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The Texas Spur

AND DICKENS ITEM

A well tilled farm is more valuable to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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NEW COUNTY OFFICERS ARE SWORN IN TUESDAY THIS WEEK

All county and precinct officers were sworn in Tuesday of this week and launched out on the next two years administration of county affairs.

The new officers were H. P. Cole as sheriff, H. A. C. Brummett as judge, and Messrs. Sloan and Newberry as county commissioners. Other re-elected officers being O. C. Arthur clerk; B. C. Worswick, county attorney; and C. H. Perry, county treasurer. Precinct officers taking their places were G. W. Rash, weigher of precinct 3; W. D. Street of Dickens precinct; and W. M. Formby of Afton. The newly elected county commissioners are G. A. Sloan and O. C. Newberry, with W. D. Thacker and T. M. Green re-elected.

Of the new administration H. A. C. Brummett as judge is the only inexperienced county officer. H. P. Cole as sheriff will take up the work with out let or hindrance, he having experience in serving as sheriff and tax collector in the years past and is familiar with every detail of official duties and in every way fitted and qualified to fill the office and meet the requirements of constituents and the public.

On the whole Dickens county has a most competent corps of officials and the administration the next two years will not be surpassed in competency, accuracy and general satisfaction by any other in the great West.

CONVERTING PUTMAN RANCH INTO AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

W. H. Putman informed us this week that he had contracted to have 250 acres of his ranch cleared up for cultivation this year. He contemplates having five or six hundred acres more put into cultivation if possible. The adverse conditions and cattle situation, he stated, warranted him in converting the entire ranch into agricultural fields, and which will very probably be done as rapidly as possible within the next few years.

Surely and steadily the ranches and grazing lands will be diverted to agricultural pursuits, and within a very few years now ranches in West Texas will be only a cherished memory among the old timers.

IS THE STOCK LAW NOW IN EFFECT IN DICKENS COUNTY?

We have been asked a number of times if the stock law is now in effect, and if not when it would become operative and enforced.

While official notice has not been made through this paper, we understand that the law is now in full force and effect, notwithstanding the fact that numerous cattle are still permitted to run at large.

Regardless of whether or not this law be good, since it has been voted by a majority it should be enforced. The non-observance and lax enforcement of the laws adopted also encourages a disrespect of all laws, and has much to do in giving excuse to individuals or organizations in thoughts of "taking the law in their own hands." If the stock law is of no benefit, the sooner it is enforced the sooner it will be done away with.

THE DEMAND FOR RENT HOUSES NOW BEING MET

D. Y. Twaddell now has one new residence almost complete in the east part of Spur. Upon the completion of this residence, the construction of another will begin immediately on the lots adjoining. Both residences, we understand, are being built for rent purposes, and to that extent is meeting a long felt want in the city. For the past several years there has never been a time when the demand for rent houses was supplied.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn Cockerels at \$1.00 each.—L. B. Halle, Afton, Texas. 9-2t.

185 BALES OF COTTON BURNED TUESDAY AT RALLS

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Ralls, or perhaps in this section of the state occurred Tuesday afternoon, when 185 bales of cotton, stored on the platform at the depot, and belonging to DeBolt Bros. were burned.

There were 206 bales in the consignment, but by heroic work 21 were saved.

The origin of this disastrous conflagration has not yet been definitely determined. The afternoon train was at the depot, and some switching had been done. In a very short time after the departure of the train the fire was discovered, and soon gained such headway that there was no possibility of it being extinguished even had our town been provided with the best fire fighting apparatus in the state.

The loss is approximately \$20,000 and falls on the Santa Fe Railway Co., as the agent here had accepted the cotton and delivered bill of lading to Mr. DeBolt.

In addition to the loss of the cotton, the platform on which it was stored, of course, was destroyed and from the fact that the wind was blowing from the south was the burning of the Texhoma Oil Station prevented.—Ralls Banner.

GRANDMA TRAVIS SUC-CUMBS TO GRIM REAPER

It is with sincere sorrow that the Banner chronicles the death of Grandma Travis, which sad event occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Richards Monday night.

While Grandma had reached the ripe old age of 87 and would have been 88 next May, she usually enjoyed fairly good health, and her death resulted only after a short illness, and while unexpected come as a distinct shock to her relatives and host of friends.

Perhaps there was no woman in this section of the State who was more widely or favorably known than Grandma Travis, and it can be truly said that no nobler or more worthy woman ever passed along the rugged highway of life.—Ralls Banner.

WOULD REDUCE LEGISLATURE, INCREASE PAY

Senator Baugh, of Brownwood, Texas, has announced that he will propose the proposition for the adoption of a new constitution, but will introduce a bill for the submission of a constitutional amendment to reduce the number of representatives in the Senate from 31 to 25, and the number of representatives in the House from 150 to 75. The proposed amendment would also increase the pay of the members of the senate to \$5,000 a year, and the house to \$26,000.

He believes that the increase of the salaries would not only have the effect to get better men to offer for the position, but would not be any material increase in expenses to the taxpayers of the state.

NEW RESIDENCE GOING UP ON THE HINDMAN FARM

L. A. Hindman is having a new and modern five room bungalow house constructed on his place five miles east of Spur on the highway, and when finished this will be one among the handsomest and most attractive homes of the country.

The new year finds not only Spur enjoying extensive building progress, but the building and improvement progress is extended throughout the entire Spur country, and before the end of 1923 many new farm homes in every community may be noted. As said heretofore, some day Spur will be the center of one of the richest, most prosperous and progressive sections within the Great Western Empire of America.

SPOT CASH GROCERY IS PUTTING IN AT GIRARD

The Spot Cash Grocery is constantly widening out and extending its business to cover this entire trade territory. This week the Lee Harrison establishment of Girard was purchased and a complete stock of groceries and feed stuff will be added.

Earl L. Lee, who has been identified with the Spur business the past year, will have charge of the Girard business, the firm being composed of W. W. and J. H. Sample and Earl Lee.

The Spot Cash Grocery is now doing business in Spur, Matador and Girard—and the indications are that other points are being considered for business activities.

SPUR SCHOOLS RESUME WORK AFTER HOLIDAY INTERMISSION

The Spur Schools "took up books" again Monday morning after an intermission of two weeks for the holidays, and both teachers and pupils resumed their work with renewed interest and vigor.

During the holidays all of the teachers visited their homes and spent the holidays pleasantly and profitably.

YOUNG LADY ACCIDENTLY SHOT AT HAMLIN

A shudder of horror went over the people of Hamlin on Christmas Day when they learned that Miss Bonnie Birdwell, daughter of Sheriff-Elect T. C. Birdwell, had been seriously hurt by an accidental discharge of a shot gun. A party of young people had gone out north of Hamlin, some in a truck and others in cars for a little hunting outing. When they stopped about ten miles north of town and the young people were getting out of the truck it seems that a young man endeavored to lift a fur from the floor of the truck to one of the girls and by some means a shot gun was tangled in the wrap and accidentally fired. The load cut through the fur piece and struck Miss Birdwell principally in the right lower arm and showered her body on right and front from the shoulder to her waist.—Hamlin Herald.

HONOR ROLL OF DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL FOR DECEMBER

Third Grade: Frank Gay, Anne Gentry, Ralph Cobb, Leo Speer and Gussie Lee Willis.

Fourth Grade: Woodrow Cobb, Lillian Eskridge and David McAteer.

Fifth Grade: Monte Bell Hawk, and Mary Cobb.

Sixth Grade: Hilla Gene Ford, Vernon Holden and Warren Morris.

Seventh Grade: Emmett Ragsdale, D. R. Harkey, Idle Slayton, Opal Harris and Byron Crego.

Eight Grade: Linnie Harkey, Marie Cole, Margaret Meadors, Luke Davis, Minnie Davis, Iris Borden and Harold Blair.

The following pupils below were exempt from the Mid-term Examinations for the past four months of schools, having made an average of a grade of 90 per cent or more on all subjects. We are, indeed, proud of these boys and girls, and the only reason we don't like about it is because there are not many more that should be on it. If you have been keeping up with our Honor Roll these pupils names have always been on it.

Third Grade: Evane Finley.

Fourth Grade: Nelda Shields.

Fifth Grade: Loren Harkey, Gladys Arrington, Ione Payne, Benjie Worswick and Charlie Middleton.

Sixth Grade: Raymond Eskridge, Bert McAteer, Dannie Street May Roberts and Fred Crabtree.

Ninth Grade: Beryl Harkey and Virginia Worswick.

Tenth Grade: Mildred Crabtree and Bill Clark.—Reporter.

I. R. Powell, of the Half-Circle S Ranch, was among the business visitors in Spur during the week.

Greetings:

WE WISH TO EXPRESS TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, OUR APPRECIATION OF THEIR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR

IT IS A REAL PLEASURE TO DO BUSINESS WITH NICE PEOPLE, AND WE THINK WE HAVE THE BEST LOT OF CUSTOMERS OF ANYONE.

