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POLL TAXES PAID.

384 Poll Taxes, Including Exemptions, Were Paid In Dickens County.

The Texas Spur is informed by Sheriff Cole that 384 poll tax receipts, including 12 exemption certificates, were issued to citizens of Dickens county before the first day of February.

The number of poll tax receipts issued in the county does not include the total voting strength of Dickens county. There are a large number of the citizens of Spur who, like this writer, paid their taxes, including the poll tax, in other counties but will have a vote in the elections to be held throughout the year.

Spur was created and opened to the public November the first and those who located permanently at that time and up until the 23rd of December will have been in the county six months by the time the July Primary election is held and will be allowed a vote. There is no sure way of making an estimate of the number of citizens who will be allowed a vote under such circumstances, but this writer estimates the number to be from 160 to 300, probably the greater number being nearer correct, and should this be the case Dickens county will have something like 634 qualified voters by the time the July primary is held.

If Texas Spur is correctly informed there were 290 poll tax paid in the county last year. The increase of practically four hundred voters within a few months is conclusive evidence that this section of country is developing, and by the time another general state and national election rolls round Dickens county will be in a position to "cut some ice" in the political campaign.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce J. A. Murchison, of near Casco, as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Mr. Murchison has been a resident of the county during the past ten years and is well known to all the older settlers.

Mr. Murchison settled on his place near Casco about ten years ago and since that time has been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He uses good judgment in his business affairs and has been successful, and if selected to assess taxes will no doubt attend the duties in the same business like manner as has heretofore been his custom in personal affairs.

We ask our readers to consider J. A. Murchison's candidacy at the July primary.

CONCRETE PRINT SHOP.

The Texas Spur is now having a permanent home built on Fifth street and work is now in progress on the building.

The office will be constructed of concrete blocks and cover a twenty five by forty foot lot. The contract was let to W. H. Morrison, an expert concrete man and one who has had years of practical experience with such work on both individual and government jobs. He proposes to make this building not only substantial but one of the handsomest of its kind in the country. We want everybody in the country to watch the progress of this building and when it is completed we want you all to come around and see us, inspect our shop and make yourself at home.

As said heretofore, The Texas Spur has confidence in the town and country, and we expect to show this confidence by our works as well as statements made in the paper. We are making arrangements to install in our office, when our permanent home is completed, an extra fine and large printing press, paper folder, stitching machine, perforator and other material. In fact, we intend to have not only a handsome and substantial office building but will have one of the best equipped print shops in Western Texas. We are not rich by any means, and the only money we ever had or expect to have will be from the results of hard labor. We are going to stay with the people and keep in the procession of the town in advancements and improvements, and we expect the town and the people of the country to stay with us and assist us in publishing a paper in Spur second to none in any Western town.

Since establishing the Texas Spur the business men of Spur have been most liberal in patronage and the people of the Spur country have given us liberal subscriptions to the paper, which fact is highly appreciated. We expect to improve not only our office and equipment in the future but publish a bigger and better paper and in every way merit the liberal patronage and good will of the town and country.

AFTER THE RAILROAD.

J. E. Johnston and Bob English left Tuesday morning for Spur. It was none of our business what they were going for, but we could not resist the temptation to ask Bob, and we got the information in a nut shell. He said: We are going down to see if we can not pull that railroad to Emma, and if we fail, are going to build it ourselves. Everybody knows Bob is able to carry out his threat, so look out for the cars!—Crosby County News.

BUILDING CALLABOOSE

Necessary Funds Donated Aud Work will Begin At Once.

This week J. M. Bennett and Mr. Griffin made a trip to Dickens and placed before the commissioners court, which is now in session, the matter of erecting a callaboose in Spur. While the matter of building a callaboose here is not a necessity, since we are all peaceable and lawabiding, yet such a structure will serve as an excellent bluff and might possibly to some extent prevent the wayfarer from becoming too boisterous or unruly on certain occasions.

However, the court granted the permission necessary and we understand that one hundred and twenty five dollars has been donated by the citizenship for the purpose of building a substantial, neat and possibly a comfortable structure and have it ready for service at an early date.

A PRACTICAL FARMER.

M. L. Blakeley, a prosperous farmer of near Afton, was in Spur Wednesday with cotton which he sold to Spur buyers for fifteen-ten. While here Mr. Blakeley was a pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office, and it was indeed a pleasure to meet him and hear him tell his experiences in farming in this section. He is a firm believer in the country and naturally likes to tell what the country will grow and express a firm belief in its early development and future greatness.

Mr. Blakeley has been farming in this section about eight years, and from his experiences during that time says that this is the best all round farming section in the country. He says the country will produce more stuff with less labor than any country he ever saw. On his place he has grown three fourths of a bale of cotton, and this year, notwithstanding the dry weather of the whole country, his cotton crop averaged more than a third of a bale to the acre. He says he never chops his cotton and gives it only one plowing with one or two harrowings, and says he gets better results.

This country, Mr. Blakeley says, will grow all kinds of the finest fruits, berries and garden truck, and will make more cotton with less work than any country.

Mr. Blakeley is a practical and experimental farmer and as a natural consequence is a successful farmer. He has plenty corn, kaffir corn and hogs and from past experience knows that "scientific farming" will produce better returns with much less labor. He knows by practical

experience that this country is second to none in agricultural resources, wants to see the country develop, and knows the time is coming when this section of country will be recognized as among the very best and richest in agricultural resources.

FIRE IN SPUR.

Tuesday the new residence being built for R. B. Bryant caught fire and the inside of three rooms was considerably damaged. The residence only lacked about an hour's work of being completed when one of the workmen doing the finish work let some turpentine catch fire. The paper and canvas in three rooms was burned and it was only by prompt action that further damage was prevented.

AMONG THE BEST.

Jentz Phillips, of near Tap, was in Spur Saturday and while here had the Texas Spur sent to J. J. Phillips, Bell, Oklahoma. Mr. Phillips has been in the Tap country nearly two years, and during the time has been successful in the farming business. He says he has not heard from his relatives since he came here and is having the paper sent to give them a gentle reminder that he is in the land of the living and is doing business in a country where the farmer is the most prosperous citizen. We knew Jentz Phillips before coming to this section of country. He has been in many sections of the country and says that the Spur country is among the very best of all he has seen anywhere.

FOR SALE.

Barred Plymouthrock Eggs for sale from pure bred fowls. E. B. Thompson strains, \$3 per 15. Leave order with Barber & Hancock. Mrs. J. C. McNeill, Alamo Stock Farm, Spur Texas.

KEEPING IN PROCESSION.

Bill McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were in Spur Tuesday. Mr. McArthur has our thanks for another subscription to Texas Spur. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section of the country and that he, with others, is keeping in the procession by building and making improvements.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Frank Goff, of the city, has our thanks for six new subscribers to Texas Spur this week, he having the paper sent to six different parts of the country. This is the proper way to let the people know that Spur is on the map of Texas and that the town is doing something. Texas Spur will tell them what is going on and advise them to come over and help us. Many thanks Mr. Goff, we will try to make this a good investment to you, the parties to whom the paper is mailed as well as to ourself.

MARKETING COTTON.

Spur Merchants are Paying The Very Top Price For Cotton.

During the past week considerable cotton has been coming to the Spur market from the surrounding country and adjoining counties, and in every instance the Spur merchants maintain the established reputation as a superior market for the staple product of the country.

Cotton reached this week the high price of fifteen-twenty-five, this price being paid for a number of bales during the week. This is the highest price ever paid by any cotton market in this section of country at this time of year. The farmers of this and the surrounding country appreciate the Spur cotton market and show their appreciation by coming miles and miles not only to market cotton but to purchase supplies and merchandise of various character.

