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SPUR SHEEP WIN NINE PRIZES AT THE SHOW

A report from the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth shows the Spur Experiment Station sheep heavy winners in the classes in which they were entered. The sheep show was one of the very strongest ever had in Ft. Worth and the Spur sheep won over twice as many premiums as they did last year. This is an exceptionally fine showing, especially as the Spur sheep are from grade ewes and were competing against the best bred flocks in the Southwest, and if the cost of production had been considered the station would probably have taken all the premiums. The following are the premiums won by the Spur sheep:

Yearling clas, (lambs over one year and under two), pens of five, 1st and 2nd places.

Individuals, 1st and 2nd. Lambs under one year, Grand Champion Lamb; Individuals, 1st and 3rd; Pens of five, 2nd; and Car load lots, 3rd place.

In all together the Spur lambs were in the money nine times and carried off a large portion of the ribbons.

This is just another proof of the Spur country possibilities along the line of sheep, and the exceptional advantages the farmers have in getting first hand information on the breeds suitable to this section and the methods of handling for the best profits from the Experiment Station. The writer saw the sheep a few days before they were shipped to Ft. Worth and made the remark that any sheep that beat them out at the show would have to go some.

BUYING FEED ON WHICH TO FATTEN PORKERS

Mike M. Young, of near Jayton, was in Spur Friday of last week buying corn with which to fatten his hogs for the market. Mr. Young recently purchased the Mrs. Gertrude Pursley farm consisting of 640 acres of land and which is one of the finest and best improved places of the whole country. There are more than five hundred acres in cultivation on the place, all of which is now in readiness for planting. Everything is in fine shape in that section so Mr. Young reports and he expects to harvest bumper crops this year.

FORD CAR TURNS OVER IN ROUNDING CORNER

John Harrington, while driving his Ford car Sunday afternoon, had the misfortune to turn it over. Mrs. Harrington and children were in the car at the time, but all escaped serious injury. Mr. Harrington was driving at a pretty good rate of speed and in turning the corner of the fair grounds the accident happened. The windshield was broken, this being all the damage done.

WILL ORGANIZE PIG CLUBS IN DICKENS CO.

O. C. French, the state pig club man, will be in Dickens county next week and with County Judge Walter L. Powell and Farm Demonstrator Crawford will go over the county to organize the several communities into pig clubs and canning clubs.

Such clubs will be of great benefit to the boys and girls as well as to the older people.

Be ready to receive them and help promote the organizations.

HAVING HIS FARM IN THE COUNTY TERRACED

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of this week. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time. Mr. Thacker is not only having his crop superintended by the county demonstration agent but is also having his farm terraced. This is the first farm in Dickens or surrounding counties on which terrace work has been done.

TOM CROSS HAD ONE ARM BROKEN THURSDAY

Thursday morning Tom Cross was thrown from a horse while riding after cattle on the Cross ranch in Kent county with the result that one arm was broken near the shoulder. The break is considered a very serious one.

GOOD RAIN IN NORTH PART DICKENS COUNTY

Tuesday night of this week a good shower of rain fell over the north portion of Dickens county, including Dickens, Afton and other communities. However, the rain did not extend as far south as Spur. That part of the county is now in fine shape with respect to crop conditions.

COMPLETED NEW RESIDENCE IN DICKENS

Sam Harkey has just completed a new home in the west part of Dickens where he and wife now reside. Dickens, Afton and other towns of Dickens county, as well as Spur, are keeping in the progressive building progress. Great is Dickens county in every respect.

MERRY WIVES.

Mrs. C. F. Cates entertained the Merry Wives and their husbands Friday night. A number of interesting games of forty-two were played, after which delicious refreshments of fruit salad, sandwiches and coffee was served.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Jennings, Bobo, C. L. Love, Baker, Davis, Richbourg, McClure, W. E. Putman, Grace, Moore, Standifer, Andrews, Douthit, Higginbotham, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Putman, Misses Baker and Brewington.

OUR SERVICE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

Our interest doesn't cease when the goods leave our store. Isn't it some satisfaction to know that when you buy an article there is somebody besides yourself who is concerned as to whether or not it makes good.

You can buy goods of a peddler and get what you consider a bargain. In case the goods prove a disappointment there is no recourse. The peddler is interested solely in the immediate sale and moves on to other fields. We don't conduct our business along peddler lines—we couldn't if we wanted to. No matter what you buy of us, we are concerned in its giving satisfaction. We live here among you. This is our home and we know that we can't make future sales by selling unreliable goods. And so when an implement, for instance, that we sell gives satisfaction, it pleases us; and if anything proves wrong temporarily we take steps to find out and remedy the trouble. We do business over and over with the same people—and the extent of our patronage depends upon how well we serve again and the population of this country. This interest proposition is worth while. It relieves the purchaser of the fear that he will be cheated in the transaction. Our business is founded on confidence and service. Make our store headquarters when in Spur.

Bryant-Link Co.

"Some persons marry on a railroad train and some atop a sky-scaper peak; but most foolish and brave are those who marry on seven dollars a week."

Brown (on fishing trip) Boys, the boat is sinking; is there anyone here who knows how to pray?

Jones (eagerly) "I do."

Brown—"All right you pray and the rest of us will put on the life belts, there's one shy."

Use your head or you will never get ahead.

Bryant-Link Co.

The Price Remains the Same \$17

Their style, their quality, their guarantee of satisfaction has become the new standard of value for \$17 throughout the nation. When the war came everyone in the clothing business thought that wool would go up. The makers of Style Plus Clothes \$17 on account of their extensive advertising were duty bound to keep on supplying the public with all wool fabrics, expert tailoring, the skill of a great designer, at the known price of \$17, provided there was any way on earth to do it. What happened? These makers bought wools and linings in tremendous quantities, they kept on advertising "The price remains the same." and their volume doubled, manufacturing costs doubled because of increased production—new efficiency and new economies came to light through the "necessity of the hour." Incidentally the makers as well as ourselves have been content with a smaller profit in order to keep your price the same—\$17

Please do not forget we are the only Style Plus Store in Spur and come to us for your Spring Suit.

BRYANT-LINK CO. "FOOLISHNESS"

One day recently an elderly farmer drove into town and hitched his team to a telephone post. "Here," yelled the Marshall, "you can't hitch there."

SPUR IS NOW AMONG THE CLEAN TOWNS OF COUNTY

Thursday was clean-up day in Spur. The town in general responded to the call to clean up and Spur is now among the clean towns of the county. The clean up work is expected to be continued, and those who fail to keep their premises in a sanitary condition need not be surprised to have an officer call and insist that such premises be cleaned up. The sanitary ordinances of the city will be strictly enforced hereafter.

DISTRICT COURT MEETS IN CLAIREMONT

The following proceedings were had in District Court at Clairemont last week:

Divorces were granted to Vada Galliher, Hettie Edwards, Artie Sheppard, Tommie Harrison.

Marvin Fuller and Mance Rose, charged with perjury, dismissed.

The grand jury adjourned Thursday after finding ten bills of indictment, two felonies and eight misdemeanors.

BOX SUPPER ENJOYED AT WEST END SCHOOL

Miss Lula Martin, principal of the West End School, assisted by her pupils and patrons, gave a box supper Friday night. A good program was rendered and a joyous good time had by all. Cash proceeds of \$14.30 will go for school supplies.

BLUE BONNETT CLUB MEETS IN THE CITY

A meeting of the Blue Bonnett Club was held at the home of Bona Mae Ford, March 2nd, 1917. Each member brought their fancy work and a pleasant hour was spent, after which refreshments consisting of fruit, candy, chocolate and cakes was served to the members.

WILL BUILD ADDITION TO BRICK BUILDING

W. H. Crouse, of Stephenville, was in Spur last week and while here made arrangements to make an extension and addition to his brick building now occupied by the Highway Garage. The building progress in Spur continues uninterruptedly in both the business and residence sections. Before many years we will have built here a city of note to all of Texas.

I. O. Jopling last week completed his new residence in the northeast part of Spur and he and family moved into the new home last week. It is one of the neatest, most modern and attractive homes in the city.

"Can't hitch! Why not?" the farmer shouted. "Why have you got this sign up then, 'Fine for Hitching.?"

ESTIMATING COST OF GOOD ROADS IN COUNTY

B. H. Burrell, senior highway engineer of the federal department, came to Dickens county the latter part of last week and is now making a survey of the county to estimate the cost of building graveled roadways in every section and to connect with the roads of other counties surrounding. He will first survey Commissioners Precinct No. 2, which is in the Afton country, later covering each of the four precincts of the county.

We absolutely know that hardsurfaced, graveled roadways are the only kind of roads to build, and since Dickens county has the finest gravel for road building in the world, we are of the opinion that we can build the best roads at the least cost of any other county in west Texas.

We would like to see every road in the county graveled, but the road leading from Spur to Dickens and Afton is traveled more than any road, and should be graveled if no other roads in the county are thus built. If gravel is placed on a road it lasts and does not have to be repaired after every rain.

When issuing bonds to build roads we believe the only way is to build a road that will last as long as the bond issue is to run, otherwise it is an expensive proposition.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE CHATAUQUA CO.

At a meeting held Wednesday afternoon in the directors room of the Spur National Bank, the following officers were elected for the Co-Operative Chatauqua Company to be had in Spur May 14th, 15th and 16th: Geo. S. Link, Pres.; L. N. Riter, 1st Vice-Pres.; R. C. Forbis, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Miss Lucy Brewington, Sec.; E. C. Edmonds, Treas.; W. F. Godfrey, Chairman of the Ticket Committee; C. W. Lowery, Chairman of Grounds Committee; Oran McClure, Chairman of Advertising Committee.

The Chatauqua will give six performances in Spur on the above mentioned dates, and it promises to be a rare treat as an entertainment feature to all the people of this territory.

About fifteen men of the town have agreed to guarantee the company \$400 to appear in the city.

DICKENS MAKES A BIG SHOWING CLEAN-UP DAY

Wednesday was clean-up day in Dickens, and it is said that a wonderful showing was made in both the residence and business sections of the town. Everybody turned out and participated in the work.

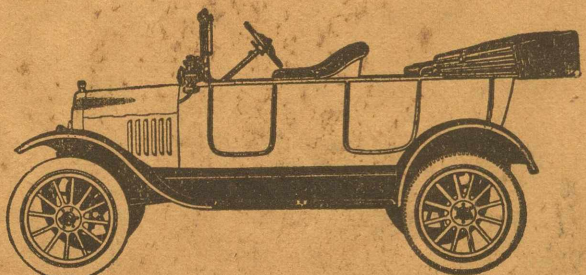
Dickens is now one of the cleanest and most attractive little cities of the whole country.