IT IS OUR DESIRE AT ALL TIMES TO PLEASE OUR CUSTOMERS, AND TO SELL THEM THE BEST CLASS OF MERCHANDISE.

OUR PRICES WILL ALWAYS BE FOUND AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, BASED ON SOUND BUSINESS PRINCIPLES AND QUALITY MERCHANDISE.

BY OUR SYSTEM OF BOOKKEEPING, MISTAKES RARELY OCCUR, BUT IF AT ANY TIME MISTAKES DO OCCUR, WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO RIGHT THEM.

THANKING YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PAST BUSINESS, AND SOLICITING A MORE LIBERAL SHARE IN THE FUTURE. WE WISH EACH AND ALL OF YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

OTHO L. HALE

SPUR, TEXAS

ALBERT SCOTT KILLED SUNDAY BY ACCIDENTAL GUN SHOT

Albert Scott, the eighteen years old son, of Will Scott, of Anson, and nephew of Boney Scott of Spur, was killed Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a shot gun while hunting in the West Pasture of the Spur Ranch with a party of other young boys.

A party of two or three cars were on the hunt. Frank Williams and Albert Sprabery were with young Scott in a car at the time the accident occurred. In driving through the pasture a covey of quail were encountered, and each of the three boys stepped from the car to follow up the quail. Albert Scott had his shot gun lying on the auto top which was down, and while the other two boys had gone after the quail, it is supposed that young Scott in attempting to get his gun down pulled the muzzle toward him and tripped the hammer on the auto top frame, since the entire load of shot entered the pit of his stomach and ranged downward, death resulting almost instantly.

His remains were carried through the country Monday to his home near Anson in Jones county for interment, being accompanied by five fars of relatives. Young Scott was here on a visit, spending the holidays with Boney Scott and family.

FIRE DESTROYES BUCKNER ORPHAN HOME DOMITORIES

Dallas, Texas, January 5, 1923.—The following telegram was received of the disastrous fire that destroyed the Domitories of the Buckner Orphan Home:

Two hundred and sixty-six children left shelterless by disastrous fire must begin erecting new fireproof Domitories immediately to care for orphans. Knowing your love for institution we appeal to you out of greatly burdened hearts to respond as God may lead pray come to our rescue and God bless you.—Hal F. Buckner, Geo. W. Truett, F. S. Groner.

Mrs. Ed F. Aply, of Arizona, a sister, and Mrs. A. C. Stewart, an aunt, and her son, Dock, of Comanche, spent the Christmas holidays with H. O. Albin and family. His beaming countenance and shing eyes convey to all that H. O. Albin heartily appreciated the visit of these relatives.

G. D. Sikes, formerly of Spur but now of Clarendon, spent a day or two this week in Spur on business and again meeting his friends of this section.

FOR SALE—A pair of moles cheap.—D. Y. Twaddell. 1tp.

J. B. MORRISON GETS STOVE GIVEN AWAY BY SPUR HDW. CO.

As advertised in their annual Red Tag Sale, the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company gave away on Christmas Eve a big range cook stove. J. B. Morrison held the lucky number. He came in that day to buy a stove, and the god of fortune smiled upon him.

The Spur Hardware heads tell us the December sale outstripped any sale ever before attempted in the twelve years of their business activity in Spur. They went further, and informed us that the volume of business done the past year more than doubled and almost thibbled the business done in the flush year 1920—and that even their cash receipts discounted the year when money flowed freely and inconsiderately.

The Spur Hardware & Furniture Company is a big and strong concern. They enjoy an extensive business and are reaching out after more. Read their half and whole page ads each week in this paper.

DICKENS COUNTY FARM BUREAU ELECTS DELEGATES

The Dickens County Farm Bureau met in Spur, Saturday and elected two delegates to attend the state meeting of this organization.

Some of the organization heads may in years to come skin the membership, but the Farm Bureau has the right principles and motives, and if not imposed upon will get results in systematizing the marketing problems of the cotton farmer.

THE REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

W. T. Lovell is a real man, and during this Christmas season exhibited and enjoyed the real spirit of Christmas. In his promiscuous observance of the season he did not overlook the Texas Spur and its dependents. He brought us in a flour sack full of spare-ribs and back bones, telling us at the time that it was his intentions to provide us with some of the "old time" spirits of the Christmas season, but that since his cron crop only produced about three gallons to the acre the finished product failed to last until the appropriate time.

We fully appreciate any remembrance and although it is regrettable that the horn crop was limited, the intent enriches our friendly thoughts and somewhat mellows our memory of the days gone by.

S. E. Scott and family, and other relatives, are in Anson this week, to visit with relatives and attend the funeral of Albert Scott who was accidentally killed here during the Christmas holidays.



We are a member
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM of BANKS
Strongest Financial System in the World.

It is important to our community that our Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, for it means greater safety for depositors and **GREATER OPPORTUNITIES** for business, both agricultural and industrial. Before being accepted as a member of this great Federal Reserve System our Bank was examined by representatives from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., and they also satisfied themselves of the character and worth of our Directors and Officers.

We invite your banking business. Come in.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS

PILES Why continue to suffer when a few local treatments will remove the tumors. No cutting, no sloughing, no confinement to bed and practically painless. Get well, feel better and enjoy better health. Two or three treatments a week for two or three weeks does the work. Come and see me, or write for folder

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Let The Gulf Refining Company
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Deliver your next order of Gasoline, Kerosene, oils, Etc. Delivered anywhere within 8 miles of Spur.

H. F. SHEPPARD, DRAYMAN
Hauling of All Kinds
PHONE 153
SPUR, TEXAS

NOTICE

PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE OF SOL DAVIS DEC., ARE REQUESTED TO CALL AND SETTLE THEIR ACCOUNT AT ONCE. IT IS MY PURPOSE TO CLOSE THE ADMINISTRATION ON THIS ESTATE AT AN EARLY DATE AND TO DO SO WILL NECESSITATE THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS DUE IT.

E. C. EDMONDS, Adms.
OFFICE CITY NATIONAL BANK SPUR, TEXAS.

TO COAL BUYERS

We are now in position to Book Coal for next month delivery as we have a number of cars rolling. Also have a full line of grain, cotton seed products, and hay.

SPUR GRAIN & COAL CO.

PENNANT AUTO OIL LASTS LONGER—NONE BETTER
EUPION OIL LASTS LONGER—MORE HEAT
PENNANT GASOLINE MORE MILES
FOR SALE BY PIERCE OIL CORPORATION
J. P. SIMMONS, Agent, SPUR, TEXAS

DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

After the long holidays our school started again Monday. We two school girls were sure proud, however, we certainly did enjoy Christmas, and Santa Claus was sure good, but we were glad to get back in our schoolroom to our kind teachers and our books.

We had a splendid New Year talk by Judge Brummett. He said he didn't intend to make a speech just to talk to us. Now, we don't know what our Judge would call a speech if he didn't call that one. He promised us he would come back again and make us a real one.

Miss Olene Gunn, of near Spur, has enrolled in our school.

Mr. Doc Slaton and sister, Miss Tona visited our school Monday.

Miss Minnie Ragsdale who has been going to school in Matador enrolled in our school Monday. She says Dickens High is the very best after all.

The Girard High School Boys motored over to our city and played our boys a game of Basket Ball. They seemed to be very happy when they arrived, but when the game was over they didn't seem so happy. The scores were 23 to 7 in our favor.

The Red Hill and Chandler rural schools also played on our court.

We are, indeed, sorry to report that little Miss Inez Durham is reported in a critical condition in a sanitarium at Lubbock. We trust that she will soon be in school again.

Miss Phifer spent the holidays with her parents at McAdoo.

Mr. Fred Haile, of Spur, made the Senior Class a talk Tuesday morning in the interest of Simmons College of Abilene.

Miss Beryl Harkey, took sick in school Tuesday evening. We hope it will not last long and she will be back in school.

Mr. Fred Arrington spent Sunday at Afton. We wonder why Fred goes to Afton so often. We sure don't want to lose him.

Our teachers all report a real nice time at the Institute held at Stamford.

We two school girls must get to studying as this is the beginning of a new month and also a New Year. We have made several resolutions, but the most important is the one that we are going to study hard and be good girls.—Two School Girls.

A CORRECTION

In last weeks issue of the Texas Spur an account was given of an Illinois feeder purchasing calves fed at the Spur Experiment Station and shipping them north and making a large profit. In some way an error has been made as the forty-five head of Jones & Elliott calves fed by the Experiment Station were shipped to Ft. Worth in May, 1921, and sold to Swift & Company and were butchered in Fort Worth and topped the Fort Worth market. They were purchased finished calves by Swift & Company, the most of them selling as prime baby beef, the others as choice beef.

A bulletin "Corn vs. Grain Sorghum for fattening baby beeves" has been printed on the results of this experiment and is available for the public. It discusses in detail the handling of these calves from the time they were weaned on the Jones and Elliot Ranch until they were hung on the hooks in the coolers at Swift & Company.

