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# THE TEXAS SPUR

A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

IT IS NEARING THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. HOW IS YOUR SUPPLY OF STATEMENTS?

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## CLOSING PROGRAM OF SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

The closing exercises of the Spur Public School Friday and Friday night was largely attended by patrons of the school and visitors from the surrounding country, and the programs rendered in the exercises of both day and night was one of the best school exhibitions we have had the pleasure of attending, and the program was fully appreciated by every one present.

During the day the athletic exercises were had and in which were foot races, basket ball, town ball, base ball and other contests. The school pupils displayed a superior ability in athletics, and the contests were enjoyed by visitors and on-lookers as well as the participants in the games and exercises.

The night program was largely attended, the large school auditorium not being sufficiently large to accommodate the crowd, numbers being turned away with the statement that not even standing room could be secured in the auditorium.

The program was made up of nineteen selections, consisting of songs, music, recitations, pantomimes, readings, dialogues and drills. Every selection on the program, from the pantomimes of the primary classes to "Why we never married" by the high class, was presented in the most effective manner and was fully appreciated by the audience.

## BUILDING AND IMPROVING

R. A. Crausby, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants and hauled out a load of lumber for building purposes on his place. The lumber yards of Spur have been selling numbers of loads of lumber during the past month or so, and many new homes are being built and other improvements are being made in every section of the surrounding country.

## LEAVES FOR OIL FIELD.

F. A. Prideaux left the latter part of this week for the oil fields near Electra to look after his oil and land interests in that section. We understand that Mr. Prideaux is planning to organize a company for the purpose of developing the oil prospects on his land holdings in that section.

## Henson & Poole

We Need Your Trade; You Need Our Service--Try a Sack of Our "SEAL OF TEXAS" FLOUR  
A Full Line of Fresh Groceries and Vegetables Always on Hand  
PHONES 28  
Get Our Sanitary Groceries in Your Home

### TAP TELLINGS

Weather conditions the past week have been most favorable and farm work is being pushed.

Thurman Gaston is here from New Mexico seeking employment.

Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Rutherford were shopping in Spur one day this week and visiting friends there.

Mrs. P. Hinson is operating the mail line from here to Spur and has got her husband at work on the farm.

Mesdames Miller, Berryman, Burgoon and Williams of Spur were here Sunday afternoon and assisted the ladies here in organizing a Ladies' Aid Society. Ten members were enrolled with the following officers: Mrs. Neal, President; Mrs. Rutherford, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Sparks, Vice-President. We are sure this society will accomplish much good. —Gadabout.

### WANTS TO FIND HIM

"My doctor advises me to go south for my health."

"Who is your doctor? My fool of a doctor advises me to sleep outdoors for my health."

Mrs. George Barnes, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. P. H. Miller, returned this week to her home in the north part of the county.

R. B. F. Craig, who has been spending several weeks in the northeast part of the county, was in Spur and spent several days here with his family.

L. C. Arrington, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur this week after supplies and spent some time here trading and greeting his friends.

### SPUR SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION, MAY 4

A school trustee election will be held in Spur, Saturday, May 4th, for the purpose of electing three trustees to serve on the Spur Independent School Board during the next two terms. The names of Sol Davis, W. G. Sherrod and T. E. Standifer will be among those appearing on the ticket for election to the place. They are all good men, interested in the school and the advancement of educational interests. The retiring members of the present board will be J. V. McCormick, R. R. F. Craig and T. E. Standifer. The hold-over members of the present board are: C. A. Jones, C. F. Cates, E. C. Edmonds and J. F. Vernon.

### HAPPINESS POSTPONED.

An awkward predicament in which a sailor bridegroom and his bride were placed in St. Mary Major's church, Exeter, Devonshire, England, recently, caused the postponement of their wedding. The bands had been duly called to church, but when the parties presented themselves at the altar the bridegroom, who had been recently paid off from his ship at Portsmouth, was unable to produce the necessary permission from his commander. The bride swooned, and eventually returned home, while the bridegroom left for Plymouth to get the required document.

### WORK ON DEEP WELL TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Driller Minnihan has temporarily suspended drilling operations on the deep well pending further advices from S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York.

The well is now more than three thousand feet deep and the drilling continues in a hard, flinty rock. Operations were suspended last week and the water drawn out for the purpose of determining whether or not the water is good. The water was salty and it is presumed that the work of drilling will soon be continued and work will not again be delayed until a stream of artesian water is encountered.

Already three years of effort and an immense amount of money has been expended on the well, and we are all optimistic and feel confident of securing an abundant supply of pure artesian water.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Cecil Bennett attended church at Girard Sunday morning.

The singing at Will Taylor's Sunday night was well attended.

Will Taylor and wife spent Sunday in Gilpin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Taylor a fine baby boy. Mother and child doing well.

Rev. Bean preached at the Duck Creek School house Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Hagins spent Sunday evening with Mrs. W. P. Sampson.

Miss Odessa Hagins and sisters attended the school entertainment Friday night.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at the Clipper School house last Saturday and Sunday.

Our school exhibition last Friday night was a success in every particular. The house was crowded to the limit. The program was very interesting and was well rendered by the pupils.

Miss Mae Wassen, our former school teacher, has returned to her home at Matador. We hate to lose Miss Mae for only a short while, for she has been employed to teach the Primary department at Duck Creek another term. —Johnny Jump-up.

### NOTICE.

All Socialists and sympathizers are hereby notified to meet in Dickens Saturday, April 27th, 1912, for the purpose of nominating county officers and attending to other business that may come before the body. —Committee

Mr. Stafford and wife, of the Afton country, were in Spur Wednesday trading.

## SPUR FIRE ENGINE NOW READY FOR BUSINESS

The big chemical fire engine recently purchased by Spur citizens has been received and is now installed at the new fire station back of Bryant-Link Co. on Harris street.

The engine was given a try-out the day it arrived. Boxes and other inflammable material was piled on a vacant lot near the depot and a match applied. The fire alarm was given and the fire department responded with the engine ready for action. The chemical was turned on the fire and within a few minutes the flames were completely extinguished.

There is little question but that the engine will be of great service in cases of fire and it will serve its purpose until the town is supplied with water and better fire fighting equipments.

### NOTICE

The Republican Electors of Precinct No. 3, Dickens county, are hereby called to meet in the city of Spur at 3 o'clock p. m. Saturday, May 4th, 1912, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which convenes at Dickens, Texas, May 7th, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said convention. —J. E. Shelton, Chairman.

### PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

"If you had ten dollars to spend," said Barnum, "spend one for an article and the other nine in advertising it." The old man knew a thing or two when it came to advertising. Barnum said some years ago: "I can out-talk anybody on earth except the printer. The man who can stick the type and talk next morning to thousands of people while I am talking to one, is the only man I am afraid of. I want him for my friend."

J. F. Vernon returned Wednesday from Fort Worth, Dallas and other eastern cities where he spent several days on business.

