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# THE TEXAS SPUR

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Spur is the Youngest and Most Rapid Growing Town in Texas.

Volume One

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, OCTOBER 14, 1910,

Number Fifty-One

## HIGH PRICE COTTON

### One Bale Sells For Ninety Dollars and Twenty Cents.

This week M. G. Leatherwood sold a bale of cotton in Spur to C. E. House, the bale netting him ninety dollars and twenty cents. The bale weighed six hundred and seven pounds and sold for fourteen eighty-seven and a half.

This is the highest price ever paid for a bale of cotton in the history of cotton production in Dickens county. Throughout the week cotton has been selling in the Spur market at from fourteen fifty to fourteen eighty-seven and a half.

Up to Friday morning eight hundred and six bales had been weighed at the Farmers' Union Cotton Yard, and the cotton continues to come in at a rapid rate from every section of the country.

### THE FARMER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Perhaps there never has been a time in the history of the country when the opportunity for the farmer to make money was better than it is just now. The price of all farm products and live stock is higher than has been for years, and present indications are that the prices will stay high. This with the unsatisfied demand for all kinds of farm products, is alone a fine opportunity for the farmer.

Farming is coming to be looked upon as a business more than in years past. There was a time when it was thought that farming was for those who were too ignorant to do anything else. But all this has changed, and today the farmer stands on the same plane as the doctor, lawyer, merchant, blacksmith, etc. He is now looked on as one of the business men of the country. So important a part does the farmer play in the commercial world, that the merchants, bankers and railroads are giving more attention to him and are cooperating with him.

One of the most important steps toward helping the farmer is the lectures being given over the State on hog raising. Hog trains have been run to nearly all the most important points, by the various lines of railroad, exhibiting hogs and having expert hog men tell the farmers of the State how to succeed in hog raising. This is an opportunity offered to the farmers that their fathers didn't have; it's opportunity to better fit themselves to succeed and make the most for themselves in this important industry. This, if given proper thought and attention will tend to bring their smoke houses nearer their own doors, besides giving meat to the hungry in the cities and putting money in their own pockets.

Last, but by no means least, we would call attention to the opportunity offered in Dickens county for farming, hog, and poultry raising. Corn, milo maize, and various other grains can be raised cheaply and in sufficient quantities to meet all requirements. Surely the op-

portunities for the farmer are many and great, and we are glad to see him prospering.

### NEW BANK FIXTURES.

This week the Spur National Bank received its new furniture and fixtures and is now installing same in their new banking house on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street.

When this furniture is completely installed the Spur National Bank will be one of the most handsomely furnished banks of the country. The furniture is of mahogany finish with marble base and sides.

### A LIFE DEPENDS.

Charles Dudley Warner once said "To teach a child how to read, and not to teach him what to read, is to put a dangerous weapon into his hands."

What is your child reading? Is it Nick Carter or Diamond Dick? Better he had never learned the art of reading the printed page; better that he had ever remained the child of simple nature.

What do you provide for your child to read? Is it our wholesome books? our wholesome magazines?

Warner was correct. The home and the school must work in season and out of season on this problem.

Let's begin this winter on two libraries: one in the home; the other in the school.

Once a child forms a love for wholesome knowledge, and the school, or some one, gives him a thorough appreciation of correct reading, is ever thereafter a valuable citizen; for, in the words of Thomas Carlyle: "If we think of it, all that a university, or final highest school can do for us, is still but what the first school began doing—teach us to read. It depends on what we read, after all manner of professors have done their best for us. The true university of these days is a collection of books."

The elementary branches are our battle grounds, and thoroughness is our motto. Reading in the Spur School is our prince of studies.

Miss Reede will give an entertainment, entitled Wedding Bells, at the Electric Theatre Friday night, Oct. 21st. Read the program in another column.

## GROUND-SOAKING RAIN.

### Monday Night and Tuesday the Rainfall Amounted to 1.21 Inches.

One of the best rains of the season began falling in the Spur country Monday night and throughout the night and the following day the rain continued and as a result the ground is now thoroughly soaked and in the best condition for the sowing of fall grain.

The rainfall in Spur registered one and twenty-one-hundredths inches and aside from putting the soil of this section in the finest shape for fall grain it will be of great benefit to late feed crops in many sections. A number of farmers have told us since the rain that they intended to break their land at this time for next year's crops, and in doing so are following out what Mr. Campbell has said should be done in order to insure the conservation of all moisture that falls. By breaking land early and harrowing after each rain to prevent the land baking and also to keep a two or three inch mulch on top it is claimed the best results are obtained.

### TO THE FAIR.

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan left this week with the Dickens county exhibit of farm and orchard products to show the people who attend the Dallas fair what can be produced in this section of the country. In the list of products is white, yellow and June corn, maize, kaffir corn, cane, peanuts, broom corn, alfalfa, tobacco, egg plants, cucumbers, cotton, peaches, pears, apple, grapes and all kinds of canned fruits, oats, millet, moth beans, squash, Irish and sweet potatoes, Egyptian wheat, pumpkins, a variety of peas and other garden truck, kelthi and other forage stuff. The exhibit is one that will be a credit to western Texas.

D. H. Dunn, of the Croton Flat country, was in town last Thursday with cotton to gin. Mr. Dunn reports everything in good shape on the Flat. He says his cotton will make a third of a bale to the acre. He says his feed crop is fine and he will have a good deal of feed to sell.

### TO THE PATRONS OF SPUR SCHOOL:

This is a splendid time to plan. We have just begun laying the foundation of a school in Spur, the basement will determine its greatness. Now is the time to see to it that the basement is strongly built of reinforced aims upon the solid rock of intelligence. Now is the time to resolve to keep the record straight.

Our first aim is "every child in school every minute of every day." That's a good aim, don't you think?

To induce the children to enable the Spur School to reach this aim, we have planned to award to each child who has been present every minute of every day this year, beginning October 10th, a beautiful banner which shall go at the beginning of each month to the room which had, during the previous month, the highest per cent of full attendance.

We call upon you to assist the children in getting here on time, and make it possible for each one to attend every day.

Our school hours are from 8:55 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Did you know that you have the beginning of a school that shall be the pride of West Texas? The school officers have the same pride the business men have in the town. We feel the spirit in the air. Everyone says that Spur must lead. We, your teachers and school officers, say, "Spur school shall keep in the forefront."

Just before going into battle at Trafalgar, the immortal Nelson ran up this signal: "England expects every man to do his duty."

Three cheers answered it, and the haughty Napoleon was taught that the "ditch" was guarded by the fury of English patriotism which makes it too rough for the sails of a hostile fleet.

Spur school expects every man to do his duty. Answer as did those brave English sailors, and ignorance shall suffer a crushing defeat.

### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

We are requested to announce that Rev. H. M. Smith of Abilene, will conduct services Sunday at the regular meeting place of the Presbyterian church. All are respectfully invited to attend.

## BIG BANK DEPOSITS

### Reports of the Three Banks of Spur Show \$78,000 Deposits

The recent statements made by the two State Banks and The Spur National Bank show that there are seventy-eight thousand dollars on deposit subject to check by the citizens of Spur and the Spur country. Take the deposits of the banks in connection with their capital stocks and it shows that there are something near two hundred and fifty thousand dollars here to circulate among the people.

The Spur banks are the strongest institutions of the country, the stockholders being among the wealthiest men of the country and who are also interested in the development and progress of this section. The banks here will extend to patrons and the public every accommodation consistent with safe and conservative business, and contribute materially and largely to the upbuilding of the town and the development of the surrounding country.

### ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Geo. M. Williams entertained the Philathea and Baraca Classes of the Baptist church last Friday evening. Delightful music was rendered throughout the evening by Mrs. Tumage and little Misses Burgoon. Many different games kept the young people busy for some time, then the young men were asked to find their partner for a most interesting contest of broken quotations.

At a late hour delicious refreshments were served. After lingering over these and expressing thanks to the hostess good nights were said. A merrier crowd of young people or more charming hostess would be hard to find.

### WEEK OF PRAYER.

Beginning Monday afternoon Oct. 17, the Ladies Home Mission Society will observe the week of prayer. They will meet at the Methodist tabernacle each afternoon at 5 o'clock promptly, and have service for 30 minutes. A different program for each service has been provided. Everybody in town is cordially invited to all the services.

