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THE J. J. ALBIN WELL IS DRILLING UNINTERRUPTEDLY

The J. J. Albin test well for oil, by the Aero Oil Co., in the Highway community ten miles west of Spur, was spudded in last week and the bit is now going down uninterruptedly. The fifteen inch casing has been set, cutting off the first water encountered, and the drillers anticipate no serious delays in reaching the pay sand which is confidently expected.

Two drilling crews will be put on the well, in order that the drilling may be continued both day and night, and should no unforeseen delays be encountered, nor calamities befall, it is expected to complete this test well in a few months time.

We are now at a critical stage in the development history of this section of the country, especially with reference to underground resources, and it is to the interest of every individual to not only lend encouragement, but assist and cooperate with the promoters in making oil tests in every section to the end that we may have not only a thorough test, but full and complete development of underground resources and oil and gas possibilities. The work now under way in this section means much to the town, the country and the people as well as to the promoters. We are all mutually interested in the progress of the work and the final results of the tests now under headway. These drillers, developers and promoters are human, and in their line of business are affected just as men in other lines of business of a public nature are affected. A pleasant greeting, a smile of encouragement and hearty cooperation personally as well as financially, will help wonderfully and cause men to do their best and even more than otherwise, with better spirit and more pep. We some times give too little consideration to men who are trying to do things, taking for granted that the work will progress unheeded on our part, when by evidencing interest and concern the real workers, builders and developers would be wonderfully stimulated and encouraged. For instance, we know by experience that country newspaper men who are given only half-hearted support and patronage are not in a position to do their best and their efforts will not bring the results they otherwise would through the stimulus of hearty encouragement and cooperation on the part of business interests and the public. When you pay a year's subscription, or place an advertisement in the columns of the paper, don't refrain from further intercourse with the newspaper man, but make it a point to meet him again and again, give him items of interest to the public and otherwise show that you are interested in the success of his work, encourage him to do his best and the results will be of mutual benefit and more far reaching. If every business and professional man of a town, however small and unrecognized in the commercial world would have their business or profession displayed regularly in the newspaper and lend personal encouragement and assistance to the publisher, that newspaper would become the greatest factor in the progress and development of the town and country, and the money and efforts thus expended on the part of patrons, would not be an expense but a real investment bringing greater returns than same amount placed elsewhere. The same spirit of cooperation applies to other public enterprises, developments and progressive movements.

The development of the oil possibilities and underground resources of this country means much to all of us. We believe the oil is here. It is to our mutual interest with the drillers and developers to push this work to a definite end and assist in a complete and thorough test. The work will probably continue without any interest on the part of the public, but a display of whole-hearted interest will be a great stimulus to the developers. If you have no money to "bet" on the outcome of these test wells, lend encouragement and assistance in other ways. The next time you see McGee, McFann or any of their associates in oil development work, greet them with a smile, ask them about the wells and at least wish them a thousand barrel gusher. Such procedure will hearten, enthuse and stimulate them and result in good to you. If we can't help boost and pull together, let us not stand in the way nor deter in any manner the progress of those who are doing things and trying to accomplish real results. Personally we have faith in the men who are promoting and pushing oil developments in this country, and we have faith in the final success of the big undertaking. We firmly believe that it is only a question of time until the "liquid gold" will be spouting forth from vast underground stores of wealth to enrich the people in general as well as the developers, and furnish comforts and even luxuries of life to all who dwell in the great Spur country.

We will contribute two hundred or more dollars to a fund of ten thousand dollars as a premium and bonus for the first oil gusher brought in within the Spur territory. Such a premium would encourage more rapid development work and stimulate to some extent, activity on the part of drillers. Let us make a bonafide proposition of this character to oil promoters, developers and drillers.

J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, was in the city one day the first of the week trading and greeting his friends of the town and surrounding country.

C. M. Zinn, of near Spur, was in town one day this week. He recently moved here from the Afton country and is this year making a crop in this community.

SHEPPARD WANTS GOVERNMENT TO GO INTO BUSINESS

Senator Sheppard has introduced a bill in congress looking to the establishment of a nationwide chain of cooperative retail stores with a view of reducing the high cost of living and to prevent profiteering.

In the first place, the adoption of such a bill would be unfair to the socialist party in that it would deprive that party of the very foundation rock upon which it is built. Democrats should at least leave Socialists the foundation upon which their party was established.

Our government was not established for commercial purposes, and when the administration deviates from the real principles of government by entering into and becoming a part of the commercial world in establishing retail stores throughout the nation, it will be launched upon a dangerous, expensive, rocky road, and the ship of state, with petty politicians and incompetents at the helm, will eventually be wrecked on the ragged, shallow shoals of puerile politics. Mr. Sheppard may have in view an approaching election campaign and think to gain votes unconsidered upon the proposition of diverting our government to commercial activities. Such methods are unjustifiable even in politics. The aims and ends are fraught with dangers too great and too expensive to justify the means.

The principles of our government are to govern wisely, execute the laws of the land, and to administer justice and equity, regulate unlawful activities, including commerce, but not to engage in trade and traffic. A glaring example and demonstration of deviating from these principles is noted in the results of government operation of railroads—incompetent, unsatisfactory, inadequate service at a cost of millions of dollars to the people over and above the returns from the business—notwithstanding increased rates. As a war measure this experience is excusable, but to adopt such procedure as a principle and to divert democratic administration from the real purposes of government into channels of trade and traffic would be ruinous and lead to an unavoidable calamity and downfall.

A chain of retail stores throughout the nation, superintended and conducted by business men of ability and experience, might be in a position to somewhat reduce operating expenses and to that extent lessen the selling price of its merchandise, but with the enormous capital required to conduct such a business, and the uncertainties of trade, such a proposition is not appealing to economically sound and conservative business and moneyed interests. Politicians are rarely able business men, and the probability is that the public would not get lower priced merchandise with them at the head of a chain of stores, but in the end would be called upon for millions of dollars as a price for the experiment. It is impractical to permit politicians to venture into the quicksands of commerce, backed by the government, with a death grip on the open purse-strings of the public.