J. E. Murphy and Mr. Jackson, of the Croton country, were in Spur Thursday and Friday of this week trading with the merchants. They report everything in the very finest shape in their section of the country.

## Spur Automobile Co.

H. W. RICHARDSON, Proprietor

Prompt Automobile service to any point in the country at reasonable rates. Supplies of oil, gasoline, and repair work of all kinds. Agents for Overland Cars. Our service is prompt and our repair work in every instance guaranteed satisfactory. Repairs on Ford Cars a specialty. We respectfully solicit your business.

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## Lest You Forget

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### We Have the Best

Shirts, Hats, Trousers, Underwear, Gloves and All Kinds of Workstuff That Can Be Bought

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## Edwards-Hogan Co.

Laundry Agency

Cleaning and Pressing



## A SIGN BOARD

**I**s good advertising, but its scope and effectiveness is limited to the passer-by who chances to read as he runs. A sign board in *The Texas Spur* is carried to the homes of the Spur Trade Territory and is read by every member of the family; therefore, to that extent is better and will bring more results than a road sign. A sign board in the paper is more effective and costs less.

### Give It a Fair Trial

### Keep Your Job Work in Spur

#### THE WORLD'S GREATEST DISASTER

One of the greatest and most destructive marine catastrophes, to life and property, recorded in history, occurred Sunday night far out in deep ocean 400 miles from shore when the magnificent \$10,000,000 steamship—Titanic—struck a gigantic floating iceberg rendering the powerful vessel completely helpless and causing it to sink with its valuable cargo and more than 1,300 of its 2,100 unfortunate passengers. The ship was four hours sinking during which time wireless operators were busy summoning help from other ships the nearest being 160 miles from the scene of disaster.

The men being too chivalrous to ask for space in the life-boats the rescued list is almost entirely composed of women and children.

Some of the world's wealthiest men among whom was John Jacob Astor, of New York, went down in the awful wreck.

S. W. Thomas, of Aspermont, passed through the city Sunday on his way to Dickens where he spent a day or two with Editor Selden and family.

#### A LESSON ON PEANUTS.

President Hawley of the Peanut Growers Association has set an example of what can be accomplished through the cultivation of the peanut that is worth the consideration of every farmer.

A few years ago Mr. Hawley failed in the mercantile business at Abilene and removed to a 160 acre farm at where now stands the town of Hawley, a poor man. The first year on the farm he planted ten acres in peanuts and the results were so satisfactory that he thereafter devoted his entire acreage in cultivation to this crop and at the same time yearly adding new ground to the cultivated area until the entire 160 acres were taken up.

Mr. Hawley now has a bank account of \$50,000 besides valuable property in the town of Hawley, all of which he accumulated through the direct result of peanut cultivation. *Kent County News.*

O. J. Weaver left recently to accept a position with a wholesale grocery concern.

Bill Easterling, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, had business in Spur Monday and spent the day trading with the merchants.

#### WISHARD AND BAKER GET 5-YEAR SENTENCE

Jno. A. Wishard and T. F. Baker, jointly charged of violating the laws of the National Banking Association, were found guilty by a jury in the Federal Court at Abilene Thursday of last week and sentenced to five years' confinement in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, by Judge Meeks.

This case has been pending in the Federal Court for some time and has manifested much interest throughout this section of the state. The indictment grew out of a large loan secured by Mr. Wishard from the Snyder National Bank, which, exceeding the statutory limit of the National Banking Association, was held in violation of the law. Mr. Baker being cashier of the bank at the time the loan was made, was held as an accessory in the offense by the federal authorities and jointly indicted with Wishard.

Soon after the passing of sentence by Judge Meeks, attorneys for the defense presented motion for a new trial which was overruled by the court.

The defendants are now confined in jail at Abilene awaiting action of the court on their demand for bail. We understand that notice of appeal has been made by the defense. — *Kent County News.*

#### HOW TO GROW EGYPTIAN WHEAT

Egyptian wheat seems to belong to the sorghum family. In appearance it looks to be a cross between milo maize and kaffir corn, although it outyields either immensely and is superior in quality. The head is not so compact as maize nor so loose as broom. It has a large heavy head, filled with round, white, plumpy grains. The head does not sprangle out, but hangs to one side. Heads are 16 inches long, that is the ones that grow on the main stalk. It grows five to six feet high. The stalk is not so coarse as maize or even cane, hence the stubble gives little trouble. The stalk, however, is not so valuable for forage as cane and is about equal to maize as forage. It is wholly a grain proposition. It is excellent feed for all kinds of stock. It should be planted in drills 32 to 36 inches in the drill. Cultivate to keep clean until the wheat gets a good start. Plant in March, April, May or July. From the March and April planting you will get two crops.

Egyptian wheat is comparatively a new grain in this country. It was introduced here from India, where it is extensively grown under trying circumstances, such as extreme heat, drouth and also wet weather. It is there manufactured into flour and used extensively as a breadstuff, as our wheat is in this country. It is adapted to most any kind of soil. Exchange.

Joe Jackson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

T. J. Williams and family spent Sunday up on the Plains. Mr. Williams says that everything looks goods in the country.

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur recently on business and trading with Spur merchants.

Miss Fannie West, a young lady of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Monday visiting friends and trading in the city.

Miss Mildred Rash, of the Steel Hill country, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. North in the city this week.

J. W. Thompson was in Spur recently from his home in Motley county. He reports everything in fine shape in that section of country with the very finest crop prospects.

Towns Taylor spent some time here this week with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, returning the first of the week to his home in the Plains country.

Mrs. A. A. Bumgardner returned Monday to her home at Jayton after spending two weeks in the city with W. A. North and family.

Luther Hindman and Sim Chapman left Tuesday for Blanco Canyon where they will spend several days fishing and enjoying life. While it may be a little early to fish at this time, yet it is reported that fish are plentiful not only in Blanco but in the tanks of the surrounding country.

J. E. Corey, prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Monday on business and trading with the merchants of the city. Mr. Corey reports crop conditions the very finest in the Plains country and the probabilities are now that every section of this country will have bumper crops of all kinds.

#### THE MARTYRED DOG

Be a trifling stake with an antique jaw and talk all day of the rich man's law, and the iron heel and the other things of which the four-flushers spiel and sings; point out the flaws in the government, and preach a gospel of discontent; and every time that you go to town the boys'll start kicking your dog aroun'. Be an idle man who neglects his farm to view all day a wild alarm; just point the finger of righteous scorn when other farmers are shucking corn; and make a roar and a loud hooray about the taxes you have to pay; and every time that you go to town the boys'll start kicking your dog aroun'. Just show the world, in the fact rejoice, that you're full of wind and are mostly voice; that your brain is weak though your breath is strong; that your sense is short and your whiskers long; just have a grievance that you must air and put in the show ring everywhere, and every time that you go to town, the boys'll start kicking your dog aroun'. But go around with a cheerful face and say that the world is a bully place, and give things a boost whenever you can, and pay your debts like a little man, and saw your wood in a quiet style, and put in the bank a little pile, and then, my friend, when you go to town, the boys'll quit kicking your dog aroun'. — *Walt Mason.*

J. P. Montgomery, of Afton, was in Spur Monday on business.

Baxter Scoggins was in Spur Sunday and Monday on business from his place on Cat Fish.