Full blood barred Plymouth Rock roosters for sale.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon.

Just received a car of stoves and ranges—let us show you—Barber, Hancock & New.

Setsnug union and separate suits for Ladies at Ladies' Bazaar.

Full blood barred Plymouth Rock roosters for sale.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you to call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now.

## We Lead in Stylish Shoes

For men, women and children and having the largest stock in Spur. We can fit you in the leading styles. We guarantee to sell you the best leather shoe that can be had at PRICES to meet any legitimate competition.

We cordially invite you to see them.  
See our window of correct HABERDASHERY.

## B. SHACKLETT, Spur



**SPECIAL**

**10**

**Days Only**

# DIXIE STORE

**Saturday**

**15th  
to  
25th**

**1910**

As business is late and people are waiting on the cold weather to make them buy we are going to give you some prices and values that is sure to force you to trade if you will come and look at our new styles and goods just now being marked up. If you are not ready now we invite you to

## Come and Look Through Our New Line For Values and Prices

### COAT SUITS

We want to call your attention especially to our new coat suits, cloaks and skirts.

\$25.00 Coat Suit new length of coat, latest patterns, Rough and Diagonal weave for ten days only \$18.50

\$15.00 long cloak newest patterns, grey, green, blue, newest styles of buttons guaranteed to hold its shape in extra large Misses sizes especially for school wear guaranteed to be all wool. For 10 days only \$11.95

\$12.50 Coat suits made just good as our higher priced ones in length and trimming all wool for \$9.65

Our small Misses and childrens is extra good values but we are going to make you say that this was the cheapest piece of merchandise you ever bought in Dickens county.

\$6.00 Cloaks 10 days only \$4.95  
7.50 " " " " 5.25  
5.00 " " " " 3.65  
3.50 " " " " 2.65

### FURS

Extra Special

In our new and complete line of ladies furs we can save you 25 to 50 per cent on any kind of fur you want. Bought in large quantities and direct from the factory. We will sell them for ten days only at the following prices.

\$7.50 Furs 10 days only \$5.40  
6.00 " " " " 4.75  
5.50 and 5.00 " " 4.60  
4.50 " " " " 3.95  
3.00 and 3.50 " " 2.48  
2.50 " " " " 1.75  
2.00 Furs 10 days only 1.48

### HATS

Our ladies and children Pattern Hats is matchless this season. In color, shape, style and prices they cannot be duplicated in any way you may take them they are put up by people that know the styles and where the

styles are made. Come and look whether you buy or not, we will be glad to show you. It will be an advantage to you.

\$15.00 Trimmed hats \$9.90  
10.00 " " 6.65  
7.50 " " 5.70  
6.00 and 6.50 hats 3.80  
5.00 trimmed hats 3.15  
3.50 and 3.00 street hats 2.45  
2.50 " " 1.65  
1.50 " " 1.12  
75c Bear skin baby cap 48c  
50c Bear skin baby cap 35c

### SHOES AND SLIPPERS

We have them from the lowest to the highest, every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction. Stetson for our \$5.00 6.00 and 7.00

\$3.00 Ladies' O. K. dress shoes made up to date, can fit any body, plain or cap toe high or low heel guaranteed to be solid leather \$2.35

\$2.00 New Idea ladies dress shoe in high low or school heel \$1.65

2.25 ladies box calf shoes for out door wear 1.75  
2.00 old lady's comforts 1.50

2.00 old lady's warmfort wool lining 1.50

1.75 New Idea, Misses school and dress shoes No. 12 to two, solid leather 1.48

1.50 Southland Bell Misses 1.32

1.50 childrens dress shoes sweetheart cloth top lace or button 1.25

75c - - fancy cloth 58c  
2.00 Automobile Caps with goggles inside earflaps solid leather 1.45

1.50 blk. solid leather 1.00

1.00 Corduroy caps 65c

75c Corduroy caps boys and men 45c

50 Corduroy and blue serge 32c

### LADIES' SKIRTS

About 50 or 60 Ladies' and Misses' skirts, panamas, voils, diggnals and silks in the newest patterns pleated, hobble and plain skirts; can fit anybody from 12 years old to thirty waist measure. Come and get your choice before they are picked over.

\$17.50 Voil Skirts \$13.50

10.00 All wool striped \$6.80

7.50 all wool any color and hobble effect 5.50

6.00 all wool any color and hobble effect 4.75

5.00 all wool any color and hobble effect 3.95

4.00 Misses fancy made diggnals and panamas 3.15

3.50 - - - - 2.75

3.00 - - - - 2.50

### MEN'S SHIRTS

Ferguson and McKinney make

\$1.50 white pleated bosom \$1.15

1.25 Swaset with collar 1.00

1.00 light, dark, solid, stripe 85

75c - - - - 45

50c blue and blk work shirt 39c

### DRESS GOODS.

New Poplins and Rep newest and latest colors and diagnals in the suiting.

50c values 29c

30c values 79c

1 lot 10c gingham 10 yds. 50c

10 yd. Calico 35, to the customer.

### NOVELTIES.

Hand Bags, barretts, back combs jabos, automobile bonnets, stars and bars, hair net persian, red and black patent leather belts, head scarfs, hat veils all over persian and bands blk and white and corduroy yoking.

## WE WANT YOUR COTTON

Will either buy it or make somebody pay for it. We have the best of connection and if we don't buy it will make some one else pay more than the market price

## COTTON SEED WE WANT THEM

Will give \$1.00 per ton more than the market price. We are now paying \$23 for seed. This is subject the market without notice.

shoes; J.P. Smith for \$4.00 shoes; Beacon for \$3.00 and 3.50 shoes; Dittman for our men's work shoes and for ladies medium price and childrens school shoes.

\$7.00 and 7.50 Stetson shoe \$5.65

6.50 Stetson shoes 5.15

6.00 " " 4.85

5.00 " " 4.25

4.00 J. P. Smith shoe 3.15

3.50 Beacon specials, any leather you want 3.00

\$3.50 Beacon specials, any leather you want 2.70

\$3.50 Economy work shoe, absolute water proof, in the black or tan, plain or cap toe 2.35

\$3.00 Champion, best grade of box calf or gun metal \$2.35

1.00 Beatrice shoes for little children 2 to 5 solid leather 65c

50c Baby shoes soft sole colored top, this sale 30c

2.50 Boys champion shoes in calf or gun metal \$2.12

2.00 - - - - 1.55

2.00 Victor shoes \$1.65

### MEN'S HATS AND CAPS

The strongest line ever brought brought to Spur from \$2.50 to \$4.

\$4.00 Big 4 Laloo and Dekota and nobby shapes \$2.15

\$3.00 Big 4 Laloo and Dekota and nobby shapes 1.45

2.00 Big 4 Boys hats 1.15

1.50 Bear skin hats 1.12

1.00 Little boys, fancy colors 65c

## You Can't Afford to Miss This Cut Price Sale

**REMEMBER  
the Date**

**Oct.**

**15 to 25**

With this limit amount of space it is impossible for us to mention all these prices but they are all going during this sale. 20 to 50 per cent discount. Prices will please you.

Don't ask for these prices after the above mentioned date

# THE DIXIE STORE

**Come Early  
and get**

**Picking  
Choice**



# PHOTOGRAPHS

For 20 days I will give Cut Prices on all Photographs except Post Cards. I will make you a

**\$3.50 Per Dozen Photo for \$2.50**  
I will also give a  
**Medallion Photo FREE.**

With each dozen. These Photos are made of the best material. All work guaranteed. Yours truly,

**R. B. F. CRAIG, SPUR, TEXAS**  
Across the street from Post Office.

## J. L. HASKEW Livery and Transfer

Meets all trains and prepared to haul passengers to any part of the country

Good Teams and Rigs, Wagon Yard & Camp House

C. E. Austin and family, of near Dickens, were trading in the city last Monday.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall was in the city last Saturday.

J. J. Nolan, of Liberty community, was in the city on business last Saturday.

W. M. Randall, of the Duck Creek neighborhood, was in Spur on business since last issue. Mr. Randall reports everything alright in that part of the country.

