

BET COTTON MARKET

Throughout this fall Spur Merchants and Cotton Buyers have been paying from two to five dollars a bale more than the market price.

THE TEXAS SPUR

A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

SPUR COTTON MARKET

During the week the prices of cotton ranged from—

11.00 TO 12.00

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 20, 1912.

Number 7

The Christmas Shopper

The Christmas shopper makes her list
And holds it tightly in her fist
And starts to get her shopping done—
She thinks she is the only one
Beginning at this early date
And that her progress will be straight.
She sallies forth with pleasant smiles
But soon is jammed up in the aisles,
And when she tries to cleave the fray
She has to wind around this way;
Though earnestly she's on the job,
She bumps into a rushing mob.
By speeding shoppers borne
Until her skirt and waist are torn;
She leaves a doll and jumping jack
And struggles back to crowd
And has she gets home, weary, worn and blue—
And finds the cook gone shopping, too!

Wilbur D. Nesbit

Read the Texas Spur. All the local news for one dollar a year. Send the Texas Spur to your relatives "back East."

WINE and WALNUTS by Wilbur D. Nesbit

A DAILY CONVERSATION.



"Papa?"
"Well?"
"Say, papa, is there a Santa Claus?"
"I reckon so. Don't bother me. I'm reading."
"Willie Smith, he said, there ain't any."
"Is that the kind of grammar you learn at school?"
"But how does Santa Claus get in?"
"He comes down the chimney."
"We ain't got no chimney."
"Ain't got! Where do you learn such talk?"
"Willie Jones, he say—Say papa, is there really a Santa Claus?"
"There used to be one."
"Has he quit?"
"I guess not. If you're a good boy."
"Am I a good boy?"
"Not always."
"How does Santa Claus get in?"
"Oh, he knows how."
"He can't squeeze in the steam pipes, can he?"
"Maybe."
"It would wet his whiskers, wouldn't it?"
"Maybe."
"Say, papa?"
"Uh?"
"Is there a—"
"Now you go to bed and don't ask another question!"

CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist Tabernacle Tuesday night, December 24, at 8 o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.



The Night before Christmas By Wilbur D. Nesbit

" 'Tis the night before Christmas"—
I whisper the rhyme
And wander in fancy
To "once on a time."
I see the big fireplace,
The girls and the boys,
The long, heaped-up stockings,
The drums and the toys.

" 'Tis the night before Christmas"—
So old, and so new!
With all of its dreamings
So good and so true.
I see all the faces
Forgotten so long,
And out of the twilight
There murmurs a song.

" 'Tis the night before Christmas"—
And here, by my grate,
The past rises, glowing;
The years lose their weight,
The boy-days come trooping
At memory's call,
And gleam in the embers
That flicker and fall.

" 'Tis the night before Christmas"—
Ah, could I but clutch
The gold of my fancies!
'T would go at my touch!
The shouts and the laughter
Now sweet to my ear
Would shrink to a silence
Too deep and too drear.

" 'Tis the night before Christmas"—
Remembrances stir
As sweet as the cherished
Frankincense and myrrh.
And, hark! As the visions
Grow dim to the sight,
There comes: "Merry Christmas!
And, boy-days, good night!"



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It Takes More Than Low

PRICES ALONE TO MAKE ECONOMICAL BUYING

IT is that dependable quality which makes buying here satisfactory and economical. It is durability after all that counts. If you don't get satisfactory service out of anything you buy from us, you—

Get Your Money Back

Spur Hardware Company

SPUR MERCHANTS CAN SUPPLY YOUR WANTS

The big sales now on in Spur are bringing people to town from every section of the surrounding trade territory, and the trade is being offered inducements by other merchants and business men as will be noted by the several advertisements appearing in the Texas Spur. We call special attention to the Christmas ads. The Red Front Drug Store has a page ad and has a large supply and choice assortment of Christmas goods, The Spur Drug Company, Gruben, the Jeweler, A. T. Odeneal and others have Christmas goods and are bidding for trade in that line. Spur is well prepared to care for the Christmas trade in every particular,

and every merchant in town is making special prices and offering special inducements to the trade, and the trade is coming.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following marriage license have been issued since our last issue:

G. B. Erath and Miss Jessie Randall.

J. H. Driver and Miss Nannie Driver.

J. M. Taylor and Miss Mattie Thorp.

A. Stiffler and Mrs. Allie Monteth.—Dickens Item.

Mrs. R. S. Holly, of the Afton country, was recently brought in to the Standifer Hospital where a successful operation was performed and Mrs. Holly is now reported almost completely recovered.

**Saturday
Specials**

Just Before

**Monday
Specials**

CHRISTMAS ROUND UP

**We have told the People of this Section
That we were giving them**

“MORE FOR DOLLARS LESS”

They have proven to us that they believe what we told them. They have come by the HUNDREDS and we most certainly do appreciate it. Now we are going to give you

“Still More for Dollars Less”

LISTEN

FOR SATURDAY ONLY

Every pair of Shoes in our entire stock and we have over 1500 pairs of nice, neat, seasonable, stylish---in fact any class of Shoes you want at

One-Half Off

Think of It

THINK!

FOR MONDAY ONLY

Every pair of ODD PANTS, and we can show you over 500 pairs to select from, and every man's or boy's HATS, and these are new and nifty, at

One Half Off

Don't Miss This

Now A Final Word

We have kept every promise we have made you. We guarantee our goods and are anxious to serve you. YOU know we have SAVED you DOLLARS, and have given you CLEAN, DEPENDABLE merchandise. Now don't fail to avail yourself of this

Additional Saving Offered you. WE WILL EXPECT YOU

THE MORRISON STOCK

WHERE PRICES ARE DOOMED

SPUR, TEXAS

Santa
Claus

HEAD QUARTERS

...1912...