ALL WESTERN TEXAS MAY BE UNDERLAIN WITH OIL

Wren Cross and wife, of near Post City, are spending this week visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Duke, of four miles west of Spur. Wren formerly lived near Spur, having moved a year or two ago to Post where he is now ranching. He says he is doing well now, having completely overcome the depression of the years of drouths. In speaking of the oil test well near Post or in the Justiceburg community, he stated that the drillers were now two thousand feet deep, there being a strong pressure of gas and showing for oil. The drillers only contracted to go two thousand feet deep, but the showing for oil being so promising they have now contracted to drill thirty-five hundred feet or get oil in paying quantities. There is no question in our mind but that a pool of oil will be uncovered in this territory. The possibility is that all of Western Texas is underlain with oil.

DICKENS FARMER CLEANS UP \$30,000 ON COTTON CROP

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill community five or six miles south of Spur, sold thirty thousand dollars worth of cotton from his 1919 crop and has ten bales stored awaiting a more favorable market.

Aside from his cotton crop, Mr. Jordan made big feed crops and probably has enough feed on his place to run him two years. He probably invested no more than five thousand dollars for the land on which in the one year's time the one crop of cotton was sold for thirty thousand dollars. This is one instance where a West Texas farm made more than enough one year to pay for itself five times, and yet you will hear some Eastern knocker say that West Texas is not a farming country and that one can not pay for his land in forty years time. There are a great number of farmers in this country who this past year made more than enough from their crops to pay out their farms and have money left.

C. M. Zinn, of near Spur, was in town one day this week. He recently moved here from the Afton country and is this year making a crop in this community.

\$10,000 AIRPLANE BUNGALOW NOW GOING UP ON HILL ST.

The foundation has been completed and the bricks are now being laid in the construction of a ten thousand dollar Airplane Bungalow on Burlington Avenue by Ned Hogan. This building will be of faced brick, finished with inter-locking tile, seven rooms and modernly planned and constructed in every detail, and when completed will be one of the finest and most complete homes in the town and country.

The building of this substantial home is merely the beginning of an era of unprecedented building progress in Spur. There are a number of other fine homes contemplated and plans being made, among the number being those of E. C. Edmonds, Ed Lisenby and W. R. Stafford on Hill Street, Joe Gaines in the east part of Spur, and others who are not yet ready to make public their intentions and plans.

A number of nice homes have been completed recently, among the number being a six or seven thousand dollar suburban home by H. O. Albin west of Spur, and W. M. Ledford in the west part, W. L. Baugh and Dr. Echols in the eastern part of town.

The year 1920 will witness the greatest progress in home building in Spur since the beginning of the town, regardless of the discouraging feature of high prices all along the line.

NOTICE TO ICE CONSUMERS.

We will begin delivering ice to the residence part of town Monday, March 29th. All ice consumers will please watch for the ice truck and let the drivers know your wants so that we will not miss any one on our rounds. Ice will be \$1.00 per hundred pounds this season, as we are compelled to raise over our last year's price in order to meet the raise made on us for this season's ice, which will cost us 33 1-3 per cent more than last year. All ice will be cash on delivery. We can not charge ice. We will have ice books for sale within a week or so and will sell them at five per cent discount where parties take a 500 pound book or more.

We will strive to please you and at all times endeavor to cut ice so that you will get what you are paying for. Any complaints you may have to make, or any instructions you wish to give concerning your ice, please call Phone 51, and it will receive our immediate attention, and will be remedied so far as it is possible for us to do.

Thanking you, and assuring you that we are at all times at your service, we are yours respectfully,
SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY.
By M. E. Manning, Proprietor.

H. E. Brooks, of Girard, was in Spur Wednesday meeting his friends and trading. He met us on the street and handed us a five dollar bill to be credited to his subscription to the Texas Spur. We appreciate such meetings.

STANDIFER HOSPITAL CALLED UPON TO ITS FULL CAPACITY

During the past week Miss Willie Ballard of Dickens, Mrs. Effie Holman of Spur, and Mrs. Ella Bean of Demona, and Mrs. Oran McClure of Spur, underwent operations at the Standifer Hospital. At the time there were already eight or ten surgery patients convalescing in the hospital, mention of whom has heretofore been made, thus calling upon the hospital for almost its full capacity, and each of the number of patients are doing well.

In the case of Mrs. Bean, she was in the Waco sanitarium and was removed to Spur upon the reputation for successful surgery of the Standifer Hospital, and this decision was well taken, since Mrs. Bean's operation was successful and she is now on the road to recovery. The Standifer Hospital has justly earned its reputation from the large number of operations and the very few which were not effective.

That the operations are performed with surgical skill, and patients given the benefit of the best nursing, care and attention on the part of the hospital force, we have had occasion to know, and with good conscience can recommend to those in need of surgery the Standifer Hospital as one of the best in all of West Texas. They know the business in every detail and take a personal interest in every patient.

PATRIOTIC CITIZEN ASKED TO SACRIFICE HIS ASPIRATIONS

W. T. Lovell was here last week from Draper. We understand that the voters of that precinct intend to try to persuade Lovell to withdraw from the sheriff's race and sacrifice his political aspirations for patriotic reasons—and we believe he will consent. The people want him to be one of the five county school trustees. Lovell is a level headed man, a believer in educational progress, and can solve problems with as much accuracy as school teachers. No better man could be selected for the place, and no man would take greater interest in the duties of the office than W. T. Lovell. While we have always been interested and concerned about Lovell's political aspirations, yet under the existing conditions with reference to the pressing necessity of a solution of the school problems now confronting the people, we would lend our solicitations to that of his constituents in asking that for the time being he lay aside political aspirations and sacrifice himself to a service in a pressing cause at this time—and we believe he will do it.

