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# The Texas Spur

## THE DICKENS ITEMS

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

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### GRAND PARADE OF COMMUNITY AND MERCANTILE FLOATS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19 AS IN CATALOGUE INSTEAD OF THURSDAY AS PER THE PROGRAM

#### SPUR SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE PUPILS

The Spur public schools opened Monday morning with a large attendance and the most favorable conditions since the beginning of the town.

A program was rendered at each of the school buildings, there being quite a number of patrons as well as pupils present. At the old building L. L. F. Parker, pastor of the Baptist church, made an address to pupils, while at the high school building I. A. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, addressed the audience, giving encouragement to the pupils and some good advice to patrons, stating that the school would be what we make it, the teachers and superintendent being unable to get best results without the help and assistance of the patrons, but with united efforts the very best results would be had and educational interests greatly advanced. Miss Morgan, teacher of elocution in connection with the school and Miss Higgins gave readings, Mrs. Dickson sang and Henry Ellkins gave a violin solo, in completing an interesting and entertaining opening program.

J. E. Watson, superintendent, also made a short talk, asking patrons to meet the school half way, and with "co-operation" the school would be made a success. In speaking of affiliation, since many patrons are hoping for and really expecting Spur schools to become recognized by higher educational institutions of the state, Mr. Watson said that he could not promise recognition for affiliation, would not slight other important school work merely for the sake of such recognition, but with the cooperation of pupils and patrons a good school would be had. Mr. Watson impressed us as a man of superior school ability with the incentive to do things, and under his superintendency we now predict that our school and educational interests will be greatly advanced this session.

#### BRYANT-LINK CO. Ladies' Department

Soon the leaves will take on the Autumn hues. Nature will be changing her covering of green to that of brown, yellow and gold. You will want to lay aside your summer frock. We have made it easy for you to select the new fall dress, hat, and coat.

Mrs. Jane Hart and Mrs. Will Andrews are in charge of our Ladies' Wear and Millinery. They both know their business, and you can safely depend on what they tell you. They have a wonderful assortment of Hats and Dresses; and at prices surprisingly low. Ladies' Hats \$2.50 Dresses as low as \$1.00.

Our purchase of Ladies' wear for thirteen stores gave us a volume of about 2,000 dresses, and we of course got special prices on this large quantity, and we feel sure we are in a position to outfit every lady that will give us the opportunity of showing her, at prices, taking style and quality into consideration, not equalled in even the larger cities. We want you to visit our Ladies' Department; true it is upstairs, but you will be well paid for climbing a few stair steps.

#### Men's Furnishing Department

Our Men's Department is now open for business. We have never before had room to carry a full stock of Men's wear, but we have room now; and the wear. If it's clothing you want, you cannot afford to pass us by. We are featuring Hart Schaffner & Marx, the best clothing money will buy. If you want cheaper clothes, we have the Isaac Fallers line, known as the best low priced line of clothing in America. If it's shoes, we have Packards; if it's hats, we have Lion specials and Stetsons; if it's shirts, we have Eagle and Skyline; if it's underwear, we have Munsingwear and Coopers.

This new department is as full of the best merchandise as an egg is

of meat, and Chesley Speck is rearing to go; all he asks of you is to come. If you buy a Hart Schaffner & Marx suit and it falls down, you get a new one. Come on, we want to see the men coming to this department as thick as bees to the hive. Men, Men, Men, Men, Men, wanted to buy Hart Schaffner Suits. Furniture Just Unloaded

We are stocking our Furniture Department, and it will be open for business in a very few days. Now this is a new line to us, but we feel that we will have a good selection, and our prices, we know must be right if we expect your business. Come and see. We buy furniture in car load lots, and feel that we are in a position to serve you.

Our new building is about complete. We can serve you better. We are progressing. We have heard the difference between a rut and a grave was only the depth and width; we are trying to keep out of the rut and we feel that we have the best equipped General Store in the West, we are proud of it. We believe it will help to make our business better and add a bit to the value of every home in this country. We believe in our customers; we believe the world is getting better; we believe in the virtue of women and the integrity of men. We believe God rules the universe, and that our ancestors were not monkeys. We just believe the old Book; and have found in times of adversity, it lightened the burden, and helped us to believe the sun would shine again, even though the day was dark.

Come on, Folks, the Bryant-Link

crowd are most all country boys, and we are proud of it. The writer has gone down to cotton row to the tune of 500 in a day, have followed the plow and wielded the hoe, and with axe and grub hoe have felled the mesquite and blackjack and knows what a blackjack runner means. In the early days of West Texas, I have seen the wolf near our door, but somehow, somehow, he was driven away. You may think as you may, but to me there is an unseen Hand guiding. Come on, Folks, with the crowds.

#### BRYANT-LINK CO. Attend the Fair

#### JOI DE VOI CLUB

The Joi de Voi Club was entertained by Mrs. Tracy Gorham Wednesday afternoon. Several games of bridge were played. A color scheme of pink and yellow was carried out in decorations and favors. Guests were: Mesdames Jennings, Wilson, Dickson, Alger, McClure, and Mrs. Morrison, and Miss Harrison.

Week before last Mrs. Zachry entertained the club at the home of Mrs. P. C. Nichols. Mah Jong was played. All club members were present and the following guests: Mesdames McGee, Thorp, Morrison, Nichols, and Miss Campbell.

#### Attend the Fair

G. R. Elkins, of the Red Front Drug store, and Edwin Woody of Girard, this week attended the West Texas Druggists Association meeting at Lubbock. They report an interesting and entertaining meeting of this section of the country.

#### STAMFORD BOOSTERS VISIT SPUR WEDNESDAY; SPEND NIGHT HERE

Seventy-five or a hundred "Stamford Boosters" arrived in Spur Wednesday at six o'clock, and with a band of several pieces paraded the streets rendering a musical program. The visitors were escorted to the Fair grounds where the Chamber of Commerce had prepared a watermelon feast. The Spur Inn, which is just now being completed, entertained the visitors for the night. At 7:30 Thursday morning the boosters left for Claremont and Rotan.

They came by way of Sagerton, Peacock, Swenson, Jayton and Girard. The booster trip is for the purpose of creating a friendlier feeling with in the Stamford trade territory, extending that territory, and also advertising the city as a wholesale center.

It was a pleasure to Spur to entertain these visitors on this occasion, and it is hoped that mutual friendships and trade benefits will result.

#### REPORT OF CIRCLE TWO

Circle Two, Baptist Ladies Aid, met in the basement of the church last Monday to study Second Kings, Mrs. E. L. Brown being the leader. This circle is composed of the young married ladies of the church, Mrs. Ray Sanders is our chairman and Mrs. Dr. Nichols our president.

If you are a stranger in our town we would be so glad to have you come and join us in our study of

the Bible. You will enjoy it. Bring your babies, we have engaged a nurse to care for them.

We meet promptly at 4 o'clock in the basement of the church every Monday.—Reporter.

#### Attend the Fair

John Tallent came in one day this week from his farm home near Gilpin. He is in the dry belt, but is making pretty fair crops.

#### DISTRICT COURT WILL CONVENE IN CLAIREMONT SEPTEMBER 22ND

District court for the Kent county district will convene in Claremont Monday, September 22nd.

Following is a list of the grand jurors summoned to serve for the first term:

R. Tatum, N. E. Porter, C. P. Peek, E. L. Peterson, Walton Davis, Roy Cross, G. T. Wade, O. C. Lowrance, W. T. Holley, B. J. Kellett, L. B. Fuqua, E. C. Brown, C. H. Cade, J. H. Montgomery, J. W. Langford, T. F. Cross.

Following is a list of those summoned to serve on the petit juries for the term:

Sol Wilson, J. Arthur Davis, B. F. Spradling, J. H. Dillingham, W. H.

Armes, J. S. Lovelady, J. H. Anderson, H. E. Duncan, W. L. Matthews, J. T. Sims, T. K. Taylor, L. W. McCombs, J. D. Lee, R. A. Jay, J. C. Perry, C. W. Osman, E. W. Cade, J. M. Cason, W. M. Dyer, Thos. Fowler, W. J. Garrett, M. L. Luna, Will Darden, T. J. Cooper, Joe Earnest, T. F. Hughes, E. A. Peek, J. E. Williams, L. H. Mason, L. A. Boland, Willis Rackley, Watt Smith, R. B. Corder, T. T. Hart, J. I. Cook, J. A. Burks, A. C. Cargile, Ross English, G. B. Goodall, W. E. Capps, E. W. Henington, R. I. Goodall, W. M. Cheyne, C. Phipps, C. W. Fincher, I. F. Murdock, A. L. Patton, D. G. Sampson.

#### COTTON CROP PROSPECTS GREATLY REDUCED DURING PAST TWO WEEKS

During the past two weeks the cotton crop prospects of the country has been greatly reduced because of weather conditions. Many fields which heretofore had prospects of a bale of cotton to the acre will not now make more than a bale to four acres, while others will make a third and one-half bale to the acre. It is estimated that at least ten thousand bales have been lost to the county by reason of not having a rain at the proper time. Heretofore it was estimated that thirty thousand bales would be made, whereas now it is estimated at not more than eighteen or twenty thousand.

The price of cotton is also "throwing off," being now around 22 cents. Trade at Home

B. W. Clayton, of west of Spur, was trading in the city one day the first of the week.

#### WOOD-McCLAIN

J. W. Wood and Miss Lottie McClain were married Saturday night at the home of Bill McClain, W. J. Wade officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of friends. The contracting parties are of the old time families and well known throughout this section.—The Jayton Chronicle.

#### Attend the Fair

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the courtesies and assistance shown us, throughout the illness which resulted in the death of our beloved wife and mother.

The assistance and kindness of our many friends, shown through the past days, we extend to each of them our heart-felt thanks.—J. C. Davis and Sons.

Attend the Fair

#### AN ANNUAL EVENT OF IMPORTANCE

Next week the County Fair will open. We urge every one who can possibly do so, to attend.

In every line of business, regardless of what it may be, co-operation and understanding is essential.

The County Fair provides the opportunity to bring thousands of people together. Each of these people will derive some benefit from the Fair. Here they can see the rapid strides being made in the improvement of machinery, the development of various industries and branches of farming, such as hog raising, cotton, cattle, etc. This interchange of ideas greatly assists all of us in many different ways.