The calves referred to were probably the heifers from the bunch that the steer calves were selected from these calves were sold on the market as feeders.

W. C. Mitchell waylaid us on the street the other day and shoved a dollar and a half at us, stating that he had all of his crops gathered, stored and ready to close out when prices became profitable. There was a time in this country when cotton and other crops were sold as rapidly as gathered and even before they were matured in the fields—but that day is gone forever. Organization, co-operation and system in marketing has come to stay and place the individual farmer in position to enjoy a profit on what he produces and sells.

Miss Creola Richbourg, who is teaching expression in connection with the Plainview schools, spent Christmas in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richbourg.

Greetings

1923

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR OUR THOUGHTS ARE REVERTING GRATEFULLY TO THOSE WHOSE CONFIDENCE AND PATRONAGE HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR BUSINESS PROGRESS AND PRESTIGE. TO YOU WE EXTEND OUR HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY DURING THE COMING YEAR.

Sam T. Clemmons
INSURANCE

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Dickens.

In the District Court of Dickens County, Texas.

J. L. Fox, Plaintiff, vs. J. H. Hobson Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 30th day of November A. D. 1922 in favor of said J. L. Fox and against the said J. H. Hobson, No. 692 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 4th day of January A. D. 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situate in Dickens County, Texas, and belonging to the said J. H. Hobson to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the H & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey No. 352, Certificate No. 10 2071, Block No. 1, containing 166.22 acres, and more particularly described by metes and bounds in a deed from T. N. Cook and wife to M. C. Hobson dated Nov. 20, 1917, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 519, Dickens County Deed Record.

And on the sixth day of February A. D. 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. H. Hobson in and to said property.

Dated at Dickens, Texas, this 4th day of January A. D. 1923.

H. P. COLE,
Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas.

W. W. Stegall recently purchased the H. O. Albin half section of raw land five miles northeast of Spur, and which he is now improving and converting into a stock farm. Surely and steadily the raw and unimproved lands of the great Spur country are falling into the hands of those who are converting them into productive fields. The day is rapidly approaching when no more raw lands can be had in this territory.

Come to Spur.

BRAIN FOOD

(Contributed)

Moral courage is a virtue of higher cast and nobler origin than physical courage.

Contentment gives a crown where fortune has denied it.

Man's crimes are his worst enemies, following him like shadows till they drive his steps into the pit he has dug.

Good intentions is not enough; those who burned the witches at the stake in our early colonial history were animated by good intentions, and so was the mob that crucified Christ.

Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.—Milton.

This world is the land of the dying; the next is the land of living.

Small crimes always precede great ones; therefore beware of small crimes.

In morals, what begins in fear usually ends in wickedness; in religion, what begins in fear usually ends in fanaticism.

To God, yourself and your country be true, than you can never be false to any man.

By six things may a fool be known: anger, without cause; speech, without profit; change, without progress; inquiry, without object; putting trust in a stranger; and mistaking foes for friends.

None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.

The desire of power in excess caused angels to fall.

Though familiarity may not breed contempt, it takes the edge off of admiration.

Even the best things are not equal to their fame.

Use every man after his deserts, and who shall escape the lash?

True freedom consists in the observance of the law.

There is no class of men so difficult to be managed as those whose intentions are honest, but whose consciences are bewitched.

Pellious contention is the devil's harvest.

Trade in Spur.

MULES FOR SALE

We have a number of good young work mules to sell at the **McArthur Wagon Yard**

COME SEE THEM!

Prices are Right.

HINDMAN & FULCHER
SPUR, TEXAS

WHY IS EUROPE CALLING FOR HELP

A recent issue of the Dallas News—the same section of one of its Sunday issues—contains two articles which present, in singular contrast, what might be called the long and the short of the argument for American intervention in Europe. On one page Frank Simonds tells why an American loan to both France and Germany is needed to prevent instant economic collapse. On the other Frank Carpenter tells of the amazing industrial progress of France since the war and of the financial exploits of Germany which have enabled her to carry in part the staggering financial load laid upon her by the Allies and also to finance her rapidly growing home and foreign trade.

Simonds says: "the question remains how much America and Britain are willing to pay for peace in Europe with the incidental restoration of the European markets." The burden of his song is that we must go to the help of Europe financially in order to prevent its total ruin, and, incidentally, to avoid the loss of our export trade.

Carpenter says, referring to the industrial condition of France:

"The peasants, long famous as the thriftiest and richest of Europe, have never been richer and thriftier than now. Every one of them, I might say, has his woolen stocking hidden under the rafters, and he invests more and more every week. I have before me figures showing the savings of the French people during the first six months of this year. They amount to almost 15,000 millions of francs, or at the current rate of exchange, more than 1,000,000,000 gold dollars. Of this more than half has gone to purchase of shares and bonds, which directly or indirectly, will help in the rebuilding of France. A great part of it has been invested in short-term treasury bonds at 4-1/2 per cent interest.

"Every French captain of industry has his men hard at work or is building the machinery for new enterprises, and the unemployment which Lloyd George says will force Great Britain to put more than a million of its idle men on Government doles during the winter is unknown in France. I am told that there are less than 50,000 people in the whole Republic who are out of a job. Indeed, as to concrete wealth, I wonder whether the French people as a going concern have not gained rather than lost by the war."

Comparing the present condition of agricultural France with agricultural America, Carpenter says:

It is not true that we amassed wealth during the war. But is true that we spent it like water. France added to her savings during the war. She was the great spending place of the Allies, and, if I am correctly informed, Uncle Sam alone laid out more than a billion and a half dollars for war materials here. He paid the peasants for all the land he destroyed and they made money also in supplying the British and other allies. Moreover, the peasants laid up money in the midst of the struggle; they paid off their mortgages, they bought more lands. Today there are 2,000,000 more farm owners in this little Republic than in our big one over the water. Deposits in the savings banks have increased and also the number of depositors. We have in the United States a little more than 11,000,000 men, women and children who have deposits in our savings banks. This is the figures for 1920. In 1918 France had less than 8,000,000 depositors, but she has over 15,000,000 just now. In other words, the French savings depositors have almost doubled in number within the last three or four years. With our present era of extravagant spending I do not see how we can last. If Germany should recoup France by paying the damages she morally and legally owes, France will grow so rich from then on that she will probably soon be lending to us."

On the subject of industrial Germany, Carpenter has this to say:

"Suppose we get down to brass tacks and figure out where Germany stands, leaving out the matter of the reparations of which she will surely pay no more than she can possibly help. In 1921 her aggregate domestic debt was more than 248 billion

marks, and her debt in 1913 was just about \$1,000,000,000. Who held the prewar debt, I know not, but it was probably owned by the Germans. So for easy figuring we can lump the whole in the mark debt of today.

"Two hundred and forty-eight billion marks! It seems a vast sum. So it is upon paper, but when you divide it by the 7,000 marks which at this writing equals about \$1, it becomes only \$35,000,000 of actual concrete indebtedness. This is just about one hundredth of the money we owe, represented for the most part by the Liberty Bonds which you and I and the hundred odd million other American citizens bought during the war. Looking at the debt of France in this way, it is almost 800 times as great as that of Germany, and the debt of the British is more than 150 times greater.

"At the same time it is said that certain of the German financiers and industrial companies have been sending their profits out of the country and investing them in foreign banks in pound or dollar accounts. The amount of these money exports is said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000,000. It reminds one of the bankrupt who puts all his money in his money in his wife's name just before failure. It made Lloyd George think of what the situation will be when the mark goes to nothing and the internal debt of the Germans is entirely wiped out. He said: "When that time comes England must beware of a well-equipped Germany, with 60,000,000 competing with such debt-laden countries as France and Great Britain, which are her industrial rivals."

"I may find I have a different opinion after I have traveled through Germany, but just now, sad as it is, I am reminded of that Japanese saying: 'It is to laugh!' I do not wonder that Germany can undersell all other nations to such an extent that tourists now arriving in Paris tell me how they have bought silk evening dresses in Hamburg for less than \$5 and stockings in Berlin for 1c a pair."

There can be no mistake as to the meaning of the concrete facts presented by Carpenter, or as to the inspiration of the appeal presented by Simonds. The masses of the people in both France and Germany are at work at living wages or income. They are piling up savings at a more rapid rate than they have ever done before. While unemployment has reduced millions to beggary in England and America, there has been no unemployment in either Germany or France. These facts speak for themselves. They require no interpretation. On the other hand, the International Bankers are in great distress. They are calling, calling for America to come over and save Europe. Why are they calling?

NOTICE

All parties whomsoever are hereby notified and warned that hunting, wood hauling and trespassing in any way is absolutely forbidden in any of my pastures, and all violations of this warning will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—Ed Lisenby. 49tf.

