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AN ORIGINAL GOOD ROADS PROMOTER

J. L. Moore came in Saturday from his ranch headquarters six miles east of Spur and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had his subscription marked up to 1918 for which he has our sincere thanks and appreciation. Mr. Moore is one of the old timers of this western country, and as said heretofore is one of the original "good roads" advocates of Western Texas, having promoted and successfully pushed the first roads bond issue in the west, a number of years ago in an adjoining county to Dickens. Such men as J. L. Moore are those who deserve credit for the present day advancement and development progress. All honor to such men.

THE SPUR HIGH SCHOOL GETS AID FROM STATE

Austin, Texas, March 12. Supt. T. A. Tunell, Spur, Texas. Dear Sir: This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing public high school report of Spur High School, for which I wish to thank you. Delay in replying to your letter has been due to the absence of both high school supervisors from this office. An examination of the reports submitted together with other information on file in this office, indicates that Spur High School has met requirements for conditional classification as a high school of the first-class. I take pleasure, therefore, in sending you herewith certificate of approval. I hope by the close of the present term one of the high school supervisors will be able to visit your school again. In case it is found to comply with all requirements for a high school of the first class, rank A, I shall be pleased to grant you a higher certificate of approval in lieu of the certificate which I am sending you herewith.

Relative to the matter of state aid I wish to advise that present classification satisfies all requirements indicated in previous correspondence, and that warrant for aid granted will be forwarded your depository within the next few days.

Sincerely,
W. F. Doughty,
State Superintendent.

MRS. ROZILA HARTMAN DIED MARCH 20, 1917

Mrs. Rozila Hartman died in Spur Tuesday, March 20th, and her remains were interred in the Spur Cemetery. Mrs. Hartman lived in Madge, Coleman county, and the time of her death was in Spur visiting her twin sister, Mrs. E. E. Turner, having contracted measles which caused her death.

Mrs. Hartman was born March 22nd, 1864, was married to Will Hartman October 10th, 1879. She leaves nine living children to mourn her

death. She was a member of the Church of Christ, having united with this church at the age of thirteen years, living a consistent christian life at all times.

COL. JNO. A. GREEN CAMP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The John A. Green Camp of Confederate Veterans, Number 1461, Dickens County, met Saturday in the directors room of the Spur National Bank, and at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Captain and Commander, G. W. Glasgow.
1st Lieutenant, L. T. Cochran.
2nd Lieutenant, J. Carlisle.
3rd Lieutenant, E. Luce.
4th Lieutenant, J. H. Sparks.
Adjutant, W. A. Taylor.
Color Sergeant, Mr. Campbell.
Sponsor, Mrs. Lillian (Grace) Dickson.

BRICK-LAYING IN PROGRESS ON NEW BUILDINGS

Brick-laying is now in progress on the four new brick business houses now under construction in Spur, and before many weeks the town will be adorned with four handsome and substantial business structures that would be credit to older and larger cities.

Spur is indeed the fastest growing town in the west today.

VALUE OF ARTICHOKE TO THE HOG RAISERS

Tokio, Texas, Feb. 24—Every Terry county man that has kept hogs as late as February, has found or will find out, that they do not do well at this time of the year and the pigs do much worse. This is owing to the fact that they tire out on dry, hard corn or on maize.

It is the nature of a hog to root in the earth for a portion of its feed; artichokes furnish every necessary element to keep the hogs fat and thrifty during the winter and spring months.

Artichokes should be planted about the first of April. They can be cut in small pieces to plant, every eye of the potato will produce a plant. They should be planted in rows from three to three and one-half feet apart, the hill same space wide as row.

They produce the best on flat broke land and can be planted as much as eight inches deep. They will mature fruit in dry weather. Last year, dry as it was, my artichokes produced 10,000 pounds per acre; under normal conditions they will produce from fifteen to twenty thousand pounds per acre.

My horses, cows, hogs and chickens all ate them and are very fond of them.

150 pounds will plant an acre.

If one is situated so he can't turn in his hogs he can turn them out with a middle buster and with a cotton sack can pick up two tons per day.—S. D. Lofton.



CHICK SPRING MILLINERY—IRRESISTIBLE

Scores of new hats in the most appealing early spring styles. Hats for travel, afternoon and dressy wear are here in smart combinations of satin and lisere straws. The Russian and Chinese Mandarin turbans are styles of winsome charm—the transparent hat is exquisite with its French flower trimming and for dress wear, there is nothing more youthful in line and effect than the leg-horn and silk combination.

So smart, so attractive, so exceptional in value are our NEW SILK DRESSES—you won't be able to resist them—styles so charming that mere words can not describe them—the variety for choosing is extensive. All the new trimming features, the wanted colorings, such as gold, reseda, tan, grey, navy and black—Crepe-de-chine, silk taffeta, combinations of these goods with Georgette

SEPARATE COATS were never prettier. There is a certain air of youthfulness to the New Spring Coats that is peculiarly appropriate for women of various ages. The materials, too, seem especially adapted to the styles for which they have been selected. In addition to smart checks and plaids, there is a good selection of new plain colors, enabling us to meet each individual requirement.

SKIRTS and BLOUSES expressive of the new mode. Picture to yourself a blouse of Georgette Crepe in such beautiful shades as Nile, Gold, Maize, Peach, Bisque, Apricot, Tea, Rose and White with box-plaited front, large collar and deep cuffs, finished with fancy button trimmings.

NEW SPRING SUITS. The tailored lines of the new street and sport suits are more pronounced than for some seasons past, and the modishness is indeed ultra smart. For afternoon occasions, we are showing the more dressy suits that claim special attention for their roomy pockets and novel styles effective collars, belts and button trimmings.

SKIRTS have never been prettier. The materials are suitable and the styles neat and comfortable. The pocket is an important feature of skirt fashion, plaits are widely in vogue. The proper width of a skirt today is from 2 1/4 to 3 yards and they do not flare. Our racks are full of the newest creations in the skirt line. We have never had such a business in the Ready-to-Wear before, and we feel that the reason for this is our lines are better, and the ladies of the country are finding out that we carry the newest and best the market affords at the prices we ask. Every lady invited to visit this department.

Bryant-Link Co.
"Uncle Sam is full of trouble,
Trying to maintain the peace.
He is doing duty double
Acting chief of world's police.
Blamed by all in fullest measure

For upholding peace and right,
Uncle Sam would find it pleasure

To resign and join the fight."
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

WILSON DRAW SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED DOWN

The Wilson Draw school house five or six miles east of Spur was completely destroyed by fire Monday night about 8 o'clock. It is not known how the fire originated, since it is said that no fire had been in the stove since early Monday morning.

The destruction of the school building at this time is a real calamity to that community since he financial loss is not inconsiderable, but the school will be temporarily suspended. It is supposed that the building will be immediately replaced.

AMERICAN SHIPS BLOWN UP BY SUBMARINES

Sunday three American ships were blown up by German submarines. This "overt" act on the part of Germany has been expected for some time, and while no real declaration of war has been made or is expected at this time, yet the United States is making preparations to begin a warfare on the German submarines and drive them for the ocean.

