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SPECIAL POULTRY TRAIN AND SCHOOL IN SPUR FEBRUARY 9

Every farmer and citizen in this whole trade territory should begin now to make arrangements to attend the poultry exhibit and school to be had in Spur February 9th.

The Fort Worth & Denver Railroad is putting on this special train, which is now on the road exhibiting at the various points on their line of railways. This poultry special is operated in cooperation with the Extension Service of the A. & M. College, having the car specially prepared and equipped for the poultry exhibit of high egg record hens, all kinds of equipment for the care and raising of poultry, appliances, etc.

The sole object of the poultry special is to stimulate and encourage more interest in poultry raising and egg production. M. B. Oats, agriculturalist for the Denver road, will discuss the business side of poultry keeping; and specialists of the A. & M. will give instructions in the business of hatching and raising chickens, selecting laying hens and methods of feeding for eggs.

Aside from the instructions to be had in raising chickens, feeding and better egg production, experts will judge the eggs and chickens brought in by farmers of the country, and prizes will be given for the best eggs as well as chickens shown by people from the surrounding country.

A list of the premiums to be offered for the best chickens and eggs of the country will be published next week in the Texas Spur. In the meantime all should begin now to select their showings of eggs and chickens for this occasion.

On the special car will be an incubator, brooder and poultry supplies of the best type. A demonstration in vaccinating for sore-head or chicken pox will be given. Feed samples showing proper rations will be on display, and illustrations of every breed of chickens, including ducks, geese and turkeys will be shown. A model 13 acre poultry farm will be on display. Pens of bred to lay pullets of different strains will be shown and many other interesting features will be had on the train.

Some of the practical lessons to be learned from this "poultry school" are "The scrub chicken as a money loser," "Egg production as an individual characteristic," "It is possible to feed eggs out of a chicken, but impossible to feed eggs into a chicken," "Farm poultry keeping as a money making proposition," "It pays to have proper equipment," "Infertile eggs keep better than fertile eggs," "Poultry vermin easily controlled," "Hens can be made to lay in winter as well as in summer," "Early hatching pays."

This poultry exhibit and school will be of material interest and benefit to every individual. We suggest that the various schools of the country dismiss for the day and provide cars for pupils to come to Spur February 9th. School pupils will get more practical, beneficial knowledge here than one day than could be had from books in a whole school term.

Trade in Spur— B. F. CRUMP DEAD.

It is with sorrow that we are again called upon to chronicle the death of a pioneer of West Texas. B. F. Crump died Monday morning, January 23rd, at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Aston, a few miles north of Spur, his remains being interred Tuesday in the Spur cemetery.

B. F. Crump had been in failing health for several years. Last year he was forced to retire from active farming life, purchasing a home in Crosbyton where he was making his home at the time of death. He was a good citizen, a true Westerner, loyal to friends, country and home. He did a liberal share in the development progress of the West, and in furthering the advancement of the world gave one son in the world war. A golden crown in the Great Beyond awaits such men as B. F. Crump.

POULTRY, DAIRY AND LIVE STOCK MEETING IN SPUR 31ST

In order to promote the further development and expansion of the poultry, dairy and livestock industry in West Texas, and the Spur country in particular, a special meeting of farmers and business men will be held in Spur Tuesday, January 31st, at 10:30 a. m.

The following experts will deliver addresses:

C. C. French, of the Fort Worth Stock Yards, on the livestock industry.

J. W. Ridgeway, of Nissley Creameries Company, on dairying.

Miss R. L. Murray, of A. & M. College, on poultry.

B. M. Whitaker, exhibit manager for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

A large attendance is expected from the surrounding country, and those interested and concerned in the subjects to be discussed.

Trade in Spur— ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE IN WHICH TO PAY POLL TAXES

This is election year. Officers from President down to Public Weigher are to be elected. The law has not been changed which requires voters to have poll tax receipts issued before the first day of February in order to vote in any election held during the year.

The elections this year will be of more than usual interest. In fact our count campaign will be the warmest we have had in years. Pay that poll tax today.

Trade in Spur— DICKENS ODD FELLOWS HAVE SUPPER AT DICKENS HOTEL

A very pleasant and enjoyable occasion was a fraternal supper had at the Dickens Hotel Saturday night by the Odd Fellows of the Dickens Lodge. Quite a number were present, a sumptuous supper was served and every one enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent.

Trade in Spur— J. P. MIDDLETON PLAYS DETECTIVE AND TRACKS TURKEYS

J. P. Middleton, of Dickens, has developed into a first-class and successful detective, since he followed up the thieves and recovered four or five of his fine turkeys stolen from him several weeks ago. The trail had become somewhat cold, but Mr. Middleton followed the tracks to near Lubbock and brought back to his place the missing turkeys.

Several weeks ago parties supposed to be "movers" stopped at his place to get water. The next day he saw where some one had pulled up fence posts from around his farm, also noticing some turkey feathers scattered about. Ten days or two weeks later he missed his bunch of fine turkeys. He connected the two incidents, got in his car and started on the trail of the "movers." He followed them to Lubbock and found his movers in jail charged with the thefts of many and varied articles. The turkey theft was readily admitted from a farm several miles out.

It is said that the parties had purchased a tract of land, and in making improvements thievery was employed altogether. Lumber for the construction of a house was stolen, wire for fencing, feed, cattle, hogs, and everything on the farm being stolen. The parties were supposed to be well fixed, and moving from "back East." They would leave home with several wagons, going supposedly back East after more of their property, but instead drive through the country stealing what they wanted. The various articles stolen, including feed, etc., was pointed out to owners by one of the boys whom the farm owner had employed to help do the stealing, and it is said that the boy remembered just what and how much he got at the various places, and pointed them out for owners. When an owner claimed more than was stolen the boy would not hesitate to correct them.

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION TWO WEEKS AT DICKENS

County Court has been in session the past two weeks in Dickens, with Judge McLaughlin presiding and Attorney Worswick prosecuting.

The proceedings have required the attendance of many citizens from all parts of the county, and much interest on the side has been in evidence.

The following cases have been disposed of during the two weeks:

State of Texas vs F. G. Shaw, aggravated assault, plead guilty and fined by the court, \$5 and costs.

State of Texas vs L. D. Shepard, gaming, dismissed.

State of Texas vs F. M. Allen, swindling, dismissed.

State of Texas vs Walter Moore, aggravated assault, dismissed.

State of Texas vs C. R. Foreman, swindling, continued.

State of Texas vs Geo. B. Smith, swindling, continued.

State of Texas vs Shorty Hairgrove, gaming, continued.

State of Texas vs J. L. Wolf, gaming, continued.

State of Texas vs C. R. Foreman, swindling, continued.

Tuesday January 17th.

State of Texas vs Ed Harvey, unlawfully carrying arms, acquitted.

State of Texas vs Chas. Davis, procuring a female for immoral purposes with other male persons, fined \$50.00, all costs and 60 days in jail.

W. G. Mayfield vs J. F. Hatcher, suit for debt, continued.

C. T. Story vs C. Gollihar, suit for debt, continued.

Riter Hardware Co. vs Robt. Nickels, suit for debt, continued.

Monday January 23rd.

State of Texas vs L. N. Stephens, aggravated assault, dismissed.

State of Texas vs Lloyd Barber, unlawfully carrying arms, dismissed.

State of Texas vs Theodore Hunter, unlawfully procuring money, acquitted.

State of Texas vs B. B. Brown, unlawfully procuring money, dismissed.

Tuesday January 24th.

State of Texas vs J. C. Echols, embezzlement, acquitted.

T. W. Morgan vs M. A. Pace, continued.

State of Texas vs Arnold Copeland, resisting an officer, set for trial Monday January 30th., (third week)

Trade in Spur— A TOTAL OF 1250 POLL TAXES PAID IN COUNTY UP TO DATE

Up to Thursday night of this week there had been a total 1250 poll tax receipts issued by Tax Collector Barber. If every man and woman entitled to pay a poll tax in the county would pay, there would be at least 2500 voters qualified for the privilege of voting in the elections of the year 1922.

The payments of poll taxes to this date by boxes is as follows:

Dickens,	88
Liberty,	63
Afton,	209
Dry Lake,	88
Red Mud,	22
Duck Creek,	71
Wichita,	26
Dumont,	19
Croton,	42
Spur,	407
McAdoo,	74
Highway,	26
Duncan Flat,	49
Supplementary,	66
Total,	1250

In order to vote in any election during the year 1922, poll taxes must be paid not later than January 31st.

Trade in Spur— DICKENS LOSES IN DISTRICT BASKET BALL CONTEST

In the district contest of county champion basket ball players had last Friday at Crosbyton, the Dickens team lost to Old Emma team by a score of 12 to 55.

The Dickens team won the Dickens county championship, thus being in line for the district championship, the first game of the district contest being played Friday at Crosbyton.

JUDGE WOHLFORD CONSIDERING THE LEGISLATIVE RACE

Judge Wohlford, of Jayton, has been in attendance upon county court at Dickens this and the past week. In conversation with him the other day, he stated that his friends in Kent county had been soliciting him to make the race for representative of this district in the next legislature, and that he is seriously considering the proposition. While the county of Kent has heretofore had the honor and distinction of furnishing a representative in the legislature, it is now again, by rights of district sections, for this part of the district to furnish a representative. And since Dickens county apparently will pass up the opportunity of furnishing a candidate, and since Judge Wohlford is a Dickens county man as well as a Kent county man, we see no reason why we can not join in with Kent county in helping to elect Judge Wohlford to the place in the coming election.