NOTICE

Delinquent tax payers of the Spur Independent School District are hereby notified that suits for collection will be instituted at the next term of district court. Spur Schools stand in great need of all tax moneys and those who are delinquent on the tax rolls are urged to come forward and make prompt settlement. JOHN KING, Pres. School Board. W. B. LEE, Sec. School Board.

TO THE PUBLIC

This is to give due notice that hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden on any of my land or pastures.—Chas. Perrin. 3tf.

NOTICE

Hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden in any pastures.—J. B. Morrison. 6tf.

We are fully equipped and prepared to clean and gin your scrap cotton to the very best advantage. Bring it to us and we will do the rest.—Citizens Gin & Power Co., Eb. Johnson. 1f.

TEXAS TAX LAWS IN NEED OF REVISION

Synopsis of speech delivered by Governor Pat M. Neff at Fredericksburg, Texas, Friday night, December 22, on the subject of taxation.

"If there is any part of the Texas statutes that is rude and crude and inefficient, unjust and unfair, it is that part which contains the Tax Laws of this state", was the startling declaration made by Governor Neff in his address at Fredericksburg last week.

"Let us remove our constitutional stumbling blocks, rewrite the tax laws, fix a standard of valuation, make every dollar worth of property and every privilege pay its rightful tribute to the state government. Then our tax burdens, equally borne, will be light on all and we will have money enough to build in this state a civilization worthy of our rare, rich and romantic history. Texas will then within a few years be made the best place in all the world in which to live and prosper."

Continuing, the Governor said that the Constitution of Texas declares that taxation shall be equal and uniform, but really we have no tax laws worthy of consideration. He said it requires no expert mathematician to calculate that taxable property in one county assessed at 45 per cent of its true value pays annually into the state treasury just three times the amount of taxes as is paid by taxable property though actually of the same true value yet located in another county and assessed at but 15 per cent, and this condition prevails throughout the state. It is the rule and not the exception. To meet the situation, a majority of states have created State Tax Commissions clothed with power to equalize values. In many instances he pointed out, these commissions administer all of the tax laws. In none of such states, he said, does there exist inequalities remotely comparable to Texas. Another high spot of his address was that in which he said that a large number of counties in Texas receive more money from the state than they pay to the State, while other counties of equal property value pay to the State far more than is ever received back. He stated that ten counties, taken collectively, received back from the state during the three years preceding 1922, all the net taxes from all sources by them paid to the State and in addition the sum of \$2,836,385. On the other hand a large number of counties, equal in property value pay into the state treasury considerably more than is ever received back.

He declared that the state should have a standard of valuation; that there should be new tax laws reaching into the field of the untaxed taxes, tangible and intangible, and a proper understanding of the value of privilege, as well as property, and with the coming of these new laws, "there is no sound reason why with the burden equitably distributed, our tax rate, both county and state, should not be very materially reduced."

He recommended carefully prepared severance laws to secure just division of realized income flowing from the oil wells of Texas and other sources of the state's economic wealth. He cited the severance tax laws of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Oklahoma, which produce large revenues for the state from coal deposits, iron ore beds, and in Oklahoma from the flow of the oil wells. In Oklahoma, he said, the taxes levied equal to three per cent of the value of all oil produced over royalties, machinery and derricks at well taxed. In his opinion, a severance tax, whether imposed upon value, reached by capitalized earnings or upon gross production, is far more equitable than is the property tax, inasmuch as in every instance and before the tax adheres, both volume, value and income of the severed taxable is known.

Speaking of the oil production of Texas, he said, "we are producing approximately ten million barrels of oil a month. We get practically no revenue from it. Under our law, the big oil companies that build the expensive filling stations on the street corners throughout the state, pay little or no gross tax on the oil commodities handled by them at these filling stations, while the little fellow

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who owns no oil wells or refineries, is forced to pay a two per cent gross tax. As a result of this law passed in the interest of the big oil companies, the one-horse operator is squeezed out of business and the filling stations owned by the big concerns control the markets at the oil filling station of Texas. A law that permits a thing of this kind is fundamentally wrong."

Incidentally, he said, with one exception the principal owners of pipe lines in Texas, refuse to make reports required by statute. All refuse to pay the tax imposed. "The contention is that the statute is unconstitutional," remarked the Governor. "Were it not for the issue raised, it is estimated that the revenue coming to the state under this provision of the law would approximate two million dollars each year."

Another recommendation should be of interest to those engaged in the oil industry. He declared that it would be better to place pipe line companies and their activities under the operation of the intangible assets law, for the reason that in manner, their income may be capitalized and a fair valuation for taxing purposes reached. Under an inheritance tax law properly drawn and administered, he declared Texas should be receiving from this source of taxation at the present time far in excess of one million dollars per annum. It may interest the tax payers to know that under our present inefficient tax laws, approximately six million dollars are now due the state as delinquent taxes. This does not include the million of dollar's property and equitably due the state that never get on the tax rolls.

In justice to the state, the Governor said, and in justice to those who do pay their taxes, this past-due tax money should be collected. If he were writing the tax laws for Texas,

he would not levy an ad valorem tax for state purposes, but would release all uproperty tax to the counties for county purposes. For the maintenance of the state government and all its institutions, its courts and its public highways, he would levy an income tax, an inheritance tax, a tax on natural resources, a franchise tax, a tax on certain occupations and corporate privileges. In other words, he would insist, "thou shalt render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

He emphasized that assessed valuations should be equalized to the end that in all sections of the state, both real and personal property should be taxed in proportion to its value. "Let me here state that land taken as a whole is carrying far too much of the state's tax burdens," said the Chief Executive. "It should carry its proper share and be so equalized as to valuation that in every county it will bear its proportionate part."

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Poet Hagins was here transacting business acairs Tuesday.

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ORAN McCCLURE, Publisher,

T. H. Tallent was in Spur Tuesday from Gilpin, reminding us that here before we had overlooked mentioning the fact that Gilpin, as well as other points, keeping in the building and improvement progressive procession, there recently having been built a brick addition to the store and post office building at that place. There is no county in the West which is enjoying greater and more substantial building and improvement progress than Dickens and the great Spur country. The Spur Farm Lands has again been placed on the market, and within a few years now agricultural lands will be sold and under cultivation and the building improvements progress will continue uninterrupted.

J. J. Thompson, of the Espuela community, was among the many in Spur Tuesday of this week. He reports everybody in his community very optimistic at the beginning of the New Year.

W. F. Foreman, was here Tuesday from Espuela, spending the day here mixing and mingling with the crowds and greeting friends.

C. N. Kidd, of the Dry Lake community, was among the many in Spur during the week.

M. K. Lawson, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was among the Spur business visitors Tuesday of this week. Mr. Lawson reports every thing moving along nicely in the north part of the county.

O. M. Long and family left this week for Bailey county where they will make their home in the future. Quite a number of Dickens county citizens have lately purchased farm homes in Bailey and adjoining counties. The fact is that there will be a "Dickens county settlement" in that section.

H. C. Cheeley, and daughters, Misses Stella and Lois and Curtis, returned last week from Seminole. Mr. Cheeley has purchased a nice residence in Seminole and his family will be moved to that place at an early date. He also owns a fine farm out from town, where Mr. Cheeley intends to keep batch and farm this year.

Chalk Brown, of the 24 Ranch, was in Spur Thursday of this week.

Bert Brown was here Wednesday from the 24 Ranch, spending some time here on business.

C. H. Scott and family, of Duck Creek country to the south of Spur, were shopping and visiting in the city the first of the week. C. H. Scott is among the most substantial farmers and best citizens of this or any other country.

J. P. Weatherington and Mr. Gilmore, of the New Hope community to the north of Dickens, came to Spur Tuesday to do trading.

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of Spur, was greeting friends on the streets Tuesday of this week.

M. S. Faver and wife and Mrs. M. E. Gilpin moved Tuesday to the Faver farm home several miles east of Afton, where they will make their future home during the year 1923. Mrs. Gilpin was among the very first to settle in Spur in 1909 having lived in a tent, as a number of others did, awaiting the sale of town lots, and where she also sold groceries to supply the large number of inhabitants of "Rag Town."

Willard Chapman, manager of the Bryant-Link Company business at Ralls, was in Spur this week on company business and to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Chapman of near Spur.

\$1,441,486 A YEAR'S DISASTER RELIEF COST

Red Cross Aided 145,000 Victims in United States—Losses Total \$30,000,000.

Seventy-two disasters, with hundreds reported killed and injured, and more than 145,000 either homeless or requiring assistance, called for emergency relief measures and the expenditure of \$1,441,486.36 by the American Red Cross during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, according to a statement based on the forthcoming annual report of the Red Cross. The greatest toll of life was taken by hurricane and tornado, while the overflowing of rivers, the breaking of dams and torrential rains drove the greatest number of people from their homes. The property loss was estimated at more than \$30,000,000.