MRS. C. B. BLANKENSHIP UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. C. B. Blankenship, of Rural Route 1, out of Spur, was brought to the Standifer Hospital where she underwent an operation Tuesday of his week. The operation was successful in every respect, and we are glad to report that Mrs. Blankenship is now recovering rapidly.

BELIEVES IN DEVELOPING RAW RESOURCES

L. C. Arrington, of a few miles west of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday of last week. He recently bought more land near Dickens, has improved the place and is now cultivating the new land. Mr. Arrington is one of the men who believes in developing the raw resources of the country, he having put in several new farms in his day. He is today one of the best fixed farmers of the whole Spur country.

JERSEY COWS FOR SALE

We have about fifteen head of Jersey cows to sell for cash or good notes.—T. W. and A. B. Morgan. 21tf.

A lecture on the famous Yellowstone park, illustrated with over 100 lantern slides, will be given at the School building on the evening of March 31 for the benefit of the School Library.

NEW NAMES ON THE SPUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST

The following new names have just recently been added to the list of regular readers of The Texas Spur:

A. C. George of Spur; Jake Scott, of Afton; S. N. Blankenship, Ed Russell and Hal Russell, of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Among those who have recently renewed their subscriptions are J. L. Moore, C. I. Cannon, J. N. Cravey, J. W. Edwards, G. P. Kiester, W. M. Childress, Will Smith, J. C. Stephens, W. M. Moore, W. L. Grubbs, Hugh Squires, J. A. Murchison, Hawley Bryant, and Ed Jackson.

We appreciate the new subscribers and renewals, and more especially since they are coming in of their accord.

TRUSTEE NOTICE TO SCHOOL PATRONS

Mr. T. A. Tunnell has consented to take the scholastic census of this district during his spare time of this week and next; and the board of trustees earnestly requests that school patrons cooperate with him in every way to get a full and correct enrollment. The law is strict on these matters. Please be able to give the enumerator all information without delay, he is doing the work at a sacrifice. Besides, the school needs the money for every scholastic in the district, and we hope that every patriotic citizen will call the attention of the enumerator to any children that he has overlooked.

The work in the country will be done on the two coming Saturdays if possible. It will be counted as a favor by the board if each family will see that somebody is at home to see the enumerator when he arrives. In case no one is at home he will leave a blank form to be filled out and brought to him. The law requires that such an absentee shall formally fill out a blank and deliver it as stated. Failure to comply would make the absentee amenable to the courts.—E. C. Edmonds, Pres. School Board.

RECENT NEW ARRIVALS IN THE CITY OF SPUR

A girl baby was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Johnson in the city.

A boy was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Simmons at their home in the city.

A girl baby was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Glasgow.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

There will be special music by Miss Irma Baker. The subject of morning sermon is "The Church, its origin, nature and endurance.

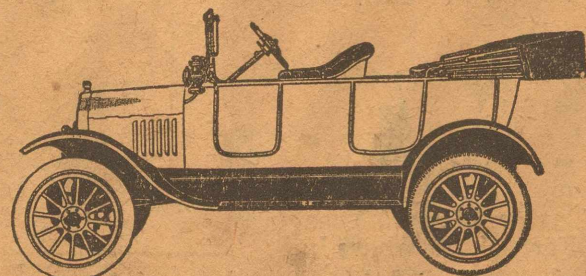
The pastor will preach at Espeula at three o'clock.

\$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.

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Touring Car, 360; Roadster, 345

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman
Spur Texas

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1917

J. E. Burton, of near Steel Hill, was in the city Saturday.

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

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

J. W. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was among the recent business visitors to Spur.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

Ol Taylor, of near Spur, was here Saturday greeting friends and looking after other matters.

Paul Douglass made a trip Saturday to Roaring Springs and Matador, returning in the afternoon.

J. Anderson Davis came in Saturday from his farm home northeast of Spur City and spent several hours here trading and on other business.

Mrs. L. A. Hindman was in the city Saturday from her new home several miles west of Spur and spent several hours here shopping and visiting with her friends.

W. H. Taylor returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he has been several days under treatment at a sanitarium. His many friends throughout the country will be glad to know that he has completely regained his former good health.

W. A. Valentine, of near Tap came in Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson has been quite sick this week, suffering of the measles.

L. W. Bilberry, of the Gilpin country, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Douglass, of one mile east of Spur, was in the city Saturday shopping.

J. C. Weir, of near the city was among the many business visitors here Saturday of the past week.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of six or eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday shopping and visiting friends.

C. Douglass, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in the city Monday and spent an hour or two here trading with the live-wire merchants of the city.

W. P. T. Smith was among the number of farmers in Spur Saturday. He is one of the best farmers of the country, but he has to manage scientifically to make more money on the place than Mrs. Smith who makes a specialty of chickens, eggs, butter and all kinds of garden truck.

Tom McArthur came in Monday from Tap and spent the day here on business.

R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Monday on business and greeting friends.

Mrs. M. L. Borden is reported quite sick at her home in the city.

NOTICE

Good wagon for sale. Call Fry Furniture Store.

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, had business in Spur Saturday.

Jesse Fletcher, of six or seven miles east of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

Joseph Carlisle, brother of J. Carlisle of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Carlisle came to this country last June from Georgia. He came to this part of the country on account of his suffering of asthma which has improved very much since his coming to Western Texas. Mr. Carlisle may later buy land and become permanently located here.

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

J. J. Cloud, of Soldier Mound came in Saturday and spent a few hours here conversing with friends.

G. L. Barber recently bought a half section of land in the Tap country and which he is now improving and cultivating.

C. B. Jones returned the first of the week from Fort Worth where he attended the Fat Stock Show.

Deputy Sheriff S. L. Davis came over Monday from Dickens and spent an hour or two in Spur on official business.

Mrs. Oliver Gray and children have been spending the week in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Potts.

H. P. Cole and family, of near Dickens, were in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Bill Cherry, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the number here Saturday of the past week.

Mrs. J. L. Moore was in the city Tuesday from their ranch home east of Spur, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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

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

Tom Cherry, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

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

W. E. Fletcher, of a mile east of Spur, came in Saturday and spent an hour or two here on business.

Robt. T. Dopson, a successful farmer and leading citizen of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in Spur the first of the week.

W. D. Blair, of several miles east of Spur, came in Saturday and spent an hour or two in the city trading and attending to other business matters.

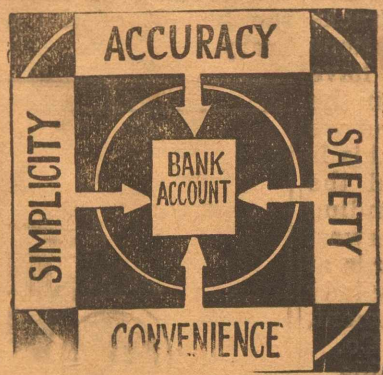
J. E. Cherry came in Saturday from his home several miles southeast of Spur and spent the afternoon here conversing with friends and acquaintances.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the afternoon here meeting friends and looking after legal affairs.