The Fair also provides recreation and amusement which all of us are entitled to. This annual event is one of the most important factors in the upbuilding and development of this community. It is an affair to which all of us should lend our full support. The Spur National Bank heartily endorses the County Fair and wishes it great success.

#### SPUR NATIONAL BANK

#### Albert Power, S. L. Porter, Joe Robertson Awarded Premiums for Best Feed Crops

In the contest for the best twenty five acres of feed and forage crops produced in Dickens county this year Albert Power of Afton was awarded first prize, S. L. Porter of Duncan Tank community second prize, and Joe Robertson of John's Windmill community third prize. The first prize is a \$250 registered Jersey cow and \$50 in cash, the second prize a \$150 registered Jersey springer cow, and the third prize a \$100 registered Jersey calf.

This contest was instituted by the Spur Chamber of Commerce assisted by County Agent Johnston. J. P. Middleton, O. C. Arthur and W. F. Godfrey were the judges, and the past week, accompanied by C. L. Love, president of the Spur Chamber of Commerce, and County Agent Johnston, visited thirty-one farms and inspected the crops in arriving at the conclusions and making the awards as above.

In the beginning there were more than five hundred farmers in the county entered in this contest, thirty-one remaining in the contest and meeting the requirements as scheduled.

President Love, of the Chamber of Commerce, in speaking of their rounds with the judges to view crops, stated that ideal conditions prevailed over the greater portion of the country, and that of the number of crops inspected many were entitled to consideration and comment, some of them failing to receive consideration in the final judging merely because of uneven stands and improper system in seeding.

The crops of Messrs. Power, Porter and Robertson, are of such quality as would receive consideration and possibly prizes in the contest for best crops produced within the entire state in agricultural production, and recognized as one of the best in the state in agricultural production, and when fully developed in this line will assume its place among the greatest producing counties of the state.

#### MRS. J. C. DAVIS DIED SUNDAY IN MINERAL WELLS

Mrs. J. C. Davis died Sunday, September 7th, at Mineral Wells, where she had been several weeks for treatment following a brief illness, her remains being interred Tuesday afternoon in the Spur cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Pastor I. A. Smith at the Methodist church.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband, J. C. Davis, and three sons, Jas. A. Bird of near Post and C. D. Bird of Matador, and Luke W. Davis of California.

Mrs. Davis was born January 6th, 1845, near Cartersville, Ga., she being almost eighty years of age at the time of her death. Following the Civil war she was married to Tom Bird to which union two sons were born, Jas. A. and C. D. Bird, before his death resulting from wounds received in battles between the North and South. In 1874 she was married to J. C. Davis in Erath county, Texas. To this union four children were born, two boys and two girls, only two of these living to manhood's estate, Sol Davis dying in Spur several years ago, and L. W. Davis of California who is now here with his father and came here to attend his mother during her last illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis were among the very earliest settlers of Dickens county, having located a home here before the organization of the county, and have contributed much in the development and progress of the county. All of the old timers knew and loved Mrs. Davis and will mourn her death as sincerely as surviving members of the family.

Trade at Home  
J. B. Glaze, of Barstow, is in Spur visiting his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier at their home in the city.

#### PRELIMINARY SURVEY BEING MADE FOR SEWER SYSTEM IN CITY OF SPUR

Mr. Willard, representing the Municipal Engineering Company of Dallas, has been in Spur the past week making a preliminary survey for the City Commission with a view of later installing a complete sewer system for the city. The estimate of the probable cost has not yet been submitted by the surveyor, but when this is done a bond election will be ordered for the necessary amount required to install the system. In conversation with Mayor John King, he stated that the pro-

posed bond issue would probably amount to twenty five or twenty six thousand dollars.

A sewer system and sanitation is just as necessary to the health, growth, progress and development of a city as is a water system and other necessary public utilities. Spur has ever been foremost in recognizing and providing the needs of the city and the people, and in keeping in step with the rapid growth, settlement and development, a sewer system is recognized as a necessity.

#### EVERYTHING NOW IN READINESS FOR FAIR, SEPTEMBER 18, 19 and 20

Everything is now in readiness for the fair to be held September 18, 19, and 20. The Texas Kid Carnival with its merry-go-round, ferris wheel wild west and other shows are on the road and will be on the ground with the varied other entertaining features. The grand parade of decorated floats will be held Friday, and the three days will afford pleasure and amusement to all as well as give benefit to the agricultural and live stock interests of the country.

In exhibits, entertainment and attendance, this year's fair is expected to surpass all former annual fair events.

Everybody is invited and expected to be there.

#### Attend the Fair

J. M. Hahn, of west of Spur, was here one day during the week, reporting everything looking good out his way.

J. B. McNeelin, of Duck Creek, was trading in the city Saturday.

#### Attend the Fair

County Commissioner O. C. Newberry, of Afton, was transacting business in Spur the first of the week.

#### Have Taken Over the W. C. Chapman Cleaning and Pressing Plant

Equipment will be prepared to give better work and service than you ever got before. Send me your work.

#### The Quality Cleaners

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Phone 10  
SPUR, TEXAS



**DR. BUTTE TO HEAD REPUBLICAN TICKET IN STATE**

STATE LAW SCHOOL OFFICIAL UNANIMOUS CHOICE TO OPPOSE MRS. FERGUSON.

**NOTIFIED BY WIRELESS**

Nominee, Already Expressed Willingness to Make Race, Returning from Abroad.

Dallas, Texas.—Dr. George C. Butte, dean of the law school of the University of Texas, now on the high seas homeward bound aboard the steamship Rotterdam, which has sailed from Southampton, has been chosen by the Republican State Executive Committee, which held an all-day session here, as the G. O. P. candidate for Governor to oppose Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Dr. Butte was chosen to fill the vacancy on the Republican ticket created by the resignation of T. P. Lee of Houston.

He had already advised members of the committee that he would accept the nomination and make the race for the Governor's office if it should be tendered to him by the committee. He was notified of his selection by wireless and will reach home in about ten days prepared to wage an active campaign which will be conducted from the State headquarters of the party in the Southland Life Building in Dallas.

The executive committee met behind closed doors to fill three vacancies on the State ticket nominated at the Fort Worth convention and transact other routine business. The names of only two possible nominees for Governor were submitted, those of Dr. Butte and Henry Zweifel of Fort Worth, United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. Col. W. E. Talbot of Dallas, who had been prominently mentioned as successor to Mr. Lee to head the ticket prior to the session of the committee, declined to let his name go before the meeting, and although Henry Zweifel had strong backing from the rank and file of the party, Dr. Butte was, at the end of two hours' deliberation, unanimously agreed upon on the first ballot as the choice of the committee.

A large delegation from Fort Worth appeared to urge the selection of Mr. Zweifel and representatives thereof were admitted to the committee room in the Adolphus Hotel and delivered short addresses in support of the claims of their candidate.

Dr. Butte, the nominee, is opposed to the Ku Klux Klan and is a prohibitionist. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Austin. He is 47 years old. While not a native of Texas, having been born in California, he came to this State at an early age.

**ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY IN THE MAKING**

Plan to Run Rev. Andrews of Denison Against Mrs. Ferguson.

Denison, Texas.—Formation of a new political party in Texas with the Rev. John L. Andrews, Denison local pastor, as its nominee for Governor in opposition to Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, is under way, it is announced by Charles J. Adams of this city.

"It is the intention of those behind the move," said Mr. Adams, "to eliminate the prejudice engendered during the late campaign so far as possible and place some one in the Governor's chair who had no part in making or carrying on of the campaign just ended." The Rev. Mr. Andrews it is said, voted in favor of the Democratic primaries held this year.

Mr. Andrews is further made the place of elector for the First Congressional District on the League ticket, but has not yet notified the Secretary of State of his acceptance. It is further stated that the Rev. Mr. Andrews has been invited to go into pivotal States as a campaign speaker for the progressive party candidates, but is holding this in abeyance until the outcome of present plans to drop Mr. Andrews as a candidate for Governor are known.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews was candidate for Railroad Commissioner in 1918 and again two years later. He was then a resident of Dallas.

A. A. Wortham Dies. Corsicana, Texas.—Albert Ashcraft Wortham, 63 years old, well known Texas publisher, died at his home here after a lingering illness. Mr. Wortham at the time of his death was part owner and publisher of the Corsicana Daily Sun. He had been engaged in newspaper work since 1861. Mr. Wortham was born in the atmosphere of a pioneer settlement. He learned the printing trade in the office of the

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return date hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ralph McLaughlin, Deceased, Chas. McLaughlin has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said Ralph McLaughlin, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in October, A. D. 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Dickens, Texas, this 5th day of September, A. D. 1924.—O. C. Arthur, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County, Texas, By Josephine Cessmen, Deputy.

**Attend the Fair**

S. L. Porter, of the Duncan Tank community, was greeting friends in person the first of this week. Mr. Porter is one of the best farmers of the country. This statement is substantiated in the fact that the judges in the recent feed contest awarded second prize to Mr. Porter for having the best crops of feed and forage produced in the country. Mr. Porter is not only a good and successful farmer but lives in a rich and productive belt of country.

**Attend the Fair**

J. A. Legg, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Croton community, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week.

**Attend the Fair**

C. P. Allen, of southwest of Spur, was here Wednesday. He says the grasshoppers have worried him the past two years, and for this reason desires to move another year to a section of the country immune to such pests. The liberal use of poison is about the best way to get rid of the grasshopper pests.

Everybody eats peanuts and popcorn. Buy them at the Epworth League Booth at the fair.

**Attend the Fair**

W. S. Leach, of the Dry Lake community, was on the streets Saturday meeting with friends. In the beginning of the campaign Mr. Leach entered the race for tax assessor, but later withdrawing to look after his farming interests. Mr. Leach is a good citizen, a good farmer, and had he remained in the campaign might have also been recognized as a good campaigner. However, it has been our observation that good men in politics are generally losers even though they win in campaigning.

**Attend the Fair**

Herbert McCarty, of Dallas, returned home last week after spending several days in Spur with his father, W. F. McCarty, and other relatives and friends. Herbert has been attending school and also working in Dallas.

**Attend the Fair**

I HAVE a First Class Well Drilling Outfit, have had many years experience in drilling and am prepared to drill your well promptly and satisfactorily.—Lee Harrison. 37-1f

**Attend the Fair**

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of east of Spur, were shopping in the city Wednesday.

