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No country offers more and better inducements to you . . .

THE TEXAS SPUR

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SPUR CITY

Has natural advantages which insure a city of prominence . . .

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SPUR CITY HAS THE VERY BRIGHTEST FUTURE LOCATED IN A RICH AND FERTILE TERRITORY

The Spur Ranch, located in Dickens, Kent, Garza and Crosby Counties and comprising about four hundred and thirty thousand acres of land, is now being subdivided and cut into small tracts known as Spur Farm Lands and being sold to actual settlers and farmers. Spur City is located near the center of this vast body of land, and since it is one of the richest agricultural sections of the country Spur is expected to rapidly forge to the front ranks as a superior commercial center and desirable home.

SPUR CITY PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD NOVEMBER 1.

Those who have for days and even months been waiting and watching for an opportunity to buy lots, establish business concerns, build homes and become permanently located at Spur will soon be gratified, and the building of a modern, substantial and progressive city will be under headway. The dissolution of the Spur ranch, the extension of the Stamford & Northwestern railroad and the creation of Spur City will be recognized in the history of Central West Texas as a great revolution and one of the big events, not only with respect to town building but in promoting the commercial, agricultural and industrial interests of the country as a whole. A brighter day has come and this section of country will witness an era of prosperity, progress and development unparalleled in the history of the West. Those who have during the past years watched the tide of immigration westward and compared conditions of today with the slow process and almost insurmountable barriers to progress and development of former years will not be surprised at the rapid and seemingly magic conformation of a veritable wilderness into fields of growing produce in great variety, thriving cities and a dense population within a very few years. Today this country is virtually a barren, uninhabited scope of rich and fertile territory, and the man who awaits another day and future developments will be disappointed not only in the rapid strides along agricultural and commercial lines but in the hope of securing cheaper lands and a more desirable home. No better or more productive country has ever been placed within the reach of the agriculturist, nor will any soil more readily respond to the hand of culture than will the Spur farm lands when properly tilled and fully developed. Such conditions insure a solid foundation for the building of a city, and by virtue of location and other advantages Spur is destined to become that city. At present the townsites people are making preparations for the opening day and sale of town lots on the first day of November. The Stamford & Northwestern railroad is now giving regular train service, the depot completed and other buildings going up in the city. The artesian well has reached a depth of more than seven hundred feet and work continues uninterruptedly. Temporary waterworks have been installed and all things now in readiness for a successful opening and the sale of numerous lots. You are invited to join us and assist in the building of a city and development of a country

SIDE-WALKS.

One And A Half Miles of Concrete Sidewalks Already on two Main Streets

The work on concrete walks for the two main streets of Spur is progressing rapidly under the management of Jordan Brothers of Stamford, and within a very few days Harris Street and Burlington Avenue in the new city will be completely adorned with up-to-date side-walks, thus contributing materially to the advantages of the town, comfort and convenience of the people and placing Spur in the front ranks as a modern city and a desirable location for the business man and homeseeker.

Up-to-date side-walks and first-class streets is a most important factor in the building of a city. It denotes not only progress but substantial growth and a bright future for any town, and is a convenience and pleasure to visitors and the public and a big attraction to the business man, the home seeker and investor.

That Spur will be an up-to-date and modern city from the very beginning is evidenced not

only in one but many instances of this character, and these facts will be appreciated by the public, noted by the outside world and reflect a deserved credit to the city, its builders and promoters.

SCHOOL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

At this time school advantages is an important item to those who are seeking a location and a desirable home, and in consideration of this fact a temporary school building is under construction on the Spur townsites and will be complete and ready for all children who are longing for the "good old school days" at the time the town is turned loose to the public.

WORKING ON THE BIG CUT

Last week Eby Brothers moved their railroad outfit to the big cut on the Stamford and Northwestern railroad six miles east of Spur. This cut is one of the biggest on the road and it is expected that it will keep a large force of hands working at least thirty days to complete the work to be done on this part of the roadbed.

WATER-WORKS.

Temporary System of Water Works Already Installed and Mains Laid.

A large well has been dug and a large wind mill placed over it and water mains leading to a high water tank on the townsites has been laid and now in readiness to supply the town temporarily with an adequate supply of water for all purposes.

The well is seventeen or eighteen feet deep and fifteen feet square which will supply a plentiful amount of water for the present needs. Piping we understand will be laid to the business houses and residences, thus giving all who build and locate in Spur a convenient and plentiful supply of water at once. Should the deep well prove a success a large reservoir will be built to supply any number of inhabitants with artesian water.