Fourth Year

...MEET ME AT...

THE RED FRONT

DRUG STORE

During Xmas Holidays

Santa
Claus

HEAD-QUARTERS

...1912...

Fourth Year

Opening our Business in the year 1909, this being our fourth year under the

same management, we are confident our Holiday Goods will meet demands

WE have used the most precaution in selecting our Mammoth Stock of Holiday Goods, and feel Confident that we will have on display during the holidays the Swellest Assortment and Best Selected Stock of Holiday Goods ever shown in this part of the country. This advertisement is nothing more than an invitation to all, young and old, to call at our place of business and inspect our line of Holiday Goods Before You Buy, as we are confident we can show you we have the goods and the prices to suit. We quote a partial list for holiday buyers:

JEWELRY

Diamonds	\$25.00 to \$300.00
Watches	5.00 to 30.00
Chains	1.00 to 10.00
Rings	1.00 to 300.00
Brooches	1.00 to 40.00
LaValliers	3.50 to 35.00
Cuff Links	.35 to 7.50
Hat Pins	.75 to 3.00
Jewel Box	2.00 to 7.00
Gold Head Umbrella	\$10 to 15.00
Locketts	1.00 to 10.00
Bar Pins	.50 to 5.00
Emblem Pins	1.00 to 5.00
Bracelets	1.00 to 10.00
Stick Pins	1.00 to 10.00
Belt Pin	2.50 to 5.00

All Guaranteed.

MILITARY SETS

Sterling Silver	\$5.00 to \$10.00
German Silver	4.00 to 8.00
Genuine Ebony	4.00 to 8.00

MANICURE SET

For Both Men And Ladies

Sterling Silver	\$3.00 to \$15.00
German Silver	3.00 to 10.00
Genuine Ebony	5.00 to 10.00

BOOKS

Bibles	\$2.00 to \$5.00
Testaments	.35 to 2.50
Poems	.50 to 2.00
Young Folks Books	.25 to 2.00
Childrens Books	.05 to .50

PICTURES

Anything in This Line

Parlor Pictures	\$1.00 to \$4.00
Dining Room Pict.	2.00 to 4.00

DOLLS

This is One Line That We Have
Everything The Market
Affords

Dress Dolls	.25c to \$5.00
Kid Dolls	.25c to 4.00
China Dolls	.05c to .75
Rubber Dolls	.25c to .50

Pop Eyed Bill and Susie
Brother and Sister and
Old Sis Hopkins.

CHINAWARE

Hand Painted China of Every
Design That You May Want

Cake Plates	\$1.00 to \$7.50
Berry Sets	3.00 to 8.00
Chocolate Sets	7.00 to 10.00
Fruit Bowls	2.00 to 5.00

CUT GLASS

The Newest Designs of The
Highest Grade.

Water Sets	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Vases	5.00 to 15.00
Pin Trays	1.00 to 5.00
Bowls	3.00 to 8.00
Puff Boxes	6.00 to 12.50
Perfume Bottle	2.00 to 10.00

SILVERWARE

Knives & Forks	\$5.00 to \$10.00
Shoe Buttoner	.50 to 1.00
Finger Files	.50 to 1.00
Shoe Horns	.50 to 1.00
Tooth Brushes	.50 to 1.00
Butter Dishes	3.00 to 7.50
Syrup Pitchers	3.00 to 5.00
Shaving Set	2.50 to 5.00

TOYS,

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Tricycles	Doll Buggy	Air Guns
Dishes	Black Boards	Doll Beds
Doll Furniture	Doll Trunks	Drums
Iron Trains	Wagons	Blocks
Fire Engines	Pianos	Tops
Steam Engines	Tool Boxes	Foot Balls
	Magic Lanterns	

Extending to all a cordial invitation to visit our store during the holidays, and thanking all for their liberal patronage during the year now coming to a close, we will continue to remain

Santa
Claus

HEADQUARTERS

YOURS TRULY

THE RED FRONT

DRUG STORE.

Santa
Claus

HEADQUARTERS

Wood Cutting Prohibited On All Spur Lands!

Notice Is Hereby Given That Any

PERSON who cuts wood of any kind from our lands anywhere will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of lands not occupied. . . . Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people have pretended to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespasses hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson & Sons

C. A. JONES, Manager

LARGEST MONEY DEAL IN HISTORY OF NATION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The greatest single financial transaction in the history of the Nation was consummated at the Treasury Department today, when C. A. Thompson, the new treasurer of the United States, gave Leo McClung, the retiring treasurer, a receipt for \$1,519,286,908.57, all of which was in his personal custody.

W. F. Walker, and wife, of near Spur to the southeast, were in the city Saturday and spent some time here trading with the merchants.

W. F. Cathey, a prominent citizen of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

RECORD PRICE FOR STEERS

The highest price ever paid for steers on the open market at Chicago was obtained recently, when one lot of ten head of Angus yearlings were bought by Armour for the Eastern trade at \$12 a hundredweight. These animals were cut out of cattle consigned to the Live Stock Show and were of extra fine quality.

The highest previous figure for steers at Chicago was \$11.05, paid October 23 of this year.

S. E. Gunn, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and Sunday on business and to visit his daughter, Miss Gunn of the Bryant-Link Company employees.

J. H. Roland, a prominent citizen of Dicken, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

GIVES UP TEACHING TO BECOME FARMER

J. R. Lain, of the Afton country, was in the city recently and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Lain informed us that he had retired from his profession as a school teacher and would hereafter devote his attention to farming. The productive soil of the Spur country can be relied upon to meet the requirements of the most expectant and we are sure that Mr. Lain will prosper in the farming industry.