Alvin Bilberry this week sold his 160 acre farm near Midway to O. C. Arthur of Duck Creek for a consideration of thirty dollars per acre. The sale was engineered by C. C. Haile who is becoming one of the leading real estate men of the county.

BITS REMOVED AND DRILLING RESUMED ON OIL TEST WELLS

During the past several days and weeks drilling work on both the Davis well and 24 Ranch well has been delayed on account of lost bits in both holes. The necessary tools and equipment were brought up this week from Cisco and the bits removed without further delay or trouble, drilling operations being resumed during the week at both places.

The Davis well, by the Aero Oil Company, is approximately eight hundred feet deep, having encountered and just gone through a thirty five foot sand which gave the drillers much encouragement. In fact the drillers of this well are confident that good paying oil will be found in this well at less than one thousand feet. The well is located on the Davis ranch six miles northeast of Spur, the location having been made by two geologists at points within a few yards of each other, neither knowing that the other had designated that particular place as the most promising site for drilling.

The 24 Ranch well, by the McFann Oil & Gas Company, is located on the 24 Ranch fifteen miles south of Spur, this being the deepest test in this section at this time, the well now being between fifteen hundred and sixteen hundred feet deep. In this well at two hundred feet more than a hundred feet of salt was drilled through, fifty feet of which was solid white rock salt. This find alone will be a big proposition if developed, and which no doubt will be at a later date. Three oil bearing sands were encountered at approximately 700, 900 and 1200 feet. In the 900 foot sand Mr. McFann is confident that a paying pool of oil exists somewhere near the point where they are now drilling. The bit is now drilling in dark shale. The well has been smoking gas in considerable volume for months, and every indication is that this will be a real oil well.

We have confidence in the men who are drilling these wells, believe they are fair and square in their dealings, are able to complete their undertakings, and conscientious in the belief of eventually drilling into the pay sand. Personally we have backed up our faith in the men and their projects to the extent of betting every surplus dollar in hand on lands and leases that an oil pool will be uncovered. In the meantime we intend to boost the drilling operations in every way we can, to the end that our hopes and expectations may be realized with the least possible delay.

NOT ONE OF OLD COMMISSIONERS WILL BE A CANDIDATE

County Commissioner Rush McLaughlin, of near McAdoo, was a very pleasant caller Monday at The Texas Spur office. In speaking of probable candidates to succeed him as commissioner Mr. McLaughlin did not know who would undertake the job. This is one of the most important offices of the county, and Mr. McLaughlin has filled the place ably and with credit to himself and constituents. The man who takes his place should be broad-gauged, above petty bickerings and competent to handle the finances of the county efficiently, conservatively and to the advancement of community, public interests and welfare. We understand that not one of the old commissioners would announce for reelection, and among those whom we have heard mentioned as possible or suitable candidates for their places are J. T. Rose of the McAdoo country, E. L. Harkey and W. B. Arthur of Dickens. In precincts three and four W. D. Thacker and Poet Hagins have already announced, and they are mer well fitted for the place. We have heard of no one to take the place of W. F. McCarty of Afton, but there are a number of good men in that precinct for the place. We believe that at least one of the old commissioners should consent to remain in the office, because he would be in a position to materially assist the new men in familiarizing themselves with the details of the office, giving them the benefit of his knowledge and familiarity with the work in hand without influencing them in the least in their ideas or acts.

ROAD TRACTOR MACHINE IS DOING FINEST ROAD WORK

C. M. Parr and wife, of west of Dickens, were in Spur shopping Monday. Mr. Parr is now operating the county road grading machine and informed us that fine work is being done with the machine. They have just completed a roadway up on the plains, and it is said to be as good as could be done in any manner. The machine will be brought down off the Can Rock this week and grading work done on the McAdoo-Spur road. This tractor machine has the power to do the grading work without the use of plows, doing it better, putting the roads in ideal condition at much less expense than by the older methods of road grading work. We congratulate Dickens county commissioners in adopting progressive methods of road work.

D. H. Sullivan made a trip last week to Fort Worth and other cities of the eastern part of the state. He says West Texas looks good in comparison with conditions of the Eastern part of the state.

N. B. Fuqua, of Red Mud, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES TO BE SELECTED SOON

W. L. Thannisch, of Wichita, was here Monday taking politics. He is well informed on politics and knows whom the people of his section intend to elect to office from president, governor, and on down to constable. He has the situation sized up pretty well and will lose comparatively few votes. One office only has him guessing, and that is the county school trusteeship. This is an important position. One man is to be elected from each of the four commissioners precincts, and one man at large. The school situation now confronting the people of the whole country is serious and demands immediate consideration and action. If our schools are to be maintained, more funds must be provided. School teachers everywhere are striking and quitting the profession. The only way in which the best teachers can be employed now is to pay them a salary commensurate with the conditions under which we are now living. The only equitable way to increase the school funds is to raise valuations of property. Complaint will be made at higher taxes, but it is either more school taxes or no schools. Taxes had better be reduced along other lines and increased for school purposes, if that be the only alternative. But back to the matter of electing county school trustees. We agree with Mr. Thannisch in that this matter should not be neglected until election day and then vote promiscuously for men to fill the place. Good men should be discussed and selected, men who are interested in school matters and competent to solve problems confronting the material progress of our educational interests. It is not a paying job, but is a patriotic job, and of material moment to the people and the country. This paper is open to those who wish to discuss school matters and suitable men to fill the necessary positions to promote school interests. We will also carry free of charge any announcement of candidates for these offices that the people of the several communities desire to make. Send in your announcements. This will stimulate interest and discussion for the good of the cause.