The year's disasters reported included twenty-six floods, nineteen tornadoes, fifteen fires, four epidemics, two theatre collapses, two shipwrecks (one an airship), and a bridge collapse, mine explosion, railway collision, and a drought. Of the floods in the United States that at San Antonio, Texas, caused the greatest property loss, \$6,000,000 and the high mark of fatalities, 100, while the flood in the vicinity of Vicksburg and Natchez, Miss., forced 31,000 persons from their homes.

A National Calamity
In the Red Cross disaster relief records there will probably remain for many years one calamity which touched nearly every state with a sense of horror and of loss. This was the distressing collapse of the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington, D. C., resulting in ninety-six deaths and 125 persons injured. Situated in the center of the beautiful Northwest residential section, this motion picture theatre was patronized by many persons of prominence both in the official and civil life of the National Capital, whose family and personal connections radiated out over the entire country. The horror was intensified by a terrific snowstorm which, though it retarded, did not block Red Cross relief.

Airship Crash Finds Aid at Hand
The crash and destruction of the U. S. Army's large airship Roma in Virginia last February with the loss of 34 officers and men and 11 injured was the first disaster of its kind to call for Red Cross relief in this country. The suddenness of the accident tested the preparedness of the organization and of the Chapter at Hampton, Va., but the response was immediate and relief furnished the survivors, also funds for the expenses of relatives of the dead, who came from long distances to claim their own.

In the year's overseas record for aid rendered by the Red Cross are two fires in the Philippines, one in Manila, which destroyed 1,000 homes, with a loss of \$1,500,000 and 5,000 persons made homeless, the other at Tonlo, which drove 3,000 from their dwellings. In medical relief that was quick and effective the smallpox epidemic in San Domingo, which had a total of 22,000 cases with 225 deaths in a single day, tested the readiness of the Red Cross for action, and the same can be said of the San Domingo hurricane, which killed 12 persons and reduced the homes of 182 persons to wreckage. A flood in San Salvador, with a death toll of 50 and 2,000 refugees, was also effectually handled by the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Relief Machinery Perfected
The year has seen the further perfection of disaster relief administrative measures in every field of American Red Cross activity, and that the work may be carried on to still greater accomplishments the American Red Cross is appealing for widespread renewal of membership during the annual Roll Call, to be conducted this year from Armistice Day (November 11) to, and including, Thanksgiving Day (November 30).

J. H. Snider and family, made a trip Christmas to Amarillo and other intermediate points.

Mrs. Ted Brannen, of Oklahoma, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams, in Spur.

Tom Stevens, of Dickens, was here the first of the week transacting business affairs.

S. T. Johnson came down Wednesday from his farm home in the north part of the county. He is diverting his attention somewhat at this time from his farming operations, in that he has acquired a lease on rich coal lands and is endeavoring to form a development company. He has confidence that all who will take stock in this coal development proposition will make good returns on the investment.

Greatest Mother Summons Her Children



An allegorical concept of the Red Cross as a peace-time ideal is employed by the American Red Cross in a new and striking poster for its Annual Red Cross Roll Call. Spread out before the heroic size figure is the outline of the United States with a Red Cross superimposed upon it while around its borders are sketched scenes depicting the chief activities of the Red Cross today—service to disabled veterans of the World War, disaster relief and promotion of the public health. The poster is the work of Lawrence Wilbur, a New York artist and will be displayed throughout the country during the enrollment of the Red Cross membership for 1922.

W. E. Gates, of Afton, was here the other day meeting with his friends and trading with Spur merchants.

LOST—Solid black pointer bird dog. Return for reward to E. L. Caraway, Spur, Texas.

Madames Bingham and Suttles and Misses Zell Ellis and Ruth Maples, spent the week end in Post.

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J. P. Middleton, of Dickens, was here Tuesday, smiling and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Morrison, of Jones county, spent Christmas in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love.

W. M. Austin, of Afton, was here Monday reporting everything moving along nicely in this section.

Elbert Gilpin and wife spent Christmas in Spur with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Gilpin. Elbert Gilpin was one of the first young men in Dickens county to volunteer for military service in the great European war, serving in France and Germany until the armistice and given an honorable discharge. He and wife left Spur for Lubbock where they will make their home in the future.

J. E. Johnson didn't want anything said about it, but we couldn't refrain from stating that he made us that he had a heart of gold. us tht he had a heart of gold.

ANNANIAS BLUSHES!

The latest candidate for the Annanias Club has this to tell:

"Seven years ago he hung his vest on a fence in the barnyard. A calf chewed up a pocket in which was a standard gold watch. Last week the animal, a staid old milch cow, was butchered for beef, and the timepiece was found in such a position between the lungs of the cow that the respiration—the closing in and the filling of the lungs—kept the stem winder wound up and the watch had lost but four minutes in the seven years."

W. F. Shugart returned recently from a trip to Marlin where he spent several days recuperating.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles north east of Spur, was here greeting friends Tuesday of this week.

W. J. Elliott came in one day the past week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch to the southwest of Spur.

R. L. English, of the Dockum Valley community, was among the many visitors to Spur the first of the week.

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Bob Hahn, of Girard, and Fred Collins, of Stonewall county, were here during the holidays enjoying the Christmas spirit with Jim Hahn and family.

Geo. M. Williams and wife spent the Christmas holidays in Cisco with their son, Sherrod Williams and wife.

THE K. K. K. IS GOING

It requires no prophet to discover that the Ku Klux Klan is riding for a hard fall, and that it is coming at an early date. The brutal murder of Watt Daniels and Carl Richards, near Mer Rouge, La., and the discovery of their bodies in Lake La Fourche has served to direct the attention of the entire country to the hidden methods and motives of the Klan. Here is an illustration of what the mask means which requires no explanation. Whatever may be the inspiration which starts him upon his career, the midnight marauder descends by rapid stages to the midnight murderer.

That element in the Klan which still clings to the theory that it is not unfriendly to the law would do well to take careful note of the trend of things and get away from that unfortunate association while the going is good. The time is nearer than they think when it will not be easy to reconcile membership in the Klan with the character of a law abiding citizen.

The tragedy at Mer Rouge, La., is a warning to the membership of the Ku Klux Klan everywhere that the only safety lies in prompt withdrawal from an organization which exposes all of its membership to responsibility for lawlessness encouraged by the promise of secrecy which it holds out. The two victims at Mer Rouge were not only murdered but their bodies were mutilated in a manner which indicates that they were subjected to cruel torture before they were killed. A mob of seventy five persons constituted their executioners.

Under the law of Louisiana and of every other state in the Union, an organization which engages in criminality of this sort is an unlawful conspiracy, and every member is guilty of all its acts whether or not he is actually present when they are committed. This salutary rule, if rigidly enforced, will soon break up the Klan. When the members find out that they are all guilty alike of every crime hatched and executed by their secret committees, the organization will rapidly dwindle away.

Gov. Neff has had much to say in times past about the failure of local officers to enforce the law. The sincerity of these utterances will be tested by his course with reference to officers who shall permit the Klan to defy the law and to commit outrages without resistance being offered.

In Texas as well as elsewhere, the solvency of the law has been put in issue by the Klan.—Industrial Dixie.

STRAYED—Ball faced light bay horse, branded "PIT" on left shoulder. Notify H. F. Morris, Route One, Girard, Texas. 1-tp.

Harry Patton, Jesse Fletcher and wife and Mrs. Stephens were among those of the Spur country to attend the annual cowboy ball at Stamford Christmas. At this ball the boys were costumed as in frontier days, wearing chaps and spurs and belted six shooters, dancing the early day reels and pigeon wings and throughout the evening until the wee small hours of the morning joy was unconfined, and at intermissions spiked punch was served and enjoyed. It is a pleasure and entertaining innovation to hark back to the golden days of yore.

W. T. Wilson and wife, of east of Spur, were here shopping in the city Wednesday shopping and meeting with their friends.

It is stated upon good authority that Albert Jordan was caught the other day between the handles and following a walking plow; and that Johnson Hunter was observed laboring for two days without interruption; and quite a few interested parties are closely noting the movements of W. T. Wilson to see if New Year resolutions will induce him to actively engage in manual farm labors at least for once in the beginning of a promising and encouraging year.

G. W. and Tom Dodson were in Spur Tuesday from the Tennessee Valley community. Tom has a number of bales of cotton yet unsold which he produced in 1922. He is now holding until the price reaches around thirty cents.

Greetings

At this New Year we greet one and all with best wishes. Hearty thanks is extended for patronage given us the past year, and this year we are at your service. Come and see us.