The merchants of Spur are not only making this the highest and best cotton and produce market of the country but are establishing a commercial center and trading point second to none and one which will be recognized at the head of the list of Texas Towns. They carry large and well selected stocks, know the needs of the country and are prepared to supply the trade with every character of merchandise required.

GOOD PRICE FOR COTTON.

Tom Hicks, G. B. Davis and T. L. Brantly, prosperous citizens of near Afton, were in Spur this week with cotton to sell and also to do some trading with Spur merchants. These gentlemen sold their cotton for a good price, some of them being paid fifteen-twenty-five.

ELECTION PRECINCT

The Commissioners' Court this week created a new election precinct, designated as Election Precinct Number 10. This precinct will give Spur a voting box and which will be a great convenience to voters of Spur and surrounding country, since Red Mud would have been our voting box had the new precinct not been created.

Texas Spur will publish next week the Court's order and the boundary lines of the new voting precinct.

The Court also created a Common School District embracing twenty five square miles of territory of which Spur is the exact center.

In creating the district at this time the state school funds will be apportioned this year to this district.

Spur Grain & Coal Co.

DEALERS IN

Grain, Hay, Coal and
Cotton Seed Products

Highest Prices Paid for

Hides and Furs

Deck Powers moved his confectionery and cold drink business this week to the Royal Hotel building where he will be permanently located in the future. New furniture and fixtures and a swell soda fountain will be added to the business in the new location and the many friends and patrons of Deck Powers will hereafter be served in a "Royal" manner.

Mrs. R. C. Morrison and little daughter, Miss Ruthen, came to Spur Monday from Hico where they have been on an extended visit to relatives.

A. S. Jackson was in Spur Monday from Dickens.

Insure against accidents in Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Stamford. See M. H. Herring & Co. Agents.

W. W. Walker was in Spur Friday from his place near town.

Mr. Day and family, of near Tap, were in the city trading the latter part of last week.

Gascon Romney spent several days las week in Spur. He is an expert and successful solicitor in the advertising business and is having several thousand cards printed for the business men of the town.

Protect your property by taking out a fire insurance policy with M. H. Herring & Co.

Rev. R. A. Stewart and family recently moved to Spur from Dickens. He will be employed here as the regular pastor of the Methodist church.

Prof. N. L. Clark and Miss Day, of near Tap, were in Spur Saturday and pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

Mrs. W. N. Blackwell and children spent Wednesday of last week with her sister, Mrs. Tol Merriman and family, at their home six miles south of Spur.

LOCAL CLIPPINGS

Aubrey Loyd, a prominent merchant and business man of Afton, spent several days in Spur last week on business.

Miss Neva Love, of Dickens, visited Sanders Taylor and family in Spur last week.

Miss Burnum was a visitor in Spur Sunday from Dickens.

Ely Harkey and family, of Dickens, spent Sunday in Spur.

W. F. Walker, of near Spur, was in the city Friday on business.

Miss Ella Garner visited her sister, Mrs. M. L. Jones, of Espuela, Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. C. O. Brannen visited his brother at Spur Sunday and says he had a good dinner.

The schedule on the mail route from Dickens to Spur has been changed. The hack now leaves Dickens at 9:15 a. m., and arrives at 5: p. m.,—Dickens Item.

B. F. Brock

RESTAURANT
AND CAFE....

First-Class Meals 25 cts.
East side of quare,
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Willard Rooming House

Furnished rooms hfor rent by day or week. Best accommodations. See us for rates.

Corner 5th and Willard.

There is a Watch Repairer in Spur.

I have located in Spur a branch jewelry store. It is my intention to put in a first-class stock of watches and jewelry in Spur and it will be my endeavor at all times to give you the best quality in jewelry at the lowest prices. We repair watches, clocks and jewelry of all kinds. All work guaranteed. My business here will be in charge of Mr. W. C. Grubben, a first-class watch repairer.

GRUBEN JEWELRY CO.,

Located in Lambdin Dry Goods Store. W. G. GRUBEN, Mgr.

FOR SALE.

*150 bushels of good cotton seed, also milomaize. Apply to P. Henson, Tap, Texas.

Fire insurance is great protection. It causes one to rest better of nights. See M. H. Herring & Co.

D. C. Aubrey, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Thursday. He has our thanks for a dollar on subscription.

E. J. COWAN

Fire Insurance
&
Notary Public

LEGAL CONVEYANCER

Office next door to New Nat'l Bank Building
PHONE 36

FOR SALE.

Opportunity is here. A choice corner lot—new house \$600, another \$450. A large selection of choice lots and acreage, easy terms.

BARNEY JOHNSON,
Spur Texas Land Co.

G. L. Pruce, of Kansas City, spent several days last week in Spur visiting his brother, S. H. Pruce and family.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

Following is the program for the Dicken County Teachers Institute to be held at Dickens, Texas, March 25-26, 1910.

1. Preliminaries, 10:00 10:30.
 2. Psychology from a physical basis, 10:30 11:15. C. O. Brannen.
 3. Sensation related to education, 11:45 12:00. Mrs. Jackson.
 - NOON.
 4. Impulses and emotions, 1:15 2:00. Nat Patton.
 5. Memory and its cultivation, 1:00 2:45. J. C. Allison.
 6. Preparation and application of lessons, 2:45 3:20. Miss Erie Ham.
 7. My success and failures, 3:20 4:00. Ellsworth Ham.
- Friday evening entertainment. 8:00.

SATURDAY MARCH 26.

1. Habit Psychologically, 9:00 9:45. Prof. St. John.
2. Perception and conception 9:45 10:34. R. E. Brannen.
3. Instinct, 10:30 11:15. Mrs. R. E. Brannen.
4. Sympathetic contact; 11:15 12:00. Miss Etta Ferguson.
- NOON.
5. My method of obtaining the co-operation of the patrons, 1:15 2:00. Arthur Woodburn.
6. The incorrigible boy, 2:00 2:45. J. W. Hilton.

Adjournment.
Committee, J. C. Marshall, Nat Patton, C. O. Brannen.

B. G. Walker of near Gilpin was in Spur Thursday of last week with a load of wood for sale.

See us for Posts, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement

AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Richardson Lumber Com'y

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

S. Harvey and E. H. Blakely, of Liberty, passed through town enroute from Spur, Wednesday, where they had been for supplies.

N. F. Richards, the popular restaurant man of Spur, was in Dickens on business Wednesday night and Thursday.

J. M. Rowland is spending the week at Spur attending to business.

W. A. Johnson, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in Dickens on business Thursday.

Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, was in town Tuesday and filed a new plat of the town of Spur.

A. M. Sowell, formerly of Post City but now of Spur, was here the first of the week.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sewell, who formerly lived here, but now of Spur, will regret to learn that their little three years old daughter happened to the serious accident of losing the sight of one of her eyes by sticking a pair of shears in it. The accident occurred some two or three weeks ago.

Mr. Spights, who went to Spur a few weeks ago, has returned to stay. They all come back.

Master J. T. Julian and sister, Georgia, went to Spur Monday returning Tuesday with their sister, Mrs. Gus Catchings.

A total of 240 poll taxes paid and 27 certificates of exemption were issued in Garza county this year.—Post City Post.

Will walker and wife, of two miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur.

Mrs. J. C. McNeil and family were in the city Saturday from their home fifteen miles west of Spur.

Judge W. T. Andrews, of Stamford, was among the visitors to spur this week.