DICKENS COUNTY STOCKING UP WITH THE FINEST BRED HOGS

Last week Leonard Middleton, of near Afton, purchased at the auction sale of hogs at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, a highly bred and registered Duroc Jersey sow, shipping her to Dickens county. This sow was purchased at a price of \$425.00, and is considered cheap at the price. In the registration papers of this sow is a long list of noted sires and dams on both sides, one of which was the junior champion of the 1917 State Fair, and another grand champion of the 1919 State Fair.

It is very gratifying to note that Dickens county is restocking with the finest bred hogs. Within a few years Dickens will be noted throughout the country for its fine hogs.

SOLDIER BOY DIED LAST WEEK AT HIS HOME NEAR DRAPER

Homer Pierce died Sunday of the past week at the home of his parents of the Draper country, and his remains were interred Monday in the Dickens cemetery.

Homer Pierce was in military service, having been at home two months on a furlough when death overcame him. It is said that he was a sufferer of tuberculosis. He was with the American troops fighting in France, having been gassed while in battle and since which time he has constantly been under treatment at various military hospitals.

AFTON GIN SOLD TO QUANAH COTTON OIL COMPANY

J. V. McCormick was in Spur Tuesday of the Wayside Place near Afton. He informed us that he had sold out his gin plant and business at Afton to the Quanah Cotton Oil Co., stating that he would hereafter give his time and attention to growing rather than ginning cotton. He recently purchased another farm, and with the Wayside Place he is in position to farm extensively as well as intensively.

BLACKMON BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Vestel Blackmon, fourteen years old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles west of Spur, lost a middle toe of one foot Wednesday by the accidental discharge of a shot gun. The boy had been rabbit hunting. He was standing with the muzzle of the gun resting on his foot when a younger brother, in fooling with the gun, discharged it with the above result. Dr. Moore was summoned, amputated the toe and dressed the wound.

ANOTHER OLD TIMER GONE.

Grandpa Gentry, father of Claud Gentry, of the Afton country, died March 10th in Kansas where he was visiting with his daughter. Grandpa Gentry has been a resident of Dickens county during the past thirty years, and during his declining days made his home with T. J. Harrison. One by one the old timers of the country are being called to that Long Home, and each have earned a rich reward in the Great Beyond.

We are glad to note that Frank Williams is now again able to get about without the aid of crutches. He for some time has been suffering severely of rheumatism.

Mr. Farmer

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AND OFFER YOU

Careful and Courteous Service and a Guarantee of Absolute Satisfaction

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New Shipment of Louisiana Sugar Cane Syrup; Fresh Order of Pure Uvalde Honey Just Arrived; and Plenty of Sugar in Stock at 20c lb.

LOTS OF MATCHES AT 5 CENTS A BOX

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Our P. & O. Implements Have Arrived!

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Spur Hardware & Furniture Company

sale. See C. Hogan at City National Bank, Spur, Texas.

W. W. Sample returned this week from a business trip to other parts of the country.

Better get your coal now! Only a few more cars coming before storage season.—P. H. Miller.

Rev. W. B. Bennett was here recently from the Gilpin country, meeting his friends and transacting business affairs.

EGGS! Guaranteed clear strain, thoroughbred Silver-laced Wyandot Eggs at \$1.50 per setting of 15, at my place 9 miles southeast of Spur.—W. C. Bennett. 20-4t

Mike M. Young, of near Girard, was a visitor in Spur Monday and Tuesday. He reports the Girard section in the very finest condition in every respect at this time.

WANTED TO BUY—I have a number of clients who want to buy West Texas grass land and ranches. List your land with R. H. Astin, Box 38, Stamford, Texas. 20-2tp

Miss Lula Sample left this week for Stamford where she will visit a month with her sister, Mrs. Gillespie. From Stamford Miss Sample will go to Itasca where she will make her home with another sister in the future.

A. W. Van Leer called in one day this week and renewed his subscription to The Texas Spur. Mr. Van Leer is now improving the place he recently purchased northeast of Spur. He has built a farm house and is now turning the sod for a crop this year.

E. J. Cairnes and son, Bobbie, returned Tuesday from an extended trip to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and the Cattlemen's Convention at Houston. E. J. was a little hoarse, possibly from drinking only Trinity water, but otherwise was benefited by the trip.

W. B. Arthur, of Dickens, was in Spur one day the past week. He is taking the census in his section and is making a good job of it. In fact W. B. Arthur is an efficient, conscientious worker at anything he undertakes. Such men are of material benefit to any community.

Since G. W. Jackson has moved to Spur, Highland has been without a Mayor. Mr. Jackson stated, however that he had appointed S. L. Porter to fill his position as Mayor, and Mr. Porter is requested to take due notice of such appointment.

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in Spur Monday. Although he has no opponent in his race for commissioner from his precinct, he is extending his campaign into this section. Mr. Thacker will be a representative of every section of the county as well as his own precinct, regardless of whether or not he can draw votes from any but his own.

Chas. Whitener has a number of thoroughbred Holstein cows which he is advertising for sale, having them at the Farmers Wagon Yard for the inspection of the public. The day is already here when people must have high grade cattle. Lands, feed and other things are too high to feed to inferior stock. When you go to buy milk cows, get the best. The best is the cheapest in the long run.

G. L. Crawford returned the latter part of last week from the Fat Stock Show where he and Mr. Evans and others accompanied the Spur Experiment sheep for exhibition purposes. He reports fine exhibits and a good show. While the Spur sheep may not have been awarded the champion prizes again this year, they at least attracted attention and demonstrated the fact that the Spur country is an ideal sheep raising section.

ESPUELA ITEMS

Dear Editor: Will try to send in a few items of the Espuela community this week.

Rev. Justin Anderson filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A large crowd attended.

The farmers are busy now at Espuela, plowing their land in preparation for another good crop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brinell attended church at Spur Sunday night.

Misses Lillie and Bertha Mings spent Sunday night with Mr. Malone and family.

Miss Annie Cross spent the week end at her home at Red Mud.