**Attend the Fair**

H. P. Bell, who has accepted the superintendency of the Dry Lake school and moved to that section last week, was in the city Saturday meeting and conversing with friends and acquaintances. Mr. Bell, in going over the country, says that during the past two or three weeks the cotton in this section has deteriorated very greatly. In fact, he says in his opinion, many crops have been cut one-half in throwing off as a result of weather conditions. In his opinion, he says, that the estimated cotton crop yield of thirty thousand bales for the county will be cut to at least twenty thousand bales by reason of the adverse conditions of the past two or three weeks.

**Attend the Fair**

Ottom Mott has purchased the tailoring, cleaning and pressing department of the former W. C. Chapman & Co. business, and will hereafter operate the business under the name of Quality Cleaners, and the business will be conducted in the same location at the back of the Wolfe Bargain Store, successors to W. C. Chapman & Co. Otto Mott has been in Spur a number of years, and we are glad to see him establish a business of his own, and predict for him a successful and prosperous business.

Mr. Witt, a leading citizen of the Watson community, was among the business visitors to Spur Saturday.

**Attend the Fair**

W. D. Street, of Dickens, was one among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. While here Mr. Street was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, reporting everything quiet and peaceable in and around the county capitol.

**Trade at Home**

Jim Smith, of Dry Lake, was greeting friends on the streets Saturday.

**5 1/2 Per Cent FEDERAL FARM LOANS**  
35 YEARS TIME  
\$25.00 or up can be paid any time—Make your own terms.  
Over one hundred million loaned to Texas Farmers.  
S. L. DAVIS

**Sick Headache**

"I have used Black-Draught when needed for the past 25 years," says Mrs. Emma Grimes, of Forbes, Mo. "I began taking it for a bad case of constipation. I would get constipated and feel just miserable—sluggish, tired, a bad taste in my mouth, . . . and soon my head would begin hurting and I would have a severe sick headache. I don't know just who started me to taking

**Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT**

but it did the work. It just seemed to cleanse the liver. Very soon I felt like new. When I found Black-Draught so easy to take and easy-acting, I began to use it in time and would not have sick headaches."

Constipation causes the system to re-absorb poisons that may cause great pain and much danger to your health. Take Theford's Black-Draught. It will stimulate the liver and help to drive out the poisons.  
Sold by all dealers. Costs only one cent a dose. E-104

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**MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION**

**"HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES"** (Hunt's Salve and Soap) falls in the treatment of Itch your druggist is fully authorized to return to you the purchase price.

A Medford, Oklahoma man, among thousands who praise HUNT'S SALVE, says:

"Some people dislike to call it the Itch, but candor compels me to admit I had it badly. Your Hunt's Salve, however, cured me after many other remedies had totally failed."

**"HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES"** (Hunt's Salve and Soap) are especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter and other itching skin diseases, and are sold on our money-back guarantee by all reliable drug stores.

Remember, if it fails it costs you nothing, so give it a trial at our risk.

**SPUR DRUG STORE**

**AUTHORIZED Buick SERVICE**

His car's faultless performance frequently lures a Buick owner to distant and remote places - but wherever he goes Buick Authorized Service is near at hand.

**SPUR BUICK COMPANY**  
SPUR, TEXAS

When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them

**Additional Spur Farm Land Offering**

We have placed on sale a large additional acreage of Spur Land which will offer a wide range of selection to intending purchasers of either farm or ranch lands

List of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office. Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity with eight per cent interest only to date of payment.

**S. M. Swenson And Sons**

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

Spur, Dickens County, Texas



**URGES FARMERS TO HOLD THEIR COTTON**

GALVESTON.—Fixing 30c as a fair price to the producer should the crop run 11,500,000 bales and at least 25c should it go as high as 13,500,000 bales, Balis E. Harris, president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade, Monday issued a statement urging farmers of Texas to hold cotton for a fair return. The statement issued in view of the slump in price during the last few days was as follows:

"The president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade thinks that it will be a great mistake for the farmers to sacrifice their cotton at prices below a fair value. This crop should be worth at least 25c and more likely 30c to the producer. But the farmers are not going to get what it is worth unless they look out for themselves. They deserve the encouragement of every banker, merchant and business man.

"Last season trade conditions were bad in Europe and very unsatisfactory with the American mills. They are certain to be much better this season, which means more consumption. The size of the crop is still an uncertainty. It may be 11,500,000 bales, or 13,500,000 bales. If the former, at least 30c should be obtained by the producer; if the latter, at least 25c. In either event, it can only be obtained by a sane and orderly marketing of the crop. At these prices it is the cheapest of any commodity to be had."

The statement added that Galveston had storage room and banking facilities to care for at least 1,000,000 bales of cotton in the event of such holding.

**Trade at Home**

**VALUE OF FAIR TO OUR PEOPLE**

The fair is an educational clearing house. It is an agricultural and industrial institute for residents of both town and country. It is a short course in better farming and better living. It is a physical demonstration of why one man who farms with his head instead of his hands must inevitably succeed.

It is a comprehensive exhibition of what the ambitious boy or girl may achieve in agriculture, livestock raising, dairying, horticulture, home gardening, domestic science or household economy. It is an exposition of the marvelous improvement in farm machinery and agricultural implements. It is an object lesson in the real part which improved machinery plays in the development of and cultivation of the farm and the increased prosperity of the farmer.

The chief educational value of our fair lies in the fact that it is demonstrative in character. The eye is a more convincing instructor than the ear. We are slow to accept and believe in any new method until we have had optical proof of its superiority over the old.

Often it is difficult to secure the attention of the busy man or woman long enough to give such a demonstration. Not frequently it happens that farmers who would be most benefited by better methods of farming are not sufficiently interested to be present at any special meeting called for the purpose of discussing the subject.

But the fair appeals to that trait of mankind which demands entertainment and amusement and becomes a common forum for the discussion of all matters having to do with agriculture, industry, the home and school.

In this clearing house of education the farmer learns what the manufacturer, the merchant and the banker are now doing to make his labors less arduous and his farm more profitable and the town resident learns what rapid progress is being made in agriculture. A bond of common interest is created which means much to both town and country.

The farmer learns by actual observation of the newest devices and improvements in agricultural implements. He learns their use and benefits. He learns in what way they assist in soil cultivation, in plant growth, in sowing, in harvesting, in threshing. He learns the economic value of the more modern machinery of the silo, of motor power on the farm.

The urban dweller is furnished a vivid picture of the agricultural resources of the community. He learns about the fertility of the soil in the vicinity; of what is being done to increase the farm yield; to improve the quality of the stock, and to multiply the total dairy product.

Every man and woman, whether town or country resident, is brought into closer touch with the home life of others. All imbibe that broader education which means co-operation—that ideal education which is service to self and all humanity.—Dublin Progress.

Lon Kizziah, of the Tennessee Valley community to the north of Dickens, was in the city Tuesday and spent a short time here trading and greeting friends. Lon and family and G. W. Dodson and family just recently returned from a trip through the country to Tennessee. They say that no where did they see as good crops as are now growing in the Spur country. In fact, they said that after they left Wichita Falls the crops promised very little all the way into Tennessee.

**Attend the Fair**

S. T. Johnson, of north of Dickens, was in Spur one day the past week. He reports everything most promising in crops, politics quiet and everybody getting down to business of the hour. Thom was in the recent campaign for county office, but unfortunately was not given an opportunity to demonstrate his ability to save the country. The fact is, we suspect that he gave too much of his time and attention to other matters than campaigning, possibly not realizing fully the importance of campaigning in preference to working. However, we do not expect this to be his last race, and when another campaign year rolls around we suggest that he lease out his farm and get in to win.

**Attend the Fair**

J. T. Cozby, of west of Spur, was transacting business in the city Saturday. He says his crops are fine.

**Trade at Home**

A. Fry, of the Cat Fish country, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday. Mr. Fry has quarantined against all hunters, but we are going to slip out there at the proper time with the proper credentials and see if we can't get the quarantine raised.

**Attend the Fair**

I AM teaching a class in expression in connection with Spur school. Those desiring to take expression, please see or call me at school building.—Miss Zura Howard. 46-2tp

**Attend the Fair**

T. A. Smith dropped in Wednesday and paid us a pleasant call. He is now helping Riley Smith in building a new farm house on his place on Cat Fish. Mr. Smith and family just recently returned from Williams, Arizona, where they sojourned several years. He says he didn't return because of financial difficulties or embarrassments, but because the Arizona country and climate was not agreeable to his health. Before leaving he left two one dollar bills in our subscription till, shoving his date up into 1925.

**Trade at Home**

C. N. Kidd and family, of Dry Lake, returned last week from a trip to Lampasas county and a visit of several days with relatives and old time friends of that section. They make the same report of all others who visit and travel over other sections, that the Spur country has the very best crops of any part of the country.

**Attend the Fair**

J. H. Jones, of the Highway community, came in one day this week, meeting and conversing with friends.

S. B. Boykin, of Soldier Mound, was trading and meeting with friends in Spur Tuesday.

**Attend the Fair**

WANTED—Family to gather 80 acres of cotton on Buckner farm, 4 miles west of McAdoo. House furnished.—C. Douglass. 46-4f

**Attend the Fair**

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cairnes were shopping in the city Saturday from their farm and ranch home over in Kent county.

**Attend the Fair**

W. M. Austin, of Afton, was in the city Tuesday, meeting with his friends, and also attending the funeral of Grandma Davis, another one of the oldest settlers of the country who has passed on to her reward.

**Attend the Fair**

W. H. Nichols, of Dumont, spent Tuesday in Spur on business and meeting his friends here that day.

**Attend the Fair**

M. E. Tree was in the city Tuesday from his farm home out in the Highway community. He says the cotton is opening up now and will soon be rolling into the market. The next government report on cotton is expected to be somewhat reduced from the former report of more than thirteen million bales production. Crop prospects throughout the country has declined the past two or three weeks and those who have been out over the country are unable now to see where the thirteen million bales are coming from.

**Attend the Fair**

Frank Goodson and wife, of several miles southwest of Spur, were shopping and visiting with friends in Spur Saturday of the past week.