B. W. Baker and wife returned last week from California where they spent several weeks on their wedding tour. They report having had a most interesting trip, but stated that the most interesting sight on the tour was a view of the flying machine. The machine was under perfect control and after making a long flight returned and alighted at the appointed place.

Allen Askey and family came in last week from the Baker place, six miles from Spur, where Mr. Askey has been breaking sod. Quite a number of men are employed in breaking sod on the Boker place. Mr. Baker is putting in about four hundred acres this year.

Mrs. Frank Talbert and sister, Miss Vivian Williams, recently came to Spur. Mrs. Talbert will make Spur her permanent home.

Herman Morrison came up this week from Rotan to superintend and assist in the mammoth sale to begin Saturday at R. R. Morrison's establishment in Spur. Read the advertising pages and profit thereby.

The Spur National Bank

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000
FULLY PAID

OFFICERS:

R. V. Colbert, President. C. A. Jones, Vice, President.
W. G. Sherrod, Cashier. C. G. Chandler, Asst. Cashier.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Homer D. Wade, Secretary of the Stamford Commercial Club has been invited to make a talk to the business men of Spur on matters pertaining to commercial club work preparatory for making the Spur club a permanent organization. He will be here about the 22nd of this month and every business man and citizen of Spur is requested to be present.

A. F. Brooks, who has been visiting relatives in this section during the past three months will leave soon for Colorado City and Elida, N. M.

The fencing crew of Tap, with W. A. Copland as manager, is fencing for E. Luce one and a half miles south of Spur. The crew has a contract to fence four miles which will be completed in a few days.

DOG'S COMPANY SIGN OF LUCK

Cleveland Business Man Welcomed Association and Incidentally Points Out a Moral.

"One of the most embarrassing predicaments I ever found myself in happened to me to-day," said a Cleveland business man. "I was trudging around in the mud and mire, trying to elbow my way among the crowds and save from destruction a valuable piece of cut glass, when a poor dog, wet, cold and no doubt hungry looked up in my face and evidently saw something to encourage him to follow me.

"Go where I would, all day that dog was at my heels, and, having no time to attend to his wants and no place to give him shelter, I tried to lose him, but it was no use. From my childhood I have been taught to regard it as a sign of good luck to be followed by a strange dog, and even now, after half a century's experience of life, that same idea clings to me. As a last recourse, I went to a restaurant and bought ten cents' worth of scraps which I placed in an empty hallway for my companion, and left him to eat it while I made my escape.

"Now, the moral of my little story is this: If a child is taught to be kind and considerate to the poor, uncomplaining dumb animals, that contribute so much to our pleasure and welfare, he will continue to practice it all his life. If he were taught that it is cruel to whip a horse, or kick a dog or throw rocks at birds, there would be less suffering in the world, for it is certain that the person who willfully inflicts pain upon a helpless animal will do the same to his fellow-man when there is nothing to deter or prevent him."

SUBSTITUTE LOBSTERS.

Consul Joseph A. Howells writes as follows concerning the fisheries of the Caicos islands: "Last summer this consulate suggested that it might pay American lobster packers to send a man to this colony to visit the Caicos islands to investigate the question of supplementing the home catch of lobsters by using the crawfish, which are plentiful in that vicinity and are similar to our lobsters, minus the large claws. Curiously enough, the report had not been forwarded a month when an Englishman came with a canning outfit, which he put in operation at these islands, and by the last Bristol steamer he made his first shipment of a number of cases of canned crawfish, conchs and green turtle, the latter abounding on the banks which surround the Caicos group."

NOT ANYTHING SO WONDERFUL

Simple Explanation of Benny's Promotion in the Realm of the Schoolroom.

Benny's intellectual achievements were far from notable, but in the eyes of his small sister he was none the less a wonderful personage," says the Youth's Companion. She keenly resented allusions to his lengthy stay in the last desk row at school, although Benny himself took quite a cheerful and philosophic view of the matter.

One afternoon the little girl appeared, flushed and panting in the library doorway.

"Daddy," she exclaimed, "you promised Benny a dollar when he got moved off the bottom bench, and now he's up in the next row with me—and," Benny himself entered just then, in his usual unconcerned way.

"Why, what's this I hear, my son?" his father welcomed him. "I'm very glad you've worked your way up—." The boy stared uncomprehendingly. "Elsie says you're in the second row now," his father continued, in explanation.

"Course," returned the youngster, imperturbably. "We're all in the second row—the bottom bench's being painted."

UNDISCIPLINED STAMPEDES.

Tip of the New York Press remembers when many Americans picked their nostrils, habitually played with their whiskers or mustaches, spat anywhere at any time, put their feet on chairs and tables, fidgeted, loved quarrels and grievances, and sought and found them everywhere. Lawyers wrangled and swore and threw inkstands in open court. Most of those things are now found only far back in Breathitt county, Kentucky. Still, we rush hither and yon, like madmen. When a drawbridge is being swung over the sweet Chicago river every rude Corinthian within blocks will wear his liver and lights out to be first across. Once across he will stop and idle away minutes at any trifling sight. On our ferryboats and cars we see the same rush and stampede of wild asses, all the time, all the time. Boors mistake this noise and rush and bluster for business, whereas it is only a silly, childish, brutish, undisciplined, impulsive waste of time, energy and good nature.

SCALES THAT CHEAT.

Our attention, says the New York Times, has been called to an unusual form of cheating consumers by computing scales. The cheat is not in the weights of the machine, but in the arrangement whereby it automatically calculates the price of the purchase. Coffee at 30 cents a pound registers at two cents an ounce, but a featherweight above the pound would register as two cents extra. The dealer gains on the fraction of weight, according to the advertisers of the device, three per cent. above the understood price.

But this is only one of a variety of cheats by small dealers through which, according to the report this year by the superintendent of weights and measures, the public of this state loses at least \$20,000,000 annually.

OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

It is estimated that the census of 1910 will show that the United States has a school population of at least 14,000,000. The school army ten years ago was 13,367,147. Of that number 4,266,302 were between the ages of five and nine, and 6,453,394 ranged from nine to fourteen. About 13 per cent. of the whole number were from 15 to 17 years old, and about five per cent. were 18 years of age or upward. Of all the children between five and nine reported in the census of 1900 only about one-half regularly attended school; of those from nine to fourteen, four-fifths attended, and of those from 15 to 17 a little more than two-fifths.—Chicago Examiner.

It's A Hummer!

WE are sorry to state that many customers visited our store Saturday to buy of us who were compelled to go elsewhere on our account of being unable to handle the crowd. We hope to be able with better facilities in the future that this may not occur again.

All winter goods are the same Sacrifice Price as previously stated. We are showing in connection with Cut Prices on all Heavy Goods Special prices on Embroidery, Inserting, Corset-cover widths, Flouncing and Laces, white Lawn, Persian Lawns and French Lawns with beautiful high class Inserting of grades to match. Come to us every day during the remaining 7 days of this SALE. We will prove to you that it's worth your while

J. A. Lambdin & Co.,

C. L. LOVE, Mgr.

THE STORE THAT SELLS THE BEST

SPUR, TEXAS

GOOD JOKE ON JOURNALIST

Clerk of Parisian Hotel Had All the Best of Encounter with "Green" Correspondent.

Since M. Bjornstein-Bjornson, who is in feeble health, has come to Paris to receive medical care, the hotel where he resides has been invaded by newspaper correspondents of the entire world, desirous of informing themselves of the state of health of the great writer, says a Parisian journal. The clerk of the hotel has been bothered greatly by their inquiries, but has answered them with good grace. He finds that the German journalists, more than others, abuse his complaisance. The other day the correspondent of a great Berlin weekly asked with much insistence: "How is the master?" "Better, much better," was the answer.