For sale 3 good young mares, broke and gentle; also one good work horse, cash or credit.  
Dr. Bachelor.

Mr. Scott, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He brought in cotton and says that he has been marketing his cotton as fast as it is picked, and that past experiences have demonstrated that this manner of marketing his crop is not only a sure way to get the prevailing prices but proves to be as remunerative one year with another. On his place Mr. Scott expects to gather thirty or more bales of cotton.

Call at Mrs. Humphrey's and examine her line of new hats, arriving each day.

Buy Nazareth Waist Union Suits, three garments in one at Ladies' Bazaar.

Newest collars, head togs, and hair ornaments to please every one at Mrs. Humphrey's.

A boy was born the latter part of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart at their home in the city.

\$12,000.00 brick building, rented now for \$150.00 per month, in a good live town, to trade for Spur property.

H. E. Carter.

Mr. Sherrill, of Haskell, was in the city this week in the interest of the Mill & Elevator Company of that place.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned Wednesday from Austin where he accompanied Mrs. Marshall who was going to an institution at that place for treatment. Mr. Marshall and a nurse were of the party. Information was received here Thursday that Mrs. Marshall died Monday after arriving at the institute Saturday. The Texas Spur extends sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

Be careful don't buy a lawsuit. Order an Abstract of Title and have it passed on before you pay your money for that lot. See the Dickens County Abstract Company about it.

Carl Lowery made a business trip to Cisco this week and will probably spend ten or fifteen days in that city.

H. P. COLE, Pres.

J. F. VERNON, Cashier

## Farmers & Merchants State Bank SPUR, TEXAS.

LOSES \$500 CASH IN FIRE.

Tenant on Haskell County Farm Also Loses Household Goods in Blaz.

O'Brien, Haskell Co., Tex., Oct. 8th.—A small tenant house burned to the ground on the farm of J. D. Smith, about two miles south of town. The building was occupied by T. C. Smith, who lost all his household goods besides \$500 in cash and several land notes and accounts.

If this man had of had his money in the bank it would have been safe. So Mr. Farmer don't do like this man but leave your money on deposit with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank where it is safe from fire and where it is secured by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the great state of Texas.

No account too small for us. Plenty of room for your valuable papers. Make our bank your bank.

## F. & M. State Bank SPUR, TEXAS. MAY WE SERVE YOU

Mrs. Robertson receives fresh shipments of millinery every week at Ladies' Bazaar.

John Law and family, of New Hope, were trading in Spur last Saturday.

Subscribe for the Texas Spur.

### TAP TELLINGS

Fine rain fell here Tuesday which has retarded the cotton picking but the rain falling slowly did no material damage to the crop. A number of the farmers in this section have used the good weather and by doubling their forces have the larger part of their crop gathered.

Raleigh Hinson, of Crews, Texas, came in last week to help his brother gather this big crop here.

The little son of E. E. Turner is reported sick with fever. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. L. Wright who arrived here last week has secured a location on W. C. McArthur's farm and will be permanently located as soon as he can get possession.

Mrs. P. Hinson's sister and family arrived this week, and will probably locate with us. We are truly glad so many good people are coming our way.

Mrs. C. J. Smith's brother came in this week from his home in East Texas. He will remain with us for some time.

Mr. J. W. Simmons, of Glascock county, passed our way Monday. He said crops here look awful good to him.  
Gadabout.

The Standifer Hospital now has no patients in the surgical department for the first time in many weeks. Dr. Standifer is making a wide reputation as a physician and surgeon and within a few years we expect to see a fine sanitarium established here with Dr. Standifer at its head.

See us for Posts, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement

## AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

**Richardson Lumber Com'y**  
J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Frank Alvoid, of Baird, spent several days this week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller at their home in the city.

The City Bakery and Restaurant is now putting out a bread equal to any in the country. Will be delivered at any time, any place in town. Phone 71.

The Tahoka Informer is being moved to Spur and launched upon the sea of journalism in that city. It seems to us that one paper is sufficient for Spur and Bro. McClure is giving the people a good paper and they should stay with him.—Aspermont Star.

The principles of our government are founded on the doctrine of freedom. Any man is allowed to engage in any business at any place regardless of how many men may be engaged in the same business at the same place. A principle that we heartily endorse, and we are willing to share our good will with any competitor who wishes to try the field of journalism in Spur. It has ever been our aim to treat our friends and patrons to the very best we have at all times, and we will not alter our policies because of another paper coming onto the field. We thank the people of Spur and elsewhere for their loyal support in the past, and we hope to continue serving them so long as it is in our power.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Guns and ammunition at Barber, Hancock & New.

We are informed that the school in the Randall neighborhood will begin the first of November. While the people of the country have not yet finished picking cotton and gathering the crops, the school is expected to have a full attendance from the beginning.

Black Penticoats, plain and embroidered, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 at Ladies' Bazaar.

Go to the Spur Market for butter.

## Livery Feed & Sale Stable

H. K. PARKS, Prop.

We have nice rigs and good teams at all times. Furnish drivers to any part of the country and give the very best service and most courteous treatment to all.

COME IN AND SEE US  
Once a Customer Always a Customer.

## Farmers Union Cotton Yard & Warehouse J. W. CARLISLE, Mgr.

Yard located south of railroad track

Prepared to weigh and Grade all Cotton for ten cents per bale, weights and grade absolutely accurate.

BUSINESS OF PUBLIC SOLICITED.

## H. E. CARTER,

Dealer in West Texas Lands  
and Spur Town Property.

EXCHANGES A SPECIALTY.

Trades what you have for what  
you want.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The following are the Democratic Nominees as a result of the Democratic Primary held July 23.

For District Attorney:  
ISAAC O. NEWTON

For County and District Clerk:  
CRAWFORD COBB

For County Judge  
F. C. GIPSON

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. CREGO.

For Tax Assessor  
E. L. HARKEY

For Sheriff  
H. P. COLE

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3:  
J. M. BENNETT.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3.  
E. J. COWAN

**Professional Cards.**

DR. MORRIS  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Office in Spur Drug Co. Phone No. 40.

DR. G. M. BACHELOR.  
DENTIST  
Office at Spur Drug Company.  
at Jayton 1st Mon. & Tues. each mo. Dickens 3rd Mon. and Tues.

T. T. Bouldin P. C. Maynard  
BOULDIN & MAYNARD,  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
Special attention given to examination of titles.  
SPUR, - - - TEXAS

DR. T. E. STANDIFER  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Diseases of women and children and Electrotherapy a specialty. Local Surgeon for Wichita Valley Railroad.  
Residence 'phone 49. Office 39.

**G. T. BRANDON,**  
Dentist  
Over the Royal Hotel

**LODGE DIRECTORY.**  
W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month. J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.  
I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. Jno. B. Pruden, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.  
M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk.  
Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.  
K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, Sec.  
Painters Union meets every Wednesday night. J. E. Montgomery, Pres.; J. Y. Jordan, Secretary.

**Crosbyton Automobile Line.**  
Daily except Sunday, connecting Spur, Lubbock, Floydada via Crosbyton. Arrives and departs in connection with trains.

**FOR SALE**  
Spring hatched Rhode Island Red roosters. Spur Grain and Coal Co.

**SCIENTIFIC FARMING**

The Campbell saystem of scientific soil culture is the most advanced of "dry farm" principles. An exposition of the Campbell system is an elucidation of Dry Farming. Hence the following article should be read by every farmer and everyone in farming. It is by H. W. Campbell, known as "the Father of Dry Farming."

The Campbell sytem of soil culture stands today for very much more than it did ten years ago or five years ago.

In the period from 1883 to 1898 our efforts were mainly along the line of preventing the ill effects of drouthy seasons upon the general crop yields, and in this line of research much was accomplished. In 1898 we began a broader and more elaborate study of scientific soil culture.

We became fully convinced by the results of our work in 1896 and in 1897 the average yield of all fields, whether in the more humid sections with their greater rainfall, or the more arid or semi-arid sections having lesser rainfall, combined with great uncertainty as to timeliness and quantity, or under irrigation—in short by the common methods of soil treatment practiced under all conditions and in all sections of the country—that the average yield of grain was not half what it might be or should be if the methods of tillage were materially changed.