No advantages or superior accommodations for the public is being overlooked in the building and preparation of Spur for the people who are expected to locate business concerns and build homes, and taking these facts in to consideration with the superior

agricultural advantages of the surrounding country we can pardonably boast of such advantages and with assurance predict a great future for Spur and the country as a whole.

KONE ADVISES TEXAS FARMERS.

Some wholesome advice is given to the farmers of Texas by Commissioner of Agriculture Kone, in a brief statement made to the farmers of the state, and should this advice be followed, no doubt it will rebound to the interest of not only the farmers, but the state at large. Commissioner Kone says:

"The drouth has cut our crops short all over the state this year. Better prices, however, have kept the white wings of prosperity hovering over us. The crops in the greater part of the state have already been harvested. Now is the time for cleaning up and plowing. We are likely to have a series of dry years. Begin plowing now, and plow deeply. Harrow after each rain until planting time so as to produce a soil mulch. Cultivate shallow. Be careful in seed selection; secure good, pure seed as near home as possible and we can look with perfect confidence for a better yield next year.

SHIPPING CATTLE.

More Than A Hundred Cars Already Shipped And More Cars Ordered.

During the past ten days it is reported that more than one hundred and twenty cars of cattle have been shipped to market from the new town of Spur. It is further stated that more than another hundred cars have been ordered for immediate use in the shipment of cattle within the next few days.

Traffic over the new Stamford & Northwestern railroad has been immense since the track has been laid. This road is said to have the best roadbed of other lines of railroad in Western Texas and will be in a position to handle the immense business which is expected from this section of country.

NOTARY AND INSURANCE BUSINESS

Mr. Cowan, formerly of Dickens, has located at Spur and will engage in the insurance and notary business. Mr. Cowan is a genial gentleman and no doubt will get his share of the business in his line.

TEXAS SPUR

Subscription Price, \$1 Per Year.

ORAN McCLURE, Pub.

TRIP OVER THE COUNTRY.

R. H. McClure, solicitor for the Texas Spur, returned this week from his rounds over a portion of the country and has quite an interesting story to relate concerning the country, the broad and liberal citizenship and genial acquaintances formed during the short time he was in the field.

At Dickens City he met quite a number of the business men and citizens of the surrounding country, adding a considerable number of names to the subscription list of the Texas Spur and receiving much encouragement from generous people along other lines. The night was spent with Rev. Doaks and Editor Cobb of the Dickens Item who are good entertainers and possibly in the future Rev. Doaks will become a citizen of Spur.

From Dickens the trip was extended eight or nine miles north-east, meeting a number of people and facing about at the home of Steve Harvey, who lives on the Buchanan place. Here he saw good feed crops and fine cotton considering the conditions, and from all appearances a prosperous and contented citizenship.

From here he went across the shinnery to W. H. Adams' where another night was spent in a most hospitable home. Mr. Adams has good cotton and will make enough feed to run him through another year. He is a substantial citizen and one whom it is a pleasure to meet.

The next places visited were the Tap and Red Mud countries, which is considered among the finest farming belts within the bounds of Texas. Here, as at other places, a number of citizens were met and nearly all of whom had their names added to the Texas Spur subscription list which was appreciated and thankfully received. The next night was spent with T. J. McArthur, one of the most substantial citizens of the country. He has fine crops and will have feed to sell another year, his cotton crop being good comparatively, and which he is holding for a higher price before turning it loose to the spinners and speculators.

Among the other citizens met in this section was Mr. W. A. Cross of Red Mud, who had water melons galore and feed in plenty. Taking the trip as a whole a better or more liberal

class of people were never met up with and it does a fellow good to know that he will be permanently located in such a country and among such people.

NEW BUSINESS CONCERNS

Among the many business concerns coming to Spur on or before the opening are Mr. W. B. Gilpin, of Poett, who will put in a stock of groceries and conduct the business in a tent until permanent quarters can be secured. The firm name will be Gilpin & Co., and Texas Spur wishes them success.

There are a number of other business concerns coming to Spur and whose names Texas Spur was unable to secure under the many disadvantages which we encountered in the publication of this paper. However, it is assured that those who are coming will be sufficient in numbers and capable to make Spur a stem winding city from the very beginning, and it is hoped that each and every one will prosper and grow with the town.

NEW HOTEL COMPLETED

A new hotel has just been completed on the townsite near what is to be the business part of Spur and is now ready to serve the general public.

