

PRODUCING MORE THAN CAN BE HARVESTED

Will Walker was in the city Saturday and says that he has a fine cotton crop, having already picked out a number of bales. He will make something near a half bale to the acre. He says that some of his cotton will make more than the half bale to the acre, while other parts of his crop planted at different times and on different pieces of his farm will not make quite so much. However, he says that he is well satisfied with his cotton turnout and the greatest draw-back will be in not having sufficient help in the gathering and harvesting of what he has produced. Similar reports come from many sections of the state, and in Grayson county we understand that the merchants and professional men go out each evening with cotton sacks and help the farmers in gathering the cotton in order that the staple may not be left in the fields to be plowed under. In the larger cities we see from the papers that sufficient help cannot be secured on account of the majority of the negroes and day laborers having gone to the cotton fields for better wages and as a result of the move "back to the farm" day labor in cities is in demand and premium wages offered for desired help. The Spur country and Dickens county can supply work for hundreds of men during the fall, and under such conditions there is no

excuse for a man to loaf around town and cry "hard times" and no work. The farmers are offering good wages and the work is as honorable and more lucrative than clerking in stores and banks and other town jobs.

RETURNS FROM MEXICO

T. S. Tallant and family returned recently from near Red Land, New Mexico, where they have been living this year. Mr. Tallant said that he went out to Mexico for his health more than anything else and that his desires in this direction were soon gratified and that he was anxious to return long before he could get away. He said that he made a very good crop, but that he could not sell it at any price. In New Mexico he says the taxes run from four to six dollars on the hundred dollar valuation of property. On account of the market conditions there is but little money to be had in the country and as a result a majority of the people are forced to go out of the country and labor for money with which to hold down their claims. Mr. Tallant says that the soil is rich and productive, but that the prevailing conditions are very discouraging and seemingly almost insurmountable at this time.

TWO BALES PER DAY

C. D. Copeland was in the city Saturday and reports that he has a large crew of cotton pickers at work on his place, gathering on an average of two bales each day.

SATURDAY WAS A REAL FALL DAY IN SPUR

The fact that the fall season is now in full swing was very forcibly impressed upon the casual observer Saturday. Many wagons, hacks, buggies and saddle horses lined the streets and hitching racks in the town, and the stores were crowded with men and women who were making liberal purchases. In fact there were not enough clerks in some of the stores to properly attend to customers.

Good crops are being made in every section of the country, and throughout the fall Spur is expected to do an immense business and further extend its vast trade territory, and the liberal inducements being offered the trade by merchants and the high prices being paid for cotton by the buyers warrants such expectation.

For inducements offered by the merchants we refer readers to the advertising pages of the Texas Spur and in the news columns each week we will publish the prices being paid for cotton on the Spur market. The buying public within reach of Spur is advised that the merchants carry large stocks of every character of merchandise and will make prices to compete with any town and insure a superior trade center.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Bishop Temple, of the Episcopal Church, was in Spur Satur-

day and Sunday and conducted services at the Presbyterian church. The Bishop was accompanied by Rev. Seaman who also assisted in the services. A large attendance is reported at each of the services.

BUILDING RESIDENCE

Lumber has been going out of Spur recently for the construction of a new and fine residence being built by Sheriff H. P. Cole on his farm north of Spur, and when complete the building will be one of the most handsome farm homes of the country.

Sheriff Cole recently sold his residence in Dickens and at the expiration of his term of office, we are informed, he will move with his family to the new farm home now being constructed.

During the past month many loads of lumber have been hauled out of Spur into the various surrounding communities for the construction of new school houses, the erection of new farm homes and additions and other improvements, and which is most substantial evidence of progress, development and prosperity within the Spur country.

Willis Smith and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday trading with Spur merchants.

W. F. Walker, of near Spur to the southeast, was in the city Saturday and reports his crop turning out very satisfactorily.

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business.

MARKETING COTTON IN SPUR THIS YEAR

Poet Hagins, of eight or ten miles southeast of Spur, has been marketing and ginning cotton in Spur every other day throughout the past two weeks, and while here Saturday informed us that he had ginned and sold fifteen bales from his farm. He said that he and other farmers of his community were greatly inconvenienced this year on account of the Girard gin not being operated this year, that gin being much nearer and more convenient than Spur. However, considering the high prices being paid for cotton in Spur together with the inducements being offered by Spur merchants to the trade, the many farmers thus inconvenienced are well compensated for the extra time and trouble in coming to Spur.