Trade in Spur— SPECIAL ARTICLES DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF FARMERS

The Texas Spur has arranged for a series of three articles written by Bernard Baruch, dealing with the problems of most importance to the country in general and farmers in particular. Bernard Baruch is an authority on financial problems and matters discussed in the articles to appear in this paper. We want every reader to read and study these articles, the first of which appears on another page of this issue.

Trade in Spur— COUNTY AGENT RETURNS WITH CAR LOAD OF JERSEY HEIFERS

County Agent Johnston returned Wednesday night with a car load of Jersey heifers for the Spur National Bank. These Jerseys were selected by Mr. Johnston from a large herd, and are fine grade milk stock. The bank, we understand, will sell them in the country at actual cost, in an effort to get better milk stock in the country.

The day of scrub stock is passing, and those who fail to keep in the procession will be the losers.

AUCTION SALE OF REGISTERED HEREFORDS BY WHITENER

The auction sale of registered Hereford cattle held in Spur Monday was largely attended, notwithstanding the cold and uninviting weather. Bidders and purchasers were here from not only every section of Dickens but adjoining counties.

The following sales were made:

To J. A. Jackson, Afton, Don Espuela 2 by Prince Rupert 43, price \$*87; Don Espuela 8, by Prince Rupert 43, for \$157.

To L. V. Goodrich, Jayton, Don Espuela 7 by Prince Rupert 43, for \$176; Don Espuela 14 by Prince Rupert 43, for \$79.

T. W. L. Thanisch and sons, Dickens, Don Espuela 9 by Prince Rupert 43, for \$92.

To W. H. Taylor, Spur, Don Espuela 3 by Prince Rupert 43, for \$92.

To John Sampson, Spur, Don Espuela 5 by Majestic Ruler, for \$92.

To Dr. Blackwell, Dickens, Don Espuela 13 by Prince Rupert 43, for \$50.

To J. E. Sanders, Spur, Don Espuela 12 by Prince Rupert 43, for \$53.

T. W. L. Thanisch and sons, Dickens, Beautrix (cow) and Roberta, (cow) for \$61 each.

To Dr. Blackwell, Dickens, Donna Espuela 8, 7, 6, 3, 2, 12, and 9, heifer yearlings by Prince Rupert 43 and Majestic Ruler, for \$350. Also Donna Espuela 22, 20, 19, 15, 14, and 16 heifer calves by Prince Rupert 43, for \$210.

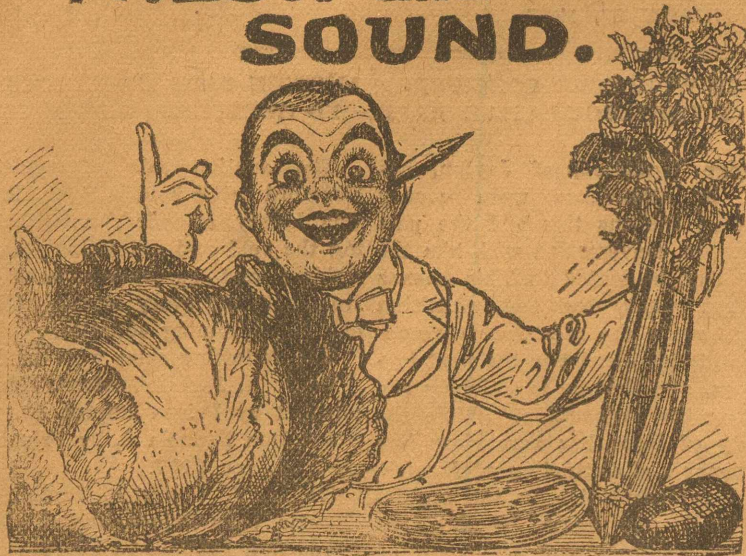
We believe this was the best herd of cattle, and the cheapest, ever sold in this part of the state. Every animal sold was a thoroughbred, registered hereford. This sale portends the raising of finer cattle in this section.

Trade in Spur— COLD WEATHER AND SOME MOISTURE DURING THE WEEK

During the week cold weather, accompanied by some moisture, has prevailed in this section. Sleet, snow and some rain fell—just enough here to moisten the top of the ground, but in other sections of the country giving a better season.

Clouds still threaten, and we expect a good, seasonable rain before it clears up.

Our Vegetables
are always
FRESH and
SOUND.



Buy the Fresh Vegetables you need at our store. They will add flavor to your dinner. How about package goods? They are just the things to have in the house. If company comes you always have something dainty to serve. While in our store look around and get acquainted with the splendid line of groceries we sell. It will save you time to order canned goods by the case.

Otho L. Hale

FRESH GROCERIES

LOWEST PRICES

Joe Gaines and family recently moved to Wichita Falls where Mr. Gaines will engage in business. He very much desired to engage in business in Spur, but gave up the idea because he was not able to rent a house to live in and did not have the surplus cash with which to build a home and establish a business at the same time. We are again reminded that for lack of desirable rent houses Spur is losing good citizens.

Ed Johnson returned the first of the week from Hubbard City where he attended court. He made the trip in his car, returning by the way of Corsicana, Dallas and Fort Worth. In driving into Fort Worth he narrowly escaped being robbed. People from West Texas naturally look prosperous, and of course naturally invite the attention of highwaymen and hi-jackers—but West Texas people also know how to take care of themselves, and when hi-jackers put anything by one from this section he is entitled to distinction.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell are in Saint Louis, Chicago and other markets buying spring goods for Love Dry Goods Company. They will probably spend two or three weeks in the markets and visiting in the North and East.

Brl Hight and family, of Haskell, are in Spur this week, visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

H. A. Boothe returned the first of this week from the Pecos country where he had been to see about his oil well and lease holdings in that territory. He failed to find his oil well and located his valuable lease some sixty odd miles from production. This oil game is one of the most disappointing, and yet at the same time the most enticing games imaginable. In the beginning of the oil boom and speculation we read only the oil section of the daily paper and our idle moments were given to dreams of the day when we would see thousand barrel gushers flowing liquid gold into our coffers. It required some time to convince us that these were only dreams, but now we have settled down to work again with the conviction that we must earn our bread by the sweat of the brow, and our leisure times are now given more to reading Je ffand Mutt than to the oil section.

John Randall was in town Saturday from the Steel Hill country, reporting everything moving along fine at this time, and everybody preparing for a big crop year.

A. C. Huckabee, of the plains section of country near McAdoo, was in town Wednesday of this week. He reports everything all o. k. on the plains, but lacking a little moisture to revive the spirits of those not used to the ways of West Texas.

C. Hogan returned this week from the Saint Louis markets where he purchased new goods with which to replenish the Sol Davis Estate stock which he recently purchased. The business is now open and doing business under the name of C. Hogan. Mr. Hogan stated that the dry goods market had changed greatly from the war price days, and that now goods and prices were more in accord with pre-war days.

Boney Fields, who is now in the gents furnishing business at Portales New Mexico, is here this week on business and greeting his many friends and acquaintances of this country.

CHURCH NOTICE.
The Rev. Mr. Steadman will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, January 29th. The public is invited.

STRAYED—Brown mare, mule, 4 1-2 hands high, branded J (bar underneath) on left jaw. \$5 reward for information leading to recovery.
—W. E. Fletcher, Spur, Texas.

ACALA COTTON SEED
I have about 150 bushels of Acala cotton seed, at my place 3 miles south of Afton. This cotton is five lock big bolls, matures as early as Mebane, is long staple, easily picked and sells considerably above the common run of cotton. Orders left with me at Miller Lumber Yard, or mailed me at Afton, will be filled while seed last at \$1 per bushel. Can deliver seed to Spur. Why not plant good seed?—J. V. McCormick

For Sale—At reduced prices Service Boar, Bred Gilts and fall pigs, also come and see "SENSATION TYPE 2nd" the boar that won the Grand Champion at six months old. Leonard Middleton Afton Tex. 11-4t

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.

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING
All parties are hereby notified that hunting and trespassing of any character is absolutely forbidden in my pastures.—J. B. Morrison. 9 tf

We have fresh barbecue cooked every day.—Central Market.

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

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 January, A. D. 1922, by the Justice of the Peace in and for said Precinct in the cause of J. E. Morris and P. C. Nichols versus J. R. Young, No. 504, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, A. D. 1922, at Spur, in Dickens County, Texas, the following described personal property, to-wit: One dun mare, 8 years old, 16 hands high: One red cow, 4 years old, and her steer calf: One hammock seat Oliver cultivator: levied on as the property of J. R. Young undersaid judgment foreclosing a chattel mortgage lien on said property, to satisfy a judgment amounting to One Hundred Seventy Seven and 28-100 (\$177.28) Dollars, and costs of suit, in favor of said J. E. Morris and P. C. Nichols.

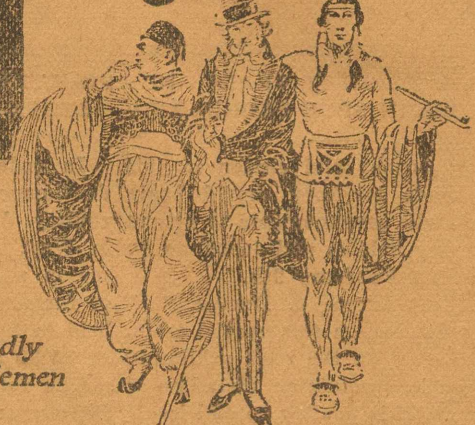
Given under my hand this 17th day of January, A. D. 1922.
G. L. BARBER, Sheriff,
Dickens County, Texas.
By E. F. LAVERTY, Deputy.

