SPUR AND COUNTRY FACING NEW YEAR WITH OPTIMISM

In the closing days of the year it is and substantial progress of Spur thought? yearly period within our history.

This is an era of reconstruction ings we may have entertained in the beginning, the year just closing, zen, a resident of your community to see another Christmas, and if so ments-and we need good men. is stated, has been one of achieve- the same as you are. ments, progress and prosperity for He lives in your community, pays our friends still live to make the W. L. HYATT TAKING POSSES-

forming to the readjustment of pric- helps, with you, to maintain. de and business with goods and the munity. prices with such force and in such the commercial center and leading shows. market point of this territory, and as a result an extesive trade has been in the community is spent in it. a helpful hand rather than in arro- best interests of the community by gance and selfishness. It is such his vote.

The farmers of the Spur country eration? were never better fixed than they But there is something more than For the fellow who is found on the pare today. Profiting by the lessors a call to your loyalty to him as citof war times, practically every farm izen to citizen-neighbor to neighbor er of this territory is today prepared Living here as he does, he comes to "live at home" independently of to know his customers. They are to All ladies really-to-wear going at in storage several thousand bales the patron. in storage several thousand bales the patron.

We want your business during the which to supply the market He is not your huge store where 1922. We want to serve you betof production but in solving and re- 'em-good fakir. lieving many of the marketing ills He is your neighbor-your fellow the rain, but door part and the rest by adopting systematic, cooperative citizen, building for tomorrow and will come. methods of marketing.

real business life of Spur.

commercial activities, in full accord goods at right prices. and cooperation with farmers and Your local merchant is in himself to serve you better than we have together with such a combination same customers. we face the year 1922 with optim- He cannot exist upon the patron- ESCAPED PRISONER FROM PENments in the Spur country.

and citizen of this territory and and held to this end. eventful year of our lives. -Trade in Spur-

ing an operation.

The many

THE MERCHANTS IN THIS COMMUNITY

read this anyhow.

and peaceful revolution, and not- folks who imagine you can do better the unfortunate. Feeling un what he will do, but it is hoped that withstanding the gloomy forebod- elsewhere by all means read this! worthy of the many acts of kindness he will not leave the Spur country,

the people and the country in gener- taxes along with you for the upkeep time joyous. But we cannot see in. SION OF SPUR HOTEL PROPERTY In the beginning of the year and improvement of the community to the future, we can only live in merchants may have lost money as he raises his family and sends his the present, and look with the eye

es and declining valuations from If he is a butcher he buys clothes our lives over the uncertain future erty for a consideration of fifteen one of the best men and in our opinwar-time elevations, but the closing and shoes for his family from a fel- paths. months of the year found them low-merchant. No matter what his "down on a level" with the country line of business he spends his money thankful for all the blessings, that week moving to their farm home in he says he wont be a candidate in general and reaching out after tra with other business men of the com- have been ours and we are resolv- he Draper country, and Mr. Hyatt is

He banks in local banks, he takes Yes we want to sell goods, we manner as to re-establish Spur as his family of an evening to the local ane open for business, with full

Summed up the money he makes spending your cash with us.

Spur-men of broad vision, liberal here day in and day out, rain or Then we should not knock down here actions capable of meeting condi- shine, giving his time and energy and tions as they come, smiling and hope- money to whatever will benefit the Boost, when the day is cloudless. ful under adverse conditions; who district, taking part in the adminisand enjoy prosperity by extending to regulate the administration for the

men who constitute and conduct the HE IS A CITIZEN!

Is he not entitled, then, to consid-

extensive surplus money crops. A- him not "just customers" but "fel- bargain prices. Come and see our recognizes the fact that he and oth- cordially invited to attend a "Watch side from this, farmers of Dickens low citizens"; "good neighbors." As mid-winter millinary. We have just ers who left are now as well off probcounty this year produced approxi- he will be here tomorrow and the received a good stock and will have ably as many who remained. We in Spur Saturday night, December mately fifteen thousand bales of cot- next day and next year, meeting his a milliner all winter this time. You are glad to again meet Mr. House, 31st. By order of the Counsel Comton as a surplus crop, the greater customers face to face, day after are thinking about fencing your hog and despite his three score and ten mander. F. G. Collier, Secretary. part of which was marketed at pria- day, his business gets his personal pasture, remember we have a good years, looking well and as young as es ranging from fifteen to twenty attention-every transaction is a stock of hog fence, also barbed wire fifteen years ago. a pound, and are now holding personal dealing between him and and nails

when it is needed. Farmers of thousands flock in daily, many for ter, we are looking for a better year. this territory are also making great the one time only. He is not your We know it is dry now but rain will progressive strides not only in lines fly-by-night get, em-once-and gouge come in time, and there is lots of

ethods of marketing.

We want to all to remember us, with such men at the helm of the only way to build is to sell good and come to see us, when you need

agricultural interests, the New Year a guarantee of his goods and prices ever done before. Come to see us. promises much in development pro- and services because he is always at gress and real accomplishment, and the same stand meeting largely the _____Trade in Spur____

ism and assurance of continued ad- age of transients-his livlihood comes

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

There is a period between Christmas day and New Year, when we Did you ever give the subject of hardly know what to do, whether gratifying to note the achievements of the local merchant and you any to work or play, just wearing out wereby W. T. Andrews, cashier of the Spur Sanitarium, suffering of a the old year and bringing in the the Spur National Bank, came into gun shot wound, was able to go home and the Spar country, and we greet Perhaps you are a loyal citizen new. Thinking of what we will do possession of C. B. Blankenship farm the first of the week. Although shot the New Year with assurance of and patronize local shops and stores when the new year comes, making of 320 acres, five miles east of Spur, through the abdomin, a very dangergreater progress and more united as a matter of loyalty, but as this is resolutions, to be better and do more on Wilson Draw, the consideration ous wound, prompt medical and surand effective advancement than any not a lecture, it will do no harm to to brighten the lives of those about being ten thousand dollars, or about gical attention and the best care at us. Wishing we were rich and twenty eight dollars per acre. If you are one of the misguided great that we might do more for Mr. Blankenship is not yet decided ten days. Your local merchant is first a citi- shown us, wondering if we will live since no country offers better induce

will we be as happy as now, will all well as trade in meeting and con-forming to the readjustment of pric-helps, with you, to maintain.

the present, and look with the eye
whereby W. L. Hyatt purchased of the assessor's office is lone of the
in the providence of God, to guide

> Well we are very happy and ing to be better.

stocks of every thing. Help us by wont save by sending your money attracted and a great volume of bus- Were- it not for your local mer- away. Help the fellow that is doing iness transacted. There is not a chant, there would be no schools, no all he can for the community, be a town in Texas which can boast of paved streets, no public buildings, Booster. We don't expect to find bigger and better merchants than no progress or prosperity. He is a single knocker in the Good World.

Boost through the cold and rain

there and grumble, But bob up and boost again.