The building is a two-story structure, completely and handsomely furnished throughout, and will be under the management of Mrs. Mahone who is a noted hotel lady and has a state wide reputation, having managed hotels in a number of the leading cities of the state. Mrs. Mahone is noted not only in superior hotel accommodations but for unlimited hospitality and especial care for the comforts of her guests.

SPUR WELL SUPPLIED WITH LUMBER

The Texas Spur is informed that at least seven lumber yards will be in operation from the very beginning of Spur, and from all indications it is presumed that each firm will receive a liberal patronage. Quite a number of business firms have made preparations to begin building business houses just as soon as lots can be secured and the residence part of the city will no doubt begin building immediately, and which will make demands on lumber men and carpenters to the full extent.

Every indication points to the prediction that "Spur will be the biggest little city and fastest growing town on the American Continent" from its beginning.

GENERAL NEWS BRIEFS.

Commissioner of Insurance Love has reported to the attorney general what he considers a violation of the anti-trust law by the National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford and the Jefferson of Philadelphia. The Jefferson agreed to quit business and turn over all their business in the state to the National and assist that company in holding it.

Demands have been made on the Orient and Santa Fe for the removal of negroes brought to San Angelo for construction labor. A negro porter was severely beaten by white men, the day following a mass meeting.

The American Central, a projected railroad from Quanah to San Antonio, is being financed by Hornaday & Co. of New York. The promoters announce that construction will begin at an early date.

Coleman has a \$100,000 company organized to build a railroad to Brady and Llano, going through the coal mines to the southwest of Brownwood.

It is alleged that State Revenue Agent W. J. McDonald may sue tax collectors who have failed to collect taxes against circuses in Texas.

C. & G. Hagelstein have bought the vast Frank Kell ranch near Quanah and will sell it in small tracts to actual settlers.

B. F. Teague chief clerk in the comptroller's department, has formally announced as a candidate for comptroller.

The Santa Fe has offered \$5,000 for the apprehension of parties who wrecked a train on that line near Temple.

According to a ruling of the attorney general local dealers in school books do not have to pay gross receipt tax.

Government Cotton Figures

The government cotton report giving the condition up to Sept. 25th gives condition as about sixty per cent of the normal crop for the past ten years. The round bales this year was 48,176 as compared to 57,107 for the same date last year, and sea island cotton 13,826 as compared with 11,457 same date last year. The crop in the states this year to the date named was 2,585,875 compared with 2,561,200 at same date last year. Of this amount Texas had produced 1,057,817 this year and 9,66,607 last year.

PAINT AND PAPER HANGERS.

Messrs. Youngblood & Hoffman, recently of Hereford, Texas, have located at Spur and will engage in the paint and paper hanging business. These gentlemen come well recommended as competent and experienced workmen in their lines and no doubt will be given a deserved and liberal patronage at the hands of the Spur people.

Cafe and Restaurant

BARBER & HANCOCK, Proprietors

Capable of Lodging 200 people,
& will accommodate the public.

WILL SERVE REGULAR MEALS

Will Establish Cotton Factory

The Penitentiary Commissioners, at their regular meeting at Austin Wednesday decided to begin the work of establishing a cotton factory in accordance with the provision of the law of the Thirty-first legislature appropriating \$100,000 for such purpose. The board did not undertake at this early date to locate the factory, being as yet undecided whether to establish it at Rusk or at Huntsville.

The factory when finished will be used largely for the manufacture of twine and sacking, it being thought best not to enter at once into the manufacture of cotton and run the risk of finding the penitentiary making something that is not subject to ready sale. For twine, rope sacking and the like, however, there is always a demand, which will insure a successful venture. The penitentiary authorities will take up this work immediately.

BARBER SHOP CHANGES HANDS

Recently Ellis Ogden moved to Spur from Rotan and put in a barber shop and since that time has been doing business in a tent near the townsite. We are informed that he has just sold his business including chairs, tools and all material to E. E. Patterson, of Paducah, Texas, who will hereafter conduct the business at the present location until the town lots are placed on sale and a permanent location can be secured.

Mr. Ogden, we understand will be associated as barber for the new firm, and being a first-class barber and an accommodating gentleman in every respect, the new firm will most assuredly continue to enjoy the same liberal patronage as heretofore.

The Texas Spur wishes this new firm, as well as all others who locate in Spur, unlimited

success in business and the good will of all who locate in the Spur country.