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Folks boiled coffee and settled it with an egg; Ladies rode on side-saddles; Little Johnnie wore brass toed boots and daddy wore brogans; Leeches operated more frequently than the surgeons knife. When a preacher said a truth the people said amen;—left over noon victuals were finished at supper time; neighbors asked about your family and meant it; merry-go-rounds were called flying jennies; folks used tooth picks and were still polite. A tin cup of red liquor was sold for five cents; ladies dresses reached from her neck to the heels; hogs were slopped on butter-milk; it took 20 minutes to shine shoes with Masons blacking; people served pot liquor instead of canned soup; only crook on record were Lightning Rod agents; Indigestion was called plain bellyache; quinine was taken in coffee, molasses or tissue paper. The Kaiser was wearing kickers; vermilion was used as hearth paint, instead of face paint; babies were rocked in cradles without adding their brains; doctors worked their patients, instead of the patients working them; men played mumble peg instead of poker; the neighbors all got fresh meat at hog killing time; cotton seed was considered good fertilizer; and men made the same wife do a lifetime.—Lon Kizziah, Dickens, Texas.

TEXAS FACTS

If all the people of the United States were to move to Texas, its population per square mile would not exceed that of Massachusetts. The farmers of Texas spend \$16,000,000 annually for agricultural implements. Texas is one and one-fourth times as large as the German Empire was before the war. Texas has more farms than any state in the union—417,770 in number. Texas has 24,000 farms that contain 500 acres each. The uncultivated area of Texas could support all the people of the United States, using as a basis of calculation two acres per capita, which is the world's average. For the past three years, Texas has produced approximately 100,000,000 barrels of oil annually, which is more than one-fifth of the production of the United States for that period. Texas is the second in number of national banks. They have resources of more than \$785,000,000. Nearly one-half of the total lignite area in the United States is in Texas. All the late magazines as fast as issued at Spur Drug Store. L. W. Bilberry, of the McAadoo country, was in Spur the first of the

CONDENSED NEWS

Governor Neff has announced that he has selected the successor of Earle B. Mayfield on the Railroad Commission, "but, for satisfactory reasons, announcement will not be made until some later day."

State Treasurer C. V. Terrell announces there is now available in the general revenue fund \$230,151, and all warrants against that fund up to and including No. 7800 will be paid by the Treasury Department.

The State Board of Control refused to insert an appropriation for the employment of a special lawyer to act as legal adviser to the Railroad Commission and represent that body in its litigation. The sum of \$3,000 had been asked for that purpose.

The last apportionment of the scholastic year 1921-22, amounting to \$1 per scholastic, has been made by the state board of education. It represents a total of \$1,292,239. The total per capita or scholastic apportionment for the year ending Sept. 1 was \$13, representing \$16,799,107, based on 1,292,239 scholastics.

After discussing sources of revenue and proposed changes in the educational system of the State, the legislative committee of nine, appointed for the purpose of making a survey of the higher institutions of learning, adjourned without preparing its report to the Legislature. The committee announced that another meeting will be held early in January when the report is to be prepared.

Whether or not a receiver appointed by the District Court can deprive the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking from taking possession of a State Bank which he has closed, is the principal question involved in the State Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, set for submission before the Ninth Court of Civil Appeals at Beaumont.

The expense of support and maintenance of the State eleemosynary institutions for the fiscal year of 1922 total \$2,687,051, according to figures compiled by the State Board of Control. The per capita cost a month was \$21.91, and the per capita cost a year was \$622.95. The amount expended on construction was \$1,302,

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In addition to changing the agricultural books and texts in arithmetic, the State Book Commission has adopted an entirely new book for the State of Texas, to buy for its school children, the third-grade geography. The book selected is by Sheppard and published by Rand, McNally & Co., and the price to the State is 75c a copy.

H. O. Albin is constantly acquiring more property and increasing his ownership of the rich soils of the great Spur country. He recently purchased the W. W. Stegall farm home one and a half miles northwest of the school house and will make further improvements on the place. The consideration in acquiring this property was approximately fifty dollars an acre—and we want to predict now that within the next five years this place can not be bought for one hundred dollars an acre.

E. C. Edmonds and family returned this week from Fort Worth where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Edmonds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, was here trading and greeting friends Monday of this week.

Dr. B. F. Hale and family returned the first of the week from Greenville where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends, reporting a most pleasant holiday season.

Mrs. J. H. Grace and son, Joe, who was here from Dallas for the holidays, and R. E. Dickson, spent several days the past week with other relatives at Rotan.

Jim Hahn was in town one day this week from his Dockum Valley farm to the west of Spur.

Miss Gussie Mae Love returned last week from Carbon where she spent Christmas with Miss Pearl White.

W. R. Farrell, of Espuela, was here the first of the week marketing home produce and buying a few luxuries of the Spur merchants.

NOTICE TO LANDHOLDERS TO KILL PRAIRIE DOGS

The land holders of Dickens County, Texas are hereby notified to kill or cause to be killed all prairie dogs within their respective enclosure, as required by law before the 15th day of February, A. D. 1923, and on their failure to do so, the Commissioner's Court will proceed to have them killed at the expense of the defaulting land holder. And the cost thereof will be lein upon the land, and the payment thereof will be enforced in the manner provided by law in such cases.

Court of Dickens County, Texas in session, this the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1922.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk.

FARM BUREAU NOTICE

To all members of the Dickens County Farm Bureau, you are hereby requested to meet with your respective locals at once to elect delegates to attend the Dickens County Farm Bureau Meeting on the 30th, of December, 1922, in Spur at 2 p. m. in the County Agents office, then and there to elect one or more delegates to the annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, which convenes in Dallas, Texas on the 17th, day of January 1923.

J. R. McMAHAN, Sec.

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of The Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Director's Room of said bank on the 2nd Tuesday in January 1923, being the 9th day of January 1923, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting.

C. A. JONES, President,
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Lon Kizziah, one of the best citizens and most successful farmers of Dickens territory, was in Spur Tuesday, trading a little and meeting with friends.

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E. H. Blakley, of the Afton country, was among the visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week, spending some time here buying supplies of the Spur merchants and meeting with his friends.

Ben Reddell, of McAdoo, was here the first of the week after medicine for his wife who had been critically ill.

EVERYONE ON EARTH WANTS HIS MONEY'S WORTH.

I WANT A FULL-WEIGHT TON

Mr. and Mrs. Careful Spenders, we are addressing these few remarks to you: We believe that when you buy coal you want to get your money's worth and if such are your intentions it should turn your footsteps or your phone call in the direction of this coal yard.

P. H. MILLER
SPUR, TEXAS

RESPECT THE FLAG

When you see the Stars and Stripes displayed, son, stand up and take off your hat. Somebody may titter. It is in the blood of some to deride all expression of noble sentiment. You may blaspheme in the street and stagger drunken in public places, and the bystanders will not pay much attention to you, but if you should get down on your knees and pray to Almighty God, or if you should stand bareheaded while a company of old soldiers marches by with flags to the breeze, most people will think you are showing off.

But don't you mind! When Old Glory comes along, salute, and let them think what they please! When the band plays The Star Spangled Banner in a restaurant or hotel dining room, get up, even if you rise alone; stand there, and don't be ashamed of it, either.

Don't be ashamed when your throat chokes and the tears come when you see the flag flying from the masts of our ships on the great seas or floating from every flagstaff of the Republic. You will never have a worthier emotion. For of all the signs and symbols since the world began there is none so full meaning as the flag of this country.

Other flags mean a glorious past; this flag means a glorious future. It is not so much the flag of our fathers as it is the flag of our children, and of countless children yet unborn. It is the flag of tomorrow, the signal of the "Good time coming". It is not the flag of your king; it is the flag of yourself and your neighbors.

Your flag stands for humanity, for an equal opportunity to all the sons of men. Of course, we have not yet arrived at that goal; injustice still dwells among us; senseless and cruel customs of the past still cling to us, but the flag leads the way to righting the wrongs of men.

Our flag is the world's symbol of liberty. That piece of red, white, and blue hunting means five thousand years of struggle upwards. It is the full-blown flower of generations fighting for liberty. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom.—Col. Alvin M. Owsley, National Commander of American Legion.

THE UNORGANIZED FARMER

It is the unorganized farmer who is at fault for the costly and wasteful speculative system now prevailing in the marketing of many agricultural commodities, Aaron Sapiro, famous co-operative attorney, told the milk producer of the Chicago district in six addresses last week.

Mr. Sapiro has helped to organize forty-seven co-operative farmers' marketing associations, all of which have been successful.

"Don't blame the speculator," he said. "He is the natural result of the lack of organization in agriculture. What would you think if each one of the 40,000 stockholders in one of the large meat packing companies would begin selling meat products independently of all the other stockholders? That is exactly what is happening in unorganized agriculture today. Is it any wonder that agriculture in many cases has not been receiving the price it deserved for its products?"

"If farming is to be a successful business the farmer must organize along business lines and market his own product just as efficiently as other manufacturers."

George Harris, a leading citizen and farmer of the plains country, was in town Wednesday of this week. He was speculating as to whether or not these Spur banks would be sufficiently lenient to supply the cash with which to pay taxes. We are in the same boat but, possibly a little heavier loaded—since we owe not only the taxes but the purchase price on property.

Grady Maceors and wife and Treay Corum returned last week from Waco and other points where they spent the holiday season with parents and other relatives and friends.