J. E. Sparks, of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here. He reports that the farmers of his section have finished gathering their crops and are preparing their land for another year.

Howard Campbell, who formerly lived on a twenty acre block north of Spur but now lives on a farm several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city last week trading with the merchants.

Mace Hunter was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

Walter Greer, of Tap, was among the many visitors in the city this week.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday attending the big sales and looking after other business interests.

TEXAS COUNTY CHANGES

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30—There are 249 counties in Texas. The population of these counties ranges from sixty-five in Cochran county to 135,748 in Dallas county, according to the last report of the Federal Census. The following territorial changes have been made in the counties of Texas since 1900:

Part of Tom Green county was taken in 1903 to form Reagan county, part of Pecos county was taken in 1905 to form Terrell county, and four new counties, Brooks, Willacy, Jim Wells and Culberson, were created by the Thirty-Second Legislature.

Two hundred and seven counties and two combinations of counties increased in population during the past decade, and of the number of of counties that show increase, twelve show rates

of increase of over one thousand per cent. These high percentages are for counties which in 1900 were practically uninhabited, but which since that time have more or less settled.

Tarrant county shows an increase of 56,196, representing a percentage of 107.3, and heads the lists of counties that have increased their population during the past decade.

C. J. Smith, of nine miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday buying supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Smith stated that his crops this year were exceptionally good, all of which he now has gathered and is preparing his land for another crop year.

P. Henson was in the city Saturday from his home near Tap and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

Brazelton-Pryor & Co.

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HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Your Business Will Be Appreciated

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PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

W. C. BOWMAN

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**LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,**

And All Kinds Building Material

Christmas Is Near and We Are Ready to Fill

YOUR CHRISTMAS WANTS WITH A NICE LINE OF HOLIDAY

GOODS

Consisting of Dressing Cases, Comb and Brush Sets, Military Sets, Manicure Sets, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Shaving Sets, Infant Sets, Jewelry Boxes, Goldhead Umbrellas, Musical Instruments, Holiday Perfumes, Holiday Books and Bibles, Cards and many other articles suitable for presents for old and young. Our line of Dolls and Burnt Wood Novelties is the largest shown in Spur and at prices 25 per cent lower than our competitors.

WE INVITE YOU TO CALL AND INSPECT OUR LINE BEFORE BUYING OF HOLIDAY GOODS AND REMEMBER WE ARE PREPARED TO FILL YOUR DRUG WANTS--CALL AND INVESTIGATE NOW.

THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY

WE SELL THE ONLY LINE OF RUBBER GOODS THAT BEARS A TWO YEAR GUARANTEE

The Rexall Store

JACOB'S CANDIES ARE THE BEST AND WE HAVE A FULL LINE TRY A BOX TODAY

RALLS DEPOT CASE IS DISMISSED AT AUSTIN

The Railroad Commission last Saturday dismissed the petition of citizens of Ralls to require the Crosbyton-South Plains Railroad Company to establish and maintain a station at that place. The railroad company put up a station at a townsite some distance from Ralls, though the petitioners report that the bank, stores, school and other industries are all located at Ralls.

The railroad refused to give the place a station and the commission holds that it has not the power to compel the establishment of a station or cause it to be moved.

The position taken by the commission is that it can require a railroad company to maintain adequate station facilities once a station is established and that a railway may not move a station location, once established, without the consent of the commission, but that it cannot compel the establishment of a station or depot.

This is a severe blow to Ralls, as it was the general opinion that the depot would be moved from Cedric, about a mile west of Ralls, to Ralls as soon as the commission acted on the matter. We have not learned what steps the Ralls people will now take.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of several miles east of Spur, left Sunday for an extended visit to relatives and friends at Mart. Mrs. Copeland will spend the holidays with friends and relatives at that place.

L. N. Riter left Sunday for Dallas where he will spend several days on business before returning to Spur.

If you want Xmas toys at about half price you will find them at my place. Also a full line of nuts, all new crop, no old ones mixed in. I have the largest and best assortment of candy in Spur and at the cheapest price. Oranges, apples and coconuts of all sizes and as cheap as sold by anybody. Come and look.—C. H. McDonald. 7-1t

HOLDING COTTON

J. P. Crump, a prominent citizen of Garza county, was in Spur the first of this week buying supplies. Mr. Crump says that he has a number of bales of cotton which he is holding for a higher price and it is very probable that he will let the Cotton Corporation have the supply provided that organization begins to do business in Dickens county before the end of the season. If every farmer in the country will sell their cotton to the Cotton Corporation the price will surely advance to fifteen cents.

Make your town a place where people are glad to live, not a stopping place in the journey through life where everyone is looking for a chance to change residence, but a garden of Eden, as it were, where peace and prosperity go hand in hand.

Dr. Blackwell and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in Spur Saturday and spent some time here.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

Murray Brothers...

For Specialized Service In Cement Construction

If you have never tried us, try us "for the very work's sake." If you have tried us, we know you will try us again for we are your friends.

That's Us

Luzon Phone 78 SPUR

W. R. Wade left the first of this week for Baird where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his children of that place.

RESIDENCE FIRE

Considerable excitement was had Monday in the city as the result of a fire alarm. The D. A. Young residence in the north part of the city was on fire, but by prompt action of Mr. Young and the ladies of the neighborhood the fire was put out before it gained any headway and before the fire department made its arrival on the premises. The soot in the kitchen stove pipe was burning, causing the zinc flue to become so hot as to set fire to the ceiling. No damage whatever resulted.

W. M. Randall was in the city Tuesday on business. Mr. Randall is one of the most extensive farmers of this country and owns a number of fine farms in the Steel Hill country. He has been here many years and as a result is among the best fixed men of the country.