**Attend the Fair**

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of the Dry Lake community, returned last week from an extended visit with relatives and friends in Runnels and McCulloch counties. They report a very pleasant visit, but say that crop conditions are not good and very inferior to the crops of this Western section of the country.

**Attend the Fair**

Geo. S. Link made a business trip this week to Stamford and Peacock. The Bryant-Link Company has this year established two new businesses, one at Peacock and another at Rotan, making a total of fourteen or fifteen stores now being operated in West Texas by the company. The Bryant-Link Company is one of the strongest retail business concerns now doing business in the West.

**Attend the Fair**

J. Z. Smith, of Red Mud, came in one day the first of the week—spending a short time here trading with the merchants and feeling of the markets. Notwithstanding the discouragement of dry weather and depredations of grasshoppers, Mr. Smith will have several bales of cotton for the market, and has already supplied the meat markets with a few surplus cows and yearlings.

**Attend the Fair**

A. C. George, of the Highway community, was among the crowds here Saturday trading with the merchants and meeting with friends.

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, dropped in to see us the other day, and we were glad to shake hands with him. Mr. Allen has hit it hard in past years, but he is a stayer, and will win out eventually. He this year has good crops, and unlike Uncle Bill Stafford, after this year he may not have any unfinished business to look after. Here is hoping.

**Trade at Home**

Chalk Brown has resigned his position with King & Sample and accepted a position with C. Hogan & Co. Chalk, we understand, will have charge of the gents furnishing department of the C. Hogan establishment.

**Trade at Home**

J. C. Dopson, of near Spur to the northwest, was greeting friends on the streets Saturday. Mr. Dopson told us he had already picked out one bale of cotton, and would soon keep it rolling in to the gins and market.

**Attend the Fair**

D. J. Harkey and wife, of Dickens, were shoppers and visitors in Spur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Busby and children returned this week from the Rio Grande Valley where they have been spending the summer months. Mr. Busby was engaged in buying cotton, having his headquarters at Mission. The "Valley" country is a wonderful country, and by irrigation every character of fruit known is being produced in that section. In fact, it is said that eventually it will surpass California and Florida in growing the finest fruits. However, Mr. and Mrs. Busby were both glad to get back home and again be among the best people and the best country of the world.

S. L. Davis came over Saturday from Dickens, spending the afternoon here on business. Mr. Davis is now giving his time to pushing his farm loan business.

**Attend the Fair**

J. W. Davis, of Soldier Mound, was among the number of visitors in Spur the latter part of the week.

**Attend the Fair**

Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, were shoppers in Spur the first of the week.

**Trade at Home**

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was mixing with the crowds in Spur Saturday.

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**LADIES' READY TO WEAR**

Our new shipments of the season's choicest materials will be found in our line of wool dresses tailored by the most famous makers of ladies' ready to wear. In this department we have arranged a special showing for Fair Week.

**JUST RECEIVED**

New materials, new colors, wonderfully tailored Coats. The new materials for this season are Suede de Luxe, Blocked Suedine, Shamytex, Blocked Polaire and others. Pay this department a visit.

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Here you will find all the new materials in Silks, Wool and Cotton Goods—Gingham Draperies—and a complete line of staple goods at prices you can afford to pay.

**MEN'S WEAR**

In suits we say "SOCIETY" BRAND" and "CURLEE," they are famous for their looks, long wear and appearance. You will find this to be the most complete stock ever brought to Spur and we are confident that we can save you money as well as sell you the kind of clothes you like to wear. Priced \$22.50 up.

**STETSON HATS**

All the new ones for Fall as well as a big assortment of the staple ones. Come, look 'em over.

Manhattan and Wilson Bros. Shirts, Hose, Underwear, Collars Mr. Man, do you know that we buy the best there is in clothes for you, and they are priced where you can afford them.

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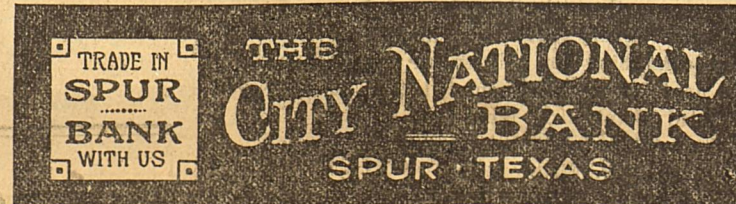


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## DEMOCRATS TO MEET TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE HIGH COURT

A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee has been called for Saturday for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals of this district to succeed Judge Boyce, who is resigning the place. M. J. R. Jackson, of Amarillo, was in Spur this week, in the interest of his candidacy for the place. The resignation of Judge Boyce

came too late for a primary election nomination, therefore to have Mr. Jackson's name on the November ballots the nomination will be made by county conventions.

Trade at Home— Roy Harkey and Will Marshall made a business trip this week to Amarillo, driving through in Mr. Marshall's new Essex Coach, which was to have special wheels placed on it.

## PROGRAM NORTHWEST TEXAS FAIR

September 18, 19, and 20, 1924

SPUR, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 18, 1924

### Wild Cow Milking Contest, 2:30 p. m.

The one procuring most milk in 30 minutes

First Prize ..... \$15.00  
Second Prize ..... 10.00  
Third Prize ..... 5.00

RULES:—Dehorned cows will be used; Milkers will work in pairs, one holding, while other milks; Milking will be done in quart bottles  
Judges: Luther Jones, J. M. Foster and Tol Merriman

### Relay Race, Promptly at 4:00 p. m.

First Prize ..... \$75.00  
Second Prize ..... 35.00  
Entrance Fee, \$5.00; Same to be added to first money  
Judges: Luther Jones, J. M. Foster and Tol Merriman

SEPTEMBER 19, 1924

### Grand Parade, Friday, 1 p. m.

First Prize, Community Float ..... \$50.00  
Second Prize, Community Float ..... 35.00  
Third Prize, Community Float ..... 25.00  
Fourth Prize, Community Float ..... 15.00  
Fifth Prize, Community Float ..... 10.00

### Bicycle Race, 1/2-mile, 1:30 p. m.

First Prize ..... \$5.00  
Second Prize ..... 2.50

### Wild Cow Milking Contest, 2:00 p. m.

Same Prizes, Rules and Judges

### Fat Man's Race, 3:00 p. m.

Prize ..... One Suit  
Entrance: 45-inch Waist Measure or more; Distance, 50 yards

### Sack Race, Promptly at 3:15 p. m.

Prize ..... \$2.50  
Free for all; Distance, 50 yards; Sacks Furnished by Fair Association

### Football, Promptly at 3:30 p. m.

SPUR vs RALLS

SEPTEMBER 20, 1924

### Baseball Game, Promptly at 2:00 p. m.

SPUR vs PEACOCK

### Relay Race, 4:00 p. m.

Winning Team of First Race will not be permitted to enter Second Race. Prizes and Judges, Same as First Race

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## Lepold and Loeb Given A Life Term Sentence

The world famous Leopold and Loeb case, charged with kidnaping and murdering the Franks boy in Chicago, were given life sentences Wednesday by the judge. The two murderers were 18 and 19 years old, and the Franks boy 14 years. They stated that they killed the Franks boy merely to experience the thrill of killing. An over-developed mind instead of insanity was the plea of defense lawyers. They were millionaires' sons, and hundreds of thousands of dollars was spent in the trial. The judge stated that only the age of the boys prevented a sentence of hanging.

## Town is Being Built at McAdoo on the Plains

Machinery for the second gin at McAdoo was hauled out of Spur this week. Two new store buildings are under construction and several more are to follow. A twenty acre block has been cut up into town lots, and they are being sold. The town already has a general mercantile store, drug store, blacksmith, post office, school, two churches and a barber shop. Soon McAdoo will become a leading town of the county. Several blocks of farm land has been sold the past week.

## Feed Store and Building Burned Monday at Girard

The feed store of Ab Gallagher of Girard was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Both the building and feed contents were a total loss. The building was owned by W. G. Mayfield.

This is only the second fire to occur in Girard since the establishment of the town in 1910. The passenger depot was burned down several months ago.

Attend the Fair— FARM FOR SALE—80 or 160 acres, well improved, small payment down, easy payments.—Harvey Holly, 6 miles northwest of Dickens. 46-3tp

Trade at Home— Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crouse, of Stephenville, are in Spur this week looking after their business property interests.

Trade at Home— C. R. King and family returned last week from a visit to relatives in the Eastern part of the state.

Attend the Fair— A girl baby was born September first to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pence of near Spur.

Attend the Fair— Buy your season ticket for the Fair at the Candy Kitchen. 46-1tc

Attend the Fair— STRAYED—One red and one black sow, in thin order. Notify Central Market of their whereabouts. 46-1t

Attend the Fair— "Red Mud" Lambert, of the Pitchfork ranch, is in Spur for the treatment of his hand which was broken and bruised by a pitching horse striking him with its hoof. Fears of blood poison are entertained, and his hand is in a critical condition.

Trade at Home— D. G. Simmons, of the Gilpin country, was greeting friends on the streets of Spur one day this week.

Attend the Fair— W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, was among the number on the streets during the week.

Trade at Home— W. D. Blair, of east of Spur, was here a short time Wednesday transacting business affairs.

Attend the Fair— M. H. Reynolds moved back to town this week from the farm where he started a crop.

Attend the Fair— COTTON CONDITION REPORT PREDICTS 12,787,000 BALES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A forecast of 12,787,000 equivalent 500-pound bales for this year's cotton crop based on conditions prevailing September 1 and ginnings of 958,204 running bales, counting round as half bales, prior to September 1 were announced today in the consolidated cotton report of the department of agriculture and census bureau.

The condition of the crop on September 1 was 59.3 per cent of a normal, indicating an acre yield of 151.5 pounds. The August 16 report this year placed the condition at 64.9, indicating an acre yield of 153.5 pounds and a crop of 12,956,000 bales at that time. Production was 10,128,478 bales last year when the condition was 54.1 on August 25, the nearest comparative date.

Attend the Fair—

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE BI-COUNTY INSTITUTE

Resolved: That we, the teachers of the Bi-County Institute, composed of Dickens and Kent counties, wish to submit the following resolutions for approval:

First, we wish to thank the citizens of the town for their splendid co-operation in making this a place of pleasure during our visit here.