We will sell no more wood, and all hauling from Pitchfork enclosure is prohibited.—Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co., by W. H. Bryant. 47-3mp

FOR SALE—One 6A Hoeman Press, slightly used, good as new, price \$400. Write for particulars.—T. R. Putnam, Lueders, Texas. 132t

FOR SALE—New Western Hotel with all furniture and fixtures. For further information write owner, Mrs. Jas. Mahon, 5902 Tremont St., Dallas, Texas. 13-tf

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I wish to thank each and every one of you for your past patronage and favors while with Sol Davis and "Davis Est." and will be glad to have your continued patronage with C. Hogan, Successor to Davis Est.—C. R. Edwards.

A. J. Thomas, who has been spending several months at Dennis, visiting with relatives, returned the past week and is again at his post of duty at the Spur Inn.

Harry Reinauer, of Abilene, traveling salesman for a Dallas paper supply house, was in Spur the past week, seeing the trade here.

Rev. W. B. Bennett was greeting friends on the streets the first of the week.

S. H. Twaddell, of the Soldier Mound community, was on the street one day this week, meeting with his friends.

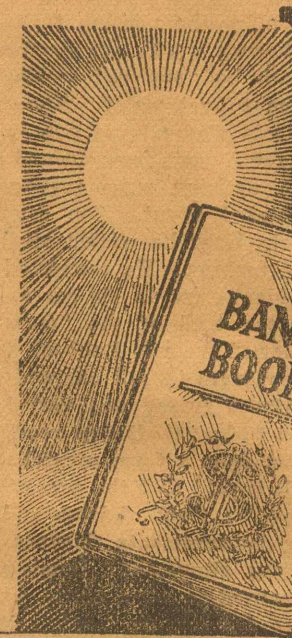
D. G. Simmons, of Duck Creek, was on the streets one day during the week.

A girl baby was born January 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Olen C. Arthur at their home in Dickens.

J. Anderson Davis was greeting friends on the streets of Spur last Saturday.

S. R. Bowman, of north of Spur, was here Wednesday transacting business.

A ballad of boydays and joydays, at the Gem, Friday and Saturday.



It's a
Cold World
but a
BANK BOOK
is a
Warm
Friend
and a
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EVERY MAN SHOULD REALIZE THAT HE IS HIS OWN BEST FRIEND. HE WILL HAVE OTHER FRIENDS BUT THEY ARE BUSY LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES, AND HE MUST DO THE SAME. THE WAY TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND IS TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT AND REGULARLY DEPOSIT A PART OF WHAT YOU EARN. THEN YOU CAN TAKE LIFE EASY AND BE ASSURED OF A COMFORTABLE OLD AGE. COME IN TODAY. WE WILL WELCOME YOU.

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The Old Home Poem—told without a word.—at the Gem Friday and Saturday.

—Trade in Spur—

J. R. Karr, of Espuela, dropped in at the Texas Spur office Monday of this week and had his name enrolled for the Texas Spur and Dallas News for the year. Mr. Karr came out to this country at the beginning of Spur and purchased a farm home, but did not move out until later. We are glad at this late date to place Mr. Karr on our list of readers. We want this paper to go to every home in this country.

—Trade in Spur—

Leonard Middleton, was here last Monday from Afton, attending the auction sale of herefords by Chas. Whitener. Leonard Middleton is in the hog raising business, raising some of the finest thoroughbred hogs in all of Western Texas. In fact he has at the head of his pens, champions of both Texas and Oklahoma exhibits. Dickens county is taking the lead not only in good roads, but in producing the finest cattle and hogs.

—Trade in Spur—

Witt Springer came down Monday from Matador, spending Monday and Tuesday here meeting with his friends and looking after business interests. Witt is manager of the Red Front Drug Store branch business at Matador, and reports business comparatively good considering the season of the year.

—Trade in Spur—

W. W. Waldrup was here Monday from Dickens, helping to swell the crowds in attendance upon the auction sale of registered herefords by Chas. Whitener.

T. B. Sallenberger returned Monday from Waco where he had gone to attend the funeral of his father who died January 14th at his home near Waco. His father died on the fifty second wedding anniversary, and had been a resident of Waco for thirty odd years. A large attendance at the funeral service attested the high esteem in which he was held, and his death is mourned by many friends and old settlers of that section.

—Trade in Spur—

D. A. Justice, of Grandview, was here the past week visiting his cousin, W. P. Marshall and family of the Duck Creek community. This was the first time in the past thirty five years that Will Marshall and his cousin had met, having been intimately associated in their younger days. Mr. Justice stated that he liked this country, and it is just possible that at a later date he may decide to buy a home and locate in the great West.

—Trade in Spur—

Joe Lambert was down Monday from the McAdoo country, to pay his taxes and hob-nob with the people. Joe says he already has a considerable acreage of his farm land now prepared for the planting season and is very optimistic of a bumper crop this year, regardless of the continued dry weather at this season.

—Trade in Spur—

D. Y. Twaddell dropped in Wednesday and had his name enrolled for Texas Spur. Regardless of a supposedly dull season, the list of Texas Spur readers continues to grow, we having added no less than a dozen new names to the list during the past week.

Taste is a matter of tobacco quality

We state it as our honest belief that the tobaccos used in Chesterfield are of finer quality (and hence of better taste) than in any other cigarette at the price.

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"They Satisfy"

T. S. Lambert passed through the city Monday in a big hurry, on his way to the county capitol to confer with Tax Collector Barber and pay for the privilege of living in the best and most progressive section of country in America.

—Trade in Spur—

We all recognize the Spur country as one of the best sections not only of Texas but of the whole United States—but along about tax paying a time many of us are disposed to the conclusion that it really costs something to be so recognized.

—Trade in Spur—

Mrs. R. D. Baughman reports her children suffering at this time with the age old disease—chicken pox.

H. J. Parks was circulating with the crowds in town Monday, pushing his candidacy for the sheriff's office. Mr. Parks is campaigning with great assurance in this race this year, and feels confident of more favorable consideration on the part of voters in this election.

—Trade in Spur—

Dr. Blackwell was over Monday from Dickens, to attend the auction sale of herefords, bidding in quite a number for the purpose of improving his stock cattle which are already considered good.

—Trade in Spur—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rape, of the Steel Hill community, were in the city Monday shopping.

We never go to Dickens and come back empty handed. While in that city Monday Jeff D. Harkey handed us a check for three dollars to show up his subscription, and which we are doing with pleasure.

—Trade in Spur—

W. J. Clark braved the weather Monday and came to Spur to attend the auction sale of registered hereford cattle by Chas. Whitener.

—Trade in Spur—

W. J. Hunter was among the many who was called upon to attend the county court in session this and the past week at Dickens.

—Trade in Spur—

The sun ray on the swimmin' hole is Ray.—Gem, Friday and Saturday.

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SPUR RACKET STORE

J. P. WILKES, Prop.

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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 BENEFIT 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 RIDDANCE.

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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
J. L. CURRY

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

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

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

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3:
J. W. CARLISLE (Re-election)
G. W. RASH
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RENEWING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE TEXAS SPUR NOW

Among those who have paid up their subscriptions during the past week or two, and renewed for another year, are the following:

W. L. Pullen, McAdoo; C. A. Jones of Soaring Springs; M. K. Lawson, Afton; Ira Slayden, Dickens; J. A. Legg, Dickens; Jeff D. Harkey, Dickens; Chalk Brown, A. J. Thomas, W. C. Messer, H. E. Grabener, N. A. Hinson, W. L. Gragson, S. W. Rather, J. J. Thompson, R. B. Johnston, J. L. Puckett, F. E. Walker, Fred Hisey, Wood Williams, W. A. Craddock, J. T. McCulloch, I. G. VanLeer, A. B. Morgan, Jno. D. Hufstetler, J. W. Carlisle, A. J. Alcorn, Joe Lambert, all of Spur; T. A. O'Reilly, Coalinga, California; E. R. Rorie, Turkey, Texas; E. H. Wendell, New Amsterdam, New York.

We appreciate these renewals to the full extent, and if every reader of this paper knew just how much money we need and have to have to meet our obligations, and how near the "red" we are in comparison, we believe each one would exert himself to raise us a dollar and fifty cents—and if several hundred would do it we could pull out on top and pay our taxes at the same time.

MRS. J. H. SPARKS DEAD.

Friday, January 20th, Mrs. J. H. Sparks died at her home west of Spur, the remains being interred Saturday in the Old Tap cemetery.

The death of Mrs. Sparks marks the passing of another pioneer of this Western country. She came to the Spur country in 1892, and her whole life was spent on the frontier of Texas.

No better women ever lived than those of the Texas frontier. They did a great service to the country, and we know a rich reward awaits them in the Great Beyond.

Trade in Spur—

Hot elections this year. Have you paid your poll tax?

THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE

By James Whitcomb Riley.