\$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



You Are Putting One Over Old Age

Every time you deposit a dollar in the bank. Start your account TODAY and OLD AGE will find you well prepared.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

C. A. JONES, President M. E. MANNING, Cashier
W. G. SHERROD, Vice President JNO. B. HARDIN, Asst. Cash.
W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Assistant Cashier

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

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

E. J. COWAN, Cowan Building

RURAL SCHOOL EXPERT AROUSES INTEREST

An aroused public interest is the hardest thing to secure, but once secured, is the most valuable asset in the world if properly used. This is pre-eminently true in education. We have just such educational facilities as we want; a community with a school weak and ineffective, twenty years behind the times, retains that school for no other reason than because they prefer just such a school. Realizing this, Mr. E. E. Davis, of the University of Texas, has just completed a week's campaign for better schools and better community life in Stonewall county.

Mr. Davis is a specialist in rural school and community affairs, and it may be interesting and instructive to mention in a brief way some of the things he said. In each community where he gave his splendid illustrated lecture he called attention to two facts especially, first that the communities that are doing the biggest things educationally are those communities whose citizens spend the most time together in a social way, use the school house or church for weekly get together meetings, are best acquainted with each other, and have a genuine pride; second, the twentieth century school is that school that relates the school work to the problems of industry, that helps to fit the boys and girls for practical affairs of life in the locality where they live.

The picture of one twentieth century school, a rural school of four teachers, was shown. Connected with the school was twenty acres of land, of which ten were used for play ground, school farm and garden, and the other ten went with the teachers' cottage, the rent of

which was applied on the teachers' salary. This community being located in that part of the State where onions are grown, the boys in their work in agriculture, were required to crate the onions for market, seemingly a simple matter, but one in fact, that required much skill, and which, when properly done made the products worth one hundred per cent on the market. The boys in this school were taught to vaccinate cattle and to judge the weak and the strong points of stock, to prepare balanced rations for work stock, milch-cows, hogs, etc., to test seed and do farm accounting. They were familiar with the hammer, saw and square, and could make anything they had occasion to make. Domestic arts are taught the girls. A young lady graduating from this school not only had a literary education, but could actual plan a model house, could cook and sew and play the piano. In addition to all this the school had plenty of amusements on the campus; basket ball, tennis, croquet and swings. The school had a large auditorium where the farmers and their wives met frequently to spend their leisure hours, to read selections of the library, to listen to musical programs and the like.

All this was accomplished in addition to the regular literary courses. This, Mr. Davis thought, was the greatest aid possible to the successful teaching of other subjects, for, as he pointed out, it was much easier for pupils to write compositions as they had something from their experience to write about; they could best learn arithmetic by applying it to the true problems that they necessarily met in their industrial work. An interesting and significant fact about this community was mentioned by Mr. Davis to the

effect that fifteen out of sixteen of the graduating class, expressed a desire to live permanently in the community, one remarking, "This is a good place to live."

Mr. Davis is a very capable man, and a splendid fellow to be out with. Many people heard him, and it is safe to say that not one regretted the time spent as basket dinners were spread in four communities. All in all the week was a great one, and it is to be hoped that a wholesome public opinion has been aroused in the interest of genuine twentieth century schools. —Aspermont Star.

TWO MILLION INVOLVED IN RANCH DEAL

Values around \$2,000,000.00 were involved in the sale of a ranch in Val Verde and Terrell counties, from Sidney Webb of Bellevue to Julian M. Bassett of Crosbyton.

The ranch contains about 400,000 acres, of which about 300,000 was held by Webb and the balance by lessees. With the land sold was included 7,000 head of cattle, 20,000 head of sheep and several hundred horses, and all ranch supplies and equipment.

In part payment, Bassett gives Webb his entire holdings at Crosbyton and in Crosby county, including the famous Silver Falls ranch, formerly the headquarters ranch of the Kentucky Cattle Company, embracing approximately 20,000 acres and also about 12,000 acres of improved farms in Crosby county, the majority stock of the First National Bank of Crosbyton, telephone and merchandise in Crosbyton, several thousand head of high grade cattle and 2,000 hogs.

Bassett in this transaction turns over to Webb everything he owns in Crosby county and Bassett will remove to and operate the Southwest Texas ranch.

Bassett is prominent in Texas cattle circles, having served as director in the Cattlemen's Association for several years. He also is the promoter and builder of the railroad from Crosbyton to Lubbock, now owned and operated by the Santa Fe system.

Ed Hufstедler, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Bert Duncan, of Dickens, had business in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. C. Weir, of near the city, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

J. D. Hufstедler was among the business visitors in Spur one day this week.

L. S. Scott and family were in the city Saturday shopping with the merchants and also visiting friends and relatives.

A. C. Hindman, of a mile or two north of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday of last week.

L. A. Hindman has completed his farm home west of Spur and he and family have moved to the new home.

Sheriff Bob Goodall, of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday meeting friends and looking after his official duties.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was among the recent business visitors to Spur. He reports everything in good shape in his part of the country at this time.

C. D. Copeland was in Spur Wednesday of this week after his new engine for his traction plow. A defect developed in the engine which was replaced by this new one.

Roy Butts, of nine miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely and smoothly in that part of the great Spur country.

J. C. Stephens, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city the first of the week. He formerly lived in the Tap country, moving last year to his present home east of Spur.

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.

KENT COUNTY COURT RESCINDS ROAD ORDER

Commissioners court met in special session Monday, the object being to consider a petition which had been circulated calling for a county election for the purpose of determining whether or not the people favored issuing bonds in the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of building good roads.

When this proposition was presented to the people of Jayton, as a rule, it was favored, but after considering the matter from all standpoints, our people concluded that the interests of our town and country could be better conserved by forming a road district, and issuing bonds for the improvement of roads therein.

A meeting of the Commercial Club was called, a road district was formed, and petitions circulated and numerous signed calling for an election, asking that the voters grant authority for the issuance of \$60,000 in bonds.

At a meeting of the Court Monday a large delegation of people from Jayton, Girard and other portions of the county were present.

The presentation of the petitions to the court resulted in considerable discussion and finally resulted in the county petition being laid on the table, and the election in the Jayton road district being ordered.

However, we learn later that the action of the court was afterwards rescinded, and both petitions tabled, to be considered again at the next term of court which meets Monday week.

It seems that some people regard Jayton's action in seeking to establish a road district as

resulting from selfish motives. However, such is not the case; we are only seeking to protect our own trade territory, and to provide decent roads for those who come here to trade.

We feel that a road district would provide our people with the roads they need, and would in many ways be better for Jayton, hence our desire for a road district.

Just why the order for an election in the Jayton road district was rescinded we have not been able to learn. Petitions with the legal number of names were presented and in accordance with all legal procedure the election should have been ordered.

The metes and bounds of our road district extend to Clairemont, and it is our intention to construct a bridge across the river, and make other improvements in the road leading to the county capital and the country adjacent thereto, which will enable the people to get here with the least possible trouble.

Jayton does not seek to monopolize the trade of the county, but we do want, and propose to fight for what belongs to us.

We hope that in postponing the order for an election in the Jayton road district, there has been no juggling. Jayton wants only what is fair and just, and we propose to use our utmost endeavor to see that we get it. —Jayton Herald.

J. E. Sparks was among the number in Spur last week from the Tap country.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur the first of this week and spent an hour or two here conversing with his friends and looking after business matters.

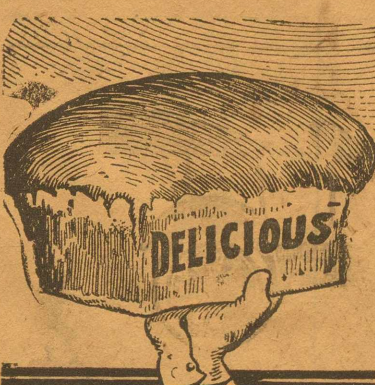
..J. P. SIMMONS..

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

The Westside Barber Shop

VERNER & SIMPSON, Proprietors

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



THERE IS ONE WORD

that describes the quality of our famous bread and that word is "Delicious," which suggests that it is also nutritious, of full weight and of uniform quality. Note our phone number 85.

GERMAN KITCHEN AND BAKERY

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 equipment's 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

Hupmobiles, Chevrolets and Glides

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

See D. H. Sullivan when you want oats and shelled corn. 11

T. W. Morgan had business in Spur the first of this week.

Headed maize for sale, \$1.50 a hundred.—Mace Hunter. 11

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

W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, is confined to his bed, suffering of rheumatism.

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

A. B. Morgan, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of this week.

Sam White came in Thursday from his ranch headquarters.

G. W. Dodson, of the Afton country, was among the many visitors to Spur last week.

Wren Cross came in the first of this week from his ranch in Kent county, spending a short time in Spur on business.

County Judge Walter L. Powell and County Farm Demonstrator Crawford, of Dickens, were in Spur Thursday and were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

Oliver Gray came over this week from Dickens and spent several days in Spur. We understand that he has sold his interest in the Afton Telephone Company and will no longer be manager of that independent telephone system.

A School House

without a telephone would seem strangely isolated in these days of general telephone communication.

When the weather is doubtful and the roads bad call the school house. If school is closed today, why send little Mary or Bobbie on a useless trip?

Bell Telephone serves in all emergencies.



THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

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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.

Mrs. A. B. Williams spent Sunday and Monday in Peacock with relatives.

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur one day this week.

E. Ham and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Troy Morris, of Jayton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

An infant was born Thursday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. John Self, the child living only a short time.

Tom Dodson, Jr., was here last week from his farm in the Afton country. He reports everything in good shape.

W. J. Duncan, of Roaring Springs, was in Spur last week and spent some time here with friends.

J. E. Arthur, one of the best citizens of Dickens, was among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday of this 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. 18-4tf.

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.

Newest Creations in Mens Ties.—Love Dry Goods Co.

W. D. Street, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was among the visitors in Spur this week.

See Dr. Rogers, Veterinary, at the Farmers Wagon Yard, Spur, Texas. All work guaranteed. 19-tf.

Attorney Austin F. Anderson, and Mr. Brown, of Ralls, were in Spur Wednesday evening of this week.

Uncle Jimmie Jones, of the Afton country, was among the number who went to Ft. Worth this week to see the Fat Stock Show.

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.

