

PRIZES AWARDED BY SPUR'S TRADES KARNIVAL

Spur's December Trades Carnival and Merchants Sale closed Saturday, December 30th, and the drawing of prize tickets began promptly at two-thirty o'clock. The premiums being awarded as follows:

First prize, C. F. Cates, ticket number, 5017, thirty dollars in cash by Stamford & North-western Townsite Company. Second prize, W. F. Shugart, ticket number 4571, twenty five dollars in merchandise by Bryant Link Company. Third prize Sam Clemmons, ticket number 20180, twenty five dollars in merchandise by J. A. Lambdin & Co. Fourth prize, E. H. Anderson, ticket number 7825, twenty dollar watch by W. C. Gruben, the Jeweler. Fifth prize, J. R. Lair and Conner, ticket number 1117, twelve dollar and fifty cent stove by Riter Hardware Co. Sixth prize, Elnora Dunn, ticket number 5966, twelve dollars and fifty cents building material by Spencer Lumber Co. Seventh prize, Crat Neely, ticket number 7126, ten dollars in groceries by Hisey Grocery Co. Eighth prize Oscar Parrish, ticket number 24271, ten dollars in groceries by Western Grocery Co. Ninth prize, M. E. Manning, ticket number 26002, ten dollars in groceries by Hinson & Poole. Tenth prize, Jim Mahon, ticket number 9649, ten dollars in furniture by Campbell & Campbell. Eleventh prize, B. F. Renfro, ticket number 11126, ten dollar rocker by Texas Furniture Co. Twelfth prize, R. L. Roberts, ticket number 20189, ten dollar doll by W. B. Griffin. Thirteenth prize, C. Blake, ticket number 7234, five dollars in gold by First State Bank. Fourteenth prize, T. C. Morgan, ticket number 13033, five dollar carving set by Barber & Hancock. Fifteenth prize, Ethel Cargyle, ticket number 4603, five dollars in building material by Brazelton-Pryor. Sixteenth prize, Jim Mahon, ticket number 24037, five dollars in building material by P. H. Miller. Seventeenth prize, Leona Montgomery, ticket number 29952, five dollars in building material by Richardson Lumber Co. Eighteenth prize, R. F. Rodgers, ticket number 46, five dollars in feed by Spur Grain & Coal Co. Nineteenth prize, Mrs. J. R. McArthur, ticket number 29610, five dollars in boiled ham by Central Meat Market. Twentieth prize, T. H. Talbert, ticket number 29909, five dollars in subscription to Texas Spur. Twenty-first prize, Pearl Blackwell, ticket number 24190, three dollar box of apples by C. H. McDonald. Twenty-second prize, Miss Bennie Little, ticket number 23238, two dollars and fifty cents in cleaning and pressing by Spur Tailoring Co. & Stamford Steam Laundry.

This was one of the biggest merchandise movements within the history of Spur. Hundreds of satisfied customers participated in the event and the firms inaugurating the sale sold thousands of dollars worth of goods during the time. However, the close of this sale does not mean

commercial stagnation. The various firms of Spur are continuing to do business, and, as you will see by reading the advertisements appearing in this paper, that they are continuing to offer various inducements to attract the trade of this and adjoining territory, and those who fail to take advantage of such inducements as is offered from time to time by the business men of Spur will not have exercised good judgement nor judiciously considered the handling of the family supply purse strings. Come to Spur.

SOLD SIXTEEN BALES COTTON

W. P. T. Smith came in Tuesday from his place eight or nine miles west of Spur and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He informed us that he had just sold his cotton, sixteen bales in all, at a price of nine cents a pound. Mr. Smith figures that he has made money by holding his cotton from the market until this time, and no doubt he will hold again next year if the price offered in the markets should not come up to the figures in cost of producing the staple. Before leaving Mr. Smith handed us a dollar and seventy five cents for the Texas Spur, including the Dallas News, another year. In reply to a question as to the present crop prospects for this year Mr. Smith stated that the ground on his place is now frozen six inches deep and that the next time we hear of him he may be moving south with the cranes.

AFTER SUPPLIES.

G. W. Dodson, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country and one of the very first subscribers to the Texas Spur, was in Spur Wednesday after supplies and while here was a very pleasant caller at this office, leaving with us another dollar and saying, let the paper keep coming. Mr. Dodson said that he did not come to Spur often but that when he does come his bill for supplies relieves him of much surplus coin. We were glad to again meet Mr. Dodson and extend him a welcome to come to Spur oftener and always come around to the Spur office.

J. T. George, of Jayton, R. V. Colbert, F. S. Hastings and A. J. Swenson, of Stamford, were in Spur Saturday to attend the stockholders meeting of the Spur National Bank.

DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE IN OPERATION

An important factor in development progress of Spur and this section of the country is the establishment here of Draughon's Business College which is now in operation in rooms over the Spur National Bank with Profs. Black and Randolph as teachers and superintendents of this branch of the associated colleges.

