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THE TEXAS SPUR AND DICKENS ITEM

A NEWSPAPER

For the Homes of Dickens County, and the best advertising medium of this section of West Texas

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RETURNS FROM A TRIP TO NEW MEXICO

Howard Campbell and family returned Saturday night from an extended trip into the mountains of New Mexico and visiting relatives in that section. They spent more than a month on the trip and report a most enjoyable time. Mr. Campbell, like others who have visited that section, says that Roswell is a beautiful town and that the valleys along the streams of that country are rich and desirable locations. However, we have no uneasiness of Mr. Campbell deserting the Spur country so long as he and others make more cotton than can be picked, and more feed stuff than they can use and sell. Such was the case last year and the prospects are that it will be so again this year.

STORES IN SPUR WILL CLOSE FOR THE FAIR

The merchants and business men of Spur have signed an agreement to close their places of business from eleven o'clock, a. m. to five o'clock, p. m., during each day of the fair to be held in Spur, September 23, 24 and 25th.

There will be thousands of people here from every section of this country and from distant points during the three days fair, and the people of Spur and the fair management are making great preparations to not only show what can be produced in the great Spur country but to entertain our guests in a royal manner.

BIG MEETING NOW IN PROGRESS AT AFTON

A protracted meeting was commenced Wednesday of last week at Afton under the auspices of the Methodist Church and is being conducted by Rev. Smith.

The meeting is reported one of the greatest ever held in that section with respect to both attendance and enthusiasm, there being a number of conversions and a revival of religion which is manifest throughout that territory. The meeting will continue throughout the week and possibly into next week.

WAREHOUSE LAW ATTACKED IN SUIT

Austin, Aug. 30.—Attacking the constitutionality of that provision of the permanent warehouse law which requires ginners to take three samples of each bale of cotton ginned, Dabney White of Tyler, as a ginner, today filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the court of criminal appeals.

White was arrested charged with violating this law, and he failed and refused to make bond but appealed to the higher court.

Judge W. L. Davidson of the court of criminal appeals granted the writ, fixing bail of relator at \$500 and the case is made returnable on October 4th.

GOOD ROAD TO DRAPER IS NOW COMPLETED

Through the cooperation of the citizenship of Spur and Draper, a first-class road has been opened up, built and is now completed, running directly from Draper to Spur. This road work from Spur to Croton was paid for by donations from the citizens of Spur, while the work from Croton to Draper was done by the citizenship of that community, G. L. Barber being employed to do the work from Spur to Croton and to also oversee the work done from Croton to Draper.

The following report of the collections and disbursements was handed us by Sol Davis who was instrumental in soliciting and disbursing the funds in this road work.

Total amount collected... \$299.00
Total amount expended... 256.30
Balance now in bank... 42.70

The expenditures were made as follows: P. H. Miller, 12.50; Riter Hardware Co., .80; Bowman Lumber Co., 20.80; Brazelton-Pryor & Co., 4.20; G. L. Barber, 218.00; making a total of \$256.30 expended.

The following amounts were contributed for this work: Stamford Oil Mill Co., 25.00; Farmers Gin Co., 25.00; S. M. Swenson & Sons, 25.00; Citizens Gin Co., 25.00; Spur National Bank, 20.00; Bryant-Link Co., 20.00; Sol Davis, 20.00; City National Bank 15.00; Brazelton-Pryor & Co., 10.00; Dr. T. E. Standifer, 10.00; Riter Hardware Co., 10.00; Spur Hardware Co., 10.00; W. C. Bowman Lumber Co., 10.00; Love Dry Goods Co., 10.00; P. H. Miller Lumber Co., 10.00; Hogan & Patton, 5.00; Spur Drug Co., 5.00; W. S. Campbell, 5.00; Oran McClure, 5.00; R. L. Collier, 5.00; Brannen Bros., 5.00; C. H. Senning, 5.00; Red Front Drug Store 5.00; G. A. Howsley, 3.00; W. F. Godfrey, 3.00; V. H. Davis, 2.00; E. E. Turner, 1.00; Jas. R. Stafford, 1.00; J. J. Haile, 1.00; Dr. Grace, 1.00; Tidwell & Reeves, 1.00; W. L. Hyatt, 1.00; making a total of \$299.00. The balance of \$42.70 now remaining in the bank of the amount collected will be used in working the road to the plains by the way of the old rock house crossing, provided there is no objection from those contributing the above amounts. This road needs the work and it is just as important to the commercial interests of Spur to put this road in good shape as other roads leading into Spur, therefore it is not probable that any one will object but will be willing to contribute more to the end that we have first-class roads leading into Spur from every direction and from every community within this trade territory.

J. M. BASSETT MARRIED.

Julian M. Bassett, one of the foremost cattlemen of west Texas, and founder of the town of Crosbyton, was married Sunday, August 1st, in Manitou, Colorado, to Miss Cora B. Drake, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Bassett and his bride are spending August in California. They will return to Crosbyton about the first of September.—Ex.



COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOW BEFORE

We are looking for your shadow in our doorway. And there's not a shadow of a chance of your being disappointed if you are looking for a big stock of Real Values.

Here's to the little Hindo

He does the best he kin do;

Away over there

With nothing to wear

He has to make his skin do.

But the boys of the Spur country can do better. "New Perfection" see them.

When buying boy's clothes the most important thing to be certain of is Quality. Many suits look attractive at first sight—actual wear reveals scores of defects. Your safe way is to come here and make your selection from amongst "Perfection Clothes." Sturdy Boy's Suits that will see your boy safely through the winter. Fabric all wool; Model correct; Price as low as the quality is high. We have suits with an extra pair of pants, just what you have been wanting.

Man is somewhat like a sausage Very smooth upon the skin But you can not tell exactly How much hog there is within.

Do you consider expense as



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—A SUIT made to your measure, insuring perfect fit will do much to raise you above the common level.

—Men who look carefully to their personal appearance are never slow to recognize the MERITS of our CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, FURNISHINGS, ETC.

—We offer MEN and YOUNG MEN better clothes for the SAME money.

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SHERIFF KILLS MAN AT PADUCAH LAST MONDAY

Henry Cook, son-in-law of Mrs. M. E. Gilpin of Spur, was shot Saturday evening of last week while in the south hall of the court house in Paducah and died Monday night as a result of the wounds. The remains were brought to Matador for burial Tuesday.

It is said that Mr. Cook and Mr. O'Brien had a dispute over some fencing which resulted in a fist fight which occurred in the court house Saturday evening about five o'clock at Paducah. On hearing of the difficulty the sheriff went to them to make an arrest which resulted in the shooting of Henry Cook by the sheriff. It is said that an automatic pistol was used in the shooting and that six or seven bullets struck Cook.

His wife and little child were in Spur at the time visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Gilpin. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Gilpin both left Spur Saturday night, going through the country in an auto, to be with Mr. Cook, and on hearing of the death, John Gilpin also left Spur to attend the funeral at Matador.

The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives, and this killing is to be deplored by all of Western Texas, more especially because of the fact that an officer of the law is charged with the killing. An officer is expected to perform the duties of his office, but no officer has any more right under the law than any other citizen to kill a fellow man. Too often peace officers are provoked to kill a fellow man and because he is an officer of the law is cleared of the charge. However, in this instance we do not know the provocation. However, we do know that because an officer is privileged to swing a six-shooter on his person that he is not also privileged to use it on the least provocation. Because of the very fact that an officer is permitted to carry a pistol he should be more conservative in its use and less subject to provocation even than a private citizen.

well as appearance? Don't you often pay more than you can afford just to be sure you will not get badly styled or poorly made clothes. You don't have to pay a premium to safeguard your appearance when you buy STYLE PLUS \$17.00 CLOTHES, the same price the world over. Made for men who consider their \$ as well as their appearance. Saves you \$3 to \$8 on your suit. How can they do it? There are more Style Plus suits made than any other special line in the world; they are made in the largest factory in the world. How does Henry Ford make autos cheaper? By making more of them.