Second, be it further resolved that we express our thanks and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered the teachers of the institute by the following:

First, to the Reverends Smith, McLean, Harris and Parker for conducting the devotional exercises.

Second, for the eloquent address of welcome delivered by Mr. C. B. Jones in behalf of the citizenship of Spur.

Third, to express to Miss Higgins and to Mrs. aZchry our thanks in furnishing entertainment during the exercises of the institute and to the following, who assisted them in making the program a success: Lucille Lucas, Miss Nell Higgins, Mrs. R. E. Dickens, Henry Elkins, Clarence Laine, Robert Glasgow, Pike Nichols, Fay Jamison, Eloise McCrary, Miss Neitha Snider.

Fourth, to Supt. J. E. Watson and the sectional leaders for their congenial manner in which they have conducted this institute.

Fifthly, be it further resolved that we wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Miller from the State Department of Education for his inspirational address.

Second, to Mr. R. B. Johnston and Miss Vinny Wilkins representing the Extension Department of A. & M. College.

Fourthly, be it further resolved that we, the teachers of this institute, go on record as opposed to the present wasteful and unbusiness like method of selecting the free text books for the children of the state.

Fifthly, that we further resolve to hold the Bi-County Institute composed of Kent and Dickens counties, September, 1925, the place to be decided at a later date.

Sixthly, be it further resolved that we favor the Stirling Towner bill as now pending in Congress.

Seventh, that we further resolve to express our regret to Judge Brummet being unable to address our Institute as scheduled. We wish him a speedy recovery.—Committee on Resolutions: George H. Thomas, Chairman, Harry C. Bell, Mrs. C. B. Gentry, C. N. Kennon, Mrs. F. M. Robinson.

## Dr. Montgomery

Dr. Montgomery, of Stamford, will be in Spur two days, Tuesday, September the 30th and Wednesday, October the 1st, prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Fit Glasses and remove Tonsils and Adenoids.

Office at Nichols Sanitarium

## METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Methodist Missionary Society met Monday at 2:30 p. m., at the church, as guests of Mesdames Twaddell, Campbell, Payne and Snodgrass.

We had with us our District Secretary, Mrs. Rutherford of Stamford and one of our conference officers, Mrs. John Eldridge of Matador, each making very interesting and helpful talks on the work of the Missionary Society, followed by a general discussion of all parts of the work.

We then enjoyed delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake.

The Missionary Society is packing a box, consisting of table cloths, towels, sheets, etc., for the Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas. All wishing to contribute, please Mrs. Fite by Sunday.

The Methodist Bazar will be held this year on the 4th Saturday of November. Every Methodist lady prepare something for this event.

Our next Monday's lesson will be the second chapter of Women and Missions. All be sure and be present.—Supt. of Publicity.

Attend the Fair— W. I. Simmons was here the first of the week transacting business and meeting with friends and acquaintances.

Attend the Fair—

## TWO EAST TEXAS BOYS CLAIM COTTON PICKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Two boys here from East Texas, picking cotton near Spur, claim to be the champion cotton pickers. One day this week they picked 1207 pounds, one picking 588 pounds and the other 619 pounds. This is nearly a bale a day for the two boys. If there are others who can beat it we would like to hear of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Tol Merriman, of south of Spur, were among the shoppers and visitors here Saturday.

Attend the Fair— T. A. Randleman was on the streets one day this week. He told us he believed he this year had the best crops he had ever made in this country.

## CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT TO BE MADE FROM SPUR SEPTEMBER 23

County Agent Johnston requests the Texas Spur to announce that another cooperative shipment of stock will be made from Spur September 23rd. All desiring to participate in this shipment must make application at once to Mr. Johnston.

Trade at Home—

Three new dry goods stores are opening up in Spur this week, making five new dry goods concerns to open in the past few months. We call attention to the advertisements of J. T. Salem, C. R. Edwards and the Wolfe Bargain Store, the three having openings this week. In addition to the mercantile offerings, J. T. Salem is giving away a jar of money to the best guesser at his place Saturday. The advertisements appearing in the Texas Spur from week to week are worth your time and trouble to read, and those who take advantage of the trade offerings will save good money.

Attend the Fair—

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Stephens, of Afton, were in Spur Monday. While here Mr. Stephens enrolled his name with the growing list of Texas Spur readers. Some twenty five new names have been added to the Spur subscription list the past two weeks, which is very encouraging and gratifying to us. We want to send the paper into every home of the country.

Trade at Home—

Be sure and visit the Epworth League Booth at the fair.

## Injunction Filed to Keep Mrs. Ferguson's Name off the Ticket

An injunction suit has been filed by a San Antonio lawyer to prevent the name of Mrs. Ferguson appearing on the Democratic ticket in the general election. The main contention is that by reason of her sex Mrs. Ferguson is ineligible to serve as governor and at the head of the state military forces.

Trade at Home—

W. L. Thanisch, of Draper, was attending the business affairs in Spur Wednesday. Mr. Thanisch has about a thousand acre crop this year, and estimates that he will make all the way from one hundred to five hundred bales of cotton. A hail hit that section lately, doing considerable damage, Mr. Thanisch losing thirty or forty bales.

Attend the Fair—

Vic Barber and family returned last week to their home at Sylvester after spending a month in Spur after spending a month in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Barber.

Attend the Fair—

Firm Self and family, of near Lamesa, are in Spur this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson and other friends of the Spur country.

## WE HAVE IN STOCK

Feed oats, seed oats, corn, corn chops, maize heads, shorts, bran and cotton seed meal, seed rye, seed barley, seed wheat, Cow Chow, Omolene, Hen Chow, Pig Chow, Startine, Chicken Chowder and tankage, alfalfa hay, Prairie hay, Johnson grass hay, all sized empty sacks, blacksmith coal, Nigger Head Lump and Nut.

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# HERE IS PLATFORM AS ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATS IN AUSTIN MEETING

AUSTIN, Sept. 3.—Here is the complete and exact text of the State Democratic platform as drawn by the committee on platform and resolutions and unanimously adopted by the convention without debate:

1. The Democratic Party of Texas, in convention assembled, adopts the National Democratic platform recently enunciated by the National Democratic Convention in the City of New York, and, speaking through this convention, we are proud to indorse the candidacy of the Hon. John W. Davis and the Hon. Charles W. Bryan as our candidates for President and Vice President. We call upon the people of the State of Texas to help in carrying their candidacy to the people of the Nation, and express our confidence that its nominees will in all things abide by the Constitution of the United States and that the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights will be the light by which our course will be guided. We glory in the many and courageous utterances of the Hon. John W. Davis, our standard bearer, who, himself, unafraid, has inspired the people of the United States with supreme confidence in his integrity, patriotism and ability, and in his loyalty to all classes without distinction.

**Economy**  
2. At this time it is well to emphasize the imperative necessity for strict economy by the incoming administration in the maintenance and management of all State institutions. We invite the attention of the next Legislature to the necessity of keeping appropriations within the constitutional limits of taxation. Our party commits itself to an adequate support of all educational, eleemosynary and other institutions of the State. The makers of our Constitution placed a limitation upon the legislative extravagance and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds, and we invoke the observance of this limitation and insist that all of the appropriations of the Legislature shall be confined to the proper functions of Government.

**Woman Nominee**  
3. We congratulate the Democracy of Texas on the fact that it has written a new page in the history of the Government of the United States by recognizing the action heretofore taken whereby women were given the right to vote and participate in the Government on equality with men and have made this recognition so emphatic that it can not be questioned by the nomination of Mrs. Miriam Ferguson by an overwhelming majority—the standard bearer of the party for the office of Governor—and we pledge to her in her campaign and in her administration the united support of every Democrat in the State. We especially indorse and commend her purpose to materially reduce the burdens of Government.

**Ku Klux Klan**  
4. We emphatically condemn what is known as the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as an un-Democratic, un-Christian and un-American organization. We condemn its activities in politics and elsewhere as against the fundamental principles upon which the Government was founded. We call upon all those who have joined this dangerous order through misapprehension as to its real purposes to withdraw from the same and lend their aid and influence to free the country from the strife and dissension, which as an insidious organization, which has aroused among the people. We applaud the attitude of our great leader, the Hon. John W. Davis, with reference to the Klan's activities, and adopt in full his condemnation of the same in his speech at Seagirt, N. J., as part of our platform and principles. We demand the passage of a law requiring the registration of all such secret organizations and like wise a law against the wearing of masks, hoods or otherwise concealing their identity in public or private places.

**Child Labor**  
5. We favor the enactment of such additional laws as will fully protect child labor in Texas from exploitations and abuse and against the employment in any manner that will endanger or hamper the moral, mental or physical development of the children of Texas. We oppose the ratification by our State Legislature of the twentieth amendment to the Federal Constitution as submitted by Congress dealing with this subject.

**Prohibition**  
6. Prohibition is written into the Constitution of the United States and we demand its enforcement to the letter.

State of Texas, and must forever remain as written. The laws enacted by the Congress and by the State Legislature when properly enforced are believed to be reasonably adequate to accomplish the purpose; the sovereign people had in view when they pronounced their full and final condemnation of the liquor traffic in the State of Texas and in the Union by incorporating its capital sentence in their fundamental charters which may not be set aside, modified or repealed by legislative or executive action, or by a combination of them. We commit the Democracy of Texas and all co-ordinate agencies to a strict enforcement of this laws, State and National, and to the employment of all such forces as the executive may properly use and find necessary to extirpate every character of violation of them to the end that the guilty, and those who encourage their violation may have meted out to them the prescribed punishment and public condemnation.

Our liquor laws are the result of an overwhelming public sentiment and the members of the House and Senate of Texas are wont to have large majorities in their favor and no repeal or modification thereof can be accomplished without the concurrence of both these bodies and the Governor. The present Governor and nominee of this Democratic convention, who is to succeed him, favor the existing law and are pledged to a policy of strict enforcement.

Prohibition in Texas is therefore settled for all time so far as human foresight can determine, and accordingly any attempt by demagogues and agitators to inject it into any campaign, where vital issues are involved, is to be deprecated. It would seem that this class of our citizenship fear that acquiescence in the settlement of the liquor problem might lead to the forgetfulness of their existence or jeopardize the means of livelihood of some of them, hence they endeavor to inject prohibition into every campaign involving serious fundamental questions, thereby obscuring real issues and encouraging demagogic appeals to the prejudice and fears of their well meaning but uninformed followers. The Democracy of Texas will tolerate no weakening and no laxity in the enforcement of liquor law and will favor provisions for the appointment by the Governor of Assistant District Attorneys for their special enforcement, when, in the opinion of the executive, local officers are remiss in their duties.