The college opened Monday with sixteen pupils present and the probability of twenty or twenty five being enrolled by the beginning of the second week.

This is an institution of which Spur is pardonably boastful, since the Draughon Colleges are recognized in every part of the country as among the leading and most thorough schools of the land in business education and commercial training.

The Draughon's Business College of Spur offers superior educational facilities which will be appreciated by the people of the surrounding country and the institution will be a great factor in furthering business education and developing the commercial resources of the Spur country and Western Texas in general.

DR. STANDIFER URGES PEOPLE TO CLEAN UP

Dr. Standifer says that on account of the epidemic of meningitis now prevailing in many Texas towns, it is most important to the general health and very urgent that the people of Spur immediately have their premises thoroughly cleaned with most care to privies, lots and chicken roosts. Meningitis is a dreaded disease, is now spreading over our land and Dr. Standifer says that it is not only epidemic but endemic and contagious, and originates in most instances in the filthy districts of cities and among the lower, filthy and careless classes of people.

The conditions and prevailing diseases elsewhere warrants the apprehension of disease in Spur and Dr. Standifer urgently demands that all premises in the town be immediately and thoroughly cleaned of all filth which breeds, fosters and spreads disease and death.

PHENOMINAL SUCCESS.

R. M. Hamby, who has been in Spur the past week with Mrs. Hamby during her confinement in the Standifer Sanitarium, was a very pleasant caller at the Spur office Thursday. He reports Mrs. Hamby doing so nicely that her sisters from distant points, and Mrs. Hancock of Jayton, who had been with her through the operation, have all returned to their respective homes. Mrs. Hamby has had two previous operations, and was the ninety third patient to have an operation at the Standifer Hospital since its recent establishment, all of whom, with a single exception, have recovered, and in the one instance the patient was informed of the probability of the out-come.

LYCEUM COURSE

The third number of the Dixie Lyceum Bureau will be the Winona Ladies Singers, the program being rendered at the Electric Theatre January 26th. The troupe is made up of five ladies and the program to be rendered will be one of the very best of the entire course, and although heretofore the entertainments given in this course have not received the deserved attendance and patronage on the part of the general public, on this occasion the Winona Ladies are expected to attract an exceptionally large house, and those who come are assured an exceptionally high class entertainment and musical program.

Remember the date, January 26th, and come.

PROBABLE CANDIDATES.

We are informed that Dave Sparks, of the Croton country, will be a candidate for sheriff of Dickens county at the July primary. Mr. Sparks is an old time Dickens county man and one among the most prominent citizens of the country, and if elected will make a good officer. We also understand that Will Miller will be in the race for the sheriff's office.

Miss Jessie Schneider returned last week from Snyder where she spent the holidays with relatives and friends. Miss Schneider is first assistant at the Standifer Hospital and is not only highly accomplished in her profession as nurse and assistant in surgery, but is a most charming young lady.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX BEFORE JANUARY 31ST

Every citizen of Dickens county must secure a poll tax receipt issued not later than January 31st in order to vote in any election to be held during the year 1912. Another requirement of the law is that every tax payer must appear at the court house and pay in person for a poll tax receipt. Heretofore tax collectors have been permitted to issue poll tax receipts upon application blanks properly filled out and sent in, but this year each citizen will be forced to go to Dickens in person to secure a receipt, or be barred from casting a vote in any of the elections to be held during the year.

During this year primary and general elections will be held to select officers from constable to president and every good citizen should be prepared to vote in both primary and general elections. Only a few more days remain in which you can obtain the necessary credentials to cast a ballot, and since you will have to go to Dickens in person to secure a permit to vote, it will be wise and judicious to make your arrangements to go before the last day, since something may probably happen to detain you at the last moment.

IMPORTANT

All in Spur are hereby notified to clean up their premises at once, destroying all trash, rubbish and filth, and putting their place in a sanitary condition to prevent any out break of meningitis in the city. One of the best preventatives is cleanliness. It is of vital importance that this should be done at once, and no delay will be permitted. Special instructions has been suggested by State Health officer. Therefore it becomes my duty to warn the people of the impending danger.

Respectively,
J. E. Morris, M. D.
City Health Officer.
Geo. S. Link Mayor,

MOVING HERE.

J. H. Boothe and family, of Crews, arrived in Spur Wednesday and will make their home here in the future Mr. Boothe having formerly bought and improved property near Spur. The Texas Spur extends a cordial welcome to this estimable family and wish them much of prosperity which abounds in Western Texas and especially that part of it known as the Spur country.

DANGER! TAKE NOTICE.

Our Dog Poisoning outfit will, within the next few days, be working in the territory surrounding Spur, and all owners of stock are hereby warned that there is danger of their stock getting this poison; and are cautioned so that they may take necessary steps to protect themselves from loss of this character.—S. M. Swenson & Sons, C. A. Jones, Manager.

Duke Henson made a business trip Tuesday to Dickens.