A printer temporarily out of a job accepted a job as waiter. When the guest called him over and remonstrated about the undesirable presence of a needle in the soup the printer became confused and said "Beg your pardon sir this is a typographical error—it should have been a noodle."

Everybody wanted and welcomed, come on with the crowds who trade with us.

Bryant-Link Company.

BRING IN EXHIBITS AT ONCE TO THE FAIR

Every farmer, ranchman and citizen who desires to have an exhibit at the Dickens County Fair to be held September 23, 24 and 25, is urged to have stalls reserved at once for stock and designate what other exhibits will be had. It is urged that farmers bring in produce not later than next week, and stalks of maize, kaffir corn, feterita and Indian corn are desired at once to prepare decorations as well as for exhibition purposes.

Every citizen of Dickens and surrounding counties within the Spur trade territory is urged to assist the fair management in not only securing exhibits but in having them on the fair grounds in plenty of time to make the very best and most attractive display of products.

AFTON SCHOOL BUILDING IS NEARING COMPLETION

The Afton school building which has been under construction for some time is now nearing completion. The building will be well equipped and when complete will be one of the finest rural schools of Western Texas.

The building was sufficiently complete that school commenced Monday with a large enrollment of pupils and with prospects of one of the best school terms within the history of the town. Frank Speer is superintendent of the school, and will be assisted by Misses McCormick and Gleen in the primary departments and Miss Pool in the music and expression department.

A FINE RAIN TUESDAY IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

A fine rain fell in Spur and throughout the Spur country Tuesday and Tuesday night of this week, which places every section of the country in the very finest condition with respect to crops, grass and cattle interests. The rainfall in Spur amounted to one and twenty-hundredths inches.

This rain insures big crops throughout the country and the cotton picking season will soon begin in earnest.

BUILD NEW CHURCH IN THE AFTON COUNTRY

J. C. Stephens was in Spur Saturday from the Afton country and reported that a new church building had just been completed in his community, the building being erected by and for the Hard-Shell Baptists of that section. This is another substantial evidence of the prosperous condition of the people and the building progress of the country. Every section of the Spur country is now making substantial advancement in building improvements and agricultural development.

Do Your Fall Trading Fair Week

WE shall offer some startling values to open the fall business. We will be in our old quarters until after the fair, but expect to be located in our new brick about October 1st.

Everthing new being shown in Fall Silks, Fancy Wool and Silk Poplins, Storm Serges, Novelty French Serges, Diagonal Weaves, black and white, also Colonial Plaids.

Two Case Lot Specials

One case Fall Gingham, regular 12 1-2c value and a good one, special.....10c
One case very best Calicoes.....5c
The greatest Hose values in Texas, made by the same mills that produce the Cadet Hosiery, two prices 12 1-2c and.....15c
See the new Novelty Silk Lace Girdles, all colors, prices from 50c to.....\$1.50
New Silk Shirt Waists in a variety of Novelty

stripes, all colors. Also Tams, Fancy Caps, new Collars, Ties and Fancy Hosiery.

Every new shape in Men's and Boys' Caps, price 50c to.....\$1.50

Table Linen Specials

We will save you from 25c to 35c a yard on fine Table Linen. See our 35c, 40c, 55c and 65c.....a yard
New Fall line Middies.....
New Fall line Dresses.....
New Fall line Skirts.....

New Fall line Wraps.....
Twenty styles of Henderson Corsets, greatest line shown in the West, all sizes, 18 to 36, price \$1.00 to.....\$10.00
Last week to buy your choice of \$5.00
Dress Pants at only.....3.95
Big line of Suspenders only.....25c
Two Men's white Handkerchiefs for.....5c
Three pairs Men's Fancy Socks for.....25
Three pairs Mule Tip Gloves for.....25c

Everything new in Men's Dress Hats as well as all staple shapes; prices, \$1.50 to \$10.00.

We shall sell our former line of \$1.25 Dress Shirts at \$1.00. Meet your friends at our store "fair week." Come and have a good time. PRICE REGULATORS.

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

SPUR, TEXAS

MARTIN GARAGE

on the west side of Main street, two blocks north of the depot is where you can get your cars cured of that lazy walk.

Martin Garage Co.

WILL LOCATE

Mr. Stoner and two other gentlemen, of Johnson county, passed through Spur Tuesday on their return home from a visit to Ben and Will Smith and families of the McAdoo country on the plains. These gentlemen will probably return to this section within a few months and permanently locate here. In fact one of the number has already rented land for the next year and another desires to buy land here.

AFTER COTTON PICKERS.

Dock Edwards, of the Croton country, passed through Spur Wednesday on his way to the Eastern part of the state to secure negroes to pick the big crops of cotton on his places in the Croton country. It will require a thousand or more extra cotton pickers to pick the cotton within the Spur territory this year.

BIG COTTON CROP.

C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of Spur, left Wednesday for Eastern and Southern Texas to secure negroes to pick his cotton again this year. Mr. Copeland has about three hundred acres of cotton and expects to get two hundred or more bales from this year's crop. One great drawback in this country last year was the fact that enough cotton pickers could not be secured to pick out the crop, and the same disadvantage will probably be encountered again this year.

PROMINENT VISITORS.

Leslie Williams has resigned his position as telegraph operator for the Stamford & Northwestern Railway and has accepted a position as book-keeper for the Swenson Gin throughout the fall. Mr. Milsted, of Anson, will take Mr. Williams' place at the depot.

A. S. Jackson, a leading citizen of Dickens, was among the business visitors to Spur this week.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETING AT RED MUD

The Dickens County Baptist Association which held its meeting Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the Red Mud Baptist Church is reported to have been largely attended and enjoyed on the part of the many in attendance.

Dinner was spread on the ground each day and it is emphaticall said that the good women of that community know how to care for appetites of all visitor.

S. M. Bailey, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the McAdoo country, was in Spur Tuesday on business. He reports crops and other interests of that section in the very best and most promising condition at this time.

For Sale—Span mules, three and eight years old, both broke. Price \$250.00 and worth it.—W. J. Elliott.

CHEAP EXCURSION RATES.

Sam T. Clemmons left Thursday for Fort Worth in an effort to secure cheap excursion rates over the Stamford & Northwestern Railway from Stamford to Spur. An excursion rate of one dollar and fifty cents for the round trip will be asked for on account of the Dickens County Fair to be held September 23, 24, and 25th. It is hoped the railroad officials will grant us this favor and by so doing help to swell the crowds at the fair.

R. M. Hamby and wife returned Wednesday from Upland, in the extreme western part of the state, where they have been spending the past several weeks for the benefit of Mrs. Hamby's health.

Jim Thompson, who is now publishing the Dickens County Courier for County Clerk Crawford Cobb, was in Spur one day this week and, while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Fruit and Ornamental Trees

I am now representing the Austin Nursery, and am prepared to furnish you with Berries, Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees of every variety. Hold your orders for me.

Wyatt Taylor
SPUR, TEXAS
Agent for Dickens, Kent and Stonewall Counties

W. L. Hyatt made a business trip this week to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns, on the plains. He says that the Spur country has them all skinned a city block on bumper crops of all kinds.