Boost for your comrades' advancement, Boosting makes toiling sublime,

very top round Is a booster every time

time yet. So Jets not worry about

merchandise, for we shall do our best

SHERIFF BARBER RECAPTURES

vancement and noteworthy achieve. from permanent residents; his aim Sheriff Barber recently recaptured is to make permanent residents regu in Floyd county M. O. Hawk who on May the New Year bring success lar customers. He must do this March 21st. escaped from officers at and a full measure of prosperity to hence his wares his prices and his Waco while being transported to Den every business man of Spur, farmer service are all and always arranged ton for trial on a charge of forgery being taken on a bench warrantifrom every reader of the Texas Spur. Let You never heard your live-wire, the penitentiary where he was servus co-operate in promoting the hap- wide-awake home merchant say, "Oh, ing a two year sentence from Dickens piness and prosperity of those with well, one customer more or less county. Hawk had been working in whom we associate and in paying the makes no difference." Every custom- Floyd county for some time, and durway for peace throughout all nations er, to him is important; a new cus- ing which time he had made several and in doing so make 1922 the most tomer is eagerly sought, and a cus- visits to his family at Dickens, com tomer less -well your local mer-ing in early in the night and leaving chant will not let it happen if any. carly in the morning unobserved by MRS. ROY CROSS DIED RECENT: thing just and reasonable under the officers and other citizens. M. O. LY IN HOSPITAL IN ABILENE sun will prevent such a thing happen Hawk has escaped more than once from officers. While under arrest Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross returned So not alone out of a sense of loy- and being returned to Dickens Colast week from Abilene where they alty to your community, but for your unty for trial he jumped the train attended the funeral of Mrs. Roy own sake for the sake of your purse between Spur and Stamford, but Cross who died Monday, December and the satisfaction of being given soon was recaptured. He also es-19th, in an Abilene hospital follow- personal attention and service—buy caned from the Dickens county jail phone merchants.-Venice, Cal while confined awaiting

W. T. ANDREWS BUYS BLANKEN. D. G. SIMMONS AT HOME FROM SHIP FARM FOR \$10,000.00

A sale was consummated this week

-Trade in Spur-

hundred dollars.

taking charge of the hotel, and after making improvements will again open up for business

-Trade in Spur-

public weigher, and from all indica-Garrett, and possibly J. W. Carlisle can take losses without murmuring, trations of the community, or aiding If you once take a tumble, don't lie pers carrying ads of such a contest weigher promises to become interesting before the primaries.

Trade in Spur Hudman House and wife. Mr. House was an old time residenter of Eastland, but like us, drifted away "WATCH SERVICE" TO BE before that section began spouting "liquid gold." However, he is not burdening himself with regrets, and

Trade in Spir

THE SPUR SANIARIUM

D. G. Simmons, who has been in the Spur Saniarium, he laid up only

-Trade in Spur-

BIGGEST LIAR IN CAMPAIGN. We met W. J. Clark in town the first of the week. He handed us a dollar and half, and at the same time accused of being the biggest campaign liar in the county-telling people he was a probable candidate A sale was recently consummated for tax assessor. Our excuse is that ion specially fitted to fill this office B. G. Ford and family are this to the interests of tax payers—but

---Trade in Spur-A LAW-ABIDING MAN.

G. R. Elkins demonstrated loyalty as a law-abiding citizen and business man recently by "calling off" the CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC WEIGH- Craxtanola contest instituted by the ER PROMISES TO BE WARM Red Front Drug Store, upon being Quite a number have been solicit- apprised of the fact that in conducting Uncle Tom Harkey to run for the letter if not the spirit of the law ing such a contest he was violating tions we believe he is trimming his ed a notification from the postal deof our land. The Texas Spur receiv sails to get in the race. With Uncle partment at Washington, advising us that such a c contest was not only prohibited by law, but that newspawere unmailable and subject to an heavy fine. While many customers of the Red Front no doubt were dis-E. M. House, of California, is here appointed in the contest, yet not one spending the holidays with his son, but can appreciate the position of the management in this instance.

- Trade in Spur-HAD BY MASONIC LODGE

All Masons and their families are

-Trade in Spur-E. L. Adams and wife spent Christ mas with relatives at Haskell





Y BUSINESS-ALL OF IT. WE WANT YOUR GROCERR ONE MONTH, AND AF-GOIVE US SOME OF IT FOE US ALL OF IT. TER THAT YOU WILL GIVDS TO BE THE VERY BEST YOU WILL FIND OUR FOONO MORE THAN OTHERS AND PUPEST, AND COST IUFF. CHARGE FOR INFERIOR S

OTHO L. HALE

FRESH GROCERIES

LOWEST PRICES

Quality, Service and Right Price

LUMBER SHINGLES, WIND WS, DOORS, POSES BRICK, LIME, CEMENT, DEVOE PAINT, COAL, AND BUILDERS HARDWARE WE WANT TO FIGURE WITH YOU

P. H. Miller

SPUR, JAYTON GIRARD, PEACOCK & SWENSON

Tuesday of this week Mrs. White, died at the some . her sister, Mrs. public weigher of this precinct. Jim N. B. Fuqua, the remains being interred at Jayton Wednesday.

of age, being one among the early This public weigher's office is attractsettlers of Kent county. In the ear- ing the attention of quite a number her days her husband conducted a of probable cand'dates, among the hotel and livery business at Claire- others being T. G. Hathey, G. W. mont. At his death, some fifteen Rash, Harry Patton, H. H. Garrett, years ago, Mrs. White took up her and others. It is not known whether residence with her sister, Mrs. N. B. J. W. Carlisle will make the race for her death.

-Trade in Spur-

J. M. Calvert, of the Dry Lake community, was in town Weednesday and instructed us to advertise for the owner, but before going to press the owner called in for it.

-Trade in Spur-Dr. Moore and wife, of Vernon, spent the holidays in Spur, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman, and many other friends of the

city and country.

Jim Walker is considering the prop osition of getting in the race for would make a good man for this position, and would look after the bus-Mrs. White was seventy odd years iness in the most acceptable manner. Fugua, with whom she lived until re-election this year—we having heard it suggested that he might get in the race for sheriff.

-Trade in Spur-We have a few wool dresses, suits, and while here was a very pleasant and coats that we are closing out caller at the Texas Spur office. He practically at your price. Come in had found a pocket book on the road and see for yourself.-Bryant Link's. -Trade in Spur-

E. F. Hall and wife left Wednesday for Turkey where they will visit a few days with Mrs. Hall's brother, John Gipson and family.

-Trade in Spur-

W. C. Presley made the holiday season brighter for us by handing us the cash for another year's subscrip-

MEXICO'S STABILITY INCREASES BUSINESS

CUSTOM HOUSE TRADE REPORTS SHOW TREMENDOUS DE-CREASE.

EDUCATION S.:3:3 INCREASE

Prominent Bankers and Magazines Investigate-Obregon Expresses Views.

Custom house reports indicate a growing business with Mexico. This business increase has been noticeable in every line of trade and has been developed on a large basis in the Mexican Republic while business in the United States was quiet. Because of the possibility of increasing their business in foreign countries the largest business houses in the United States have sent their agents into Mexico to make investigations with the result that the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico City reports that many American business houses which formerly did no business in Mexico are establishing branches in that city and are preparing to make an intensive drive for Mexican business. The same source reports all factories and mills operating at full capacity and with a degree of labor unrest smaller than in many years.

The cotton industry in particular is being operated at high pitch. Mexico

being operated at high pitch. Mexico has about 130 cotton mills, of which about 85 per cent, calculated by output, are in or near Mexico City. The staple used for manufacturing is the home-grown product.

New York Bank Investigates

The Foreign Trade Record of National City Bank of New York says:
"The purchasing power of Mexico shows a less decline than that which characterizes conditions in many other countries. Exports to Mexico in the dscal year which ends with next month will, according to a statement by The National City Bank of New York, be doubt those of the preceding to the preceding to the preceding to the preceding the statement and the preceding the prece ing year and six times as much as the annual average prior to 1918 when her great oil outturn multiplied her

purchasing power.

"Exports from the United States to Mexico," continues the bank's statement, "which averaged less than \$50,ment, which averaged less than \$00,000,000 a year prior to 1917, suddenly jumped to \$107,000,000 in the fiscal year 1918, \$120,000,000 in 1919, \$144,000,000 in 1920, and will be approximately \$280,000,000 in 1921. This tremendous growth in our exports to Mexico in the very recent period and especially the current fiscal year has continued down to the latest moment despite the fact that exports to nearly all other parts of the world show for the latest month a decline. In fact, ao other country shows this unique record of having more than doubled its takings of United States merchan-dise in the fiscal year 1921. "On the import side, the growth has

proportionately as in experts. The originated has practically replaced to commercial interests in Japan, total imports from Mexico, which all other strains of feterita in Texas Another shipment was made to the also been large, though not so great prior to the oil period averaged about \$75,000,000 a year, were \$112,000,000 in the fiscal year 1917, \$158,000,000 in 1919, and will be about \$170,000,000 in

People Want Land.