**DURING 1912 OUR PICTURE FRAMING DEPARTMENT
WILL BE MORE COMPLETE THAN EVER IN THE PAST**

WE ARE Prepared to do all kinds of Framing and our line of Mouldings is the largest and best assorted in West Texas. Bring us your pictures to frame. We guarantee to frame them right or it will not cost you a penny. Don't forget that our stock of Furniture is the largest, and our prices are the lowest consistent with good merchandise.

TEXAS FURNITURE CO.

Spur's Leading House Furnishers.

SPUR FARM LANDS

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

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

**\$12 to \$25.00
Per Acre**

With some additions when close to town

The settlement of the 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.**

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ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

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When not specified, all Adds will be continued until ordered out and charged for accordingly.

FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

CHICKEN FARMING

T. V. Davis, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and reported cold weather out his way. Mr. Davis has been farming this year, but says that he intends to secure a twenty acre block of land near Spur and establish a chicken ranch and truck farm. Mr. Davis now has some of the finest chickens in the country, has been successful in chicken raising on a small scale and is of the opinion that there will be more money made on a twenty acre chicken ranch than in farming six hundred and forty acres to cotton. We are of the same opinion since we saw a farmer here recently try to sell three bales of cotton for enough money to pay the picking. Cotton is all right, but too much cotton is ruination, starvation and poverty. Plant chickens, hogs, maize and mules.

J. P. Gipson has wood to sell on his place at \$2 a cord. 10 2tp

A DELICATE OPERATION

Bob Collier, who was operated upon recently at the Standifer Hospital, is now reported doing nicely and will soon be able to be removed to his home north of Dickens. The operation on Mr. Collier was one of the most delicate performed since the establishment of the Standifer Hospital, and its complete success in every particular is another demonstration of skill and facilities for taking care of cases of surgery. Mr. Collier is one of the most prominent men of the country and his many friends here and elsewhere will be glad to note his rapid recovery.

SATISFACTORY TRADE

W. F. Markham, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He said that he had a lot of green wood on his place and which he desired to get out of the way by

trading us a load for two or three year's subscription to this paper. Such a trade is satisfying to us, and if the weather continues in future as during the past thirty days we will be glad to trade an unlimited number of subscriptions for wood and table supplies from the farm.

KEEP THINGS MOVING

T. J. Harrison, of the Wichita country north of Dickens, was in Spur last week and hauled out a new wind-mill to put up on his place, and by this we infer that he intends to keep things moving on his place notwithstanding his absence later in campaigning for the office of tax assessor of Dickens county. Two years ago Mr. Harrison made the campaign for the assessor's office and lacked only four votes of securing the nomination, and since he came so near winning the race he considers the fact substantial encouragement to again enter the campaign this year.

STOCK HOLDERS MEETING

Of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company, to be held Wednesday, February 7th, for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to issue bonds, etc.

To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton Southplains Railroad Company:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 28th day of October, 1911, at special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, at the offices of the Company in Crosbyton, Texas at 10 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company and to issue bonds thereunder to be fixed by the stockholders at said meeting, and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds, and to obtain the authority of said Commissioner to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1911, at Crosbyton, Texas.
[SEAL] R. M. Bassett, Secretary.

The Texas Spur \$1.00 per year

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PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Office in Red Front Drug Co. Phone No. 2

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General Practice of Medicine
Office at the Spur Drug Store, Prompt response will be given to all calls, city and country, day or night. Res. both phones No. 93

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Office at Spur Drug Company.
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Residence, both phones 80

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PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Diseases of women and children and Electrotherapy a specialty. Local Surgeon for Wichita Valley Railroad.
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Night Calls Promptly Answered

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**GUARANTY
FUND
BANK**

The Farmer or Business man who does not have a bank account with a substantial progressive bank will find it more difficult to advance than will his neighbor who is in touch with the right kind of bank. -- Don't hesitate because your account may seem small to you—the largest accounts today were insignificant a few years ago. -- In the conduct of this business there will always be reserved for its patrons a gracious respect for their welfare and wishes. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WE ARE APPROACHABLE, AND GLAD TO BE APPROACHED.

The First State Bank, Spur, Texas

CAPITAL STOCK

\$50,000.00.

BIG JANUARY Clearance Sale!!

STARTING SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH, AND LASTING
THE REMAINDER OF THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY

WE Are Going to Give to the People of Dickens and Surrounding Counties Prices that are worthy of Notice. We are not going to take up your time in reading our opinions, but will Quote Prices That are Worthy for you to Come and Get the goods.