New Boots for Ladies, purple and white and other shades.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Jake Ligon, of Oklahoma, arrived in Spur this week and will make his home here in the future.

Dr. M. L. Pierce returned the first of the week from a business trip to Dallas where he spent several days.

New Hats for men and boys.—Love Dry Goods Co.

J. D. Martin, of four miles north of Spur, came in Wednesday and spent an hour or two in the city on business.

W. J. Clark, of north of the city of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week after a load of corn.

Mrs. D. H. Sullivan left last week for an extended visit to relatives and friends in Ennis and Terrell.

Transparent Embroideries, the newest out, all widths.—Love Dry Goods Co.

J. T. Whitaker, of the Afton country, was among the number in Spur the first of this week.

E. H. Hendrix, of Matador, was in Spur Tuesday of this week on business in connection with the Afton Telephone Company.

W. G. Mayfield, a leading merchant of Girard, was in the city of Spur Thursday of this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Mayfield is doing a big business in his line at Girard.

WALL PAPER WALL PAPER

HANG IT! HANG ALL OF IT!

SPRING time is here. House cleaning time. Brighten up those rooms with new paper. We have our stock of wall paper now and some very pretty patterns in the different shades.

Let us show you our new patterns.

Campbell & Campbell

Spur, Texas

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.

J. H. Boothe, of a mile or two southeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday.

Mat Bingham was among the number who attended the show in Fort Worth this week.

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Mr. Rhodes, of several miles west of Spur, was here the latter part of last week buying a lot of corn.

R. C. Forbis was among the many who attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth this week.

Ed Jackson, of the Draper country, was in Spur recently buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

Riley Wooten, of the plains country, came to Spur Thursday and hauled out wire and posts with which to improve his place near McAdoo.

H. F. Clay returned this week to his home in Dickens after spending ten days with his sisters, Mrs. Easter and Mrs. McMurray, of Lubbock.

Dr. Haney, of Afton, was in Spur Thursday of this week and spent a few hours here with his son, Dr. Haney of the city.

A. S. Jackson was in Spur recently from Dickens, spending some time here on business and greeting his many friends in Spur and surrounding country.

W. F. Godfrey left Wednesday for Polytechnic and will also attend the big show in Fort Worth before returning to Spur.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over several days of this week from Dickens, spending the time here during carnival week to see that the laws of the land are enforced to the strict letter.

M. A. Darden, of Girard, was in Spur the first of this week, spending some time here on business and meeting friends. He recently sold his business and property in Girard. However, he will remain with the new firm for a time at least.

A good farmer called in this week and asked us if he could make a suggestion concerning the publication of the Texas Spur. We invited the suggestion which was a good one and will be adopted hereafter. We are glad to have our friends assist us in this manner, because we lack a heap of knowing it all.

Ranger Robinson was in Spur one day this week.

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

L. W. Bilberry, a leading citizen of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday.

Homer Boothe was among the large number of visitors in Spur during the week.

C. I. Cannon was in the city Wednesday and spent an hour or two here on business and with friends.

J. R. McArthur, of near Tap, was in the city Saturday meeting friends and trading with the merchants.

R. R. Johns, of two or three miles north of the city, came in this week and spent some time here greeting friends.

A. Fry, a prominent ranchman of several miles west of Spur, had business in the city one day this week.

New arrivals in Mens Shirts.—Love Dry Goods Co.

W. F. Walker and wife, of near Spur, were among the visitors and shoppers in town Saturday.

H. E. Grabener, a good farmer and citizen of seven miles east of Spur, was in the city the first of the week and while in town was an appreciated caller at the Texas Spur office.

New arrivals, "Henderson" Corsets.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, while in the city Thursday was considerably bruised up by his team running away, the team dragging him a considerable distance.

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DRAPER
Oh! These beautiful days makes us feel like planting corn right now.
J. A. Murchison is busy these days building roads. He is making good as commissioner and we are proud of him.
Mr. Crawford, our County Demonstration agent, met with us at Wichita Saturday night and made us a talk that was both instructive and interesting. This was a kind of get-together meeting and we feel sure that it will pave the way to greater social gatherings and redound to the betterment of our community. We believe that Mr. Crawford is the right man in the right place and if the people of Dickens county will give him their co-operation we bespeak for him a greater success than even his optimism could anticipate. Professor Crawford of the Dickens School was with him and he too was loaded. I would suggest that when anyone wants the County agent to address them at a meeting, that you have him bring the Professor too.
Yes, we still have the measles in our neighborhood, but they don't hurt much.
Uncle Peavine come again and grow longer next time.
Well, I must ring off. Maria says I have got to plow the garden and plant beans, okra, corn and squashes and everything else. Say, what is a squash anyhow?—Rambling Bill.

SOLDIER MOUND
Well, as no one else will tell the hardships, goodships and badships of Soldier Mound, I don't know much to tell only the Soldier Mound farmers are going right on with their farm work 'rain or no rain' because they know they will make a crop anyhow. At least they always have but it always rains too. We never get discouraged over dry weather.
Mr. J. H. Farmer and Mr. Robert Gipson went to Plainview, Ralls, Crosbyton, Floydada and other points the first of the week.
Everybody happy as far as I

know. Hope to see some letters from other parts.—Uncle Peavine.

Willie Hagins, of near Gilpin was in Spur Saturday.
Jim Perkins, of the Tap section of country, was among the number in the city Saturday.
A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, had business in Spur Tuesday of this week.
Geo. S. Link returned the first of the week from Stamford and other points where he spent several days on business.
Mrs. Homer Dobbins left the city Saturday for Dallas where she will spend several days visiting relatives and friends.
W. K. Simmons and family, of McCauley, are spending this week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Johnson.
J. H. Meadors, a leading citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week on business.
W. L. Huddleston, of Dickens, was among the number of business visitors to Spur this week.
Mrs. T. P. Hindman and children left Spur the latter part of last week for Commerce where they will spend some time visiting relatives and friends of that town and country.
Chas. Perrin came in recently from his ranch home in the Croton country, spending several hours in the city on business and greeting his numerous friends.
L. H. Gilbert has just received a new machine for his harness shop and with which he will be in better position to do all kinds of work in the harness and leather business.
L. C. Arrington, of near the city of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Arrington recently purchased more land near Dickens to the west and which he is now improving. We understand that he bought three quarter sections two or three miles west of Dickens. He already owns three or four other well improved farms in the county.

MARRIED.
W. C. Pressley, of fifteen or twenty miles east of Spur, was married Friday of last week to a lady at Mineral Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Pressley are now at their ranch home east of Spur.
Mr. Pressley is one of the leading ranchmen of this section of the country and his many friends will join the Texas Spur in extending congratulations and best wishes to he and bride.

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The Texas Spur, \$1.50 a year.
Miss Mamie Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday shopping and visiting friends.

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DUMONT
C. D. Neeley's car went to Paducah last Saturday and returned with C. D. Neeley and wife, L. B. Neeley, Elro and Miss Cappie, who have been visiting old friends for some time. C. D. Neeley returned from a visit to his brother and sister in or near Eldorado, Oklahoma.
J. H. Edwards has gone to New Mexico to locate.
The High Sheriff and County Clerk were up last Friday on business and summoning witnesses for court at Benjamin in Douglass case.
A. Holmberg, R. E. Laster, R. A. McDuff and O. C. Tackett will attend court at Benjamin this week.
O. F. Flippin has been troubled all this week with sore throat.
Chas. Simpson, O. Choat, R. E. Hendrix and wife met at G. W. Cross' last Saturday night and rendered some good music.
J. L. Sinclair moved back to Dumont from Guthrie last Saturday.
Chas. Simpson, Elmer Petty, Miss Ruby Fielder and Miss Susie Petty visited friends in Paducah last Sunday.
Overy G. Chote left last Monday as mail carrier from Dumont to Paducah.
Do not forget that next Friday night will be Literary night and as usual will have some nice pieces, so try to be on hand and let the school children entertain you free of cost. Come, everyone and especially the parents, and help out by your presence.
T. G. Criswell and J. L. Sinclair left last Monday for Pa-

ducah after lumber.—Old Bill in Paducah Post.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Spur, Texas, March 16th, 1917. In calling for same please say advertised.

Mrs. M. A. Carley
T. G. Andrews
Henry Broyle
Jim Butts (2)
Ross Boyd
Inez Byars
N. J. Clark
Dora Campbell
Ollie Cale
Nannie Fowler
G. W. Gollihar
W. A. Gatcher
R. L. Henson
Mrs. J. H. Hobson
G. W. Howard (2)
Fay Hodges
Mrs. J. Johnson
J. D. Jameson
Jas. Lee Wilson
Mrs. C. W. Lanson
N. O. Lansford
Mrs. Joseph Moore
Mrs. Bettie Moore
Hortie Magill
Lee Masters
Miss Bob Miller (2)
J. H. Phillips
William Jewel Patton
L. S. Royall
Johny Thompson
Mrs. W. B. Taymon
H. E. Walker
Mrs. Ada Yelsen
Mrs. Lela Evans,
Postmaster.

Mrs. R. L. Collier is spending this week with relatives and friends in South and West Texas points.



Your Grocery List

may be as long as you like, and include the best grades of everything, and we will fill your order promptly and economically. We have an immense assortment of pure Groceries of all kinds, and would appreciate your patronage because we know we can satisfy you on both qualities and prices. Give us a trial order now.

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Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Jim Perkins, of near Tap, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week.

A. Fry came in Monday from his ranch home on Cat Fish and spent an hour or two in Spur on business.

A. A. Fry, of the Fry Furniture Company, has been sick this week, having been confined to his bed for several days.

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

Tom Greer came in Monday from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch and spent a short time in the city greeting friends and looking after business affairs.

Tom McArthur came in Monday from his farm and ranch in the Tap country, spending several hours here on business and greeting his numerous friends.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, came in Monday and spent an hour or two trading with the merchants of Spur and also meeting his numerous friends.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Red Mud country, was among the number of business visitors in the city Monday. Mr. Grubbs is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this section.

L. L. Arnold, of near Spur, was among the large number in the city Monday trading with merchants.

Tom Cherry was in Spur Saturday from his home near the city, spending several hours here trading and on other business.

J. L. Karr, a leading citizen and farmer of the Old Espuela community north of Spur, was among the many business visitors in the city Monday.

Judge A. J. McClain is reported quite sick of pneumonia at his home on Cat Fish. His many friends throughout this country join the Texas Spur in hoping that his illness will be only temporary.