Thousands of inquiries are being reesived weekly by the various departments of the government in Mexico asking information as to the require ments for owning land, the localities where land is available for all purposes from mining and oil to timber and agriculture. The departments are glad to answer any bona fide inquiries and are rapidly preparing information printed in English that they feel will be of interest to those making in-

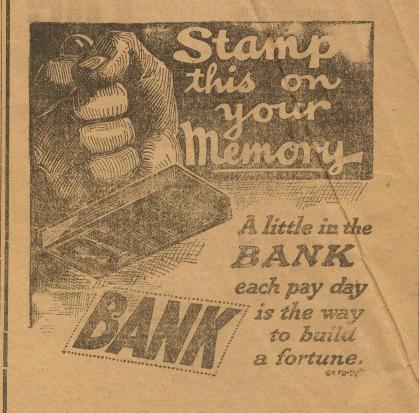
There is much land in Mexico available for all purposes. The government requires that persons owning such land conform to the laws of the country, which is the same that is demanded elsewhere in the world. government offers every protection possible to foreigners locating in Mexico.

Special inducements have been made for persons locating in Mexico as to freight rates for household goods, and in order to insure the re-stocking of the country with cattle and sheep and other herd animals the government is assisting by waiving many import restrictions.

Educational Campaign.

The campaign undertaken against illiteracy by the correspondence branch of the National University is being constantly intensified. This work not only affects the children of the middle class, but teachers have also been appointed to carry on the labor of educating the Indians.

Many people have become interested in this campaign and are enthusiastically cooperating in the establishment of additional schools, the circula-



THE WAY TO BUILD A HOJSE IS BY PUTTING BRICK UPON BRICK UNTIL IT IS BUILT, AND THE WAY TO BUILD A FORTUNE IS BY REGULAR DEPOSITS IN THE BANK. YOUR FORTUNE WILL NOT BUILD ITSELF, YOU MUST BE THE ARCHITECT AND BUILD-ER, AND THE SOONER YOU START THE SOONER YOU WILL FINISH YOUR JOB.

COME IN TO OUR BANK AND START AN ACCOUNT TODAY. WE WILL WELCOME YOU.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

SPUR RACKET STORE FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS

Also A Line Of Dry Goods. Come they are cheap

Agents for Singer sewing machines, they are down now.

-J. P. WILKES, Prop.

POPULARITY OF SPUR FETERITA fully grown in the higher altitudes

headed variety developed at the Tex- the Imperial Valley of California. as Agricultural Experiment Station, Several shipment of seed have been Spur Texas, and named by the Unit- made countries in South America edStates Department of Agriculture Recently a relatively large sipment in honor of the town in which it was of seed of Spur feterita was made Oklahoma and Kansas. Those fa- Province of Sudan in Northern Afrimiliar with the grain sorgums in Tex- ca, the native home of old feterita as estimate that 95 per cent of the As soil moisture is deficient in a

has made the production of grain planted to Spur feterita in 1922 will sorghums less hazardous in the East- be from two to three times as large ern portion of Texas as it seemingly as that planted, the past season. has greater ability than other members of the sorghum family to evade the ravages of the sorghum midge which produce the effect commonly open on Sunday during the winter known as "Blight". It is success months. Please do your buying in

Spur feterita, a high yielding large of New Mexico and Colorado and in

feterita grown in 1921 mas of the large part of Texas and Oklahoms due to the scant precipitation in The development of Spur feterita 1921 it is estimated that the acreage R. E. Dickson

---Trade in Spur-The Central Market will not by

NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS.

We are duly thankful an dappreciative of the liberal patronage extended us during the year 1921. The New Year will find us better equipped and prepared to serve you, and we solicit a liberal share of your business in our line during the year 1922.

We Wish All a Very Happy

A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

We wish to thank the many customers of the Spur Blacksmith Shop for their patronage the past year, and solicit a continuation of your business in 1922. I have a taken charge of the shop, -class assistant and will o the very best work. best of

ABILENE DRAUGHN COLLEGE Will guarantee good positions to a few more young men and women who can begin training at once, eithor at College or by Mail. Holiday rates extended few days. Graduates earn from \$85 to \$125. Moneyback contract insures you similar position. Write today. DRAWER 38 ABILENE, TEXAS.

-Trade in Spur-ADVERTISING SPACE

The Red Bluff Daily News submits this statement: If you had newspaper space to sell and a pay roll to meet would you sell it to business men who want it or hold it for local people who wont take it and who sometimes declare that advertising does not pay?

The question is one that concerns newspaper editors everywhere. In many places, probably smaller communities, the newspaper has a hard struggle for existence. It may be a live sheet, splendidly edited, but the local merchant feel that "everybody knows him" and it is not necessary to advertise; that he does about "the same amount of business anyway."

He fails to appreciate what it means to his community to spread the news abroad of his doings, of its achievements and of its opportunity. Every merchant gets his share of this.

In supporting the newspaper by advertising the merchant encourages enterprise on the part of the publisher, and the greater the publicity given the town and district the more rapid the growth.

Thousands of dollars' worth of free advertising is given every year to the community by the local newspaper.

Every little thing is boosted, and people abroad begin to find out what a fine place your town is.

Only in advertising can the local newspaper find reward for its effort. The subscriptions do not more than pay for the cost of publishing and delivering the paper.

In supporting the paper by advertising, the merchant is contributing in the meantime. not only to his direct benefit, but to the future of the community.

Naturally, if there is not sefficient income from local sources to pay the bills, and leave a fair margin of profit, there be no question of the justiacation of the newspaper in accepting advertising from abroad.

The people of Byron, for instance, would not have the Byron Times for another issue if it were not for outside advertising. The fact that this advertising space is in demand by out siders is a tribute to the paper-to its influence and wide circulation.

The Red Bluff News Wisely says 'newspaper space is not for handpicked customers, any more than is the commodity of any other business. And all other business sells its wares where it can find a customer."

Mrs. Tom Cross and little sos were in from their ranch home Wednesday shopping and visiting Spur.

Willis Rogers was in Spur Wednes and looking after business matters.

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closing out at \$1.95 .- Bryant-Link,

RAILROAD PLAN TO **GET RATES DOWN**

Propose to Reduce Wages and Return All the Saving By Reduction in Charges

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

Statement By Thomas DeWitt Cuylor, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives on the Situation.

Pollowing a meeting in Chicago. "It is manifest, from this showing, october 14, 1921, of the presidents of that the rate of return of 5 1-2 or 6 pearly all the leading railroads in the per cent for the first two years after where the per cent for the first two years after where the per cent for the first two years after where the per cent for the first two years after where the per cent for the first two years after where the per cent for the first two years after the per cent for the per cent for the first two years after the per cent for the per cent for the per cent for the country, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Charman of the Association of Railway Executives, made the following statement:

"At a meeting of the Association of Railway Executives today, it was determined by railroads of the United States to seek to bring about a reduction in rates, and as a means to that end to seek a reduction in present railroad wages which have compelled maintenance of the present rates.

"An application will be made immediately to the United States Railroad Labor Board for a reduction in wages of train service employees aufficient to remove the remainder of the increases made by the Labor Board's decision of July 20, 1920 (which would involve a further reduction of approxinately ten per cent,) and for a reduction in the wages of all other classes of railroad labor to the going rate for such labor in several territories where the carriers operate.'

To Reduce Rates As Wages Go Down. "The foregoing action is upon the understanding that concurrently with such reduction in wages the benefit of the reduction thus obtained shall, with the concurrence of the Interstate Commerce Commission, be passed on to the public in the reduction of existing railroad rates, except insofar as this reduction shall have been made

"The management have decided upon this course in view of their realization of the fact that the wheels of industrial activity have been closed down to a point which brings depression and distress to the entire public, and that something must be done to start them again in operation.

"The situation which confronts the railroads is extremely critical. The railroads in 1920 realized a net railway operating income of about \$62,000 000, upon a nonerty invest. 000 000, upon a p operty investment of over \$19,000,000,000, and even this amount of \$62 000,000 included back mail pay for prior years received from the Government of approximately \$64. 000,000, thus showing, when the operations of that year alone are considered, an actual deficit before making any allowance for either interest pr dividends.