Mr. Wilson, of Lockney, was in the city this week visiting his son, Walter Wilson, of the East-side Barber Shop.

ISSUES INFORMATION ON PARCELS POST

Postmaster N. A. Baker gives out the following statement for publication in the Texas Spur regarding the rules and regulations governing the sending of articles through the mails by parcels post:

"All packages mailed after December 31 must bear the return address of the sender.

"There is a distinctive parcels post stamp and the stamps now in use cannot be used for postage.

"The rate charged is in proportion to the distance package is to be carried and can be insured for five cents.

"Do not place the postage stamp now used on any fourth class matter after December 31, for it will only be a waste of that much money."

Mrs. R. B. Bryant entertained quite a number of the young people of Spur Friday night of last week at her home in the city. Progressive forty-two was the feature of the entertainment and delightful refreshments were served during the evening.

Mrs. G. M. Batchelor entertained a number of friends Friday night with forty-two at her home in the city. Refreshments were served and the guests were most pleasantly entertained.

L. C. Arrington, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week and spent some time here on business.

M. L. Blakeley, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in the city Tuesday with Mrs. Blakeley to buy their Christmas supplies. Mr. Blakeley reports everything in fine shape in his section.

Joe Grace, of Stamford, spent several days of last week in Spur with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Grace, returning Sunday to his home.

J. W. McCormick, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city recently on business. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country.

Special Prices On

Hand Painted China

AND

Cut Glass

In order to close out my stock of Hand Painted China and Cut Glass, I am making some startling reductions on these goods. No better Xmas presents can be found that will please the ladies and girls. Come and look them over

More Diamonds Arriving

See the beautiful diamonds, how they sparkle and glitter. New Stock Arriving

GRUBEN, The Jeweler, SPUR, TEX.

ALL BIG SALES

ARE ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL WHEN PROPERLY CONDUCTED

We are highly elated with the results of our efforts in this connection, "So much so" that we will continue throughout the remainder of the month, To those of you who have failed to visit the store the past week will have the chance to reap the benefit

OF THE GREAT SAVING NOW PRESENTED



Suits! Suits!

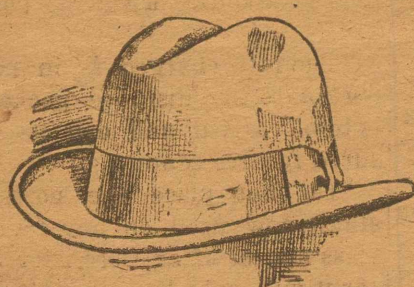
Bring the Boy Here For That Overcoat

He needs it as badly as Father, going to school or on the playground. He gets cold as well as older persons. Plenty of bargains in Childrens Cloaks, all sizes from 2 years up BEAUTIFUL WHITE CORDUROY COATS for the little ones, which are entirely new

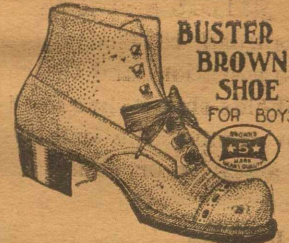
In our efforts to clean this stock out, you will find bargains in all departments with captivating prices. Plenty of Underwear for the boys. All sizes in Heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers 25c. We want you to come here and look whether for Calico or Silk, Overcoats Suits, Cloaks, or as your needs may demand. You will receive proper attention, and save money on each and every item purchased

New Silk Mufflers and Handkerchiefs and Kid Gloves, Etc.

FINE FOR XMAS. PRESENTS. COME. WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR TRADE



J. A. LAMB DIN & CO.



"WE ARE DOING IT NOW"

SPUR and STAMFORD

SPUR BROOM FACTORY DOING GOOD BUSINESS

W. H. Teague called in one day this week and reported that the Spur Broom Factory, of which he is now manager and proprietor, is doing a big business, supplying most of the business houses of Spur and other places. He says that the brooms now being manufactured are of the best quality and very highest grade and selling in accord with the prices established by other factories of the country. There are many farmers of the Spur country who are experimenting in the growing of broom corn and have made good crops this year. If the farmers of this section can get good prices for broom corn products and find a ready market here in Spur, a large acreage will be planted

to broom corn since the country will produce this crop in abundance and of the very highest grade. The Spur broom factory promises to pay the highest market price and in consequence this territory is expected to advance more fully and rapidly in diversification and the success of farming industries.

Mrs. Bennett and daughter, of Rule, returned this week after spending several days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett.

Captain J. A. Lambdin came up the latter part of last week and spent several days in Spur looking after his business interests here.

A. S. Jackson, one of the most prominent business men and influential citizens of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here.

HITCHCOCK GIVES RULES ON PERISHABLE MAIL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—According to regulations governing the parcels post system, promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific regulations as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent.

Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles, likely to quickly decay, may be sent for short distances when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when properly packed in a container, and for any distance when each egg is securely packed separately in a secure manner.

No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone.

Fragile articles, including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass in whole or in part must be securely packed and marked "fragile."

Articles that may not be sent by parcels post include intoxicating liquors of all kinds, ex-

plosives of every kind; poisons, poisonous animals, insects or reptiles; inflammable articles, including matches, infernal machines, pistols or revolvers; disease germs, any obscene, defamatory or scurrilous matter now prohibited by law; live or dead animals or birds or live poultry; raw hides or pelts, or anything having a bad order.

Books and printed matter may not be forwarded at parcels post rates; but only at the pound rates of third class matter.

A committee of railroad officials today petitioned the house postoffice committee for a rearrangement of weighing and pay for transporting mails. The railroad men set out that they did not contemplate carrying the parcels post when their contracts were made, and declared that as a matter of contract they were not obliged to accept packages weighing more than four pounds.