W. D. Bender was in the city Saturday from his place a mile or two north of Spur.

Mrs. Hill's little child is reported quite sick this week at their home in the city.

C. S. Durham was in Spur Monday from the Wake country where he recently moved and will make a crop this year. He says that he does not intend to plant any cotton and will have only feed stuff this year.

Mr. Nichols, of near Wake, had business the first of the week in Spur and hauled out supplies of posts and wire with which to make improvements on his place. Last fall Mr. Nichols built a fine residence and with other improvements now under way and contemplated he will have one of the most convenient and comfortable homes of the country.

J. J. Hickman, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Monday and hauled out a load of lumber and supplies. Mr. Hickman is having a fine residence built on his place and which will soon be completed. Throughout the country the building progress continues uninterruptedly, there now being under construction many new homes and many more already completed. Let the good work continue.

T. J. Harrison, of the Wichita community north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and Sunday trading and also furthering his campaign for the office of Tax Assessor of Dickens county. Mr. Harrison spoke very optimistically with respect to his chances of becoming the nominee at the July Primary and says that he appreciates very much the encouragement now being given him in the campaign. Mr. Harrison is a fine citizen, a good man and if elected no doubt he will make Dickens county a good officer.

## "THE FIRST STEP IS ALL THE DIFFICULTY"

In any important undertaking in life's work, the first step should be taken with a feeling of confidence and security. Backed by the knowledge of a healthy bank account, that step will be made more easy and secure. Opportunities constantly occur for the one with financial backing. We invite you to start an account in our bank, if you are not already a depositor.

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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 \$25.00**  
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

## THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

HAS IN SOME PORTIONS TAKEN PRACTICALLY ALL THE LAND WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING UNDER THE PLAN OF RESERVATION OF EACH ALTERNATE SECTION

**WE ARE**, Therefore, Ready to Price and offer for sale such Sections in these localities as has heretofore been Reserved

We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases-- they will have the first opportunity to do so.

**DEFINITE PRICES ON THESE OR ANY OTHER LANDS WILL BE MADE UPON APPLICATION**

## 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 demonstration 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. Kope, 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 price. 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,  
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

### MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SECURE HOME HERE

A. G. Greenwalt called in Friday of last week and had his name placed on the Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Greenwalt and family recently moved to the Spur country from Oklahoma and is making a crop this year on a place several miles east on Duck Creek. He says he now has his land in fine shape for planting and that he expects to make fine crops notwithstanding the fact that his land is being cultivated this year for the first time. Mr. Greenwalt says that he thinks a farmer will have more opportunities in the Spur country to secure and pay for a home than in Oklahoma, and considering the advantages here in schools and commerce as well as in agricultural lines he considers that he has made a good move and will later buy a place and begin the improvement of a new home. We wish Mr. Greenwalt a prosperous and most pleasant home among us.

W. T. Wilson, of six miles east of Spur, called in one day last week and handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription account.

Bill McArthur was in the city the latter part of last week. He reports everything in the finest shape and says that while he did not get much of the recent big rain, that the ground is well soaked and crop prospects could not be better than at the present time.

### TO DEVELOP THE MIND

To look at things as well as we can, to inscribe them in our memory, to be observant and let no day pass without gathering something, then to apply oneself to those branches of knowledge which give the mind a sure direction, to apportion everything its value--this is what we have now to do.--Goethe.

### FOR SALE

FLORIDA--\$250 buys a beautiful 10-acre farm near New Smyrna, on the East Coast of Florida; good soil, capable of yielding owner a net income of \$3,000 a year under proper management; close to rail and water transportation; best market facilities, church, school and social advantages; perfect title; terms, \$50 cash, balance \$5.00 a month. No interest, no taxes. Address XYZ, Texas Spur Office. 23-3tf

### NOTICE

I will drill you a well for 40 cts. foot.--Luther Hindman. 23-tf

### LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

I have secured a company that will advance 40 per cent of value on improved real estate.--E. C. Edmonds.

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county.--C. H. Senning.

STRAYED--One large sorrel horse, three white feet, white star in forehead. Notify E. C. Edmonds and receiverward. 23tf

### AN EAST TEXIAN BOOSTS THE SPUR COUNTRY

Mr. J. A. Alston, of three miles south of Spur, was in town Friday of last week on business and reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country. Mr. Alston says that he has four planters now running planting maize and cotton. He has already seventy five acres planted in maize and we understand he is to plant one hundred and twenty five acres in maize, so if each farmer would follow the same plan there would be plenty of feed to supply the demand and we would have more fat horses. Mr. Alston says he is from the east and if he can get seasons he can make more here accidentally than he could back there on purpose, and can work five acres here to one there and work it with less sweat. He says that it don't take the sweating here, it takes the moving around in due time and steadiness; so here is hoping that he will drive the nail up and make a good crop this year. He says that he will not plant but two hundred and thirty five acres in cotton this year.--Tad Pole.

The new Baptist tabernacle at Afton is about completed. Meeting will be held in it every second Sunday and Saturday before. Everybody come and worship with us in the building, plenty of room and good comfortable seats.--Dickens Item.

### WHAT IS DUTY?

Philosophers have seemed to assume that we knew what duty was. They have discussed the question whence came the idea of duty, and so on, which is very interesting in its way, but they have overlooked the main point, which is, What is duty? Now that is just what we don't understand today. We don't know what our duty is. If we did more of us would try to do it, I believe--not all of us and not always, but in general we would try to do right if we knew what right was. It was Guizot, I think, who said, "It is harder for a man to know what his duty is than to do it." All the modern philosophers have built up incomplete systems of ethics because they have overlooked this fundamental point. We have to go back to the ancient Greeks before we find problems of ethics attacked in their entirety. The Greeks did have in their way a complete system of ethics, but this is no advantage to us, because their social world and their outlook on life were entirely different from ours. Their civilization did not present the problems we have to consider. They had no conception of a duty toward other nations, for one thing. Their own state was all they recognized, and even within that their view was limited.--Henri Bergson Famous Modern French Philosopher.

NOTICE--See Mrs. Geo. M. Williams at her home in Spur for Rowden Cotton Seed, the finest planting seed, 50c a bushel. tf.

### GOOD RAINS AND FINE CROP PROSPECTS

Reports from the agricultural districts of the State have a tone of optimism that has not been noticeable in the Texas farmer's statements for the past several years. All of them clearly show that crop prospects are better than in many years. Indications are, that for perhaps the first time in the history of the State, every section has had plenty of rain and that the outlook for the season is the best in a decade. The consensus of opinion is that the fruit crop has not been damaged by cold weather, and that a fine fruit crop is assured. Reports from north and central Texas indicate that the wheat and oat crop acreage is 25 per cent greater than in ten years. Taking the states as a whole, the cotton acreage will probably show a decrease of 25 per cent from last year. There is a marked tendency toward diversification, and indications are to the effect that there will be an increase of from 30 to 40 per cent in the production of feed-stuffs over last year.