P. Hinson, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was among the number in Spur the latter part of last week.

A. Fry, a prominent citizen and ranchman of the Cat Fish country, was among the business visitors to Spur the latter part of last week.

Jim Walker came in Saturday from his farm home north of Spur. He is this year improving a new place, has built a new home and expects to harvest a good crop the very first year. Here is hoping that he will make a bale of cotton to the acre and two tons of maize on the balance of his crop.



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in the business world converge in the commercial bank account. The convenience and simplicity of paying bills by check, the accuracy with which a payment may be traced, and the safety in general of this method of payment, make it imperative that every business man should have a bank account. Begin one with us today.

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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 20 saddle and work horses. 20 mares. Harness, Buggy, Wagon, Disc Plows, Drills, Planters, Cultivators, GoDeviis, 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

Clarence and Horace Ellis, of the plains country, are in Spur visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ellis.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community southwest of Spur, was in the city Monday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

E. L. Clay went out Monday with R. C. Forbis to his ranch near Turkey where he will put up several windmills and do repair work on the old mills.

John Jackson of the Matador Ranch, Ed Lisenby, Jeff D. Harkey, R. C. Forbis, Jake Raines and J. M. Jones were among those who returned the first of the week from the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Luther Jones came in Monday from his ranch about forty miles southwest of Spur, spending several days here looking after his farm and ranch interests seven miles north and also greeting his numerous friends of the Spur country. He reports cattle doing well in his section of the country at this time and no cattle dying of the black leg.

Joe Arthur, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, hauling out supplies and other materials.

W. W. Garner and wife, of the Spring Creek farm and ranch, were in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and visiting friends of the city.

W. J. Elliot came in Tuesday of this week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch, spending some time here buying supplies and greeting his many old time friends and acquaintances.

W. M. Randall, an extensive farmer and leading citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his numerous friends of the town and country.

Mrs. F. W. West, of two or three miles west of Spur, was in reports that Mr. West has been quite sick the past ten days or quite sick the past ten days or two weeks of pneumonia. However, she stated that at this time he is very much improved and we hope to note his complete recovery at a very early date.

J. H. Latham, of the Red Hill community east of Spur, was among the business visitors here Saturday of the past week.

J. L. Curry, of a few miles southeast of Spur, was among the number here Saturday on business and trading with the live merchants of the city.

R. L. Overstreet, of the Afton country and one of the most prosperous farmers of Dickens county, had business in Spur one day last week.

MEBANE SEED!

I HAVE A CAR OF PURE
MEBANE COTTON SEED
AT THE SPUR LIGHT &
POWER CO. AND SPOT
CASH GROCERY. PRICE
\$2 PER BUSHEL.
GET YOUR SEED NOW!

T. J. PENNELL

Wonderful spouting geysers, boiling lakes and glass mountains: Hear the lecture on Yellowstone Park.

W. W. Franklin, of five or six miles east of Spur, was in town Saturday, reporting everything moving along nicely at this time in his community.

Doc Edwards, of the Croton country, had business in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here greeting his friends.

J. N. Zumwalt, of fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur, was here recently trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his numerous friends and acquaintances.

W. G. Mayfield, of Girard, came over to Spur Monday. He was making preparations to go to Dallas or Fort Worth to attend court, making the trip through the country in his car. Two or three other parties of Girard will accompany him as witnesses.

We are glad to note that Captain J. C. Martin, an aged ex-Confederate, who has been ill at his home for many weeks is now improving.

Mrs. W. D. Blair and children came in Saturday from their home a few miles east of Spur and spent a few hours here shopping with the merchants.

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

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.

C. A. Jones, one of the best and most successful farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here looking after business affairs and also greeting friends.

S. B. Scott was on the streets Saturday for the first time in a number of days. He reports that he with every member of his family has had the measles the past week or two.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson came in the latter part of last week from his Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time.

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

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet in the School Auditorium Tuesday, March 27. All parents are requested to be present and aid the teachers who are working so faithfully to make a first-class school in Spur.

J. P. Gibson, who recently moved from the Steel Hill section of country to Andrews county, returned last week and spent several days here killing his hogs and meeting his many friends of the town and country.

W. T. Lovell came in again the latter part of last week and spent a long time in town. He is a noted farmer and gin man. He has been successful in both lines, but some of his nearest neighbors attribute his success more to his ability to oversee than to engage in the actual work. We don't know about that, but we do know that he succeeds in some way because he always has money and wears a smile.

John Smith, of the Red Mud country, was among the number in the city Saturday of the past week.

Ed Hulse and wife, of eight or ten miles west of Spur, were among the shoppers in the city Saturday.

J. R. McArthur, of the Taos country, was in the city Saturday buying supplies and greeting friends.

J. M. Foster, of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his numerous friends of the city and surrounding country.

C. J. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and greeted us with a smile. He reports crop prospects fine at this time and expects to make bumper crops this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Usry, who have been making their home in Spur during the past year or more, left last week for the east where he will engage in the newspaper business with his brother.

L. J. Elsby, of the plains section of country near McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday greeting his many friends. Mr. Elsby has just recently recovered of a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Poet Hagins, one of the leading citizens and best farmers of the Gilpin country, came to town the latter part of last week and spent a few hours in the city buying supplies and talking with his friends.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin was among the many in Spur Saturday of the past week. The preacher reports everything in that part of the country progressing satisfactorily at this time.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday. He has been grubbing, repairing fencing and other "odd" jobs about the place since his return from New Mexico several months ago.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday selling produce and buying the necessities from the merchants of Spur. Mrs. Smith always has chickens, eggs, butter and garden truck to sell in season. In fact she makes about as much in this way as is made by a single hand on the farm.

W. L. McAteer, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. McAteer is one of the farmers of the country who always has something to sell from his farm and orchard, and he advertises his stuff, consequently getting not only the best customers but the best prices.

Citizens Garage & Machine Shop

P. A. RAMSEY & SON, Props.

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

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

If Your Car NEEDS REPAIRING Bring It To US

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

J. P. SIMMONS.

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Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed
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M. E. MANNING, CASHIER
JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASH.
W. T. ANDREWS, JR., ASSISTANT CASHIER

THE THREE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN COUNTRY LIFE

These are: Good roads, community center, or county school house, and the country home.

The subject of good roads has been discussed until it seems to have been worn out, and the roads along with it. Poor roads cause isolation and isolation causes discontent and discontent often causes people to drift to the town or city, often aimless, except to get away from the monotony of the long drawn out days with lack of social features. They know that without exchanging ideas their minds will be dwarfed and their children will grow up ignorant and uncouth. Good roads, and the good roads movement is one of the greatest advance steps to keep the boys and girls on the farm. This is not theory, but a fact; where roads are neglected population is decreasing. Professor Latta, of Perdue University, made an investigation which showed that in twenty-five counties in twelve states, there was an average loss in population of 3,112 in a county between 1890 and 1900. These counties had 1.5 per cent of good roads. In the same state twenty five other counties that had 40 per cent of the roads improved, there was an average increase in population of 31,095. It takes no great imagination to picture the long line of influence arising out of good road building.