"MENS, BOYS & CHILDRENS SUITS & OVERCOATS AT MANUFACTURERS COST"

MEN'S GLOVES		MENS HATS.		MEN'S AND BOYS CAPS	
\$2.50 Fur gloves	\$2.00	5.00 Stetson	4.60	\$1.25 For	\$1.00
1.25 Plush gloves	.95	4.00 Stetson	3.65	1.00 For	.85
2.50 Buck gloves	1.95	3.00 Thoroughbred	2.65	.75 For	.65
2.00 Buck gloves	1.70	2.50 Men's Hats	2.15	.50 For	.45
2.00 Double Palm	1.70	1.50 Men's Hats	1.35	.35 For	.25
1.75 Buck gloves	1.50	1.25 Men's Hats	1.05		
1.50 Buck gloves	1.35	1.50 Boys Hats	1.20		
1.25 Reindeer	1.05	1.00 Boys Hats	.95		
1.00 Calf gloves	.95				
.85 Calf gloves	.75				
.75 Calf gloves	.65				
.50 Calf gloves	.40				
1.75 Dress gloves	1.50				
1.50 Kid gloves	1.35				
1.25 Micha	.95				
All other gloves at cut prices.					
MEN'S HATS		MEN'S UNDERWEAR			
\$7.50 Stetson	\$6.95	1.50 Wool shirts and drawers	\$1.35		
6.00 Stetson	5.45	1.25 Wool shirts and drawers	1.05		
		1.00 Cotton Rib shirt and drawers	.90		
		.50 Cotton Rib shirt and drawers	.45		
		.50 Fleece good	.45		
		.50 Cotton Flan drawer	.45		
		1.50 Union suits	1.20		
		1.00 Union Suits	.90		

ALL WOOL DRESS GOODS AT ACTUAL MANUFACTURE COST

MEN'S SHOES		STAPLES		BOYS SHOES	
\$6.50 Stetson Make	\$5.10	12-1-2 Gingham	11c	\$3.00 Buster Brown	\$2.65
6.00 Stetson Make	4.90	10 "	8 1-3	2.50 "	2.20
5.00 Brown Shoe Co	4.40	10 Outing	8 1-3	2.25 "	1.95
4.50 "	3.85	20 Ticking	15	2.00 Boys Shoes	1.65
4.00 "	3.65	15 "	13 1-2	1.75 "	1.45
3.50 "	3.15	50c Wool-Janes	35	1.50 "	1.35
3.00 "	2.55	Cotton Checks	.05	1.35 "	1.20
2.50 "	2.10	All Calicoes	.05		
2.00 "	1.60	Green Ticket Domestic	10		
MEN'S BOOTS		Bleached Domestic	8 1-3		
\$7.50 Bench made	\$6.90	8 1-3 Bleached Domst	7 1-2		
6.50 "	5.70	12 1-2 Cotton Flannel	11		
5.00 Plain Toe	3.85	10 "	9		
4.50 "	3.65				
4.00 "	3.40				
MEN'S PANTS		LADIES SHOES			
\$6.00 For	\$5.00	\$4.00 For	\$3.40		
5.00 "	4.20	3.50 "	3.15		
4.50 "	3.85	3.25 "	2.95		
4.00 "	3.20	3.00 "	2.65		
3.50 "	2.90	2.75 "	2.40		
3.00 "	2.45	2.50 "	2.15		
2.50 "	1.95	2.00 "	1.60		
2.00 "	1.60	1.75 "	1.45		
		1.50 "	1.35		
		MEN'S BOOTEES			
		\$7.50 High Cut	\$6.35		
		5.00 High Cut	4.50		
		5.00 High Cut, Boys	3.95		
		3.50 High Cut, Boys	3.10		

MENS Overcoats at Cost, Mens, Boys and Childrens Suits at Manufacturers Cost. All Furs, Ladies Coat Suits, Skirts and Sweaters at Greatly Reduced Prices. This Sale is for Cash only, in order to get goods at the prices quoted. When goods are charged they will be for Regular Prices, and this applies to all customers. We have distributed no "Hot Air", nor Increased or Exaggerated Values or Prices. If you are Looking for Real Values, Come to This Sale.

