

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
NOW CONFRONTS US

# The Texas Spur

## AND DICKENS ITEM

WE ARE RESOLVED TO MAKE  
THINGS HUM IN 1922

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### SPUR AND COUNTRY FACING NEW YEAR WITH OPTIMISM

In the closing days of the year it is gratifying to note the achievements and substantial progress of Spur and the Spur country, and we greet the New Year with assurance of greater progress and more united and effective advancement than any yearly period within our history.

This is an era of reconstruction and peaceful revolution, and notwithstanding the gloomy forebodings we may have entertained in the beginning, the year just closing, as stated, has been one of achievements, progress and prosperity for the people and the country in general. In the beginning of the year merchants may have lost money as well as trade in meeting and conforming to the readjustment of prices and declining valuations from war-time elevations, but the closing months of the year found them "down on a level" with the country in general and reaching out after trade and business with goods and the prices with such force and in such manner as to re-establish Spur as the commercial center and leading market point of this territory, and as a result an extensive trade has been attracted and a great volume of business transacted. There is not a town in Texas which can boast of bigger and better merchants than Spur—men of broad vision, liberal actions capable of meeting conditions as they come, smiling and hopeful under adverse conditions; who can take losses without murmuring, and enjoy prosperity by extending a helpful hand rather than in arrogance and selfishness. It is such men who constitute and conduct the real business life of Spur.

The farmers of the Spur country were never better fixed than they are today. Profiting by the lessons of war times, practically every farmer of this territory is today prepared to "live at home" independently of extensive surplus money crops. Aside from this, farmers of Dickens county this year produced approximately fifteen thousand bales of cotton as a surplus crop, the greater part of which was marketed at prices ranging from fifteen to twenty cents a pound, and are now holding in storage several thousand bales with which to supply the market when it is needed. Farmers of this territory are also making great progressive strides not only in lines of production but in solving and relieving many of the marketing ills by adopting systematic, cooperative methods of marketing.

With such men at the helm of commercial activities, in full accord and cooperation with farmers and agricultural interests, the New Year promises much in development progress and real accomplishment, and together with such a combination we face the year 1922 with optimism and assurance of continued advancement and noteworthy achievements in the Spur country.

May the New Year bring success and a full measure of prosperity to every business man of Spur, farmer and citizen of this territory and every reader of the Texas Spur. Let us co-operate in promoting the happiness and prosperity of those with whom we associate and in paving the way for peace throughout all nations and in doing so make 1922 the most eventful year of our lives.

—Trade in Spur—

### MRS. ROY CROSS DIED RECENTLY IN HOSPITAL IN ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross returned last week from Abilene where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Roy Cross who died Monday, December 19th, in an Abilene hospital following an operation.

The many who will learn of this with heart-

### THE MERCHANTS IN THIS COMMUNITY

Did you ever give the subject of the local merchant and you any thought?

Perhaps you are a loyal citizen and patronize local shops and stores as a matter of loyalty, but as this is not a lecture, it will do no harm to read this anyhow.

If you are one of the misguided folks who imagine you can do better elsewhere by all means read this!

Your local merchant is first a citizen, a resident of your community the same as you are.

He lives in your community, pays taxes along with you for the upkeep and improvement of the community he raises his family and sends his children to school—schools which he helps, with you, to maintain.

If he is a butcher he buys clothes and shoes for his family from a fellow-merchant. No matter what his line of business he spends his money with other business men of the community.

He banks in local banks, he takes his family of an evening to the local shows.

Summed up the money he makes in the community is spent in it.

Were it not for your local merchant, there would be no schools, no paved streets, no public buildings, no progress or prosperity. He is here day in and day out, rain or shine, giving his time and energy and money to whatever will benefit the district, taking part in the administrations of the community, or aiding to regulate the administration for the best interests of the community by his vote.

### HE IS A CITIZEN!

Is he not entitled, then, to consideration?

But, there is something more than a call to your loyalty to him as citizen to citizen—neighbor to neighbor.

Living here as he does, he comes to know his customers. They are to him not "just customers" but "fellow citizens"; "good neighbors." As he will be here tomorrow and the next day and next year, meeting his customers face to face, day after day, his business gets his personal attention—every transaction is a personal dealing between him and the patron.

He is not your huge store where thousands flock in daily, many for the one time only. He is not your fly-by-night get-'em-once-and-gone-'em-good fakir.

He is your neighbor—your fellow citizen, building for tomorrow and next year, and fully cognizant that the only way to build is to sell good goods at right prices.

Your local merchant is in himself a guarantee of his goods and prices and services because he is always at the same stand meeting largely the same customers.

He cannot exist upon the patronage of transients—his livelihood comes from permanent residents; his aim is to make permanent residents regular customers. He must do this—hence his wares his prices and his service are all and always arranged and held to this end.