MARRIED

Mr. J. H. Driver, of Spur, and Miss Nannie Driver, of Carlton, Texas, were married by Judge W. D. Dakan on Wednesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Driver will make their home in the near future at Spur.—Stamford News-Tribune.

FOR SALE

A number of good Jersey cows, some with calves, others coming in later. See me for prices.—P. L. Maddox, on Jno. Day place, ten miles west of Spur. 7-4tp tf.

Miss Donna Edmonds came in the latter part of last week from the McNeill ranch and will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Druggist Cross, who has been with the Spur Drug Company the past several months, left this week for Dallas.

JACKSON REALTY CO.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Office Over The Spur National Bank

FOR SALE

Have 164 Acres of land three miles north of Spur, located on the county road. William Childress' farm joins my land on the east and J. D. Martin's farm adjoins it on the north. It is all smooth land, fine water in abundance secured by shallow well at a few feet in depth. This is the best piece of land in the Spur country. Will sell it at \$22.50 per acre, or will sell half at \$25 per acre. Same terms and conditions as Swenson land is sold.—F. T. Rennie, Galveston, Texas. 4-4t.

Go to Chas. Jaye, Dickens, Texas, for fireworks. 6-2t

The CHRISTMAS TREE at WIDE PLAIN



WIDE PLAIN is in Saskatchewan. It was so named because it is so. It is wide. The town does not cover the entire plain. Far be it from me to convey such an impression, inasmuch as the plain extends east, west, north and south ostensibly as far as there is anything.

No doubt somewhere in the distance there are trees, and hills, or something to stop the plain from spreading any further. And some day it is the intention of the Greater Wide Plain association to have real trees growing in their thriving little city. But just at present they are so busy getting the town established that the trees must wait.

George Freeman was one of the most energetic young men in Wide Plain. He was one of the pioneers. He was almost the Oldest Inhabitant, although he was but twenty-five years of age. You see, George located in Wide Plain when it was practically nothing but width and plain. He foresaw a future for the town, and became its leading dealer in agricultural implements and groceries and hardware and so on. He became the leading dealer, because he was the only one.

In a few months Wide Plain had a population of 2,500. And so social life became a feature of existence there. Social life requires two factors. One of them is women. The other is men. You may have thought that one feature would be sociability and the other would be life, but that would be drawing it a bit fine.

Lucy Cleveland was the belle of Wide Plain. She was not the belle because she was the only young woman there, for there were others. Others—young and beautiful, but while some of the others were as young none of them were as beautiful as Lucy.

Consequently Lucy had suitors aplenty. In fact, she had eight suitors, that being the available unmarried portion of the population that she would consider. And she managed to give the eight the impression that she was not considering them very much.

George Freeman endeavored to induce her to consider him. George's policy in life was to get what he wanted by one of two methods. One was to go where it was and take possession, the other was to ask for it. Inasmuch as Lucy was not a building site nor a quarter section, he could not claim her by right of discovery. So he had asked her. And she had assured him that while she esteemed him highly she did not see her way to be his. George had not asked her if there was some one else to whom she had pledged her affection or plighted her troth. He did not care. He went on selling agricultural implements and striped overalls and brooms and nails and putty and canned goods and other groceries, whistling little melodies to himself and wondering how Lucy would want their house painted when they got married.

Every now and then he would propose again to Lucy. By every now and then I mean that he would propose, say, once a week. Some weeks he proposed twice. He saw that it pleased Lucy to be proposed to and George was a gentleman who believed in making himself agreeable to a young lady when he was fond of her. So it came along toward Christmas.

"We must have a Christmas tree for the children," Lucy said.

Lucy was teacher in the Wide Plain Sunday School. Her pupils idolized her. George and the other seven suitors had tried to join her class, but she had insisted that they must attend the Bible class for older students, which was presided over by Mrs. Henry Gillup, a most capable married lady, who had brought one husband and six children to help up-bulld Wide Plain.

The fact that Lucy had demanded a Christmas tree occasioned many smiles, especially from George's rivals. "A Christmas tree!" laughed William Skidmore. "There isn't a tree for

a hundred miles in any direction."

"Let's get one shipped in by freight, then," suggested Luke Morton.

"No time now," Wesley Perkins pointed out. "It's only two days to Christmas."

The seven rivals were not so particular about the tree. Each of them knew that Lucy would be disappointed a bit, but each of them felt that the gift he had selected for her would help to overcome her disappointment. For, in any event, there was to be a Christmas Eve party at the church.

On the evening of December 23 George called on Lucy. She was still unhappy because the dear children could not have a tree.

"Now, Lucy," he said, "I've arranged it all for you. There'll be a Christmas tree."

"Oh, have you got it? Where is it? I didn't know you could get one."

"It isn't here yet, but there'll be one Christmas eve. Now, don't ask questions. Mrs. Gillup and I will fix it up all right."

"But I must trim it up."

"No. Mrs. Gillup and I have arranged for it all. You are not to worry yourself about anything. Just you gather your class together and be at the church at 8 o'clock that evening, and the tree will be there."

So Lucy, scenting mystery, and too diplomatic to ask anything more, was compelled to content herself with that much information.

Towards dusk of the day before Christmas George was seen carrying several bulky bundles into the church. Mrs. Gillup had spent some time in conference with him that day. The seven rivals had attempted to quiz her, but she would not gratify their curiosity further than to say that there would be a tree. They had asked her—separately—if she would hang their presents for Lucy on the tree, and she had agreed to do so.

She and George, behind the drawn curtains of the church, labored long with curtain poles and string and a profusion of green paper, to say nothing of several bundles of artificial palms and the like, which George had unearthed among his stock.

When the audience was assembled for the Christmas eve exercises Mrs. Gillup slowly drew back a curtain which concealed one corner of the room, and there, with candles glowing and green paper and green palm branches rustling, stood a Christmas tree. It was not an evergreen tree.