While Spur can in no manner control the cotton market, yet the merchants and cotton buyers are not speculating in cotton and do not desire or expect to make any money in the buying, therefore they pay the highest market price and in many instances more than the market price simply for the sake of establishing here a superior market place and to secure the trade of this entire territory. Furthermore, the merchants are offering special inducements in prices on all staple goods to secure and hold the trade of the territory, and the people of this entire section are invited to take note of these facts.

Don't Take What You Can Get; Get What You Want!

OUR STOCK IS NOW COMPLETE---IS IT PRICE YOU WANT OR IS IT QUALITY? WE HAVE BOTH---EVERYTHING IN
Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats Caps, Clothing, Underwear, Unionsuits,
Gloves, Hosiery and Notions

Get Our Prices on Groceries; It Will Pay You

Lard, 10-lb. Bucket, 95c
6 Bars Soap 25c.

Best Smoked Bacon 15c
Beans, all kinds, 12 lbs. for \$1.00

Sugar \$6.00 per 100-lb Sacks
Velvet Syrup 65c per Gallon

Potatoes, per Sack 2c per lb.
P. & F. Syrup 60c per Gallon

The Very Best Flour That Can Be Bought at \$2.75 and \$3.00 Meal 80c per Sack

We buy your cotton, and we want your business and we are putting forth every effort to get it. We appreciate the business you have given us this year and will prove it by giving you the very lowest prices on the best merchandise that we can buy. If we can't make the price we want ask you for the bill.

SOL DAVIS

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OUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

The following officers were nominated in the July Primary for Dickens County officers to be elected in November General Election.

For Representative (105 District):
A. J. Hagins

For County Judge:
O. S. Ferguson

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner

For County and District Clerk:
Crawford Cobb

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego

For County Commissioner, (Pre. 3):
Jeff D. Reagan

For Public Weigher:
C. H. Perry.

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Office Over The Spur National Bank

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Physicians and Surgeons

DR. STANDIFER
Diseases of Women and
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Diseases of Children and
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City Physician

G. T. BRANDON,

Dentist

Over the Royal Hotel
Office hours from 8-12 and from 1-5
Residence Phone 142.

Express & Baggage

....WAGON....

Your hauling of express, baggage, etc., is solicited.

W. H. BRYANT, Spur, Tex.

W. O. W. MEETING.

There will be a called meeting of the W. O. W. Saturday night. All members urgently requested to be present.

Clinton Funk and father, D. N. Funk, returned this week from New Mexico where they had been during the past month. While there they filed on a half section of land each and will move at an early date and settle on their claims.

RAILROAD INTANGIBLES

Intangible values of railroad properties in Texas this year are reduced by some \$12,000,000 according to the report of the tax board. The earnings of the roads last year were \$1,750,000 less than the preceding year, which accounts for the decrease.

Intangible value is a reckoning based upon earnings and is aside from physical assets; hence if earnings decrease the intangible value necessarily decreases.

While crop shortage had much to do with decreased earnings, it cannot be doubted that requirements imposed by the legislature constituted an important factor. We must realize, therefore, that directly or indirectly the people must bear the burdens laid upon the railroads. The companies cannot pay if they do not earn; they are valuable for taxation in proportion to their prosperity; their rates must yield the income to which their owners are entitled and the revenue which the government exacts. Not only is railroad prosperity vital to railroad investment and helpful to state revenue, but it has an intimate relation to the development of the country and the facilities of commerce.

The record is far from entertaining the reckless idea of releasing the railroads from restraint or from requirements to safeguard life and to furnish convenient service, but it is equally far from entertaining the other reckless idea that railroads may be hampered without detriment to the people.

It is no part of real statesmanship, but instead it is a hurtful public policy, to burden railroads, to make them bear a disproportionate share of taxes or to impose upon them rules of business that cripple their earnings.—Fort Worth Record.

Mrs. Roy Zinn left this week on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Miss Bowles, brother and sister of Rev. Bowles, are in the city from Abilene to attend the Spur School during this term.

Just received a lot of King's Chocolates.—C. H. McDonald. 48tf.