"The year ended in serious depression in all branches of industry, and in marked reduction of the market demand for, and the prices of basic commodities, resulting in a very serior falling off in the volume of traffic." Roads Forced To Defer Maintenance.

"In this situation, a policy of the day of this week meeting with friends most rigid economy and of postponing and cutting to the bone the upkeep of Mr. and Mrs. Bert N. Brown were railroads. This was at the price of Rench.

Trade in Structure of the city Wednesday from the 24 neglecting and for the time, deferring work which must hereafter and in the near future be done and paid for. This is illustrated by the fact that, as We have a line of misses felt hats, of September 15, 1921, over 16 per prices ranging from \$4 to \$10 we are freight cars of the carriers were in bad order and

against a normal of bad order cars of not more than 160 000, as is further flustrated by the deferred and inadequate maintenance of other equipment and of roadway and structures.
"Even under those conditions, and

with this large bill charged up against the future, which must spon be provided for and paid if the carriers are to perform successfully their transportation duties, the result of operations for the first eight months this year, the latest available figures, has been at a rate of net railway operating income, before pro-viding for interest or dividends widing for interest or dividends amounting to only 26 per cent per annum on the valuation of the carrier roperties made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the recent rate case, an amount not sufficient to pay the interest on their outstanding

Roads Earning Far Below Reasonable Returns.

tion act as a minimum reasonable re-turn upon railroad investment, has not been even approximated, much less reached; and that the present less reached; and that the present high rates accordingly are not due to any statutory guarantee of earnings,

for there is no such guarantee.
"In analyzing the expenses which have largely brought about this situaion, it becomes evident that by far the largest contributing cause is the

"Today the railroads pay out to lafor approximately 60 cents on the dol-ar they receive for transportation services whereas in 1916, 40 cents on the dollar went to labor. On the first day of January, 1917, when the government took charge of wages through the Adamson act the labor cost of the railroads had not exceeded the sum of about \$1,468,000,000 annually. In 1920 when governmental authority made the last wage increase the labor cost of the railroads was about \$3,698 000,000 annually, or, if con-tinued throughout the year instead of for the eight months during which the wage increases were in effect, the labor cost, on an annual basis, would have been largely in excess of \$3 900,-000.000—an increase, since the government took charge of railroad wages in

the Adamson act of approximately \$2,450,000,000 annually.

In the light of those figures, it is manifest that the recent reduction of wages authorized by the Labor Board, estimated at from 10 to 12 per cent in no souse meets or solves the problem of labor costs and in no way makes it possible for the railroads to afford a reduction in their revenues." Thousands of Rates Already Reduced.

"Indeed, during the past year there have been between four and five thousand individual reductions in freight rates. On some railroads the reductions in rates have amounted to more than the reduction in wages, allowed ho net return on operations, but mere PRINTER GOT BACK AT DOCTOR ly provided against the further accu-

lies in several facts.

The railroads were not permitted, as were other industries, to make hand and wrote as follows: charges during the years of prosperity "Am in market for bids making possible the accumulation of eration for appendikitis. a surplus to tide them over the present extreme adversity. According to the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the rate of return

INVESTMENT:

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YEAR	PER CENT
1912	4.84
1913	5.15
1914	4.17
1915	4.20
1916	(Fiscal Year) 5.90
1916	(Cal. Year) 6.16
1917	5.26
1918	3.51
1919	2.46
1920	0.32
60 Tt Will	thus he noted that during

the years when other industries were making very large profits when the prices of farm products and the wages of labor were soaring to unheard of heights, the earnings upon railroad investment in the United States were had within very narrow limits and that they have during the past four years progressively declined."

Roads Handicapped More Than Other Industries.

"2. The Railroads are responsible to the public for providing adequate transportation. Their charges are limited by public authority, and they are in very large respects (notably for labor) compelled to spend money on a basis fixed by public authority. The margin within which they are republished to earn a return upon their permitted to earn a return upon their invesment or to offer inducements to attract new capital for extensions and betterments is extremely limited. However much the railroads might desire, therefore, to reduce their charges in times of depression, it will

the loss incident to reduction in rates The railroad managements cannot disguise from themselves that this suggestion is merely conjectural and that an adverse result of the experiment would be disastrous not only to the railroads, but to the public, whose supreme need is adequate transpor-

"Consequently the railroad managements cannot feel justified in placing these instrumentalities, so essential to the public welfare, at the hazard of such an experiment based solely upon such a conjecture."

Farmers Especially Need Lower Rates, "It is evident, however, that existfing transportation charges bear in many cases a disproportionate relationship to the prices at which commodities can be held in the market and that existing labor and other costs of transportation thus imposed upon industry and agriculture generally a burden greater than they should bear This is especially true of agriculture The railroad managements are feel ing sensitive to and sympathetic with east of Spar, good improvements, a the distressing situation and desire to wire fence, cedar posts, grass and de everything to assist in relieving it that is compatible with their duty to rurnish the transportation which the public must have.

"At the moment railroads in many cases are paying 40 cents an hour for unskilled labor when similar labor is working alongside the railroads and can easily be obtained by them at 26 cents an hour. The railroads of the country poid in 1920, a total of considerably over \$1,300,000 to unskilled labor alone. However desirable if may be to pay this or that schedule do well to get them before they are of wages, it is obvious that it cannot be paid out of railroad earnings un. less the industries which use the rail roads are capable of meeting such

"The railroads, aid through them the people generally, are also hamper-ed in their efforts to economize by a schedule of working rules and conditions now in force as a heritage from hald by the Railroad Labor Board These conditions are expensive, un-economical and unnecessary from the PERSONAL point of view of railroad operation and extremely burdensome upon the gublic which pays the bill. This sche-dule of wages and of working conds tions prevents the railroads from dealing equitably with their labor costs in accordance with rapidly shanging conditions and the great variety of local considerations which ought to control wages in different parts of the country. The railroads are sacking to have these rules and working conditions abrogated. The railroads will seek a raduction is wages now proposed by first requesting the sanction of the Railroad Labor Board. The railroads will proceed with all possible dispatch, and as soon as the Railroad Labor Board shall have given its assent to the reduction of wages the general reduction in rates will be put into effect."

Chas. Harris, a printer of Fort mulation of a deficit.

"The point is often made that agric Worth Texas, got slightly preved at a

culture and other industries are also letter from a doctor who wanted bids suffering the same immediate difficul-ties as the railroads. Why, therefore, do not the railroads take their medi-cine like anybody else? The answer ed the printing form held standing. So Charley took his typewriter in

"Am in market for bids on one op-

One, two or five inch incision with out a nurse. If appendix is found to tional Bank, Spur, Texas, will be In property investment of the rail-roads of the United States for the past several years has been as foll putting same back and cancelling or-bank between the hours of ten A. M. past several years has been as folder. If removed, successful bidder is and four P. M. on the second Tweslows: expected to hold incision open 60 day in January, same being "RATE OF RETURN EARNED days, as I expect to be in market for day of January A. D. 1922, for the BYRAILROADS OF THE UNITED an operation for gall stone at that purpose of electing directors for the STATES ON THEIR PROPERTY time and want to save the extra cost transaction of any other legitimate of cutting.—Pampa News. -Trade in Spur-

> and W. C. Stokes, of Granbury, are spending the holidays with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Presley at every day. Contral Market. their mho ein the city.

NOTICE.

We will sell no more wood, and all hauling from Pitchfork enclosure is prohibited .- Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co., by W. H. Bryant.

-Trade in Spur for stock cottie, hogs or voil trade for stock cottie, hogs or votes.—A. B. Morgan, Spur. pto \$0 —Trade in Spur.—

NOTICE.

As I have sold out my Shoe and Harness Repairing Shop to C. P. Witliams, I ask your continuance of patronage with him .- A. C. Lewis. 5-2p -Trade in Spur-

HUNTING FORBIDDEN.