You never heard your live-wire, wide-awake home merchant say, "Oh, well, one customer more or less makes no difference." Every customer, to him is important; a new customer is eagerly sought, and a customer less—well your local merchant will not let it happen if anything just and reasonable under the sun will prevent such a thing happening.

So not alone out of a sense of loyalty to your community, but for your own sake—for the sake of your purse and the satisfaction of being given personal attention and service—buy from home merchants.—Venice, Cal

### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

There is a period between Christmas day and New Year, when we hardly know what to do, whether to work or play, just wearing out the old year and bringing in the new. Thinking of what we will do when the new year comes, making resolutions, to be better and do more to brighten the lives of those about us. Wishing we were rich and great that we might do more for the unfortunate. Feeling unworthy of the many acts of kindness shown us, wondering if we will live to see another Christmas, and if so will we be as happy as now, will all our friends still live to make the time joyous. But we cannot see in to the future, we can only live in the present, and look with the eye of faith into the future, believing in the providence of God, to guide our lives over the uncertain future paths.

Well we are very happy and thankful for all the blessings, that have been ours and we are resolving to be better.

Yes we want to sell goods, we are open for business, with full stocks of every thing. Help us by spending your cash with us. You want save by sending your money away. Help the fellow that is doing all he can for the community, be a Booster. We don't expect to find a single knocker in the Good World. Then we should not knock down here

Boost, when the day is cloudless.

Boost through the cold and rain. If you once take a tumble, don't lie there and grumble.

But bob up and boost again.

Boost for your comrades' advancement.

Boosting makes toiling sublime. For the fellow who is found on the very top round.

Is a booster every time.

All ladies ready-to-wear going at bargain prices. Come and see our mid-winter millinery. We have just received a good stock and will have a milliner all winter this time. You are thinking about fencing your hog pasture, remember we have a good stock of hog fence, also barbed wire and nails.

We want your business during 1922. We want to serve you better, we are looking for a better year. We know it is dry now but rain will come in time, and there is lots of time yet. So do not worry about the rain, but do your part and the rest will come.

We want you all to remember us, and come to see us, when you need merchandise, for we shall do our best to serve you better than we have ever done before. Come to see us.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

—Trade in Spur—

### SHERIFF BARBER RECAPTURES ESCAPED PRISONER FROM PEN.

Sheriff Barber recently recaptured in Floyd county M. O. Hawk who on March 21st, escaped from officers at Waco while being transported to Denton for trial on a charge of forgery being taken on a bench warrant from the penitentiary where he was serving a two year sentence from Dickens county. Hawk had been working in Floyd county for some time, and during which time he had made several visits to his family at Dickens, coming in early in the night and leaving early in the mornings unobserved by officers and other citizens. M. O. Hawk has escaped more than once from officers. While under arrest and being returned to Dickens County for trial he jumped the train between Spur and Stamford, but soon was recaptured. He also escaped from the Dickens county jail while confined awaiting his trial.

M. O. Hawk

### W. T. ANDREWS BUYS BLANKENSHIP FARM FOR \$10,000.00

A sale was consummated this week whereby W. T. Andrews, cashier of the Spur National Bank, came into possession of C. B. Blankenship farm of 320 acres, five miles east of Spur, on Wilson Draw, the consideration being ten thousand dollars, or about twenty eight dollars per acre.

Mr. Blankenship is not yet decided what he will do, but it is hoped that he will not leave the Spur country, since no country offers better inducements—and we need good men.

—Trade in Spur—

### W. L. HYATT TAKING POSSESSION OF SPUR HOTEL PROPERTY

A sale was recently consummated whereby W. L. Hyatt purchased of Geo. F. Fair the old Spur Hotel property for a consideration of fifteen hundred dollars.

B. G. Ford and family are this week moving to their farm home in the Draper country, and Mr. Hyatt is taking charge of the hotel, and after making improvements will again open up for business.

—Trade in Spur—

### CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC WEIGHTER PROMISES TO BE WARM

Quite a number have been soliciting Uncle Tom Harkey to run for public weigher, and from all indications we believe he is trimming his sails to get in the race. With Uncle Tom, G. W. Raab, Jim Walker, H. A. Garrett, and possibly J. W. Carlisle and others, the campaign for public weigher promises to become interesting before the primaries.

—Trade in Spur—

E. M. House, of California, is here spending the holidays with his son, Hudman House and wife. Mr. House was an old time resident of Eastland, but like us, drifted away before that section began spouting "liquid gold." However, he is not burdening himself with regrets, and recognizes the fact that he and others who left are now as well off probably as many who remained. We are glad to again meet Mr. House, and despite his three score and ten years, looking well and as young as fifteen years ago.