### NOTICE

I have bought the Poole Jack and he is now ready for service at the old Haskey Stable in Spur. He will stand the season for \$10 and \$15 to insure colt. Not responsible for accidents.--W. H. Stephens.

We do neat job printing.



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### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison  
E. L. Harkey (Second Term)

For County and District Clerk:  
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):  
H. T. Garner  
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:  
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:  
W. A. Craddock

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

### THE MAN FROM THE COUNTRY.

Whoever said "You can get a man out of the country, but you can't get the country out of a man," spoke words of wisdom which have met manifold confirmation in human experience. When the microbe of the country once gets into the human system it is there to abide, defiant of time and change and association.

The country has charms and attractions which take hold upon the affections and imagination and emotions that will not be shaken off.

The country-born boy lives close to nature. He catches the breath of the woods; he drinks in the ozone of the mountains and the towering forests; he breathes the perfume of the wild flowers; he swims in the pellucid lakes and wades in the dashing streams and purling brooks.

To him the song of the red-bird, the opening note of the springtime chorus, is music sweeter than singer ever sang, and the call of the bob-white to his mate foretells for him the coming of the summer solstice. He may forsake the country, but he carries memories of it with him wherever he goes.

He may exchange the quiet of the farm, the stillness of the woods, the peacefulness of the vale, as it nestles 'twixt towering mountains, for the rush and roar, the haste and hurry, the danger and the clashing of the city; but his memory dwells still upon his child haunts, and nothing in his new environment can banish that memory from his mind.

The flashing of the fireflies in the twilight is in his eyes more beautiful by far than the radiance and glare of electric lights and the song of the whippoorwill at eventide is to him sweeter music than was ever played by orchestra or band.

He may listen while some great singer trills and soars till she reaches the highest note of the scale, and the fashionable throngs sit entranced; yet he is borne on the wing of memory back to

his boyhood days, and he hears the mocking bird's songs as it quivered and floated on the breeze, as the singer sat beneath dew-gemmed bowers and poured forth a cataract of song in notes surpassing in sweetness and purity any that the most skillful human singer ever sang.

The country boy gets strength and vigor and courage as he communes with nature. He builds muscles by swinging the axe; he grows lithe and stalwart and strong as he follows the plow, he revels in the freedom of the forest and the plain, and the narrow streets and towering buildings of the city cannot imprison his soul or drive from his heart his love of the quiet beauty of his childhood.

The luxurious menu of the city table cannot wean him from his love for the homely fare which was spread before him in his lowly home in the country. Pate de foie gras is stale and flat compared with country ham and hominy, and, though he may feed in the city on tenderloin of trout and tartar sauce, broiled flounder and planked shad and baked redfish, he yearns with a yearning which will not be satisfied, for backbone and chitterlings and stuffed sausage and sweetbreads, fried chicken and brown gravy.

His black mammy could, with her instinctive and untutored skill, put to shame the most artistic culinary triumphs of the most famous chef, and when he recalls the flaky, snowy biscuits on which she fed him he turns with loathing from the heavy, soggy baker's bread on which the city man must feed.

As he builds up strength of mind, he learns to love his freedom; he rejoices in his independence; he stands ready to oppose trespass upon either, and at his country's call he is always first to answer.

The denials and privations of his early days serve but to stimulate his slumbering ambition, and with persistent purpose he pursues his steady way until he distances his city brother in the race of life.

From the cabin and the lowly cottage have come the men who have led the forces of civilization and the boy from the country has become the man who has directed the destinies of the nation.

He learns early the lesson of a simple faith in God and a reverence for the homely, primal virtues which make for righteousness, and the social, political and industrial destinies of the nation are in the keeping of the man from the country. —Houston Chronicle.

H. S. Hansford has been sick this week.

Mr. Stafford and wife, of the Afton country, were in Spur Wednesday trading.

A good second-hand buggy for sale at a bargain. See Dr. Grace at the Spur Drug Company.

A girl was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamilton in the city.

Mrs. Morrison, who has been visiting her son, Dr. Morris and wife, returned the latter part of last week to her home at Haskell.

Albert Deatheridge, representing a marble works company, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday.

S. P. Odom, of several miles south of Spur, came in Wednesday and had Dr. Standifer perform an operation at the hospital.

## When You See the Budding Of the Fig Tree You Know Spring Is Near

Look out upon the prairies and see their new Spring Costumes, how beautiful and cheering to our vision; we must prepare for this glad occasion, winter rags wont suffice now, where can I go to get the prettiest things to wear, so that I may help to make glad and be in harmony with this the most beautiful season of the year; first in my mind is a new hat, and I want something nice but not fussy, and something becoming to me, now this is my hardest job, and I will just go to Miss Burnett's Department at Bryant Link Co. as it is always full of the newest things in millinery, and if she hasn't just the thing in stock I know she can make me one just as I suggest, and I will know as for my head it will be as well crowned as any one in town or country, for there is no more up-to-date Milliner than Miss Burnett. Next I must have a new dress, and Mrs. Herndon's Department is just crowded with new shear dress fabrics of latest weaves and colorings, and she can help me select just the pattern that will be most becoming to me, she also has the Queen Quality, Oxfords, and I wouldn't really be dressed in the most stylish way unless I had a pair of those pumps or straps, they are so neat and nice looking, makes ones feet look two sizes smaller and are so very comfortable, too; I can't overlook silk hose and gloves Mrs. Herndon's Department is always the place to find that line of goods, and there are collars, jablots, side-frills, collar pins, new spring hand bags, she has the prettiest stock I have ever seen in these lines, and it is very necessary to properly dress that all these little items be taken into consideration, yes, and I was about to forget that I must have three or four new gingham aprons and dresses, and there is only one place to get The Red Seal gingham, the kind that don't fade and launders so well, Mrs. Herndon can show me anything in the gingham line that I want, just any shade or color, she has even a solid red in gingham that is so hard to find in most stocks.

I had just as well go to Bryant-Link Co's, to do my spring shopping for they appreciate the trade and I will be treated courteously there, and if any item I buy don't come up just right they are always ready to make it good, in fact, they have the very best quality of merchandise that can be had in Spur, and they are constantly inviting the people to trade with them through the paper and in many other ways, they have their homes here, and are helping to build up the town and country, so I really feel it my duty to give them a liberal share of my trade.

CUSTOMER

### NO. 9611

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 18th, 1912.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$142,848.63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	193.43
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	246.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	33,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,142.53
Due from approved Reserve Agents	16,108.04
Checks and Other cash Items	64.44
Notes of other National Banks	1,245.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	22.50
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$4,535.85
Legal tender notes	2,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$227,656.42

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	12,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	2,758.59
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	147.58
Individual deposits subject to check	62,250.25
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	25,000.00
Total	\$227,656.42

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:  
I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:  
W. J. Lewis,  
Geo. S. Link,  
C. A. Jones,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1912.