Hunting and trespassing of any character is absolutely forbidden in any of my pastures .- Ed Lisenby, tf -Trade in Spur-

FARM FOR SALE-6 miles north east of Spur, good improvements, 4 plenty water. Price right. Address B. F. Davis, B 367, Spur, Texas. 7tf -Trade in Spur-

FOR SALE Several good, young, fresh milk cows and calves-G. W Chancellor.

-Trade in Spur-We have one or two hundred bush els of pure Casch Cotton Seed left by customers here to sell. You will

-Trade in Spur-Being over-stocked with coal will sell on time.-P. H. Miller.

___Trade in Spur_ We have fresh barbecue cooked

every day .- Contral Market.

INSURANCE SERVICE

> Writing the kind o finsurance his agency offers requires more than mere solicitation of your signature. At all times during policy's life the personal attention and services of this agency are at your disposal.

INSURANCE

Your interests are the interests of this agency, for only as you prosper will the agency succeed. As you are properly protected, properly served, so will your patronage increase.

C. EARYL SENNING SPUR, TEXAS

___Trade in Spur___ NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The regular annual meetting of or without either-also with or with- the share-holders of the Spur Nabusiness to come before said meeting -C. A. JONES, President; W. T. Miss Elizabeth Stokes, of Dallas, ANDREWS, Jr., Cashier. ___Trade in Spur-

We have fresh barbecue cooked Trade in Spur

BAKERS BREAD AND FRUIT CAKES

Eat More Home-Made Spur Bread!

The Best Fruit Cakes at 75c per pound.

. S. M. MILLER, Prop., SPUR, TEXAS

Spur Grain and Coal Company

W. M. HAZEL, Proprietor. '

WE MAVE SOME GOOD

Niggerhead Coal

GIVE US YOUR ORDER NOW AND SAVE ONE DOLLAR

PER TON DRAYAGE!

We Guarantee this Coal to be as Good as you Can Buy TO SUPPLY YOUR WANTS IN COAL AND FEED LINES! COURTESY TO ALL CUSTOMERS. OUR DESIRE IS

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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is uthorized to make the following announcements for offices in Dickens county, subject to Spur Monday and in a match game to the action of the Democratic Primary Elections to be held in July

For Tax Assessor:

W. L. McATEER G. B. JOPLING (Reelection) C. W. BARRETT

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: G. L. BARBER (Reelection) H. P. COLE H. J. PARKS

For County Treasurer: H. C. PERRY (Reelection) H. T. GARNER

For County Commicsioner, Pre. 3: G. A. SLOAN P. E. HAGINS (Reelection)

For District and County Clerk: O. C. ARTHUR (2nd term)

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES.

B. G. WORSWICK

Attorney-at-Law Practice in District and Higher Courts In County Attorney's Office

W. D. WILSON Attorney-at-Law

General Practice Spur Nat'l. Bank Bidg., Spur, Texas

J. E. MORRIS

Physician & Surgeon Diseases of women and children made a specialty. Office, Spur Sanitarium

DR. P. C. NICHOLS Physician & Surgeon

Office Phone 168-Res. 167 All Calls Attended. Office at the Spur Sanitarium.

-Trade in Spur--J. D. POWELL AND L. A. HIND-

have formed a partnership in selling a man, and has been here too long Dodge cars in this territory. They fighting the vicissitudes of settling are both hustlers, and we expect to see more Dodge cars in use after the New Year in this territory.

-Trade in Spur-Spur during the week.

LOYD BARBER IS RECOVERING FROM GUN SHOT WOUNDS

Loyd Barber, who is in the Spur Sanitarium as the result of gun shot soon be able to be moved home.

Eight shot from one leg and thirteen shot from the other leg, were picked out by surgeons. However, no bones were shattered, and the danger period has passed.

-Trade in Spur-FOR DICKENS COUNTY OFFICES FLOYDADA BEATS SPUR AGAIN IN FOOT BALL GAME MONDAY

> The Floydada foot ball team came scored 20 to nothing. A team was formed here among the town boys and high school team.

-Trade in Spur-Grady Perry, formerly in the grocery business and with the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, but now editing and publishing a newspaper at Junction, spent Christmas here with his brother, Wilbur Perry and L. H. Perry and families. He is also representative in the legislature from Erath county. Grady Per ry is in a position to be of material service and benefit to his countryand he has the ability and incentive to do it.

Trade in Spur-Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday, bringing to the Spur Sanitarium his daughter and an other young lady who were painfully injured in an auto wreck the week before. A party of five boys and girls were in the car when wrecked, and it is a miracle that all escaped with their lives. The car was turned completely over, crushing windshield, top and bed. All five occupants were bruised.

-Trade in Spur-

G. W. Rash returned this week from San Angelo where he spent Christmas with Mrs. Rash who is in that city awaitiny a vacancy in the tuberculosis sanitarium near there. Mr. Rash repors that his wife is improving in health, and it is hoped by the many friends of the family that a few months in the sanitarium will effect a complete cure for Mrs. Rash -Trade in Spur-

R. D. Shields, we understand, has closed out his dry goods and grocery business, at least temporarily, in the MAN NOW DODGE AGENTS city of Dickens. We hope he will soon be in position to resume his J. D. Powell and L. A. Hindman business. R. D. Shields is too good and developing a future empire.

___Trade in Spur-Mrs. P. H. Miller and Miss Jennie Shields returned this week from De J. T. Bryant, of Stamford, was in Leon where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

wounds, is now doing nicely and will BUSINESS GROWING RAPIDLY AND PEOPLE CROWDING INTO ALL SECTIONS

Eureau of Industry, Commerce and Labor Urges Interested Parties to Write.

Assured that revolutionary conditions in Mexico have been adjusted and that the country is entering upon an era of prosperity and rehabilitation business in the Southern Republic has been showing an enormous increase and all trains running to principal points in Mexico have been crowded for months.

Credit ratings have been adjusted and freight congestion has been so snormous that in past months as many as two thousand cars of freight have been waiting at the border for movement. Enormous lines of credit have been extended to the Government and rolling stock, engines purchased in large numbers for the

Foreigners Acquire Land

Notwithstanding the persistently circulated statements that the laws of Mexico forbid any foreigner to acquire title to lands without first becoming * Mexican citizen, some 2,023 citizens of other countries as a matter of fact bought lands in various portions of

the Republic in the year 1920. The only requirement as a condition precedent to the acquisition of lands in Mexico by foreigners, is that they shall first sign a pledge to abide by the laws of Mexico, and in all matters pertaining to the lands in question shall be considered as on the same basis as Mexican citizens. This is the tacit requirement of all foreigners acquiring real property in the United States, the only difference being that in this country a fereigner naturally abides by the laws, and no written pledge is exacted while in Mexico many foreigners, presuming spon its position in the family of na tions, have the presumption to mand extra consideration and extra privileges as against the native of the contrary. Hence the necessity for the law in question.

Mexico Not Distant

Many persons when they think of Mexico, believe it to be an untold distance away. To Mexico means the same distance to many as Europe, or Asia or Africa and certainly many feel that South America is closer than Yet, compared on the basis of the mileage over the National Lines of Mexico we find that Mexico is not remote or in any sense inconvenient of access. The least rail distance be-tween New York and Portland, Ore., is 390 miles greater than the least rail distance between New York and

Merico City. Between New York and Los Amgeles, 326 miles greater than between New York and Mexico City Between Chicago and Portland 168
miles greater than between Chicago
and Mexico City. Between St. Louis
and Portland, Ore., 435 miles greater
than between St. Louis and Mexico Between St. Louis and Los Angeles, 213 miles greater than be-lween St. Louis and Mexico City. Belween San Antonio and Lost Angeles, Artonic and Mexico City.

there are few vacant stores or offices then to any person interested.

on any of the principal streets. A decree recently issued provides that all decters and deathus entering high standing.

Railroads in Good Condition Mr. Manuel M. Vauclain, President of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in

"The railroads of Mexico are in good condition physically, the read sed is in good shape. The roads are short of equipment, cars and engines have been shot to pieces. Mexico is bravelling. Good order prevails in parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cope-Mexico City and in the country out-land. side so far as I could see. You can't do things in Mexico City that you could do here, if you did they would The shops seem to be busy and finan-cial conditions are seend."