Oh! the old swimmin'-hole! Whar's the cricket so still and deep
Looked like a baby river that was laying half asleep,
And the gurgle of the worter round the drift jest below
Sounded like the laugh of something we onc't ust to know
Before we could remember anything but the eyes
Of the Angels lookin' out as we left Paradise;
But the merry days of youth is beyond our control,
And it's hard to part ferever with the old swimmin'-hole.
Oh! the old swimmin'-hole! In the happy days of yore,
When I ust to lean above it on the old sickamore.
Oh! It showed me a face in its warm sunny tide
That gazed back at me so gay and glorified,
It made me love myself, as I leaped to caress
My shadder smilin' up at me with sich tenderness.
But them days is past and gone, and old Time's tuck his toll
From the old man come back to the old swimmin'-hole.
Oh! the old swimmin'-hole! In the long, lazy days
When the hum-drum of school made so many run-a-ways,
How pleasant was the journey down the old dusty lane,
Whare the tracks of our bare feet was all printed so plain
You can tell by the dent of the heel and the sole
They was lots o' fun on hands at the old swimmin'-hole.
But the lost joys is past! Let your tears in sorrow roll
Like the rain that ust to dapple up the old swimmin'-hole.
Thare the bullrushes growed, and the cattails so tall,
And the sunshine and shadder fell over it all;
And it mottled the worter with amber and gold
Tel the glad lilies rocked in the ripples that rolled;
And the snake-feeder's four gauzy wings fluttered by
Like the ghost of a daisy dropped out of the sky,
Or a wounded apple-blossom in the breeze's control,
As it cut acrost some orchurd to'rds the old swimmin'-hole.
Oh! the old swimmin'-hole! When I last saw the place
The scenes was all changed, like the change in my face;
The bridge of the railroad now crosses the spot
Whare the old divin'-log lays sunk and fergot.
And I stray down the banks whare the trees ust to be—
But never again will they shade shelter me!
And I wish in my sorrow I could strip to the soul,
And dive off in my grave like the old swimmin'-hole.
See it at the GEM Friday and Saturday, with Chas Ray—
Trade in Spur—

We received a letter from E. R. Rories, of Turkey, this week, enclosing a check for another year's subscription. Ned Bowers, who is also on the Turkey ranch, added a postscript to the letter, making special inquiry of certain conditions here. We assure Ned and "Shorty" that the Spur country keeps in the procession along all lines, and we are always glad to share and enjoy with our friends the choicest products of our territory.


Trade in Spur—


There are many who are overlooking the library opportunities offered in the Delphian library which has been established in Spur. For a small fee you are given the privilege of reading a considerable selection of good books. By paying this membership fee you add to the library volumes and equipment. Every individual should become a library member, help build up a library of which the town may be proud.


Trade in Spur—

J. E. Johnson is building an addition to his farm house and making other improvements on the place, four miles west of Spur. W. O. McCreary is moving on the place and will make a crop this year, this being his first venture in the farming business in this section. We hope he makes a bale of cotton to the acre—but if he does a good ginner will be ruined.

Which pleasures do you want from YOUR phonograph?

if  Broadway Hits

if  Greatest Artists

if  Music's Benefits

The NEW EDISON

THE New Edison will put *your home* 9 to 90 days ahead with the songs and dances. For Edison is **FIRST** with Broadway hits.

The New Edison will bring *your home* the greatest vocal and instrumental performances, enjoyed in American homes today. For only the New Edison gives an artist's performance without adding something, without subtracting anything. Only the New Edison sustains the test of direct comparison, with living artists.

The New Edison will enable your home to utilize music's power to soothe you when nervous, cheer you when depressed, refresh you when fatigued. For it brings all of music's benefits.

Come in. Hear for yourself, how much more of the pleasures in music you'll enjoy, if you have a New Edison.

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

NEW READERS OF TEXAS SPUR ARE BEING ENROLLED WEEKLY

During these days of so-called depression, it is very gratifying and encouraging to us to place new names on the list of Texas Spur readers. We have recently added the following to our subscription list:

D. Y. Twaddell, G. M. Cox, L. V. Basham, J. H. Reed, J. T. Carlisle, J. E. Johnson, R. D. Baughman, J. R. Karr, of Spur; R. M. Pinion, of Gunter; Mrs. Ursula Hindman of Lynville, Tennessee; M. T. Council of Lubbock; Jack Stringer, Lubbock; Mrs. I. P. Walker of Winkler; Lee Taylor, Quay, N. M.; E. Kutch, Tres Pedras, N. M.; Mary Ella Forrest, Slaton; Mrs. McClanahan, Dallas; J. H. Henson, Lockney; Claud Ferguson, Wichita Falls; A. M. Flinn, Gilpin; Jas. L. Wohlford, Jayton.

Trade in Spur—

MARRIED.

Troy Edwards and Miss Dovie Mae Gaines, of Dickens, were married Friday, January 13th, at Dickens.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, wishing them smooth sailing over the matrimonial seas, and a long, happy, prosperous life together.

Trade in Spur—

Hot elections this year. Have you paid your poll tax?

S. M. MILLER HAS LEASED THE BAKERY TO McCOMBS-FRANKLIN

S. M. Miller has leased his bakery and business to Roscoe McCombs and Kas Franklin who are now conducting the business and baking the finest bread and cookies in West Texas. Home people should give home institutions their support, and we bespeak for Messrs. McCombs and Franklin the undivided patronage of this section in the bakery line.

Trade in Spur—

Paay your poll tax before the 1st. If you don't you will be deprived of a vote in the election of officers this year.

Trade in Spur—

W. P. Simpson has been quite sick the past week, suffering of an attack of appendicitis. He is now able to be up again.

Trade in Spur—

Mace Hunter was in town Tuesday of this week. In driving along the highway during the week we note that Mace is turning the soil and getting ready for the planting season.

Trade in Spur—

Mrs. J. H. Busby has started a kindergarten school at her home in the city, having quite a number of pupils enrolled.

Trade in Spur—

Hot elections this year. Have you paid your poll tax?

W. P. T. SMITH, OF DRY LAKE, WAS IN THURSDAY AND GAVE US A CHECK FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF THE TEXAS SPUR.

Mr. Smith is one of our charter readers and remembers us yearly in like manner.

Trade in Spur—

C. C. Cornelius was in Spur Tuesday from his ranch home over in Kent county.

Trade in Spur—

Luther Jones was in Spur Monday from his ranch over near Clairemont in Kent county.

Trade in Spur—

Get back into baggy breeches and come to the Old Swimmin' Hole—Gem, Friday and Saturday.

Trade in Spur—

Pay that poll tax today—

BAD BUSINESS

A great many people were looking forward to a period of business depression immediately succeeding the holidays, this year, and from all accounts, they were not disappointed. In anticipation of "dull times," many of the business men cut down their sales forces and other expenditures wherever possible, thereby taking the surest method of fulfilling their own prognostications.

When wage earners are thrown out of employment, immediately the buying power is cut off and every merchant in town has just that many less possible customers. It also reacts upon those who retain their positions since, very often, they must divide their earnings with the less fortunate workers and in consequence are not able to spend their money as they would like.

It is not at all unusual for business to be quiet for a week or two after Christmas. Most everybody spends just a little more than they had expected to, during the holiday season and they become painfully economical for a week or two, as a sort of self-inflicted penance. However, it does not usually last long and by the middle of January, business has picked up again so far as they are concerned—providing they have not lost their jobs.

The fact that taxes must be paid in January, also causes the business man and householder to feel a sudden need for economy. Whether taxes are high or low, they are almost universally regarded as little less than "highway robbery" and are paid with about the same spirit that one gives up his valuables to a "hi-jacker." Whereas we readily spend many times the amount of our taxes for things we contribute to our personal pleasure or the happiness of our families, we seldom consider that what we pay our Government in this way is returned to us many fold in the blessings we enjoy under the Stars and Stripes.

Perhaps business is bad but it surely is bad business to make it so. It was very good in most lines, before the holidays, and would have returned to normal promptly after the effects of the annual saturnalia of spending had worn off, if the business men had waited a while before reducing their forces. Of course, a great many extra helpers are hired during the holiday season and they, naturally, do not expect to retain their positions after the rush is over, but the regular assistants might have been kept a few weeks, even though there was not a great deal for them to do.

In the last analysis, the merchants themselves started the "dull times" bugaboo on his rounds. The hired helpers took it up and passed it on to those who were still employed. They in turn, passed it back to the business man by cutting down their purchases and the men are tightening up the circle by still further curtailing their expenditures.

"Hard times" is a state of mind. There is money enough in any of our Plains communities, if it is kept in circulation. If those who can pay their debts will do so, instead of pinching the nickles until the buffalo bellows in anticipation of approaching "hard times," their creditors would be able to pay their obligations and things would loosen up all along the line.

There is no good reason why times should be really hard just now. Somewhat dull, as a natural reaction but there seems every indication of renewed hopefulness in the financial situation and everybody seems to feel the worst is over.—South West Plainsman.

—Trade in Spur—

Roy Cross, of Sweetwater, was in Spur the first of the week, greeting his friends here.

—Trade in Spur—

J. F. Speer came over last week from Dickens and spent a short time here meeting with friends.

—Trade in Spur—

L. V. Goodrich, of Jayton, was here Monday to attend the auction sale of herefords.

—Trade in Spur—

Clyde Davis was in the city Wednesday, trading and meeting with friends.

—Trade in Spur—

W. L. McAteer is daily pushing his candidacy for tax assessor.

—Trade in Spur—

A. V. Womack, of McAdoo, was in Spur recently.

—Trade in Spur—

Pay that poll tax today.

Gem Theatre

(ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW)

FRIDAY & SAT. JAN. 27-28:
CHAS. RAY
in
"THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE"
Don't Miss This—Its Great!

MONDAY, JAN. 30:
OLIVE TELL
in
"LOVE WITHOUT QUESTION"
A 5-Reel Feature
and
"LEAP YEAR"
A Screamingly Funny 'Hankman
Comedy in 2 Reels.
OUR MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM
CAN'T BE BEAT—TRY IT—

TUESDAY, JAN. 31:
MAY MARSH
in
"NOBODY'S KID"
Some Picture—Nuf Sed!
and
10 Episode of
"WINNERS OF THE WEST"

THURSDAY, FEB. 2:
EDITH STERLING
in
"THE DAUGHTER OF THE WEST"
A Western Feature
If You Like a Regular Thriller With
Lots of Action—See This—

FRIDAY & SAT., FEB. 3-4:
"NOMADS OF THE NORTH"
Another of Our Big Special Features
A Wonderful Picture, Indescribly
Beautiful. Well Worth a Dollar.
If You Miss This Picture You Will
Always Regret It!

and
SNUB POLLARD
COMEDY.