Prompted by these conclusions reached after 15 years of experience and observation, we started out to prove by practical demonstration that the average yield of all farm crops could be easily doubled by simply changing the method of tilling the soil, and without resorting to commercial fertilizers. That these last 10 years of research have not been in vain is evidenced by the results achieved at numerous places all over the semi-arid belt. The present season is certainly indicative of great possibilities and must result in more care and closer attention.

**RESULTS IN ALL REGIONS**  
In seasons of drouth when others by the more common methods of farming have grown from nothing to eight or then bushels of wheat there has been grown, under our method of tillage, from 30 to 40 bushels per acre.

In the more favorable seasons, when others have produced by the common methods from 15 to 25 bushels per acre, there have been grown, under methods of tillage we have outlined from 42 1-2 to 67 bushels of wheat per acre.

It has also been proved by experience that by the application of the same fundamental principles the yield of all crops can be proportionately increased. The fundamental principles of the Campbell system of scientific soil culture apply to crops grown in all sections, and we are fully justified in saying that the present average yield can be materially increased, but when we turn to the semi-arid sections these principles become vital. In evidence of this we will present in our next issue a large number of statements from many farmers in many sections, showing marked results.

**LOOKING TO THE SOIL.**  
Our present system of tillage is not a combination of rigid rules outlining certain mechanical work that must be done under any and all conditions, the result of continued experiments



**BUILDING MATERIAL at LOW Prices**

We are offering special air-dried lumber in all sizes, both hard and soft, for the fall builder, at low prices. Our supply is the best and most complete in the city and our service is worthy of your trade. Let us furnish you with our estimates on your lumber requirements. We are sure that they will please you. We have everything in mill work, doors, windows, both plain and fancy, molding, porch materials, outside trimmings, stairways and everything for the complete house. Get our prices before you order.

**TEXACO ROOFING**

This ideal roofing makes the best roof protection possible for the barn, house, outbuildings or factory. It is made of felt completely saturated with a fire and water-proof substance, which is not affected by heat or cold. It is flexible and will not crack or peel. There are no useless elements to fill space and cheapen the cost of making—every piece is made to wear. Many roofings fail in the laps because of poor cement, but **TEXACO CEMENT** makes the joints absolutely secure. Put up in rolls (108 square feet) with large headed nails and pure cement. All we need to say is, that it is guaranteed from three to five years according to grades. Try it on your buildings.

**FOR FINE VARNISHES**

We have in stock four excellent varnishes which will give satisfactory results. The Sherwin-Williams Co. in making these quality varnishes have given very careful consideration

to durability, working, flowing and drying properties and uniformity.

One of these varnishes, **KOPAL**, is a good old-fashioned varnish for exterior doors and general exterior varnishing. It will stand a great deal of hard wear and will prove satisfactory under the most exacting conditions.

Another is **EXCELO**, which is intended for general interior woodwork varnishing. It has an excellent working and drying quality, and can be depended upon to give uniform satisfaction.

The third, **SW Durable Household Varnish**, is adapted to almost any surface in or out about the home where a durable varnish is desired. It can be used on floors where it will stand hard foot wear without scratching or marring easily.

The fourth, **SW MARNOT**, is a clear varnish without coloring matter, made especially for floors. It is intended more particularly for use on hard wood floors or floors on which it is desired to bring out the natural beauty of the wood. Marnot possesses the three essential qualities of a good floor varnish, viz: Drying, elasticity, and ability to stand foot wear without showing scratches and heel marks readily. In addition to being carefully and skillfully made of highest class material, Marnot is carefully aged in steel tanks in order to ripen thoroughly. Aging improves varnish as it does wine. Marnot is the highest class varnish finish on the market for floors it is put up in 1-2 pint and quart paint penny-lever, sealing cans,

quart, 1-2 gallon

**WHY YOU SHOULD USE SWP**

SWP stands for Sherwin-Williams Paint. It is ready to use, and comes in attractive shades and packages.

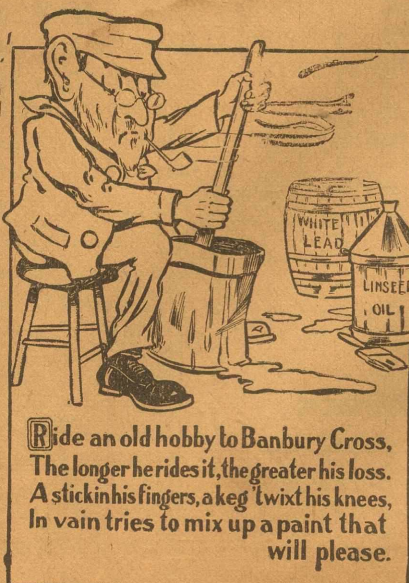
We want to improve the quality of property that is necessary in our wood. Exterior paint put off too long, kept up and given paint every two years, decay will set in and play havoc with the wood.

Now a word about a good paint like a cheap paint, the best materials employed. The cost of a manufacturer has increased the price has increased so much that it doesn't amount to three dollars more would have cost.

Painting is an art. It is necessary for the life of the wood in the winter winds and snow if it is preservative coat. SWP is the best and you can see and talk it over.

**BUILDING**

Such as lath, ceilings, flooring obtained from us. To contract for prices that are right.



**Brazelton-P**  
LUMBER, SASH DOORS, PAINTS,





# Brighten Up



## WITH SHERWIN-WILLIAMS AND VARNISHES

square varnish cans.

### SHOULD USE SWP

For Sherwin-Williams  
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no better service, no better quality of  
goods than ours. Our policy is make  
good and stand open to suggestions

### BRIGHTEN UP FINISH INSIDE DOOR PAINT

Made expressly for inside floors of  
soft wood where a painted finish is  
desired or necessary on account of  
the worn condition of the floors. In-  
side Floor Paint is easily applied and  
dries with a good gloss lustre that  
will stand the hard usage. It will  
dry over night under favorable con-  
ditions, but to secure the best results, it  
should be allowed to stand 48 hours.  
Inside Floor Paint, shades in Dust Col-  
or, Gray, Light Brown, Light Tan, Ma-  
roon, Moss, Orange, Red, Slate and  
Yellow.

### THE BRAZELTON PRYOR & CO. POLICY

This is a store with the human ele-  
ment that makes a store well liked,  
home like, accommodating, is always  
first—profit of dollars and cents last.  
We aim to sell you goods, and that if  
we still please you, you will buy all  
your goods from us. And by all—we  
mean paint, varnish, stains, enamels,  
oils, putty, glass, painters' supplies,  
etc. Look us up and we will treat you  
right.

### PAINT BRUSHES

Good brushes are as necessary to  
a good job of painting as good paint—  
and a good painter. We sell good  
brushes—the kind you use on first-  
class work. No loose bristles, no  
cause for complaint whatever, because  
the bristles in our brushes are prop-  
erly set in a substantial foundation.

Brushes like ours, dipped into good  
paint and applied by a good painter,  
will give good results and save you  
money every time. You will find the  
prices just right.

### BUILDING SUPPLIES

We sell the best Portland Cement.  
The best cement goes farther, lasts  
longer and looks better than the poor  
grades—that is why it is more econo-  
mical. If you are thinking of laying a  
side walk, barn or cellar floor, water-  
ing trough, cellar foundation or whole  
house, it will interest you to talk it  
over with us. Guaranteed not to  
crack if properly proportioned and  
thoroughly mixed.

### LIME AND PLASTER

The "every day" kind bought at most  
places won't give as good results as  
the lime and plaster that is kept from  
slacking. We receive shipments often,  
so as to eliminate the possibility of it  
becoming air-slacked and unfit for first  
class work. Get our prices on large  
and small quantities.

### S-W COMMONWEALTH BARN RED

A bright handsome red, made ex-  
pressly for painting barns, corn cribs,  
etc. It is very easy to apply, covers  
splendidly and is a very economical  
paint to use. Many barn paints on the  
market are put up short, but Common-  
wealth Barn Red, like all Sherwin-  
Williams products, is put up full U.  
S. standard measure.

in deep and shallow plowing,  
deep and shallow cultivation,  
and so forth. The experiments  
and study are more with refer-  
ence to that certain ideal condi-  
tion of the soil as maintained  
from year to year, and each  
year's tillage effect upon the  
crop the following one, two or  
three years.