As said of old, "All roads lead to Rome," so in this modern day all roads should lead to the community center or commonly called the country school house. The farmers are mov-

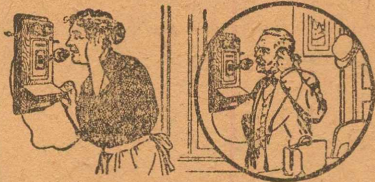
ing to the cities because of better schools, and usually the child is no small promoter of this move. He remembers the lectures, and principal entertainments he attended were in town. He has begun to think of the country school as a place of little importance. This is because the school teacher came into the community a day or two before the school opened and went to town on Friday evenings returning Sunday night, leaving the community a day after school closed perhaps not to return. The teacher should have his home on the school grounds. The pupil should have a garden on the school grounds and should be taught how to identify the important plant diseases and the remedy. He should be taught to judge livestock and test milk. He should be taught that the average frog is worth \$14.12 a year to the farmer because his food depends almost entirely upon destructive insects. He should also know how to figure the size of a silo as well as to know the important generals who took part in the battle of Thermopylae. The teacher should be made to feel that he is a part of the community. He should be custodian of the school grounds at all times. The pupils should meet at the school house at least once a month during the entire year, under the supervision of the teacher, and discuss club work, have debates, and continuously plan ahead. The city, then, will not hold such attraction for the sturdy country lad as heretofore.

But the greatest pride of all, should be his convenient, modern country home, where he

will not have to visit his cousin in the city to find a nicely laid out home with its well kept and beautiful lawns and attractive drives with hot and cold water throughout the house, and a complete sewerage system.

Each child should be taught in early life—responsibility, and there is no better way that we know of than to give him a pig, colt or calf, lamb or bunch of chickens, and an acre or two of ground on which to provide feed for his pet with the understanding that he alone is responsible for its care.

There have been so many instances where boys and girls have drifted away from their country home because their parents, who were kind and loving, failed to realize their three fundamentals mentioned above. They are so necessary to the wholesome development and contentment of the growing child.—G. L. Crawford, County Agent.



Farm Telephone Brings The Doctor

When the doctor is wanted on the farm he is generally wanted quickly. Often it is a matter of life or death. A member of the family is suddenly stricken, or an accident occurs. At such times every minute's delay is serious.

The Bell Telephone is invaluable in emergencies of any kind.



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TO SAVE COTTON PRICES
After giving the prospective cotton market considerable investigation and serious thought Congressman Hatton W. Summers of Texas has arrived at the following conclusion relative to the acreage this year:

"Nothing could be more unsound than the general notion the price recorded for the last crop was due to the European war. That price was received because of the small crops of 1915 and 1916, and despite European conditions. A 16,000,000 bale crop last year would have ruined the South. Nobody can judge these times; no mind can penetrate the future. The situation has broke away from human control, and into what condition we are drifting none can determine. In times like these we must not gamble on a big cotton crop, as under present conditions such crop would blight every industry in the South. Present conditions may not attain when the next crop goes to market, or they may be less favorable, but we do not know that we can raise our feed in the South. We know that just in proportions as we do so,

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.

we will lessen the danger of too great a cotton yield, and to that extent increase the probability of a remunerative price for what we do raise. At the same time we would lessen the demand upon the receipts for the cotton crop to pay for the high price of foods which we would otherwise have to buy."

That this conclusion is logical can not be doubted by those who have kept up with foreign distress on account of war. Surely no one expects good prices this year for cotton if the acreage this year be increased materially and the yield be normal. There is every reason to believe that consumption will not be increased fast enough to save prices should the acreage be increased.

But forgetting the probable cotton market for a moment, is there no more important question than the food and feed supply of the farm. The farmer's family must have food to sustain life and his animals must be fed. Where is the cash necessary to buy food and feed to come from, if the farm is planted in cotton and cotton prices fail to hold up to the cost of production?

Reasoning in any other way, if sufficient food and feed are

produced we can hold our cotton if necessary till prices justify selling. With plenty of food crops and sufficient feed the South and Southwest could hold a large portion of the cotton crop till peace is declared or until such a time as the surplus is consumed. But if food and feed are to be bought there would be no means for holding cotton, but it would be forced on the market at what it would bring.—Ex.

A WORD TO GRADUATES

A practical committeeman in presenting diplomas last June, to a graduating class spoke as follows: "Girls, in presenting you these diplomas, if, by their significance, you are led to allow poor mother to do all the work, bake all the bread, sweep all the floors because you can read Latin or demonstrate a theorem in geometry, then has your school been a most unfortunate course, and in all the teachings you have received at my hands, I trust there has not a lesson that has weaned you from the dish pan. Boys, if from this graduation you go out into the world too nice to carry wood, or swill the hogs, if need be, then has our school failed in its purpose and sown wrong

PROVEN BY TEST TO BE AMONG THE BEST

The Girl and The Game

8 CHAPTERS INSTEAD OF 4 THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS

Finish Remaining 7 in Singles. 15c and 25c for Doubles, and 10c and 15c for Singles, Beginning Next

Tuesday Nite, March 27

We Cordially Invite Each and Every One in or Near Spur that Enjoys Good, Clean, High-Class Amusements, to Make Your Self At Home at The

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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

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.

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FORD PARTS

No. 9611 Reserve District No. 11
Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas at the close of business on Dec. 27th, 1916.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$291,059.96
Total loans.....	\$291,059.96
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$.....; unsecured, \$1,479.19.....	1,479.19
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 25,000.00.....	25,000.00
Total U. S. bonds.....	25,000.00
4. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	3,750.00
5. Banking house, (if unencumbered).....	25,000.00
6. Furniture and fixtures.....	5,000.00
7. Other real estate owned.....	500.00
8. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....	7,515.96
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	18,503.91
9. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20).....	8,672.88
10. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank.....	137.61
11. a Outside checks and other cash items.....	\$ 50.83
b Fractional currency, nickels and cents.....	33.45
12. Notes of other national banks.....	1,190.00
13. Federal Reserve notes.....	500.00
14. Lawful reserve in vault and due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	17,679.63
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00
Total.....	\$407,323.42
LIABILITIES	
16. Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
17. Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
18. Undivided profits.....	10,540.13
b Less current expenses, int. and taxes paid.....	2,919.22
19. Circulating notes outstanding.....	24,700.00
Demand deposits:	
20. Individual deposits.....	224,956.41
21. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	46.19
Total deposits, items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.....	225,002.51
31. Bills Payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts.....	25,000.00
Total.....	\$407,323.42

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, M. E. Manning, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
M. E. Manning, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, 1917.
S. T. CLEMMONS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
W. G. Sherrod
Geo. S. Link
R. C. Forbis
Directors.

Grass and weeds are growing in this part and some of the early farmers are planting feed. Mrs. Chas. Perrin and Grandma Adams spent the evening with Mrs. W. T. Lovell Saturday.

Miss Bernice Wright and sister, Blanche, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Edgar Jackson.