—Trade in Spur—

T. A. Johnson and family have moved into their new residence just completed in the east part of Spur. This is one of the finest, most modern and handsome residence buildings in the town and country.

—Trade in Spur—

W. E. Duke, of Watson, was here the past week.

—Trade in Spur—

Pay that poll tax today.

A. B. Nichols was up this week from Peacock, spending a short time in Spur with his family. Mr. Nichols is with the Miller lumber yard at Peacock, and reports considerable building now in progress in that part of the country.

—Trade in Spur—

R. A. Brown, of McAdoo, was in Spur recently on business.

—Trade in Spur—

B. G. Ford was in Spur Monday from Draper.

This week will start some new goods from our recent market trip

OUR MR. AND MRS. ROY RUSSELL ARE NOW IN SAINT LOUIS AND REPORT PLENTY OF RAIN AND SNOW, AND AS USUAL IT WILL DRIFT THIS WAY. — IN FACT THE WRITER TRUSTS IT WILL REACH US BEFORE YOU READ THIS.

This week brought to us a very large collection of New Weaves in Laces. Among the lot are some very classy designs of Cluny, in several widths. Prices of these Laces are 7 1-2c and up.

JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF LADIES SHOES, Sizes 4 to 8. This Shoe comes in brown vici kid, and should have reached us in early December. The former price would have been around \$6.00. To close for quick sale the price is \$4.50.

TO CLOSE 10 DOZEN MENS UNION SUITS, That were formerly \$1.35 for \$1.10. 8 dozen Fleece Union Suits, boys style, ages 6 to 12, to close at 90c.

Many good bargains are here Love Dry Goods Co. Spur Texas

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

TO BE HELD WITH THE MACEDONIA CHURCH
JANUARY 26 TO 29TH 1922.

THURSDAY

7:30 P. M.—Sermon.....Bro. Davis

FRIDAY

9:30 A. M.—Devotional Service.....Henry Smith.
10:00 A. M.—Was the Church Organized During the Earthly Life of Christ?.....W. E. Duke.
11:00 A. M.—Is Baptism Essential to the Salvation of the Soul.....W. B. Bennett.
2:00 P. M.—Devotional Service.....Claud Jones
2:30 P. M.—Why Be Baptised?.....Bro. Reed.
3:00 P. M.—Is the Lord's Supper as practised by Baptists Scriptural?.....L. L. F. Parker.
7:00 P. M.—Devotional Service.....P. H. Leatherwood.
7:30 P. M.—Sermon.....L. S. Bilberry.

SATURDAY

9:30 A. M.—Devotional Service.....Wayne Grizzel.
10:00 A. M.—Why Do Baptists Vote on the Reception of Members etc.?.....W. E. Duke.
10:30 A. M.—Is the term "Sabbath" Scriptural, when speaking of the First of the Week?.....Bro. Davis.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon (Heb. 4-3, 1st Clause).....Bro. Reed.
2:00 P. M.—Devotional Service.....T. S. Lampert.
2:30 P. M.—Laymans Hour.....C. C. Haile.
3:30 P. M.—Board Meeting, be prepared to pay Missionary.
7:00 P. M.—Devotional Service.....N. Q. Brannen.
7:30 P. M.—Sermon.....L. L. F. Parker.

SUNDAY

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School, 1st Purpose.....W. F. Godfrey.
2nd. Officers-Teachers.....L. G. Crabtree.
3rd. The Responsibility of.....R. L. English.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon.....H. L. Burnam

Macedonia is the newly organized Church, meeting at the Highway School House, North-West of Spur—Come.

**PAY YOUR POLL TAX
BEFORE FEBRUARY 1ST, 1922
OR BE DISFRANCHISED!**

Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

(Reprinted from Atlantic Monthly)

The whole rural world is in a ferment of unrest, and there is an unparalleled volume and intensity of determined, if not angry, protest, and an ominous swarming of occupational conferences, interest groupings, political movements and propaganda. Such a turmoil cannot but arrest our attention. Indeed, it demands our careful study and examination. It is not likely that six million aloof and ruggedly independent men have come together and banded themselves into active unions, societies, farm bureaus, and so forth, for no sufficient cause.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that, while there is much overstatement of grievances and misconception of remedies, the farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community. This being the case of an industry that contributes, in the raw material form alone, about one-third of the national annual wealth production and is the means of livelihood of about 40 per cent of the population, it is obvious that the subject is one of grave concern. Not only do the farmers make up one-half of the nation, but the well-being of the other half depends upon them.

So long as we have nations, a wise political economy will aim at a large degree of national self-sufficiency and self-containment. Rome fell when the food supply was too far removed from the belly. Like her, we shall destroy our own agriculture and extend our sources of food distantly and precariously, if we do not see to it that our farmers are well and fairly paid for their services. The farm gives the nation men as well as food. Cities derive their vitality and are forever renewed from the country, but an impoverished countryside exports intelligence and retains unintelligence. Only the lower grades of mentality and character will remain on, or seek, the farm, unless agriculture is capable of being pursued with contentment and adequate compensation. Hence, to embitter and impoverish the farmer is to dry up and contaminate the vital sources of the nation.

The war showed convincingly how dependent the nation is on the full productivity of the farms. Despite herculean efforts, agricultural production kept only a few weeks or months ahead of consumption, and that only by increasing the acreage of certain staple crops at the cost of reducing that of others. We ought not to forget that lesson when we ponder on the farmer's problems. They are truly common problems, and there should be no attempt to deal with them as if they were purely selfish demands of a discontent group, antagonistic to the rest of the community. Rather should we consider agriculture in the light of broad national policy, just as we consider oil, coal, steel, dyestuffs and so forth, as stewards of national strength. Our growing population and a higher standard of living demand increasing food supplies, and more wool, cotton, hides, and the rest. With the disappearance of free or cheap fertile land, additional acreage and increased yields can come only from costly effort. This we need not expect from an impoverished or unhappy rural population.

It will not do to take a narrow view of the rural discontent, or to appraise it from the standpoint of yesterday. This is particularly an age of flux and change and new deals. Because a thing always has been so no longer means that it is righteous, or always shall be so. More, perhaps, than ever before, there is a widespread feeling that all human relations can be improved by taking thought, and that it is not becoming for the reasoning animal to leave his destiny largely to chance and natural incidence.

Prudent and orderly adjustment of production and distribution in accordance with consumption is recognized as wise management in every business but that of farming. Yet, I venture to say, there is no other industry in which it is so important to the public—to the city-dweller—that production should be sure, steady, and increasing, and that distribution should be in proportion to the need. The unorganized farmers naturally act blindly and impulsively and, in consequence, surfeit and dearth, accompanied by disconcerting price-variations, harass the consumer. One year potatoes rot in the fields because of excess production, and there is a scarcity of things that have been displaced the way for the expansion of the

potato acreage; next year the punished farmers mass their fields on some other crop, and potatoes enter the class of luxuries; and so on.

Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of our American industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of national life, the roots of which go deeply into the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer. So, when we of the cities read of the present universal distress of the farmers, of a slump of six billion dollars in the farm value of their crops in a single year, of their inability to meet mortgages or to pay current bills, and how, seeking relief from their ills, they are planning to form pools, inaugurate farmers' strikes, and demand legislation abolishing grain exchanges, private cattle markets, and the like, we ought not hastily to brand them as economic heretics and highwaymen, and hurl at them the charge of being seekers of special privilege. Rather, we should ask if their trouble is not ours, and see what can be done to improve the situation. Purely from self-interest, if for no higher motive, we should help them. All of us want to get back permanently to "normalcy;" but is it reasonable to hope for that condition unless our greatest and most basic industry can be put on a sound and solid permanent foundation? The farmers are not entitled to special privileges; but are they not right in demanding that they be placed on an equal footing with the buyers of their products and with other industries?

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Let us, then, consider some of the farmer's grievances, and see how far they are real. In doing so, we should remember that, while there have been, and still are, instances of purposeful abuse, the subject should not be approached with any general imputation to existing distributive agencies of deliberately intentional oppression, but rather with the conception that the marketing of farm products has not been modernized.

An ancient evil, and a persistent one, is the undergrading of farm products, with the result that what the farmers sell as of one quality is resold as of a higher. That this sort of chicanery should persist on any important scale in these days of business integrity would seem almost incredible, but there is much evidence that it does so persist. Even as I write, the newspapers announce the suspension of several firms from the New York Produce Exchange for exporting to Germany as No. 2 wheat a whole shipload of grossly inferior wheat mixed with oats, chaff and the like.

Another evil is that of inaccurate weighing of farm products, which, it is charged, is sometimes a matter of dishonest intention and sometimes of protective policy on the part of the local buyer, who fears that he may "weigh out" more than he "weighs in."

A greater grievance is that at present the field farmer has little or no control over the time and conditions of marketing his products, with the result that he is often underpaid for his products and usually overcharged for marketing service. The difference between what the farmer receives and what the consumer pays often exceeds all possibility of justification. To cite a single illustration. Last year, according to figures attested by the railroads and the growers, Georgia watermelon-raisers received on the average 7.5 cents for a melon, the railroads got 12.7 cents for carrying it to Baltimore and the consumer paid one dollar, leaving 79.8 cents for the service of marketing and its risks, as against 20.2 cents for growing and transporting. The hard annals of farm-life are replete with such commentaries on the crudeness of present practices.