"Is that so? Well, then, I am going to see him, to congratulate him."

"Impossible; he has just gone out."

"You say so?"

"Yes, he has gone to breakfast with Tolstoy."

The journalist remained a moment, surprised by this marvelous cure. He then said: "Certainly, not on foot."

"Just so, came in hand."

The journalist jumped for the telegraph office and sent, with many embellishments, the good news to Berlin.

An hour later he heard from his journal: "You are an astonishing idiot. How can Bjornson breakfast with Tolstoy, who is at Yasnaia Poliana?"

Furious, the journalist returned to the hotel, demanding that the clerk pay for his erroneous telegram.

"How much did your telegram cost?" inquired the clerk.

"Thirty-two francs 50 centimes."

"Very well. I set a price on the time I lose in these interviews. You have interviewed me 32 times, and you owe me a balance of 27 francs 50 centimes."

T. C. Copland and G. F. Martin were in town Thursday on business.

The Spur market keeps plenty of fresh home made beef on hand to supply the

M. H. Herring

Hanson Womack.

M. H. Herring & Company,

Law, Land and Insurance.

Write Deeds, examine Titles, Make Contracts, Write All Kinds of Insurance and Look After rentals Agency For the American Bond & Surety Company.

Office Up Stairs In Jones New Building

TO GROW ROSES BY THE TON

A Pennsylvania Project That If Summated Promises to Produce Fragrance and Profit.

A hothouse, which will be the world's largest structure of the kind, is being erected at North Wales, Pa., and will be devoted exclusively to the growth of American Beauty roses, 100,000 bushes of which will find shelter beneath its immense expanse of glass. The flowers will be grown by the ton. The house will be 700 feet long, 172 feet wide and 36 feet in height at its highest point. In its construction there will be used no less than 122½ tons of glass. It will be heated by steam, 65 tons of piping being required for the purpose. The foundation and sides of the structure will be of concrete. Its temperature must be maintained at about 60 degrees during the winter.

The American Beauty rose evidently is a product worthy of expensive cultural attention. At the height of the social season, from Christmas until after Easter, the roses sell at six dollars to \$18 a dozen.—Van Norden's Magazine.

The Spur market is feeding its butcher cattle on meal and hulls. It makes juicy, tender meat.

The Spur office for job work.

Spur Bottling Works
Will in the near future install an up-to-date Bottling Works in Spur and will appreciate your patronage.

J. E. Puryear.

The very best lard that you can get is the home made lard made by the Spur meat market.

Traveling men all say that the Spur meat market furnishes the best meat that can be had in any part of the country. If you do not trade at this place you had better form the habit.

MORRISON'S MID-WINTER SALE!

Sale Closes Saturday, February twenty-sixth.

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THE TALK OF SPUR AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY

THE greatest Price-smashing Sale ever held in Dickens county Hundreds of people are taking advantage of this great opportunity to lay in Dry Goods Clothing and Shoes at cut prices.

COME and take in this Great Money Saving event. It is the greatest chance you will have to save on the thing you will have to buy. Every dollar's worth of Dry Goods Stock must go; we need the room for spring goods

COME AND GET YOUR SHARE OF THE BARGAINS. SALE CONTINUES UNTIL FEB. 6th

Sale
Continues
Until
SATURDAY,
February 26th.

R. R. Morrison

SPUR, : : TEXAS

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SATURDAY,
February 26th.

LOCAL CLIPPINGS.

Misses Lottie and Pearl Richards of Spur, were in town visiting friends Wednesday.

W. D. Vinson and Ed Ray, of Spur, were in town on business Wednesday.

C. F. Cates of Spur, was in the city Monday transacting business.

Quite a crowd from town attended the big ball at Spur last Friday.

W. S. Taylor, windmill man for S. M. Swenson & Sons, was in from Spur on business Wednesday. Mr. Taylor has sold his property on the plains and will locate permanent in Spur.

Miss Mildred Davis of Spur, is in town visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Martin Gap and baby of Spur, have been visiting relatives in town for several days.

Some of the material for the new jail is on the ground and as soon as preliminarys can be made construction work will begin. The bonds for the \$20,000 school building of Dickens have been approved by the Attorney General, and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made the work of erecting the building will commence.

R. F. McGill moved his trunk and other belongings to Spur Tuesday where he will engage in the land business. He has formed a partnership with C. M. Glenn of that place. Luck to

you, Robert, old boy.

Judge W. F. Andrews of Stamford, attorney for S. M. Swenson & Sons, C. A. Jones of Spur, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, W. N. Blackwell, Bob Brown and M. Gay of Spur, were in attendance at Court here today.

In the case wherein the State of Texas was plaintiff and O. F. Hubbard defendant, tried in County Court this week, the jury turned in a verdict of guilty and fined the defendant \$10 and cost. In this indictment Mr. Hubbard was charged with cutting and hauling wood from the lands of S. M. Swensons & sons.—Dickens Item.

WOOD FOR SALE.

See Fred O. McFall 3 miles northeast of Spur.

DOMESTIC TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

The proposal which has been set forth in Germany to compel all girls to undergo a period of training as domestic servants was foreshadowed by George Gissing in the "Private Papers of Henry Ryecroft." "I had rather see England covered with schools of cookery than with schools of the ordinary kind; the issue could be infinitely more helpful. The girls should be taught cooking and baking more assiduously as they are taught to read. . . . The idea of the glorious revolution could be wrought in our troubled England if it could be ordained that no maid, of whatever rank, might become a wife unless she had proved her ability to make and bake a perfect loaf of bread."—London Chronicle.

THE THRESHOLD OF THE YEAR

Solemn Thoughts That Arise as One Faces the Coming Twelve Months of Good or Ill.

I have passed the door which opens to another year. The latch of the door was lifted for me by hands not my own, I could not stay in the old year any more, even if I tried. I loved its suns and snows and even its storms and darkness were good for me. I do not mind now the sting of the pain dart which struck me, nor am I ashamed of the resultant scar. And then, sometimes, there was the touch of gentle hands and the kinship of understanding hearts! These were my wine in weariness. All that is past—all save the memory of it and the effect of it; these abide—a part of the fiber of my latest self. But for this other year—the strange, new one—what? I ought not to ask. A veil is over its days, mercifully. I only know that I have essayed it; that it is but a little bit of the whole span of life, an annual unit in the sum of time; and that in it lie my farther adventure and opportunity. I shall go on. From their height the stars will see me, the earth will prove itself my friend all over again, and I shall meet my brothers on the way.—Richard Wightman, in Success Magazine.

HELP FOR COLLEGE WOMEN.

Mrs. Maria M. McClure of Springfield, Mass., who died recently, left \$6,000 to the International college, in which she took much interest. She designated in her bequest that the money was to be used as a scholarship fund, the income of which should be awarded to "young women who take the entire college course." This college was first known as the French-American college and as such it appears in her will.

P. P. Cole made a business trip to Rule.

INDIA A MOSAIC OF CASTES

Society in Eastern Land Divided into Numberless Forms of Grotesque Distinctions.

No other country on earth furnishes even a distant parallel to the structure of Indian society, a society in which the lines of division are still the primitive lines of race, religion and caste, deepened by centuries of incessant warfare; in which more than 40 different tribes or nationalities, speaking over a hundred and eighty different tongues and dialects and confessing nine different religions, are jumbled together in a formless and inextricable mosaic and subdivided again into something like 2,400 castes, each caste a distinctive, exclusive, separate entity; in which three-fourths of the people live by the land and nineteen-twentieths of them are wholly illiterate; in which faiths, usages, habits and customs are preserved with a jealousy and intensity far beyond the range of occidental experience; and in which power is held, government administered, justice dispensed and progress furthered under the authority and direction of a handful of rulers summoned from a distant northern island to guide the destinies of one-fifth of the human race.—North American Review.