In 1896 we conducted experi-  
ments in 11 different places  
along the line of the Burlington  
railroad, the Northern Pacific  
and the Soo Line, receiving  
modest financial aid from all  
of these companies; the fields  
being located in North Dakota,  
Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.  
In 1897 the Fremont and Elk-  
horn railway came in for a share  
of the work and more stations  
were added on the other roads,  
making a total of over 30. Up  
to this time our efforts were  
along the line of drilling all  
small grain in rows and cultivat-  
ing same as we did corn.

Through a chain of circum-  
stances connected with these  
farms we reached the conclusion  
that the crop growth and grain  
yield was governed largely by  
the physical condition of the  
soil, and careful experiments the  
past 12 years show this to have  
been an important step, by lead-  
ing up to investigations along  
this special line. The system  
of summer tillage was brought  
out.

While the conservation of the  
moisture is an important factor  
it has been found to be by no  
means all. It is only one of the  
many vital things to be careful-  
ly considered if we are to reach  
the high limit of yield in all  
fields that now seems possible.

While we do not wish to con-  
vey the idea that our system is  
so elaborate and full of details  
that the average farmer cannot  
grasp it in its entirety, for it is  
not, there are so many details,  
every one of which must be fully  
understood, in so short space.  
We can only deal with the main  
or fundamental principles.

The physical or mechanical  
condition of the soil is the all  
important factor, as it has more  
to do with the quantity and  
quality of the crop yield than  
any one thing. It is through  
this that we are able to control  
and utilize the air, water, heat  
and light. If the seed and root  
bed is not properly prepared all  
the after cultivation cannot  
bring the high yield. No mat-  
ter how much moisture you  
have conserved in the soil be-  
low or how completely you may  
keep the weeds out, you cannot  
reach the high limit of yield  
without close and careful atten-  
tion to the preparation of the  
soil.

Air is just as necessary an ele-  
ment in the soil as the water,  
but both must be there in prop-  
er quantities. If there is too  
much air and too little moisture,  
nitrication ceases. If there is  
too much moisture and too little  
air, the effect is the same. From  
12 years of experience and  
observation we have conclu-  
ded that a certain chemical  
action must be practically  
continuous in the soil during the  
growing season, if we are to  
grow the largest crop. This  
chemical action is unquestion-  
ably dependant upon just a cer-  
tain ideal or perfect condition of  
the soil—a physical condition  
that will carry in the soil just  
the ideal quantity of both air  
and water—and then as soon as  
the soil becomes sufficiently  
warm nature's work begins.  
Bear this paragraph in mind  
fully and clearly, if you would

break the record in crop yield,  
have your seed and root bed al-  
ways fine, firm and moist.

The soil mulch is for three  
purposes—to more readily ad-  
mit the rain when it comes, to  
admit of a free circulation of the  
air into the soil and to prevent  
the loss of moisture by evapora-  
tion.

Sometimes the cultivation is  
not deep enough or sufficiently  
frequent and a crust formed on  
the top of the firm soil under-  
neath the mulch. This crust  
shuts out the air to a degree  
and it matters little then how  
perfect may be the supply of  
moisture at the roots, the  
growth will certainly be check-  
ed by the lack of air. To keep  
a perfect and effective mulch  
cultivation must be at the right  
time. Delay of a few days  
means much sometimes.

That nitrification is a neces-  
sity in the soil during the crop  
growing season is unquestion-  
ably true. If the process of ni-  
trification is going on sufficient-  
ly to meet the requirements of  
the crop this is always evidenc-  
ed by the dark green and  
healthy appearance of the plant.

One illustration with refer-  
ence to nitrification may be  
quite clearly seen by noting the  
condition of a fence post. The  
portion above ground, where the  
air is plentiful and moisture lax  
remains in perfect condition and  
deep down at the bottom of the  
post, where the moisture is am-  
ple and air scarce the post is al-  
ways well preserved; but at or  
near the top of the ground the  
post is decomposed, indicating  
that just the proper quantity of  
both air and moisture was pres-  
ent together with the heat to  
assure decomposition or nitrifi-  
cation.

It is unquestionably true that  
the farmer has it within his  
power to practically control the  
yielding powers of the soil, bar-  
ring hail or insect pests, if he  
both understands the principles  
of soil culture and plant growth.

Judging from experience, we  
believe we can grow larger  
crops of grains and vegetables  
under an 18 inch annual rainfall  
on the average high level prai-  
rie, where excessive winds and  
heat are not too prevalent, than  
is now grown by the average  
man who farms now by irriga-  
tion. We do not believe we  
have reached the limit, but are  
hopeful after further careful  
experimenting, we will be able  
to produce a yield that cannot  
be surpassed by any farmer in  
the more humid sections of Iowa  
or Illinois, and this in the semi-  
arid belt.

In short, it is not a question  
of growing a living crop so that  
the semi-arid belt may be inhab-  
ited by a class of farmers that  
barely exist, but a question of  
growing larger crops every year  
than any of the more humid  
states now average. This is  
what the system stands for.  
We mean just what we say, but  
to prevent a misconception of  
our meaning, we would urge  
that the most thorough under-  
standing of the principles must  
be entertained and a most care-  
ful execution of every detail of  
the work carried out.—Amarillo  
Daily News.

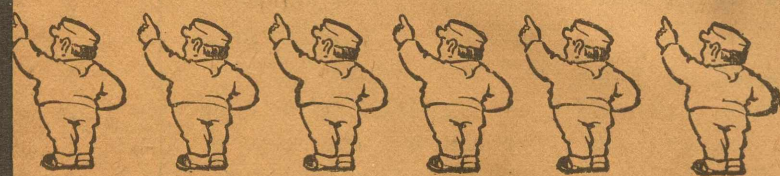
### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have opened a shop in the  
building formerly occupied by  
the Spur Sheet Metal Works,  
and am now prepared to do  
all kinds of carriage painting.  
Only First Class Work at prices  
to suit you.

J. W. BRAMHALL,  
The Sign Man.

# Pryor & Co.

FENCE STAYS. Spur, Texas

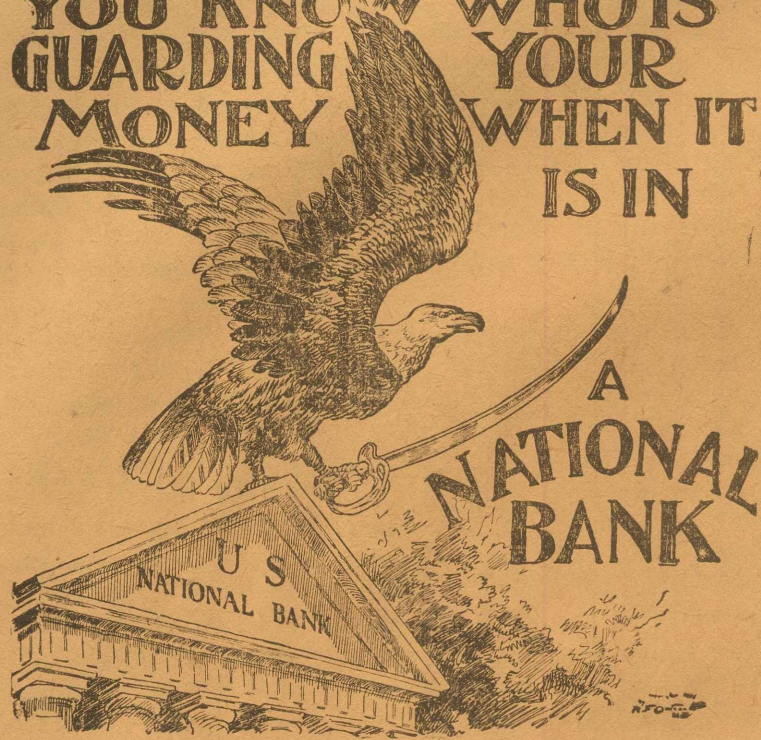


Putty Cake, Putty Cake,  
Painter Man.  
Finish my house as fast as you can.  
Varnish it well with S.W.V.  
And Paint it outside with S.W.P.