Nature prescribes that the farmer's "goods" must be finished within two or three months of the year, while financial and storage limitations generally compel him to sell them at the same time. As a rule, other industries are in a continuous process of finishing goods for the markets; they distribute as they produce, and they can curtail production without too great injury to themselves or the community; but if the farmer restricts his output, it is with disastrous consequences, both to himself and to the community.

The average farmer is busy with production for the major part of the

year and has nothing to sell. The bulk of his output comes on the market at once. Because of lack of storage facilities and of financial support, the farmer cannot carry his goods through the year and dispose of them as they are currently needed. In the great majority of cases, farmers have to entrust storage—in warehouses and elevators—and the financial carrying of their products to others.

Farm products are generally marketed at a time when there is a congestion of both transportation and finance—when cars and money are scarce. The outcome, in many instances, is that the farmers not only sell under pressure, and therefore at a disadvantage, but are compelled to take further reductions in net returns, in order to meet the charges for the service of storing, transporting, financing, and ultimate marketing—which charges they claim, are often excessive, bear heavily on both consumer and producer, and are under the control of those performing the services. It is true that they are relieved of the risks of a changing market by selling at once; but they are quite willing to take the unfavorable chance, if the favorable one also is theirs and they can retain for themselves a part of the service charges that are uniform, in good years and bad, with high prices and low.

While, in the main, the farmer must sell, regardless of market conditions, at the time of the maturity of crops, he cannot suspend production in toto. He must go on producing if he is to get on living, and if the world is to exist. The most he can do is to curtail production a little or alter its form, and that—because he is in the dark as to the probable demand for his goods—may be only to jump from the frying pan into the fire, taking the consumer with him.

Even the dairy farmers, whose output is not seasonal, complain that they find themselves at a disadvantage in the marketing of their productions, especially raw milk, because of the high costs of distribution, which they must ultimately bear.

W. A. Craddock dropped in Monday of this week from his farm to the west of Spur, spending a short time in town on business. He informed us that he would not enter the race for representative of this district, giving two or three reasons for not doing so at this time. W. A. Craddock would have made us a good representative, and would have introduced a number of reform measures which would have been of real benefit to the country as a whole. The legislative office, like county commissioner, is a very important office, but not attractive to able, competent men, because of insufficient pay for the services rendered. We believe the state would be benefitted in better legislation by reducing the number of representatives by half and doubling the pay. With reference to county commissioners the salary of the office should be as great as that of any other county office, since it is the most important office in the county and should demand service of the ablest business talent in the county. With better salaries the best business talent could be had, and in the end expenses of county administration could be reduced.

Trade in Spur—
For every man who ever ran barefooted. For every girl who hated pigtail plaits.—Gem, Friday and Saturday.

Trade in Spur—
WATSON ITEMS.
We had a large crowd at Sunday school Sunday, but the little shower which came scared some away.

The people here are wanting it to rain, we need to be plowing.
Miss Reed is on the sick list this week, hope she is able to go to school in the morning, but I guess we will have a holiday if she is still sick, I'm not wishing her any bad luck though.

Come over and help us school chaps play basket ball and croquet. We also have some see-saws.
Miss Leta Pahsons spent the day with Mrs. W. E. Duke Sunday.

Miss Laura Duke is doing nicely The party at Mr. Gilmores, Friday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Grizzle, today Well we will ring off, for if we stay to long, we may not be welcomed next time.—Tom, Dick and Harry.

Trade in Spur—
Joe Curry was in town Monday with the crowds, pushing his campaign for the sheriff's office. It appears now that the sheriff's race and the public weigher's race will be the two most interesting races of the campaign in this section of the county.



"Crispy an' crunchy an' all-the-time-crackly! An' never tough or leathery! Gee, what would happen if Kellogg's got all eaten up before tomorrow!"

You certainly realize the difference in Corn Flakes when you eat Kellogg's

From the instant you open the generous sized package till they're tucked away in great and tiny "bread-baskets," Kellogg's Corn Flakes are a never-ending delight! You can't even look at those big sunny-brown flakes, all joyously flavored, crisp and crunchy, without getting mighty hungry! Kellogg's are never leathery or tough or hard to eat—they're just wonderful!

Such a spread for big and little boys and girls—the sweetheart of fine white southern corn kernels deliciously flavored and deliciously toasted in Kellogg's own way! You can't imagine anything more joyous to eat, or more ideal for fussy appetites at any hour!

Kellogg's Corn Flakes are childhood's ideal food! Kiddies can eat as much as they can carry! Every mouthful makes for health.

Don't just ask for "corn flakes"! You say KELLOGG'S—the original kind in the RED and GREEN package.



Kellogg's

CORN FLAKES

Also makers of KELLOGG'S KRUMBLER and KELLOGG'S BRAN, cooked and krumbled

ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPENSE AND INVESTMENT

is the difference between **RENTING** a house and **OWNING** a home. The money you have spent for rent is gone beyond recall. But the money you may put in the best of investments—a home—will remain to your credit, to be "cash in on" daily in happiness and contentment.

A fine resolution for the new year—**I WILL INVEST IN A HOME.**

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

F. W. JENNINGS, Mgr. SPUR, TEXAS

Will Pay Good Price For CANE SEED

In Head
SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY

W. M. Hazel, Prop.

When You're Nervous

Whatever the cause—overwork, worry, grief, loss of sleep, excitement, business troubles, stimulants, narcotics—there's one medicine that will help you.



Dr. Miles' Nervine

has relieved thousands of cases of headache, dizziness, irritability, sleeplessness, hysteria, epilepsy. Buy a bottle of your druggist and start on the road to better health today.

You'll find Dr. Miles' Medicines at your Drug Store.

Dr. Miles' Guaranteed Medicines.

Dr. Miles' Nervine
Dr. Miles' Heart Treatment
Dr. Miles' Tonic
Dr. Miles' Blood Purifier
Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills
Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets
Dr. Miles' Tonic

MRS. BRYANT ENTERTAINS
The beautiful home of Mrs. Billie Bryant was opened Friday January 20th, to the Friday afternoon club and quite a few guests.

Six tables were arranged for "Progressive 42"

A delicious solid course was served by our hostess. Mrs. L. R. Barrett assisting. High scores were won by Mrs. Putman, Mrs. Richbourg Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Barrett. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Dixon.—Reporter.

—Trade in Spur—

Will Skinner, of Sweetwater, was in Spur buying cotton Wednesday of this week. In the years gone by, and before the oil boom changed up the map of the country and the faces of many individuals, we knew Will Skinner in Eastland. It was a pleasure to again meet him, talk over the duller days of the past, and learn of many former acquaintances who had made millions and a few who had lost it when the slump came. Of course it sounds mighty good to hear of people making millions in one turn of the wheel of fortune, but all in all, we have about concluded that the man who works hard, saves a portion of his earnings and contributes something to the welfare and advancement of community interests, is better off in the end.

—Trade in Spur—

We hear quite a number boosting Judge F. N. Oliver to get in the race for county judge or for the legislature. Judge Oliver has been very active and persistent in efforts to have the freight differential removed from Spur and other points along the Stamford & Northwestern Railway, and there are a great many who feel disposed to reward him somewhat for this public service by favoring him for office—either as county judge or representative in the legislature from this district. Judge Oliver is qualified to fill either place.

—Trade in Spur—

J. A. Caple, was in Spur Wednesday. He had just returned from Dallas and Stamford. Recently he purchased a residence in Stamford with the intention of moving his family to that place from Dallas where they have been the past year or two. However, last week his residence was destroyed by fire, and he is now moving his barns from the place to his farm near McAdoo, and will move his family back to Dickens county at an early date.

—Trade in Spur—

Jim Sample came up Sunday from Stamford and spent Monday and Tuesday in Spur with his father, W. W. Sample. We asked Jim about general conditions and business in Stamford country, and he said "the aruth is it is getting mighty dry and business is mighty dull." Jim is in the dry goods department of the Bryant-Link Company at Stamford. He is a young man who has the ability, and given the opportunity, will continue to climb the ladder of fame and fortune.

—Trade in Spur—

Lee Peacock, who recently moved from the Duck Creek country to the plains, was in Spur Tuesday, looking after business matters.

TO HEREFORD BREEDERS OF DICKENS COUNTY AND ADJOINING COUNTIES

I want to thank you for your liberal support during my recent sale, of pure bred cattle. I furnished you some good cattle, and you did your best under present conditions. The cattle sold 100 per cent under cost of production, but that is no fault of either of us. I am still in the Hereford business, and will continue so, and will hold another sale in 1923 if the Lord lets me live and my generous creditors let me remain in business. The cows withdrawn from the sale on account of insufficient number of buyers, are still for sale at private treaty. These good cows are all bred to Prince Rupert 43, and are due to calve in early spring. I can sell you these cows at a price that your calf will pay for the cow. I must reduce my heard and my indebtedness for the cattle have reached rock bottom and are sure to advance before 1922 is gone. Liberal terms to responsible parties. I still have 2 young bulls for sale at farm north of Gilpin. They go at a bargain. Thanking you one and all and hoping I may see you again in 1923 sale with prospects brighter I am yours for better cattle.—Chas. Whitener.

—Trade in Spur—

Did she love him for his candy or the smile upon his dial?—Gem Friday and Saturday.

SERVICE BUILDS OUR FUTURE.

As this agency serves you today so does it build for the future. As you find in this office up to the minute, courteous insurance experts, so will its business steadily increase.