Sam McCombs, of Luzon, spent several days in Spur this week looking after the interests of the Luzon Telephone Company.

Mrs. John H. Reagan, of Palestine, is in Spur on an extended visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan.

Three new pictures every night at the Lyric Theatre.

C. L. Love made a business trip to Stamford where he also spent several days with his family.

Lest you forget! Walk Over Shoes are sold by Edwards-Hogan Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall, of Brownwood, are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham.

LOST—At north end of Burlington Ave., a small locket set with four brilliants, attached to slender, gold chain. Return to C. C. Henson and receive reward. ltpd.

Lee Wilhite made a trip to Rotan the latter part of last week, returning Monday to Spur where he is engaged in securing stockholders for a loan and trust company for Western Texas.

MORE THAN 2 1-2 TONS TO ACRE GROWN HERE

W. P. T. Smith, who is one of the state contestants for the best two acres of kaffir corn, was in Spur this week and stated that he had cut and weighed the heads from his two acres of kaffir corn. On the two acres was weighed more than ten thousand eight hundred pounds of heads which is more than two and one-half tons to the acre.

We do not believe that this kaffir corn can be beat anywhere and we are confident that Mr. Smith will secure the first premium offered by the state department. We have always known that this country is a fine farming country and when all the farmers try to grow the best crops of the state we will have the richest country in America.

DIED

Mr. Manning, a prominent citizen of Tap, died Thursday morning as seven o'clock. He has been sick some time and recently suffered a stroke of paralysis which caused death at this time. Mr. Manning was an old time citizen of this country and has many friends here who join the Texas Spur in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

LYRIC THEATRE

PROGRAM FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

(1) "THE GHOST" (Drama)
(Ambrosia)

(2) "THE MAID'S STRATAGEM"
(Comedy) (Imp.)

(3) "THE MISER'S DAUGHTER"
(Drama) (Reliance)

DICKENS ITEM

Hon. B. D. Glasgow, of Spur, was in Dickens Monday on legal business.

Berton and O. O. Love and Bob Holt went to Spur Thursday to assist in hauling out and installing the new boiler at the Draper gin.

W. C. Martin, of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and while here ordered the Item sent to his address.

The Item has the information that Eli Harkey has purchased a stock of furniture, which will be opened in the building adjoining the barber shop at an early date.

Rev. W. A. North, of Spur, passed through Dickens Thursday en route to Friendship to be in attendance at the Fifth Sunday meeting.

J. W. Chalk of Matador, was in Dickens Saturday on business. He stated that seventy-five teams have been put to work at Roaring Springs on the railroad extension from Paducah.

J. M. Cross, a registered pharmacist, of Dallas, is now employed at the Spur Drug Company and will probably become permanently identified with the firm. Mr. Cross has attended several medical colleges and is well informed in both drugs and medicines and comes highly recommended as a careful and expert prescription druggist.

Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

J. P. Simmons Prop

We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line. and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

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Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

POSTED

This is to warn all parties that no hunting will be allowed on either of my places. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.—A. J. McClain. 2tp.

Ask about the suit of clothes Edwards-Hogan Co. are giving away.

J. B. Conner and family are making a trip through the country to the west and will spend several weeks on the trip before returning to Spur.

Watch for the animated weekly showing, the great events of the day once each week at the Lyric Theatre.

A. C. Corbett, who has been in Spur several weeks selling pianos, left this week for Plainview where he will spend some time looking after his business in that part of the country. Mr. Corbett will make regular trips to Spur throughout the year.

J. N. Zumwalt, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and reports that his cotton is just beginning to open at this time and that he does not expect to make very much on account of damage by the hail storm some time ago. Mr. Zumwalt is one of the old-timers of the country and does not depend entirely on cotton for a living, therefore he will probably not suffer materially as a result of the hail destruction. He raises cattle, horses, hogs and feed stuff and as a result the shortness of one crop only has little effect on the whole.

A NOTICIBLE CHANGE IN BUSINESS FRONTAGE

A very noticeable change was made in the front entrance of the Wendell building which is now occupied by the Red Front Drug Store and Edwards-Hogan Company. Formerly the building had one main, central entrance into the two stores, whereas now each place has an individual entrance and convenient and attractive display windows.

Edwards-Hogan Company and The Red Front Drug Store are now two of the most inviting and attractive places of the town.