H. C. Eldredge, of near McAdoo on the plains, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week. Mr. Eldredge is one of the biggest farmers and most influential citizens of the plains country.

George Snodgrass came over Monday from Dickens and spent a short time in Spur on business. Mr. Snodgrass is now Justice of the Peace of that Precinct and is serving with dignity and dispensing justice on every occasion.

H. P. Cole and wife, of near Dickens, were in Spur Monday spending some time in the city trading with merchants and visiting friends.

H. F. Clay, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday, spending some time here on business and visiting his sons, E. L. and W. D. Clay and families.

Newt Cravey came in Monday from the Red Mud country. He is still engaged in building good roads in Kent county and estimates that the work will continue until September. Kent county is most progressive in the matter of good roads.

J. L. Moore was in the city Monday from his ranch home west of Spur. He reports that the cattle were drawn but little as a result of the recent cold spell. However, he sated that he was feeding everything on his ranch.

Walter White and family, of New Mexico, are in Spur for a time for the benefit of his wife's health. Mr. White recently filed on government land in New Mexico near the line of Arizona. He formerly lived in this country and has many old time friends and acquaintances in this country.

W. J. Elliot came in Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and spent some time in the city on business and greeting friends.

R. F. Rogers, a leading citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Dry Lake country, had business in Spur Saturday.

Geo. Greenwade came over Monday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business and meeting his numerous friends.

Arnold Copeland returned Monday from Fort Worth where he had been to dispose of a shipment of fine furs and hides. On his return he stated that Spur was the best little city and fastest growing town of the country and that it did one good to get away and return to such a place.

Al Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Monday. He had four or five bales of cotton which he sold on the Spur market, securing a price of between fourteen and fifteen cents a pound. This is a good price since his cotton was termed "bollies". Fifteen cents used to be a good price for "long staple" cotton.

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

W. C. Garrett, a prominent citizen and farmer of near Tap, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

W. A. Valentine, of near Tap, had business in Spur Monday. He reports everything in good shape in the Spur country.

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

Mat Howell, of the Red Mud country, came in Monday and spent a short time in Spur on business. He reports that his section of country now has plenty of moisture to meet ever requirement and that crop prospects are now most promising.

W. L. Huddleston, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent a few hours here on business. He reports the epidemic of measles now somewhat subsided in Dickens. The Dickens School suspended two weeks on account of the measles, but resumed school work Monday of this week.

Luther Thornton, who has been working on a ranch in Montana for the Matador Land & Cattle Company, returned last week to Spur and will spend some time here before returning to Montana. While he says that ranching is the principal interest of that country, yet much small grain, potatoes, etc., are produced in that country.

We received a letter from L. W. Langston at Davidson, Oklahoma, enclosing a check authorizing his name to be replaced on the Texas Spur subscription list and for which he has our thanks. Notwithstanding the fact that the price of everything has advanced, even the price of subscriptions to the Texas Spur, we hope and expect to increase the list of regular readers.



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5 No. 3 Hominy.....	50c
5 No. 2½ Pie Peaches.....	50c
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1 1-gallon Can Pie Apples.....	50c
4 15-oz. Cans K. C. Baking Powders.....	50c

7 lbs. Good Rice (slightly cracked).....	50c
6 lbs. Full Head Rice.....	50c
2½ lbs. Good Peaberry Coffee.....	50c
1 5-lb Bucket Breakfast Blend Coffee.....	\$1.00
1 3-lb. Can Wapco Coffee.....	95c
1 3-lb. Can Breakfast Delight Coffee.....	95c
1 10-lb. Can Arm & Hammer Soda.....	65c
1 3-lb. Can Wamba Coffee.....	\$1.00
1 10-lb. Box Dried Peaches.....	\$1.25
1 10-lb. Box Dried Grapes.....	\$1.25
1 10-lb. Box of the Best Dried Apples.....	\$1.35

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Here is the newest thing in coats—a *Marquette Sport* model in *Plaid Velour*. You may choose from a variety of colors—*Gold, Mustard, Burgundy, Copen*—with black overplaids.

Marquette Sport Coats are cut to just that length for smart effect—36 inches and under, the length for you depending upon your measurements. Equally beautiful *Marquette Walking Coats*, come in lengths from 38 to 42 inches.

Select your new spring coat now. Come see our *Marquette* plaids and fancies in sport and walking lengths.

The brilliance of color and smartness of design are striking in *Marquette Sport Coats*.

SPRING NEWS!

In announcing the arrival of New Spring Goods we desire to state that while this season has shown but little better conditions in the Dye situation, on visiting our store one could hardly realize that war existed. We have procured a very classy showing in new shades and cloths in Ladies Suits and Coats. While we are not entirely complete on account of deliveries, we will be so in a very few days. We have just received new lines in Ladies High Cut Boots, Oxfords and Pumps; also the new lines of Misses and Childrens Spring Pumps, Mens Shoes and Oxfords. We are desirous to show our new lines of Shoes. Call and inspect the Style and Price. We can hardly go into detail of description of Merchandise, but we are glad to give our time to demonstrate the value of our offerings.

Regardless of Your Needs It's Likely Here!

Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas
 Keep Your Eye on Our Show Window for New Creations

RURAL FARM LOANS ACT A GREAT MEASURE

Governor Alexander, of Idaho, one of the most active state executives in the country, declares that the rural Loans Act is not only for the common good, but is the most important measure for that purpose since the civil war. He says:

Nothing probably has occurred of greater importance since the civil war in the way of progress legislation than the Rural Credit Act of the United States. It is as yet little understood and is criticized in many quarters, no doubt, through lack of knowledge about its workings. Applications are pouring in for loans by the hundreds of thousands.

Whether the prophecies about this act are correct, the future alone can tell, but right or wrong, the law is here and here to stay, and it is not workable.

It means, back to the farm, which has been but an empty cry heretofore; and not back to the farm to make a failure, but to make a success. With the aid of government money, with a low rate of interest, scientific farming, more intensified cultivation and bigger crops will come reduced cost of living and with big returns to the farmer, it will all refund to the glory of that illustrious statesman, Woodrow Wilson.

This act stands on a par with the Regional Reserve Act, also passed at this session. It may be in advance of the times, but nevertheless, it shows the wisdom of anticipating the wants of the people before a crying need takes place, and this act has demonstrated that the government can legislate for the benefit of the masses and build up that great industry agriculture, which is the basis of all wealth and the security of all investments and the uplift of the human family.

Of course it is a new departure to legislate for the tiller of the soil—the man who handles the plow; but we are beginning to realize that he is the man of power, the man behind the throne.

The Rural Credit Act of the United States will be a monument to United States and a model for nations to pattern after, and the longer it is in force the greater the benefits will be.

W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday.

Please see Jno. Weathers, dealer in thorough bred cattle and high bred horses. I guarantee prompt and satisfactory dealings. 16-1f.

A NOTED CHARACTER VISITING IN SPUR

Uncle Bill Lowrance, one of the most noted characters of Western Texas, is spending this week in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Bingham.

In the very early days Uncle Bill Lowrance played an important part in the history of the settlement of Western Texas, he being for a number of years one of the Texas Rangers who fought Indians, prevented many depredations and thus made it possible for civilization to move westward. He was with the Rangers on a number of occasions, following Indian raiders through the country on their flights to safer hunting grounds, making camps in various parts of this territory, the Double Mountain country being regular camping quarters.

We knew Uncle Bill Lowrance a number of years ago, and have heard him relate many interesting and thrilling incidents of Indian fights in which he had been engaged. He is an interesting talker, knows much of the early history of Western Texas and can relate much of its unwritten history.

During the past six years Uncle Bill has been living in Andrews county, having recently sold out in that country and filed on land in New Mexico where he will make his home in the future. He knows many of the old timers of this country all of whom will be glad to meet him again.

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.

Jake Scott, of the Afton country, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday.

KENT COUNTY CONTEMPLES ROAD BOND ISSUE

The proposition of issuing one hundred thousand dollars in bonds for road construction work throughout Kent county is now being agitated. The Commissioners Court met at Clairemont Monday to order such an election, but at this meeting a proposition was presented to create four or five road districts in preference to a general county bond issue. The order granting and creating the proposed road districts was later rescinded on account of opposition, and a decision in the several road propositions was deferred until the next regular meeting. Kent county has been active and most progressive in the matter of building good roads, and it is very probable that the difference now pending in the road questions will be amicably and definitely settled at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

It has been our observation throughout the counties of western Texas that the people in general favor good roads and also favor building such roads by bond issues, and the defeat of such propositions are in nearly every instance brought about by objectionable plans and methods of building the roads. We have concluded that in most instances the plan of creating road districts in the several sections of the county is not only the safest plan to carry a bond issue but also the most equitable method of assessing the resulting road taxes.

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. 18-1f.

Big Six Buick Roadster for sale at a bargain.—Spur Overland Co. 18-1f.

LUBBOCK LOSES CASE AGAINST HALE COUNTY

Saturday the court of civil appeals in Fort Worth reversed and rendered the Hale-Lubbock county line case. This is a victory for Hale county and means that the boundary line will remain as it was located more than twenty years ago.

Two years ago Lubbock county sued Hale county for a strip of territory along the line about a mile wide, including the town of Abernathy. In the district court at Sweetwater Lubbock County won, but now the higher court gives Hale county the decision.

Lubbock will have to pay about \$6,000 in court costs and what Hale has spent.

The present line between the counties was surveyed about twenty five years ago, and for all this time has been recognized as such by the school precinct, county, state and Federal departments.—Plainview News.

JACK LONDON ON "A GOODFELLOW"

"Oh!—and I speak out of later knowledge—heaven forgive me from most of the average run of male humans who are not goodfellows—the ones cold of heart and cold of head, who don't drink, smoke nor swear, nor do much of anything else that is brave, and resentful, and stinging, because in their feeble fibers there has never been the stir and prod of life to well over its boundaries and be devilish and daring. One does not meet these in saloons, nor rallying to lost causes, nor flaming on the adventure paths, nor loving as God's own mad lover. They are too busy keeping their feet dry, conserving their heartbeats, and making unlovely life successes of their spirit-mediocrity.

TWO GRAVES OPENED IN ASPERMONT CEMETERY

Wednesday morning the Sheriff's office was notified that there were two graves opened and the coffins on the opposite side of the fence at the Brazos Valley Cemetery, which place is about eighteen miles northwest of here. Sheriff Ginn and Deputy Rash started immediately for the scene and upon arrival found that the bodies of two Mexican babies that had only been buried about three weeks had been dug up and carried out of the cemetery.