Everybody in this part are busy fixing up their gutters since Uncle E. B. says it is going to rain pronto.

W. W. Waldrup is farming some this week. He is an up-to-date cow man and farms some so to speak.

Mr. Boone Hyatt and wife, of John's Windmill, spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. D. Thacker and family.

G. B. Jopling was in our "Burg" last week assessing taxes and shaking hands with his many friends and was heard to say that he would accept the office another term if the people wanted him.

The Dickens County Singing Convention meets at Wichita the second Sunday in April and Saturday before. Everybody come and bring dinner, for we are going to have dinner all day and singing on the ground.

School Girl, come again. We know you can make E on your report card and write to the Spur every week. Maria says you keep your mind on the boys too much to learn. That will never do for a school girl so come on with your good letters.

—Rambling Bill.

No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business March 5th, 1917.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$150,395.22
c Acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted.....	9,251.93
Total.....	165,647.15
2. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	2,533.79
3. a Customer's liability account of Acceptances executed by this bank.....	9,251.93
4. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	\$10,000.00
Total U. S. bonds.....	10,000.00
5. e Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged.....	\$2,355.11
6. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	1,500.00
7. Banking house (if unencumbered).....	7,750.00
8. Furniture and fixtures.....	2,150.00
9. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....	5,013.20
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	15,213.25
10. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20).....	681.64
11. a Outside checks and other cash items.....	4,770.82
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents.....	52.70
12. Notes of other National Banks.....	4,823.53
13. Federal Reserve notes.....	660.88
14. Lawful reserve in vault and due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	15,103.94
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	500.00
Total.....	\$243,205.50
LIABILITIES	
16. Capital stock paid in.....	\$40,000.00
17. Surplus fund.....	10,000.00
18. Undivided profits.....	\$12,217.42
b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	1,741.52
19. Circulating notes outstanding.....	10,000.00
20. Individual deposits subject to check.....	172,668.51
21. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	25.35
Total demand deposits, items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.....	172,693.86
22. Liabilities other than those above stated.....	35.74
Total.....	\$243,205.50

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March 1917.
JENNIE SHIELDS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
P. H. Miller
Sol Davis
C. Hogan
Directors

NEGRO FINDS METHOD TO OVERCOME BOLL WEEVIL

According to reports from Alabama, a negro in that state has discovered a method of combatting the boll weevil, and has succeeded in raising cotton which is not bothered by the pests. If these reports are true the negro's method deserves investigation and a thorough test made as to its efficiency. The Montgomery Adviser describes the method as follows:

"John McDuffie, a negro six miles east of the city, worked out a novel and seemingly certain means of eradicating the boll weevil. He had 250 acres of the finest cotton in the country and not a single weevil was found in it. On being asked how he killed them, he said he did not kill them but prevented them from coming to his cotton. McDuffie is an intelligent man and originated the method of running them away himself. If it is true, as he claims, he has found the long sought method of prevention of the waste of millions through the ravages of the pest throughout the south.

"The method is simple. McDuffie takes crude oil, tar and camphor gum. He puts these in a pot and boils them with oil in the mixture to make it liquid. He wets common croker sacks in the mixture, then squeezes them as dry as he thinks necessary. He says if too much of the mixture is used it will kill the young cotton. The sacks are fastened by means of a drag stick to a plow beam. Each week the crop is plowed and dragged

over with the saturated sacks, both sides of the cotton getting touched lightly on one side and then when the plow returns it touches the other side.

"This method costs about 15 cents an acre, McDuffie says. He says he used the method with success and seemingly this negro has solved a problem that has confronted the best brains in the south for the past ten years."

DRAPER

Quite a crowd attended singing at Wichita Sunday.

W. M. Perrin and wife and Chas. Perrin motored to Dickens Saturday.

Charlie Jackson and J. R. Rogers went to Spur Friday returning Saturday.

THERE IS A CRAG AHEAD

We have in mind a farmer who planted seventy-five per cent of his acreage to cotton. He worked from early until late hoeing and cultivating it. His garden was poor and scant, his orchard grew up in weeds, his truck patches received very little attention, but his cotton was a perfect success and yielded a good crop. War came on, transportation was paralyzed. The market went down and food went up. He found that he did not have enough feed to carry his stock through the winter; neither did he have enough meat to last through the long cold months. His grocery bill

larger each month as he had to buy everything for the table. If it had not been for a neighbor, his family would have suffered. This neighbor had given the conditions a thorough study and his orchard was carefully pruned and cultivated. The number of hogs was increased. The garden was at least as big again, and the truck patches had grown until he considered them an important part of his crop. More attention was given to poultry than the year before. The grain and forage crops were increased to amply provide for his stock. The cotton crop was given the least consideration. This is why he was able to help his neighbor.

Do not understand us to say that cotton is unprofitable, and

should not be grown. But under the present conditions what the next six or eight months will bring, is a question we can not answer, and safe farming by all means should be more seriously considered, and rigidly followed than ever before.—G. L. Crawford, County Agent.

THE HELL FAMILY

The Damn family of world wide fame bids fair to lose its renown by discovery of the Hell family in the town of Fairwell, built by the United States Steel Corporation.

Members of the Hell family are not averse to using their name in a business way. The head of the family, Conrad Hell an ice cream manufacturer, has signs reading: "Go to Hell for ice cream" scattered throughout the city. Another sign reads: "Ice cream from Hell guaranteed pure and cooling." Still another bears the inscription: "Have you been to Hell? Its the coolest place in Fairwell."

As a stranger enters Main Street he is startled by a big board reading: "Hell is here; don't miss the place." A block further down the street this sign is encountered: "You will find everybody there on a hot day, Hell is always open."

The big sign, which, however attracts so much attention, is in front of Hell's place of business. It represents a young couple eating ice cream and the young lady says to her escort, "Hell for mine always."—New York Herald.



OUR TEAS AND COFFEES

represent the very best selections that the market affords. Good tea and coffee are delicious beverages—but inferior quality means dissatisfaction. If we can prevail upon you to try our teas and coffees we feel that you will be a regular patron as a matter of course.

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Fast EASTER Sales

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LOVE DRY GOODS CO'S.

EASTER CARNIVAL

And

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Fast EASTER Sales

Come Early!

Opening Saturday, March 24, and lasting 15 days during this two weeks Pre-Easter Sale will be found a collection of novelties in all classes of Ready-to-Wear that would do justice to any firm in West Texas. Every day during this sale the Express will daily add new reinforcements to our vast display. We don't want to boast but will say that few concerns in Texas are prepared against advancing prices near so well as ourselves. Realizing that the people of Spur and surrounding country have the ready cash and knowing that the cash system appeals to the successful man, we make this sale depending on your good wisdom and sound business judgment to compare quality and price with any house, no matter where located and we will leave it to you that our purchasing for cash at the right time has placed us far ahead of the present market. We are fully six months ahead of the selling markets of today. Not one article quoted here today can be bought wholesale at the prices we are prepared to deliver you at retail. We have never yet mis-advised our trade. We advised you to buy early last fall and those that heeded the warning profited by it. Now, once again we display the danger signal to those that delay their spring shopping because when present supplies are disposed of they can not be replaced by any man on our present selling prices. Early buying is all in your favor.