Joe Allison, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here.

Mrs. J. H. Stadley, of Dickens, was in Spur last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman.

Attorney Dalton, of the Plains country, was in Spur this week on legal business.

J. W. Bramhall and family left last week for south Texas where they will make their home in the future.

Mat Howell was in the city this week from his place west of Spur. He reports that Mrs. Howell, who recently underwent an operation, is now completely recovered and regaining former good health.

Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & WILSON, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

Horse Dentist!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

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FIRST-CLASS BARBER WORK

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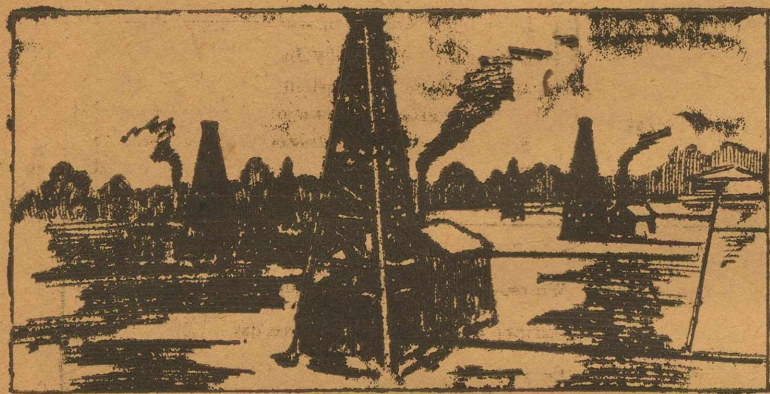
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Your Business Will Be Appreciated

Our Mineral Resources



ANNUAL VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTION \$16,001,000.

Our minerals—nature's treasury box—await the prospector's pick to break their bonds and flood the channels of trade with a golden stream of prosperity, and our mineral opportunities, when properly displayed, will light the universe like the blaze of a mighty fire. Petroleum is our leading mineral product. The 1910 production was valued at \$6,605,775.

The subject of mineral resources and their development will come up for consideration before the Texas Welfare Commission. W. W. Turney of El Paso is chairman of the sub-committee which will deal with the subject.

Compensation of Employees for Casualties Occurring in Course of Employment.



THE TEXAS CASUALTY LIST IS APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PER ANNUM.

There is no responsibility resting more heavily upon civilization than the care of those injured while turning the wheels of progress and the maintenance of those dependent upon employees killed in the pursuit of industry. There are killed during a year 250 people and 8,650 injured while in the employ of business and our industries bear a personal injury burden of a half million dollars per annum and it is reliably estimated that one-half of this amount goes to the damage-suit lawyers.

The Texas Welfare Commission will consider the subject of compensation to employees for casualties occurring in course of employment and Tom Flinty, Jr., of Dallas, is chairman of the committee having the subject under consideration.

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DEALERS IN

Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Star Leader and Samson Windmills Buggies, Wagons and Implements, Pipe and Pipe Fittings

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

THE PLAINS ROAD NOW IN FIRST-CLASS SHAPE

Work on the road from Wake, on the Plains, to Spur has been completed and the road is now reported in first-class shape. Secretary Reagan circulated a subscription list in Spur and the business men contributed about two hundred dollars for this road work. The work has been done, the road is in good shape and the people of that section are urged to make use of it as often as it is needed, and in coming to Spur they are assured that the business men of Spur will not only appreciate their coming but will be in a position to supply their every demand in merchandise at prices to compete with any town and will also pay more for cotton and other farm products than any other market. Come to Spur.

Holes In The Pocket

"Look at that hole in the bottom of my pocket; no telling how much money I have lost," lamented a young man the other day.

After he had gone an old man said: "I'll bet he has lost more money out of the hole at the TOP of his pocket than he ever lost from that little hole at the bottom." He spoke with the wisdom of age. Most of the money goes out of the big hole at the top of the pocket and we don't worry, but we raise a great rumpus if even a dime drops out through the hole at the bottom. Moral: Do away with the pocket as a money purse by starting an account at our bank.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Spur, Texas

DRY LAKE ITEMS

A small shower of rain fell here Tuesday and Tuesday night.

W. A. Johnson was in Spur marketing cotton and trading Tuesday.

A singing was enjoyed at the home of Miss Esther Davis Sunday.