—Trade in Spur—

### D. G. SIMMONS AT HOME FROM THE SPUR SANIARIUM

D. G. Simmons, who has been in the Spur Sanitarium, suffering of a gun shot wound, was able to go home the first of the week. Although shot through the abdomen, a very dangerous wound, prompt medical and surgical attention and the best care at the Spur Sanitarium, he laid up only ten days.

—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 for tax assessor. Our excuse is that the assessor's office is one of the best in the county and Mr. Clark is one of the best men and in our opinion specially fitted to fill this office to the interests of tax payers—but he says he won't be a candidate.

—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 Craxtanola contest, instituted by the Red Front Drug Store, upon being apprised of the fact that in conducting such a contest he was violating the letter if not the spirit of the law of our land. The Texas Spur received a notification from the postal department at Washington, advising us that such a contest was not only prohibited by law, but that newspapers carrying ads of such a contest were unmailable and subject to a heavy fine. While many customers of the Red Front no doubt were disappointed in the contest, yet not one but can appreciate the position of the management in this instance.

—Trade in Spur—

### "WATCH SERVICE" TO BE HAD BY MASONIC LODGE

All Masons and their families are cordially invited to attend a "Watch Service" to be held at the lodge hall in Spur Saturday night, December 31st. By order of the Counsel Commander.—F. G. Collier, Secretary.

—Trade in Spur—

E. L. Adams and wife spent Christmas with relatives at Haskell.

**MONEY SAVED  
IS MONEY  
EARNED.**



Buy our  
**GOOD  
CLOTHES**

YOU CAN ALWAYS SAVE MONEY WHEN YOU BUY FROM US THE CLOTHES YOU NEED. WHEN WE FIRST MARK OUR GOODS WE PUT A LOW PRICE ON THEM—AS LOW A PRICE AS WE CAN GET ON GOOD STUFF. OUR SUITS, OVERTURNERS, BURNISHINGS FOR MEN, BOYS, AND CHILDREN, AND THEY SAVE US MONEY.



We hold up  
the **QUALITY**  
and hold down  
the **PRICES.**

Y BUSINESS—ALL OF IT. WE WANT YOUR GROCERY ONE MONTH, AND FORGIVE US SOME OF IT FOR US ALL OF IT. WHY? BECAUSE THAT YOU WILL FIND US TO BE THE VERY BEST YOU WILL FIND OUR FOOD MORE THAN OTHERS AND FRESHER, AND COST LESS. CHARGE FOR INFERIOR S

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FRESH GROCERIES

LOWEST PRICES

**Quality, Service and Right Price**

IN  
LUMBER SHINGLES, WINDOWS, DOORS, POSTS  
BRICK, LIME, CEMENT, DEVCOE PAINT,  
COAL, AND BUILDERS HARDWARE  
WE WANT TO FIGURE WITH YOU

**P. H. Miller**

SPUR, JAYTON GIRARD, PEACOCK & SWENSON

**DIED.**

Tuesday of this week Mrs. White, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. N. B. Fuqua, the remains being interred at Jayton Wednesday.

Mrs. White was seventy odd years of age, being one among the early settlers of Kent county. In the earlier days her husband conducted a hotel and livery business at Clairmont. At his death, some fifteen years ago, Mrs. White took up her residence with her sister, Mrs. N. B. Fuqua, with whom she lived until her death.

—Trade in Spur—

J. M. Calvert, of the Dry Lake community, was in town Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He had found a pocket book on the road 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 proposition of getting in the race for public weigher of this precinct. Jim would make a good man for this position, and would look after the business in the most acceptable manner. This public weigher's office is attracting the attention of quite a number of probable candidates, among the others being T. G. Harkey, G. W. Rash, Harry Patton, H. H. Garrett, and others. It is not known whether J. W. Carlisle will make the race for 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 coats that we are closing out practically at your price. Come in 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 subscription.

**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 again taken charge of the shop, will have a first-class assistant and will do the very best work. We wish you all a very best of the year.

**MEXICO'S STABILITY INCREASES BUSINESS**

CUSTOM HOUSE TRADE REPORTS SHOW TREMENDOUS DECREASE.

**EDUCATION SHOWS INCREASE**

Prominent Bankers and Magazines Investigate—Oregon 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 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 fiscal year which ends with next month will, according to a statement by The National City Bank of New York, be double those of the preceding 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 \$50,000,000 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, no other country shows this unique record of having more than doubled its takings of United States merchandise in the fiscal year 1921.

"On the import side, the growth has also been large, though not so great proportionately as in exports. The total imports from Mexico, which 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 1921."

**People Want Land.**

Thousands of inquiries are being received weekly by the various departments of the government in Mexico asking information as to the requirements 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 inquiries.