**Sales by Druggists**  
7. A certain class of druggists and physicians are suspected of violating the spirit, if not the letter, of the law in the unlawful traffic in intoxicating liquors under the cover of prescriptions, and we pledge the incoming Legislature and executive to do whatever may come within their province to remedy this particular evil by appropriate legislation.

We suggest that the Legislature could do much to remedy this blight by enacting measures requiring detailed monthly reports to be filed with the County Clerk of the county by each druggist filling liquor prescriptions, showing all purchases of liquor made by him and the cost thereof and all sales, and showing the amount of the gross profit on such sales, and such statement should also make a full exhibit as to the quantity sold, the name of the physician giving the prescription, and said report should be published monthly in some newspaper in the county where the sales are made, and adequate penalties should be provided for the violation of any of the provisions of the law by druggist or physicians.

**Court Procedure**  
8. We approve the efforts of the Texas Bar Association looking to making more efficient the dispatch of the business of the courts, and we commend to the favorable consideration of the Legislature their recommendation that the rules of practice and procedure in the courts be made by the Supreme Courts, with the aid of such members of the bench and bar the court may appoint.

9. We indorse the administration of Governor Pat M. Neff and we particularly commend the earnest efforts made by him to suppress lawlessness in every form and his determination that the violation of the law should be followed by adequate punishment.

10. We commend the determined efforts of Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson, while acting as Governor, in suppressing mob violence in the State, and in arousing the public

conscience upon this subject.

**Highways**  
11. We regard it as a waste of the people's money in building expensive highways without adequate maintenance. We commend the present effort to evolve a systematic maintenance of roads. We do not believe any road bond issue should be approved until provision has been made for the maintenance of the roads to be constructed.

**Newspapers Commended**  
Out of the hundred or more resolutions submitted to the platform committee for favorable recommendation, it selected only one, which was adopted by the convention, and reads as follows:  
"Be it resolved by the Democracy of Texas assembled, That we extend to the newspapers of Texas rendering such valiant service in the fight against the Ku Klux Klan our whole-hearted appreciation of the campaign waged by them in the interest of right and justice and in support of constituted authority as exemplified by the Constitution and the statutes of the State and of the Nation."

—Attend the Fair—  
**STRAYED**—Black Mare Mule, branded U. S. (bar underneath) on left shoulder. Strayed on A. W. Van Leer place, 12 miles northwest Spur. Owner pay for this ad and get the mule. 45-tf

—Attend the Fair—  
Bert Brown was in the city Tuesday from the 24 Ranch, spending the day here meeting with friends. His section of the country has had no rain since the first of June. Cattle are being shipped out to grass and markets.

—Attend the Fair—  
Mrs. Stafford and daughters left for Tuesday for Fort Worth where they will make their home throughout the year. During their absence Uncle Bill Stafford will keep batch here in town and also on the ranch.

—Attend the Fair—  
**FOR SALE or TRADE**—100-acre farm, well improved, 1 mile north of Spur.—A. BIGGS. 45-4tp

—Attend the Fair—  
A. V. Womack, of McAdoo, was transacting business in Spur Tuesday of this week. The Plains people are all looking prosperous this year, and because of bumper crops of both cotton and feed they apparently have a superior bearing when they get down off the Cap Rock.

—Attend the Fair—  
**FOR SALE**—160 acre farm with or without crop, good water and fairly well improved. Price right.—O. C. Henry, 6 miles northwest of Dickens. 44-4tp

—Attend the Fair—  
Ben Reddell, of near McAdoo, was in the city Monday and Tuesday, after repairs and supplies in preparation for the cotton picking season. Cotton picking will begin on the Plains next week. This year the Plains country has a much larger acreage of cotton and feed than ever before, and the crops are as fine as could be. This year Mr. Reddell has about eighty acres in cotton and expects to gin and market a larger number of bales than ever before.

—Attend the Fair—  
Roy Fincer, of the Wichita community, was brought in to the Nichols Sanitarium last week where he underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hands of Dr. Nichols. The operation was successful and Mr. Fincer is now reported doing nicely and recovering.

—Attend the Fair—  
**PREPARE** for winter. We will launder your quilts and blankets for 35 cents. For Service, try us.—Haskell Laundry Co. 43-tfc

—Attend the Fair—  
J. J. Thompson, of Espuecia, was in the city Tuesday. He informed us that by next week he would have his residence completed in Dickens, and he and wife would move to the new home.

**LUBBOCK BUSINESS COLLEGE**  
Texas has shown its faith in Lubbock by giving us the Texas Tech. As a result, many large combinations of capital are locating here for business purposes. There is naturally wonderful opportunities for the Graduates of our school. Write for information.

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Is a credit to no one, so when you send your clothes to us to be cleaned, pressed or repaired you can rest assured that good work is what we'll give you.

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**SPUR TAILOR SHOP**

**GIRARD FOLKS INTERESTED IN DICKENS FEED CONTEST**

The Girard country is considerably interested in the results of the 5-acre cotton patch experiments the club boys of Dickens county have been carrying on this year. The 5-acre cotton patch, carried to its logical conclusion will, we believe, revolutionize cotton farming. Fertilizer and intense cultivation will make more cotton with less work any time it is tried out, but the real benefits to be gained from the experiment is to learn the exact cost of production.—Girard Gazette.

—Attend the Fair—  
L. G. Crabtree, of Croton, was one among the crowds here Saturday. Mr. Crabtree is one of the best business farmers of the country. He is this year at the head of the Farm Bureau business and it is expected to be of great benefit not only to the members but to the entire country. The marketing of cotton and other farm products is becoming recognized as a business proposition, and hereafter all farm produce will be sold systematically and in keeping with the best business methods. In this connection we call attention to an article appearing in his issue of the paper headed "Merchandising Rather Than Dumping" farm products on the market. It hits pretty close to facts and conditions.

—Attend the Fair—  
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hufstelder were shopping in the city Saturday from their Dockum Valley farm home. Mrs. Hufstelder is greatly interested and active in fair work, and we are predicting that the community exhibit at the fair which beats their community will win the first prize.

—Attend the Fair—  
Don't divorce your wife because she can't cook. Take your meals at the Western Hotel. 42-tf

—Attend the Fair—  
W. F. Walker was on the streets Saturday meeting with his many friends of the town and surrounding country.

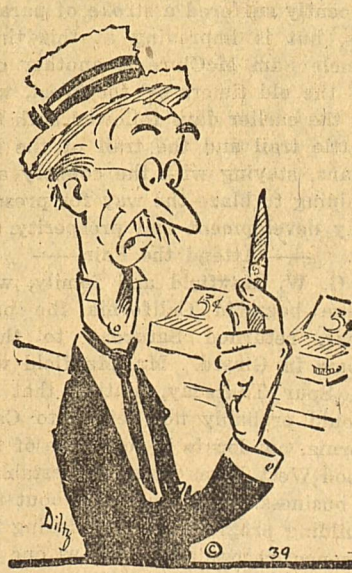
—Attend the Fair—

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General Agent for the Spearman Lands, 18 Santa Fe Bldg., Seagraves, Gaines County, Texas, for descriptive literature, giving prices of land terms, etc. 42-tf

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Make your arrangements to go with us. We will show you some of the best cotton land on the South Plains of Texas and guarantee that you will enjoy the trip. Crops out there are very fine and a great deal of land is being sold daily. The country is full of land buyers, people buying good homes. Our lands have not been advanced in price and you can still buy at last year's prices.

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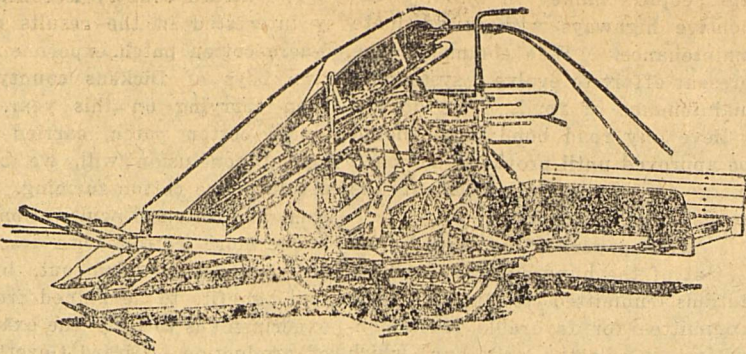
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**Farmers of Country Now Substitute Merchandising Rather Than Dumping**

The fundamental problem in agriculture is that the individual system under which farming has been organized and crops marketed has always been such that on the average the only profits earned by farmers above a bare living have come from the increased values of land. The price of farm crops has never been commensurate with the labor and investment involved. Deflation hit the farmer more than others because he had no reserve on which to draw except land values; and those are useless unless he sells and quits.

Farmers have known their troubles; and that knowledge has been the cause of the agricultural unrest which today is of national concern. When 40 per cent of the American people are in trouble the other 60 per cent are not free. As the farmer is broke the business man is bent. Some farmers have turned to politics for relief, with no result except ultimate disaster to themselves and grief to every other class of citizens. More of them have come to see that there is no political remedy for an economic evil.

These have learned that farmers themselves are responsible for their own destiny and that the reason they have failed to become prosperous is because they have failed to apply the accepted principles of city business to their own operations.

They have finally seen that the group principle of combination for a common purpose is both efficient and economical as compared to individual effort for the same purpose; and they have seen that this group principle can be applied to the marketing of farm crops just as readily as to shoes or steel rails.

They have learned that the economists who said that the law of supply and demand is immutable are wrong; and that city business everywhere has found two movable factors in that law. One of these factors is time and the other is place; the actual price of the product depending in large degree on its time of sale and also on whether the sale is at the point of production or at that of consumption.

With these fundamental understandings established the farmer began to see how to solve his own problems. Out of the new knowledge has come a movement so great that it is already the most important development in the agricultural history of America and so far-reaching in its effects that it touches directly or indirectly the pocketbooks of the whole nation. It is a movement which today engages the attention of one-sixth of the farmers in the United States. Through it more than one-seventh of all the crops—as measured by dollar-value—are marketed.