The Mexican parcels post business with the United States, as well as the money order business, is increasdication of the growth of commerce between the two countries. The United States Postoffice Department has just notified the Mexican Postof-ace Despriment that \$100,000 has been placed at the disposition of the Mexican Department, which is due to

GREETINGS OF THE NEW YEAR!

We wish to extend our hearty thanks to you for your good patronage these last few months of 1921. Though the present business relations hape been short, we are "old timers" in your midst, having been in Spur since the very beginning. We feel and believe that you are our friends, and we want you to know that we are yours. prize our friends as being our biggest asset, and we feel with all the sincerity of our hearts that you are going to help us make 1922 the greatest year of all previous years spent in the Spur country.

Realizing that 1921 is now spent, may we resolve in our hearts to go into the New Year as one band, to work together, and treat our fellow citizens as we would have them treat us.

Assuring you that you can count on us, our resolution and promise is to seli you gdoo merchandise at a reasonable profit; to be honest and truthful in every transaction; to give you the very best service that is possible; to be friendly when we meet you.

We extend a cordial invitation for you to come to see us, whether you want anything in our line or not.

Let's be better friends—it wont hurt us. Wishing you a prosperous New Year, with all the joys that lie in store for a human soul, is our wish.

> **BRANNEN & DOBBINS** Spur, Texas

Department Furnishes Information The Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor of the Mexican goverament welcomes any questions as so conditions in Mexico with reference to any commercial or industrial pur-sult. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary of the department and they will then be referred to the atonic and Mexico City.

The demand for offices and build-much information advanced with refso great in Mexico City that rests are authorite and the department is de-going up in the business district and stress of giving first hand informa-

---Trade in Spur-Walter McGee is now drilling an Mentee must pass an examination, but oil well near DeLeon. The well is of Texas. these who have been practicing for below three thousand feet, has fifteen three years in the country may con-tinue by registering their diplomas, if they are from foreign institutions of they are from foreign institutions of be a big gusher. Theer is no man whom we had rather see hit oil there friends at Mart and other points in than Walter McGee.

Trade in Spur-FOR SALE-Good milk cow with sommenting on conditions in Mexico young calf, cheap.—Mrs. S. William- dor Lumber Company, yas here Sunson, Afton, Texas.

---Trade in Spur---Miss Mary Copeland, who is attend ing the State Universitf at Austin, mas day with relatives at Peacock. full of business and the people are is spending the holidays with her

---Trade in Spur---LOST-3 year old heifer, bald put you in jail quicker than a wink. face, branded J L F. One brown was in town Tuesday. bald face steer, branded A (cross). Reward .-- Fred Danforth. -Back to Normalcy-

G. A. Howsley reurned the first of ing very fast. It is a very good is the week fro Albany where he spent Christmas with his children. He reports a pleasant Christmas-minus

-Trade in Spur-

CROSBYTON INSTALLING AN ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT

Bankers E. C. Edmonds, W. B. Lee and W. T. Andrews attended a banquet Thursday night at Crosbyton in celebration of the installation of an electric lighting plant for the

-Trade in Spur-T. A. Rogers returned this week from a visit to the Eastern part of the state. He says Spur country is in finer shape than any other part

---Trade in Spur---Mrs. C. D. Copeland is spending the holidays with her relatives and that part of the state.

-Trade in Spur-Lee Young, manager of the Mata-

-Trade in Spur-Dr. M. H. Brannen spent Christ-

---Trade in Spur-Mrs. E. L. Caraway visited relatives at Peacock during the holidays.

-Trade in Spur-Ben Clark, of north of Dickens,

---Trade in Spur-

Miss Ilva Deaver spnt Christmas

with her parents at Jayton. -Trade in Spur-

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The regular annual meetting of the share-holders of the Spur Na-Mrs. W. T. Andrews is spending tional Bank, Spur, Texas, will be the Mexican service in the balancing the holidays with her parents at Ire-held in the Directors Room of said dell.

TO CARE FOR ALL STOCK.

To Be Bought in Spur Texas

January, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th.

MR. RANCHMAN AND FARMER:

BRING IN YOUR FAT CATTLE

AND HOGS

January 1, 2, 3, 4.

THIS MEANS YOU! IF I CAN'T

BUY THEM, I WILL SHIP THEM

FOR YOU AND IN THIS WAY YOU

WILL BE ASSURED OF OBTAIN-

BRING THEM TO THE O. K. WAG

ON YARD ON ABOVE DATES

WHERE I HAVE PENS PREPARED

ING MARKET PRICES.

We Will Continue Our Mammoth RED TAGSALE!

One More Week Up To December, 31st.

We still have a surplus stock of goods that must be disposed of Before January 1st., FOR CASH

If you fail to get some of our many bargains It is your fault, the prices are right Why not buy NOW

You cannot buy the goods at the prices we are selling them at now, after Jan., 1st.

Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.

"Spur's Oldest Store."

THE TEXAS SPUR WISHES EVERY READER AND PATRON OF THIS PAPER MUCH HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 1922.

A TRIP THROUGH PANAMA

Dear Parents-

times I have been priviledged to cross of water. 19th and 20th of January, 1921

began to file through. First the dergrowth. It was a wonderful sight ing him fare 'a well. "Delaware." Then came our turn, steam through that little Lake." for the night! HA HA.

a little row boat pulled by two strong paraso, Chilie. men or the bow of the ship. By hours underway for making our pass- from starboard to port. the lit le line a strong wire cab'e sage through the canal, and it had I grew tired rambling among the was in and fastened while three oth- taken the first man 46 long days to old ruins and walked back to the car ers were made fast to other parts make the trip. While I had crossed tha was to back toBalboa. As I of sale issued out of the honorable of the Ship, on either side. Little on the railroad some time before in passed the only building in the ves- Justice Court of Precinct No. 3, of electric motor cars, very powerful something like two or three hours. cinity, I chanced to glance in and Dickens County, Texas on the 17th our thanks to our friends of Spur indeed, pulled the Ship into the lock. The railroad is owned and operated saw that the Spanish element had day of December, 1921, by the Jus- and Dickens, and to each one who As we came well in two bells sounded by the United States, running from not entirely disappeared, for within tice of the Peace, in the case of Spur did a kind deed or spoke a loving and the little cars took on the re- Colon to Panama city. sponsibility of checking this mighty The next interesting thing I had guitar, need I say it sounded sweet. versus Jesus Muro, No. 475, and to dear sister Hettie. May you ever monster of 35,000 tons. Reminded the pleasure of seeing, was the re- But I passed on and rode back to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered let the Father in Heaven be your me of the roping and stopping a steer mains of old Panama City. The Old Balboa along a road full of holes, but I will proceed to sell, within the Comforter.-Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ragywith the horse's fore legs planted in City was founded in 1519, by Jose I saw some very pretty country, nice hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's dale, Garfield, Arkansas. the ground, but the old Ship came to Daviliason, on the sea shore an ideal homes of the American style. Some sales, on the 10th day of January

the top side was about even with the from the old city. She stands in and think of the oldcity. So I can perty, to-wit: Two sorrel horses Stephens, Mr. W. A. Stephens and concrete top of the locks. With in ruins and only one little modern It, a boat back to the ship, and branded O L on left thigh, levied on and Miss Ruth Cooper were united a few seconds the ship began to raise house stands among the several re walked the docks the rest of the as the property of Jesus Muro, to in the Holy Bonds of Matrimong as if by magic, until the water had mains of old Spanish forts, and chur- afternoon. Several days later I satisfy a judgement amounting to Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock lifted us up to the level of the next ches. As I climbed about the took my field glasses up in the mast \$111.85 in favor of Spur Hardware by Rev. Thomason at the home of division of the locks. At Gatun crumbling walls of one old building with me to see if I could see the old and Furniture Company, and costs Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stevens. After Locks we were raised eighty three I chanced to see a few of the loop remains. I could see them as plain of suit. feet above the level of the sea.

the old ship had ever been above ing far out at sea I wondered how fined to his room and bed, during the the sea in her "LIFE." But we many people (Spaniards) before had holidays.