BUILDING LUMBER SHEDS

Brazelton, Pryor Lumber Company has secured lots and are now building sheds, etc., and will soon have a supply of lumber on the ground and ready to supply the large number of people who are now waiting for the sale of lots to the general public with any character of building material.

Some five or six other lumber firms we are told will put in yards in the new town, and from present indications all will have customers and patrons in numbers.

FEED STORE IN OPERATION

J. B. Conner, of near Spur, moved last week to the city and will engage in the feed business. He has already erected a temporary store and has a small stock of feed for the accommodation of the public.

Mr. Conner is an old timer of this country, having been with the Spur ranch a number of years, and the Texas Spur wishes him unbounded success in this business venture in the new town.

A COMPARISON FOR GOOD ROADS.

We Americans think we are far ahead of the old countries, but in Europe the cost of hauling on the public roads is eight cents a mile against twenty-five cents a mile in this country of uncommonly bad thoroughfares. Two hundred and fifty million dollars a year is the toll America pays for its bad roads. Bad roads, like the protective tariff, are an indirect tax that we feel only in the aggregate, yet which is an omnipresent factor in the cost of living.—Denison Record Chronicle.

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Barber & Hancock

STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES

Spur, = = Texas.
BURLINGTON AVE., 2 BLOCKS FROM DEPOT.

PUTTING IN GROCERIES

Mr. G. L. Barber, formerly of Rotan, is now located at Spur and is preparing to put in a complete stock of groceries and general supplies for the accommodation of the many people who are expected to locate in Spur and the Spur country.

Mr. Barber has already completed his store building and has on hand a nice supply of groceries and is doing a considerable business at the present time. He also intends to put in a first-class restaurant and will be prepared to serve the public with short order lunches on or before the first of November at which time Spur will be opened to the general public and the town lots placed on sale.

At the present time Mr. Barber is also operating a hotel and boarding house near the townsite and is getting all the boarders that can be conveniently cared for. His table is supplied with the best eatables that the market affords and his beds are clean, comfortable and well covered.

G. L. Barber is a capable business man, a fine citizen and his locating in Spur will be quite an addition to the town socially, commercially and in every respect. The writer has known Mr. Barber a number of years, knows him to be a gentleman in every respect and gladly and confidently commends him to the people of Spur and the Spur country.

NEW LIVERY STABLE

Messrs. Haskew & Green are preparing to put in an up-to-date and well equipped livery business in the new town of Spur just as soon as lots, lumber and carpenters can be secured to push the project to completion.

These gentlemen are accommodating, genial and affable, and being capable business men no doubt will be most successful in their chosen line of business.

COMING TO SPUR

Among the many people who contemplate locating at Spur, and one which gives the Texas Spur much pleasure to mention, is the coming of Mr. W. J. Maben, of Rotan.

Mr. Maben is an old time West Texan, having spent the greater part of his life on the frontier of Texas and rendered material assistance in the development of the country and contributed liberally of his ability and means to the progress of the people and advancement of the interests of this section of Western Texas. During the past several years Mr. Maben has been doing business at Rotan, and during that time has been one of the foremost men in pushing the interests of the town and bettering the conditions of the people.

After looking over the Spur country and viewing the situation as it is today Mr. Maben has decided to locate at this place. He is familiar with town building and the conditions of this western country and states that in his judgment Spur has the brightest future.

Knowing Mr. Maben personally and having been during the past several years intimately associated with him in both business and social ways, the Texas Spur extends to him a cordial welcome to the Spur country and has no hesitancy in commending such a man to the good will and confidence of the people of this section. Mr. Maben is broad, liberal and progressive and his coming to Spur will be quite an addition to both town and country.

RETURNED FROM KANSAS CITY

Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons in the sale of Spur Farm Lands and the Spur Townsite proposition, returned recently from a ten days or two weeks trip to Kansas City.

RAILROAD IN OPERATION.

Circular No. 17 issued by the Wichita Valley Railway Co. from the office of D. B. Keeler, vice president, announces that effective October 25th, that portion of the Stamford & Northwestern railway between Jayton and Spur, Texas will be opened for operation as a part of the Wichita Valley Railway. The following is a complete list of towns on the new line, together with their distances from Stamford: Capro, 7.1 miles; Sagerton, 14.6; Brandenburg, 21.3; Aspermont, 31.6; Gowdy, 36.7; Alluvia, 44.6; Jayton, 58.3; Girard, 68.3; Sterley, 76; Spur, 82.2.