**YOU KNOW WHO IS  
GUARDING YOUR  
MONEY WHEN IT  
IS IN**



A National Bank is an absolutely safe place to put your money, because the United States Government examines regularly all National Banks.

Ask our patrons how we treat you.  
We invite you to make OUR Bank YOUR Bank.

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

L. H. Edwards sold his restaurant and place of business on Fifth Street this week to Chas. Cannon of near Afton. Mr. Edwards and family will move to the Afton country soon and make their home in that section.

Chas. Touchon, a prosperous citizen of the north part of the county, was in the city Wednesday with cotton.

W. L. Croom, who is now with the windmill crew for the Spurs, came in this week and spent several days in town, and while here called at the Texas Spur office and handed us two dollars for two subscriptions to the paper and also added a new name to our list. That is the kind of business that tickles the printer and Mr. Croom will always have a warm place in our heart.

Mrs. Bachelor, of Leuders, is here this week visiting her brother-in-law, Dr. Bachelor and wife.

Harold Phillipps, a popular druggist of Rotan, passed through Spur Monday on his return home from a visit to his brother, O. L. Phillipps and family at Lubbock.

**J. A. Lambdin & Co.**  
THE STORE THAT LEADS

In connection with our special showing of shoes, of which special prices will continue to and including 22nd inst., we are showing a great assortment of Ladies Ready-to-wear in suits, skirts, petticoats, kiamonias, and many other lines.

This store today shows the only representative line of suits shown in Spur. Its easy to demonstrate the difference in clothes. Come here and look, its worth your while. We have some snaps in work clothes

We are exclusive agents for Busby and Carson Gloves. Prices 50c to \$2.25. Any kind you may need. Other up-to-now fixings for men, ladies, boys and children.

**J. A. Lambdin & Co.**  
Other Stores Stamford and Goree SPUR, TEX.

**SPUR, TUESDAY, Oct. 25th**



**THE GREAT**

**DODE FISK**  
STARTLING! SUPERB! SENSATIONAL! STUPENDOUS!

THE BEAUTIFUL  
**LORETTA TWINS**

**ROONEY**  
THE EQUESTRIAN  
And A Score of Other Daring Riders

The Nola Sattisfield  
SUPERB MENAGE HORSES

The Williams Troupe  
of Acrobats

The Flying Earnests

Castang and Troupe  
of Acting Elephants including  
"DING" the Greatest Trained  
Elephant in the World, and a  
Hundred Other Mammoth Acts

Big Arenas  
BRIM FULL OF NOVELTIES  
CLOWNS GALORE

SPECIAL ATTRACTION  
THE SUPREME SENSATION OF THE CENTURY  
**MERCURY**  
THE WONDERFUL  
**AIRSHIP HORSE**



SWEEPING INTO THE AIR IN A BURST OF PYROTECHNIC SPLENDOR  
A PRODIGIOUS SPECTACLE OF BEWILDERING BEAUTY!  
POSITIVELY SEEN AT EVERY PERFORMANCE THE GREAT **DODE FISK** SHOWS

Every Day 12:30 Noon, A Grand, Gratuitous Parade

2 Big Performances Daily, 2 and 8 P. M.  
Doors Open One Hour Earlier, During This Period THE DODE FISK MILITARY BAND, Under The Direction of PROF. W. E. WELDON, Will Offer Delightful Concerts.

Will Positively Exhibit Upon Above Day and Date, Rain or Shine

**Spur, Tuesday, October, 25th**

Mr. Farmer, if price cuts any figure in the purchase of a wagon, we can interest you. Barber, Hancock & New.

Miss Emma Highley, of Comanche, is in the city spending the week with Mrs. L. H. Edwards.

J. R. Kerlin, a prominent cattle man of west of Dickens, was in town on business last Saturday.

Poet Hagin, of Gilpin, was in town last Saturday on business.

J. B. Yantis, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday. J. B. said he came down to get fittings for his winter quarters.

Wagon covers and cotton scales at Barber, Hancock & New.

Rev. J. L. Jobe, of Merkel, conducted a series of meetings at the Baptist tabernacle, beginning with Sunday and continuing of nights till Thursday night. Rev. Jobe is a forceful preacher and knows how to drive thoughts home to stay.

Work on the deep well, which has been suspended for some time on account of some mishap to the drill, was resumed this week and will continue till the limit is reached or water is struck.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of Liberty community, came down Wednesday, remaining over night here. He loaded his wagon with lumber Thursday morning which he will use for improving his place. Bro. Bilberry says he got all the rain he needed at his place. He reports that the church organized recently in his community will soon build a meeting house.

Miss Sallie Reagan, of Emma, who has been visiting Mrs. M. E. Campbell at Munday, spent several days in Spur with her cousin, W. S. Campbell, before returning to her home.

Barber, Hancock & New for Samson windmills.

J. D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

Mrs. M. E. Campbell, of Munday, is in the city visiting her son, W. S. Campbell.

Uncle George Davis, of Liberty community, was in the city with cotton Monday.

Duff Green, of the Tongue river country in Motley county, was a visitor to Spur Thursday.

Jno. T. Day, a member of the firm of Day Bros., one of the leading hardware firms of Western Texas, was in Spur Thursday and Friday from Rotan. Mr. Day says that the crops of the Rotan country are turning out much better than any one expected and that Rotan will probably get five thousand or more bales of cotton during the season.

Tom Wright, of Leuders, was here this week buying horses for shipment to market.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now.

My office is now about complete and I am now ready to do anything you wish in the dental line. G. T. Brandon, over Royal Hotel.

Monday morning will open a sale on emproideries, laces and handkerchiefs, half price, at Mrs. Humphrey's.

John Sparks was in from the Tap country the first of the week. He reports things looking pretty good in the Tap country.



# In Unity There Is Strength.

In Centralization of Business There Is Minimum of Expense in a Maximum Output

We are here for business and should we fail it will be through no lack of concerted efforts or unity of interest. In order that we may reach out in new territory and convince the buying public that better facilities are here for the handling of your business than can be found in this section of Texas and in order that you may come and see, we, the undersigned merchants of Spur offer you the following prizes for the parties who can submit to us the nearest number of beans contained in glass jar, same to be seen in window of J. A. Lambdin & Co. We will give to you free of all cost to you. These prizes will be graded and information can be furnished by any of the merchants names who appear here below. We guarantee prices equal to those of any concerns in Texas and solicit your attention to our places of business, to our merchandise and get better acquainted with Spur and our methods of business.

PRIZE NO. 1	PRIZE NO. 2	PRIZE NO. 3	PRIZE NO. 4	PRIZE NO. 5
We will give one handsome Three Piece Oak Bed Room Suite. We earnestly invite you to our place of business to see the greatest congregation of values shown in west Texas. Campbell & Campbell furniture, carpet, matting and general household goods.	In order to further our mutual interest and to demonstrate that we are fully equipped to care for all needs of farmer, ranch or individual, we offer one Garland cook stove known the world over for superior general use. Barber, Hancock & New, general hardware dealers.	In presenting our claim for business we assure you that quality talks; why deceive your appetite and use a cheap substitute when the better kind cost no more here: In order that we may induce those of you who so far have failed to visit us; we will give free \$25 worth of groceries as third prize. Western Grocery Store	There's a why, and this is it. When you purchase drugs, toilet articles or have prescriptions filled we assure you satisfaction in price and accuracy by efficient and courteous salespeople. Our line is extensive this season and to demonstrate the esteem interest in your valued patronage we give you one handsome doll, value \$15.00. Spur Drug Co,	That fall bill of Dry Goods demands your attention now. Never were we better prepared to serve your interest than now. May we have the pleasure of showing new swell togs for men, women and children. We are giving to some good judge \$25 worth of anything in our store. For particulars see our window. J. A. Lambdin & Co., Spur.