SMASHING SHOE

LADIES MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

Every needed garment will be found on our tables, the prices are below what you can possibly buy material. High Class Work. Best of Materials.

MENS UNION SUITS

Mens Union Suits, Spring wgt. have just been received. We are certainly showing a better garment for less money than can be secured elsewhere

Easter Prices, 60c, 75c, \$1.00

MENS WORK SHOES

One of the very best Mens Work Shoes sold, black or tan. You can't beat it for services

Easter Sale Price \$2.95

MEN DRESS SHIRTS

New arrivals Mens Dress Shirts. Our new stock for Spring just in. Snappy Designs. The greatest Savings we have seen lately. Dress up for Easter. See them.

Easter Prices, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25

HENDERSON CORSETS

The Best Corset you can buy. Our new Spring Models have just arrived, designs to fit all forms. There is None Better.

LADIES BOOTS

White combination Ladies Kid Boot, Sport style, size 2 to 7, a regular \$5.00 grade. These are in great demand

Easter Sale Price \$3.95

HOSIERY

We have the Greatest line of Silk Hose to be found. All colors, white, tan, black, light blue, navy brown, rose ivory, and champagne, also combination of 2 and 3 shades of pure silk. You can find just what you want in this department.

Special Prices 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.25

STETSON AND THOROUGH-BRED HATS.

These two lines of Hats represent everything desired in Hats. There will be no advance with us. The same old prices prevailing. All the new things are now ready for your inspection. LET US SHOW YOU!

MENS WORK PANTS

We have a dandy pants at a price of \$1.35, and still a better one at \$1.50. You will get more than your money in either. We're Strong on Work Clothes.

BOYS HATS

We find we have too many Boys Felt Hats and will make a clean Cut Price on our \$1.50 hat in black, white, brown, blue

at 95c

MENS DRESS SHOES

\$5.00 values in Mens Dress Shoes, patent, gun metal, vici kid, 10 styles of lasts, strongest line shown in the town

Easter Sale Price, \$3.95

LADIES DRESS PUMPS

Ladies Dress Pumps in Patent, Kid or Gun Metal, all the latest shades, new heels, \$5.00 values, great line to select from. They are beauties

Easter Sale Price \$3.95

LADIES & MISSES MIDDIES.

We have a great line of Ladies and Misses Middies in white, also dark colors as well as the light combination of colorings.

Easter Prices, 69c, \$1.00, \$1.25

RIBBONS FOR EASTER

We have a very strong showing of fine Easter Ribbons, simply anything you want can be found here, every color in the rainbow is shown here

Prices from 1c up to 75c Yd.

EASTER NOVELTIES

Today's express brought us all the New Things in Collars, Ties, Fancy Hand Bags, Ear Drops and many other new things. Also see our great line Ladies Handkerchiefs.

PRICES DOWN!!

LADIES SHOES AND PUMPS

Our \$3.00 Ladies Gun Metal, Patent or Kid, in Oxfords or Baby Dolls, one or two strap Pumps, the real value of this shoe is \$3.50

Easter Sale Price \$2.65

LADIES HIGH CUT BOOTS

Ladies High Cut Boots, Purple, Brown, White, also Fancy Combinations at prices \$2.00 to \$5. below City Store prices. See them at \$7.50, \$8.00, \$10.00, and \$11.00.

CHILDRENS WASH DRESSES

Childrens Fancy Wash Dresses in Madras, Percales and Gingham, 10 styles, ages 2 to 14 years. Here you can find a snappy assortment.

Easter prices, 59, 75, \$1., \$1.25

LATE MODEL LADIES SHOES

\$3.50 Line Ladies Patene, Kid or Gun Metal Pump, Oxford or Mary Jane, all late models, today value \$4.50

Easter Sale Price \$2.95

LADIES DRESS BOOT

Ladies Dress Boot in the new brown, a beauty, our regular \$5.00 Boot. They will sell. A Special Easter Price, \$3.95

LADIES SHIRT WAISTS

Ladies Shirt Waists, very latest things in New Collar Effect, just in by express for Easter wear. They are Beauties.

\$1.00, \$1.23, \$1.75

SPORT WRAPS AND TAILORED SUITS AND FINE SKIRTS

Our display along these lines will surely you. Our buyers spent many days culling the markets and we offer you the very cream of 1917 Spring Creations

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT.

We are going to sell \$2,500.00 worth of shoes during this sale if high quality, latest style and prices far below the market will appeal to those that must and will buy shoes. We have just received 100 cases of Spring Shoes. Not a shoe goes over our counters but must be solid leather. We have always protected our shoe trade and during this sale you can purchase your Spring and Summer Shoes as cheap or cheaper than any merchant can reproduce you the same kind and quality. These prices good during this sale.

Now we realize our assertions made above sound strong but we will back up every word and will refund your money when goods does not meet your approval. There is no house in Texas that carries a higher class line of merchandise than carried by us. We want your cash business; are better prepared to handle same than any one else. A little saved on every purchase means a great deal during the year. Trade for cash. One price to all, young or old. Visit us and see what kind of business we are doing. It will at least inform you as to values.

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SPUR, TEXAS

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and vouch for the quality of the building materials we sell. Comparison will convince you that we sell only the best and our prices are right. Why not let US figure on your work. We'll BOTH MAKE MONEY on the deal though our margin of profit is VERY SLIGHT. Its our VOLUME of business makes us flourish.

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

W. E. Pirkle came in Saturday from the Tap country.

See Spur National Bank for good work mules, fall time with good security.

J. W. Smith, of the McAdoo country on the plains, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Luke Attebury returned the first of the week from Whitesboro where he has been employed in a tin shop.

Pure hog lard, yellow dwarf maize seed, maize chops, for sale by W. L. McAteer at the Egyptian farm 21-4tp.

Misses Adams, of the Red Hill country, were among the number of visitors and shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Lost—A stick pin made of a gold coin. Finder please return to Mrs. C. I. Edwards and receive reward.

R. M. Hamby and wife are spending some time in Marlin and requested that the Texas Spur be sent to them at that place until their return to Spur at a later date.

Jackson Round Boll cotton seed. Earliest cotton on the plains. Proved so 1916. Write for prices.—A. L. King, Lubbock, Texas. 21-4tp.

W. W. Waldrup, of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday of last week and spent several hours here buying supplies of the leading merchants of the city and also shaking hands with his numerous friends and acquaintances.

See Spur National Bank for good work mules, fall time with good security.

Luther Thornton returned last week from San Angelo where he spent several days with relatives.

The Indians used to catch fish out of a clear pool and fling hook, fish and all into an adjoining pool to cook the fish—all in the Yellowstone Park.

Carl Douglass, of the suburbs of McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur the first of this week looking after business affairs and trading with Spur merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of the plains country near McAdoo, brought their little child to the Standifer Hospital this week, the child suffering of a severe attack of pneumonia.