INSURANCE

Confidence in a priceless asset to any business. Seeking by honest application of sound insurance knowledge to win your unreserved confidence is the aim of this agency.

C. EARLY SENNING, SPUR

FOR SALE!

Two Lots Adjoining T. A. Johnson's New Residence, PRICE \$650.00

Also Two Corner Lots very desirable for filling station—Priced right.

E. J. COWAN, SPUR, TEXAS

BETTER TAILORS BETTER SERVICE REDUCED PRICES:

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

THE SPUR TAILOR SHOP
Phone 18 Ira Sullivan, Prop.

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

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on 2nd, day of January A. D. 1922, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Walter Darlington versus J. J. Weatherman, L. V. Basham and Beulah Basham, his wife; Tom Duty, et al. No 645, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in February A. D. 1922, it being the seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, the following described property, to-wit:

80 3-4 acres of land situated in the county of Dickens and State of Texas known as Abstract No. 1299, Survey File 6601, W. E. Gates, Original Grantee, levied upon as the property of the said J. J. Weatherman, and L. V. Basham to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$1658.80 and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1922. G. L. Barber, Sheriff, Dickens County Texas 11-3t

—Trade in Spur— SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Dickens.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, by the clerk thereof, in the case of J. M. Rowland, versus R. D. Shield, Sanger Bros. T. B. Barry and Ira Offield, No. 646, and to me as Sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales of real estate on the first Tuesday in February A. D. 1922, it being the seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, the following described real estate, to wit:

160 acres of land, situated in the County of Dickens and the State of Texas, being the north east quarter of survey No. Four (4) Certificate N. 67, C & M R R Co. J. C. Worthington, original grantee, patented to R. L. Collier levied upon as the property of R. D. Shields to satisfy a judgement amounting to the sum of \$4,292.75 and costs of suit, in favor of J. M. Rowland.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, G. L. Barber, Sheriff, Dickens County, Texas.

—Trade in Spur— NOTICE TO WATER USERS

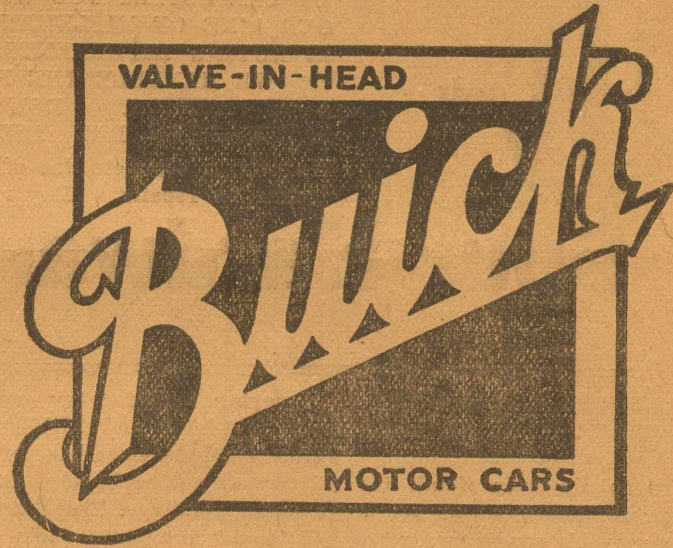
All water and sewer rents must be paid before the first of February or service will be discontinued. By order of City Commission.—Spur Electric Light and Power Company.

—Trade in Spur—

"Come on in! The water's fine!" at the Gem Friday and Saturday.

—Trade in Spur—

Mrs. John Pennell, of Stamford, is spending the week in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lisenby.



THERE IS LOTS OF HEAD ROOM IN A BUICK FOUR SEDAN

—and there are many more equally important features that make this Sedan the logical choice for an all-season comfortable car that's economical to buy, to run and to maintain. The Buick Four Sedan provides closed car comfort at an open car price.

Buick Sixes		Buick Fours	
22-Six-44	\$1495	22-Four-34	\$935
22-Six-45	1525	22-Four-35	975
22-Six-46	2135	22-Four-36	1475
22-Six-47	2435	22-Four-37	1650
22-Six-48	2325		
22-Six-49	1735		
22-Six-50	2635		

All Prices F. O. B. Flint, Michigan



WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM!!

Spur Buick Co. Spur Texas

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use the reliable Blue Star Remedy for all skin diseases and foot troubles, such as Itch, Eczema, Poison Oak, Red Bugs, Old Sores, Sores on Children, Prickly Heat. Sold on a guarantee by City Drug Store, E. F. Hall, Proprietor, Spur, Texas. 12tf

—Trade in Spur—

J. C. Bryant, of Stamford, spent Monday in Spur with his son, Billy Bryant and wife, and also looking after business interests here in connection with the Bryant Link Company of Spur.

—Trade in Spur—

When in town try a red hot chilli at the Highway Cafe, Bell Bros., Proprietors. 36tf

—Trade in Spur—

H. C. Eldredge and the Eldredge boys, of the McAdoo country, were in Spur during the week, transacting business affairs and meeting with friends.

—Trade in Spur—

W. M. Randall, of Steel Hill, was on the streets Wednesday, greeting friends and trading some with the merchants.

HUNTING FORBIDDEN.

Hunting and trespassing of any character is absolutely forbidden in any of my pastures.—Ed Lisenby. 11

—Trade in Spur—

OPPORTUNITY.

Lands at the lowest price, good terms and low rate of interest, on the Plains in Bailey County.

Also improved lands on the Plains and under the Caprock, at very attractive prices. Ranches at bargain prices. See me over the Spur National Bank for anything you want in real estate.—C. C. HAILE.

—Trade in Spur—

CARD OF THANKS.

W. F. Shugart requested us to thank the people of the town and country for the liberal and unsolicited aid rendered to him in the recent loss of his home and household effects by fire. He said that words could not express properly his appreciation to each and every one.

—Trade in Spur—

Let the Old Swimm' Hole wash the worry from your mind, just like like it used to take the tingle from hand.—Gem, Friday and Saturday.

Notice

I HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED THE SOL DAVIS ESTATE STOCK OF GOODS, AND MR. EDWARDS AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE EASTERN MARKETS WHERE WE PURCHASED A MOST COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE LINE OF DRY GOODS, READY-TO-WEAR AND MILLINERY.

WE ARE ALSO CARRYING A COMPLETE LINE OF GROCERIES.

WE WILL APPRECIATE A PART OF YOUR BUSINESS, AND ASK THAT YOU SEE US AND GET OUR PRICES BEFORE BUYING.

C. Hogan

MARSHALL FIELD clerked in a store when he was a boy. He put in the bank enough out of his salary to start a small business of his own. Today his establishment is the finest in the world. His two grandsons will get 400 millions each when they are given their share of his estate.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK
MAKE OUR BANK YOUR BANK.

We Have A Car of P. & O. Implements in Transit



WE CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH ANY KIND OF IMPLEMENTS USED ON THE FARM PRICES ON OUR LINE OF IMPLEMENTS ARE CHEAPER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN SEVERAL YEARS. IN BUYING IMPLEMENTS THERE ARE MORE THINGS THAN PRICE TO CONSIDER—QUALITY. WE HANDLE THE P. & O. LINE, BACKED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY OF AMERICA. DON'T ASK US WHETHER P. & O. AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTS GIVE SATISFACTION, BUT ASK THE FARMERS WHO USE THEM!

We carry a complete line of repairs for all kinds of International tools. We have just received notice of decline on repairs. Buy nothing but the genuine. They will have the I. H. C. trade mark on them.



Spur Hardware and Furniture Company.

"Spur's Oldest Store."

W. A. CRADDOCK CAN NOT SEE WAY CLEAR TO MAKE RACE

I desire to sincerely thank the Texas Spur for the nice things said of me as a probable candidate for the Legislature. Also I thank the many citizens who have expressed their approval of my candidacy. I am very sorry to say that I do not see how I can afford to make the race. There are many good reasons as I see them. The most insurmountable reason is, I cannot afford the cost and loss of time. I made an unfortunate land trade last year and it will take every ounce of my energy, and every cent I can get to put the property back to normal and enable me to meet financial obligations resulting from this deal. Another reason, I probably would not be able to accomplish anything as a member of the House. There is such a strong and well organized combine to hold to extravagant expenditures of public money that I doubt if I could do anything at all. Governor Neff promised a big reduction in surplus employment and an honest reduction in States expenses. "Spit on State and rub out" but he could not do it.

The State, Counties, cities and towns are groaning under burdens of excessive taxation, every body is talking about it but nobody does anything and as I saw the machine working last year at Austin, I doubt if anyone can do anything. Some time in the not very distant future the people will rise in mass and demand relief. I had hoped to be a member of next Legislature in order that I might be able to show the people the real conditions and at least be able to start a movement towards reform. The whole world is debt ruined and our U. S. must collect from the people \$4,000,000,000 each year to meet its running expenses and the state of Tex. collects about \$14,000,000 and men are riding this out on high salaries and in cars furnished by the taxpayers.

Dickens county is bankrupt and is issuing script for 2 or 3 years ahead

and paying cash for two county agents at \$2,500 and \$2,000 each. Farmers and stockmen have to put up this money out of 6c hogs and 9 to 15 dollar yearlings. The cotton crop had to pay two years debts and living expenses and it did not near pay out. People are trying to borrow money from the banks to meet tax payments but the banks cannot carry everything. The people will have to have bank accommodations to enable them to make another crop. Now I know the farmers and the farm and stock raising possibilities and I know they cannot carry all of these burdens.