Chas. A. Jones, who has been spending some time in New York City and other points, returned Wednesday to Spur. He came in on a special car bearing E. F. Keller, general manager of the Colorado & Southern Railway, D. B. Keller, vice-president of the Fort Worth & Denver, and other railroad officials who were making an inspection of this branch of the railway lines. The railway officials returned in the afternoon while Mr. Jones will remain in Spur for some time looking after the Spur Farm Lands interests. We are all glad to have Mr. Jones with us again and hope that his stay in Spur will be indefinitely continued.

Don't Be A Grouch

Our fair will be held on the 23rd, 24 and 25th of September.

You have the lievestock, produce and everything that it takes to make it a success. We have the Lumber, Posts and etc. to make your home a success. Let us pull together.

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Jim Gibbs, Manager
SPUR, TEXAS

Items Over Dickens County BY CORRESPONDENTS

DICKENS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ragsdale went to Spur Tuesday.

We had a fine rain Tuesday afternoon.

O. O. Gray went to Afton Tuesday morning.

W. M. Stovall is on the sick list this week.

Dennis and Lonnie Harkey went to Spur Wednesday of last week.

A. C. White, an optician of Abilene, Texas, spent several days of this week in Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Vie Dennington of a few miles north of here were in town Saturday.

Miss Tallie Windham left Monday for Jayton where she will attend school this year.

Miss Emma Buchanan visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell Sunday.

Rev. Stokes, of Afton, and Rev. McMahan, of Spur, began a meeting here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrup, Mrs. J. B. Conner and Sam Harkey made a trip to Roaring Springs Friday morning.

R. L. Collier, Geo. S. Link and

Mesdames Collier, Smart and Clemmons were in Dickens Thursday of last week soliciting for the fair.

Well, Billie Waldrup has actually bought an automobile at last. He says it is his. It may be that Bill has gotten ashamed of pretending to buy so often and has borrowed one for a few days. Bill will have to produce the deed before he can make believers out of lots of folks.

AFTON

We were blessed with a nice rain Monday night.

Work on the gin is going on all time.

Marion Harvey is here from Arizona.

Miss Poole is here to teach music and expression.

Rev. Smith is conducting a revival which is being largely attended.

Aubrey Loyd is in the eastern markets buying his fall stock.

We were sorry to hear of the shooting at Paducah Saturday.

Claude Loyd has returned to Simmons College for another term.

Alvis Hicks has gone to Matador for another term of school.

W. P. Sampson, of the Gilpin country, is here in the interest of the Farmers Union.

Mrs. Daffern, of near Matador, has been visiting her sister and aunt, Mesdames M. B. Haile and O. L. Hale.

Jesse Hodges, of Matador, visited his sister and daughter, Mesdames M. B. Haile and O. L. Hale, last week.

Our school opened last Monday with ninety five pupils. Quite a number of the patrons were present and several nice talks were made.

DRAPER.

Maize heading is the order of the day.

W. P. Sampson was here last week.

Wonder why Lovell don't head maize—he isn't lazy.

W. L. Thannisch went to Knox City last Monday.

J. R. Rogers and Ed Jackson shipped a car hogs last week.

Miss Nettie Murchison left last week for Plainview to attend school.

The singing at Wichita last Sunday evening was fine and a large crowd attended.

Billie Waldrup was in our city last week in his new car. He says

he has to take his spurs off to ride in it.

Uncle Jimmie Jones and daughter of Afton spent Saturday night with J. E. Wright.

The boys caught a wampus cat in Mr. Wright's cotton patch Sunday morning.

We have on the track a car of high grade McAlester coal which we are selling for \$5.50.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

J. P. Koonsman, of six miles east of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and placed an ad in the Texas Spur for the sale of Winter Turf Oats which he has on his place. Mr. Koonsman said that he would probably have some stock as well as farm products on exhibition at the Dickens County Fair. He is one among the most substantial citizens of the country and a successful farmer.

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County Attorney's Office Dickens, Texas

B. D. GLASGOW Attorney-At-Law

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A 5 room bungalow, good well, cistern, sheds, lots and 6 acres fenced and in cultivation, 7 acres in all, also small orchard, 1 mile west of Spur. Consideration \$1,250.00, part down, balance in good notes.—J. E. Day, Grants, N. M. 27-6mo

GOOD SEED MARKET.

Twenty two dollars a ton is being offered for cotton seed on the Spur market at this time. However, the price of maize has gone to the bottom throughout the whole country. The reason given is that too much of the feed is being rushed on the market. There is no question but systematic methods must be adopted in marketing all products to secure and maintain the best market prices.

For Sale—A large \$65 cooking range, used very little and in good condition. Will sell for less than one-third the first cost. Call at the Texas Spur office. tf



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P. H. MILLER, Spur, Texas

CYCLONE HITS COUNTRY EAST OF JAYTON

It is reported that a cyclone passed through the country east of Jayton Monday night, doing considerable damage. L. A. Lafoon lost his barn and lots, his wagon and buggy was blown over and his crops damaged by hail and wind. Other farmers of that section suffered damage to crops by the hail and wind.

GOOD CROPS.

C. D. Pullin came in Tuesday from his farm home near McAdoo on the plains. He says he has had prospects of three fourths to one bale of cotton to the acre on his place, and unless something happens he will make bumper crops of both feed and cotton, notwithstanding the fact that he commenced farming late and was somewhat hampered by continued wet weather in breaking sod land for his feed crop.

FOR SALE.

House and two lots in Spur. 80 acre farm two miles east of Spur. 565 acres, well improved, at Draper. For particulars and prices, see or write J. A. Murchison, owner, Draper, Texas. 45 2.

S. W. Rather was in town the latter part of this week from the Cat Fish country and reports everything in good shape at this time throughout that section.

IN GALVESTON STORM.

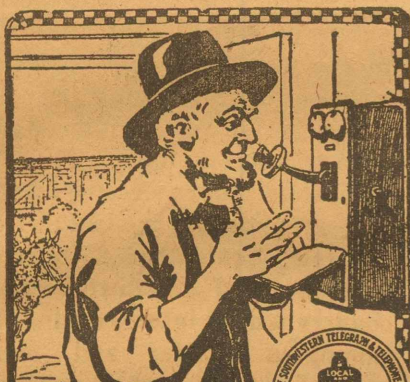
Mrs. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, was in the city recently and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. McNeill was in Galveston during the recent storm and escaped any injury. She left with us an extra edition of the Galveston Star printed on dodger paper and which briefly portrayed the disasters of the storm and the manner in which the city was surmounting the difficulties encountered. The extra edition will be an interesting memento of the stormy days at Galveston.

Judge A. R. Floyd, who is now representing an insurance company, is in Spur this week greeting friends and looking after his business interests.

Jim Smith spent several days of this week in Spur to be with W. R. Henderson who underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital.

Mr. Irven, the contractor for the two brick buildings now going up in Spur, left Thursday for Houston, leaving the completion and finishing work of the buildings in charge of J. F. Goodwin.

W. P. T. Smith, of seven or eight miles west of Spur, was in town Thursday. He reports a good rain in his section which did much good to the crops, especially in washing the honey-dew from the feed and cotton leaves.



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If you will let us figure your next bill we will convince you that we can save you money.