The boxes were not taken out of the graves but the coffins and bodies were and were carried some distance, however, the bodies were not removed from the coffins. While the officers were there a Mexican woman came up and said that one of the babies belonged to her and she wanted to look in the casket before burying it again to make sure the body had not been taken out, her request was granted and it was found that the body had not been disturbed.

The graves were cleaned out and the bodies re-buried.

Sheriff Ginn can not account for this other than it was some mean boys who objected to having Mexicans buried in the cemetery with the whites.—Aspermont Star.

SPUR PRODUCE CO. MAINTAINS BEST MARKET

Among the number of business concerns of Spur which deserves special encouragement and patronage at the hands of the public is the Spur Produce Company. Throughout the year, under the management of Mr. Miller, the Spur Produce Company has furnished a market for poultry, eggs, hides, furs, junk and other character of farm products, and maintained the highest market prices. Such a concern is not only of benefit to the people who have such produce to sell but to the town in that it contributes to establishing a superior market place and business center for the surrounding territory.

During the past year the Spur Produce Company has paid out thousands of dollars to the farmers of the surrounding country for every character of produce, and in so doing has profited the producers and encouraged the raising of more and varied farm products for the market.

Lost—A five dollar bill between Love Dry Goods Co. and Spur Hotel. Please return to Miss Leona Barrett.



OUR COFFEE IS KING

—matchless in flavor and aroma, unrivalled in its exquisite taste. Don't be content with inferior coffees when ours can be had at a price no higher. For breakfast, or dinner our coffee is the one essential.

BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY

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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FORD PARTS

THE PATRIOTISM OF THE PLOWMAN

The farmer or land owner who lets acres of land go unplanted this year that may possibly be adding to the sum of food production, is failing in patriotic duty.

Food shortage has become an implement of warfare. Half the civilized world is on the edge of starvation. Millions of tons of wheat and other foods are being dumped into the briny wastes of the ocean. Millions of men who should normally be tilling the soil have fertilized barren battlefields with their bodies and their blood; and millions more, who in times of peace are farmers, are manning the long battle lines.

The world needs grain. The world needs beans. The world needs potatoes. The world needs meat. The worldwide scarcity of these articles of food is now felt in every home in the United States. The struggle to pay grocery bills has become a keen one, amounting in many cases to actual distress.

There are in Texas millions of acres now unused, which, no doubt, could be brought into some sort of cultivation in the course of the next year if their owners would put on the necessary pressure. There are enough men who want to rent land—but who have not the capital to put up some little house and barn and get a domestic water supply. There are many men who could buy land—if the terms were such that they could get a foothold and slowly work their way out of debt. With the present high prices, and the prospect that they will continue high for two or three years, the time is propitious for such transactions.

Make it a patriotic duty to produce food. Reverse the old saying that a man is a benefactor who makes two blades of grass grow where one might have grown and let us feel that the man is a malefactor who neglects to make the two blades grow where but one—or none—grew before. Get the land to work. Get more men out to the farms.

If a man who is producing nothing in the city will take a few acres of land and raise upon it the amount of food in a year that he and his family consumes, he will leave upon the nation's market just that much more food. If we have to have an army in the field at war, every person that takes up the

problem of producing his own food will be feeding a soldier or a sailor.

Let every man who has an idle tract of land, small or great, put in his time and attention to this problem of food production. He will be serving himself and serving the nation and adding to his own prosperity. And now is the time to do it.

MOTHERS AND BOYS

Of all the love affairs in the world, none can surpass the true love of the big boy for his mother. It is pure and noble, honorable in the highest degree to both. We do not mean merely dutiful affection. We mean a love which makes a boy gallant and courteous to his mother, saying to everybody plainly that he is fairly in love with her.

Next to the love of a husband, nothing so crowns a woman's life with honor as the second love, this love of a son to her. And we never yet knew a boy to "turn out" badly who began by falling in love with his mother.

Any man may fall in love with a fresh faced girl, and the man who is gallant with the girl may cruelly neglect the worn and faded wife. But the boy who is a lover of his mother in her middle age is a true knight who will love his wife as much in the bereaved autumn as he did in the daisied springtime.

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.

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.

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

VILLA A FORTY NINE MILLION DOLLAR BANDIT

Washington, Dec. 26.—It is estimated today that Uncle Sam has spent more than \$49,000,000 trying to catch "Pancho" Villa and the Mexican bandit is still at large. He has just captured the Mexican city of San Luis Potosi.

The War department has not yet issued an official report of the cost of trying to catch the \$49,000,000 bandit.

Last year the cost of feeding the regular army was 27 cents per day. Food price increases have placed the cost at 30 cents per day. Uncle Sam has spent about \$8,120,996 feeding the 140,254 men for 193 days spent on the border.

The pay bill for officers and men is put at \$22,498,089.

The cavalry and field artillery of the state militia were practically horseless when they went to the border.

The 6,315 cavalrymen had 1,824 horses, the 9,524 field artillerymen had 912 horses. It cost \$1,943,890 to buy horses and mules.

From the time Pershing went into Mexico to June 30, 1916, there were bought for the exclusive use of the expedition, 588 motor trucks, 10 motor machine shop trucks, 6 motor wrecking trucks, 75 automobiles, 61 motorcycles and eight tractors for repairing roads. This cost is placed at \$2,175,670.

The \$49,000,000 estimate does not cover wearing out of tentage and supplies of all kinds, nor maintenance of road and supply trains.

With Villa at large and the cost to Uncle Sam going on the total figure, when the Villa matter is finally settled, will be all the more astounding.

The figures are divided as follows: Subsistence of National Guardsmen in Federal service, \$8,120,996.10.

Pay of officers and enlisted men in federal service, \$22,498,089.54.

Transportation regulars and national guardsmen to border, \$5,576,770.00.

Transportation of food to border. Special motor transportation equipment purchased for use on the border and in Mexico, \$2,175,670.00.

Payments by Federal Government, \$290,770.00.

Transportation of freight, baggage and impediments to border, \$2,025,000.00.

Government to dependent families of enlisted men, \$2,000,000.00.

Payments by Red Cross and charities to dependent families, \$100,000.00.

Clothing equipment issued to the National Guard and worn out, \$4,121,533.61.

Purchase of horses for National Guard, \$1,943,890.00.

Total expenditures, \$49,022,984.91.

The troops are being withdrawn from Mexico and they failed to "Get Villa."

SOLDIER MOUND

Hello, every body and their dogs. As I haven't written in a long time, thought I'd write a few lines. I don't get around much now a days to gather up any news. But will write what little I know.

The farmers are progressing nicely in this community.

Mrs. A. M. Bowman left today for Hill county to visit her parents for a few days.

Mrs. Kimble spent today with Mrs. J. H. Farmer.

We are still plowing, but a good old time rain would be highly appreciated.

Well, I don't know anything else. Will ring off and try to do better next time.—Uncle Peavine.

Ladies slippers and shoes shining and cleaning a specialty. At the Spur Barber Shop. John McCulloch, Prop. 19-1tp

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner came in Monday from their Prairie View Stock Farm two miles northeast of Spur and spent an hour or two in the city shopping and visiting friends.

THE LIST OF DRY COUNTIES IN TEXAS

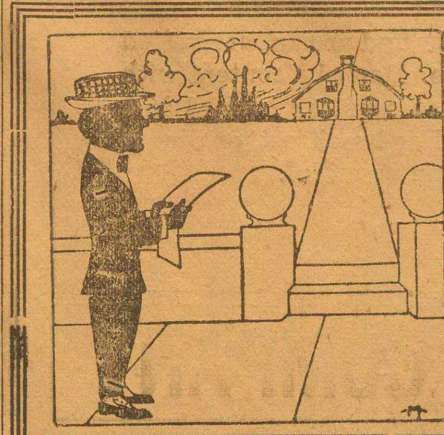
Dr. A. J. Barton, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas gives the following in Home and State as the counties in which local option now obtains—187 of them:

Anderson, Andrews, Angulina, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey, Baderia, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burnett, Caldwell, Callahan, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Collin, Collingsworth, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crosby, Crockett, Deaf Smith, Dawson, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Dimmitt, Donley, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Earth, Fannin, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hill, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hunt, Hutchison, Iron, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kent, Kimble, King, Kleburg, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Leon, LIMESTONE, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, McCulloch, McCullen, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Mitchell, Mills, Midland, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Parmer, Polk, Potter, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Roberts, Rockwall, Reeves, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Walker, Ward, Wheeler, Wilbarger, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Wood, Yoakum, Young, Zavalla.

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 1f.

We pay the highest prices for Poultry, Eggs, Hides and Furs.—Spur Produce Co. 10 1f



YOUR NEW HOME

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

HIGH-GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

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

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

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.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

The Dickens County Fair is now on its feet and will soon be ready to begin preparations for the biggest fair we have ever had.

A general epidemic of the measles prevails not only in this section but throughout the greater portion of Western Texas.

The location of the A. & M. College in Western Texas is of the greatest importance to Spur right at this time. In view of the stated intention of the locating committee not to consider any bonus propositions Spur has a better show than any other point in securing this college, since we are in almost the exact center of Western Texas and at the foot of the Cap Rock where the college would conveniently serve the interests of the plains country as well as that portion of Western Texas under the Cap Rock. Spur is the logical point for its location and if the locating committee can come to the same conclusion Spur will get the A. & M. College.

An investigating committee has been appointed by the legislature to investigate the charges made against Governor Ferguson. The charges came about in that state funds were used in providing groceries, etc. for the executive mansion, and also in that Governor Ferguson

had borrowed an excessive amount of money from his Temple Bank and had also deposited state funds without interest in that institution. The legislature has honored the grocery accounts of other governors heretofore, and in this Governor Ferguson was but following the precedent of other governors. The governor gets a salary of four thousand dollars a year which is insufficient to maintain the executive mansion in accord with the dignity of the state, and if this salary were raised to at least ten thousand dollars a year the grocery accounts could be eliminated.

We used to go to the grocery store and buy a sack full of potatoes for twenty five cents, now they come at the rate of five cents a piece. Onions used to sell for two-bits a peck, now they bring from fifteen to twenty five cents each. Frying chickens formerly sold for fifteen cents, now they bring forty. Side bacon sold for five cents, now you pay twenty five and thirty cents. Eggs were ten cents, now they are worth 25c. Maize was seven to twelve dollars a ton, now it brings thirty dollars. Cotton

was five to seven cents, now it is worth fifteen and up. Newspaper was two and three cents, now it is seven—and notwithstanding the advance in prices all along the line some few are disposed to kick because we have raised the price of subscriptions from one dollar to one and a half. The difference can be made up in the sale of three or four dozen eggs, or a few heads of maize. Read the Texas Spur.