The Spur meat market has the best butchers, best meat cutters and furnishes the best and fattest beef. When you want nice tender meat go to the Spur meat market.

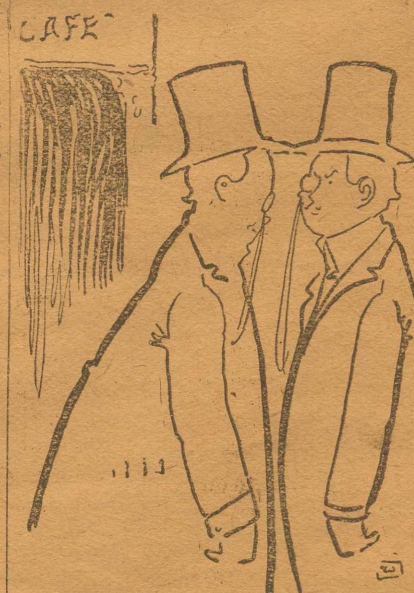
John Callahan was in Spur Tuesday from his place near town.

E. Shaw was in Spur this week from the Wichita community in the northern part of the county.

REQUISITE HOURS FOR SLEEP.

As a race we sleep too little, says a writer. An infant's life is nearly all sleep. Gradually, as the child grows older, the hours of sleep are shortened to half the day, or about eight hours. Youth until the age of 20 is reached requires fully 10 hours sleep. Although nature demands less hours of sleep in summer than in winter, it has been proved that eight hours of sleep is required for the average male adult in good health. By this is meant not simply eight hours in bed, but that amount of good, sound, restful sleep night after night. Our power to work is intimately related to our ability to sleep and there is no more reliable indication of sound health than the capacity to sleep naturally and the more active and energetic the waking life the deeper the sleep.

HIS ARDUOUS DUTIES.



Clarence—Percy has a job as a director. He reports at noon each day, and if there is nothing to do he goes out to lunch.

Fweddle—But suppose that there is.

Clarence—Then he goes out to lunch just the same.

Wall Paper

A Complete Stock of Wall Paper is now on the road to Spur. Will be located until January 1st in Barber & Hancock grocery store.

Scofield Paint & Wall Paper Co.

W. F. Godfrey.

C. C. Tyler.

GODFREY & TYLER

Realty Company.

We always have a bargain for the prospector.

CALL AND SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY

Will Rhodes, of the Spur Ranch was in the city Saturday on business.

Judge A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, had business in Spur Saturday.

John and Marion Day, of near Tap were in Spur Saturday trading and attending to other business in the city.

D. C. and Frank Abney were in Spur trading Saturday.

Sebe Lambert, a prominent citizen of Red Mud, had business in Spur Saturday.

Fount Harrell was in Spur Saturday from Red Mud.

S. S. Alcorn, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud and Tap countries, was in Spur on business Saturday.

Mr. Peterson had business in Spur Saturday from his place in the Red Mud country.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens county. Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon O. E. Simpson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice court of precinct No. 3, Dickens county, Texas, to be holden at the office of the Justice of the Peace of said precinct, in the city of Spur, on the third Monday in February, 1910, the same being the 21st day of February 1910, then and there to answer a suit filed in said court on the 26th day of January 1910, said suit being numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1, wherein Tom Davis is plaintiff and O. E. Simpson is defendant. The nature of plaintiff's demand being Suit to collect thirty one dollars and ninety cents, five dollars and twenty-five cents of said amount having been made payable by check to the pur Grain Co. for value received and endorsed to plaintiff herein; six dollars and sixty-five cents of said amount having been made payable to plaintiff herein by check dated December 8th 1909, for value received, and the futher sum of twenty dollars as attorneys fees, making the sum

PUR SHEET METAL WORK S

::: EVERYTHING IN SHEET METAL :::

East Side Barber Shop

TIDWELL & LEE, Props.

We give you smooth shaves, up-to-date hair cuts and first-class work in every respect.

of thirty-one dollars and ninety cents.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Issued this the 26th day of January 1910.

E. J. COWAN,

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3, Dickens county, Texas.

John McKeever, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the July Democratic primary.

For District Attorney:

ISAAC O. NEWTON

B. D. GLASGOW, (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:

CEPHUS HOGAN

For County Judge

F. C. GIPSON

For Tax Assessor

E. L. HARKEY

Bain wagons are the best and don't cost any more than other makes. Buy yours from Spur Hardware Co.

WATER

When you want water hauled I will be glad to serve you. I give prompt service and will appreciate any and all favors shown me in the water supply business.

W. M. KIRKPATRICK

T. A. HART

Will give close estimates on painting and paper hanging

First Class Work Guaranteed

J. E. MORRIS,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Office north of bank block.

J. T. MEERS,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Calls answered promptly day or night.

DR. G. M. BACHELOR,
DENTIST
Office at Spur Drug Company.

T. T. Bouldin P. C. Maynard
BOULDIN & MAYNARD,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
Special attention given to examination of titles.
SPUR, - - - TEXAS

B. F. EDWARDS,
VETERINARY SURGEON & DENTIST
Will be in Spur 2nd Saturday of each month. Bring your horses and have teeth worked over. Examination free. At livery stable or wagon yard. Work guaranteed

DR. ALECK SPENCER
Specialist
Practices Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses correctly fitted. Abbott Building, Stamford, Tex.

--- GO TO ---

The Ladies Bazaar
For Ladies Furnishings

Ladies Sweaters, ready-to-wear, waists, childrens sweaters and toques at special bargans

WHILE THEY LAST

The Royal Hotel

East Side Burlington Ave

Powers and Son, Proprietors

ill be open for business at an

EARLY DATE

Table Board \$4.00 a Week
Board & Lodging \$5 a Week

Confectioneries

We will have in connection with the hotel
a full line of Cigars, Tobacco

ONE OF THE SWELLEST SODA FOUNTS IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE INSTALLED, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED TO CALL IN AND SEE US

Automobile Tickets For Sale On All Lines

H. K. PARKS

Up-to-Date Livery
and Feed Stable...

SPUR,

TEXAS

Miss Jeanette Maynard, of Dickens, spent Sunday in Spur with Misses Kate and Nell Mahon.

Mrs. Mewt Bittick and little son, Quilla, who have been visiting relatives and friends the past ten days at Rotan, returned this week to their home in Spur.

NOTICE.

All persons who have not received deeds to lots purchased in Spur may secure them at the Townsite office, Please bring original receipt to be exchange for deed in accordance with terms.

Stamford & N. W. Co.,
C. A. Jones, Agent.

Canton Clipper turning plows, Rod plows and Success Sulkeys have been sold in this country for years and have given universal satisfaction. Spur Hardware Co. sells them.

EMMETT LEE

Carpenter & Contractor..

WORK GUARANTEED

Plans and Specifications Furnished

Y. L. Jones has been on a business trip the past several days to Southern Texas points.

L. L. Greer, a prosperous citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

The Texas Spur is clubbing with the Dallas Semi-Weekly News, and will give the two papers for \$1.75 a year.

Dick Cravey was in Spur Saturday from Red Mud.

Joe Martin, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday.

Charley Smith was in Spur Saturday from the Red Mud country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sparks were in Spur Saturday from their home in the Tap country.

R. L. Womack, who is engaged in the construction work of the Spur Bank building fell from a twelve foot platform Saturday and was considerably bunged up. Mr. Womack fell on his head and shoulders, and while his injuries were painful no serious results are expected.

