time we start to write something happens, thing about the Gilpin news?" mamma scolds, "who cares any? You go to the cowpen, or papa says, "If you bring up another P on your report card this month I'll give you news."

We'll begin with Willie Hagins. The poor fellow has had rheumatism for over two months. Part of the time he was on crutches and part of the time he was bed fast and at last he has had to go to Marlin for treatment. His father, P. E. Hagins accompanied him and says that he thinks he will be well soon. His wife is the guest of her parents until Willie returns which we hope will be soon.

Lemmie, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hagins, is also down in Marlin taking treatment for rheumatism and is reported in a serious condition.

Master Clarence Bilberry has rheumatism and has been quite sick but is better now.

Mesdames W. B. Bennett and P. E. Hagins and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bural in the Duck Creek settlement Wednesday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett and son, Aubrey, went to Spur Thursday.

Miss Audrey Tatum was the guest of Miss Mattie Hagins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Powell are the proud parents of a fine boy born the 15th of this month and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butts have another girl, "the finest of them all", says Roy.

Several of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins children are sick and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carlisle has been quite sick but is reported much better now.

W. B. Bennett is fencing his yard, garden and orchard this week. He says he hasn't had much to do since moving but to grub.

Mrs. W. C. Bennett is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Kelly McAlister, at Jayton.

Hon. A. J. Hagins, of near Jayton, was in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

The little children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas are sick, and also the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks.

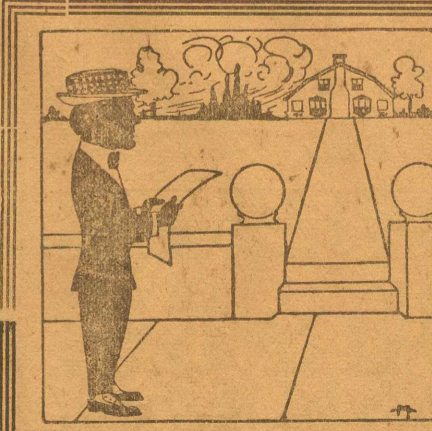
Cap Brook, of Spur, was a guest of his son, Chas., Sunday.

L. W. Billberry made a trip to Spur Thursday.

Come on all you good writers with a long breezy letter. Rambling Bill quit that gadding and send in the news.—School Girl.

W. T. Wilson and family, of five or six miles east of Spur, were among the shoppers here

A. Fry, ranchman and stock-raiser of the Cat Fish country, was among the number in the city Saturday.



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