R. S. HOLMAN, Notary Public.

[SEAL]

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Crosbyton, were in Spur this week trading with the merchants.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Chisom died Friday at their home in Spur and the remains were buried Saturday in the Spur cemetery. The child was only a few months old and the parents have the sympathy of friends in this bereavement.

### KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

The following program will be rendered by Spur Kindergarten today 7:15 to 8:15 p. m. at the public school auditorium:

Chorus—Wave Old Glory.  
Salutatory—Geo. S. Link Jr.  
Recitation, Lulu's Complaint—Willie Richburg.  
Recitation, Growing—Lucile Barber.  
Duet, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star—Audrey & Vivian Barber  
A Visit of the Months—Thirteen Children.  
Bohemian Girl, Bonner—Miss Dunn.  
Recitation, In School and Out—E. C. Edmonds Jr.  
Song—The Baby Pine.  
Recitation, Till Vacation—Marjorie Berryman.  
Song—Dolly You Must Go To Bed.  
Play—Vacation Time.  
Valse—Milodigue, Kehn—Miss Berryman.  
Chorus—The Blacksmith.  
Pantomime, Rock of Ages—Floy Richburg.

Mrs. Henson, who was operated on recently at the Standifer Hospital, returned Wednesday to her home at Jayton.

C. F. Shipp, of Stamford, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday in the interest of the Texas Company. While here he established an oil station which will be managed by T. L. Higginbotham at the Spur Ice and Bottling Works. In connection with other lines of business, Mr. Higginbotham is also doing developing and finishing work on pictures, being well equipped to do such work.

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### A PAYING CROP

Local bankers who attended the meeting at Clinton a few days ago returned further imbued with the value of kaffir corn as a money and feed crop for this section. And while they do not recommend that it be planted exclusively, they still think that a few acres would be planted on every farm in the county. At this meeting a prominent banker of Kansas, located in a town of 1500 inhabitants, told what the crop had done for the farmers of his county, as follows:

"It took our farmers 20 years to learn that corn couldn't be relied upon and that kaffir was a profitable substitute for it. Now they are all in good shape; don't know when a drouth happens and the banks in our little town have deposits aggregating \$1,600,000. Our farmers have learned that their stock will do as well on kaffir as they do corn if ten per cent is added to the amount fed. In our county we had 20,000 acres in kaffir last season. A regular market on the board of trade has been established for it and it sells for only ten per cent less than corn. It averages about 30 bushels per acre and the crop never fails."

Mr. Spencer, formerly of Spur, but who has been attending a business college at Tyler the past several months, is in the city this week visiting friends. Mr. Spencer has been preparing himself for a position as court stenographer, but since he is a printer by trade it is very probable that he will find it more congenial to stay at least within convenient contact with the ink pot.

## The City Hotel

J. C. MARTIN, Proprietor

Now under new management. First-class accommodation, clean beds and the best table the market affords.



Don't Forget  
The Date and  
Place, Morri-  
son's, Satur-  
day, April 27

# A ROUSING, MERCHANDISE-MOVING

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 27TH  
TO SATUR-  
DAY, MAY  
18TH

## Price-Smashing Spring Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, TO SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 1912

**T**his great Merchandise-Moving, Price-Smashing Sale is launched just at the time you have to buy Spring Goods. We have just the goods you want, and take our word for it, we are going to make prices that the people of Spur and Dickens County can't afford to overlook. You have fashions latest to select from at a fraction of its regular value. No matter what you wish to buy, Dress Goods, Novelties, Hats, Shoes or Clothing, we will save you money.

WE PROPOSE TO MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST SALE IN OUR HISTORY--Nothing but low prices on High Class Goods will accomplish this end. WHY PAY REGULAR PRICES WHEN YOU HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY.

If you haven't the money, borrow it. \$15.00 will buy as much at this sale as \$25.00 will in a regular way. Come expecting Bargains. You can have all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life at a small cost by attending this Great Sale.

**OUR ENTIRE STORE IS ONE GIGANTIC ARRAY OF BARGAINS**

\$1.00 Grade  
Long Black  
Lisle Gloves  
50c

\$1.25 Grade  
Long Black  
Silk Gloves  
98c

10c  
Black Elastic  
5c

\$1.00  
Overalls  
89c

Best 10c  
Bleaching  
8c

10c Brown  
Domestic  
6c

15c  
Ladies' Vests  
8c

15c  
Ladies' Hose  
8c

15c  
Men's Hose  
8c

We Are  
The Price  
Makers of  
Spur

Cheap Prices  
On  
Groceries

25c  
Oil Cloth  
15c

56-Inch  
Table Linen  
33c

Best Calico  
4c the  
Yard

Best  
Cotton Checks  
5c

Ladies'  
Parasols  
59c

Gents'  
Umbrellas  
59c

Best  
Calico  
4c

### Small Notions at a Small Price.

6 spools Clark's O N T Thread. 25c  
Best Pins, paper 4c  
10c Black Elastic 5c  
Needles, paper 4c  
San Silk, spool 4c  
Hooks and Eyes, paper 4c  
Good Pearl Buttons, dozen 8c  
Metal Back Horn Combs 8c  
10c Handkerchiefs 7c  
5c 3c  
Bunch Shoe Strings 8c  
Thimbles 4c  
Many other articles too numerous to mention at a big discount.

**All Goods Strictly Cash**

### Novelties---Novelties

35c Ribbons go in this sale 23c  
25c " " " " 18c  
20c " " " " 14c  
15c " " " " 12c  
15c " " " " 8c  
7 1-2c " " " " 5c  
Spool Ribbons No. 1, at yard 1c  
50c Ladies' Belts, go at 39c  
75c " Hand Bags 48c  
\$1.00 " " " " 79c  
35c Ladies' Collars go at 23c  
50c & 75c Ladies' Collars go at 44c  
Big Line Laces and Embroideries at a saving.  
See our 5c Lace Assortment.  
" " 10c Embroidery Assortment

**Positively No Goods Charged**

### Clothing---Clothing

Big stock men's and boys' suits, odd pants for both men and boys, overalls and jumpers at a big saving.

**All Goods Strictly Cash**

### Staple Cotton Goods

Go in this sale at about half price.  
36-inch Soft Bleached-Domestic worth 12 1-2 goes at 8c  
10c 36 inch Brown Domestic 7c  
Standard Calico goes in sale at 4c  
Good Cotton Checks go at 5c  
12 1-2 Shirting, very best at 9c  
15c Fancy Shirting 11c  
Best Table Oil Cloth goes at 15c  
54-inch White Table Linen 33c  
10-4 Pepperel Sheets 25c  
Don't miss this opportunity to save money on staples.

**Positively No Goods Charged**

### Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!