J. E. Sanders, the contractor on the Bryant-Link building, has our thanks for a dollar on subscription to the Texas Spur. The Bryant-Link building will be a credit when completed to both builders and the contractor. It is one of the finest mercantile establishments in the country.

Announcement Of The DIXIE STORE.

HAVE just opened up our stock in the Craig Building, north of the new bank building and we take pleasure in giving a little outline of our prices and hope to get our share of your esteemed patronage. We are thoroughly familiar with the dry goods business; as we have been connected with it for the past 16 years and our buying connections are exceeded by none. Our goods are all bought direct from the manufacturers, leaving out the Middle-man's profit. And further, we are with 17 stores. In our buying when we tell you we buy cheap for the cash you don't wonder that competition trembles under heavy onslaught of Prices. While we are here for a profit and so are you our stock is not quite complete yet but what we have we are proud to save you money.

Staples	Clothing--Continued.	Hats--Continued.
Best Calicoes..... 5c	On down to..... \$8.00	10.00 " "..... 8.50
Hope Domestic..... 10c	We have the pants which are	12.50 " "..... 10.00
Sea Island Favorite..... 10c	the standard of the world for value and	Don't fail to give us a look when you want
Gingham checks..... 8 1-3	good fitters	a Dress Hat or a Stetson, We think ours
Dress Gingham..... 10c	\$7.00 Pants..... \$6.00	are the best.
A. F. C. Brookfold Gingham..... 12 1-2	6.00 Pants..... 5.00	Shoes
Climax Brown L L Domestic..... 8 1-3	5.00 Pants..... 4.00	We are very sorry but our stock of
Good heavy Cotton Flannel..... 10c	4.50 Pants..... 4.00	Ladies and Children's Oxfords have not
Good heavy Outing..... 10c	4.00 Pants..... 3.50	arrived but our line of Men's is complete.
Good heavy Shirting..... 10c	3.50 Pants..... 3.00	Our Lines are:
Curtain Scrim worth 25c..... 15c	Remember our prices are the same to	Stetson shoes, all black, tan and ox-
All pure linen Table Linen..... 75c	everybody--when the price is cut we cut	blood..... \$5 to \$6.50
Table Damask, all colors..... 40c to 50c	to everyone.	J. P. Smith shoes..... 4.00
Mikado, Japanen Silks..... 50c	Hats! Hats!! Hats!!!	Beacon shoes..... 3.00 and 3.50
Willa, 36-in. blk Taffeta guaranteed..... \$1.00	Here is the thing we are strong on. Our	We think the Beacon the best shoe made
Clothing	Hats are made for us and we guarantee	in the United States for the price.
Our Clothing is something we are proud of	every Hat we sell to give satisfaction.	Shirts
Our \$22.50 Garson, Meyer & Co.	\$3.00 Hats all shapes and colors..... \$2.50	Ferguson and McKinney and Ely & Walker
Suits..... \$18.50	4.50 Hats " "..... 3.50	shirts..... 50c to \$1.25
Our \$20.00 " " "..... \$16.00	6.00 Stetson Hats..... 5.00	
	7.00 " "..... 6.00	

We Are A One Price Store

Best Prices and the Price Is the Thing

All heavy goods we will meet any prices made on them. No one will appreciate your business any more than we will.

It's No Trouble For Us To Show Goods

It's A Pleasure For Us Because the Price is Right and Is The Price the thing

Our Millinery and Silks we look for any day as they are due. Our Silks we bought direct from the importers at San Francisco. Our Ladies' Hats come from New York where the styles are created. We don't like to take any more of your time in reading our appeal and feel that we have given you a small outline of our business and trust you will give us a show.

WE LEAD
OTHERS FOLLOW

DIXIE STORE.

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C. E. House "The Price Is The Thing".

Our Glove stock is complete: both Work and Dress Gloves of the best advertised line in the United States: THE GREAT WESTERN. Every pair Guaranteed to give satisfaction.

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 \$17.50
PER ACRE**

with some additions when close to town.

THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a
HOME.

In The Richest Valleys And Uplands of Texas.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR.

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state has decided to place an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstrations 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 recognize 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 prices. 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 2,000 to 2,500 feet.

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**

TAP TELLINGS.

Weather continues pleasant without molestation of the buds which have already begun to swell to opening. Some plums are already in bloom producing a beautiful sight for the eye and a delicious sensation for the olfactory organ since the aroma in the early blooms are very attractive to mankind.

J. Carlisle, Commissioner of precinct No. 3, was in our community the past week inspecting roads. This is a correct way of having good thoroughfares for our people. We understand he will advise a bridge building at Tap in the near future. We say hurrah for good roads and bridges and men to see they are arranged for the people.

Joe Day of Floyd county, a Christian preacher, brother to J. E. Day, a genial fellow and good looking gentleman, passed our way on a trip to Spur with a view to investing in property there. He reports a pleasant time with plenty of good looking people in Spur.

A dining by Mrs. J. E. Day last Sunday was enjoyed by some neighbors and this writer. As hostess Mrs. Day has few equals and being an excellent culinarian her viands were enjoyed by all present and a desire expressed by them for a recur-

rence of the same happiness again.

Through the agency of G. C. Pass, of Spur, a trade was effected this week between J. E. Day of Tap and a Mr. Jones of Ellis county, for one section of land of Mr. Day's fine farm west of Spur. We understand Mr. Jones will subdivide this land into quarters and will occupy same with a fine grade of stock soon. We give Mr. Jones the right hand of fellowship and wish him success in the west.

Ara Ray of the Half Circle S Ranch has returned from his extended visit at Sweetwater. He says the reason he did not bring a Mrs. Ray on his return was she interposed and objected. We wish you success in your next effort Mr. Ray.

Earnest Young, of the Half Circle S Ranch, is visiting his parents at Lockney, and will return by way of Dickens City visiting his aunt, Mrs. Wilson at that place.

George Greenwade, our bachelor neighbor, talked to seven young ladies at one time in Spur Thursday and had three to call on him Friday. George says they were all good looking and were real kind to him but he yet does not quite understand how to begin a matrimonial proposition. Miss Mamie Zumwaldt, one

of our sweet spirited school girls was quite a contributor in our news items this week for which she has our thanks and best wishes for her success in life.

B. E. Anderson came from Spur to day after feed which he raised on Scotch Bill's place, he having moved to your town to grow up the rapidity of a drama so to speak while keeping apace with Spur.

Our school is in fine working order, each student in attendance making satisfactory progress, understanding that success depends on their own individual efforts.

A peddler, Mr. Haggard from Brownwood, passed our way this week but had few sales as our people prefer to trade with the merchants of Spur thereby keeping the funds near home. That is right people, patronize home industry.

Ye Editor is invited to our school to the exercise next Friday evening and to Tap that night to the Literary Society. Be sure and come please and bring the little editors along.

PENCIL PUSHER.

Miss Nell Mahon left this week to attend a business college of Fort Worth.

O. P. Kiestler made a business trip recently to Emma.

NO. 9611 TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Office of Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D. C. Dec. 15, '09

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK" in the town of Spur in the County of Dickens and State of Texas has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK" in the town of Spur in the County of Dickens and State of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one Hundred and Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this fifteenth day of December, 1909.

LAWRENCE O. MURRAY,
Comptroller of the Currency

Go to the Spur Rooming House for first-class beds and furnished rooms. First-class accommodations to all. There is always room for one more.

C. C. HAILE, Prop.

T. G. Harkey, Sam McCombs and B. G. Worswick made a business trip last week to Emma and Crosbyton.

Mrs. Ada Travis was a recent visitor to relatives at Emma.