More than 90 per cent of the dried fruits, 75 per cent of the citrus fruits, 70 per cent of the tobacco, 65 per cent of the nuts, 25 per cent of the milk and milk products and 15 per cent of the cotton grown in the United States are today being marketed by co-operative farmers' associations of one standard type, for a standard purpose and by a standard method. There are 1,200,000 farmers who belong to these commodity organizations. They have learned that farm prosperity lies in organized marketing, and that organized marketing will substitute the principle of merchandising for that of dumping.

Selling by farmers of their own crops has always been dumping. The world's consumption of crops is approximately in even ratio month by month. Yet 70 per cent of the cotton and 65 per cent of the wheat is dumped in four months in a mad scramble among farmers to sell. Under such conditions the necessities of the weakest of these dumping farmers make the price for all. Millions are made for the handlers of farm crops, while prosperity for the farmer himself is always just around

the corner. Collectively, farmers have learned how to solve this problem. Co-operating, farmers have substituted merchandising for dumping; which means simply that they control the movement of farm crops to market at such time and in such quantities that the crops are fully absorbed at prices that are fair under given commercial conditions.

Farmers have found that, in order to merchandise a product intelligently, they must organize on the basis of the commodity itself. They must know how much there is, where it is and what the demand is where the buyers are. The organization must be large enough to insure against private competition, to sell in any quantity, to standardize the product to reach any market of the world, and to hire the same type of business intelligence as that possessed by the city dealer.

These two principles: (1) organization by commodity and (2) employment of experts, are two of the five fundamentals on which the modern farm marketing movement stands. The others are: (3) growers only as members, so that there will be no divided interests; (4) an iron-clad contract with members for a term of years, so that the association may have an assured volume of business; (5) an internal pooling arrangement whereby every grower gets the same price for the same quality regardless of the time of delivery or of sale. Seven Supreme Courts have passed on the legality of these principles and they are specifically authorized by the statutes of twenty-nine states and of the United States.

These co-operatives have no capital stock in the form of money, neither do they need it, for they have capital in the form of the commodity itself. The members invest their commodity as association capital in much the same way and with exactly the same hope as that of the city buyer of stocks—an expectation of dividends as dividends are earned. Practically all the co-operatives have created large reserve funds for emergency purposes and for additional safety operation. They obtain these reserves by actual cash deductions from the sales price of products.

The commodity co-operatives are heavy borrowers from banks. The requirements of the cotton associations alone during the present marketing year will exceed \$150,000,000, and the needs of all the commodity co-operatives will probably reach \$700,000,000. The commodity itself is collateral, backed by all the resources of the association itself, and this type of paper is generally recognized to be as good or better than the average of commercial paper everywhere.

The tremendous sums involved in these transactions require no unusual financing nor do they make unusual demands on banks. The products of agriculture have always been financed by banks from the beginning of production labor to their final distribution to the ultimate consumer. Cotton is finished from seed to shirt, and wheat to the sale of bread. The co-operatives, therefore, merely to some degree substitute a new bank customer for an old one.

Bankers have been intensely interested in this new customer, because their money and a large share of their total business is involved in this change of marketing methods. Their interest has led to study of the new system, and the study has proved that the system under which the commodity co-operative works tends to stabilize bank deposits; removes the peak loads of both deposits and loans and puts the bank itself on a much sounder basis for doing business.

It puts the farmer more nearly on a cash basis than heretofore and gives him a frequent income rather than an annual one. It increases the business intelligence of farmer de-

positors. It increases the amount of deposits in banks as a result of the increased prices received for farm crops and thus adds to bank prosperity and the opportunity for the payment of agricultural debts. It protects the bank itself in the collection of loans to association members.

Finally, the operation of the co-operatives on its merchandising basis increases the volume of trade by increasing the spending power of the farmers. Every cotton farmer who marketed his crops co-operatively last year received an average of \$200 per farm family more than the non-member got for the same quality and quantity of cotton. This means a minimum of \$40,000,000 of excess original buying power in the cotton South, to say nothing of the increased price afforded to all farmers as a result of the cotton associations on the general market.

Here we have a specific cause for a known effect, which is that, except for California and Kentucky, both hotbeds of co-operative marketing, the cotton South has this year led in buying power every agricultural section of the United States.

Here again is a lesson for the future. If American prosperity is to be restored to a permanently stable basis the purchasing ratio of farm crops must come up or commodity prices must go down. Those who appreciate the fact that in the sum total of raw and finished products labor furnishes approximately 80 per cent of the total cost, and who see evident difficulties in the way of reducing the price of labor, are a unit in the belief that the solution of this problem depends on raising the farm price to the commodity level.

The question has been how to do it, but this question may not be so serious after all when you consider the known effect on price of commodity marketing. There is no adverse commercial ratio existing today on the price of any farm crop which is even moderately organized for co-operative marketing on the commodity plan. — Carl Williams, President Cotton Growers Exchange.

Trade at Home — We spent last Sunday with our uncle, Sam McClure and family, of near Roby. The cotton crops of that section will make from fourth to half bale to the acre. Uncle Sam recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, but is improving at this time. Uncle Sam McClure is another one of the old timers of the West, who in the earlier days followed both the cattle trail and the trail of the Indians, staying with the country and helping to blaze the way for present day development and prosperity.

Attend the Fair — G. W. Mayfield and family, who have been in California the past year, returned Saturday to their home in Girard. Mr. Mayfield was in Spur Thursday, stating that he would probably not return to California, but locate in some one of the good West Texas towns and establish a business. He remarked about the building progress of Spur during his absence, recognizing Spur as one of the best towns of the West.

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You are hereby commanded to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

**The State of Texas**

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Pete Hext, Henry Hext, Harold Hext, Murrel Hext and Valdee Hext, Minors, Mrs. P. J. Hext has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minors, Pete Hext, Henry Hext, Harold Hext, Murrel Hext and Valdee Hext, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in October, A. D. 1924, the same being the 20th day of October, A. D. 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 5th day of September, A. D. 1924.—O. C. Arthur, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County, Texas, by Josephine Cessmen, Deputy.

Attend the Fair — Will Tallent was here one day this week from his home near Spur.

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SPUR, ROARING SPRINGS, AFTON

Con Davis, of Prague, Oklahoma, was in Spur Tuesday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Davis, who died in Mineral Wells Sunday and was buried in Spur Tuesday. C. D. Byrd and family of Matador, and Jay Byrd and family of Garza county, sons of Mrs. Davis, were also here for the funeral.

Attend the Fair — George S. Link, Jr., and Rayburn Evans left this week for Booneville, Mo., where they will again enter Kemper Military School. Ben Murray Hale, who last year attended Kemper, will go to T. C. U. at Fort Worth and he and Henry Elkins will leave next week.

Attend the Fair — C. J. Smith, of the Dry Lake country, was here this week greeting his friends.

Trade at Home — E. C. Edmonds made a business trip out on the West Plains the latter part of the week. He has a five hundred acre farm out there.

Everybody eats peanuts and corn. Buy them at the Epworth League Booth at the fair. Attend the Fair — Be sure and visit the Epworth League Booth at the fair.

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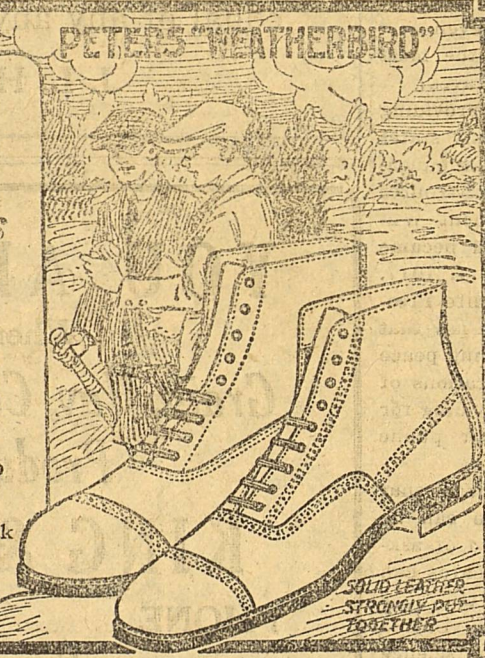
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**ES AID HONORS MRS. AFFORD WITH FAREWELL ARTY FRIDAY EVENING**

Farewell party was given by the Glean Ladies Aid, last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. B. F. Honoring Mrs. W. R. Stafford, who has moved to Fort Worth to make her home in the future. The giving of a quilt was the chief diversion of the evening, Mrs. Stafford winning first prize and Mrs. Ex taking the other one.

At the close of the business in hand, an ice refreshment course was served to the following guests:

Mesdames Eric Ousley, Perry, Love, Caraway, Collett, Lewis, Bill Putman, Hamby, Clark Forbis, Ray Dickson, Grace, Van Leer, Hyatt, Fox, Crockett, Ashby, Stearns, Sullivan, Stafford, W. H. Putman, B. F. Haile, and Miss Kelly.

**CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CONVENTIONS, SEPT. 13**

I, Jas. F. Williams, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens County, Texas, in compliance with an order of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 7th Supreme Judicial District of Texas, at Amarillo, hereby call Democratic Convention to be held at the voting place of each each Precinct in this County on Saturday, September 13th, 1924, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. and a Democratic County Convention to be held at Spur, Texas, on the following Saturday, September 20th, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting and sending delegates to the Democratic District Convention of the 7th Supreme Judicial District at Amarillo, to be held at Amarillo, September 27th, 1924, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at the Court House in Potter County, Texas, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the office of Associated Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals at Amarillo, to succeed Associate Justice William Boyce, who has resigned.

WITNESS, my hand this 8th day of September, A. D. 1924.—JAS. F. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

ORAN McCLURE, Secretary.

WANTED—To rent a piano for the school term for the use of Dickens school.—F. S. Hale, Dickens. 44-4tp

**THE SOCIAL CLUB**

The Social Club met with Mrs. M. Patton Thursday, September 4, at her home northwest of Spur, sating and piecing quilts. Those spending the day in pleasant conversation to enjoy the occasion were Mesdames M. Patton, J. J. Lilly, Roy Patton, M. L. Meadow, G. R. Woods, A. T. Ballard, D. R. Cypert, with Mrs. Lilly Valentine of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Virgie Brown and family of Rochester as visitors. The hostess served water melon in the afternoon. The club will meet with Mrs. G. R. Woods October 2.