\$5.00 Men's Shoes, all styles at \$3.98  
4.00 " " " " 3.49  
3.00 " " " " 2.45  
2.50 " " " " 1.98  
4.00 Ladies' " " " 3.45  
3.50 " " " " 2.98  
3.00 " " " " 2.48  
2.50 " " " " 1.98  
2.00 " " " " 1.59  
Children's shoes in proportion.  
Both low cut and high shoes go in the sale.

**All Goods Strictly Cash**

### Hosiery

15c Hose all kinds go at 8c  
25c " " " " 18c  
35c " " " " 23c  
75c " " " " 48c

**Positively No Goods Charged**

### Gents' Furnishings.

75c Soft Shirts go at 48c  
\$1.00 " " " " 79c  
\$1.25 " " " " 98c  
\$2.00 " " " " \$1.48  
50c Underwear goes at 44c  
50c Elastic Seam Drawers 44c  
25c Suspenders go at 18c  
35c " " " " 23c  
35c Hose " " " 23c  
25c " " " " 18c  
15c " " " " 8c  
50c Sheets go at 39c  
\$1.00 Overalls and Jumpers 89c  
Lay in your summer supply while the price is right.

**Positively No Goods Charged**

### Summer Dress Goods

15c Ginghams on Sale at 11c  
12 1-2 " " " " 9c  
15c Lawns " " " " 11c  
12 1-2 " " " " 9c  
7 1-2c " " " " 5c  
25c Figured Flaxons at 18c  
20c Solid Colored Lawns 12c  
65c Summer Silks on sale 44c  
\$1.25 Silks on sale 98c  
35c White Goods on sale at 23c  
25c " " " " 18c  
15c " " " " 11c  
12 1-2 " " " " 9c  
All summer Dress Goods at money saving prices.

**All Goods Strictly Cash**

### Men's Hats

\$3.50 Beaver & Buckskin Hats \$2.85  
2.00 All America Hats 1.48  
2.00 Boys' Hats 1.48  
1.25 " " " " .98  
.75 " " " " .48  
5.00 Stetson Hats go at 3.98

**All Goods Strictly Cash**

Come early before the stock is broken, while we have an immense stock, but our friends and customers will eagerly snap up these Bargains, and our volume of business will be immense. So don't delay, but come at once.

**THE BIG SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, AND CONTINUES UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 18TH.**

**R. R. MORRISON** Spur, Texas



## ENTRIES IN INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS CONTEST

Two hundred and four counties, represented by 3,726 entries are enrolled in the crop contest of the Texas Industrial Congress for 1912. Ford county leads in the number of contestants, having 146 entries. Nueces county with 120 is second, Freestone county is the third and Fannin county fourth. The counties and the number of contestants in each are as follows:

Anderson 41, Andrews 11, Angelina 11, Archer 4, Armstrong 3, Atascosa 2, Austin 10, Bandera 22, Bowie 14, Bastrop 9, Baylor 37, Bee 1, Bell 20, Baxter 9, Borden 9, Bosque 12, Brazoria 6, Brazos 27, Brewster 2, Brooks 17, Brown 13, Burtleson 18, Burnett 1, Caldwell 11, Calhoun 2, Callahan 13, Cameron 20, Camp 26, Cass 15, Castro 5, Chambers 4, Cherokee 32, Childress 2, Clay 68, Coke 9, Coleman 18, Collin 57, Collingworth 16, Colorado 12, Comal 2, Comanche 23, Concho 10, Cook 15, Coryell 2, Cottle 5, Crosby 2, Dallam 25, Dallas 81, Dawson 13, Delta 11, Denton 45, Dewitt 7, Dickens 27, Donley 20, Duval 2, Eastland 57, Edwards 1, Ellis 8, Erath 20, Falls 38, Fannin 98, Fayette 56, Fisher 17, Floyd 11, Foard 146, Fort Bend 8, Franklin 4, Freestone 99, Frio 4, Galveston 5, Garza 2, Gillespie 13, Goliad 4, Gonzales 7, Grey 7, Grayson 48, Gregg 4, Grimes 8, Guadalupe 16, Hale 31, Hall 55, Hamilton 26, Hardeman 11, Harris 19, Harrison 24, Hartley 20, Haskell 42, Hays 4, Hemphill 2, Henderson 45, Hidalgo 5, Hill 57, Hockley 2, Hood 5, Hopkins 14, Houston 45, Howard 6, Hunt 34, Hutchinson 15, Jackson 1, Jasper 12, Jefferson 11, Jim Wells 2, Johnson 23, Jones 31, Kaufman 33, Kent 1, Kimble 7, Knox 7, Lamar 33, Lampasas 4, LaSalle 3, Lavaca 19, Lee 8, Leon 22, Liberty 12, Limestone 27, Live Oak 2, Lubbock 7, Lynn 7, Madison 1, Marion 13, Martin 5, Mason 12, Matagorda 14, Maverick 2, McCulloch 25, McLennan 53, Menard 5, Midland 11, Milam 63, Mills 2, Mitchell 11, Montague 20, Montgomery 1, Moore 12, Morris 9, Nacogdoches 12, Navarro 14, Nolan 23, Nueces 120, Ochiltree 17, Orange 28, Palo Pinto 3, Panola 18, Parker 23, Parmer 1, Pecos 2, Polk 4, Potter 2, Raines 1, Randall 4, Red River 11, Reeves 9, Roberson 2, Refugio 1, Rockwall 3, Runnels 68, Rusk 31, Sabine 1, San Augustine 39, San Jacinto 2, San Patricio 9, San Saba 16, Schleicher 4, Scurry 12, Shackelford 4, Shelby 29, Sherman 8, Smith 73, Stephens 18, Sterling 4, Stonewall 6, Swisher 1, Tarrant 15, Taylor 36, Terry 15, Throckmorton 12, Titus 83, Tom Green 18, Travis 2, Trinity 36, Tyler 2, Upsher 52, Uvalde 5, Van Randt 62, Victoria 9, Waller 3, Ward 2, Washington 6, Wharton 16, Wheeler 7, Wichita 5, Wilbarger 33, Williamson 25, Wilson 2, Wise 28, Wood 43, Yoakum 2, Young 4, Zavala 3.

### COUNTY COURT

County Court convened here last Monday with Judge Gipson on the bench. The docket was unusually light, but the following cases were disposed of:

State of Texas vs. J. G. Shipman, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Mrs. Lillian Bryant et al, vs. Crenshaw et al, judgement for the plaintiff by default.

West Texas Supply Co. vs. J. F. Dowdy, judgement for plaintiff by default.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR CROPS AND PROSPERITY

J. A. Alston was among the visitors to Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Alston says that he has been so busy farming the past several weeks that he has had little time to get away from home. He reports the very finest crop prospects at this time and has "great expectations" of an abundant and record breaking harvest. All of the old timers tell us that we now have the most promising prospects for big crops ever before had at this time of year, and in view of such conditions we are all hoping and expecting big crops and a prosperous year.

### SYSTEM OF MARKETING COTTON

The Advance is in receipt of a circular from the Southern States Cotton Corporation, outlining plans for marketing the cotton crop of the South hereafter at 15 cents per pound.