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Three Big Full Days

OF PLEASURE AT

SPUR, TEXAS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Sept. 23, 24, 25, '15

AT THE

1ST ANNUAL DICKENS COUNTY FAIR

Base Ball

There will be three games of ball, one game each day between Spur and the Albany, Texas, teams. This feature of the Fair is bound to please every lover of the National Game. The Spur team has recruited up, and will have a splendid team in the field, while the Albany team is one of the fastest in the west, having played over 23 games, losing but two.

Foot Ball

For the first time in the history of this country, the people will have an opportunity to witness a regular college foot ball game between two of the fastest teams of the west: Stamford College, of Stamford, Texas vs Britton Training School, of Cisco, Texas. These teams will play their annual game at the Dickens

THE SPUR COUNTRY

Spur is responding to the tide of prosperity which is favoring West Texas.

With another bumper crop prospect for this year, the people of the Spur country are buoyantly optimistic for the future. The bank statements verify the thought that the farmers are banking more money, paying more debts and contracting fewer obligations than ever before.

This section is in better financial and physical shape than many portions of the older Texas. A new country—drawing to itself a hardy citizenship; it is growing in a steady, healthful way.

It is shipping thousands of tons of feed (principally maize) to the older settled south, and also to northern points which are eager buyers of this feed. And it is largely due to these dependable shipments of grain from lands selling at an average of about \$15.00 per acre—that people are selling their high-priced properties elsewhere and moving to the Spur country. They see the disadvantage in owning \$100.00 land and yet being dependent for feed upon this far lower priced land in the west.

Spur owns its own waterworks; has electric lights; an expensive sewer system;

five church buildings; a well equipped high school; good railroad facilities; four hotels (one of which ranks as the best hotel west of Fort Worth); two strong banking institutions and a complement of well equipped stores.

The City is paving the main street, and is increasing its water supply to provide for growth. Spur has two cotton gins and a third is in process of construction. An oil mill is also being built.

While casting about for a location in which to invest, the president of a large Houston Company chose Spur, Texas, and is now erecting two brick buildings here.

The Dickens County Fair Association is building substantially just south of Spur, on land donated by S. M. Swenson & Sons.

Wherever the location, it has some disadvantages, but we do not know of any place that seems to have as few as the Spur country. The climate is healthful, insured by an average altitude of about 2500 feet.

The large body of land surrounding Spur is being offered cheap as an encouragement to settlement, on terms which are extremely reasonable. Although these properties are being sold rapidly, there yet remains untouched a vast area

of rich, productive soil, capable of producing and development into highly productive farms and ranches.

There is no more profitable adjunct to farming than a few head of well bred cattle, and this combination finds its highest possibilities in this section. Long renowned for the size and quality of its beeves, this country is now adding the farms to make it an ideal location not only for the large cattle raiser but the small farmer as well.

Spur, Texas, offers you this dependable opportunity.—Adv't. 43-4t.

SUCCESSFUL FARMER

A. C. Hyatt came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting friends, shaking hands promiscuously as if he were a candidate for some office. Hyatt is an ex-newspaper man and engaged in the farming business this year. He is making a success of the farming business and should he desire to serve the public in an official capacity there is no question but that he would conduct public in an efficient and satisfactory manner. A newspaper man is qualified to fill any office and if Hyatt is considering a campaign for the legislature or any other office we will stay with him and vote for him to the finish.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

R. L. Holly celebrated his seventy ninth birthday Sunday at his home in the Afton country. A large number of friends were present to enjoy the occasion and a sumptuous dinner was served the guests. Mr. Holly was one among the first settlers of Dickens county, and his many friends throughout the county join the Texas Spur in congratulating Uncle Dick on rounding out more than his allotted three score and ten years and wishing him many more years of life and usefulness in the community.

The best three section ranch in Dickens county for sale. I have a price that is attractive. Call and see me. Jackson Realty Co.

CUT BY WIRE WHILE RIDING WILD HORSE

Dick Jackson was severely injured Saturday night near Afton while riding an unmanageable horse. The horse ran into a wire fence with the result that Mr. Jackson's leg was severely cut by the barbed wire. Dr. Green, of Roaring Springs, was called and dressed the wounds after sewing up the cuts. It is hoped that Mr. Jackson's injuries will not be of a permanent nature.

BUYS RESIDENCE IN AFTON.

C. A. Jones recently purchased of Luther Rucker his residence and property in Afton, and he and family moved to the place last week for the benefit of being near and securing the benefits of the Afton School throughout this term.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB FOR AGRICULTURAL WORK

Prof. G. S. Rubinow, of the State Department of Agriculture will be in Spur during the fair to see the sights and for the purpose of organizing a boys and girls club for definite work in agricultural lines. The organization will be effected on the fair grounds on the last day of the fair, September 25th, and every boy and girl in this whole country who is interested in obtaining a broader and more scientific knowledge of methods in Agricultural pursuits is urged to be present and participate in this organization. Such knowledge will be of material benefit not only at the present time but in future years.

J. J. Noland, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday.

Just Received

A Car of the Old Reliable

Newton Wagons and Trucks

Have a few Buggies at bargain prices. Let us figure with you.

Riter Hardware Co.

Look Listen But Work

For votes in the great voting campaign.

It is not long now until the campaign closes, when the awards will be made.

Trade with the merchants that give votes.

TRADE WITH US

Spur Hardware Company Lyric Theatre
Red Front Drug Store German Kitchen
Hogan & Patton Midway Hotel Texas Spur
SPUR TEXAS

County Fair on the 25th of September. A good game assured.

Livestock---Agricultural

The Dickens County Fair Association has spent over four thousand dollars in the erection of suitable stalls for livestock and halls for Agricultural exhibits, etc.

One Thousand Dollars Offered in Premiums for Best Exhibits \$1,000.00 has been offered in premiums for best exhibits shown at the first annual Fair, and never before in Texas has better Agricultural, livestock and poultry been shown than will be exhibited at this FAIR.

THE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT---Art and School

These departments have offered suitable prizes and many interesting exhibits have been entered.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

To the old wearers of the Gray: A most cordial invitation is extended by the John A. Green Camp of Confederate Veterans and the officers and directors of the Association. Friday, September 24, is Old Soldiers' Day, and Congressman John H. Stephens of the Thirteenth District will address his old comrades on this occasion.

Aeroplane Flights

Daily by Skilled

Aviator.

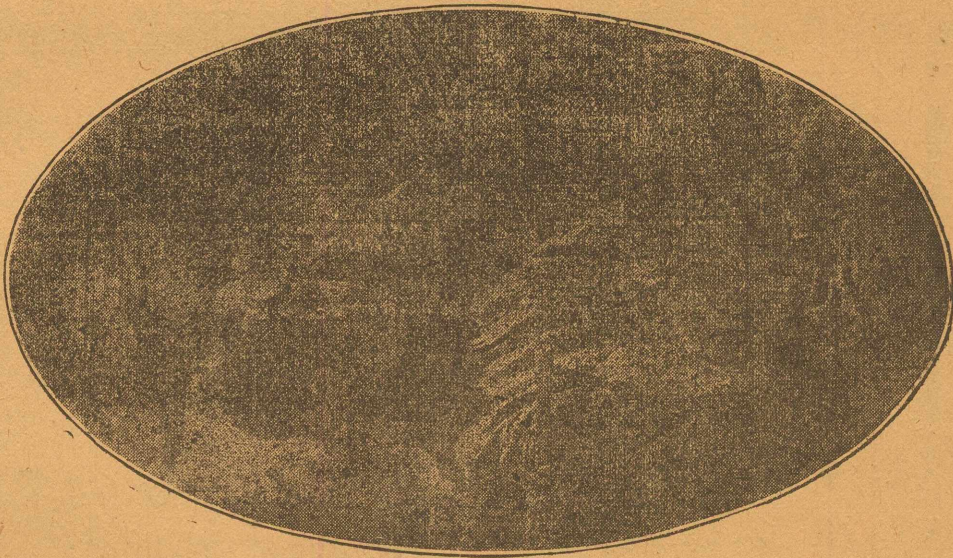
Arrangements have been completed with Prof. Lester Miller, of the Texas School of Aviation, for flights in his new Beachey type, loop-the-loop Aeroplane.