A span of good mules for sale; enquire at City National Bank, Spur, Texas. 20-2t.

Grundy Crego, of the Croton country, was here Monday and hauled out a four-horse load of feed stuff.

W. J. Elliot was among the large number from this part of the country who attended the Fat Stock Show this week.

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

Mrs. W. F. Godfrey is on an extended visit to her parents at Polytechnic and also attending the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

W. F. Cathey, of several miles north of Spur, had business in the city the first of this week.

NOTICE

1 pair good horses for sale, reasonable. Call at Fry Furniture Store.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday marketing produce and shopping with the Spur merchants.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot was in the city from her Spring Creek farm and ranch home Monday and spent several hours in the city shopping and visiting her friends.

Robt. T. Dopson came in the first of this week from the Dry Lake community and spent a short time in Spur trading with merchants and greeting his numerous friends of the town and country.

Misses Annie Cathey and Effie Shields, of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday of this week. They are among the members of the graduating class this year of Dickens High School, and are young ladies of high merit and accomplishments.

Dr. Tate, a veterinary surgeon, spent several days of this week in Spur.

A girl baby was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Ensey at their home in the city.

Jeff Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, had business in town Saturday of the past week.

Sol Davis and J. H. Busby made a business trip this week to Abilene where they spent several days.

Bert N. Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, had business in Spur the latter part of last week.

A boy baby was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rucker at their home in the city.

W. D. Blair, of a few miles east of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city Saturday.

Chalk Brown came in one day the latter part of last week and spent an hour or two in Spur on business.

Otho L. Hale, a leading merchant and citizen of Afton, had business in Spur Monday of this week, spending several hours here on business and also greeting friends.

C. I. Cannon came in Saturday from his ranch home in Crosby county and while here handed us a dollar and fifty cents for another year's subscription to the Texas Spur, and which we appreciate very much especially since he did not even kick at the advanced price of fifty cents a year. May he live long and always prosper.

Newt Cravey came in Saturday from Kent county and informed us that he had quit the road work in that county and had returned to his home in the Red Mud country to begin his farm work for the year. The road funds of Kent county are now almost exhausted and until the road bond issue contemplated is adopted the road work will probably be suspended.



DON'T BE A LIGHTWEIGHT
all your life. A bank account will add to the weight of your judgment and give you self confidence. Be above the consequences of the stress and storms of this life. Look to a luxurious future. Compound interest carves the way to a safe and sure fortune.

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

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

A U C T I O N !!

AT PUBLIC SALE

Tuesday, April 3rd, 1917

Ten O'clock, A. M., at

Bassett's Dairy, Crosbyton, Tex.

A clean up of Ranch, Farm and Dairy properties
Owned by Julian M. Bassett
Closing out his interests in Crosby County.

These articles go to the highest bidder without reservation and include 5 pure bred Jersey milch cows. 20 saddle and work horses. 20 mares. Harness, Buggy, Wagons, Disc Plows, Drills, Planters, Cultivators, Go Devils, Row and Broadcast Binders and nearly all farming implements. Many practically new.

The Largest Auction Sale Ever Held in Crosby Co.
Noon luncheon of barbecued pig.

TERMS OF SALE: Net cash under \$10. Over \$10, secured note due December 1st, next, with 10 per cent interest; or 5 per cent off for cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

JULIAN M. BASSETT, Owner.

W. A. NASH, Auctioneer.

G. M. McKEE, Cashier

Genuine Mebane Cotton Seed while they last at \$1.75.—The Spur Grain & Coal Co. 1t

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin section of country, was in town Saturday greeting friends.

W. D. Eldredge, of near McAdoo on the plains, was among the visitors in Spur this week.

Frank Smith was here one day last week returning from a trip down the Stamford & Northwestern railway.

Burl Harrington and wife, of near Spur, were in the city Saturday visiting relatives and shopping.

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

R. L. Moore came in Saturday from his ranch home six miles west of Spur. He has been feeding his cattle for some time and reports that they are in fine shape.

W. H. Stephenson, of a few miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of the week. He has just bought a tract of land on the plains near McAdoo and where he will later make his home.

Uncle Jimmie Hudson has just returned to his home near Dickens from Lubbock where he has been visiting his daughters, Mrs. Era Robinson and Mrs. Myrtle Penny, and also his son, Ed Hudson.

Will Walker, of two or three miles east, was in the city Saturday meeting his friends. Will Walker is one of the best and most successful farmers of the whole country, and every year he makes big crops.

Jim Walker came in Saturday from his farm home north of Spur. Jim this year purchased new land, built a modern farm home and is now sodding land for cultivation. We hope he will make a bale of cotton to the acre.

J. A. Murphy, of four miles north of Spur, was in the city this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He came to this country the first of the year from the eastern part of the state, and being a new comer is very anxious to see a gully washing rain about this time of the year.

J. E. Burton, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

R. L. Jones, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Wednesday.

A. W. Jordan, of near Steel Hill, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Miss Mabel VanLeer, of the Soldier Mound community, was in the city Saturday shopping.

T. J. Harrison, of several miles north of Afton, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Jesse Fletcher, who is farming this year six miles east of Spur, came in Saturday after supplies.

F. W. West was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday, spending several hours here.

Bill McArthur came in Saturday and spent several hours here greeting friends and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

I. G. VanLeer came to Spur Saturday from the Soldier Mound community, spending a short time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

J. A. Kerley, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles east of Spur, was among the number here Saturday trading with the live merchants.

M. C. West, of five or six miles south of Spur, had business in the city Saturday, spending several hours here trading and looking after other affairs in town.

L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in Spur the first of the week. Mr. Crabtree is one of the most progressive and enlightened citizens of this country and is always ready to promote the interests of the country and the people. We need more men like L. G. Crabtree.

Dock Edwards, of the Croton country, was in Spur Saturday and while here called in and handed us a dollar and fifty cents for the renewal of his subscription another year to The Texas Spur, and for which he has our thanks. Dock Edwards is one of the biggest farmers of the country and each year not only grows plenty of feed stuff but has from one to two and three hundred bales of cotton to market.

Mr. Varnell, of the Draper country, was in Spur trading the first of the week.

Dick Sampson was among the large number of people in Spur Saturday.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

Miss Callis, of near Post, spent several days of last week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Sullivan.

Red Sampson came in one day this week and spent an hour or two here greeting his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, were in the city Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. D. Sampson, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday evening.

W. A. Holloway, a prominent citizen and good farmer of several miles north of Spur, came in Saturday and spent a short time here on business.

Ed Hulse and family, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city the latter part of last week trading with the merchants.

Tom McArthur, of the Tap country, was among the large number of business visitors in the city Saturday of the past week.

Mrs. Chas. Jaye returned the latter part of last week from Coryell county and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Wilson at their home in Spur.

John Weathers came in the first of the week from the Red Mud Camp southwest of Spur, spending an hour or two here on business.

John Sellman came in Wednesday from the Spur Ranch headquarters and spent a few hours here on business and also meeting his numerous friends and acquaintances.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week greeting friends and looking after business affairs.

Cecil Bennett, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday. He recently spent some time at Marlin Wells for the treatment of rheumatism. He is very much improved, we are glad to note.

Two furnished rooms for rent.—Mrs. Shelby. 19tf.

J. I. Shields and family, of Dickens, were visitors in Spur Wednesday afternoon.

500 Misses and Childrens Gingham Dresses, 50c to \$2.50.—Love Dry Goods Co.

D. E. Thomas, of near Spur, had business in the city this week.

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

S. R. Bowman, of three miles north of Spur, had business in the city the latter part of last week.

Silk or Cotton Nets, Laces, Buttons, Silks and all other requirements are here.—Love Dry Goods Co.

J. F. Speer, of near Dickens, was in Spur first of the week and traded a wolf hide for corn and other feed stuff.

Will Stephens, of four or five miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday of last week.

New Tailored Suits, Sport Coats, Skirts and Waists.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Howard Campbell, of three miles southwest of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

W. M. Moore came in Saturday from his ranch home west of Spur, spending several hours here on business.

Best Gingham Made sold at this place at 12 1-2 and 15c.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Faver, of four or five miles east of Afton, were in Spur Wednesday of this week trading with the merchants and visiting friends and acquaintances.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Red Mud country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office one day last week. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his section of the country at this time.

Big line Ladies and Misses Middies, 75c to \$3.00.—Love Dry Goods Co.

W. J. Hunter, of four or five miles east of Spur, came in the latter part of last week on business. He has put in seventy five or an hundred acres of new ground this year on his place. He is a good farmer and pushes his work instead of permitting his work to rush him.

Silk Teddy Bear Chemise and Chemises.—Love Dry Goods Company.

Mace Hunter came in one day this week from his home a few miles east of Spur. He recently bought a section of plains land near Lubbock. This land was bought in order to get more grass land, and since Mr. Hunter owns one of the finest farms in the county, we presume that he does not intend to move away.

We can fit any man in Dickens county in dress or work pants, sizes up to 50 waist.—Love Dry Goods Co.

W. T. Lovell, of near Draper, was in the city the latter part of last week. He has gone "back to the farm" after spending the fall in making "good, easy money." Lovell is a shrewd man. He knows how to operate a gin as well as a farm and make money out of either. We expected him to retire this year, or possibly engage in the banking business.

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GATHERED SENTENCES

Borrowed money soon begins to look like borrowed trouble.

Health has its penalties. You never hear of a poor man who spends his money for dyspepsia tablets.

When fortune begins to smile on a foolish man he thinks it is up to him to sit down and bask.

A bachelor says the simplest kind of simple addition is the adding of one and one to make one.

The woman who says she wouldn't marry the best man on earth usually weds one that is no good.

In looking backward a woman sees only the bright places in her past, and a man sees only the high spots in his.

Any woman can keep an expense account, but not more than one in a thousand can get it to tally with her cash.

It takes a smart man to dispose of his property in a way that will shut out the lawyers as well as his relatives.

Many a young man loses a lot of sleep at night wondering how he can win the only girl when all he will have to do is ask her.

And the average man spends nine-tenths of his life trying to accumulate enough money to enable him to spend the other tenth in comfort.

M'CLARYGRAMS

Friendship should be built on business, not business on friendship.

There is not really so much method in some people's madness as madness in their methods.