surely did enjoy the fresh water and sat there and looked out to sea, how

place. The present site of Panama way I wanted to get away from all 1922, at Spur, in Dickens County, The big gates closed behind us, city and Balboa is about six miles the noise of the modern Panama, Texas, the following described proholes, trees grow now in the once as if I were there almost. After It was after dark when we had court yard, and the little that once that I always them when ever I felt day of December, A. D. 1921. gotten through the set of locks and linked the Atlantic with the South Ionesome. out into Lake Gatun. There we an- Sea is no more. Just a link in the chored for the night, the first time chain of time. And as I sat look. Dr. Grace has been quite sick, con-

CANAL BY A SPUR BOY all hands enjoyed a shower bath, fol. lonely it must have been there four Whereas, by virtue of an order of lowed by an ordeal of scrubbing cloth hundred years ago. For now I sale issued out of the honorable About the most wonderful experi- es, cause there was no sentry on could hear nothing but an occasion- Justice Court of Precinct No. 3, of ence I ever had was my first trip thru watch to guard the spigot and see al sound of leaves fluttering before Dickens County, Texas on the 17th Of the five that you got only one half a bucket a very light sea breeze. I could day of December, 1921, by the Jusclose my eyes and see the old place tice of the Peace, in the case of Spur the Isthmus of Panama, I think The next morning we resumed our as it was. I could even see Piz- Hardware and Furniture Company I saw more and learned more on the "journey" through the lake along the arro's expidition fitted out and sail versus K. H. Kennedy, No. 500, and channel, which ran through a "for- out through the little Islands on his to me as Sheriff directed and deliver-The Fleet arrived behind the break est" of old dead trees. Along the way to conquer the Incas. The lit ed, I will proceed to sell, within the water at Colon at three o'clock in the edge of the water could be seen the tle settlement had all turned out to hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's afternoon of the 19th,, and at once dense growth of tropical trees and un bid him God's speed, and were wav- sales on the 10th day of January

lowed by the "North Dakota" and boa ever thought a Battleship would ingswere crumbling, into dust, for perty, to-wit: One brown or black sakened by civilation, that owed so horse, 8 years old branded on and as we entered the canal we could We entered the cut again and much to the little City that had left shoulder, 15 hands high; and see the masts of the "Delaware" far soon come to Pedro Miguel Locks kept communication between the one blue mare, 3 years old, no above ours. For she was already in where we were lowered thirty feet great "South Sea" and the Atlantic brand, but small wire cut on left Gatsn Locks and the locks were op- into Lake Miraflores, we passed th- It reminded me so much of an old front leg, mule raised by K. H. Kenening into Gatun Lake, as we steam rough the little lake into the cut who had been of vital importance nedy, levied on as the property of ed along making five knots up the again where I saw tre deepest part of to humanity, during his days of pro- K. H. Kennedy to satisfy a judgenarrow cut with Tropical vegitation of the Canal. Passing through Mi. duction, but abandoned in his old ment amounting to \$124.90 in favor on either side. I thought of you raflores Locks we found ourselves days, to his own fate. The old of Spur Hardware and Furniture and wondered if you were cold, and lowered into the Pacific, and soon walls were alive to me and I was sad, company, and costs of suit. if you had gotten in enough wood found ourselves amids, the whole of Then aga to it seemed a kind of a Given under my hand, this the 19 the Pacific Fleet, waiting to get un- grave yard where some one had just day of December, A. D. 1921. As we neared the locks out came derway with us for Calleo and Val- been buried. Cut beyond the little G. L. Barber Sheriff, Dickers County Island at the on: one to the harbor, Texas. By D. F. Laverty Deputy A MONEY MAKER. A safe invest-Panamanians who tossed a line to It had been some actual twelve the Flert lay a archor, lazily rolling

a Spanish lady sat playing an lod Hardware and Furniture Company, word at the funeral and burial of our

THE STATE OF TEXAS

1922, at Spur, in Dickens County 'Utah", then the "Flordia" closely fol and the thought come to me, "if Bal- But now it was different, the build Texas, the following described pro-

-Trade in Spur-THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Dickens.

Whereas, by virture of an order

G. L. Barber, Sheriff, Dickens County presents given. Texas. By D. F. Laverty, Deputy. -Trade in Spur-

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9 Per Cent Interest 5-7-10 Years

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BETTER TAILORS BETTER SERVICE REDUCED PRICES:

Suits Cleaned & Pressed, \$1.50 Coat Suks cleand & prest, 1.50 Suits & Coat Suits, pressed. 75c Trousers, Pressed, 25 cents

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ment the Kent County Abstract Plant for sale. Address J. B. Jay, Girard Texas

-Trade in Spur-CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing

-Trade in Spur-A DOUBLE WEDDING

Mr. C. A. Mackey and Miss Vera the wedding a wedding supper was Given under my hand, this the 19 served and was enjoyed by all that were present. There was several

The Texas Spur joins the many friends in wishing these couples Baby caps, in velvet felts and silks health and happiness over the matrimonial seas.

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

ADJOINING LAND AND BEFORE WE CAN LOCATE THEM HAVE STARTED COLONIES.

IT WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE MUTUALSERVICE IF MERCHBOB-ING OWNERS AND THE PUBLIC WILL KINDLY NOTIFY US BY TELEPHONE (NO. 4) OR BY LETTER OF THE LOCATION OF THE DOGS ON OUR LAND, WHICH WE SHALL PROMPTLY KILL

WE SHALL DEEPLY APPRICIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND WE ESPECIALLY URGE OUR NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US IN THE EX-TERMINATION OF THESE PESTS WHICH SO MUCH DAMAGE THE CROPS AND RANGES. IF OUR NEIGHBORS WILL COINCIDENT. LY KILL THEIR DOGS WE CAN ALL MAKE A COMPLEME RIM-

Sons Swenson And



For After-Xmas Buyers _ Our Christmas Deposit Plan

HEARTY welcome to the many people who did not get in before Christmas. Our stocks have been newly replenished. Our service, instead of suffering from the usual end-of-December let-down is alive with first-of-the-year freshness.

We are still prepared to supply you with the Phonograph Comparison Card-which helped hundreds of shoppers to make scientific comparisons and score what they heard. And we are glad, to extend for your benefit, our wonderful Christmas Deposit Plan.

The marvelous New Edison delivered for \$

(Fill in your own first payment)

Many people long to have this marvelous instrument which sustains the test of direct comparison with living artists, -and brings Mood Music, the music which soothes them when nervous, cheers them when sad, refreshes them when tired. But they believe the New Edison beyond their means,—because it cost Mr. Edison three million dollars to perfect. If you feel this way, come in now. Name the amount you feel able to pay. As long as it is sufficient to indicate good faith, we'll accept it as initial deposit, —and deliver your New Edison at once. The balance you may budget according to your convenience. So-why delay any longer. You can make the New Edison yours-now. Come in.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE G. R. ELKINS, Mgr. SPUR, TEXAS

If you can't come, mail the coupon. It will bring full details of the wonderful Christmas Deposit Plan—and tell you how you may at last own your New Edison.

\$2,000.000 IS LOANED TO

ers, and the edmand for farm loan placed in Texas.

money is steadily increasing, Judge H. M. Gossett, president of the Texas Farm Loan Bank of Houston, said was here during the week trading.

here today, He is attending a meet-TEXAS FARMERS MONTHLY ing of the presidents of the banks. To the Sheriff or Any Constable The system is loaning \$500,000 a

Washington, The Federal Farm day. The banks will soon issue an-Loan Bank of Texas is lending about other \$60,000,000 series of bonds, cause to be published once each \$2,000,000 a month to Texas Farm- he said, and much of this will be week for a period of ten days before

-Trade in Spur-J. A. Kerley, of eight miles east,

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE CITY DRUG STORE

We wish to thank our many friends and customeers for liberal patronage and many favors through the past year, and we especially solicit your patronage and cooperation during the New Year. We will try to make our business your business through the New Year. want you to come in and feel at home when in town. We like to have you with us, whether you buy or not. We wish you all a very prosperous and hap py New Year.