HEARD DICKENS' LAST WORDS

Miss Hogarth, Now 84 Years Old, Was at the Deathbed of Great English Novelist.

The most interesting person at the recent Dickens bazaar at Caxton hall, in London, England, was Miss Georgina Hogarth. Miss Hogarth is 84. She was a child when she went to live under the roof of her brother-in-law, Charles Dickens, and she remained a member of his household till the final summons came to the great novelist. She was with him when he was struck down. His last words were, "On the ground." She alone heard them.

It is generally supposed that Miss Hogarth was in Dickens' mind when he jotted down in his notebook the following outline of a "character" for future use: "She—sacrificed to children, and sufficiently rewarded. From a child herself, always 'the children' (of somebody else) to engross her. And so it comes to pass that she is never married; never herself has a child; is also devoted to 'the children' (of somebody else); and they love her; and she has always youth dependent on her till her death—and dies quite happily."

Mrs. Barrett came in last week from Stephenville and joined her husband in Spur. Mr. Barrett is associated with Mr. Lyle in the Sheet Metal Works and will make this their home in the future.

Mrs. Dave Gray has been quite sick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Squyres and little son, Don, are visiting relatives this week at Afton.

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O. V. B. Cuttelry, the best on earth.

When in need of anything in our line give us a call and get our prices for they are always right

Are You Going to Build?

There are a number of things to consider when you go to build a house. The first thing to consider is the place to get lumber, and your selection of a place to purchase material should always be from the very best and most reliable lumber men, a firm that will give you what you need and want. The next consideration is the price, and in price and quality of material we can not be beat anywhere by any firm. We have a large stock of lumber and building material of all kinds and will be glad to supply you in our line and will at all times give the very best service, the very best material and the very best prices.

CAYLOR-LEARD LBR. CO.

Mr. Anderton is the first citizen of the town to put out trees and begin to beautify his place in this manner. He says he will soon build a nice residence and the only thing lacking will be some one to care for the home and its beauties and comforts. Some charming Miss will be given an opportunity to secure a home and Mr. Anderton requests that all do not speak at once nor delay this opportunity too long.

Monday Dr. Morris left Spur for his former home on account of illness. Dr. Meers diagnosed the case as diphtheria. The doctor reports considerable illness in the city at this time, the majority of cases being the grippe and severe colds.

Attorney Maynard, of Dickens was in the city this week looking after the interest of Bouldin & Maynard law office now established in Spur.

Mrs. Van Leer has our thanks for twentyfive cents for a three months subscription to Texas Spur, she having the paper continued going to B. B. Gainer, Gomez, Mr. and Mrs. Van Leer recently sold their farm near Spur to their son, Wayne Van Leer, who will make a crop this year on the farm. Mr. and Mrs.

Van Leer will reside in the city and will devote their time and attention to looking after and improving their town property. We are glad to have them as citizens of Spur and wish them a pleasant and prosperous home in the city.

George Greenwade, a prominent citizen of a few miles north of Tay, was among the many people in Spur trading Saturday. Bud Morrison reports having traded Mr. Greenwade one of his new machines.

Mrs. J. W. Buzbee and children, of Hamlin arrived in the city last week and will make Spur their home in the future. Mr. Buzbee will be employed with the Riter Hardware Company.

Mrs. R. E. Beck, of Boird, left Frida after spending several days in Spur with her father, W. R. Wade. Mrs. Beck was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office while in the city and stated that Spur was a much better and larger town she expected to see, and that she would be glad to make this her home.

Jim McArthur and wife, of Red Mud, were in Spur trading Saturday.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE SPUR NAT'L BANK.

AT SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JANUARY 31ST., 1910.

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 59,527 00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	\$ 397 30
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	\$ 25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	\$ 247 22
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 9,874 16
Due from Nat'l Banks (not reserve ag'ts)	\$ 8,711 06
Due from approved Reserve Ag'ts	\$ 63,240 71
Checks and other cash items	\$ 14 68
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	\$ 2,260 00
Fractional paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	\$ 52 05
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$2,111 70
Legal-tender notes	\$7,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per c. of circulation)	\$ 1,250 00
TOTAL	\$179,685 88
Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000 00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Tax paid	\$ 322 54
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	\$ 160 40
Individual deposits subject to check	\$ 79,202 94
TOTAL	\$179,685 88

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

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

W. G. Sherrod, Cashier.

Correct Attest:
C. A. Jones,
F. S. Hastings,
R. V. Colvert,
Directors.

Ed McArthur, of Red Mud, was in Spur Saturday.

Tom McArthur was in Spur recently from his home in the Red Mud country. Tom says he is keeping batch now and that it gets pretty lonesome some times. However, he says he has a partner coming in soon from Kentucky and then it will be not so disagreeable. Tom is a fine fellow and we can't understand why he don't secure a life partner?

M. W. Palmore, of Baird, was in Spur last week, spending several days in the city with W. R. Wade.

B. J. Hagins, of several miles southeast of Spur was in the city Saturday on business. Mr. Hagins reports that he has cleared about a hundred acres of new land and has turned up the sod preparatory for this year's crop. In many sections of the country the old settles are putting in new lands, and with the large number of new settlers now clearing land and turning sod there will be thousands of acres of new land growing crops this year. Let the good work go on. The country needs more farmers, and incidently more farmers need the country.

Sheriff Cole had business in Spur Monday from the county seat. Mr. Cole reports that 372 poll tax receipts were issued and 12 exemptions in Dickens county.

Bartley Feed and Fuel

Grain, Hay and All Kinds of Feed and Fuel

North Side of the street one-half block west of Burlington Avenue.

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Bargains In Lands

166 A., 5 miles of Spur all fenced; 320 A. in cultivation, 70 A. grubbed, good well water. \$23 per A. 1-2 cash, bal. 1 to 5 years, 8 per cent.

320 A. 4 miles Cone, Crosby Co.; 3-room house, all fenced, 110 A. in cultivation, well, windmill, shed orchard. \$20 per acre.

80 A. 20 miles northwest of Spur, 50 A. in cultivation, 2-room house, well, windmill, fenced, \$22 per A. bonus \$3 per acre to State, \$1000 cash, bal. 3 years, 8 per cent.

160 A. 4 miles of Dickens 15 A. in cultivation, 25 acres grubbed, all fenced, 2-room box house, well, windmill, \$15 per a. 1-2 cash, balance terms

320 A. 16 miles north of Dickens, 140 a. in cultivation, two wells and windmills, good 4-room house 3 a. in orchard, all fenced with 4-wire, \$23 per acre, \$3000 cash, bal. 3 equal annual payments, 8 per cent interest.

160 A. sandy loam, 75 a. in cultivation, 100 a. more tillable, balance pasture, 2 a. in orchard, 4-room house, good barn, well, windmill, smoke house, buggy house, \$25 per a., \$2000 cash, balance in 3

equal annual payments, 8 per cent.

160 A. 4 miles west of Sayse, Okla., 80 a. in cultivation, every foot good tillable land, north side of North Fork Red river 1-4 mile from river, above overflow, \$1200 cash bal. 5 equal annual payments 8 per cent interest.

900 A. near Wake, Crosby Co., 80 a. in cultivation, good house, well, windmill, all good smooth land, \$12.50 per a., bonus, part cash, balance terms.

640 A. Terry Co., 6 miles of Brownfield, tight red chocolate land, \$10 per a. bonus \$1.50 to State, 3 per, \$1000 cash, \$2000 in good trade, bal. terms 8 per cent.

320 A. in Hale Co., all good, smooth agricultural land, \$18.50 per acre, 1-3 cash, bal. 3 equal annual payments, 8 per c. interest.