Attend the Fair—

**TO FARM BUREAU MEMBERS**

All Farm Bureau members will take notice that our credit and shipping committee is composed of A. C. Hindman, A. Biggs, and Ed Jackson. All members feeling that they cannot ship all or part of their cotton will confer with this committee on these dates, 3rd Saturday September and 1st Saturday in October. Please see this committee on above dates at justice office at Spur, at 3:00 o'clock.—L. G. Crabtree, Pres., D. J. Gilbert, Sec. 46-4t

Attend the Fair—

Mrs. Jinks Cooper, of Girard, underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium Thursday morning. We understand she is getting along as well as could be expected.

Trade at Home

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?—Look!** We want to dispose of some bargains in goods, shoes and notions, etc. during this sale we will also give 10 per cent off on furniture, for cash.—See J. P. Wilkes & Son. 40-tfc

Trade at Home

**A CORRECTION**

Recently in publishing the tabulated returns from the run-off primary election a mistake was made in totaling the votes polled for O. C. Arthur and Robt. Reynolds, for county and district clerk. The totals for each should have been, Arthur 1071, and Reynolds 812, making a majority of 259 votes for Arthur. The figures given at each voting box was correct, the mistake occurring in adding the totals.

Attend the Fair—

**FOR SALE—Cheap for cash.** Splendid bargain in residence property. One seven-room house near Spur High School, or a five room house in the eastern portion of Spur.—See J. P. Wilkes. 40-tfc

**Condensed Austin News**

Governor Neff has gone to Huntsville, the seat of the State prison system. It was said at his office that "he had gone on business for a day or two."

The first member of the present official State family to make it known that he will not aspire to succeed himself is Joseph H. Myers, Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

Gov. Pat M. Neff of Texas has been authorized to designate six candidates from the National Guard, to take the examinations March 3, 1925, for admission to the United States Military Academy.

Capt. W. C. Walsh, 88 years old, State Land Commissioner from 1878 to 1887, died recently at his home in this city. He was Austin's oldest citizen, having resided here eighty-four years.

The Texas Association of Sanitariums, with the co-operation of the State Board of Health and the city of Houston, will hold its second short school of instruction for health workers in Houston, Nov. 4-7.

G. N. Holton, member of the State Fire Insurance Commission, accompanied by C. W. Hawley, chief engineer of the commission, will go to Dallas shortly to make inspection of improvements which the commission requires before it will restore the 12c key rate.

The Western Electric Company, New York, capital stock \$52,000,000, has been granted a permit by the Secretary of State to do business in Texas. Texas headquarters are at Dallas and Houston and R. W. Van Valkenburgh of Dallas is designated as State agent.

Six hundred Confederate pension warrants will be delayed in reaching their destinations because affidavits arrived late at the State Comptroller's department. The delay, the Comptroller announced, was caused by those who took the affidavits failing to send them to the department promptly.

An organized movement is under way here in behalf of Miss Annie Webb Blanton for the presidency of the College of Industrial Arts. It is known that one or more of the regents favor Miss Blanton for the place. There are three women on the board.

The resignation of John Bert Graham of Waxahachie as nominee of the Republican party for State Land Commissioner has been received at the State Department. The resignation is dated Aug. 27. Mr. Graham is the third nominee of the Republicans for State office to file resignation papers.

Alleging that bootlegging, holdups and other violations of law are on the increase in the Big Lake oil field, comprising University of Texas lands, in Reagan County, a delegation of citizens from that county came to Austin and requested Adj. Gen. T. D. Barton to assign a special ranger to assist local authorities in handling the situation.

Returning to Austin from a conference with members of the State Prison Commission at Huntsville, Gov. Neff said that the present crops of cotton and corn on the State farm were the largest in years. More than 500 bales of cotton have been picked and effort is to be made to have the entire crop out of the fields before the fall rains set in.

Experimentation in reforestation will start in Newton County, in the pine belt of East Texas, on a tract of 1,700 acres of land selected as ideal for the purposes. The abstract to the title has been examined and approved by Assistant Attorney General Riley Strickland, who has returned from Kirbyville, where he saw the papers.

Collections of the gasoline tax in July totaled \$261,950, and that amount has been paid in to the State Treasury. One-fourth of the amount goes to the school fund and the remainder to the credit of the State Highway Department. The general revenue fund, which is at a low ebb, is not affected by the deposit of gasoline tax money.

In a bulletin on Texas high schools the State Department of Education has shown the remarkable growth of such schools in this State, beginning with 1919. The 316 first-class high schools in 1919 had increased to 475 in 1924, the second-class decreased from sixty-nine to sixty-five and the third-class from ninety-six to fourteen. The total of all high schools was 481 five years ago and 554 this year.

J. D. Parnell of Wichita Falls, who received the nomination for State Senator in that district, has been in Austin and says that outside of favoring a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the Legislature and reorganize it he is in favor of the Legislature passing as few laws as possible, "if any," and going home within sixty days. He says the general appropriation bills should be passed at the regular session and there should not be any extra sessions.

**VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE**

Isn't it strange that the greatest missions in all the world have always been looked upon as calling for no special training or knowledge of the business. And those two great missions are Home Making and Agriculture. The very foundation of life and living. Yet how many people men or women, have ever had any intelligent training for either?

As recently as 1905 a small percent of even our so-called educators appreciated the need for vocational education. And as late as 1910 the idea of vocational training for either boys or girls was the subject of universal debate. And yet the whole country was full of poorhouses, jails, and paupers and criminals. Every state had its asylums and penitentiaries and reform schools. And every year they grew, and more space had to be provided and more money appropriated to take care of our homeless citizens. And who pays all the bills for such citizens? Most of those bills, like most of all our living comes directly from those citizens who have been able to make a home and pay tax on it.

And the next most tragic thing is that so many of the tax payers seemed more willing to pay taxes to keep up the homeless and the helpless and the hopeless and to keep on producing more of them than to pay their taxes to prevent such conditions. Now isn't that stranger than fiction? Trouble is we have all read too much fiction and not enough truth. The truth bothers and worries us and we don't want to be bothered. We would all rather read something real terrible and thrilling that we know it not so and don't need changing. We get the mental punch out of it just the same but we do not have to change any of our ideas or actions because we know it is just a story and that is why we like it. We read it to satisfy our curiosity. That is why so many like the missionary work. They can get the thrill there is in it out of it for ten cents a month and a prayer. That satisfies them. It puts them at peace with their own conscience, and makes them think they have actually done a great work for the salvation of a lost world.

How many of us would call in a doctor to take care of our sick child if we knew he had never had any training for his profession? Yet how many mothers have ever been educated in how to KEEP their children WELL? Which is the most important? Which would save the most suffering and anxiety and even cold cash? Which would save the most children from premature graves?

The Smith-Rugles law, providing Federal aid to the different states for promotion of vocational education, was passed by the sixty-fourth Congress, signed by President Wilson on Feb. 23, 1917, and became effective as a law on July 1, 1917. In all his great and useful life President Wilson never signed a law that is destined to do more to bring peace and prosperity to the generations of the future than the law providing for vocational education in our public schools.

What does it mean? It means that just as fast as the people can be educated up to the standard of asking for it and our school boards can be induced to provide it the boys and girls of Texas and the United States will be trained in the science of home economics and agriculture.

But what does vocational agriculture do for the school or community? It teaches boys to do almost any and everything that needs to be done on a farm by the project method. It teaches them the savings bank method through the income from the project. It develops rural leadership among the boys which is needed more than anything else in the rural community. It teaches the scientific principles of farming and farm management. And above all it teaches boys to recognize there is something to learn on a farm about a farm. It teaches a boy to enjoy his work because it helps him to understand his business. When things go wrong he is taught to look for the reason. It teaches him to KNOW and BELIEVE that things do not just happen on the farm any more than they do anywhere else. That the law of cause and effect applies there the same as elsewhere. And if the crops or the pigs do not grow as they should there is a reason. It teaches the boy to respect the farm because intelligence raises the standard of business. It teaches the boys of the country to raise the kind of hogs and calves and poultry and crops they are proud of. Nobody can love a business that they are not proud of. And the very reason we have so many half-hearted farmers is because they are ashamed of their products and they do not know how to help it.

Vocational agriculture in our own schools will make intelligent, self-respecting boys that will be proud to prove what they can do. Why should not every farm boy be taught how to farm the most interesting and profitable way the same as other boys are taught how to become intelligent professional men? Which does the country need most today? More and better professional men or more and better farmers? Then why not devote all high school courses toward the professions both in the city and the country? Why not give the farm boys a square deal the same as the other boys?

Attend the Fair—

C. H. Scott, of the Duck Creek community, was among the number in the city Saturday. Mrs. Scott is this year in the recognized dry territory, but we have heard no complaint of crop failures even in the dry sections. Only light showers of rain fell over the country to the south of Spur since along about the first of June, but notwithstanding this disadvantage, crops have been holding up remarkably well. We understand that at least a quarter of a bale of cotton to the acre will be made by reason of a good bottom season.

Attend the Fair—

Mr. Derr, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in the city Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Attend the Fair—

Miss Jo Dunn, who has been attending the N. T. S. T. C. at Denton, is at home for a short vacation on Croton.

Attend the Fair—

WANTED—A furnished house by September 1st.—Lee Garrett, watch maker. 38-tf

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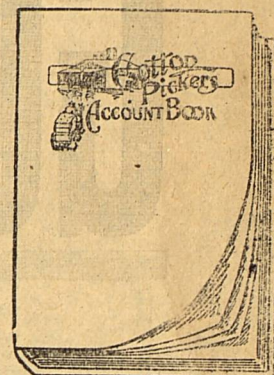
**FOR SALE—105 acres** cotton, 6 work horses and farm tools for sale. See W. W. King on the Putman Ranch. 46-2tp

**Attend the Fair—** Uncle Jimmie Jones, of the Duncan Flat section of country, was in Spur Tuesday.

**Trade at Home** WE are again in the market for all kinds of second hand goods, paying cash for same. See us when you have anything to sell.—J. P. Wilkes & Son. 40-tfc

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A clean town reduces the fire hazard and makes a good impression on visitors.

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