Sterley, Girard, Alluvia, Gowdy, Brandenburg and Capron are listed as non-agency Stations.

FOY BARBER SHOP

Foy Brothers, formerly of Rotan, have put in an up-to-date barber shop and have been doing business the past ten days or two weeks in Spur, and since opening up for business have enjoyed a liberal patronage from the large number of people who are now on the grounds waiting for the sale of town lots.

Messrs Foy are able and capable business men, and in connection with the barber business will be interested in one or two other business concerns in the city when it is opened to the public.

In selecting Spur as a business point we feel confident that Foy Brothers have made no mistake, and within a short period of time the present indications are that Spur will be a superior trading point, and though in its infancy, one of the best and fastest growing towns in Western Texas.

BOND ELECTION ORDERED

County Judge W. C. Ballard, has ordered an election to be held November 6th in School District number one to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued to the amount of \$20000 for the erection of a school building. A petition with the proper number of signers was presented to Judge Ballard asking for an election several days ago, asking for an election, and this week he took the matter up and ordered the election as above stated.

A \$20000 school building may look mighty big to some people, but we are of the opinion that nothing is too big nor too good for Dickens. The healthful climate, the good pure water, and the scenic hills and dales that surround our town make it an ideal location for a high school. —Dickens Item.

RESTAURANT AND CONFECTIONERY.

J. L. Powers, of Rotan, recently moved to Spur and will engage in the confectionery and restaurant business when the city is opened to the public.

Mr. Powers is a hustling business man and we wish him success in this business venture in a new town and country.

Western Hotel

BURLINGTON AVE., BLK. 12.

First-Class accommodations and the very best service is extended to guests.

MRS. MAHONE, Proprietress
SPUR, TEXAS.

FARMING IN SPUR COUNTRY

Last week while in the new city of Spur we met a number of the citizens whom it is a pleasure to know and be associated in a business way in the future, and among the number was one farmer, Mr. J. J. Cloud who lives three and a half miles northwest of Spur.

Mr. Cloud has lived only one year in the Spur country, and notwithstanding the disadvantages with respect to agricultural pursuits in the greater part of the state, he is well pleased with his home in this section and will become permanently located as one of our citizenship. We are glad to know Mr. Cloud and wish him all the success possible in agricultural pursuits in the great Central West.

FLOAT LINE NOW IN OPERATION

Cates and Mathis have put in and are now operating a well equipped float line in the new city, and will at all times be prepared to accommodate the public in their line of business.

Both gentlemen are considered old timers in the country and their many friends wish them all kinds of success. Mr. Cates lives about two or three miles north of Spur and owns one of the best places of the country.

TIN SHOP AND METAL WORKS

R. L. King, a prominent citizen of Dickens, has decided to cast his lot with the Spur people, and when the town opens will put in a first-class tin shop, sheet iron and metal works. We understand that Mr. King is an experienced man in this line of business and capable of supplying the needs and demands of the public in his line of work. We wish him success in his new location.

MEAT MARKET IN OPERATION.

At the present time and for some time past Mr. J. D. Powell, an experienced meat market man has been doing business and supplying the public with a variety of choice meats while awaiting the opening of Spur.

Mr. Powell has associated with him Mr. Tom Davis, both of whom are old timers in this western country, know the needs of the country and prepared to supply the demands in their line of business. Mr. Davis is an expert meat cutter and a whole-souled good fellow with whom it is a pleasure to meet and do business.

BIG HARDWARE FIRM COMING TO SPUR

The Texas Spur is informed that Bryant, Link & Company, one of the biggest and strongest hardware firms of Western Texas has secured lots and will put in a business at Spur and be ready for business by the first of November.

We are glad to note the coming of Bryant, Link & Company to Spur and wish and predict for them an extensive business in this section of the country. This is strictly an agricultural country and the demands in the near future will be great in the hardware and implement line.

Bury the Knocker

Bury the knocker out in the weeds in a beautiful hole in the ground, Where the bumble bee bums and the woodpecker pecks and the straddle bug straddles around, He is no good to the town to trust, too unpractical, stingy and dead, But he wants the whole world and part of the crust and the stars that shine over his head. Then hustle him off to the place of the dead, and bury him deep in the ground, He is no use to us here, get him out of the way and make room for the man that is sound.

E. E. PATTERSON Barber Shop

Up-to-Date Hair Cuts and Smooth Shaves.
Call in and see us at any time.

FOY'S Barber Shop

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UP-TO-DATE TONSORIAL WORK.

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