"We Must Have a Christmas Tree."

It was not a genuine fir or cedar, but it looked like a tree. And the candles and the strings of popcorn and glittering ornaments hid many of its faults.

To the surprise of Lucy, George was not in sight. She looked all about for him, in her delight, wishing to thank him for his ingenious way of providing this make-believe tree for the little ones.

Mrs. Gillup went blithely on, taking presents from the tree and distributing them. After passing out the gifts for the children she picked up packages and bundles for the older folk.

It was noted that the tree sort of shook every time she took off one of the gifts which had been provided by the seven rivals for Lucy. But at last the final package had been disposed of. Mrs. Gillup drew the curtain in front of the tree again and the audience filed out, laughing and chatting over the success of the entertainment. Lucy did not hurry away with the rest. She stepped back of the curtain with Mrs. Gillup.

"It was just lovely, Mrs. Gillup!" she exclaimed. "But why wasn't Mr. Freeman here? After his hard work and cleverness in helping you, I should have thought he would have wanted to see how the tree looked."

"I expect he was pretty busy."

"And—of course, I haven't any right to expect such a thing—but he was such a good friend of mine, Mrs. Gillup—I really thought it a little odd that he didn't make me some kind of

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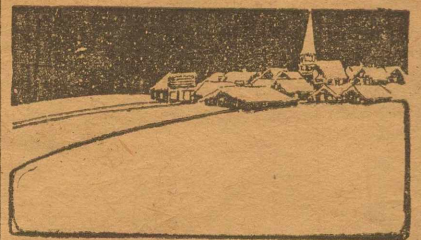
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a present—just a remembrance, or—" "I didn't forget you, Lucy," said the tree. "You can have me."

And Mrs. Gillup says that Lucy knew all about it all the time, because she had sharp eyes, and no tree that wore shoes could fool her.



MADE A GOOD SUGGESTION

Possibly Other Husbands, Besides Mr. Observation, Might Profit by This Little Anecdote.

"Cook gone again?" asked Mr. Observation, stopping short at the door of the kitchen, where his wife was bustling around preparing dinner.

"Oh, yes," Mrs. Observation lifted her eyebrows as if she was tired of the matter. "But then," she added quickly, "I'm not sorry to have a chance to get the kitchen and pantries cleared up before I get a new cook in."

"Oh, indeed," returned Mr. Observation. "I thought you hired women to work, not to look at the way you worked."

Mrs. Observation smiled. "Margaret objected to my methods of work," she said. "She didn't like the way I made bread and said her own bread was better. She decided to leave this morning because she was lonely, and when I refused to hire another maid to keep her company she went at once."

"I wonder what I'd say to an office boy who objected to working unless I hired two of him," commented Mr. Observation.

"Perhaps there are more boys waiting to be hired than there are girls," replied Mrs. Observation, giving the potatoes a jab.

"Suppose you get ill doing this work?" suggested Mr. Observation.

"And if I do," retorted the temporary cook, "I'll be glad there's no one down here to maul up the kitchen."

Mr. Observation retreated slowly to the hall and began to take off his overcoat.

"Perhaps I'd better leave you to work out your own problem," he grunted.

"That would be a splendid plan for every man to follow," said Mrs. Observation. "Are you ready? I'm just about to dish the dinner."

WILL FIND MONEY A BURDEN
Vincent Astor's Immense Fortune, Little Likely to Bring Out the Best Qualities in Him.

The papers say that Vincent Astor on his birthday came into about seventy millions. A snowball is a good thing if you want one, but an avalanche is inconvenient. It sweeps off his feet and is liable to leave him out of sight or with his feet sticking out of a hard snow bank. A dollar is a good thing, but an avalanche of dollars is something to get from under.

The important thing to a young man is the development of his manhood. An avalanche of dollars is not good for that. It is likely to crush him out of shape. A mature and seasoned man like Mr. Carnegie or Mr. Rockefeller may make a fair bluff of surmounting such a catastrophe, but it's hard on a young fellow. It starts him with a great debt to society, dischargeable only by a man of first rate talents and training, and hardly by him. We see remarkable efforts made by very remarkable men to discharge the obligations that naturally come with tumbling fortunes, and while they don't wholly fail, their success is not impressive. These vast fortunes are symptoms of social disease; not very alarming, we hope, but apt to be bad for the individual patient on whom the dropsy fastens.—Harper's Weekly.

Got Gloriously Even.

Bilson, who is a stout man, was running to catch a train the other day, when his friend Jones called out, "Hallo, Bilson! In a hurry? Going somewhere?"

Keeping his breath for other purposes, Bilson made no reply, but he determined to take a terrible revenge. About one o'clock next morning he called Jones up on the telephone.

After a deal of ringing, a sleepy voice at the other end of the wire told him Jones was there.

"That you, Jones?" queried Bilson.

"Who do you want?" asked Jones.

"I've been in bed these two hours."

"I'm Bilson," went on the other. "Remember seeing me running this morning, eh? Yes? Well, I was going somewhere, and I was in a hurry. Good night."

Then Bilson hung up the receiver and got back into bed a happy man.—Tit-Bits.

Left Them to Think It Over.

The scene was the club room; the hour advanced. Serious, gloomy, cheerful, elated were the earnest faces of the talkers by turns as the arguments for and against came thick and fast.

And the subject under debate—"Do Fish Sleep?" That was all; but it was sufficient to keep them at it till a late hour of the night, while patiently waited their respective wives at home.

So fiercely waged the controversy that it burnt itself away. There came a lull; most of the debaters were played right out.