In conclusion: This offer is good for 60 days, closing Wednesday night November 30th. For information inquire of any of the merchants interested who will gladly furnish all information desired.  
Respectfully yours,

**Campbell & Campbell, Barber, Hancock & New,  
Spur Drug Co., Western Grocery Co. J. A. Lambdin & Co.**

Have your old buggy made new at Bramhall's Paint Shop.

Mr. Hatfield, of Plainview, purchased the Royal Hotel this week of Judge Scott. We wish Mr. Hatfield a successful business here.

The Dickens County Abstract Company can furnish that Abstract on short notice.

C. B. Cook and wife moved this week to their new home in the city and will hereafter "keep house."

Prof. Reaugh, of Dallas and an artist of national reputation, was in the city this week to spend several days with his old time friends, Secretary Jeff D. Reagan and family.

Go to the Spur Market for butter.

P. H. Miller made a business trip Monday to Jayton in the interest of his lumber business at that place.

Go to the Spur Market for butter.

Aubrey Loyd, a prominent business man and member of the firm of Hale & Loyd, of Afton, was in Spur Monday on business.

Take your butter and eggs to the Spur Meat Market and get the cash.

Be careful don't buy a lawsuit. Order an Abstract of Title and have it passed on before you pay your money for that lot. See the Dickens County Abstract Company about it.

John Mayse came up from Hamlin and spent several days here this week looking after the interests of the Riter Hardware Company.

Dr. Morris returned the latter part of last week from Dallas where he spent several days on professional business.

Mrs. G. C. Pass and children returned Sunday from Rodgers where they have been visiting relatives the past several weeks.

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J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin, was in town Friday and Saturday.

Baxter Scoggins was in town Saturday and reports everything moving along nicely in the Cat Fish country.

W. J. Duncan was in Tuesday from Draper and hauled out supplies for his gin and business at that place.

For staple and Fancy Groceries Phone Hisey Grocery Co.

Fish, oysters and short orders served at the Bijou Cafe.

The Bijou Cafe is prepared to serve the public with short orders of the very best the market affords.

W. H. Adams, a prominent citizen of near Dickens, was in Monday and Tuesday and reports everything in his section of country in fine shape.

For good fresh Groceries and quick service phone Hisey Grocery Co.

## CROWLEY-SUTHERLAND COMMISSION CO.

sold more Live Stock on the Fort Worth market in 1909 than any other Commission Co. doing business there. We give the best service and ask for shipments on our merits. Give us your shipments and we will do the rest

**JOE STOKES, - Special Representative.**

## An Absolute Cancer Cure.

I have an absolute cure for cancer and under my treatment will guarantee to remove every particle of cancer roots and as a result effect a permanent cure. For references write to Geo. Fulfer or Mr. Yarborough of Matador, or to Mrs. Sarah Allbury of Turkey, Hall county, from whom I have removed cancers and who are now permanently cured. I also do veterinary work. See or write me at Matador, Texas.

**J. F. SPEER, Veterinary Surgeon and Cancer Doctor.**

## SPUR SHEET METAL WORKS

Don't do cheap work, but do good work cheap.  
Try us once and be convinced.

::: EVERYTHING IN SHEET METAL :::

## THE ROYAL HOTEL

JNO. W. SCOTT, Proprietor

East Side Burlington Avenue

TRAVELING TRADE SOLICITED.

Table Board \$4.00 Per Week  
Board and Lodging \$5 Per Week



# SPUR FARM LANDS

**We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most Productive Territory**

Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

**\$12 to \$17.50**  
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

## THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

### To Secure a HOME.

#### STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstrations on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable prices. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,  
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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Judge McClain was in town Monday and handed us a silver dollar to renew his subscription to the Texas Spur. The Judge says that he is now moving into his new bungalow and was in town for the purpose of buying new furniture, etc.

Sam Smith was in the city Monday from his place near Tap and reports everything moving along nicely in the Red Mud country. Mr. Smith reports having ginned fifty bales of cotton at his gin since opening up recently. At the beginning of the season Mr. Smith was undecided as to whether or not he would do any ginning this season on account of the Spur gin being put in operation. However, the farmers of that section and the Lower Red Mud country prevailed on him to do their ginning, since the haul to Spur was too long. Mr. Smith says that he is ginning now only at intervals throughout the week but that the cotton is now coming in rapidly and that he expects to get enough cotton in future to keep the gin going each day in the week.

#### NOTICE TO THE COTTON BUYERS OF SPUR AND PUBLIC GENERALLY

Notice is hereby given that I am the owner of all the cotton, maize and all other products, that was raised this year on the Sol Davis place, six miles north from Spur, by virtue of a purchase by me from R. R. Steel; said crop having been raised by the said R. R. Steel.

This notice is given as a warning to those that the cotton, maize, or other products might be offered for sale.

H. D. Marshall.  
Sept. 30th, 1910.

#### MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS.

W. H. Teague has moved his blacksmith shop from the Blue Front Stable north one block on Fifth Street, near postoffice building. Horseshoeing and buggy work a specialty. See us for all kinds of blacksmithing and wood work. All work guaranteed. W. H. TEAGUE & SON.

F. M. and Zade Polk returned the latter part of last week to their home near Claytonville. Zade intends to return at an early date and build a residence on his lots recently purchased.

T. H. Gilmore was in the city Monday from the Spur Ranch and spent several hours here. He reports everything o. k. at the ranch.

A boy was born Thursday in Stamford to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clemmons, and the mother and boy are both reported doing nicely. Sam is greeting his friends here with a broad smile and says he has one of the finest boys in the land. Their many friends in the city are anxiously awaiting the return of Mrs. Clemmons and will give them a hearty welcome to their home in Spur.

C. F. Cates bought the Floyd Caylor residence this week in the north part of the city. Mr. Caylor, we understand will build another residence at once, and Mr. Cates will move to his new home at an early date.

L. N. Riter made a business trip to Hamlin, spending several days in that city.

Mr. Neighbors, a prosperous citizen of the Randall neighborhood, several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and says that the rain Monday night and Tuesday will be of great benefit to that section of country. Mr. Neighbors says he settled on his place in February, built a house and aside from his feed crops he put in twenty-eight or thirty acres of cotton from which he expects to get at least a quarter of a bale to the acre. He considers this a good crop for sod land, considering the seasons and the time he commenced farming. He says he will begin breaking his land as soon as he can get to it after this rain and no doubt he will be in fine shape for next year's crops. We wish Mr. Neighbors all the success possible another year.

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## BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton community, was among the many visitors to Spur this week. Mr. Shaw is one of the most substantial citizens of the country and we are glad to number him among our friends.

J. C. McNiell and little son were down Friday from the SR ranch. Mr. McNiell is one of Dickens county's prosperous stock-farmers. He has no cotton crop this year but says his feed crops are fine.

Amis Faver was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Afton country and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

Jake Scott, one of the old time settlers of this section of the country, was in Spur Tuesday from his place north of Dickens with cotton.

Dr. Blackwell, a prominent physician of Dickens, was in the city Monday on business.

R. H. McGill was over this week from Dickens and spent some time here on business.

W. M. Stovall, a prominent cattle man of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Joe Jackson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, and one of the old time cow men, came in Monday and spent Monday night and Tuesday in Spur.

J. J. Cloud is making preparations to make a trip to Oklahoma to sell several mules which he is now slicking up and fattening for the market. He recently made a trip up in that country and thinks that he can dispose of a few mules at a good price. Mr. Cloud is one of those farmers who consider livestock a part of the products of a well regulated farm, and we believe he has the right idea and will come out on top in the end.

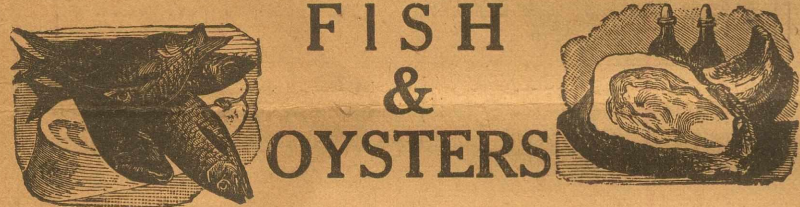
Tom Davis, of the Spur Market passed through town one day this week with the finest bunch of choice, fat cows and heifers that has been brought to the Spur market this season. He bought the bunch from Tom McArthur of the Red Mud country where they have plenty of feed and grass.