C. P. Williams was in Spur covered days the past week from the oil belt where he is now engaged in the ham-bone business. He reports everything moving along with life and energy in the oil belt, and notwithstanding the "boom-bank" has burst there is plenty money and much activity in oil circles.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER PRICES AND BETTER FARM METHODS

"Farming must pay or the Nation will perish."

Twentieth century civilization, with its boasted achievement, will perish from the face of the earth, unless agriculture is made profitable.

This is axiomatic and needs no demonstration.

Our lands are depreciating in production, because of erosion and loss of plant food.

Erosion cannot be stopped and plant food cannot be restored without profitable prices.

Money spent for good schools and good roads is a great investment when intelligently expended, but it raises the price of land and increases taxes, without increasing the productive capacity of the soil. In order to support good schools and build good roads, the farmer must receive better prices for his products.

Cotton is the greatest commercial crop of the United States, (i. e. brings more actual money) and is almost the sole dependence of the South. With depleted soil, ravages of the boll weevil and other pests, and the high cost of living, it is no longer possible to produce cotton as economically and as cheaply as it was formerly produced.

Estimates of cost of production filed in this department by thousands of practical farmers, show that the average cost of producing the cotton crop of 1921 was 25.8 cents per pound and the average cost for the 1922 crop was 22 cents per pound. The 1920 and 1921 crops were sold at a loss, and the 1922 crop sold for about cost, with a small profit to the most successful farmers.

Business conditions materially improved because of the small profit to some of the farmers. This ought to convince every intelligent man in Texas and the South that cotton cannot be profitably grown for less than 20 cents, as the minimum price.

THE REMEDY

1. Raise all the food and feed crops to supply the farm and the local town or city market and make the farm self-supporting.

2. Stop erosion or washing of the soil by terracing or other means, and plant enough peas, velvet beans or other legumes to replace the plant food taken from the soil.

3. Reduce the cotton acreage 25 per cent and improve the cultivation, curtail insects ravages, and produce more per acre at lower cost per pound. This plan will produce as much cotton, and bring more clear money to the farmer. Demand 20 cents per pound, or more, according to cost of production, supply and demand.

These suggestions, if put into execution, will materially benefit the South. The farmers, as a rule, are not properly organized and not financially able to carry out this plan, but are willing to do their part.

I appeal to all business interests to assist the farmers in a campaign for soil improvement, better methods in farming, and better prices, and this assistance requires both moral and financial support, and a campaign to apprise the cotton consuming world that cotton cannot, and will not, be produced hereafter for less than cost, and a reasonable profit. I appeal to the newspapers to assist in this campaign.—Geo. B. Terrell, Commissioner.

D. D. Dunwoody and family, who have been residing in Spur the past several years, moved this week to Anson in Jones county where Mr. Dunwoody has a position and the family will make their home in the future.

While in Spur Mr. Dunwoody was identified with Brvant-Link Company and also with the Hogan & Patton tailoring department. We wish Mr. Dunwoody and family success and contentment in their Jones county home.

Attorney W. E. Jessing and family, of Waco, moved last week to Spur and will make this their permanent home in the future. Mr. Jessing will practice his profession. For a number of years he practiced law in Waco and comes highly recommended, not only as a lawyer but as a citizen.

Mack Donaldson, of the Tennessee Valley community north of Dickens, was here Tuesday, having a few suggestions with which to begin the New Year.

CROTON ITEMS

Croton has been on the boom during Xmas, had a party at Mr. Porter's, Friday night, Xmas tree Saturday night and a party at Mr. Richey's afterward. A party at Mrs. Dunn's Monday night, one at Littlefields Tuesday night and at Koonsman Wednesday night. So you see we have been on the gad.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry, are spending Xmas at Denton. Hurry back we all miss you.

Miss Lois Vernon, is at home this week. We miss Lois too.

Elmer Gentry, is spending Xmas at Wichita Falls. Hurry back Elmer.

Misses Joe Dunn, Alice Porter, Lena Maye Littlefield and Mary Porter are sporting new rings, look out.

Mrs. Homer Jackson gave a Xmas dinner. There was a large crowd to help eat it and everyone reports that they left full.

Mr. Martin and Ulric Lea have been visiting their uncle, S. L. Porter and family.

Bob Littlefield, is home from the Matador's spending Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg and family, are spending Christmas in Oklahoma.

Mr. R. E. Rogers and family, are spending Christmas in New Mexico.

Mr. Frank Littlefield has gone to Lamesa for a visit.

Some of the Croton people frowned at the sand storm Tuesday. Guess they will cry before the year is over.—A Friend.

FIRST AID TO SICK PIGS

It has been found that the following treatment will be a help in all cases where stock pigs show indications of sickness, especially in cases of Necrotic Enteritis or other intestinal trouble:

Remove sick pigs from balance of herd at once, and put them in a separate and clean pen.

Make Sulphate water as follows: Dissolve 4 oz. sulphate of copper or blue vitriol in one gallon warm water then dilute in 5 gallons water for drinking purposes as an intestinal antiseptic, the basis being 4 ounces sulphate to 6 gallons water.

Feed very lightly on milk slop to which shorts have been added, and give sulphate drinking water prepared as above. If no milk slop is available, feed soaked crushed oats and shorts and give sulphate water to drink. As they begin to recover give them access to green pasture feeds whenever possible.

It is always well, however, to secure the services of a competent veterinarian, remembering that if sick pigs are given no attention the trouble soon becomes chronic and more and more difficult to correct.

Never give rich food to sick pigs.

We are now ready to make up your cane into syrup. Be sure to cut your cane before frost and bring it in.—Citizens Gin & Power Co., by Eb. Johnson. 53-1f.

Cut your cane before frost and bring it in and let us make it into syrup for you.—Citizens Gin & Power Co., Eb. Johnson. 53-1f.

If you want your scrap cotton cleaned and ginned in the best possible manner, bring it to the Citizens Gin & Power Co. 53-1f

Meal and Hulls, Cold Pressed and Hydraulic Cake, we buy and sell most everything. All the molasses are gone—raise some more cane, and bring us your business.—Citizens Gin & Power Co., Eb Johnson.

See Spur Mattress Factory for Sanitary Mattresses. We also Renovate old mattresses. All work guaranteed. Your patronage will be appreciated.—N. O. Phillips, Prop. 6-1f

FOR SALE—6-cap range stove with reservoir, good as new, for \$20 cash. Also 250 egg incubator for \$15.—W. H. Birdwell. 8-1f

HAY FOR SALE—Very bright wheat straw, baled, at 33 1-2 cents per bale, 5 miles west of Spur on highway.—W. J. Pickens. 9 5tp

W. J. Clark came in Monday and spent a short time in town. He had the appearance of one who had enjoyed Christmas and was beginning the New Year with great hopes and expectations.

GRUBEN'S
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WHAT IS THE CILIARY MUSCLE?

The ciliary muscle changes the eye lenses to accommodate the distance. When they become "lazy," man-made lenses must supply the deficiency. We will grind for you the lenses that your eyes require and charge less.

W. C. GRUBEN
OPTICIAN
JEWELER
SPUR, TEXAS

WHAT SHALL 1923 BE?

Texans, we are face to face with a new year—1923! What shall it be? We know that water rises of its own energy higher than its source. We know that 1923 shall rise no higher than its source.

The source of 1923 is the human hearts and human vision! Just as with the great stream whose source is not in any one little spring, nor of any great reservoir, but in many small streams and a few, perhaps, reservoirs; so with the source of 1923: its source lies in the many thousands of dreaming, visualizing, willing human entities—just like you and me.

So the reach of 1923 is determined by the reach of our dreams, of our visions, of our willing. All of these become motive when reduced to human energy. Not your energy alone; not my energy alone; not the energy of any group, but the kinetic energy resulting from the combined energies of every human being as expressed in individual and group movement.

We wonder what is the ratio of the two parts of our energy this morning! Is it 90 per cent kinetic, and 10 per cent static; or is 10 per cent kinetic and 90 per cent static? The velocity and level of business in 1923 will be exactly in proportion to our kinetic energy.

Your brain force, your soul power, your resultant vision is your static energy. Your willing is your kinetic energy.

Let's convert the static energy to kinetic energy until the ratio approaches zero as its limit.

A massive brain without thought is tragedy. A great soul without consciousness is pathos, and the wise man said that "Where there is no vision the people perish."—Texas Commercial News.