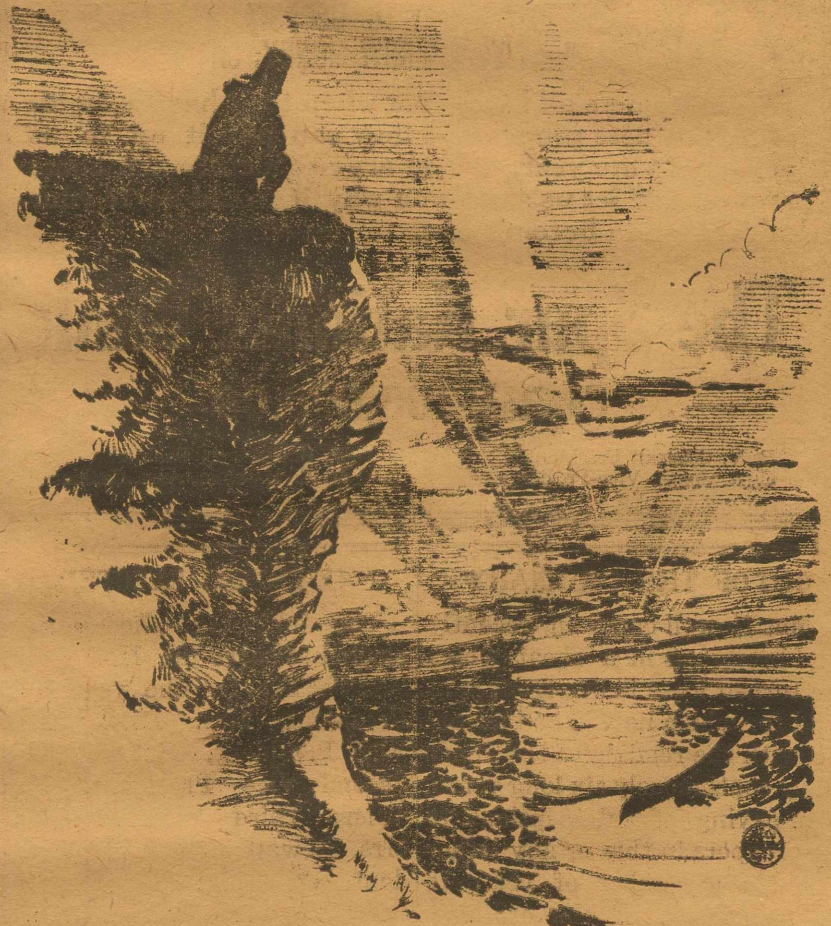
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TEXAS NEEDS

GREAT MEN

XIX. PROCRASTINATION

NAPOLEON lost the battle of Waterloo because a division of his army was behind time and he died a prisoner at St. Helena, and France lost her place in civilization. The pages of history are replete with stories of nations that have withered and decayed because their leaders were behind time and the stream of progress is lined with the wrecks of nations that lost their opportunity because their leaders procrastinated. There can be no greater tragedy than that of an overtaken horizon.



NAPOLEON A PRISONER AT ST. HELENA

Let those who would light the signal fires of progress start the road grader on the 140,000 miles of unimproved public highways in the State; plan the construction of 50,000 miles of railroad; lay the foundation for a million factories, and make the wheels of industry spin. Texas needs great men.

HIGH COST OF LIVING DUE TO EXTRAVAGANCE

Modern retail business is not conducted along the same lines it was a dozen years ago—or twenty years ago. The housewife no longer takes her basket and food, pays for it and acts as her own delivery boy. She uses the telephone. She insists upon fruit and vegetables out of season she has it charged she has it delivered to her back door. For these luxuries—for luxuries they are—she must pay. If the fruit is out of season, then it must have been ripened artificially or kept in cold storage, and this work is done by commission men who charge the groceryman, who in turn adds the charge to his customers.

Look into every detail of modern living. How many men today shine their own shoes? How many men who live over ten blocks from their places of business walk instead of riding on a street car? How many go home for the midday meal? How many shave themselves?

Whence comes the money for the manicurist? For the multiplying barber shops? Why the ever-increasing automobile trade. Twelve million people rode on Indiana interurbans last year. Twice that number rode on local street car lines within the State. The man today who wears a "hand-me-down" suit is the object of derision. He at least must have it made to measure.

Who pays for the moving picture shows? Who makes the vaudeville a profit? A hundred thousand stand in line to buy seats in the bleachers prior to the world's baseball championship series. The number of pianos sold on the installment plan would reach twice around the equator. We have more saloons than we have groceries and more cigar stores than either.

We demand hot and cold water, a bath, electric lights, janitor service, with an ice chest and a range thrown in. Where is the family who would put up with the "good old days" when we jumped out of bed and had to break the ice in the pitcher in order to perform our morning ablutions? Where is the family bath tub, a la Diogenes? What proud head of the household is content to do without hardwood floors and submit to the indignity of the old fashioned rag carpet?

High cost of living is due to many factors, and it is too high. But is it due to the greed of those who buy?—Richmond (Ind.) Palladium.

ESTRAYED: One Red Ball faced cow, branded RS under half circle on left side, crippled in left hind leg. Liberal reward for the cow or information as to her whereabouts.—R. S. Holman Spur Texas.

W. B. Griffin made a business trip this week to Dallas where he spent several days.

Buy Your Lumber, Paints and Oils

FROM

BRAZELTON-PRYOR COMPANY
SPUR, TEXAS

Always Open For Business

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

**IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!
IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, SAY SO!**

Our customers all know that when they have a legitimate business proposition they can put it up to us any day in the year, if you are not a customer, come around and let us show you why it would be to your advantage to become one.

The Spur National Bank
Capital, 100,000.00

R. V. COLBERT, President,
C. A. JONES, Vice-President

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
M. E. MANNING, Asst. Cashier

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Mat Howell came in recently and brought us in a shoat which he turned loose in our front yard and for which he will be burdened with the reading of the Texas Spur continuously six long years. The paying of subscriptions to newspapers in this or any other country a number of years in advance is out of the ordinary and we admire the nerve of Mr. Howell in being the standard bearer along that line in this neck of the woods, and should some unforeseen and general calamity not befall, we assure him that we will deliver the goods and admonish others to follow his example.