6 sec. 5 miles north of Alenreed, 75 per cent tillable, fenced and watered, \$11.50 a., \$10,000 cash, bal. 8 years, 6 per cent.

80 to 640 a. good shinary land, \$5 to \$12 per a., part cash, balance terms.

Several good quarter sec. 3 to 5 miles of Spur, \$20 to \$25 per acre.

H. T. BURGOON,
Spur, Texas.

J. B. GEORGE

Contractor & Builder

Plans and specifications furnished on application Office at Richardson Lumber Co.

C. E. House, formerly of Childress, opened up this week the Dixie Store and is now prepared to serve patrons and the public in anything desired in the dry goods line. Read the page ad of the Dixie Store.

P. G. Higgins was in the city recently from his ranch on Cat Fish. Mr. Higgins reports having killed a big deer just before the end of the season. He is putting in new land, building a new rent house and making other improvements on his place.

Phone 28

THE

'White Front' GROCERY STORE

When you want fresh, clean

GROCERIES
LOWEST PRICES

J. W. Hodges

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Bob Greer and Luther Greer were in Spur Saturday from the Red Mud country on business.

John Weathers was in the city Saturday from the Spur ranch.

WE SELL EVERYTHING

A Complete line of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Staple and Fancy Groceries.

The Famous Bulte's Excellence Flour
NO BETTER MADE.

Keen Kutte Hardware, Sag Sulkies, Disc Harrows, Cultivators and Planters, New Moline Wagons, and in fact a complete line of the celebrated John Deere Implements.

We handle well known Baker Perfect Galvanized barbwire Painted Cable wire. Our warehouse will be vacant soon

AND WE WILL CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF
Wind Mills, Pipe, Fittings & Cylinders
ALSO WOOD AND STEEL SUGAR RODS

You are invited to call at our store and get our prices, see our stock, compare our goods with others and you will find **OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT.**

Spur should be your shipping Point and therefore should be your Buying point, and our store your headquarters when in Spur. Why?

BECAUSE WE HANDLE EVERYTHING!!

We will move to our new building on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street February 20th or March 1st. Every lady is especially invited to call and look through our Dry Goods Store, and we will take pleasure in showing our stock of goods

Also we wish to announce that we will have an up-to-date line of millinery

A Milliner That Will Please!

Something new in the Famous Florsheim Low Quarter Shoes and Pumps for Men. A Complete Line of the Celebrated Dortha Dodd Low Quarters and Pumps for Ladies

Remember this, that if you always buy from Bryant-Link Company

You Will Have Good Luck!

we are anxious for your business and we will please you.

Our Motto:
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A Full Assortment of John Deere Buggies is expected to arrive and be added to our large stock at an early date.

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SPUR, TEXAS.

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CARRY AT ALL TIMES A FULL LINE OF
L U M B E R
AND ALL KIND OF BUILDING MATERIAL

We want to figure your bills.

We sell the Devco Paint

The trade of Spur and the surrounding country is solicited and will be appreciated. We carry a large stock in our line and can supply your needs.

J. B. CONNER,
Dealer in Grain
And Hay

WAGON YARD IN CONNECTION. SPUR, TEXAS

J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin, had business in the city Monday. Mr. Carlisle is the efficient county commissioner of this precinct and is most active in looking after the interests of this section and working for the betterment of conditions, and especially is this true with reference to the good roads proposition. Mr. Carlisle is one of the old timers here and is one among our best and most prosperous citizens.

P. Henson passed through Spur Wednesday on his return home at Tap from a trip to Knox City and Benjamin. He reports that section of country in fine shape and with exceedingly fine crop prospects for another year.

R. W. Scurrey, of Stamford, is putting in a confectionery and cold drink business in the stand vacated this week by Deck Powers.

We call especial attention to the advertising pages this week. Read the page ads of Bryant-Link Company, R. R. Morrison and J. A. Lambdin & Co. Other smaller ads in this issue will also interest you.

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Meet all trains and give prompt service. Safe moving and heavy hauling a specialty.

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DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

THE SELF-CONFIDENT MAN.

Foard County Nes (Crowell): We admire the business man who is not afraid of competition. It means that he is going to get there just the same as if he had not a rival in business. Such a man is not opposed to the growth of the town and the advent of a business competitive with his own. But the man who is opposed to progress, the man who would discourage every movement made to bring people to our country, is a burden to those who work for a bigger town and a more populous country.

Well said and spoken like a man. The individual who quavers in his boots every time he contemplates competition is a self-confessed incompetent. The really capable man, with red blood in his veins and brains under his hat, fears not competition from others half as much as slothfulness in himself and moss on his own back. He can meet the former face to face, and either beat it or join it, but the latter attacks him secretly and in the dark, sapping his strength and finally reducing him to ruin.

Willis Smith was in the city recently from Red Mud country and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He was looking for a lost hat and if any one has seen a stray hat around Mr. Smith would appreciate a notification to that effect.

Bud Morrison was in the city Saturday from the Red Mud country and reports everything O. K. in that section.

John Smith, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country was in Spur Saturday trading. We understand he traded for a new machine now being sold by Bud Morrison and Jack Maben.

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BUILD ANYTHING YOU WANT
FROM BRICK, STONE OR CEMENT

Houses, Culverts, Chimneys, Cellars, Flues, Cesspools, Sidealks, Cisterns
Sewers, Grain Bins, Silos, Henhouse, erno, etc.

WE BUILD THE BEST SIDE WALKS "WHAT IS" LET US SHOW YOU

M. H. Herring & Co. are out of fire extinguishers at this time but have fire policies galore.

L. T. Cochran, Deputy Tax assessor of Dickens county, will assess property in the town of Spur for the year 1910. Don't fail to see him.

O. O. LOVE,
Tax Assessor of Dickens, Co.

M. S. Faver, of near Afton, was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He has a fine place in the Cottonwood country, having about two hundred acres in cultivation and says that the past two years he has made small crops, and for that reason he would like to mabe a bumper crop this year, and from present indications this desire will be gratified. The country as a whole never had better crop prospects and with the continued practice of diversification by the majority of farmers the present high prices will maintain as well as abundant crops.

Willis Smith was among the many visitors to the city Saturday from the Red Mud country.

Brazelton, Pryor & Co.

LUMBER, SHINGLES, PAINT

All kinds of Building Material. We handle only the best Goods. Our prices are as low as good material can be sold.

...COME AND SEE US...

"No Trouble to Figure Bills"

Miss Callie Smith, of Red Mud, has secured a position in the city with a dry goods firm just opened up for business.

Tol Merriman and family, of a few miles south of Spur, were in the city the latter part of last week visiting W. N. Blackwell and family.

MARRIED.

Thursday, February 10th, Miss Grace Owen arrived in Spur from her home in Canada, supposedly for a visit to relatives and friends here. Miss Owen was met here by Aubrey Loyd, a prominent business man of Afton, and they immediately departed for Dickens where a marriage license was secured and the two united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Miss Owen is the daughter of Sam Owen, who formerly lived in the Red Mud country, several miles southwest of Spur, and having moved only recently to Canada. Mr. Loyd is a highly respected citizen and prominent business man of Afton.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd will join the Texas Spur in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Loyd a long, happy and prosperous journey over the matrimonial seas.

Our Job work is designed right.

Let us figure on that job work

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Bakery

J. D. WALKER, Prop. and Baker

BREAD

Fresh Bread, Rolls, Buns and Cakes baked every day in back of pur Meat Market.

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Carry a complete line of saddles and harness, all shop made. Repair work of all kinds done on short notice.

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