For Your Enjoyment

Baby shows, speaking by representative men of the state, horse races on our own new track, fine music, clean wholesome amusements, good rest rooms and halls, plenty of clear running water, fine livestock and agricultural exhibits, and

Three Days Chocked With Interesting and Instructive Features.

Not A Dull Moment.



Music

The Fair Association Concert Band will furnish daily Musical Concerts, and lovers of good band music will certainly enjoy this feature of the fair.

WILD WEST SHOWS

The West Texas Riding Concert with real outlaw horses and the best riders in the West will give daily exhibitions at the Fair. Red Hoy and Whirling Tom, the unconquerable bull, never ridden by any man. Big purses offered to any one who will ride either.

Special Railroad Rates Have Been Secured On All Roads Leading This Way

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND CATALOGUE, ADDRESS

GEO. T. BARNES, General Mgr., Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

FIRST BALES OF COTTON BROUGHT TO SPUR

Tuesday of last week the first two bales of cotton of the season arrived in Spur. J. A. Boland, of near Girard, came in with the first bale, being followed within an hour or so by T. M. Cain, of near Spur, with the second bale. Mr. Boland sold his first bale and another one brought in later to Sol Davis for nine and a half cents a pound. The bales weighed 520 and 525 pounds each respectively.

A premium of twenty three dollars was made up by the merchants of Spur and divided between Mr. Boland and Mr. Cain as a premium for the first bales brought to Spur. The following merchants contributed the amount opposite their names as the premium: Bryant-Link \$5.00; City National Bank \$5.00; S. M. Swenson & Sons \$5.00; Love Dry Goods Co. \$2.50; Bowman Lumber Co. \$1.00; Brazle-

ton-Pryor & Co. \$1.00; Riter Hardware Co. \$1.00; Spur Drug Co. 50c; Brannen Bros 50c; E. F. Springer 50c; German Kitchen 50c; W. S. Campbell 50c; making a total of \$23.00.

MARRIED.

Elmer Ragsdale and Miss Austin were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Austin, of the Afton country. Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale are two of the most prominent young people of Dickens county and The Texas Spur joins their many friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes for happiness and prosperity throughout their married life.

Wayne VanLier came in Saturday from his farm home in the Soldier Mound community and while here called in and had his name enrolled for the Texas Spur and Dallas News one year, and for which he has our thanks. Mr. VanLier is one among the most substantial young farmers and business men of the country.

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY
HAVE US DO
That Work
Why Not Now?

SIX BOYS AND SIX GIRLS TO MAKE MONEY AT FAIR

The Texas Spur wants six of the liveliest boys and six of the most energetic girls in the town to hustle for the Texas Spur during the fair. We will pay well for the services and give each one an opportunity to make from five to ten dollars a day each day of the fair. If you are interested call around at the office and we will explain the proposition to you.

Grundy Crego, a leading citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur this week on business and greeting his many friends.

The best three-section ranch in Dickens county for sale. I have a price that is attractive. Call and see me.—Jackson Realty Co.

R. L. Collier left Tuesday for Fort Worth and other points on business pertaining to his livestock interests and also in connection with the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co. He carried a car load of hogs to the Fort Worth market. From Fort Worth he will go down into south Texas where he will probably spend a week or ten days.

J. A. Murchison was in the city Saturday from his home near Draper and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Murchison is one among the most substantial citizens of the country and it is reported that he has fine crops on his place this year.

W. J. Young, a leading citizen of near Afton, was in Spur one day this week on business and shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Young has one of the finest farms in the whole country and he is one of the most prosperous and most successful farmers within the Spur trade territory.

W. Y. Higgins, the popular restaurateur and confectioner of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday making arrangements with the Dickens County Fair Fair committees to assist in the entertainment and in furnishing something to eat for the thousands of people who will be here during the three days.

THE FEED CROPS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He stated that he had just finished harvesting his feed crop and that the crop exceeded his expectations in the harvest. Throughout the whole country this year the crops are as fine as could be expected and the harvests are not surpassed on the one hundred dollar an acre lands of the East. It is being demonstrated each year that the fifteen and twenty dollar lands of the Spur country will produce in as great variety and abundance as any of the higher priced lands of sections further east.

Winter Turf Oats for sale by J. P. Koonsman, 5 miles east of Dickens. 45-2tp.

JACKSON REALTY CO.

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

Notary Public in the Office.

Chas. Jaye, of Dickens

Handles Binder Twine and Machine Oil, Ice and Cold Drinks, Groceries, Notions and Enamelware, Confections, Tobacco and Cigars.

TRADE WITH HIM AND SVE MONEY

Money! Money!! Money!!!

to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see W. M. FEATHERSTON, Jayton, Tex.

W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

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Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land 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 pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Raldo Newman was in the city Thursday from his ranch home several miles east of Spur.

T. A. Randleman was in the city Thursday from his farm home several miles south of Spur.

H. C. Draper, of three or four miles west of Spur, was among the number in Spur Thursday.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, was a business visitor in town one day this week.

J. C. Weir, of near Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent several hours here shaking hands with friends.

G. S. Jones, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was among the business visitors here one day this week.

Chas Brewington, of Stamford, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday looking after his lumber interests here.

Mrs. T. E. Standifer and Misses Robbie and Donnalita returned this week from a visit to Mrs. Y. L. Jones and other friends of Dallas.

Lilburn Standifer returned the latter part of last week from Arizona where he spent several days looking after his property and other interests.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of near Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week and he spent some time here on business and shaking hands with friends.

Mr. Russell, who recently purchased a four section ranch of the Spur Farm Lands management, was among the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

W. H. L. Ward, who has been building a new garage at the ranch home of Chas. Windham, of the Croton country, returned this week to his home in Spur.

Mrs. L. A. Hindman and children are in Denton on an extended visit to her relatives and friends. They will probably be gone a month or two.

H. R. Moore, of Houston, was in Spur several days this week looking after his two new brick buildings now being constructed in Spur. The buildings are now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. The Love Dry Goods Company will occupy one of the buildings and Jas. R. Stafford will occupy the other.

W. R. Henderson, of two miles south of Spur, underwent an operation Wednesday morning at the Standifer Hospital. We are glad to note that he is reported doing nicely at this time.

L. J. Elsby, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the plains country near McAdoo, was a recent business visitor to Spur. He reports everything moving along nicely on the plains.

Judge A. J. McClain came in Thursday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends. The Judge has been suffering of rheumatism and we hope that he will soon be recovered.

W. S. Dunn, who recently moved with his family to his ranch property in New Mexico, is in Spur this week looking after his property interests and greeting his many friends. Mr. Dunn reports that he and family are well pleased with their new home and that each member of the family has improved in health as a result of the move.

I. B. Brown and wife, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and visiting friends.

N. Q. Brannen accompanied J. W. Mason of Rule and L. H. Mason of Jayton from Spur Tuesday to New Mexico where they will spend a week looking over the country and for an outing. They made the trip through the country in an auto.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

Rev. Bates, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will conduct the regular monthly services Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church. Everybody is respectfully invited to attend the services.