> Let's Make 1922 Our Best Year

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Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded the return day hereof, in a newspabeen continuously and reguarly published for a peroid of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice: THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the Estate of Daniel E. Thomas, Deceased. J. N. Luce has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for letters of Administration upon the Estae of said Daniel E. Thomas, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the Third Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the 16th day of January, A. D. 1922. ,at the Court House thereof. in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interestel in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Dickens, Texas- this the 16th day of December, A. D. 1921. O. C. Arthur, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County Texas -Trade in Spur-

Mrs. J. ff. Williams and little neph ew, Jimmie T., of Angleton, are here uding the helidays with her de



Freezing Weather Cannot Stop **Buick Oil Circulation**

Oil pumps in automobiles sometimes

freeze up in very cold weather. The Buick oil pump is so designed that should the pump gears be held immovable through freezing weather, the shaft revolves within the gear. The heat thus generated thaws out the frozen parts, restoring gear action and oil flow to normal.

Only on a Buick will you find this feature.

Buick Sixes 22-Six-44 -22-Six-47

22-Six-48



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> All Prices F. O. B. Flint, Michigan

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM!

Spur Buick Co. Spur Texas

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON.

We extend sincere greetings to our many customers and friends, for liberal patronage given us during the year May the New Year just closing. bring happiness and prosperity to each of you.

THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE

J. B. Morrison has cord wood to per of general circulation, which has the price of hauling added. Better friends here. prepare now for the cold days sure 6tf

> -Trade in Spur-I will keep Fish and Oysters in the bell and family. old French Ruby building. Oysters, 15e to 25c per dozen; Fish, 20c per pound .- Copeland & Boothe. 4-tf at the Rigirway Cafe, Bell Bros.

-Trade in Spur-

J. P. Goen was in the city Wednersell at \$3.50 per cord on the ground. day from his ranch home to the north Will also deliver wood in town with west of Dickens, greeting his many

> Cullen Campbell, of Monday, is here visiting his brother, W. S. Camp

> ---Trade in Spur-When in town try a red hot chilli Proprietors.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO FRIENDS AND PATRONS

We have enjoyed a good business and extensive trade throughout the year just closing, and for which we are duly appreciatipe and thankful to our many patrons and friends. We are at your service and solicit a continuation of your liberal patropage in 1922.

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We're on the border turning into the New Year

Indications point to a Greater Prosperity. the big railroads are placing back many men who have been on the idle list for many months, and it looks like peace will shortly reign throughout the whole world.

With these events at hand, it looks that better prices will be had for farm and stock products, as the consumption must be greater for the laborer than for the idle.

We want to thank our many friends for the very liberal patronage extended us in the past year, and will assure you that our every intention is to do our part to help to promote the general welfare of our community and the upbuilding of our country. This week finds us with many short lines of seasonable merchandise that must be sold before inventory that will start not later than January 9th.

I is our intention to place these lines at prices that will quickly dispose of them inside of this short period.

Among the lines are Childrens Suits. Childrens Pants, Mens and Young Mens Suits, Overcoats, Mens Dress Pants, Hats, Caps; all Ladies Coats, and Suits, Skirts, Waists, Hosiery, Underwear, and such items. 50 pairs Ladies Louis Heels, good for dress wear. the \$15.00 grades on sale for \$5.00. Many other good Shoe Values and price bargains.

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

SPUR, TEXAS

"Values to the Minute."

SPUR, TEXAS

C. W. BARRETT ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE of the office.

ens county, subject to the action of in July. the democratic primaries to be held

T Dickens county a number of years mote community interests.

square and equitable assessments, and fair race throughout. and an able, accurate and prompt

We ask voters in the democratic We are this week authorized to an primaries to give the candidacy of

---Trade in Spur-HARRY PATTON CONSIDERING C. W. Barrett has been a resident | CANDIDACY FOR WEIGHER notice given and of public hearing | TO MAKE RACE FOR SHERIFF 22.

and is personally known to every vot- Harry Patton, who is now cooking 8, 1921, hereby ordered by the Railer in the county, and is recognized for the Flat Top Ranch near Stam-road Commission of Texas that all by every one as a good man, a sub- ford, spent Christmas in Spur with railroad companies and receivers stantial citizen and one who is ever W. E. Fletcher and other friends of operating lines of railway in this ter the campaign for sheriff and tax sive and at the same time conservaready to do the right and help pro- Spur. While here quite a number State, are hereby ordered and requof his friends earnestly solicited him ired to establish, on or before Dec-For the past several years Mr. to enter the campaign for public ember 27, 1921, upon not less than should he get in the race all other the county, and during the one term Barrett has been with Bryant-Link weigher of this precinct. He could five days' notice to this Commission Company. He is a business man of not fully make up his mind while and to the public, in manner preability and honor. He is familiar here, but will consider the solicita- scribed by law, and thereafter to with conditions and valuations thru-tions for a time. Harry Patton is maintain and apply to the transportout the country, and competent in one of the very best men of the ation of Grain, Grain Products and every respect to perform the duties country, and no man would make a thay, in carloads, between points, loof Tax Assessor, and should he be better public official. However, he cally and jontly, on treir lines of favored with the place tax payers are said that he would not get in any railway within the State of Texas, assured of proper consideration, fair campaign unless assured of a clean rates which shall not exceed the rates

administration of the official duties RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS ed to the next whole cent. Special P. E. HAGINS FOR RE-

mission of Texas:

held in Cause No. 2105 on November in effect on August 25, 1920, by more than the following: On Wheat and Hay: 17 per cent.

Note,-In applying the above basis, where through rates are construct ed by combining separatly establisred rates, each of such rate factors

shall be revised separately. On Coarse Grains: Rates which shall not be excess of 10 per cent less than tre rates prescribed in the preceeding paragraph on Wheat,

from and to the same point.,
On Grain Products: Rates which shall not exceed rates made by continuing the relationships that now exist between said products and the grains from which tray are respectivly made; except where differentials are observed and were subjected to the percentage increases authorized in I. C. C. Docket Ex Parte 74, the differentials shall be reduced proportionately with the rates

FREIGHT RATES BE REDUCED differential rates on Grain, Grain products and . Hay as provided for The following order requiring rail- account of the Pecos Valley South-

-Trade in Spur-

Curry are prevailiny upon him to en- official activities have been progreswould make a good peace officer, and sioner is the most important office in candidates would know he was ru 1- of service Mr. Hagins has demonstrat ning. However, for the present, Mr. ed that he is a safe man in the place. Curry is sayinb nothing but "sawing We ask voters in the democratic

-Trade in Spurmas with relatives at Stamford.

ELECTION' AS COMMISSIONER

We are this week authorized to an hounce C. W. Barrett as a candidate C. W. Barrett a due and deserved roads to make reductions of freight orn Railway Company in Circular nounce P. E. Hagins as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Dick consideration before casting a ballot rates on grain and grain products, No. 5366, issued January 15, 1921, for re-election to the office of County ras been issued by the Railroad Com- shall not be affected by this order." Commissioner from Precinct Number 3, subject to the action of the "In pursuance of due and legal FRIENDS ARE AFTER JOE CURRY Democratic Primary elections in 19-

> P. E. Hagins is now serving his We have heard a numberetaoinni first term as commissioner from this A number of the friends of J. L. precinct, and in every instance his primaries to give due consideration to the candidacy of P. E. Hagins for re-Billy Bryant and wife spent Christ election to the second term as county commissioner from Precinct 3.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEOUS NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL.

To our many customers and friends we extend greetings of the season. May the New Year bring peace, prosperity and happiness to each of you. Thruout the year 1 will be eprepared ry best manner

NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO OUR PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC

It is our sincere wish that the New Year will bring joy and prosperity to our many good patrons and the public. We are thankful for the good business given us during the year 1921, and solicit a liberal share of trade in 1922. It is our every endeavor to meet all requirements with the very best service. We also have a meat market in connection with our restaurant business, and will be glad to number you among our market customers, promising you only good