That man may be smart who can give an incorrect impression without telling a lie, but he is not very wise.

It takes a great deal of promise to make some people hopeful; in other words, they want a lot to build on.

When a man sticks too closely to his business the result is a glued-up mass that doesn't progress at all.

Sometimes we have wondered if it may not be true that with many people the more you do for them the less they like you.

Some people, who by reason of their constant efforts to push work on to some one else, consider themselves executive geniuses, are merely shirkers and generally nuisances.—McClary Magazine.

Few Red Poll Bulls, thorough bred, for sale.—C. I. Cannon. 20-2tp.

Newest styles in Ladies and Misses Spring Shoes and Low Cuts.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Jack Stringer and wife are in the city visiting Mrs. Stringer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randleman.

See

JOPLING BROTHERS

For All Kinds of
Sheet Metal Work

Stock Tanks, Cisterns, Etc., A Specialty. We do only high-class work and appreciate your business.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR THE SIXTH MONTH

The publication of the names appearing on the honor roll for the fifth month was inadvertently overlooked. During the sixth month the following students made records that would entitle them to a place on the honor roll for the month:

Primary and First Grade.

- Draper Keen
- Richard Gibson
- Clarence Laine
- Duard Woodward
- Britton Forbis
- Cleve Junior Ensey
- Clyde Yopp
- John A. Davis
- Jewell Jones
- Una Spraberry
- Flora Nolen
- Viola Shelby
- Mary Cook
- Vera Shepherd
- Ludell Berry
- Onal Scott
- Floyd Bills
- T. D. Ford
- Fav Ross
- Viola Morgan

Second Grade.

- Dorothy Lane
- Mabel Williams
- Guy Fellmy
- Altus Mott
- Cleo Hazel
- Rufus Douglass

Third Grade

- Robert Morrison
- Ella Mae Hogan
- Jack Manning
- Floyd Cain
- Louis Crone
- Blanch Nolen

Fourth Grade

- Bessie Hunt
- Marvin Ford
- Lois Lain
- Mabel Bills
- Ponnie Gilbert
- Lena Mae Roberts
- Bessie Wayne Jackson
- Blanche Keene
- Lois Mott
- Ravburn Evans

Fifth Grade

- Willard Sampson
- Homer Farmer

Sixth Grade

- Eleanor Luck
- Oman Coneland
- Mary McKnight
- Floyd Richbourg
- Milton West
- Billie Atteburv
- Bona Mae Ford
- Sam Potts
- Willie Stafford
- Carol Sanning
- Alline Cates

Seventh Grade

- Mack Rash
- Olda Harrington
- George Springer
- Noel Lane
- Joe Lee
- Chester Hooper
- Andrev Barber
- Luev Farmer
- Artie Mae Fite
- Lottie Fite
- Glenzie Grabener
- Helen Grace
- Atha Fellmy
- Ailene Williams
- Gussie Mae Love

Eighth Grade

- Merna Keen

HIGH COST OF HAULING

It has been estimated by the Bureau of Public Roads that farm products to the enormous amount of 350,000,000 tons are hauled over the public roads every year. The average haul is eight miles at a cost of 23 cents per ton per mile. It is estimated that with roads in fair condition the cost per mile for a ton would be 13 cents, thus saving the consumers a quarter of a million dollars a year in the cost of marketing food products.

Of all the civilized countries in the world it is said that our public highways are the poorest. This is surprising when we remember that we excel other countries in agriculture.

France has a system of good roads that when compared to ours saves the farmers two-thirds the expense of hauling our farmers pay. It is said that the lowest cost for hauling products from farm to railroad or water transportation is in Hanover, the average there being about four and one-half cents



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—matchless in flavor and aroma, unrivalled in its exquisite taste. Don't be content with inferior coffees when ours can be had at a price no higher. For breakfast, or dinner our coffee is the one essential.

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per ton per mile. Farmers in Italy pay nine cents per ton per mile; France 11 cents; England 12 cents. Thus farmers in the United States pay from 40 to 95 per cent for hauling their crops to the nearest railroad or water transportation more than farmers in Europe. Isn't this a factor in the high cost of living in cities and towns?—Ex.

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH GETS BILLS PASSED

I beg to inform you that I have finally succeeded in passing for Dickens county:

Common School District Bill No. 10. This common school district was cut off of District No. 1, and I presume is in the ing out in that part of the county, creating a Common School District some twelve or fifteen miles from the town of Dickens City. This was had upon a petition of all the citizens living out in that part of the country, giving them a Common School District.

Also House Bill No. 573, which is a special road law for Dickens county. This law makes the Commissioners Court of Dickens county special road supervisors and gives them more authority to superintend the erection and construction of roads than they would have under the general statute, and was asked for by a goodly number of the citizens of Dickens county, and is something that I feel will be very helpful to your county, as most every county in the State has a special road law.

I have also succeeded in passing finally House Bill No. 478, adding one more week to the District Court of Dickens county. This was done at the request of the District Judge of your District, giving sufficient time to hold the District Court without too much haste. There were five weeks, as I understand it to spare, and by lengthening the term of the Dickens County District Court did not conflict with any other county in the 50th Judicial District, and was without objection of any other counties, only taking up one week of your District Judge's vacation which he very kindly consented to give to the District Court of Dickens county.

The Legislature will adjourn on the 17th. It has been a very rocky, stormy Legislature; very hard to secure the enactment of any law on account of the all absorbing question of submission and investigation of the Governor, is which is now in progress. A call session will be had about thirty days from adjournment. Should there be any local matters or anything special that the people of Dickens county desire, I will be very glad to hear from them, and assure you that it will be my pleasure to do what I can for your interest.

The new A. & M. College bill for West Texas, as offered by Mr. Metcalf of San Angelo, myself and several others, in my opinion is the greatest piece of legislation that has ever been enacted, especially in the interest of West Texas, carrying with it an appropriation of \$500,000.00, and means of laying a foundation for a great in-

stitution, capacitated to take care of some 1,000 or 1,500 students, with all the educational branches now taught in the A. & M. College at Bryan, Texas, which means more for a town than a half dozen railroads that secures its location. Any town that desires to enter as a candidate for this college should organize thoroughly and be prepared to make a showing before the locating committee visits the town. The locating committee is composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Superintendent of Education and Commissioner of Agriculture. The bill further provides for two thousand acres of land to be purchased by this locating committee at a price not to exceed in total \$50,000.00. I do not think that the locating committee will be able to start out upon their mission before summer, on account of the extra session that will be had. An organization is necessary for all towns and a united effort must be had. I would be glad to correspond with you or furnish you any information along this line that you so desire.

Yours very truly,
Fritz R. Smith,
Representative 150th District.

BRYAN FOR PEACE

William Jennings Bryan is in Washington to work for peace and will remain there until the crisis is over. He recently sent out this appeal to the American people:

"In the presence of threatening dangers whose magnitude can not be overestimated, I venture to address my countrymen, justifying my appeal by my interests in their welfare and by their acquaintance with me.

"The President has felt it his duty to break off diplomatic relations with Germany for reasons stated in his message, and has announced to Congress his purpose, in case of an overt act, means necessary to protect our seamen and people.

"We are thus face to face with a grave possibility of being drawn into the European war. The President, Senators and Congressmen, who must act for the people in this crisis, desire to carry out the will of their constituents, but unless the rank and file of people make known their wishes by direct communication, these officials must judge public opinion by the expressions of the metropolitan press, which will or will not correctly reflect the sentiments of the nation. Now to decide whether war is necessary or not we must consider the situation. The belligerent nations on both side think themselves in a death struggle, and both sides feel justified in resorting to acts we regard as contrary to international law and heretofore interpreted.

"While we dispute their right to conduct the war as they have and honestly protest against the violations of our rights and the sacrifice of our interests, we must not forget that the injuries which we must suffer from both sides are incidental to the efforts they are making to injure each other. And are in no case intended against us. We can better afford, therefore, to

be patient and forbearing than we could if the injuries came from avowed enemies and were intended.

"The President, in his noble appeal to the belligerents, has asked that they forget the bitterness engendered by the killing of more than six millions of human beings and the expenditure of more than fifty billions in money and that they come together in honorable peace. If we can expect such an exhibition of virtue by them, are we not duty bound to measure up to the standard which we have set for them? There are several alternatives from which to choose.

"First, we can postpone until the war is over, the settlement of any dispute which cannot be peacefully settled.

"Second, we can keep American citizens off belligerent ships.

"Third, we can refuse clearance to ships of United States and other neutral countries carrying contraband and passengers on the same ship.

"Fourth, we can withdraw protection from American citizens who are willing to jeopardize the nation's peace by traveling as seamen with contraband on American or neutral vessels.

"Fifth, we can, if necessary, keep all American vessels out of the danger zone for the present just as the mayor keeps citizens in their homes when a mob is in possession of the street.

"Sixth, Congress, which has exclusive power to declare war, can submit the declaration to a referendum vote, making the exception in actual invasion.

"We can not depend upon a precedent to meet an unprecedented situation. Other alternatives are likely to be suggested.

"The most important thing is that the officials at Washington shall know that the people at home protest against entering this war on either side, with its frightful expenditure of blood, and treasure, that they are not willing to send our soldiers across the Atlantic to march under the banner of any European monarch or die on European soil in settlement of European quarrels, and they are not willing to surrender the opportunity to render a supreme service to the world as a friend to all peacemakers when peace is possible."

All the New effects in Ladies Silk Hosiery.—Love Dry Goods Company.

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NOTICE.

We, the undersigned merchants of Spur, agree to close our respective places of business at 6:30 p. m. from April 1st to September, 1917, except on Saturdays:

- Sol Davis, Hogan & Patton, Brannen Bros Co., W. P. Sampson, C. C. Wells, W. H. Black, A. A. Fry, Spur Produce Co., Campbell & Campbell, S. M. Swenson and Sons, The Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Co., Spur Grain & Coal Co., L. Jopling, W. W. Sample, Bryant Link Co., Riter Hardware Co., Sanitary Barber Shop, A. C. Lewis, W. C. Bowman Lbr. Co., The Texas Spur, P. H. Miller, Spur Hardware Co., Lee Gilbert, T. M. Verner, Fellmy the Tailor, Brazelton Pryor & Co., Spur Barber Shop.

Customers of each of the firms mentioned are requested to make their purchases before the closing hour, thus giving the clerks an opportunity to get out and enjoy a short rest each day.

See A. C. Lewis at the little brick for shoe work. It

CATTLE DIE OF BLACKLEG.