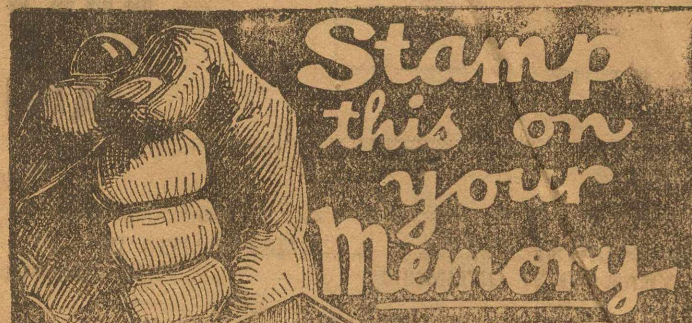
There is much land in Mexico available for all purposes. The government requires that persons owning such land conform to the laws of the country, which is the same that is demanded elsewhere in the world. The government offers every protection possible to foreigners locating in Mexico.

Special inducements have been made for persons locating in Mexico as to freight rates for household goods, and in order to insure the restocking 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 circulation of books and the organization of



A little in the **BANK** each pay day is the way to build a fortune.

THE WAY TO BUILD A HOUSE 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 BUILDER, 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. E. WILKES, Prop.

**POPULARITY OF SPUR FETERITA**

Spur feterita, a high yielding large headed variety developed at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Spur Texas, and named by the United States Department of Agriculture in honor of the town in which it was originated has practically replaced all other strains of feterita in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Those familiar with the grain sorghums in Texas estimate that 95 per cent of the feterita grown in 1921 was of the Spur variety.

The development of Spur feterita has made the production of grain sorghums less hazardous in the Eastern portion of Texas as it seemingly has greater ability than other members of the sorghum family to evade the ravages of the sorghum midge which produce the effect commonly known as "Blight". It is success-

fully grown in the higher altitudes of New Mexico and Colorado and in the Imperial Valley of California. Several shipment of seed have been made countries in South America. Recently a relatively large shipment of seed of Spur feterita was made to commercial interests in Japan. Another shipment was made to the Province of Sudan in Northern Africa, the native home of old feterita.

As soil moisture is deficient in a large part of Texas and Oklahoma due to the scant precipitation in 1921 it is estimated that the acreage planted to Spur feterita in 1922 will be from two to three times as large as that planted, the past season.

R. E. Dickson

—Trade in Spur—

The Central Market will not be open on Sunday during the winter months. Please do your buying in

**NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS.**

We are duly thankful and appreciative 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**



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**DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DICKENS COUNTY OFFICES**

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following announcements for offices in Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Elections to be held in July 1922:

- 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 Commissioners, 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 Bldg., 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. HINDMAN NOW DODGE AGENTS**
- J. D. Powell and L. A. Hindman have formed a partnership in selling Dodge cars in this territory. They are both hustlers, and we expect to see more Dodge cars in use after the New Year in this territory.
- Trade in Spur—  
J. T. Bryant, of Stamford, was in Spur during the week.

**LOYD BARBER IS RECOVERING FROM GUN SHOT WOUNDS**

Lloyd Barber, who is in the Spur Sanitarium as the result of gun shot wounds, is now doing nicely and will 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.

**FLOYDADA BEATS SPUR AGAIN IN FOOT BALL GAME MONDAY**

The Floydada foot ball team came to Spur Monday and in a match game scored 20 to nothing. A team was formed here among the town boys and high school team.

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 Perry is in a position to be of material service and benefit to his country—and he has the ability and incentive to do it.

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday, bringing to the Spur Sanitarium his daughter and another 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.

G. W. Rash returned this week from San Angelo where he spent Christmas with Mrs. Rash who is in that city awaiting a vacancy in the tuberculosis sanitarium near there. Mr. Rash reports 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.

R. D. Shields, we understand, has closed out his dry goods and grocery business, at least temporarily, in the city of Dickens. We hope he will soon be in position to resume his business. R. D. Shields is too good a man, and has been here too long fighting the vicissitudes of settling and developing a future empire.

Mrs. P. H. Miller and Miss Jennie Shields returned this week from De Leon where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

**MEXICO NOW SETTLED ATTRACTS THOUSANDS**

**BUSINESS GROWING RAPIDLY AND PEOPLE CROWDING INTO ALL SECTIONS**

**DEPARTMENTS OFFERING AID**

Bureau 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 enormous 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, etc., purchased in large numbers for the railroads.

Notwithstanding the persistently circulated statements that the laws of Mexico forbid any foreigner to acquire title to lands without first becoming a 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 foreigner naturally abides by the laws, and no written pledge is exacted while in Mexico many foreigners, presuming upon its position in the family of nations, have the presumption to demand extra consideration and extra privileges as against the native of the country. Hence the necessity for the law in question.