TO THE TRADE.

The grocery stores of Spur will hereafter make only four deliveries of purchases each day. The deliveries will be made at the following hours: 9, 11, 2 and 6 o'clock. In ordering groceries please remember the hours, since no delivery will be made either before or after the specified hours.—Brannen Bros.

YOUR BODY

Protests Against Colomel

You have noticed the disagreeable effects of calomel, that sickening nausea that is characteristic. There is no reason for tearing up your system in such a drastic manner.

LIV-VER-LAX, that wonderful vegetable compound, is just as useful as calomel for toning up your liver and ridding your system of stagnating poisons, and it does not make you feel badly like calomel. It is pleasant to take with no unpleasant after effects. Keep it in your home for health's sake.

If LIV-VER-LAX is not entirely satisfactory, your money will be returned without question. The original bears the likeness of L. K. Grigsby. For sale at 50c and \$1.00 by Spur Drug Co.

Bennett Lackey, an expert and experienced tailor of Stamford, came to Spur this week and will be employed in the tailoring department for Hogan & Patton. Hogan & Patton are the leaders in Spur in the tailoring business and outfitters for men, and at all times are alive to the firms interest in supplying the demands of the trade and in furnishing the highest class work.

When you buy bread insist on getting Spur Baked Bread. We bake every day. The German Kitchen. We are for Spur and Spur Institutions. 39tf.

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-26.

Banking Aids to Farmers

In the course of each day's work much information comes to this bank, through the mails, and through market and financial reports, and through its personal contracts with farmers and business men.

Which puts it in position to help its farmer customers in a substantial way.

This bank is always willing to give its farmer patrons the benefit of the information it gathers concerning methods and markets, and not only that, will give financial aid to its customers who are applying intelligent effort to their work, and are trying consistently to build up their standing.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier
C. HOGAN, Asst. Cashier

SURPLUS FUND \$10,000
G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.
J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

W. T. Loudermilk
On Producing Cotton.



One of the most important features for which the Farmers' Union was founded, is found among its fundamental principles, viz., "To assist the membership in buying and selling". In order to carry this into effect we realized that the most important question confronting us was organization and co-operation. The next step was to prepare the products of the farm for market, and prepare a means for storing, and money to finance same until a satisfactory market could be found.

Realizing these necessities the Union at once began advocating the building of warehouses, and the Farmers' Union stands today as the pioneer advocate of warehouse facilities. Next the Union went about to secure the co-operation of the bankers and business men to finance the product. In this we only partially succeeded the first few years, and slow progress was no doubt attributable to the lack of the proper understanding between the farmer and the business world; but as time progressed and with a continued campaign of education, we went steadily ahead, until today the majority of the business world have become satisfied that they must co-operate with the farmer, fully realizing that no business can prosper unless the farmer first prospers.

The area of land suitable for production of cotton in Texas approximates 120,000,000 acres and we plant annually 10,000,000 acres. The methods of cultivation of cotton in Texas can be greatly improved upon without increasing the expense of production if the farmers will intelligently study the soil and crop conditions.

Considering the increased cost of land, labor, implements, stock and living I do not believe that cotton can be produced at less than an average cost of ten cents per pound.

With the cost of production around ten cents per pound the minimum price which the farmer ought to realize should be a reasonable amount above the cost of production as no business can be conducted without some profit and but for the fact that the farmer devotes a part of his time to raising other products the cotton raising business would be impossible. Any permanent successful plan of raising and marketing cotton must be based upon supply and demand.

Some sort of educational campaign should be inaugurated to induce the farmers generally, both landlord and tenant, to so diversify their crops as not to be wholly dependent upon cotton and to co-operate with each other throughout the cotton raising section to base the acreage as far as possible upon the amount of cotton which would be necessarily consumed by the world from year to year. This involves personal leadership and supervision in all cotton raising communities and the gathering and dissemination of accurate statistical information.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

S. A. Lindsay

On Organization in Marketing.



The present methods of production and marketing farm products are wasteful and inefficient. In every other field where there is so much waste, corporate efficiency has taken possession and is coining that waste into gold. Under the present conditions and the spirit of the age, the only thing that will prevent great corporations from entering the agricultural fields of industry is for the farmers to combine and eliminate all waste from both the method of production and of marketing. Farming by corporations would bring more evils to our nation than would farming by peasantry, because, in such event, rural people will become mere farm laborers and share tenants executing the plans of the foreman. This

condition would bring the contest between socialistic and capitalistic theories face to face in final conflict.

I am warranted in saying that unless we improve our methods of marketing farm products, whatever surplus the farmers may grow will add little to the luxuries and comforts of the farmers. We had in Texas last year a good peach and truck crop, but whatever surplus there was rotted upon the ground. The prices to the consumer were maintained so high that only the rich could afford to purchase while the producers got less for the products than if there had been short crops. The cause is patent—business is organized while farmers are not, hence the only competition there was in the disposition of those crops was among the farmers themselves and that in the matter of selling.

The production as well as marketing of farm products will be considered together, because they are closely related. Prices are governed by the quantity and quality produced and the method of marketing. Take the product, cotton for example: The value and price of cotton can be increased by seed selection, fertilizing and by cultivation, ginning and wrapping, at least five cents per pound; and by gradual marketing at least two cents a pound. Now, if we add, say five cents a pound to cotton values by such methods, we shall enrich this State and take nothing from the consumer because we shall give value for what we receive.

I state deliberately that the farmers of Texas will never be prosperous until they adopt co-operative methods in the marketing of their products. I am warranted in saying this by the conditions which surround the farmer. I am also warranted in saying this by the experience of every nation under the sun which has grappled with and solved this problem.

Strayed—Two year old brown, muley heifer, branded O M on left side and C on left thigh. Will pay \$5 reward for her, return.—Dr. J. H. Graee.

County Treasurer J. B. Yantis came over Wednesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

J. O. Yopp and family returned this week from New Mexico where they have been spending some time visiting relatives and prospecting over that country.

Mr. Harkey, of Mason county, is in Spur this week visiting his brother, T. C. Harkey and family, and other relatives of Dickens county.

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, trapping, or trespassing in any way in any of the Half Circle S pastures.—I. R. Powell, Mgr. Mar. 1 pd.

We have on the track a car of high grade McAlester coal which we are selling for \$5.50.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

Mr. Houchin, of the Girard or Jayton country, was brought to Spur this week and underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital.

E. B. Russell, of the Afton country, was recently in Spur with fifty or sixty gallons of home made molasses which he was selling at sixty cents a gallon. We secured a can of it and it is fine.

W. J. Hunter and family left Spur Monday for Post City near which place he recently purchased a new farm home. His farm is located on the plains several miles northwest of Post and is well improved as is the custom of all farms sold by the Post management, he having to pay twenty dollar and fifty cents an acre for the land in addition to the cost of the improvements.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

C. Smith

On Marketing Cotton Seed.



C. Smith, Secretary of the Texas Farmers' Union, when asked for a report on the work of the cotton seed department of that organization, said in part:

"In order to show the immense amount of good that has been accomplished by the Farmers' Union through its Cotton Seed Department I have prepared a comparison of four years prior to 1909 when the Department first was started and four years following. These figures were taken from the 1912 statistical abstract of the United States, excepting the 1912 figures, which were obtained from the Department of Commerce and Labor Bulletin Number 116. The price paid for cotton seed according to the reports from the Federal Census Bureau preceding the establishment of this department were as follows. This is for Texas:

1905, \$12.74 per ton	1907, \$17.35 per ton
1906, \$12.50 per ton	1908, \$13.92 per ton
Average price \$14.12 per ton.	