Miss Fanny Mae Cherry is spending the week at the home of her brother, T. G. Cherry.

Rance Thomas and family, who have been spending some time visiting his sister, moved to their home near here.

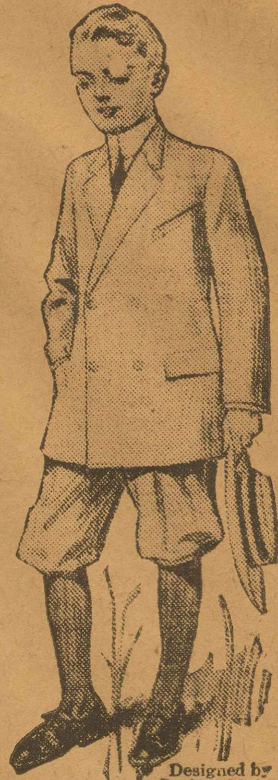
Mrs. W. F. Markham and little daughter, and Mrs. H. C. Draper and children, and Mrs. Frank Vernon and children, of Spur, left Sunday for Haskell where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Misses Esther and Bessie Davis, Erma and Edice West were the guests of Miss Lottie Johnson Sunday.

The Dry Lake School which was delayed on account of cotton

New Merchandise

WE are daily opening new desirable fall goods. In our Dry Goods Department we are showing new silks, trimmings and various other new goods. In the showing of Fall Clothes for Men, Boys and Children we are showing the Graduate and Viking Suits. Each and every garment sold has the factory guarantee of value. Men's Suits, \$10 to \$20; Boys' \$7.50 to \$13.50; Knee Suits \$3.50 to \$11.50. We ask all buyers to see this line of superior made clothes before purchasing. We assure you that this line is not equalled in this part of Texas. In the new arrivals of Ladies' Shoes we are showing White Buck, Oyster Gray and Black in new swell designs.



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Come to Us to Look!

J. A. Lambdin & Com'y

SPUR, TEXAS

picking began Monday with a good attendance.

Willis Smith and wife, of Tap, are spending the week at the home of Mrs. Reeves.

Mr. Gray, Joe and Ellis Draper and Marvin Brown spent Sunday at the home of Bobbie Davies.—Maiden Vine.

Clinton Funk and father, D. N. Funk, returned this week from New Mexico where they had been during the past month. While there they filed on a half section of land each and will move at an early date and settle on their claims.

If "Casey Jones" takes the "Beautiful Doll" down by the "Old Mill Stream" to make love "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," while "Alexander's Rag-time Band" plays "Meet Me in Dreamland" it is a sign that you should buy your "Mysterious Rags" at Edwards-Hogan Company "Where Everybody's Doin' It" and have them fit the way they ought to.

Lee Wilhite made a trip to Rotan the latter part of last week, returning Monday to Spur where he is engaged in securing stockholders for a loan and trust company for Western Texas.

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Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.

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SPUR FARM LANDS

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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. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable 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.**

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON

Friday morning, at the home of Mrs. R. A. Stewart, Mrs. Fred Jennings entertained the Merry Wives' Club and a few other friends, naming as her honoree Mrs. W. A. Hamilton, who is soon to leave her large circle of friends in Spur to make her home in Houston.

After spending a pleasant hour or two chatting and sewing the double doors to the dining room were thrown open and the guests were ushered into Fairy land. The darkened room was aglow with candles and beautifully decorated in pink and green. Four tables glistened with snowy linen, silver and cut glass, the centerpieces being cut glass vases filled with ferns and pink carnations. Covers were laid for twenty. On the place cards were lines representing each guest's name or her husband's occupation. An elegant

luncheon was served, consisting of fried chicken, hot biscuits, stuffed eggs, banana salad, punento sandwiches, olives, coffee and mints.

At the close of the luncheon Mesdames Jennings and Stewart presented the honoree with a beautiful pair of silk hose. Although taken by surprise Mrs. Hamilton rallied to the occasion and told in beautiful words how she appreciated the gift and how much she loved the ladies of Spur and how she regretted leaving them. Mrs. Reagan responded in well chosen words for the club, telling how they regretted losing Mrs. Hamilton, but how the same undefinable something about her that had won for her many warm friends here would do the same for her in Houston.