A large crowd of young folks were entertained Saturday night with a party at the Emert home. It is thought there were fifty-five boys and about thirty girls at the party. Every one reported a fine time, and spoke highly of being so well entertained by their hosts.

Miss Donnie Mae Aston spent Saturday night with Miss Zona Mae Miller.

Miss Vera Teague and the Misses Baker attended the party.

Messrs. Earle Carleton and Elby Stevens attended church Sunday.

Mr. John Earnest and Miss Marie Smith were at church Sunday.

Mr. A. M. Miller and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Aston, of Spur, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. T. B. Watson was at Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. Hubert Karr has just recovered from a short illness.

Miss Mammie Burtes and Mr. Clarence Billberry attended the party.

Miss Zora Halloway attended church Sunday.

Mr. Clude Fergason and Miss Lucile Miller were at the party.

John Earnest, Marie Smith, Alla Smith, Mammie Berts, and Miss Christine Burtes went on a kodaking 'spree' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Harry Ellis attended the party Saturday night. He left here Sunday morning to begin work on another ranch. We shall miss him from our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Brinell, Mr. Dewey Cobb and Miss Lucile Miller were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bingham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Puckett were the Sunday guests of Mr. Holloway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holloway attended church Sunday.

Miss Ona Shockley was the guest of Miss Lucile Stayton Sunday night.

There will be a box supper at Espuela Saturday night. Everybody come, all are invited.

Mr. Erwin Smith is ill with the small pox. However, we are hoping for his speedy recovery.

Miss Irene Miller was the guest of Miss Margaret Aston Saturday night.

Mr. Will and Miss Dicie Quisenberry spent Saturday in Spur.

We will get our sun bonnets and go and give room for Shinnery Twig, Espuela Twins.

Toilet paper 5 cents at the Racket Store.

BEARS IN COMBAT

Savage Fight Put Up Between Two Caged Brutes.

Marvelous Strength Exhibited by Madened Brown Bear Almost Beyond Belief, According to Witness of the Struggle.

"Once we saw Ivan fight with a bear of his own size (at that time)," writes Dr. William T. Hornaday in an article on "The Alaskan Brown Bear," published in Boys' Life. "It was a fearsome sight. It came about through a mixup of cagemates. I cannot recall why a change was made, but at all events the female cagemate of Admiral—another big Alaskan brown bear abiding in the adjoining cage—was temporarily shifted from him into Ivan's den. "Admiral felt that that was not a square deal and it made him furious. At once he set to work to tear his way through the steel partition and get into Ivan's cage. I reached the scene while he was in the very act of finishing the job.

"The partition was made of flat steel bars, woven closely together in a basket pattern, and set into heavy steel frames that were bolted into place. The ends of the flat bars were fastened by bending them over while hot; and everybody was quite sure that those panels were strong enough to hold elephants.

"Admiral went to work with his great strength and his enormous claws to pull one of those woven bar panels out of its frame, and thus make a hole in the partition that would let him through. It seems impossible, but he did it! He did what a steam roller could not have done. I saw him finish tearing that steel basket out of its frame, smash it down and rush over it through the opening and into the next den.

"And then in an instant Admiral and Ivan were in combat.

"At that time those two bears were of the same size and weight, and evenly matched. They fought strictly head to head and mouth to mouth. Not once did either of the fighters swerve by a foot and expose his body to attack. Round and round they raged and the female grizzly shrank off in a corner, terrified. Presently the two fighters reared on their hind legs, each holding the other by a cheek, and in silence they waltzed and chewed.

"And then the keepers had their chance. Carrying their arms full of hickory pick handles, each one weighing about five pounds, they slipped in at the front gate and took positions. They yelled at those bears as if they meant to tear them to pieces, and they slammed those pick handles into them until they won. The hickory hurricane was too much to endure and the bears let go and fell apart. Then all attention—and pick handles—was concentrated on Admiral, who soon retired through the hole he had made into his own den, and the fight was over."

Marines Get Practice

Ten million rounds of ammunition were fired by United States marines on rifle ranges in the last 11 months, according to the report of the inspector of rifle practice, given out at marine corps headquarters in Washington.

This is the answer to the question: Why are marines always crack shots? which has been asked over and over again by their opponents at recent military rifle matches, when they saw the "sea soldiers" walk away with most of the trophies.

Nineteen thousand of the 21,000 men who fired qualified as marksmen or better. In 1919 marines fired on ranges in ten foreign countries and possessions, as follows: Ireland, Siberia, China, France, Germany, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Haiti, the Azores and Nicaragua, and in 19 states, territories and possessions of our own country.

H. H. Hill was in Spur Saturday from the Dry Lake section.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith was a recent shopper in the city from her home near Dry Lake.

H. O. Albin is moving this week into his new home just completed west of Spur.

W. F. Cathey was among the number in town Saturday.

Judge Worswick was in Spur one day this week on business and campaigning.

OBITUARY.

Mary M. Hand was born October 25th, 1887, died February 28th, 1920, at the age of thirty three years, four months and three days. She leaves a husband and five children, a father and mother, two brothers and five sisters to mourn her loss. But they do not mourn as one without hope, for she was a Christian. She was converted at an early age and was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church at Spur at the time of her death. She had a presentiment that she was going to die and told her brother, Roy Butts, how to dispose of her property and where to take the children, expressing a desire that every debt no matter how small should be paid. The deceased had many friends both in the town and country who sincerely regret her untimely death. She was an obedient daughter, a loving mother and faithful wife, and our hearts go out to the bereaved ones in this sad trial. Words can not express our sympathy, for words are futile at a time like this. We can only point them to Him who said: "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you as one who his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

Take comfort dear bereaved one in these precious promises and in her dying testimony, for she said: "Children don't grieve for me, for God has wiped away all tears from my eyes." She pleaded knowing that she was crossing over. "Children, promise me that you will meet me in Heaven." Is not that a blessed assurance? Hers was a life of sorrow, sacrifice and unremitting toil, but God has dried her tears. Her once tired feet can now run and not be weary, can walk and not faint. Children, is it not a blessed thought that you have a radiant, celestial mother waiting for you in that City not made with hands, for God in His infinite mercy Has wiped from her eyes the tears. No sorrow nor crying nor dying, No pain neither doubts nor fears. Can ever enter the City For God is the ruler there. His children shall bask in His glory With never an anxious care. —A Friend.