RETURN FROM EASTLAND.

J. H. Edwards, of the north part of the county, called in at the Texas Spur office Wednesday and said that he had just returned from Eastland county where he attended the burial of his father who died at his home near Ranger. Mr. Edwards was one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of that country, and we extend sincere condolence to the bereaved relatives here and elsewhere.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected to serve the Home Mission Society for the year 1912: President, Mrs. Baker; First Vice President, Mrs. Broyles; Second Vice President, Mrs. Tyler; Third Vice President, Mrs. Stewart; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Link; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Morris; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. Richburg; Press Reporter Mrs. McClure, Treasurer for Foreign Department, Mrs. Dunn; Agent for "Missionary Voice", Mrs. Hearn. — Press Reporter.

Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, was brought to the Standifer Hospital for an operation Sunday. The operation was successfully performed and the many friends of the family will be glad to know that Mrs. Hamby is now doing nicely and rapidly recovering.

W. M. Bender handed us a dollar this week, following this action with a kick, admonishing us to move on about our business — and we did so with more alacrity.

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler

**Real Estate
Fire Insurance.
Life and Live Stock Insurance.**

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G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Steting a Specialty. Near the Gin

NOTICE

To the poll tax payers of Dickens county: According to the ruling of the Attorney General of Texas all Poll Tax payers must appear in person, at the County Court House, the Collectors Office, in order to receive a Poll Tax Receipt.

Therefore we cannot accept orders for poll tax receipts, and I wish to further more warn you that you have only until the 31st of January, 1912, to get your receipt.

Yours truly,
H. P. Cole, Tax Collector, Dickens County Texas.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Billberry are the proud parents of a fine girl, born New Years day.

J. E. Hagins has several children on the sick list.

Charlie Carlisle was confined to his bed the first of the week.

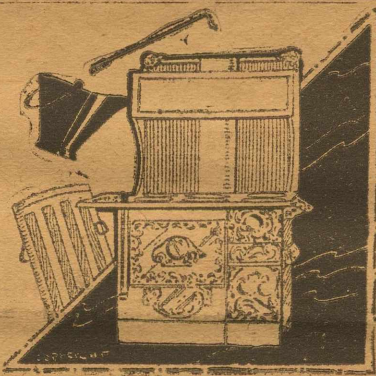
Miss Morris, from Stamford, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris.

Mr. D. D. Hagins has a good case of the blues. Cheer up D. D. she'll come back.

Rev. W. B. Bennett preached to a large congregation at Steel Hill in spite of the bad weather.

Mr. Charlie Brooks has been on the sick list for several days.

Why talk so much about the weather? Everybody knows all about the old fashion winter we are having. — Johnny Jump-Up.



THE WANTS OF WINTER

are now asserting themselves, and among them are stoves, ranges and the scores of little things incidental to their proper fixing and running. We are prepared to show you a large new stock of

HIGH-CLASS STOVES AND RANGES

in all the best and most popular makes and styles and with the very latest improvements. Also separate grates, bars, lifters, lids, coal hods, poker, etc., etc.

Riter Hardware Co.

NOTICE

The Annual Share-holders meeting of The Spur National Bank, will be held in its Directors room on Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Signed, G. W. Sherrod, Cashier. 6-5t

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W. J. Lewis, Mgr.

Mr. Fred Odam, who has been on the Plains several months, is down visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odam south of Spur.

All Kinds of Feed Kept

**WE HANDLE HIGHEST GRADE
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See me Before You Buy. First-class Wagon Yard Accommodations
Plenty water and good camp house. 1 Block west of Spur Hardware

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Spur Grain & Coal Co. Spur, Texas

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

We are keenly appreciative of the business, encouragement and moral support you have given us, and we trust the relations and friendships established between us during the short period of our existence, will continue to grow into even closer bonds of mutual interest.

Those whom we have not had the privilege and pleasure of serving, so far, we cordially invite to call, and we assure them of our sincere desire to be of service to them.

With New Year's greeting to all

Yours sincerely,

J. R. WALKER,

MRS. W. J. WALKER.

January 2, 1912.

WILL BE CANDIDATE

Sheriff Cole was in Spur Tuesday on official business and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and stated that since this is campaign year and those who desire to vote will have only a few more days in which to secure poll tax receipts. He reported that we urge the entire citizenship to not neglect this matter. The law requires that each poll tax payer must appear in person at the county court house to pay and receive his poll tax receipt, and in order to vote in any election such receipt must be issued on or before January 31st. Since there has been considerable speculation on the part of voters here as to whether or not Mr. Cole would make the third campaign for the sheriff's office, we asked him the question and he said that he would be in the race since he did not know what else to do. Sheriff Cole has made Dickens county one among the best officers of the state and there are no better men than H. P. Cole elected to any office.