Altogether it was a lovely affair and the ladies departed thanking Mrs. Jennings and Mrs.

Stewart for a delightful morning, and wishing for Mrs. Hamilton much happiness in her new home. Mrs. Stewart assisted Mrs. Jennings in entertaining.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. John H. Reagan, of Palestine, and Mrs. L. Hall, of Brownwood.—A. Guest.

Baxter Scoggins was in the city Saturday from his home in the Cat Fish neighborhood and reports everything in good shape in that community.

Mrs. Smart came in from the Croton country where she is teaching school and spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with Mr. Smart.

E. J. Cowan left last week to attend the law university at Austin. Evidently the Judge intends to become a well informed lawyer.

The many loads of cotton on our streets indicate prosperity.

Good Taste.

Good taste is the most delicate and refined philosophy of action and manners, and comes from a high noble mind being acted upon by good breeding in the home, in the first place, and in early good, kind, gentle surroundings. Lincoln was the son of poverty, was a master of good taste, but all his infancy was enfolded in goodness, gentleness and Quaker-like peace. Good taste, like humor, is a great saving salt and is the most delicate product of the times. A great coarse mind may have wit and humor, say, like Aristophanes, but it takes a truly grand, noble mind to have in manners the good taste of Washington, Lincoln and Jackson. The manners of Jackson where women and children were concerned were without compare and this day they loom up as a good light in the greatest republic's history.

Insuring Identification.

"Persons who expect to receive money orders in a strange town take infinite precautions to identify themselves," said a postal clerk. "One way that particularly commends itself is for the stranger to call on the paying teller in the money order department before his own order arrives and present a bunch of correspondence showing pretty clearly who he is. He then explains that he is expecting a money order from a certain person; can the clerk remember him when he presents it for payment?"

"After that impressive introduction the clerk usually can remember, and when the order is presented he cashes it."

Joe Allison, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here.

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Transportation, 32 pages	7 cents
The Development Dollar, 16 pages	5 cents
Texas Needs Cheap Money, 16 pages	5 cents
The Texas Barnyard, 16 pages	5 cents
King Cotton, 16 pages	5 cents
Texas Cereals, 16 pages	5 cents
Industrial Texas, 40 pages	10 cents
Texas Manufactures, 16 pages	5 cents
Texas Minerals, 16 pages	5 cents
Door of Opportunity, 16 pages	5 cents

"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.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS.
CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.00 GUARANTY FUND BANK

Dressmaking Done at The Wonder. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Plain and Fancy Sewing.

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

SPUR PAYING MORE THAN MARKET PRICE FOR COTTON

Although the market price of cotton has been going down, the merchants and cotton buyers of Spur throughout the week have been paying from two to five dollars a bale more than the market quotations.

The prices on the Spur market have been from 11.65 down to 11.25 per pound, while the market quotations have been below eleven cents during the week.

The Spur gins have ginned near one thousand bales of cotton during the season up to Friday of this week, and the two gins are forced to run both day and night to meet the demands of ginning.

As a result of the high prices being paid for cotton in Spur cotton is being sold here from a big territory, the merchants are enjoying a liberal trade and are making competitive prices on all character of goods to secure and hold the trade of the territory.

LOST—A Plane Geometry on road between Spur and Tol Merriman's. Finder return to post-office. ltp.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Saturday from his home in the Cat Fish country and spent some time here on business.

Visit the Lyric Theatre. Nothing but clean, moral up-to-date pictures shown. Special rates to families.

A. M. Cole returned Wednesday to Spur where he will again remain throughout the fall to buy cotton from both farmers and merchants. Mr. Cole was here last fall and bought the principal part of the cotton sold on the Spur market. We are glad to see him back and hope that he will have the opportunity of buying at least fifteen thousand bales of cotton here this fall.

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People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

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ON THE ROADS OF PERSIA

Vehicles, Called Palakis and Kajavahs, Are Quaint and Very Uncomfortable.

Bushire, Persia.—The most useful vehicles for long journeys in Persia are the palakis and kajavahs, the quaintest contrivances for travel to be seen anywhere. These "Persian cabs" are fixed upon mules. Each animal carries two of them, one on each side. They are furnished with bedding. Men, women and children sit in them cross-legged, a painful and irksome position for Europeans, who usually prefer to ride a horse or donkey rather than screw themselves up in these boxes.