Will Putman and wife came in from the ranch the latter part of last week and spent a short time in the city visiting a the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman.

J. E. Brown, an extensive and successful farmer of the Dry Lake country, was among the large number in the city Saturday trading with the live-wire merchants and also looking after other affairs.

Earl Wright came in Saturday and spent a short time here trading with the merchants. He is this year improving and cultivating a new place and reports good progress, having a hundred or more acres already sodded and ready for planting.

Two rooms to let.—City Hotel.

Mr. Black made a business trip last week to Matador and other points north.

Next best thing to a trip to Rocky Mountains—that Yellow stone lecture.

Tom Fry, of Haskell, Texas, was guest of his cousin, Albert Fry, this week.

Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, of the Dry Lake School, was in the city Saturday greeting his friends here.

It costs a mint of money to see America's wonderful geological freak of nature. You can see it all on the canvass for a quarter, and have it explained by a man who has been over the grounds.

B. G. WORSWICK

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Willis Smith, Jr., was among the many in Spur Saturday shaking hands with friends.

Jeff Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, of near Soldier Mound, was in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Miss Mable Van Leer, of the Soldier Mound country, was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week.

Mrs. J. R. McArthur came in Saturday from the Tap country and spent an hour or two here trading with the Spur merchants.

S. R. Bowman, of three miles north of Spur, was in town one day this week greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Mace Hunter, of five or six miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday buying supplies and looking after other business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, of six or seven miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday visiting friends and shopping with the live wire merchants of the city.

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J. H. Johnson returned this week from the lower country where he has been the past several weeks.

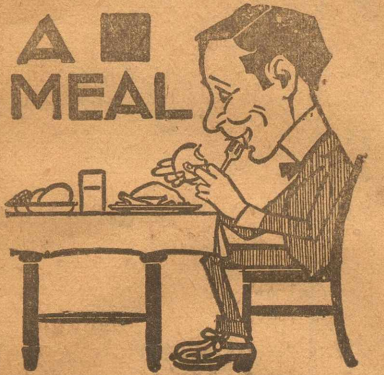
Tom Greer was in town again Saturday. He was carrying his arm in a sling as the result of his team running away with him Friday.

W. F. Foreman and wife, of four or five miles north of the city, were in Spur Saturday shopping with merchants and visiting friends.

John Weathers and daughter were in the city Monday from their ranch home on Red Mud, spending several hours shopping in the city.

C. I. Cannon came in Monday from his ranch home in Crosby county, spending several hours in Spur conversing with friends and looking after business affairs.

O. C. Henry was among the large number of people here Saturday. Mr. Henry last year went out to New Mexico with the intention of "settling" in that country. However, he soon returned and no doubt is now satisfied to remain in the great Spur country and prosper with the balance of us.



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THE SQUELCHING OF PA BINKLEY

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Pa Binkley was peeved; he was angry; yea verily, he was furious. Dingbust his time, hadn't he always tried to keep out of trouble? Didn't he pay more taxes than any other man in town? And wasn't he an American citizen, freeborn and at least half white? Who was he, anyway, to be so treated by a school teacher? School teachers were coming to be mighty peart these days, and this particular one would certainly get taken down a notch or two for just such conduct.

Thus his monologue ran until Ma Binkley's turn came. Wiping her eyes on the corner of a voluminous gingham apron, she declared emphatically that Alexander Binkley, Jr., had always been the best boy in school that he had always liked to go; and that he had never before failed to hold his teachers in worshipful adoration. But now this one had it in for her precious angel child; Alex himself said that the teacher had it in for him. The teacher did not understand the boy and did not try to. She did not expect a child of his nervous temperament to obey right off every time, and the teacher should not expect it.

Though Mrs. Binkley was not well enough acquainted with the constitution to know that it granted the right of free speech she might have continued anyway had she not run out of breath, and had not Aunt Abbie not come running down the stairs to inquire into the cause of the family uproar.

Well, there had been cause enough. Through a pouring down rain Alexander Binkley, Jr., had come home from school bringing all his books with him. He had been expelled. The shock of his arrival had at first caused a moment of dumb astonishment; now the dumbness was eloquently absent. If the teacher's ears did not burn, he must have been pouring ice water over them.

"What," said Ma Binkley to her outraged offspring, did you do to get expelled?"

Here downtrodden humanity could stand the pressure no longer; so Alexander Binkley, Jr., lifted up his voice and wept bitterly.

"I didn't do a thing," he blubbered.

"And what did the teacher do to you?"

Continued weeping.

"Hit at me,—spit at me,—tried to kick me out—and—and I think he shot at me as I left."

At this Pa yelled as if he had been hit in the stomach with a brickbat; and with an evil boding reach of his good right arm he took his coat from its nail on the wall. Then he pounded the table savagely as a prelude to the speech that he was going to make.

"Maria Evangeline Binkley," he said in effect, "no progeny of mine shall ever suffer such an indignity at the hands of a blingflittered pedagogical runt, and go unavenged" Of course these are not the exact words, but the meaning was about the same. Whatever his words were, he wanted her strictly to understand then and there that his son was not going to be imposed on by any old, little flea-bitten, flopeared son-of-a-gun who assumed to teach school. Now that was all there was to it. He would see about the matter instantly.

"Where you going, Poppie?" cried Mrs. Binkley.

"Mommie, I have a little business to attend to."

Pa Binkley slammed the door behind him, and his fearful spouse wailed loudly. Poppie would no doubt do something rash, and would perhaps wind up by hurting somebody. Then they would all have to go to court and be disgraced.

It was rather unwise for Poppie to expose his righteous indignation to that chill April rain; for before he arrived at

the school house he found his temperature lowering rapidly. And as he came on into the school and found the teacher calmly hearing a lesson, seemingly unaware of the sad fate that was about to befall him, he told himself that all the little children would be badly frightened at what was about to happen. He loved little children, and it hurt him terribly to see them shaking with fear. So perhaps it would be better to demand a little explanation here, and then whip the teacher down in town or have him turned out of his position, or maybe both. The members of the school board belonged to his lodge and were sworn to fly to the aid of a distressed brother.

While Pa Binkley was thinking these thoughts, the teacher, wearing a funny kind of little smile, came forward of his own accord to make the explanation and said that Alex was bright enough, but frequently he had been rude, and was too fresh for any use. That time he had flatly refused to obey, and, on being coerced, had shown fight, which was the straw that had broken the camel's back. But since graduation was only a month away, the boy might, as far as he was concerned, come back if he would improve his conduct and apologize before the school for his impudence.

Here Pa Binkley almost forgot himself. He trembled all over in his rage; it seemed that injury was being added to injury. "If it comes to making an apology to you," he yelled "he shan't do it. You've got it in for him. You've mistreated him. I don't like you. I've got some influence around this town and I will make things hot for you. I'll tell you I'm mad."

Poppie hesitated a moment to mark the effect of his words upon the teacher; then he abruptly left the room. Within a few moments he reached the office of the president of the board of trustees, foaming at the mouth like an angry bull and bristling up his back like unto those bad dogs who smell of each other's noses and then decline to fight. The board of trustees soon came together to hear his sad tale of woe.