ZERO WEATHER

Uncle Pink Higgins and Baxter Scoggins were in the city Tuesday from their Cat Fish ranch and report everything froze up in that country. During the week we have had zero weather, and old timers say it has not been colder than for many years.

See J. B. Morrison for any amount of wood to be sold on his place 12 miles southwest. 10tf

J. P. Gipson was in town Tuesday and said that he is now doing all of his outside business preparatory to begin turning the sod when the ground thaws out. Incidentally he had another name added to our subscription list and said that he would bring us in a load of wood the first cold day.

N. B. Fuquay, of Red Mud, was in Spur Tuesday and while here called in and contributed another dollar to the Texas Spur subscription fund for which he has our sincere thanks.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city last week and reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

J. E. Shelton and family, of the Plains country, were in the city this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bramhall.

Mrs. J. R. Harper, of Grandfield Oklahoma, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Odam of a few miles south of Spur last week.

Poet Hagins was in recently from his home in the Gilpin country and reports everything in good shape out that way.

J. D. Harkey came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours in the city on business.

FOR SALE: Headed maize and Polan China pigs.—Mace Hunter three miles southeast Spur. 92tp

Tom Wright, a prominent man of Stamford, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business.

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Nice, Clean Rooms and the Best Table the Market Affords.

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MOVED!

We have just moved our Grocery business to the West Side of Burlington Avenue where we will continue to sell the best

Staple and Fancy Groceries The Market Affords.

At this, the beginning of a new year we wish to thank all our customers for patronage given us during the past year, and wish each and all a prosperous year during 1912

Let Your New Year's Resolution Be To Trade With

Hisey Grocery Co.

Burlington Ave.

Spur, Texas

PREPARING ANOTHER CROP

Judge McClain was in Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and stated that he was preparing for another crop, but that he intended to plant more grain, feed, hogs and stock and only a few acres of surplus cotton on his place. When every farmer in the whole country adopts such farming methods the people will become more prosperous and independent, have less work and have more time and opportunity to school and educate children. Judge McClain is one of the oldest settlers of this country, is now among its most prosperous citizens, and he does not have the appearance of a man who has been enslaved to a single idea of producing cotton. A man must practice diversification on the farm as well as to have a diversity of ideas and opinions to succeed.

MOVING TO SPUR

T. E. Rucker moved the latter part of last week to Spur from his former home in the Croton country. Mr. Rucker moved here for the benefit of the advantages offered in school and educational facilities. We understand that two of his boys will take courses in the Draughts Business College which is now established and in operation here, while other children of his family will attend the Public School. Spur is surely and rapidly taking its proper place as an educational center as well as a recognized agricultural and commercial center. Since the very beginning of the town the citizenship has been most solicitous and labored incessantly for the establishment of schools and the advancement of educational facilities, and at the present time such efforts are being crowned with success.

RETURN TO SPUR

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens returned Tuesday from Comanche where they spent several days with relatives. They had started to Maybank where Mr. Stephens had accepted a position as manager of a hardware business, but on account of the mingeitis "epidemic" in that section and other parts of Eastern Texas they returned to Spur convinced that no place is better or freer from diseases and "epidemics." We welcome them back home.

SPUR SCHOOL GROWING

J. A. Murchison and family, of the Draper country, moved last week to Spur for the purpose of sending their children to the Spur school. We are glad to have Mr. Murchison and family as citizens of the town and assure them that in no other place in Western Texas would they have found a better school or more educational advantages than here.

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Pure Bran, Corn Chops, Shorts, Best Oats, Shelled Corn, Screened Cake for "Range Cattle", Meal Hulls and Pressed Cake for Milk Cows, Special Horse Feed, Alfalfa and Prairie Hay, Seed Wheat, Best Winter Turf Seed Oats, Rye Johnson Grass, Millet, Threaded Maize, Blacksmith and Large Lump Coal. We have a complete stock and would appreciate your business.

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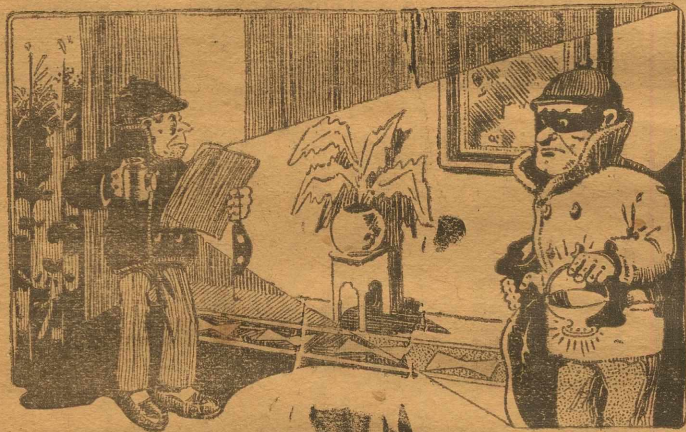
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Because they always go into the best of homes

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People have learned that there is a lot of difference in the quality of lumber, and as we make quality our "long suit", particular buyers take no chances, but buy what they need from us.