The proposition looks good, and it appears entirely practicable, yet the information at hand is not complete enough for us to recommend the proposition to our readers, but we are investigating, and if it proves up all right we will soon give the full details.

In brief, the plans are about as follows: The company is to have \$1,000,000 capital and proposes to sell certificates to the additional amount of \$6,000,000 making \$7,000,000 capital. Then they will sell what is called selling certificates at \$1 each, these selling certificates being a contract for this company to buy one bale of cotton on the following terms: Eleven cents per pound in cash and four cents per pound in script drawing 6 per cent interest, the script being payable when the cotton is sold by the Company, interest payable every ninety days. The Company stores all cotton in warehouses over the south and holds the entire crop until the spinners offer 15 cents or better:

If this company can do what it proposes it will mean that every farmer can have the assurance of getting 11 cents per pound for all his cotton when he gets ready to sell. In addition to this he gets 6 per cent interest on the amount his cotton would bring at 4 cents per pound, and receives the principal when the Company sells the cotton.

To participate in this it costs the farmer \$1 per bale, as he has to buy one Selling Certificate for each bale he may sell. If the cotton is not sold for 12 months he gets \$1.20 interest on the script issued for the 4 cents per pound, refunding the \$1 paid for the selling certificate and leaving 20 cents extra.

The farmers can well afford to do this, as the guaranteed cash price is more than cotton sold for the past season.

This looks to us to be the best thing yet attempted to secure a fair price for cotton and we hope to soon be able to recommend the proposition to our people and give them all information possible on the subject.—Rotan Advance.

Miss Edith Crego, who is attending Business College at Spur, came over last Friday on visit to friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ham, of the Croton country, were in the city the latter part of last week visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

## WHY NOT HAVE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

The Terrell Election Law provides that the first Saturday in May, the same being the 4th day of May, shall be the time for holding primary conventions in each voting precinct for the purpose of electing delegates to county conventions, which shall meet on the first Tuesday after the first Saturday in May, the same being the 7th day of May. Your delegates at the county convention on May 7th will elect the delegates to represent the county at the state convention, which meets the 23rd day of May for the purpose of sending delegates to the National Convention, and for the purpose of nominating candidates for presidential electors.

We do not know who is the Democratic Chairman of the Executive Committee of Dickens county, but since he has failed to notify the Democratic public of such convention The Texas Spur will take it upon ourselves to do so since if the membership fails to attend the conventions to be held in the several voting precincts they cannot express a voice in who shall become the nominees of the party. The Texas Spur would be glad to have the Chairman of the Executive Committee order a primary election for that day to determine the preference of the voters of this county as to our presidential nominee. Too often in conventions a few men use the "log-rolling" proceedings to attain their desired ends regardless of the wishes of a majority of the membership of the party. While we, personally, favor the nomination of Wilson for president, yet we do not know if a majority of the democrats of Dickens county favor Wilson, Harmon or Clark, and since a primary election will not be held to determine this question, the delegates elected by the conventions will probably vote according to their own individual wishes as to which one of the presidential candidates shall become the party nominee.

As we have heretofore stated, we believe that the "Democratic" way is to refer matters directly to the people and after an expression from such source delegates should act and vote in conventions in accordance with the expressed wishes of the majority.

Willis Smith and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday.

Mr. Allison, of the Soldier Mound community, was in the city on business this week.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur Office.

Sebe Lambert was among the visitors in Spur Saturday and he reports everything moving along nicely in the Tap country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Dickens, came over the latter part of last week and spent the night with Sol Davis and family.

Mrs. G. H. Connell, of Fort Worth, is in the city visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Roy Edmonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, has been reported quite sick the past week but we are glad to note that he is now almost well again.

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## DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU

Scratching your head and worrying about the length of that lumber bill will never get you anything—not even the satisfaction of knowing how much it is going to cost you.

Put it in an envelope and mail it to us, or bring it in yourself and let us make you an estimate on it. Then you'll be in position to take intelligent action on it. We will charge you nothing for making the estimate.

Anything you want, from a bundle of lath to a complete home bill on short notice.

### Richardson Lumber Co.

I. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Jeff D. Harkey had business in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Clifford B. Jones returned from an extended visit in Colorado and other states.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tidwell, who has been quite sick of pneumonia is now reported convalescent.

Sunday C. A. Jones, W. G. Sherrod, Sol Davis and Mr. Hastings made a trip over to Dickens.

G. C. Pass returned the first of the week from a trip to Paducah, Quana, Wichita Falls and other places where he had spent several days on business. He reports every section of the country visited in fine shape with respect to crop prospects.

Mr. Roland, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Sunday.

Frank and W. H. Smith, were in Spur Monday from their homes south of Spur and on Cat Fish.

Mr. Higginbotham, of Dublin, was in Spur several days this week on business and to see his son, T. L. Higginbotham.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of the Red Hill community, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours in Spur.

Ross Edwards and Miss Lena Roberts were visitors to Steele Hill Sunday and they report a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Hastings, manager of the Swenson interests at Free Port, was in Spur this week and spent several days here.

## MORE ABOUT PARCELS POST.

About the parcels post we are not inclined to dispute. Yet we want to see it studied out further than seems to have been done and to know it more than we or anybody else seems to know. We would like to understand more clearly what and who is behind it and to trace a little further what the effects and consequences would be. Would it help or break the country merchant and the retail merchants in the cities? Both these are useful and convenient institutions for the people and we would dislike to see them destroyed. If they were destroyed what would become of the wholesale merchants and jobbers of cities like Roanoke for instance? If these had no country merchants to whom to sell their goods would they not be forced to close and to throw on the market a quantity of new labor seeking employment and most of it trained only to a destroyed business?

We have been hearing a long time of clearing out the middle man—the merchant—and having the people deal direct with the manufacturer, thereby saving the middle man's profit. As a practical fact, the merchant's profit, or a large part of it, is his charge for convenience and for credit, just like the banker's charge of interest for the use of his money. This, of course, leads us to a large field and opens up the big principles of socialism and co-operation, on which volumes have been written and volumes will be written. But looking at the immediate practical effects of the parcels post; would it not be to confine the trade of the local merchant to the coarser and heavier goods in which there is small profit and on much of which he must give credit and take from him all the cash trade in the lighter and finer goods on which there is profit?

Would it not take from John Jones with a general store at the Cross Roads most of his cash trade; deprive him of all his business in light goods and leave him to sell flour and meat and household utensils and farm implements all on time? Would not the effect be to carry all the retail cash trade to a few great centers and hold it there?