The only difference between the kajavah and the palaki is that the lat-



Persian City Gate.

ter is open, while the former is covered with a light water proof roof and is curtained against bad weather.

The most comfortable means of travel, sacred to the use of the wealthiest class, is the takhtiravan, a kind of palanquin, consisting of a box about seven feet long and five feet high, fitted with doors and windows and furnished inside with a soft mattress and luxurious cushions.

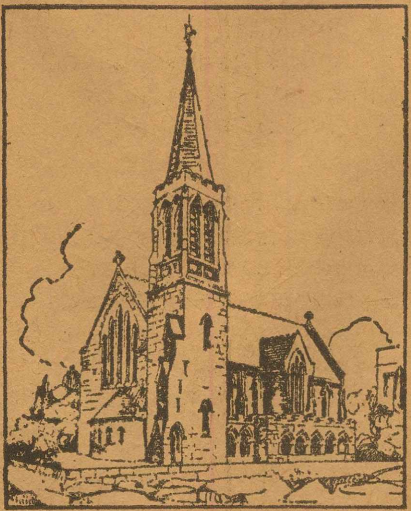
The vehicle is built on the sedan chair principle, the poles resting on a sort of saddle on the backs of the mules, which are harnessed tandem. Their area of usefulness is restricted to the plains and the sensation experienced while riding in them is like being tossed in an old-time liner on the stormy Atlantic.

DEAN EXPLORES RELIGIONS

Dr. Frederick J. Bliss Tells How He Went to Work on It in Syria.

Rochester, N. Y.—Dr. Frederick J. Bliss gathered the material for his "The Religions of Modern Syria and Palestine" as nearly as possible at first hand. His sources were the priests and elders of the five Christian churches that exist in modern Syria and Palestine and of the Mohammedan church, whom he interviewed at first hand.

Doctor Bliss was appointed to deliver the Bross lectures at Lake Forest university, Lake Forest, Ill., in 1908. He instantly went to Syria, which by the way was his birthplace, to gather material. He knew the Arabic language thoroughly, was able to converse with the leaders of the various sects of the country and the following



Episcopal Church, Beirut, Syria.

December delivered a series of lectures in which nobody could recognize an idea or illustration they recalled reading in any book.

"I had interviews," says Doctor Bliss, "with the orthodox patriarchs of Antioch, Jerusalem—Greek, Catholic, Syrian, Maronite—who imparted valuable information. Missionaries, Roman Catholic and Protestant, gave of their knowledge and experience.

NEW CROSSING PREPARED OVER THE DUCK CREEK

On account of the slow progress being made in the construction of the new bridge over Duck Creek on the Dickens road the Spur Commercial Club has prepared a fine crossing over the creek for the benefit of those desiring to haul loads into Spur. The new crossing is a mile or so below the bridge and is on the road leading by the H. T. Garner farm, a little to the northeast of Spur. This crossing has been clayed, the banks cut down and will be a first-class crossing until a rain washes away the clay in the bottom of the creek.

Edwards-Hogan Co. are giving away a suit of clothes—come in and get yours.

Mrs. D. B. Greenwood, of Stamford, is in the city on an extended visit to her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Mrs. J. B. Richburg returned recently from Lubbock where she has been with her sister who has been sick. Mrs. Richburg reports her sister convalescent.

W. A. Hamilton and family left Spur this week for Houston where they will make their home in the future, Mr. Hamilton having secured a position in the local freight office of the I. & G. N. railroad.

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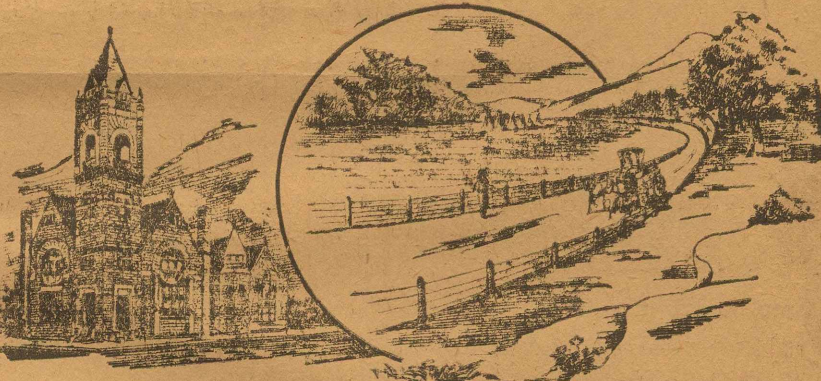
YES, IT'S COMING.