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 Mexico. 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 between New York and Portland, Ore., is 390 miles greater than the least rail distance between New York and Mexico City.

Between New York and Los Angeles, 328 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 City. Between St. Louis and Los Angeles, 218 miles greater than between St. Louis and Mexico City. Between San Antonio and Los Angeles, 490 miles greater than between San Antonio and Mexico City.

The demand for offices and buildings for stores and shops is becoming so great in Mexico City that rents are going up in the business district and there are few vacant stores or offices on any of the principal streets.

A decree recently issued provides that all doctors and dentists entering Mexico must pass an examination, but those who have been practicing for three years in the country may continue by registering their diplomas, if they are from foreign institutions of high standing.

Mr. Manuel M. Vauclair, President of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in commenting on conditions in Mexico said:

"The railroads of Mexico are in good condition physically, the road bed is in good shape. The roads are short of equipment, cars and engines have been shot to pieces. Mexico is full of business and the people are travelling. Good order prevails in Mexico City and in the country outside so far as I could see. You can't do things in Mexico City that you could do here, if you did they would put you in jail quicker than a wink. The shops seem to be busy and financial conditions are sound."

The Mexican parcels post business with the United States, as well as the money order business, is increasing very fast. It is a very good indication of the growth of commerce between the two countries. The United States Postoffice Department has just notified the Mexican Postoffice Department that \$100,000 has been placed at the disposition of the Mexican Department, which is due to the Mexican service in the balancing of accounts. This is parcels post business. The United States Postoffice Department owes the Mexican Department money order business.

**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 have 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. We 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 sell you good 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 won't 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

**Cattle and Hogs**  
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 OBTAINING MARKET PRICES.

BRING THEM TO THE O. K. WAGON YARD ON ABOVE DATES WHERE I HAVE PENS PREPARED TO CARE FOR ALL STOCK.

LET'S MAKE 1922 A BETTER YEAR!

**Department Furnishes Information**

The Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor of the Mexican government welcomes any questions as to conditions in Mexico with reference to any commercial or industrial pursuit. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary of the department and they will then be referred to the proper departments. There has been much information advanced with reference to Mexico that has not been authentic and the department is desirous of giving first hand information to any person interested.

Walter McGee is now drilling an oil well near DeLeon. The well is below three thousand feet, has fifteen million feet of gas and promises to be a big gusher. There is no man whom we had rather see hit oil there than Walter McGee.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow with young calf, cheap.—Mrs. S. Williamson. Afton, Texas. 8tf

Miss Mary Copeland, who is attending the State University at Austin, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland.

LOST—3 year old heifer, bald face, branded J L F. One brown bald face steer, branded A (cross). Reward.—Fred Danforth. 5 4p

G. A. Howsley returned the first of the week from Albany where he spent Christmas with his children. He reports a pleasant Christmas—minus egg-nog.

Mrs. W. T. Andrews is spending the holidays with her parents at Iredell.

**CROSBYTON INSTALLING AN ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT**

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

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 of Texas.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland is spending the holidays with her relatives and friends at Mart and other points in that part of the state.

Lee Young, manager of the Matador Lumber Company, was here Sunday.

Dr. M. H. Brannen spent Christmas day with relatives at Peacock.

Mrs. E. L. Caraway visited relatives at Peacock during the holidays.

Ben Clark, of north of Dickens, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Ilva Deaver spent Christmas with her parents at Jayton.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Directors Room of said bank between the hours of ten A. M. and twelve M. on the second Tuesday of the month of January, 1922, the 10th day of the month.

**We Will Continue Our Mammoth  
RED TAG SALE!**

*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 CANAL BY A SPUR BOY**

Dear Parents—  
About the most wonderful experience I ever had was my first trip thru the Panama Canal. Of the five times I have been privileged to cross the Isthmus of Panama, I think I saw more and learned more on the 19th and 20th of January, 1921.

The Fleet arrived behind the break water at Colon at three o'clock in the afternoon of the 19th, and at once began to file through. First the "Utah", then the "Florida" closely followed by the "North Dakota" and "Delaware." Then came our turn, and as we entered the canal we could see the masts of the "Delaware" far above ours. For she was already in Gatun Locks and the locks were opening into Gatun Lake, as we steamed along making five knots up the narrow cut with tropical vegetation on either side. I thought of you and wondered if you were cold, and if you had gotten in enough wood for the night! HA HA.