A span of small mules for sale at any old price near their value. Call at Texas Spur office if you need a team of small mules.

Chalk Brown, wife and daughter, and sister, Miss Clarebelle, were in Spur Monday from the 24 Ranch.

H. C. Allen was in town one day this week from the Dry Lake community, looked very pleased.

The Crumbling of Caste. India is in the midst of one of her greatest famines. Grain is twice as high as it was in 1900, but in spite of this people are not dying as they did then.

A missionary gives two reasons for the lower death rate: In the last 20 years the people have learned to work. Formerly one or two members of a family supported the rest. Now, all who are able to work earn something, and so during the years of plenty something has been saved up—not much but enough to help a little.

Another reason why India is in a better condition now than in 1900 is that the caste system is breaking down. Now you will find men and women of many castes doing work which formerly was done by one caste alone. High-caste Hindus are coming to see that manual labor is not a disgrace.—World Outlook.

Plywood Given Severe Test. The plywood tested at the Wisconsin forest products laboratory is built up in thin layers laid crosswise to one another, and glued with water-resisting glue. Various protective finishes are applied to the wood. All materials are subjected to every variety of climatic temperature and moisture, and in glue tests, plies must not separate after boiling in water eight hours, or soaking at room temperature ten days. The products developed find many important uses besides that of making airplane propellers. The woven plywood, designed as a substitute for linen in wing covering, is basket woven from strips of spruce veneer about one and one-fourth to one and seven-eighths inches wide and .01 inch thick, the finished sheet being about one-fifth inch thick.

Difficult to Learn. The Chinese pocket dictionary contains no less than 10,000 characters, which one must learn in order to claim any real familiarity with the language. However, an acquaintance with 3,000 or 4,000 symbols is all that the average native has, and it is said to be possible to get along with a vocabulary of 1,000.

J. M. Howze was here one day the past week from Highway.

S. W. Rather was in town recently from Cat Fish.

R. R. Wooten, of near McAdoo, was a business visitor last week in Spur.

J. A. W. Cozby recently moved to the Spur country from Matador and will make a crop here this year.

Friends of H. T. Garner are glad to see him able to be on the streets again after a severe illness of pneumonia.

Robt. Nickels, of the McAdoo section of country, was in Spur one day this week transacting business affairs. He reports the plains in fine shape and bumper crop prospects for this year again.

Tom Stevens, who is now working for Bryant-Link Company at Caddo, was in Spur and Dickens City the first of the week visiting with friends and relatives. We presume that Mrs. Stevens was with him on the visit.

We received a letter last week from A. E. Huckabee who is now in Alabama, requesting us to send his paper to him in that state hereafter. Mr. Huckabee recently moved to Alabama from the McAdoo country. We expect him to remain only thru the year. When a man once breathes the Western air he never forgets it.

Ben Redell, of near McAdoo, was in Spur the past week. Mr. Redell recently returned from a trip to Hillsboro where he was united in marriage to Miss Nell Ward of Delia. Mr. and Mrs. Redell are now making their home in the McAdoo country. The Texas Spur wishes them many years of happiness and prosperity.

W. G. Mayfield, a leading business man of Girard, was in Spur one day this week. He is stimulating his already good business by putting on a special sale, thus favoring his customers and at the same time making room on his shelves for more goods. He reports everything in the very finest shape now in the Girard country.

S. L. Davis was over from Dickens Tuesday on business and inadvertently furthering his campaign for the clerk's office. It now seems that Mr. Davis and Mr. Arthur will be the only two candidates for this place. They are both fine young men, competent to fill the position, and it will be a hard proposition for voters to decide which one to vote for.

W. C. Mitchell, of Cat Fish, was in Spur the first of the week.

Come to the Racket Store to buy and to sell what you do not want.

O. C. Arthur was in Spur recently on business and incidentally campaigning for the clerk's office.

Bernard Bryant, of Stamford, was in Spur Wednesday the guest of Geo. S. Link.

E. C. Edmonds returned last week from a trip to Colorado City and other points where he spent a few days on business.

John Latham, of Red Hill community, was in Spur one day the past week greeting friends and trading with Spur merchants.

A. J. Richey, a leading citizen and good farmer of the Croton Breaks, was in Spur last week trading and meeting friends here. He reports his community in fine shape.

Frank Howsley came down last week from Albany and spent several days here with his father, G. A. Howsley, and other young men friends of the town. He says Albany is booming now right along.

W. E. Fletcher returned Monday from a trip down into Stephens county where Mrs. Fletcher has been on an extended visit to her mother and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Fletcher is expected home later in the week.

Presley Hindman and wife, of Colorado, left last week after spending several days here with his brother, L. A. Hindman, and J. C. Hindman and family of a mile or two north of the city. They made the trip through the country in cars.

G. W. McFann returned last week from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has been in a hospital for two or three weeks after an operation for appendicitis. He is now giving his attention to the drilling work on the 24 Ranch well and everything is moving along more satisfactorily and expeditiously at this time.