As a general rule anything which makes a sharp clash between the interests of any class of people has a weak spot somewhere in it. We never knew of a sound business or legislative proposition which proposed to help one class of people by destroying another. The interests of all of us are too closely tangled and tied together, to allow one of us to be ruined without ruining or hurting many more. Tumble over Dick, and in his fall he is likely to strike some strings which will jar Harry, maybe a thousand miles away. We do not want to destroy even the trusts. The destruction of them would carry down large numbers of innocent people. All we want to do is to see them regulated and made to behave themselves and to deal fairly. We can say the same of the express companies. They are natural and necessary monopolies like the telephone. They ought to be regulated. We could not have a dozen express messengers for different companies working the same train. If the parcels post is intended to regulate the express companies it seems to us an awkward and round-about way to go at the job. Would it not be better to have laws dealing with the ex-

## THE CIVIC ALPHABET

- A—Aim to make Arbor Day an annual clean-up day.
- B—Banish the tin can district from your city.
- C—Clean up back yards and alleys.
- D—Destroy rubbish by burning.
- E—Educate housewives to demand clean markets.
- F—Fine every club member who does not work.
- G—Give free lectures upon civic improvement.
- H—Have campaign against unsightly bill boards.
- I—Interest city authorities in clean-up day.
- J—Join all forces for the anti-dirt crusade.
- K—Kill sidewalk spitting or it will kill you.
- L—Let your slogan be: Do it for home, sweet home.
- M—Make requests of preachers for cleanup sermons.
- N—Next to godliness is cleanliness.
- O—Organize the children into a civic league.
- P—Plant trees, and then plant trees, and plant more trees.
- Q—Question authorities about city expenditures.
- R—Remember to plant parks and play grounds.
- S—Study city ordinances and work for their enforcement.
- T—Try to make the school buildings social centers.
- U—Use every effort to arouse citizens.
- V—Vanquish opposition with good nature.
- W—Wage unceasing war upon all weeds, flies and mosquitoes.
- X—Xact obedience to the city sanitary laws.
- Y—Your city is You; never forget that.
- Z—Zeal, courage and patience will clean up the city.

—Exchange.

Attorney R. S. Holman returned the first of the week from Matador and Paducah where he had been to attend cases in court at each place. He reports having been given a favorable verdict in each case, and says further that while gone he was given one or two other cases to look after in that section.

press companies? We cannot see how the parcels post would help the apple shipper whose case is cited by our friend "Reader." We can't ship apples by parcels post. If we drive out the express companies we cannot ship apples for quick delivery anywhere. If we cripple these companies we may force them to charge us more than they do now for hauling apples.

Are we not making a mistake when we assume that because the parcels post works well in Europe, where distances are short, population is dense and roads are fine, it would work well with our long distances, comparative scattered population and thousands of miles of horrible roads?

We are not committed to fight the parcels post scheme or any modification of it. We have indicated some points we will have to see cleared up before we shall be prepared to favor it or send any urgent letters to members of the congress.—Banner, Ligonier, Ind.

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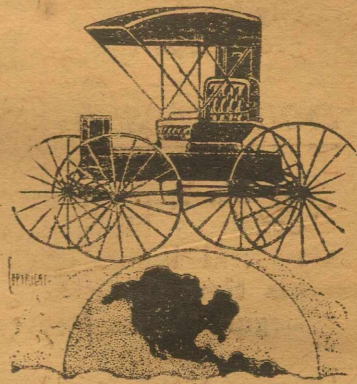
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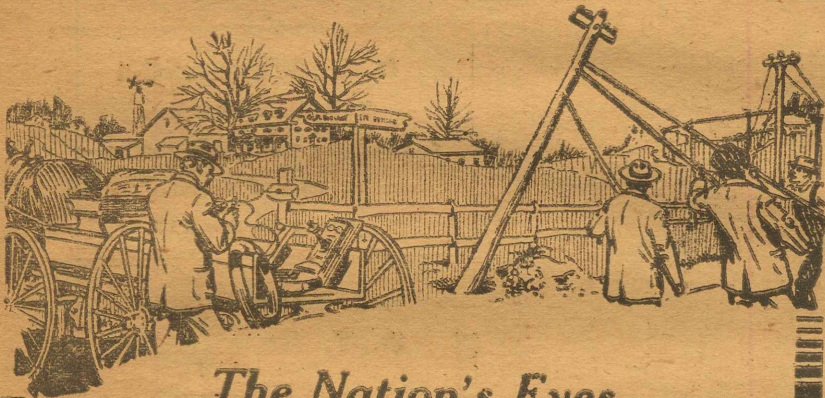
**ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.**

Rev. York, of Oklahoma, is in Spur this week assisting Rev. Stewart in the protracted Methodist meeting now in progress. Much interest is being manifested in the meeting, and we understand that a number of prominent citizens have been converted to religious belief during the week.

We do Commercial Printing.

**KINDERGARTEN EXHIBITION.**

Mrs. C. C. Tyler is now making preparations to have an exhibition program rendered by her kindergarten classes at the closing of her school, Friday night, April 26th. The program will be rendered at the Spur High School auditorium and everybody is invited to attend and thus lend encouragement to the little pupils as well as the efforts of the teacher.



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Lewis Craig was in the city several days this week from his home several miles southeast of Spur.

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**EVE'S APPLE**

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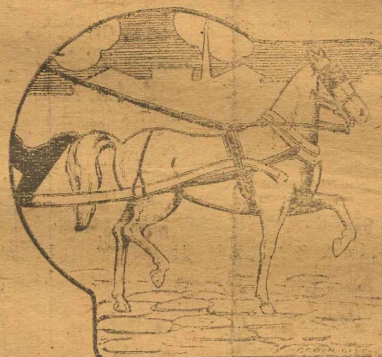
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The Imported German Coach Stallion, Famulus No. 3799, that we bought of Oltmanns Bro. of North Fort Worth, Texas, and Watska, Illinois, will make the season at Spur, Texas. This fine Stallion was bred under the supervision of the German Government and is a true specimen of the Coach Horse type. German Coach Stallions when crossed on small Texas mares reproduce themselves to a wonderful certainty. Mares will be bred with our improved impregnator, whether in season or not, at your option. TERMS: \$15.00 for the season or \$20.00 to insure a living colt. We will use due precautions, but will not be responsible should accidents occur, and will retain a lien on the mare and her colt according to law until service fee is paid in full. The Poole Jack will also stand the season for \$10.00 for the season or \$15.00 to insure a living colt. For further information call on or write W. H. Stephens, Spur, Texas.



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SPUR, TEXAS

H. C. Cravey, an old-time citizen and prosperous farmer and ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Monday on business and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had his name placed on our subscription list and also the Dallas News. Mr. Cravey says that his community has a fine season and that they recently had a little hail in that section which did some damage to fruit.

R. C. Forbis, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur this week on business.

F. C. Gibson and wife, of Dickens, visited friends in Spur Monday, spending the day here.

R. B. Spencer and Mr. Webb, of Waco, were in Spur this week looking after their business here.

Sheriff Cole was in Spur Wednesday on business and spent several hours here.

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Mrs. McClain, of Jayton, is at the Standifer Hospital for an operation.

T. L. Higginbotham was called Wednesday to Dublin on account of the death of his grandmother.

C. F. Crane, representing a Wichita Marble Works, was in Spur this week and while here called in and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list.

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