As we neared the locks out came a little row boat pulled by two strong Panamanians who tossed a line to men on the bow of the ship. By the little line a strong wire cable was in and fastened while three others were made fast to other parts of the ship, on either side. Little electric motor cars, very powerful indeed, pulled the ship into the lock. As we came well in two bells sounded and the little cars took on the responsibility of checking this mighty monster of 35,000 tons. Reminded me of the roping and stopping a steer with the horse's fore legs planted in the ground, but the old ship came to a halt just like the steer.

The big gates closed behind us, the top side was about even with the concrete top of the locks. With in a few seconds the ship began to raise as if by magic, until the water had lifted us up to the level of the next division of the locks. At Gatun Locks we were raised eighty three feet above the level of the sea.

It was after dark when we had gotten through the set of locks and out into Lake Gatun. There we anchored for the night, the first time the old ship had ever been above the sea in her "LIFE." But we

surely did enjoy the fresh water and all hands enjoyed a shower bath, followed by an ordeal of scrubbing clothes, cause there was no sentry on watch to guard the spigot and see that you got only one half a bucket of water.

The next morning we resumed our "journey" through the lake along the channel, which ran through a "forest" of old dead trees. Along the edge of the water could be seen the dense growth of tropical trees and undergrowth. It was a wonderful sight and the thought came to me, "if Balboa ever thought a Battleship would steam through that little Lake."

We entered the cut again and soon come to Pedro Miguel Locks where we were lowered thirty feet into Lake Miraflores, we passed through the little lake into the cut again where I saw the deepest part of the Canal. Passing through Miraflores Locks we found ourselves lowered into the Pacific, and soon found ourselves amidst the whole of the Pacific Fleet, waiting to get underway with us for Calleo and Valparaso, Chile.

It had been some actual twelve hours underway for making our passage through the canal, and it had taken the first man 46 long days to make the trip. While I had crossed the railroad some time before in something like two or three hours. The railroad is owned and operated by the United States, running from Colon to Panama city.

The next interesting thing I had the pleasure of seeing, was the remains of old Panama City. The Old City was founded in 1519, by Jose Davilason, on the sea shore an ideal place. The present site of Panama city and Balboa is about six miles from the old city. She stands in ruins and only one little modern house stands among the several remains of old Spanish forts, and churches. As I climbed about the crumbling walls of one old building I chanced to see a few of the loop holes, trees grow now in the once court yard, and the little that once linked the Atlantic with the South Sea is no more. Just a link in the chain of time. And as I sat looking far out at sea I wondered how many people (Spaniards) before had

sat there and looked out to sea, how lonely it must have been there four hundred years ago. For now I could hear nothing but an occasional sound of leaves fluttering before a very light sea breeze. I could close my eyes and see the old place as it was. I could even see Pizarro's expedition fitted out and sail out through the little Islands on his way to conquer the Incas. The little settlement had all turned out to bid him God's speed, and were waving him fare 'a well.

But now it was different, the buildings were crumbling, into dust, forsaken by civilization, that owed so much to the little City that had kept communication between the great "South Sea" and the Atlantic. It reminded me so much of an old who had been of vital importance to humanity, during his days of production, but abandoned in his old days, to his own fate. The old walls were alive to me and I was sad. Then again it seemed a kind of a grave yard where some one had just been buried. Cut beyond the little Island at the entrance to the harbor, the Fleet lay at anchor, lazily rolling from starboard to port.

I grew tired rambling among the old ruins and walked back to the car that was to take me to Balboa. As I passed the only building in the vicinity, I chanced to glance in and saw that the Spanish element had not entirely disappeared, for within a Spanish lady sat playing an old guitar, need I say it sounded sweet. But I passed on and rode back to Balboa along a road full of holes, but I saw some very pretty country, nice homes of the American style. Some way I wanted to get away from all the noise of the modern Panama, and think of the oldcity. So I caught a boat back to the ship, and walked the docks the rest of the afternoon. Several days later I took my field glasses up in the mast with me to see if I could see the old remains. I could see them as plain as if I were there almost. After that I always them when ever I felt lonesome.

Trade in Spur—  
Dr. Grace has been quite sick, confined to his room and bed, during the holidays.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the honorable Justice Court, of Precinct No. 3, of Dickens County, Texas on the 17th day of December, 1921, by the Justice of the Peace, in the case of Spur Hardware and Furniture Company versus K. H. Kennedy, No. 500, and to me as Sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales on the 10th day of January 1922, at Spur, in Dickens County Texas, the following described property, to-wit: One brown or black horse, 8 years old branded on left shoulder, 15 hands high; and one blue mare, 3 years old, no brand, but small wire cut on left front leg, mule raised by K. H. Kennedy, levied on as the property of K. H. Kennedy to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$124.90 in favor of Spur Hardware and Furniture company, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this the 19 day of December, A. D. 1921.  
G. L. Barber Sheriff, Dickens County Texas. By D. F. Lavery Deputy