Our stock is complete, and our prices as low as you can get.

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START RIGHT ...With The New Year...

Make a resolution now to buy American Gentleman and American Lady Shoes. We still have a few suits of Schwab Special, Ladies Coat Suits. Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats to go at a bargain. In fact we carry everything in the General Merchandise line. Call and see us before you buy. Our prices are right and we give you something worth your money.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS,
Bryant-Link Co.
Keep The Quality Up

Extremely cold weather continues as has been the case during the past thirty days. We now predict that the biggest crops known will be produced in the Spur country this year.

Arthur Poole has been quite sick the past ten days, but is now able to resume his duties at the Hinson & Poole Grocery.

J. L. Traweek and family left Spur Tuesday for Berclair where they intend to make their home in the future.

Mr. Poole and daughter, Miss Addie, are spending the week in Abilene on business and visiting friends.

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur Thursday of this week.

J. Carlisle was in the city Thursday from his home in the Gilpin country.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burgoon is quite sick of pneumonia.

Mrs. Roy Elkins and two children, Evelyn and Georgia Mark, and Mrs. Williams, of Post City, spent several days this week at the home of Uncle Buck Hardin, spending one day of the time with friends at Jayton.

Samuel T. Clemmons, Jr., the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clemmons, is reported quite sick this week at their home in the city.

Mrs. D. I. Herndon returned Wednesday from a visit to friends and relatives at Eskota and Stamford.

Miss Lillian Grace returned Wednesday from Prescott where she has been visiting the past week.

Since the recent cold weather quite a number of cases of pneumonia is reported in the city.

Bob Howsley, of Abilene, is in the city visiting his father, G. A. Howsley.

W. H. Lain, of Dickens, was in the city Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at the Spur office. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

Uncle Buck Hardin made a trip this week to the Plains country where he spent several days on business and greeting his friends.

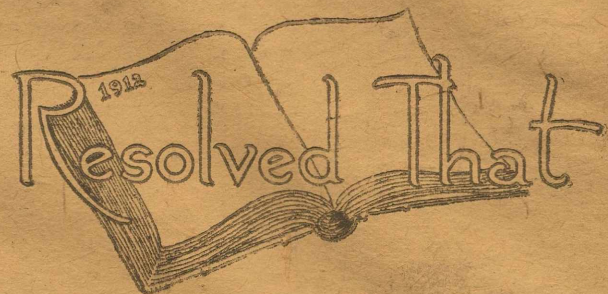
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—S. Power. tf

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Optimism turns up the corners of my mouth, and incidentally the other fellow's. But I won't carry it to a Nirvana state of inactivity. The world must move, I know.

A smile will carry me more successfully through the coming year than a frown. Besides, it's more becoming.

My husband is not a hero to the other woman. She thinks her partner is just as good. I will give her a chance to sound his praises.

I will not shake the other girl's false hair in the man's face. If it is a good match, he will not believe me; and if it is an obvious substituti-

tion, he will think that I am catty. In either case I lose.

"Truth is a moon reflected in many waters," says an eastern proverb. I will remember that when questioning my erring child.

"Union and liberty, one and inseparable, now and forever," is a pretty good motto for married ones. The trouble is that liberty drifts into insignificance, and union ends at the divorce courts. I will be wise.

Despite the fact that love makes the world go round, he cannot pay the gas bill or the rent. I will look out for the bread and cheese and love will provide the kisses.

TAP TELLINGS

Well, everybody and everything is on the move now, even the north wind moves down about every twenty four hours at the rate of sixty miles a minute.

But few attended the W. O. W. Parade Saturday on account of the extremely cold weather.

J. H. Vincent and family have gone to Oklahoma where they will reside in the future.

Copeland Brothers are moving this week to the Wilson farm a few miles east of Spur where they will farm on a large scale this year, having secured a two hundred acre farm. We hope they may make one hundred bales of cotton and get a good price.

R. B. Bryant, of Spur, was here a few days ago the guest of J. S. Neal and family.

A Mr. Jones, of Jones county, has located on the W. C. McArthur farm for this year. We welcome Mr. Jones among us.

T. S. Lambert made a flying trip to the Plains the past week looking after business matters.

Y. L. Jones, of Spur, was here a few days ago in the interest of his business.

Jim Perkins had business at the county capital this week. We failed to learn if the clerk issued the proper papers.

J. R. Hinson, of Steel Hill, was here this week on business.

Thomas Rutherford, of Spur, is moving into our community this week where he will farm this year. — Gadabout.

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ESTRAYED: One Red Ball faced cow, branded RS under half circle on left side, crippled in left hind leg. Liberal reward for the cow or information as to her whereabouts. — R. S. Holman Spur Texas.

W. B. Griffin made a business trip this week to Dallas where he spent several days.

WE SINCERELY THANK

Our friends and customers for
the business of the past year.

We Wish You a Prosperous 1912

And solicit a share of your
patronage in the future.

Yours Truly,

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