Ike Killough was in Monday from the ranch and spent some time in town. He says they are now gathering fat stock on the ranch for shipment to market for beef. Ike is one of the old time cow punchers of the west, and like all the frontiersmen of Texas, is as broad, congenial as the land.

T. J. Harrison, a prominent citizen of the New Hope country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business.

Tom McArthur was in the city this week on business. He reports that the cotton crop of the Red Mud country is turning out more than the farmers expected at the beginning of the season.

J. H. Edwards was in Saturday from his place near Dickens. He brought in a load of as fine sweet potatoes as we have seen in this country. They were sold out to the townspeople with little trouble.



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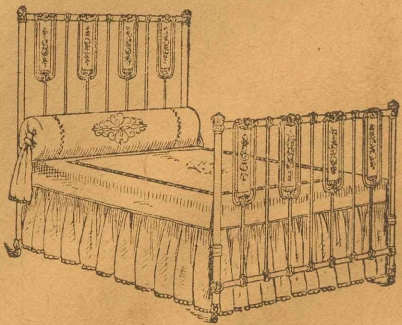
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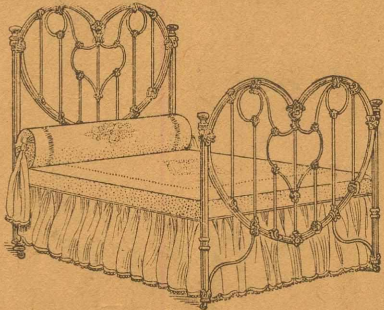
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## HELD NO TERRORS FOR HIM

Champ Clark's Clever Disclaimer of the Wrath Speaker Cannon Might Manifest.

When Champ Clark inherited the troubles of John Sharp Williams as minority leader in the house of representatives, says Success Magazine, he was told that Speaker Cannon had a rod in pickle for him. "Se Uncle Joe's gwine to dis-cip-line me is he?" he queried. "Well, I reckon after a feller's been brought up on the brand o' chastisin' they deal out down in ole Missouri he won't even shy at Cannon crackers. It reminds me uh ole Noah an' th' feller 't got left out o' th' ark. Ole Noah had been exhortin' an' a-pirootin' 'round till th' hull kit an' kaboodle was plumb sick o' him. By and by th' flood came, right on schedule, an' th' ungainly old ark went a-sailin' down th' stream on th' topmost crest o' th' rise. Goin' 'long one day he spies one uh th' ole onregenerates that he kinda' hed it in fr. who had clim' high up in th' tallest tree in them parts.

"Well, ole hat shell, Noah yells to hit, 'what do you think now?"

"Aw, spatters th' ole codger up th' tree, 'this here ain't nary a flood. Down in th' parts where I come from th' folks wouldn't think this here little sprinkle more'n a spring shower."—Cleveland Leader.

## WEDDING BELLS

A Comedy Drama in Four Acts

Given in benefit of the school by the city's Home Talent under the direction of Miss Elizette Rede.

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Admission, Children 25c, Adults 35c  
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### WORKING FOR BETTER CITY.

Boston has a Woman's Municipal league that is not only working for the Boston 1913 exposition, but has been improving the city's milk supply, giving practical instruction to mothers, free concerts and exhibitions, paying inspectors for the purpose of bringing about better sanitary conditions and other work of civic interest.

### A Miracle of Science.

Aeroplane is another miracle of practical science—another impossibility shown to be possible—another dream of centuries realized, but realized in a manner which none but this generation could have understood. Will the history of the steam locomotive repeat itself? The actual maximum speed on railways is no higher to-day than it was 60 years ago, though, of course, the train loads are very different. Will it be so with the aeroplane?

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. E. Johnston by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct number three, Dickens County Texas, to be held at the office of E. J. Cowan Justice of the Peace at Spur in said precinct, on the 17th day of October, 1910; then and there to answer the suit of Kolb and Blanks, a partnership composed of O. F. Kolb and A. B. Blanks plaintiffs, against T. M. Verner and H. E. Johnston defendants, for the sum of Fifty Five Dollars, filed on the 18th day of August, 1910, and numbered on the docket, 36. The nature of plaintiffs demand being suit to recover the sum of Fifty Five Dollars as a balance due on account for laundry between the dates of June the 1st., 1910, and August the 10th 1910.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, But make due return of this writ to the October term, 1910, of said court, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand Officially this 22nd day of September, 1910.

E. J. COWAN,  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Dickens County Texas.

### OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

It is estimated that the census of 1910 will show that the United States has a school population of at least 14,000,000. The school army ten years ago was 13,367,147. Of that number 4,266,302 were between the ages of five and nine, and 6,453,294 ranged from nine to fourteen. About 13 per cent of the whole number were from 15 to 17 years old, and about five per cent were 18 years of age or upward. Of all the children between five and nine reported in the census of 1900 only about one-half regularly attended school; of those from nine to fourteen, four-fifths attended, and of those from 15 to 17 a little more than two-fifths.—Chicago Examiner.

### GOOD JOKE ON JOURNALIST

Clerk of Parisian Hotel Had All the Best of Encounter with "Green" Correspondent.

Since M. Bjoernstein-Bjornson, who is in feeble health, has come to Paris to receive medical care, the hotel where he resides has been invaded by newspaper correspondents of the entire world, desirous of informing themselves of the state of health of the great writer, says a Parisian journal. The clerk of the hotel has been bothered greatly by their inquiries, but has answered them with good grace. He finds that the German journalists, more than others, abuse his complaisance. The other day the correspondent of a great Berlin weekly asked with much insistence: "How is the master?"

"Better, much better," was the answer.

"Is that so? Well, then, I am going to see him, to congratulate him."

"Impossible; he has just gone out."

"You say so?"

"Yes, he has gone to breakfast with Tolstoy."

The journalist remained a moment, surprised by this marvelous cure. He then said: "Certainly, not on foot."

"Just so, cane in hand."

The journalist jumped for the telegraph office and sent, with many embellishments, the good news to Berlin.

An hour later he heard from his journal: "You are an astonishing idiot. How can Bjornson breakfast with Tolstoy, who is at Yasnaia Poliana?"

Furious, the journalist returned to the hotel, demanding that the clerk pay for his erroneous telegram.

"How much did your telegram cost?" inquired the clerk.

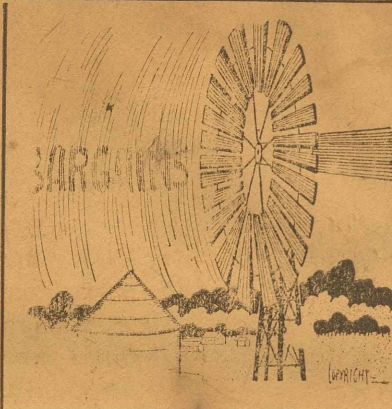
"Thirty-two francs 50 centimes."

"Very well. I set a price on the time I lose in these interviews. You have interviewed me 32 times, and you owe me a balance of 27 francs 50 centimes."

### King Edward's Favorite Horses.

The report that Lord Marcus Beresford, who has long had charge of the king's racing stud, will shortly retire from that position recalls the fact when a favorite horse of the king or queen dies its hoofs are cut off and polished and the horse's name is inscribed on each hoof.

These are placed in a row in one of the harness rooms at Sandringham. Their majesties have their favorite dogs, as well as their favorite horses. Against a wall at the back of their residence at Sandringham may be seen a stone: "To the memory of dear old Rover."—Tit-Bits.



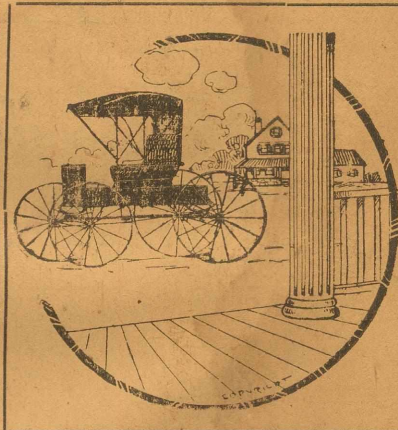
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