The price per ton for cotton seed paid in the four years following the establishment of the department was as follows:

1909, \$25.99 per ton	1911, \$17.64 per ton
1910, \$24.60 per ton	1912, \$18.28 per ton

Average price paid during these four years was \$21.62, or a net gain per ton of \$7.50.

Now in the four years following the establishment of the department for which the above figures speak, the cotton seed crop was as follows:

1909, 1,129,000 tons	1911, 1,893,000 tons
1910, 1,356,000 tons	1912, 2,171,000 tons
Total, 6,549,000 tons.	

An average of \$7.50 per ton shows a total saved to the farmers of Texas of \$49,117,500.

This saving must be beyond a questionable doubt and is readily attributed by all those that are familiar with our work to the Cotton Seed Department established by the Farmers' Union in Texas, thereby becoming a competitor in the cotton seed market in Texas. There is no question that if the members of the Farmers' Union will consider these figures and the good that this department has done that they will give it their hearty co-operation in order that the department may remain a permanent competitor in the market.

This is only a part of what has been accomplished along this line by the organization with the limited co-operation, than what could be accomplished with a perfect organization of farmers with full co-operation with the business world.

In conclusion let me say that organization and co-operation is the only road to success, and should be the watch word of every farmer in the land, and they should have the full co-operation of the business world."

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. M. Potter

On Business Methods in Marketing.



The Executive Committee of the Texas Bankers' Association, working in connection and in harmony with the bankers and business men of Texas, are making an earnest and persistent effort to get warehouses built for the storage and protection of all farm products, especially cotton. It has always been said, that the farmer being primarily the producer of the world's actual needs, is the most independent business man among us. This probably should be true, but a large per cent of the farmers are in fact quite dependent, making themselves so by continually putting themselves at the mercy of the man who buys their crops. This awkward and unbusinesslike situation grows out of the fact that the farmer has no place to store his crop after it is made. Wheat is now bringing a fair price, everybody believes it will go higher, yet in the face of this good prospect for advanced prices, the farmers all over this country are forced to sell their wheat because they have no place to store it. The facilities for storing and protecting cotton are much worse than the wheat.

The farmers of Texas lost by country damage enough in the past few years to build sufficient storage room for all the cotton grown in the State. In view of the facts above set forth and the unsatisfactory conditions arising therefrom, the bankers are anxious to see suitable warehouses built and cotton stored therein where it can be protected from the weather and from fire and made a basis of credit for carrying on the business of the country.

The writer hereof, as chairman of the 7th District Texas Bankers' Association, has called the attention of every bank in the district—over four hundred—to the needs mentioned herein and urged action in all of their respective counties where cotton is raised or handled. The Seventh District is so large and its interests so varied, that uniformity of purpose and action is hard to obtain; nevertheless much interest has been aroused and many new warehouses are being built and old ones repaired so as to meet all requirements. At this writing conditions are such as to increase the difficulties that already beset us in the exportation of our surplus cotton and likewise intensify the need for storage for our 1915 cotton crop.

In my long experience in the banking business, I can scarcely recall a time when a farmer could not get credit extended and increased on stored and insured cotton. Our new Federal Bank Law as interpreted by those entrusted with its administration, has not only increased and made more rapidly available the facilities for handling such cotton, but has fixed beyond controversy the value and negotiability of duly executed warehouse receipts. Out of the conditions above recited have grown the consistent and persistent efforts of the bankers of Texas to get the cotton grower to house his crop and place it on the market in such a business-like way as to secure the best possible results. The effects of this campaign, I am persuaded, will be gratifying to all parties interested therein.

Jim Cooper was in town this week from the Matador Ranch.

Frank Hastings, of Stamford, is in Spur this week looking after the Swenson cattle interests.

E. R. Rorie was in town Thursday on business and greeting friends.

The Commissioners Court was in session several days last week going over the Tax Assessor's rolls which were o. k.

W. R. Stephens, of the Tap country, was in Spur Thursday on business.

W. C. Presley, of Girard, was in Spur last week and while here had his name enrolled on the Texas Spur subscription list. Last week we added more than fifteen new names to our mailing galleys. This is very encouraging and gratifying, and we appreciate every name added to the list.

Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY
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Why Not Now?

Miss Mary Copeland left this week for college to attend the 1915-16 term.

Sheriff Conner and his deputy, D. J. Harkey, were in Spur one day this week.

LAND OWNERS ATTENTION

We have on file in the office of The Texas Spur an extensive list of names and addresses of prospective home-seekers such as have been compiled by the Emigration Department of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway Company. In addition to this, we have access to more than two thousand names and addresses wherein detailed information concerning each prospect is available.

If you have lands for sale, or land for rent, and desire to communicate with any of these inquirers the names and address will be furnished you free of cost by applying at this office.

Definite and detailed particulars as to the name, address, age, nationality, number in family, years at present address, number of live stock and general condition of all these prospects are also on file in the office of Mr. W. F. Sterley, general freight and passenger agent of the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. Co. at Denver-Record Building, Fort Worth, Texas, and such specific information concerning any particular prospective home-seeker may be obtained free of cost by enclosing self-addressed envelope to that office and making inquiry referring to the book number and applicant's number in the book.—Adv. 464

SELLING AUTOS.

A. K. Hall and Victor Chalk, two prominent business men of Roaring Springs and agents for the Oakland Automobiles, were in Spur Tuesday and delivered two new cars sold in Spur, one to L. A. Hindman and one to J. B. Morrison. The car sold to Hindman is called the "Little Six", being a five passenger, six cylinder, and a classy car in every respect. The car sold to Morrison is a large seven passenger, four cylinder, and one of the handsomest in the whole country. Messrs. Hall and Chalk are showing their automobile agency business and since they have an attractive and desirable car they will no doubt have good success in their sales.

For Sale—Two good mares three years old. Also one yearling colt. Cheap for cash. See W. A. King. Spur, Texas. 43-4t.

OLD SHOES.

Bring me your Men's old Shoes where the uppers are good and I will buy them.—A. C. Lewis.

FOR SALE.

Mv 2068 1-2 acre ranch, 12 miles southwest of Spur, on Cat Fish River, at a bargain, on good terms. Will lease temporarily, also separate section near ranch for sale.—C. C. Higgins, Snyder, Texas. 36-tf.

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52-tf

First-class lubricating oil for 55c a gallon. Mobiloil 75c and 80c a gallon.—City Garage.

The best three-section ranch in Dickens county for sale. I have a price that is attractive. Call and see me.—Jackson Realty Co.

C. C. Haile, of Draper, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Tex-Spur office. Mr. Haile says that the feed crops of his section are harvesting from one to two tons to the acre and that the cotton is now beginning to open at a rapid rate. From one-half to one bale of cotton to the acre will be picked here this year.

V. C. Smart
Spur-Roaring Springs

Auto Service via Dickens and Afton
Phone Southwestern No. 78
Leave Spur 8:30 Arrive Roaring Springs 11:30
Leave Roaring Springs 12:30 Arrive Spur 5:30

We have all the things
for shaving
and for
the hair
Right
Price too.



The comfort of a shave depends upon the sort of shaving soap, brush, strop and razor you use and also upon the face balm and powder. We have the shaving stuff that will make shaving a joy.