"Brethren," began Pa Binkley, in a tale that grew as he got it out of his system, "a fearful atrocity has been perpetrated here in our very midst. My son, Alexander, has been spat upon, kicked at, shot at and left for dead by a dingbusted school teacher, whom unhappily you have in your employ and I, even I, barely escaped to tell you the story. The monster must be fired, and fired now" And to properly emphasize the "now" he pounded the table with his clenched fist.

Of course it is possible that Poppie is again misquoted as to his actual words, but the impression that he tried to make has been given.

For two or three minutes after these startling revelations some of the trustees looked at the floor while others gazed at the wrinkle in the wall paper that seemed to wiggle across near the ceiling. Nobody seemed anxious to monopolize the conversation, and the president of the board, whose duty it was to make reply, cleared his throat two or three times before he began.

"Bro. Binkley, the professor has talked to me over the telephone. He has given his side;

and now that you have given yours, you will please retire while we discuss the matter."

The plaintiff in the case did not move immediately, but sat staring from one to another of the members of the board. To him there appeared no necessity for discussion. Had not the facts been laid plainly before them? Indeed, he was surprised and a tiny bit hurt stupidity; he had felt that they would rise as one man, and not only fire the school master but also condemn him to seventeen years of exile as a water carrier for the patriotic armies of the Mexican revolution. Moreover, he felt that, in consideration of his own standing in the community the board should allow him to be present and keep the facts properly before them. But the president looked at him again with a show of impatience; so he reluctantly moved out.

When Pa Binkley was recalled, he found the several members in various moods. One or two seemed provoked while another one or two seemed to be choking back a grin. They had evidently made up their minds in a unanimous and hearty decision; and as Poppie could see but one decision that could be possible, he began to forgive the board for sending him out.

"Brother Binkley" began the president of the board, as he twirled his nose glasses around his forefinger, "we have very carefully considered your complaint, for we have the interest of the community at heart. We have tried to have the proper regard for the school and we have also, tried to give you ample justice in this thing. We have arrived at a decision in which we think that you and your son will receive your just deserts. In fact, we have felt that in view of the facts as they appear before us, there could only be one way of deciding the matter."

It was all that Poppie could do to keep his face from beaming though he tried manfully to keep inside of himself the grin of satisfaction that was striving to hook itself over his ears. He told himself that when he, Alexander Binkley, Sr., the biggest tax payer in town, started after anything, he always got it. The situation put the best taste in his mouth that he had had in ever so long.

"Yes, we think that we have arrived at the proper verdict" continued the president, "and it is this. Since graduation is only one month away, we will allow your son to return to school tomorrow morning provided you promise that he will give no more trouble, and that the young gosling will make a public apology for his contemptible impudence.

For a moment Pa Binkley looked as if he were unable to decide whether he had been kicked by a mule or fired upon by a German submarine. He stood half upright and his jaw worked without any sound being given off, his face twitched, his eyes flashed fire. With considerable effort he at last found his speech and when he found it it was voluble.

"Dingbust my hide if he will! You are all as crazy as you look and I want you strictly to understand that when a member of my family apologizes to that blithering idiot, the devil will have icicles on his tail a foot long! That doggasted school teacher is all to blame; I'm go-



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ing to fix him! I won't be run over in this fashion; I'll tell you, I'm going to get him! He will know better than to abuse helpless little school children when I get through with him!"

When Poppie reached the street his declamatory habits got the better of him, and the news soon began to be noised around that old man Binkley was going to get the school teacher. The teacher had abused young Alex Binkley and now when the teacher came to town after four o'clock, Alex's pa was going to use the teacher for a mop, and that for the sole purpose of wiping the street up with him. Yes, this was the news that floated about. And Poppie corroborated it by rampaging up and down the sidewalks, and confiding in various citizens the information that the school teacher was ruining the school, and that he was a darned skunk, and he was going to get h--I beat out of him just as sure as he showed his face in town. He was too angry to see the grins and winks of some of the men.

In the early part of the waiting Pa Binkley could hardly wait for the teacher to appear. But later on the further installments of the chill April showers seemed again to cool down his righteous indignation; righteous indignations do not thrive in chill April showers.

At any rate when the teacher appeared at the head of the street, carrying in his hand a large paper sack, Pa half wished that he had not talked himself into such a mess; but he had made so many threats that he could not do anything but wish that the teacher had been detained at the school. But the teacher was in town, and walking deliberately down the street toward him, while all the men in town seemed to be out on the sidewalk. So there was nothing left but for him to whip the teacher and live up to his professions, otherwise he would be laughed at. But he was

compelled to admit that he preferred to talk of the combat beforehand than to actually engage in it. Of course the teacher would no doubt take to his heels, but Pa could not shake from his mind the foreboding that something might happen after all. For instance, while he was whipping the teacher an earthquake might come, or the end of the world might be announced. But he saw that his enemy was approaching; something must be done.

So he stepped off the sidewalk to let some ladies pass and, with his hat in his hand, he shook the other at the offending pedagogue and dared him to come down and fight.

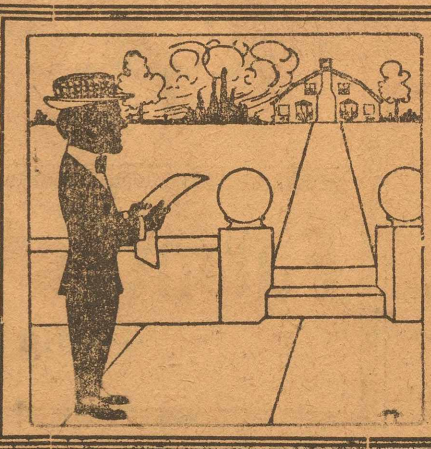
The challenged one came down, still clinging to the mysterious paper bag. Poppie did not rush immediately into the conflict, and the teacher stood looking at him for a fraction of a minute. Then a singular thing happened. With a sudden and swift movement the teacher swung the bag over his own head and brought it down with an explosive crash squarely on Poppie's bare pate. Following this sound as of smashing shells came a sickening splatter and stench that didn't savor of perfectly fresh eggs.

Now Pa Binkley had eyes to see but he saw not, he had ears to hear but he heard not, he had a mouth to swear but he swore not—not much. He sputtered violently and staggered backward, seemingly in the effort to draw his head out of the enveloping matter. The teacher followed and took a cruel advantage. Just as Poppie unwittingly backed up to the town watering trough—a spacious basin, filled to the brim—the teacher gave him a shove which sent him over for a souce that would have excited the envy of every believer in baptism by immersion.

When Poppie came up he did not see the school teacher; he did not look for him. Nor did he see that two score of citizens were bent double and holding their sides. He wanted to go home and take off his wet clothes—he might take a cold.

The next morning Pa and Ma Binkley hitched up to the old buggy and drove over into the Gum Springs community for a visit of a week or so; Alexander Binkley, Jr., stole into the school house at an early hour.

J. C. McNeill and family, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, were in the city last week visiting friends and shopping with merchants of the city.



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