It was then that the "cheerful idiot," who had played the listener's role, chipped in. Rising from his roomy arm-chair, where he had lain unobserved, he stretched, yawned, then spoke:

"Gentlemen, the hour is late; I, for one, must hie me to my cot. Do fish sleep? I do not know. But if they don't, why river beds?"—London Answers.

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NEW HOPE

Tom Dodson and James Cunningham who are now living in Motley county, had business in our community last week.

Cotton picking is just about over. Some few farmers are gathering bolls on account of the freeze.

Rev. A. P. Stokes filled his regular appointment at Midway Sunday.

M. L. Blakley had business in Spur the past week.

We are glad to note Mrs. Wright who has been so long paralyzed is now able to sit up in a chair and is gradually regaining her health.

Prof. Sone and Miss Robbie Williamsqn began school at Amity on the first Monday in December.

J. Newt Jones will move to the Afton country another year.

Miss Mollie McBroom is visiting in our community and gave us a cordial invitation to her wedding which will take place in the near future.

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TELLING DISTANCE BY SOUND

Modern Science Has Brought It to an Attitude That Is Easily Susceptible of Proof.

There is an old saying that if you can count five between the flash and thunder you are safe. Modern science tells us that if you can see the flash at all you are safe, because if it struck you you would have no time to see it. The speed of lightning is about 120 times that of sight.

The old idea was that if you could count five the storm was a mile away, which was considered a safe distance. Sound travels at the rate of 1,142 feet a second, or about a mile in five seconds. In order to count seconds accurately many photographers start by saying to themselves: "No one thousand, one one thousand, two one thousand, three one thousand," etc. This gives about the right space between each count of one, two, three, etc., if you stop at the number of seconds you want to time. With a little practice with a watch beside you this is accurate up to half a minute or more.

If you hear a steam whistle blowing and note the instant it stops you can count the seconds until you lose the sound, and by allowing a fifth of a mile for each second you can judge the distance. The same is true of guns, or an explosion, or even of hammering or any loud sounds.

Don't Die To Win

A Life insurance policy is a good thing to take care of your family when you are dead—but remember, it's when you are DEAD.

A bank account will take care of you and your family too, while you are alive. You don't have to die to win. Begin now to lay aside something for a rainy day. We'll help you in every way we can.

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Spur, Texas

Joe Allison, of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here called at the Texas Spur office and informed us that he had no intention of leaving the country in the past, the present nor the future. Recently the Texas Spur stated that he had moved to Coleman county where he intended to make his permanent home and Mr. Allison said that the item caused him to be sued by his creditors and cuffed about generally by others while he was on his temporary visit. The Texas Spur is very sorry to have caused Mr. Allison all this trouble, and to somewhat compensate for the published error we will state that we are of the opinion that Mr. Allison is one of our best and most permanent citizens, would not leave Dickens county and would owe a creditor always before he would beat him out of a five cent piece.

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TAP TELLINGS

We suppose the owls have caught Gadabout, so we will take up his pen and endeavor to give some of the news of this locality.

The entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Friday night, given in honor of the Misses Lambert, neices of Mr. Lambert, was well attended, and all report a most pleasant time.

Grandma Randolph, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Barrett, near Floydada, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Jones, who occupied the W. C. McArthur farm the past year, has moved to the W. A. Smith farm over in Kent county, where he will reside in the future.

J. B. Martin has secured a position with Post and will take up his duties there at an early date.

Rev. J. S. Neal preached at White River Sunday to a crowded house.

Baxter Lambert and family who have been here on an extended visit to relatives, left Saturday for their home at Claytonville.

Richard Fry now occupies the E. E. Turner place.

The school at this place is moving along nicely with Miss Queen McFerran at the helm.

Wallace, the son of our esteemed neighbor, P. Hinson, was thrown from a horse Sunday night and badly hurt, but we think no serious results will follow.

A gay party of young people went out Sunday afternoon kodaking among the rocks and hills of Redmud. They will show some fine views when they get the pictures developed.

Mr. Carpenter is selling all his possessions here and will leave soon for Arizona.

Rastus.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

Rev. Buck Hardin filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

A. H. Smoot and wife spent Saturday in Spur trading and greeting friends.

I. G. Vanleir and wife attended church at Spur Sunday.

J. A. Letch made a business trip to Spur Tuesday purchasing a new organ.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry will leave the first of the week for her home south of Spur where she will spend the Xmas. holidays with relatives and friends.

W. A. Johnson and family spent Sunday near Spur with Rev. Buck Hardin and family.

Bob Davis returned the latter part of the week from Garza county where he spent several days buying hogs and on other business.

A large crowd is expected to be present at the Christmas tree at the school house Monday night.

W. A. Johnson is having some fencing and grubbing done on his place this week.

Luther Jones and wife were in Spur Wednesday trading and visiting friends.

R. T. Dopson and family attended church here Sunday.

Rev. Morris will fill his regular appointment here Sunday morning. Maiden Vine.

FOR SALE

Improved farm six and one half miles northwest of Spur, at \$23 per acre.—H. H. Hill. 7-2tp

A number of good Jersey cows, some with calves, others coming in later. See me for prices.—P. L. Maddox, on Jno. Day place, ten miles west of Spur. 7-4tp tf.