How about your HAIR? It is easier to keep it from falling out than to restore it after it is gone. Get our TONICS.

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WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Red Front Drug Store

Spur - - - Texas

H. E. Grabener, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in town Saturday.

T. S. Lambert was in the city Monday from the Tap country and spent several hours here on business.

W. T. Lovell came in Monday from the Draper country and spent some time here on business and shaking hands with friends.

J. C. Stephens, Jr., and W. H. Stephens, of the Tap country, were in Spur Saturday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Austin Rogers, of Rison, Arkansas, is now a citizen of Spur and will be employed in the dry goods department of the Bryant-Link Company.

The Morgan brothers, of several miles west of Spur, were among the visitors in the city Saturday. They report everything in the finest shape in their section of the country.

J. H. Farmer, of several miles northeast of Spur, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

R. E. Thomas, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Sol Davis returned last week from Dallas and other markets where he purchased goods for the fall trade.

John Hardin, assistant cashier of the Spur National Bank, is now spending a vacation of several weeks at Mineral Wells and other Eastern Texas points.

A. Fry, a prominent citizen and ranchman of the Cat Fish country, was a recent visitor in Spur, reporting everything moving along nicely in his section of the country.

C. L. Love returned last week from Chicago and Saint Louis where he spent a week or ten days buying goods for the fall trade. He reports that country rained out and that in no section does better prospects prevail than in the Spur country.

TO THE OLD TIMERS

Our heart goes out to the old timers who lived here when there was not a railroad in the state. When they had to go fifty or sixty miles to mill and who braved the hostile Indians and all other hardships of the frontier, rearing their children under astounding difficulties, did not desert our country in which we live. Hats off to the old timer! We believe, had we been in their place, that we would have folded our tents like the Arabs, and as silently stole away to the blooming fields and pleasant pastures of civilization. We would have deserted sure, for we love the whistle of the locomotive better than the low of the ball-faced cow, and the pleasant associations of the settlement better than the hardships and isolation of the frontier.

And so we feel everlasting gratitude to those who blazed the way for the wheels of progress and made it possible for us to enjoy the manifold blessings of the prosperous country in which we live, for it is prosperous, despite the rattle snakes, coyotes, prairiedogs, hot winds and sandstorms to which this country is adapted. These are our disadvantages. No country is exempt; for it is impossible to find the "honey pond and the doughnut tree" side by side, but West Texas comes about as near it as any other country. Just visit among the old timers and find out for yourself. You will find almost every one of them prosperous, hale, hearty and happy; for our high altitude, refreshing breezes, pleasant nights and moderate winters are conducive to health, and when one has health, all other blessings are theirs, if they are energetic enough to demand them.

And now, dear old timer, we wish to speak a few words to you: Please do not, after you have born the colossal burden of settling up our country, and made it what it is today, become discouraged and say: "My place is for sale." Do not desert your country now. The West is coming into its own; for the iron wheels of progress have arrived and no earthly power can roll them back. What does it matter if a few "swell heads" refuse to speak to you because you are not dressed to suit their fastidious tastes and what does it matter if a few thoughtless men in automobiles, bent on their own affairs, should fail to salute you, or give old Dobbin half the road? Pay no attention to such things, for rest assured, all true men and women and all well-bred children love and reverence you. Stay with us till the end, for you are honored above any one else, in the hearts of all appreciative people.

Let no one so far forget themselves as to mistreat an old timer, but let us, one and all hasten to honor them whenever opportunity presents itself. Let us take them by the hand and tell them how much we love and appreciate them, and let us see that they always have an honored place in the assembly. Hats off to the old timers. Everybody rise and salute them. Stay with us old timer. This is a good country. The half has not yet been told.—Unedda Lift.

Jim Bilberry and wife, of Peacock, and Mrs. M. M. James, of Jayton, came to Spur Monday to visit relatives and to be with W. R. Henderson who underwent an operation this week at the Standifer Hospital.

No. 9611

Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business September 2nd, 1915.

RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (notes held in bank)	\$219,280.99	
Total loans		\$219,280.99
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$	unsecured, \$189.43	189.43
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds		25,000.00
5. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$7,200.00	
a Less amount unpaid	3,600.00	3,600.00
6. Banking house, (if unencumbered)	\$25,000.00	25,000.00
7. Furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
8. Other real estate owned		500.00
9. Due from Federal Reserve Bank		4,451.44
10. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	17,610.82	
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	7,784.32	25,395.14
11. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 9 or 10)		14,729.87
13. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		75.67
14. a Outside checks and other cash items	\$15.00	
b Fractional currency, nickels and cents	51.38	66.38
15. Notes of other national banks		1,490.00
16. Federal Reserve notes		185.00
17. Lawful money reserve in bank:		
Total coin and certificates		6,587.50
18. Legal-tender notes		3,000.00
19. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	1,250.00	1,250.00
Total		\$335,801.42

LIABILITIES

1. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00	
Surplus fund	20,000.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL AND SURPLUS		120,000.00
2. Undivided profits	6,443.53	6,443.53
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	1,903.73	4,539.80
3. Circulation notes		25,000.00
6. Due to banks and bankers (others than included in 5 or 6)	74.10	
8. Demand deposits:		
a Individual deposits	146,186.52	
d Cashier's checks outstanding	1.00	
Total deposits, Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8		146,261.62
14. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed		40,000.00
Total		\$335,801.42

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Sept., 1915.

S. T. CLEMMONS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
R. C. Forbis
Geo. S. Link
R. V. Colbert
Directors.

No. 10703

Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Sept. 2nd, 1915.

RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (notes held in bank)	\$112,999.88	
Bills of Exchange		
Total loans		112,999.88
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$	unsecured, \$ 840.52	840.52
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$10,000	
Total U. S. bonds		10,000.00
4. e Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stock) owned unpledged	677.50	
Total bonds, securities, etc.		677.50
5. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00	
a Less amount unpaid	1,500.00	1,500.00
b All other stocks, including premium on same	\$100.00	1,600.00
6. Banking house (if unencumbered)		7,750.00
7. Furniture and fixtures		2,150.00
9. Due from Federal Reserve Bank		1,676.52
10. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	4,404.63	
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	8,867.73	13,272.36
11. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 9 or 10)		650.57
14. a Outside checks and other cash items	274.65	
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	26.05	300.70
15. Notes of other national banks		655.00
17. Lawful Money Reserve in Bank:		
Total coin and certificates		2,443.00
18. Legal-tender notes		1,895.00
19. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	500.00	
Due from U. S. Treasurer		500.00
21. Customers' liability account of "Acceptances"		72.29
22. Other assets		614.15
Total		\$158,097.49

LIABILITIES

1. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00	
Surplus fund	10,000.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL AND SURPLUS		50,000.00
2. Undivided profits	\$7,029.56	
Reserved for		
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	3,006.90	4,022.66
3. Circulating notes		10,000.00
8. Demand deposits:		
a Individual deposits subject to check	53,751.81	
d Cashier's checks outstanding	186.65	53,938.46
9. Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days notice):		
a Certificates of deposit	79.30	79.30
14. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	40,000.00	40,000.00
18. Liabilities other than those above stated		57.07
Total		\$158,097.49

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Sept., 1915.

OSCAR JACKSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
P. H. Miller
T. E. Standifer,
S. R. Davis,
Directors.

Westside Barber Shop

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WILL BE A WELCOME DEPOSITOR AT OUR BANK.

Instil the saving habit in the minds of the little ones and they will reward you for it in the days to come.

The Spur National Bank

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