J. C. Davis came in the first of this week after vaccine with which to doctor his cattle, a number of which are now dying of the blackleg. He also wanted some one to administer the vaccine. We understand that quite a number of cattle throughout the country are now dying of this disease.

Jake Scott, of Afton, was in Spur Thursday.

J. H. Reynolds came over Thursday from Dickens.

J. G. Norris, of Wake, was in Spur Thursday and Friday of this week.

See our Special Bargain Mens Shoes at \$3.95.—Love Dry Goods Company.

W. A. Taylor visited his Silver Lake Farm last week and reports everything in good condition in that section.

Arnold Copeland went to Stamford one day last week to meet his grandmother who will spend some time at the C. D. Copeland farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bailey, of Matador, passed through Spur last week en route to Stamford to visit relatives.

Rev. Bates preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday, and those who heard him say the sermons were the best they had heard in many days. The subjects were "The call of the World and the Church's Answer" and "What is Worldliness."

For six months past the Ministers of Spur have been blessed by association with and friendship of one who has proven himself a brother in the fullest sense. Our acquaintance with him has been short, yet immeasurably sweet and satisfying, because of the real help his christian companionship has meant to us both collectively and individually.

Nor do we feel that his life has been a benefit only to his fellow pastors, but we believe that the influence of Brother Douthitt's life among us has made a lasting impression on the spiritual life of the community. We could desire nothing more earnestly than that his pastorate might be continued among us indefinitely. We feel, too, that no less than his own has been the influence for good in our community of his good wife. In her, the poor and sick especially of Spur, have found a friend whom they can ill afford to lose.

Our hearts are filled with regret as we realize that our brother meets with us in our pastor's association this morning for the last time. Our best wishes and earnest prayers shall follow our brother and sister wherever they may go in their labor of love.

- E. E. White,
- H. P. Bates,
- A. T. Douglass,
- W. A. Kirchville,

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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.

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BOOSTER CLUB ORGANIZED IN THE CITY OF DICKENS

Wednesday night, March 7, 1917, the citizens of the town of Dickens, Texas, pursuant to a call made by G. L. Crawford, our County Demonstrator, met at the Court House for the purpose of organizing some kind of a club, league or other organization that would lead to the upbuilding of our town and community. After several interesting talks and good suggestions by our citizens, it was agreed that we form an organization to be known as "The Young Mens Business League" of the town of Dickens, and the following officers were elected, to wit: Judge Walter L. Powell, President; O. C. Arthur, Vice President; M. Gay, Secretary; S. L. Davis, Correspondent; after which the following committees were appointed by the chair, to wit: Geo. T. Snodgrass, E. L. Harkey, F. C. Gipson, J. B. Yantis, J. H. Meadors, R. D. Shields and H. F. Clay, Committee on membership; G. L. Crawford, E. Ham and D. J. Harkey, Committee on Constitution and By Laws.

It was agreed that we designate Wednesday, March 14th, as General Clean up Day, and Sheriff R. L. Collier was appointed as supervisor of said work, and all citizens of the town are hereby earnestly requested to take an interest in this work as it will greatly help the sanitary conditions of our town.

It behooves every citizen to take an interest and pride in his home town. It is very natural that we have in every city, town, village or hamlet, two distinct types of citizens. The first and most desirable type is the live, energetic person who is wide awake to every opportunity for the betterment of his town; realizing that in helping those around him he helps himself most of all. What is to the interest of his town is of equal interest to each and every individual living therein. The other type, who is really no more than a drone, expecting to reap the benefit of the activities of those who are willing to be up and doing, is a very undesirable type indeed.

It is the purpose of the club to give every citizen a chance to take part and feel that he has a personal interest in the public welfare of our town. Now Mr. Citizen, it is up to you to decide which side you will line up on. Of course, you would prefer your town to be recognized as a live one, but are you willing to help make it so? We had a very nice meeting last Wednesday night and if you were not there, you are the loser. We expect to see you next Tuesday night at our regular meeting at the Court House.

Do not forget our first move, "General Clean Up Day," Wednesday, March the 14th.

GEORGE ARNETT KILLED WHEN CAR TURNED OVER

George Arnett, manager of the Elwood Ranch near Lubbock, was instantly killed last Saturday morning when the automobile in which he was riding skidded and turned over at a point three miles south of Canyon. He was returning from Amarillo and was in a car with Newton Wilson, driving, and Albert Taylor.

The car was said to be traveling about forty-five miles an hour when the railroad was crossed. The road goes down and makes a curve after crossing the track at an angle. The car skidded and turned completely over, pinning Arnett beneath the back of the front seat. Taylor and Wilson escaped with painful but not serious injuries.—Ex.

Dr. Morris returned the latter part of this week from Fort Worth where he attended the Fat Stock Show.

H. C. Cravey, of the Red Mud country, had business in Spur last week. He reports a fine season in the ground in his section of the country at this time and everything indicating the finest crops this fall. Mr. Cravey was one of the early settlers of this country and is one of our very best citizens today.

J. V. Crone returned the first of this week from Dodsonville where he had been called to the bedside of his sick father who later died. He was sixty odd years of age and had been in delicate health for the past two years. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Crone in this bereavement.

T. A. Ramsey recently purchased the Clay Smart residence in the west part of the city. Mr. Ramsey will move his family from Stamford to Spur at an early date, he being engaged in the garage business here. We are glad to welcome Mr. Ramsey and family as citizens of Spur.

A baby was born Thursday last week to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Johns at their home two or three miles north of Spur. However, the infant died immediately and the remains interred in the cemetery. Mrs. Johns has been quite ill, but we are glad to note is now reported very much improved.

POOL HALL LAW IS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The local option pool hall law unconstitutional according to a majority opinion written last of the thirty-third legislature is week by Associate Judge Morrow of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Associate Judge Pendergast dissenting, in the case of Frank Lyle, from Donley county, reversed and dismissed. The constitutionality of the law was the only question involved.

H. F. Clay, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday.

Riley Smith was among the large number of visitors in the city last week.

Mrs. Langford and little son, Merrell, of Peacock, spent several days of this week in Spur with Mrs. A. B. Williams.

Mrs. W. Neilon returned the first of the week from Abilene where she spent several days with her sister and other relatives and friends.

E. C. Edmonds and J. A. Koon made a business trip last week to Post. Where in that city Mr. Koon became very sick and is now convalescent.

W. H. Smith passed through Spur last week on his return to his home on Red Mud after spending some time in Clairemont attending court.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community, was in Spur the latter part of last week greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. H. Hooper, a prominent citizen of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the business visitors to town last week.

County Clerk M. Gay came over Saturday from Dickens and spent a short time in Spur on business and greeting his many friends.

W. H. Putman and wife were in the city last week from their ranch home west of Spur and spent some time in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owen, of twelve miles southwest of the city, were in Spur Wednesday afternoon.

Elmer Russell came in Saturday from his ranch east of Spur and spent several hours here buying supplies and also greeting his numerous friends of the town and surrounding country.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR A. & M. TO BE HEARD

Fort Worth, Feb. 28.—Thos. F. Hodge, secretary of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce and manager of the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Campaign Association, was here today on his way home from Austin, where he had been throughout the present session of the legislature, working in the interest of the new college.

Mr. Hodge says that absolute fairness will be shown all the west Texas towns in the locating of the new school by the locating board which is composed of Governor James E. Ferguson, Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby, Speaker F. O. Fuller, Commissioner of Agriculture Fred W. Davis and State Superintendent of Public Instruction W. F. Doughty. No cash bonus or special offers will be considered by the locating board, according to Mr. Hodge; however it will be necessary for the successful town to furnish as much as 2,000 acres of land immediately contiguous to the corporate limits at a price not to exceed \$50,000.

The school is to be located at some point west of the ninety-eighth meridian and north of the thirtieth parallel. It will not be necessary, according to Mr. Hodge, for any town which desires to compete for the location of the school to send a delegation to Austin, as the board expects personally to inspect available sites. Mr. Hodge says the thing for the various towns to do is to prepare data with reference to location and accessibility for reference to the board when called for.

The school is to be under the control of the same board of directors as the old A. & M.

The locating board expects to take up the matter of locating the school some time in April according to Mr. Hodge. A secretary of the board will be elected at that time and the claims of the various towns will be thoroughly gone into.

Mr. Hodge says that all towns will be given a fair and impartial hearing and that the school will be located at a point which will best serve the entire terracing board. An appropriation of \$500,000 has been made by the Legislature for the founding of the school.

FEDERAL COURT BILL FOR TEXAS IS PASSED

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senators Culberson and Sheppard today accepted the house bill creating a new judge for West Texas when it became certain that republicans in the house would not give the unanimous consent necessary for a new district to be formed.

Minority leader Mann of the republicans assured Senator Culberson he would allow the district next year. Both Senators endorsed retiring Representative W. R. Smith of El Paso for the judgeship. The bill went to President Wilson for his signature this afternoon.

It is understood that court will be held by the new judge at El Paso, Del Rio, Amarillo and Wichita Falls. The judge will reside in El Paso, thereby requiring attorneys to go there for hearing in many cases in this district, instead of to Dallas as heretofore. Judge W. H. Kimbrough of Amarillo, when asked for a statement last night said this new arrangement was not pleasing to the Amarillo bar inasmuch as it would require them to travel much farther for such cases as will be considered at the home city of the judge than they have had to do under the present arrangement, when they went to Dallas. He said local attorneys would be benefited and the district probably helped some by getting some relief in the crowded docket of the court, but they would prefer the situation to remain as it has been until a new district can be formed with headquarters in the northwestern part of the State.—Amarillo News.

Dick Sampson came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home southwest of Spur.

Miss Neoma Smith, of Red Mud country, was among the visitors and shoppers in the city Saturday.

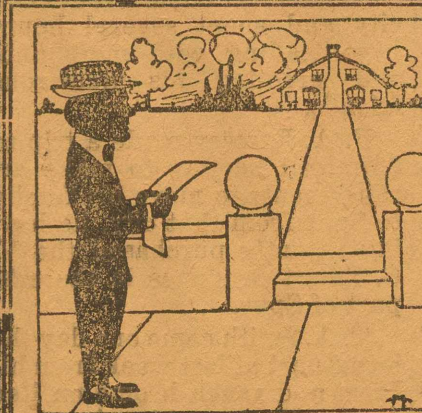
W. W. Stegall, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Afton country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Tack Kennedy, of near Spur, was here Saturday assisting in the Wild West Show which was given in the open and largely attended as a result.

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