While the Time is Passing Away

Don't forget to go into A. T. Odeneal's Place and see what has for Xmas. Presents for the whole family. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister and the Baby. Here are a few of the articles and the prices:

Boys Watches from.....	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Better Watches.....	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Elgin filled Watch.....	\$10.00
Elgin, 15 Jewel Watch.....	\$12.50
17 Jewel Adj. 20 year Watch.....	\$15.00
Hamilton make, 17 Jewel, Adj., 20 year case.....	\$15.00
Baby solid gold rings.....	50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Misses solid gold rings.....	\$1.50
Ladies solid gold rings from.....	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Gents and ladies Signet solid gold rings from.....	\$1.50 to \$ 8.00
Fountain pens, from.....	50c to \$3.00
Cuff buttons, from.....	25c to \$2.50
Solid gold cuff links, from.....	\$1.50 to \$5.00
Scarf pins.....	25c to \$5.00
Cuff sets, from.....	75c to \$3.50
Watch fobs, from.....	75c to \$5.00
Gold filled Locketts, from.....	\$1.00 to \$6.00
Gold filled Bar Pins, from.....	25c to \$1.50
Solid gold Bar Pins, from.....	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Brooches, from.....	50c to \$8.00
Belt pins, from.....	75c up
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WILL PROBABLY REMOVE TO THE ARIZONA COUNTRY

Dave Sparks, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday attending the big sales, shaking hands with friends and looking after other business matters. Mr. Sparks recently sold his farm and ranch in the Croton country to Mr. Coonsman formerly of Hale Center, and informed us that he intended to go to Arizona about the first of January on a prospecting tour with the possibility of locating in that country. He says he wants to see how that country looks in the winter time and if it proves to be a good grazing country he will buy land and engage in the cattle raising business. Mr. Sparks is one of our best citizens and we can recommend him to the citizenship of any country.

Luther Jones was in Spur the latter part of last week from his place six miles north.

I. J. Greer, of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

RETURNS FROM PUTNAM

G. W. Rose returned last week from Putnam where he had been several days under the treatment of a magnetic healer. He says the magnetic doctor at Putnam is doing a land-office business and that the people are coming in on every train to see him. The doctor owns a big hotel at Putnam and instead of charging for his practice he charges three dollars a day for hotel accommodations and patrons can either accept or reject the magnetic treatment. While we have not made a study of magnetic healing, yet we prefer to trust to medical treatment in case of real sickness.

Willis Smith and wife, of the Tap country, were among the many visitors to Spur Saturday attending the big sales and buying merchandise of the various merchants of the city.

Sheriff J. B. Conner, who recently moved to Dickens and assumed the duties of the office, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Attorney R. S. Holman and wife were at Girard on business the latter part of last week.

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THE CAUSE AND THE REMEDY. EXCESSIVE TAX

Being a friend of Spur I have watched its progress and development very closely from the day of its birth November 1, 1910. It is now in its swaddling clothes, struggling for existence. It needs encouragement and must have it if it succeeds. I find that capital is not seeking investment in Spur at this time, and I have made a little investigation and think that I have found the principal cause. Excessive State and County taxation; almost confiscation. In the first place the rate is very high; in the second place Spur is required to pay more than her share of the taxes of the county. Why should a twenty-five foot vacant lot with not one dollar income pay more taxes than a fine quarter section of splendid Dickens County land that does and will produce \$25.00 per acre when properly cultivated. Is this equalization? Will it cause the struggling town to grow and prosper? Will it cause good buildings to be erected, in order that they may be taxed in the same way? I am not in a position to offer any member of your Board of Equalization three of these twenty-five foot lots for one quarter section farm within a reasonable distance of Spur. This land is taxed high enough. Farmers need encouragement as town and city builders. A very high tax rate causes low property values, and low property values causes stagnation and decay. Let's study the question together. If this is the disease with which Spur is suffering today, let's find a remedy. Let the Board of Equalization and the people of Spur meet and discuss the matter like brothers and let the motto be 5000 people for Spur in 1918. Make a low State and County tax rate in order to allow a larger municipal tax that may be judiciously expended in the interest of the town.

A Dickens County Farm Owner

Mr. Ward, a popular drummer for grocery trade, was here this week in the interests of the business in his line.

J. B. Morrison, a prosperous farmer of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city recently and spent some time here on business.

W. M. Randall, one of the leading farmers of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the Spur merchants and on other business.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday selling wood to the townspeople and trading with the merchants.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday and reports that the crops of that section are now about all gathered and farmers ready to begin plowing for another year's crop. Mr. Allen is one of the best informed and most practical farmers of the country and he deserves success in his farming operations.

W. M. Elliott was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

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RETURNS TO SPUR

W. H. L. Ward, who has for some time been making his home in the Wake country, returned the latter part of last week and we understand will remain here through the winter. Mr. Ward owns his home in Spur and is one of our best citizens and we are glad to number him among our friends.

Jim McArthur, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday to take advantage of the big sales now on in Spur.

Bill McArthur was in the city Saturday from his home in the Tap country and spent some time here trading with the merchants and looking after other matters.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city the latter part of the week on business.

G. H. McConnell, of Fort Worth, President of the First State Bank of Spur, was in the city this week on business and also visiting at the home of E. C. Edmonds and wife.

J. E. Murphy, one of the most successful farmers of the Croton country, was in Spur recently and spent several hours in the city trading with the merchants and attending to business affairs. Mr. Murphy made fine crops of cotton and feed stuff this year and as a result is prospering.

PREPARING TO GROW BIG CROP NEXT YEAR

Al Sullivan, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday purchasing farm tools and other supplies preparatory to growing a big crop next year. He stated that in spite of the fact that he only recently married he had now become a staid old married man and was settling down to business. Mr. Sullivan owns one of the best farms in the Spur country.

Jeff Pirkle, formerly of Spur but now of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business.

J. E. Wright came in Saturday with another load of cotton to sell from his home in the Af-ton country. He said the cotton was of inferior grade but that he was paid eleven cents for the staple in Spur. Spur continues to pay the highest price for cotton.

Saturday W. H. Stephens sold his furniture and housekeeping furnishings at auction on the streets of Spur. Rev. North was auctioneer and the furniture sold for a good price.

Judge McClain was in the city Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

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