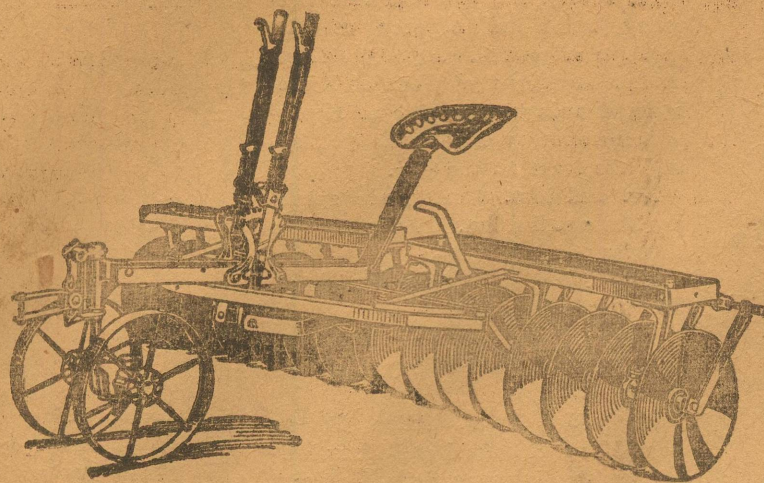
Mayor W. J. Garrett, of Jayton, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week, spending a short time here meeting with his friends. He reports everything moving along nicely at Jayton and the Jayton country, the town already assuming the responsibilities of a city since its recent incorporation and installation of city officers.

WE SELL STEAKS AND CHOPS OF RARE QUALITY!

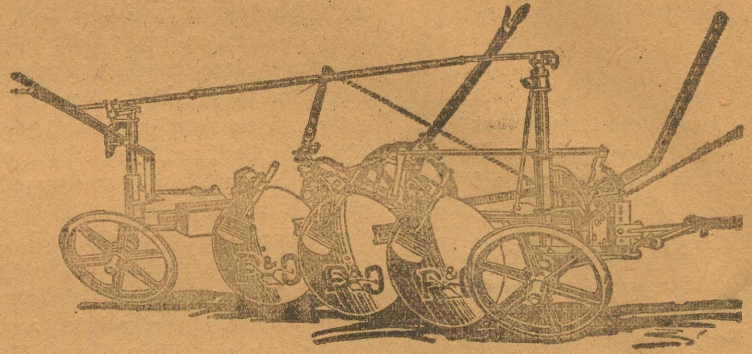
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"K. K. K.—A Ku Klux physician wanted in a country village, a Baptist preferred; \$2,000 buys a cozy little and A1 2-room office 2 acres of land, hog-fenced, a good orchard, well, chicken house, etc.; \$4,000 practice goes with deal. Address J. A. T. Page, Roseland, Texas, Route 2."

The above notice, clipped from the "Miscellaneous Business Chances" column of the Dallas News advertising columns of November 22, give a new slant on the possibilities of Ku Kluxism. Will the demand create a supply of Ku Klux doctors, lawyers, preachers, etc.? And how will a Ku Klux doctor ply his trade? The organization believes in summarily passing on the worth of citizens. Will individual Ku Klux doctors, when they are called in to prescribe for a patient who is undesirable from the local K. K. standpoint, feel called upon to cure him, or to speed him on his way to that bourne from whence no traveler returns to tell the tale, by the shortest, quickest route? We believe we'll take our doctors served plain.—Comanche Chief.

W. S. Hunter and family left this week for Seminole where they will farm another year, on the Johnson Hunter farm in that country.

R. M. Slack, of west of Spur, was here the first of the week on business and trading.

All the late magazines as fast as issued at Spur Drug Store.

Mrs. A. L. Brasher and son Loyd, left recently for the Rio Grande Valley where Mr. Brasher has located and will practice his profession as dentist.

P. H. Miller and wife and Miss Jennie Shields spent the Christmas holidays with relatives at DeLeon

E. C. Forbis returned last week from Ohio where he spent some time on cattle business.

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TEACHERS ASS'N AT STAMFORD ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 24, 1922.—Full Report of the Resolutions Committee, Joint Institute of Teachers from Dickens, Kent, Jones, Shackelford and Stonewall Counties.

These resolutions are going to all members of the Thirty Eighth Legislature, newspapers in the counties covered by this institute, associated press, and to other organizations and persons.

These resolutions represent to me extent at least what 350 teachers in central West Texas have come to think in common concerning schools. Legislator, it matters not whether you are in the distant Panhandle section, in the far west near El Paso, away down in the Rio Grande Valley pines, you are still in Texas; and you are elected to represent her in the halls of lawmaking. What these recommend in the following has merit, and you should get an understanding of their viewpoint, so here it is. If you are too busy to read this, you lack appreciation of what your constituents would say unto you. Read these resolutions, please, and think upon them. Read all others that come to you, and you will be in far better position to represent your state.

1. That it is the desire of this body of teachers that the Legislature change the laws governing the distribution of school funds to laws providing for apportionment on the basis of the average daily attendance.

2. That this institute goes on record as approving the educational programme of Governor Neff, as given before the State Teacher's Association at Houston.

3. That the Legislature revise the laws providing for teacher's institutes as now conducted.

4. That we commend and congratulate Miss Annie Webb Blanton and the State Department of Education for their efforts in behalf of the public schools during their administration.

5. That we endorse the Towner-

Sterling Bill.

6. That the University League Officials be requested to create a new district with Stamford as a center.

7. That we express our thanks and appreciation to Dr. P. W. Horn, Prof. A. S. Blankenship, Mr. L. D. Borden, Miss Marie Riddle, Mrs. J. U. Fields and Roy Bedcheck for their work at this institute.

8. It is our desire to thank the citizens of Stamford, the Board of Trustees of the Stamford Schools, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and the teachers of the Stamford Public Schools for the many courtesies extended, and their efforts for our comfort, entertainment and welfare while visitors in the City of Stamford.

N. B., please: These resolutions were not adopted with usual 'whoop' and 'howl.' On the other hand, these resolutions were read and discussed and then put to a vote, one by one. In no case was there ever any doubt about the result of the vote taken.

N. B. further please: On January 9, the County Superintendents and County Boards of Education of all this section of the state are going to meet in Stamford to discuss some important matters to place before the Regular Session of the Thirty Eighth Legislature. You will get a copy, and you will be expected to read it just as you have read this one. By the way, legislator; come to this meeting in Stamford next month. It will do you good. Stamford extends to you a hearty welcome.

Hugh Luckett and sisters, the Misses Luckett, of Matador, spent Christmas in Spur at the Ed Lisenby home.

Mrs. Alexander and children and party of young people from Jayton, enjoyed a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Love one evening the past week.

E. M. Morris, brother of Dr. Morris, is feeding about 150 calves, and is in the market at all times for hogs while Dr. Morris is devoting all of his time to his practice.

TAX EQUALIZATION BILL BEING DRAWN

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.—Representative Lee Satterwhite and State Tax Collector John G. Willacy, collaborating in preparing a State tax bill on the basis and the draft of the new bill with expectation of having it ready by Saturday for presentation to the Governor.

Under the proposed bill the full rendition law which came into existence during the administration of Governor Tom Campbell, will be amended so as to make it enforceable by a State Tax Board and the County Tax Boards would be made subject to suit by the Attorney General to comply with the mandates of the State Board. The theory of the new bill is to require a full rendition of all property and when that has been completed in each country, the State Board would ascertain how much revenue is needed and then order the County Boards to assess the property for purposes of taxation in exactly the same ratio over the entire State. If 50 per cent of the full values would yield sufficient value, the County Boards would be directed to make the tax assessment 50 per cent of the rendered values. If they refuse, the Attorney General would be empowered to institute suit for removal.

At this time the county equalization functions are vested in the County Commissioners' Courts by the terms of the Constitution and only a constitutional amendment can change it, hence the procedure followed in the bill to continue the tax assessments there but to vitalize the full rendition and compel its enforcement through the County Boards.

In his tax speech Governor Neff advocated an equalization of the taxes and the bill now being prepared is for introduction in accordance with his desires.

FOR SALE—A small house at a real bargain if bought immediately.—D. Y. Twaddell.

A LETTER FROM A SALIOR

San Francisco, Cal. Dec. 30.—The Texas Spur:—I received your paper a few days ago sure was a welcome to hear from home. I have, since writing you before become rated as Pharmacist mate second class, will be transferred to Shanghai, China for independent duty one of the Merchant Marine vessels, that ply between the Eastern ports.

We are having wonderful climate out here in comparison with that of Dickens county at this time of the year. The grass and trees on the Island are still green.

We sure have had an efficient course as a Hospital Corpsman much more than it was a few years ago. Anyone that enlists in the service would advise him to enter the Hospital Corp both for the financial and educational value as it offers advancement for the efficient more readily.

Wishing you a prosper New Years.—Solon S. Caple, U. S. N. Hospital Corps Training School.

Grandma Watson, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Copeland, and son, Will Watson, returned to her home at Mart. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Copeland who was returning to Austin to resume her studies in the University, after having spent the holidays with her parents.

Henry Elkins returned this week to T. C. U. Fort Worth, after spending the holidays in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins. Henry Elkins is one of the very brightest young men of the country and has a most promising future.

County Clerk O. C. Arthur was among the business visitors in Spur during the week.

D. D. Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week.

C. W. Gunn, of near Dickens, was here trading and meeting with friends Tuesday of this week.