C. L. Glenn, of Matador, was in Spur one day the past week on business and greeting his friends of this section. Mr. Glenn is making the race for county judge of Motley county. He is one among the 'old timers' of the country, is one among the best and most reliable citizens, and has many friends in Spur and surrounding country who would be glad to help him with their votes.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Fred L. Twichans, Charley Harlow, Martin Harrah and A. L. Harlow and the unknown heirs of Fred L. Twichans, Charley Harlow, Martin Harrah and A. L. Harlow, their heirs and legal representatives, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in Dickens county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, to be begun and holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the twenty-first Monday after the first Monday in January, 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of March, 1920 in cause No. 601, on the docket of said Court, wherein R. J. Bateman and W. H. Bateman are plaintiffs, and Fred L. Twichans, Charley Harlow, Martin Harrah and A. L. Harlow their heirs and legal representatives, are defendants; the nature of the plaintiffs' demand being a suit for the title and possession of 48 acres of land out of Survey No. 1, by virtue of Script No. 64, issued to Alexander, Crain, Harris & Brooks, Patent No. 216, Vol. 26, Abstract No. 4, in Dickens county, Texas, and being tract No. 4 out of said survey as described in decree of partition of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, in cause No. 283, styled Glasgow, Green and Davis vs. S. C. Loyd, et al, recorded in Vol. 14, page 160, deed records of Dickens County, Texas; plaintiffs alleging that they are the owners, in fee simple, of said premises, and that they and those under whom they claim have had and held peaceable and adverse possession thereof, and have title thereto under and by virtue of the three, five and ten years statutes of limitation of the State of Texas, and praying for the removal of the claims of defendants as a cloud on plaintiffs' title to said premises, for damages and costs of suit.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on said first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: M. Gay, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 18th day of March, 1920.

M. GAY, Clerk
District Court, Dickens Co., Texas.
By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy.

ELECTION FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Notice is hereby given that there will be held an election on Saturday, the third day of April, A. D. 1920, in the various school precincts of the County for the purpose of electing One County School Trustee at large and One County School Trustee for each Commissioner's Precinct. There will also be held an election on that date in the different school districts of the County for the purpose of electing Common School Trustees.

WALTER L. POWELL,
Ex-Officio County Superintendent,
Dickens County.

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FOR SALE.

4-room white house facing S. E. on corner 4 blocks east of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co., and owned by Katie Turnage of Grapevine, Texas. I will be here only a day or two and will sell this property at a reasonable price. Also have a lot 50x160, one block east of Spur Inn, for sale. See C. A. Bushong at E. J. Cowan's office or at Western Hotel. 1tp

W. C. Bennett came in one day the past week from Gilpin and spent an hour or so here trading and on other business, taking time to call in and cheer us up to some extent.

LOST—Sorrel saddle pony, 14 1-2 hands high, no brand, scar on inside left hock, streak in forehead, frogs on left feet worn off.—G. D. Sikes, Spur, Texas. 21 3t pd.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything progressing nicely in his section.

Mrs. Grantham returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends in the Girard country.

LOST—Small wheel and cup off 2-row John Deere Planter. Finder return to D. J. Gilbert for reward. 21tf

Wall paper at the Racket Store.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF THE PANHANDLE SHORT LINE RAILWAY CO.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of The Panhandle Short Line Railway Company that a special meeting has been called of said Stockholders, to meet in Dalhart, Texas, on the 27th day of April, 1920, for the purpose of authorizing an amendment to the original charter of the Panhandle Short Line Railway Co., to provide for the locating, constructing, owning and operating a branch line of the road from Lubbock, in Lubbock County, Texas, and extending through the counties of Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Wichita and Clay, to a point on Red River in Clay County, the same being on the State Line between Oklahoma and Texas.

Also to authorize an increase of the Capital Stock from Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars, to Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars, change the location of the principal office from Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas, to Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, and authorize and order a bond issue of Thirty Two Million (\$32,000,000.00) Dollars, and for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

E. G. COOK, President.
W. A. PRITCHARD, Secretary.

NOTICE OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE PANHANDLE SHORT LINE RAILWAY COMPANY

Notice is hereby given to the Directors of The Panhandle Short Line Railway Co. that a special meeting has been called to meet in Dalhart, Texas, on the 27th day of April, 1920, for the purpose of amending the Charter, to build a branch line from Lubbock, Texas, to a point on Red River in Clay County as ordered by the Stockholders, to increase the Capital Stock from Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars to Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars, to change the location of the principal office from Dalhart, Texas, to Wichita Falls, Texas, and create a bond issue of Thirty Two Million (\$32,000,000.00) Dollars, all as ordered by the Stockholders in a meeting that just adjourned prior to this meeting of the said Directors, and to transact any other business that may come before the board at this time.

E. G. COOK, President.
W. A. PRITCHARD, Secretary.

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Thorough bred Rhode Island Red eggs for hatching. Best strains, large birds, \$1.50 per 15, \$5.00 per 100. Phone 1009F4—Mrs. A. B. Morgan, Spur, Texas. 18 4t pd

LOST—Blue serge coat made by Hart, Shaffner & Marx and sold by C. M. Cahn, Dallas; Masonic pin on lapel; \$5.00 reward to return to Little Travis at Ralls, Texas. 21 1t.

L. C. Arrington, of west of Dickens, was in Spur Monday talking good times.
Tom Greer was in town Monday of this week.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 10th day of April, A. D. 1920, in Common School District No. 16, of this county, as established by the order of the Commissioners' Court of this County, of date the 28th day of March, A. D. 1911, and change thereof on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1912, which is recorded in Book 2, pages 356 and 418 of the minutes of said court, (a) to determine whether a majority of the legal qualified property tax paying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said common school district in the amount of \$2,000.00, the bonds to be of the denomination of \$200.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to ten, both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, on April 10th of each year to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts contractually contracted in the construction and equipping of a public free school building of wood material, and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident tax payers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1920, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 12th day of March, A. D., 1920.

G. L. BARBER,
Sheriff, Dickens County, Texas.
By O. C. ARTHUR, Deputy

WHO IS HE?