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
County of Dickens.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the honorable Justice Court of Precinct No. 3, of Dickens County, Texas on the 17th day of December, 1921, by the Justice of the Peace, in the case of Spur Hardware and Furniture Company, versus Jesus Muro, No. 475, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the 10th day of January 1922, at Spur, in Dickens County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit: Two sorrel horses branded O L on left thigh, levied on as the property of Jesus Muro, to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$111.85 in favor of Spur Hardware and Furniture Company, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this the 19 day of December, A. D. 1921.  
G. L. Barber, Sheriff, Dickens County Texas. By D. F. Lavery, Deputy.  
Trade in Spur—  
Baby caps, in velvet felts and silks for 50c, at Bryant Link.

**FARM AND RANCH LOANS**

9 Per Cent Interest  
5-7-10 Years

I am better prepared than ever to give you quick service in closing loans.

E. J. COWAN, SPUR, TEXAS

**BETTER TAILORS  
BETTER SERVICE  
REDUCED PRICES:**

Suits Cleaned & Pressed, \$1.50  
Coat Suits cleaned & pressed, 1.50  
Suits & Coat Suits, pressed, 75c  
Trousers, Pressed, 25 cents

THE SPUR TAILOR SHOP  
Phone 18 Ira Sullivan, Prop.

A MONEY MAKER. A safe investment the Kent County Abstract Plant for sale. Address J. B. Jay, Girard Texas 9-3t

**Trade in Spur—**

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this means of expressing our thanks to our friends of Spur and Dickens, and to each one who did a kind deed or spoke a loving word at the funeral and burial of our dear sister Hettie. May you ever let the Father in Heaven be your Comforter.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ragdale, Garfield, Arkansas.

**Trade in Spur—**

**A DOUBLE WEDDING**

Mr. C. A. Mackey and Miss Vera Stephens, Mr. W. A. Stephens and Miss Ruth Cooper were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. Thomason at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stevens. After the wedding a wedding supper was served and was enjoyed by all that were present. There were several presents given.

The Texas Spur joins the many friends in wishing these couples 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

**Prairie Dogs**

FREQUENTLY PRAIRIE DOGS COME TO OUR PROPERTIES FROM ADJOINING LAND AND BEFORE WE CAN LOCATE THEM HAVE STARTED COLONIES.  
IT WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE MUTUAL SERVICE IF NEIGHBORING 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 APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND WE ESPECIALLY URGE OUR NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US IN THE EXTERMINATION OF THESE PESTS WHICH SO MUCH DAMAGE THE CROPS AND RANGES. IF OUR NEIGHBORS WILL COINCIDENTLY KILL THEIR DOGS WE CAN ALL MAKE A COMPLETE BIDDANCE.

**S. M. Swenson And Sons**

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS



## For After-Xmas Buyers — Our Christmas Deposit Plan

A 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 \$

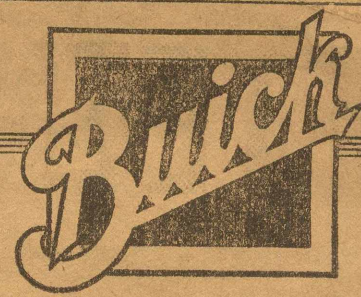
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Many people long to have this marvelous instrument which sustains the test of direct comparison with living artists,—and brings Mood Music, the music which soothes them when nervous, cheers them when sad, refreshes them when tired. But they believe 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Please supply me, free, with a Phonograph Comparison Card—and send me the details of your Christmas Deposit Plan.



## 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	\$1495
22-Six-45	1525
22-Six-46	2135
22-Six-47	2435
22-Six-48	2325
22-Six-49	1735
22-Six-50	2635



Buick Fours	
22-Four-34	\$ 935
22-Four-35	975
22-Four-36	1475
22-Four-37	1650

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 just closing. May the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to each of you.

### THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE

#### \$2,000,000 IS LOANED TO TEXAS FARMERS MONTHLY

Washington.—The Federal Farm Loan Bank of Texas is lending about \$2,000,000 a month to Texas farmers, and the demand for farm loan money is steadily increasing, Judge H. M. Gossett, president of the Texas Farm Loan Bank of Houston, said

here today. He is attending a meeting of the presidents of the banks. The system is loaning \$500,000 a day. The banks will soon issue another \$60,000,000 series of bonds, he said, and much of this will be placed in Texas.  
—Trade in Spur—  
J. A. Kerley, of eight miles east, was here during the week trading.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:  
You are hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period 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 Estate 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 interested 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 nephew, Jimmie T., of Angleton, are here spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. W. Campbell.

### NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE CITY DRUG STORE

We wish to thank our many friends and customers 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. We 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 happy New Year.

Let's Make 1922 Our  
Best Year!

### 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 appreciative and thankful to our many patrons and friends. We are at your service and solicit a continuation of your liberal patronage in 1922.

May the New Year bring you good health,

J. B. Morrison has cord wood to sell at \$3.50 per cord on the ground. Will also deliver wood in town with the price of hauling added. Better prepare now for the cold days sure to come. 6tf

I will keep Fish and Oysters in the old French Ruby building. Oysters, 15c to 25c per dozen; Fish, 20c per pound.—Copeland & Boothe. 4-tf  
—Trade in Spur—

J. P. Goen was in the city Wednesday from his ranch home to the north west of Dickens, greeting his many friends here.

—Trade in Spur—  
Cullen Campbell, of Monday, is here visiting his brother, W. S. Campbell and family.

—Trade in Spur—  
When in town try a red hot chili at the Highway Cafe, Bell Bros. Proprietors. 36tf

# NINETEEN AND TWENTY TWO

## We're on the border turning into the New Year

Indications point to a Greater Prosperity. Many of 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. It 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

We are this week authorized to announce C. W. Barrett as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held in 1922.

C. W. Barrett has been a resident of Dickens county a number of years and is personally known to every voter in the county, and is recognized by every one as a good man, a substantial citizen and one who is ever ready to do the right and help promote community interests.

For the past several years Mr. Barrett has been with Bryant-Link Company. He is a business man of ability and honor. He is familiar with conditions and valuations throughout the country, and competent in every respect to perform the duties of Tax Assessor, and should he be favored with the place tax payers are assured of proper consideration, fair square and equitable assessments, and an able, accurate and prompt

administration of the official duties of the office.

We ask voters in the democratic primaries to give the candidacy of C. W. Barrett a due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot in July.

—Trade in Spur—  
**HARRY PATTON CONSIDERING CANDIDACY FOR WEIGHER**

Harry Patton, who is now cooking for the Flat Top Ranch near Stamford, spent Christmas in Spur with W. E. Fletcher and other friends of Spur. While here quite a number of his friends earnestly solicited him to enter the campaign for public weigher of this precinct. He could not fully make up his mind while here, but will consider the solicitations for a time. Harry Patton is one of the very best men of the country, and no man would make a better public official. However, he said that he would not get in any campaign unless assured of a clean and fair race throughout.

—Trade in Spur—

### RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS FREIGHT RATES BE REDUCED

The following order requiring railroads to make reductions of freight rates on grain and grain products, has been issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas:

"In pursuance of due and legal notice given and of public hearing held in Cause No. 2105 on November 8, 1921, hereby ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas that all railroad companies and receivers operating lines of railway in this State, are hereby ordered and required to establish, on or before December 27, 1921, upon not less than five days' notice to this Commission and to the public, in manner prescribed by law, and thereafter to maintain and apply to the transportation of Grain, Grain Products and Hay, in carloads, between points, locally and jointly, on their lines of railway within the State of Texas, rates which shall not exceed the rates 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 constructed by combining separately established 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 the rates prescribed in the preceding 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 they are respectively made; except where differentials are observed and were subjected to the percentage increases authorized in L. C. C. Docket Ex Parte 74, the differentials shall be reduced proportionately with the rates.

It is further ordered by the Commission that the following rates shall

ed to the next whole cent. Special differential rates on Grain, Grain products and Hay as provided for account of the Pecos Valley Southern Railway Company in Circular No. 5366, issued January 15, 1921, shall not be affected by this order."

—Trade in Spur—  
**FRIENDS ARE AFTER JOE CURRY TO MAKE RACE FOR SHERIFF**

We have heard a number of friends of J. L. Curry are prevailing upon him to enter the campaign for sheriff and tax collector. Joe Curry is a fine man, would make a good peace officer, and should he get in the race all other candidates would know he was running. However, for the present, Mr. Curry is saying nothing but "sawing wood."

—Trade in Spur—  
Billy Bryant and wife spent Christmas with relatives at Stamford.

### P. E. HAGINS FOR RE-ELECTION AS COMMISSIONER

We are this week authorized to announce P. E. Hagins as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner from Precinct Number 3, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary elections in 1922.

P. E. Hagins is now serving his first term as commissioner from this precinct, and in every instance his official activities have been progressive and at the same time conservative. The office of county commissioner is the most important office in the county, and during the one term of service Mr. Hagins has demonstrated that he is a safe man in the place.

We ask voters in the democratic primaries to give due consideration to the candidacy of P. E. Hagins for re-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. Throughout the year 1922 we will be prepared to serve you in every best manner possible and to accommodate

### 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 meats and first class service.