What? The winter season. It is time you were giving some thought to your hat toggery. Mrs. Stephens has, or will make, exactly what you want.

Judge McClain came in last week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and spent some time here on business. He reports everything in good shape in his section of the country.

M. F. Aycock and son, of Aspermont were in Spur Wednesday and Thursday, spending the night with Rev. North and family. They are here looking for an opportunity to buy a farm and are well pleased with the surrounding country and will probably locate here permanently.

GOOD ROADS



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A good road is one of the greatest moral forces in the world today. It is a companion agency to the church and school house and as an elevating influence it is the equal of the pulpit or the rostrum.

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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER IN THE FARMING BUSINESS

There is a waste of time money and labor on the farm when the farmer does not possess a knowledge of the nature and requirements of the soil and plants cultivated.

We often see a vast amount of labor thrown away by the farmer in an attempt to produce crops on soils which are not adapted to the crops grown or which lack some of the essential elements of plant food. The farmer who fails to inform himself with respect to the improved methods of agriculture fails to profit by the knowledge gained by others by years of experience and observation. Knowledge is power in agriculture as it is in all other branches of business and the farmer who possesses the best knowledge of his business is the

best capacitated to make that business a success.

The hands, says an eminent authority, should serve the head, and the farmer who has the best agricultural knowledge, combined with the mental ability to successfully plan and execute the most thorough system, will not be obliged to make his life a mere drudgery of toil from early morning till dewey eve, day after day, and year after year. Devising the best plans and methods should be first; their execution second. He who drudges on, without plan or system, will never be anything else but a "hewer of stone and a drawer of water" and consequently never attain anything worth the while.

Farmers, as a class, should devote more of their spare time to a study of their business that they may master the details as well as the science of their business. He should encourage the establishment of farmers' institutes, read the best agri-

cultural papers and secure such agricultural books as promise to him the greatest amount of expert aid and assistance in solving the problems which most puzzle him. He should devote serious consideration to working out methods of farm work, based upon knowledge thus obtained. By such means, more headwork, and fewer hours of labor with the hands, will secure far better results than are now commonly obtained. The farmer, above all others, should be a living, thinking man.—Texas Farm and Fireside.

GRADUATED LAND TAX TO SOLVE TENANT SYSTEM

The evils of tenant farming need to be corrected in Texas and every southern state. Back of tenancy is the "land hog," who keeps his acres for rise in value or rents them out in such away as to deplete them and lower the standard of living of the tenant below what it should be for good citizenship.

The amount of available land in this country for farming is pretty well taken up. It is monopolized too much by a limited few, and the prices and terms are such that the small farmer cannot buy or lease save on the most exorbitant terms.

Our country will soon see a graduated income tax. Thirty-three out of forty-eight states have ratified it. It is safe to say that the next two years will see it ratified. Under it those with largest incomes will pay heavier taxes. No thinking man can raise complaint against the justness of this method of tax-

ation. Apply such a principal to land.

Really, there should be but two forms of internal taxation: income tax and land tax. These, with a tariff on luxuries for necessary revenue, should raise all money needed for national, state and local governments. Taxation on property other than land is, in its last analysis, but a penalty imposed on industry.

Take for example, 100 acres as a fair farm. Let the tax on this be as low as possible. Above this graduate the tax as holdings increase. When such a procedure reaches the man who holds hundreds and thousands of acres either useless or rented out to poor tenants, he will be obliged to sell or rent in such a manner as to lower the tax.

Really, such a tax would not be on the land itself and the men who produce, but on those whose greed leads them to hold idle lands that should belong to the people, and these they hold idle in order that they may gain

the unearned increment which by no shadow of mortal right and justice belongs to them.

Such a method of land taxation applied, as a fundamental part of the single tax, would soon bring about a fair solution of the present dangerous tenant system. It would mean small farms in greater numbers and with a greater degree of prosperity. It may be a long time but it is bound to come.—Southern Orchard and Farm.

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