Texas Spur:—In reading Ed Duncan's advice to the people as to who would make a good sheriff for Dickens county, and how long he should be here to run, I began to inquire, "who is Ed Duncan," and finally found out that Duncan had not been here long enough for anybody to know him, but that he was a deputy sheriff. All I have to say about Ed is that when it comes to using his ponderous brain and head, that he wears bells on his bridle.—Respectfully, (Political Adv.) TOM DODSON.

Two sections of land for sale at \$35.00 per acre, fenced to itself, 150 acres in cultivation, four-room house and out buildings, shallow water in pasture, 1000 acres good tillable land, 4 1-2 miles southwest of Dumont. All cash except \$4.20 per acre running ten years at 7 1-2 per cent.—C. W. Neeley, Dumont, Texas. 21-4t

Chas. McLaughlin, candidate for county judge from the plains country near McAadoo, was in Spur Saturday meeting the voters and furthering the interests of his campaign.

J. P. Middleton, of near Dickens, was a business visitor in town Saturday.

AFFIDAVIT OF TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

In the matter of County Finance in the hands of C. H. Perry, Treasurer of Dickens County, Texas.

Commissioner's Court, Dickens County, Texas, in regular quarterly session, February Term, 1920.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, a County Commissioners within and for said Dickens County, and the Hon. Walter L. Powell, County Judge of said Dickens County, constituting the entire Commissioner's Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 24th day of February, A. D. 1920, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of C. H. Perry, Treasurer of Dickens County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1919, and ending on the first day of February, A. D. 1920, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Dickens County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 1st day of February, A. D. 1920, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867 Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in the hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Dickens County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 24th day of February, A. D. 1920, and find the same to be as follows, to-wit:

Balance 1st Class Fund, ..	\$5,984.72
Road & Bridge Fund Bal. ..	866.58
Gen. Co. Fund Bal.	4,736.95
4th Class Fund Bal.	2,240.11
5th Class Fund Bal.	1,127.50
6th Class Fund Bal.	5,585.06
7th Class Fund Bal.	2,492.48
8th Class Fund Bal.	33,940.94
9th Class Fund Bal.	1,084.69
10th Class Fund Bal.	354.89
11th Class Fund Bal.	13,804.72
12th Class Fund Bal.	1,551.50
13th Class Fund Bal.	1,929.89
15th Class Fund Bal.	4,002.24
Total	\$79,702.27

Witness our hands, officially, this 24th day of February, A. D. 1920.

Walter L. Powell, County Judge.
Rush McLaughlin, Com. Prec. No. 1.
G. W. Rash, Com. Precinct No. 3.
L. G. Crabtree, Com. Prec. No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Walter L. Powell, County Judge, and Rush McLaughlin and G. W. Rash and L. G. Crabtree, county commissioners of said Dickens county, each representatively, on this the 24th day of February, A. D. 1920.
M. Gay, County Clerk, Dickens Co., Texas. By S. L. Davis, Deputy.

J. A. Brown, who recently moved from near Spur to a place north of Dickens, was in town Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He, with G. W. Dodson and others, are shipping out of Spur this week quite a number of bales of cotton to the Houston or Galveston markets. While there appears to be a disposition on the part of buyers to not make purchases of cotton, yet the market prices continue to remain from forty to forty three cents.

A. V. Womack and Mr. Conner, of near McAadoo, were in Spur transacting business affairs Monday. They are running a thresher at this time, threshing up the maize of that territory. Big crops of maize and wheat were produced on the plains the past year.

W. L. McAteer was in town Monday. We venture that Mr. McAteer has more feed stored on his place than any other farmer in the whole country. The big feed production caused Mr. McAteer to call his place "Egypt" and which is very appropriate.

G. W. and Tom Dodson, of north of Dickens, were business visitors in Spur this week. They both made bumper crops this year and G. W. is holding the principal part of the staple now for higher prices and a more active market.

EGGS FOR HATCHING

Thorough bred White Leghorns, \$1.50 per setting; \$7.00 per 100.—White Poultry Farm, Afton, Texas. 4

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which he is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his means does more for his own town than any ten other men, and in fairness he ought to be supported—not because you like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the preacher or teacher. Understand me, I do not mean mentally, and yet on moral questions you will find most of the papers on the right side. Today the editor of the local paper does the most for the least money of any person on earth.

Admirably stated, but the Governor might have added that the country press is more truly representative of the community than is the metropolitan press, no matter how many pages of alleged "funny matter" the latter may contain or how ably prepared may be the editorial matter. The editor of a great city paper very ambitiously attempts to mould public opinion, while the editor (and he may be compositor, proof reader, pressman and "devil" besides) reflects the views of his constituency. It is not that he is a "poll parrot" but that mingling with his readers as he does, he absorbs their ideas and they absorb his, so that the paper really represents the community. More power to the country press.

FOR SALE:—1 dresser, 6 chairs, 1 cabinet, 1 New Perfection oil stove, 1 cotton mattress, 1 combination mattress, 1 pair bed springs, 1 dining table, 8 gallons lard, 180 pounds meat pair of mules, harness and wagon, 14 hens and 1 rooster, 24 gallons pure ribbon cane syrup, 1 1-2 tons maize. All new stuff, been bought a week. See O. N. Cook, on A. M. Shepherd's farm one mile north of Spur. 1tp

During the past two weeks aviators have been here treating the people to fights at a dollar per minute or ten dollars for a ten-minute fight. The plane was kept busy and a large number of the people of the Spur territory have now experienced the sensations of flying.

Marion Mitchell was in town Monday, limping around as the result of being knocked off the track recently by the passenger train. He had a narrow escape.

FOR SALE:—Second hand piano in good condition cheap for cash, also a Mexican parrot that is some talker. See W. O. Garrison at East Side Barber Shop.

Feed, Coal, Ice.

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Your phone orders will have prompt attention, but we invite you to call and make personal selections when it is so you can.

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Otho L. Hale

PHONE 28.