"Back to Normalcy" is the slogan and the country has forced all labor, both skilled and unskilled to accept a lower wage. I can hire hundreds of farm laborers for \$1.00 per day, but I don't know whether I can even afford to pay that price as I am expecting much lower prices on farm products. Every one connected with County, State, or National employment must refuse to accept a reduction, and I do not hesitate to state that the combine is more unbreakable than any other union in existence. What are the tax payers going to do about it? Just grumble, that is all.

Now then I have said too much already to be a successful aspirant for legislative honors. A man must be a "pussy foot" and not stand for anything to be a successful politician. This I could never do, therefore I doubt if I could ever be elected.

All know there is no money in the office of legislator and but little honor. If I say I would go purely from a sense of duty, few would believe it.

To sum up there is a possibility that I may make the race but it will be about June before I can say, and if I find I can afford it, I shall saddle my horse and go after it to win. And it will not matter how many are in the game. I think it would be well to have at least two so the people could have a choice.

If I should go to legislature it would be to represent the interests

of each of the six counties without partiality, while at the same time I am from Dickens county.

There are two pet measures in addition to above that I would like to see enacted in to law: First and paramount to all is a school system for the county as good as can be had anywhere. A 36 weeks term with well paid competent teachers; compel the children to attend and compel the teachers to teach them properly. Start the schools after cotton is picked; say Jan. 1st for West Texas. This would give the farmers' children the cotton picking money that goes to Negroes and Mexicans and would add very materially to the comfort and property of the country people. Consolidate small schools where practicable and stress the work up to the 8th grade. Establish as many high schools as needed to take 8th to 11th. Establish Junior colleges to prepare students to enter university in junior work.

This would make "back to the farm" possible and give the state an educated citizenship, and equal opportunities for all boys and girls.

Second: repeal the law that allows verbal contracts.—Respectfully W. A. Craddock.

Trade in Spur—

CHIROPRACTIC

Chiropractic, as defined by Dr. Council, is the science of removing the cause of abnormal conditions of the human body, called disease, by adjusting or putting in proper line of joints or vertebra of the human spine so as to take off any pressure or impingement from the nerve that leaves that joint to feed or carry life and health to the organ or part of the body that gets its life or health from that particular joint.

The nerves that leave the neck carry life and health from the brain to the eyes, ears, nose and throat, while those from between the shoulders or from the upper part of the spine carry life and health to the lungs, heart, liver and stomach, and the nerves that exit from the lower part of the spine convey life and health to the kidneys, intestines, ovaries and all other pelvic organs.

When one of these joints is slipped out of place it cuts off the nerve that carries life and health to the organ or body that is fed from that joint, as is plainly shown when the back is broken and all life is cut off, or paralysis is caused from the broken joint downward, showing also that all healing power comes from the brain through the spinal cord or else the body would become paralyzed to the front of the broken joint as well as to the rear.—Muton T. Council, D. C., PH C., N. D.

I am not an M. D., neither do I practice medicine.—Carl L. Gillespie D. C., P. S. T., office at Midway Hotel Calls answered day or night, Spur, Texas.

Trade in Spur—

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GRAND-PA MIDDLETON.

Dearest loved one thou hast left us,
And our loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

The world is all too sad for tears,
I would not weep, not I,
But smile along my life's short road,
Until I, smiling, die.
The little flowers breathe sweetness
Through all the dewey night;
Should we more selfish be than they,
And keep our lips shut tight,
O rpause and wait till One on high
Shall sweep us, too, away?

Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the day of life has fled,
And in Heaven with joy we'll greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.
His friend—Fred Arrington.

WEST TEXAS A FINE FIELD FOR POULTRY

The following article by F. W. Kazmier, Poultry Husbandman, Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas, proves that this section of West Texas is ideally adapted to poultry raising. Every farmer should read it, and consider the addition of a flock of poultry on his farm.

Of all the ideal locations for poultry keeping West Texas out ranks all of them. It is chicken paradise. Here the climate is most ideal, the soil very near the best, and the feeds the finest for poultry raising.

This fall I made a very extensive trip through West Texas, for the purpose of studying the poultry business. I covered the territory traversed by the Texas & Pacific, between Fort Worth and Sweetwater, the Santa Fe between Temple and Angelo, and the Frisco between Ft. Worth and Brady. All I can say, is that West Texas is the ideal spot for poultry keeping. I firmly believe that some day, educational agencies in West Texas will exploit the possibilities of poultry keeping.

The opportunities are so great and wonderful, it is simply astounding not more people have availed themselves of them. The farmers and people generally, are asleep, and have been sleeping on their rights. If only something could be done to arouse them, to set them to thinking and to get them to grasp at the opportunities knocking at their door.

The drouth this year is only a reminder of conditions about three years ago. This drouth probably is not going to be the last one, a fact worth considering. The drouth affects the poultry keepers and raisers probably less than any other branch of farming. Poultry and turkeys, although somewhat affected by the drouths, are never seriously affected.

We can raise chickens even though it is very dry. At this writing a turkey is worth more than two sheep. Six hens bring as much on the market as one cow. These are a few facts worth thinking about.

West Texas is not too far away from the market. Petaluma, California, the world's greatest poultry producing center, is 1,500 miles farther away from the markets than West Texas poultry farmers. They ship train loads of snow white hen fruit past our back door every week.

All we need in West Texas is more good farmers, that not only have faith in the hen as a money maker, but are energetic enough to blaze the way.

In Tom Greene county, the drouth has seriously affected farm operations. Everything seems to be on the stand-still. Many are waiting for rain. Life on the average farm is quiet and anything but very encouraging to say the least. There is one farm that is an exception.

True it is dry on this farm, but the chickens, about 700 in number, slightly if any, affected by the drouth, have kept things moving on this farm. You do not see disgruntled owners. You do see everything at almost a stand-still. On the other hand, these people have made this year over two dollars profit per hen. They are building more houses, building more incubator and brooder houses and oat sprouters. They have purchased a 2,500 egg incubator and are installing a home electric lighting plant.

They are making money and improvements. The drouth has not stopped them and others that are keeping several hundred head of high grade standard bred chickens.

What we need in West Texas is from 200 to 500 standard bred hens on every farm. Then the drouth will no longer be a continuous dread and thing to fear; because the flock of chickens will provide the family ne-

cessities and a small income besides.

West Texas farmers can well afford to investigate the poultry raising opportunities in that section of the state.

On nearly all West Texas farms we find scrub chickens. This is a regrettable fact; because standard bred fowls are much more profitable. Slowly but surely many of these are replacing their scrub or mongrel chickens with standard bred poultry. This is as it should be.

Bankers and merchants of West Texas, are rapidly learning the value of chickens, standard bred chickens, and more of them on our farms. Why? Because they increase the saving deposits in their banks, and do away with the credit evil in the mercantile business.

The Chamber of Commerce of many West Texas towns are getting squarely behind the poultry farming program, because they found that a good flock of chickens on a farm will do more to build up the community than anything else they could encourage. Let the good work go on, with increased speed and scope.

Trade in Spur—

WHY THEY ARE RICH.

The business man who rolls up bank accounts in bad times as well as in good times is the business man who advertises all the time, but harder and stronger than ever in bad times. That's because he THINKS.

His thinking tells him that when times are good and everybody has money and it isn't for his ad to reach as many customers as he needs to buy his stock of goods—say 50 out of every hundred people, or 50 per cent.

But when times are bad, perhaps 50 people out of every hundred spend easily. He knows that where his average advertisement reached 50 spenders out of the hundred in good times, in hard times the same advertisement, with the same reaching power, will still reach 50 per cent of the 50 spenders out of the hundred in good times of what he is accustomed to and needs; now he must have all or nearly all of the 50 spenders in order to equal his good times business. So he girds up his loins, fixes up a bigger ad, a wallowing attractive ad, and if he doesn't reach all of the 50 spenders, he comes pretty near it.

That is the system of the biggest shrewdest advertisers, in America. You didn't see them cutting their ads this year. You just simply saw them making their advertisements bigger, stronger, more intelligently drawing.

That's why they are rich—John Wanamaker, for instance.

And mind this: The figuring and the principle involved takes no account of whether the advertising is done in New York or Smithville. The figuring is done on a per centage of people. The principle is the same whether your business has been accustomed to deal with 1,000 people around you or whether you have been accustomed to deal with one million people around you.

If you did a satisfactory business in a community in good times, you can do a reasonably good business in poor times. When few people have money you must get a greater percentage of that few than you got before of the many. You do it by advertising.—Herford Brand.

Trade in Spur—

W. J. Wade, editor and preacher, of Jayton, was up to see us this week spending the time here between the trains. Brother Wade wields a pungent pen on occasions, and it is said he is as forceful in his preachings.

Trade in Spur—

Clay Smart, of the Smart Motor Company of Jayton, was in Spur on business Wednesday of this week, looking after interests in Spur.

Spur Electric Light and Power Co.

WILL FURNISH ELECTRIC CURRENT TO PATRONS AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES, BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST, 1922:

BUSINESS DISTRICT.

First 50 K W, at 20c per K W
Next 50 K W at 17c per K W
All Excess of 100 K W, 15c per K W

RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

First 25 K W, at 20c per K W
Next 25 K W, at 17c per K W
All Excess, at 8c per K W

MOTORS.

First 50 K W, at 12c per K W
Second 100 K W, at 10c per K W
All excess of 150 K W, 8c per K W

We are using this means of showing to our patrons that we appreciate their patronage during the past year, and that we are at all times ready and willing to give to our patrons the lowest price possible and at the same time be able to maintain the service we have been giving since we installed our new machinery in July, 1921.

Spur Electric Light and Power Co.