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THE TEXAS SPUR

Spur is the Youngest and Most Rapid Growing Town in Texas.

ADVERTISING SHEET.

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A TOWN WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Within Thirty Days Spur Has Developed Into A Young City, And in Both Business and Residence Sections The Rapid Growth is Unprecedented in the History of Town Building in Western Texas.

POPULATION EXCEEDING SEVEN HUNDRED.

Notwithstanding the fact that Spur was created only thirty days ago and the lots in both business and residence sections sold to the public, there are today more than six hundred people permanently located here, fifty business houses already erected and more than sixty firms and business concerns doing business; about sixty residences complete and quite a number of families living in tents waiting for homes to be built; a telephone system in operation; a temporary system of water works installed; work on artesian well in progress; concrete side walks laid; public school building complete and good school now in session; churches organized and buildings will be erected immediately ample railroad facilities to supply the large surrounding territory; cotton and produce market established and a temporary but live and active commercial club organization effected.

As predicted in the beginning by The Texas Spur that the town would rapidly grow and forge to the front ranks as a superior trading point and prominent commercial center the progress and development at the present time has exceeded the greatest expectations. No town within the history of the development of the West has surpassed or equalled the growth and development of Spur within the last thirty days. Its development has been rapid, substantial and permanent.

At this time there are more than a hundred residence and business houses in the town, a population exceeding six hundred people who are permanently located. The business part of the town is made up of some of the strongest firms of the country, busy business men and a live, progressive and hustling citizenship. Everything is carried in stock for the accomodation of the surrounding trade territory, in fact the town is as well supplied at this time as older established towns of the country.

The sound of the hammer and saw is heard on every hand, and on every street and almost every block within the town limits some character of improvement is being made. Work on the deep well is in progres, having reached a depth of between eight and a hundred feet. Mr. Minahan,

the driller, thinks that artesian water can be secured if drilled a sufficient depth and that is what the townsite management intends to do. In fact it is said that Mr. Swenson made the remark that the well would be drilled to the limit in depth and then ten feet deeper to secure artesian water. Spur and the Spur people are assured that a plentiful supply of good water will be furnished and in quantity sufficient to supply the needs and demands of a large and growing population.

Spur has one and a half miles of first-class concrete side walks already laid, the streets graded and in first-class condition. Ample railroad facilities for both receiving freight and making shipments of any character and quantity is furnished the town and general public by the Stamford & Northwestern Railroad. During the past thirty days this road has hauled into Spur several hundred car loads of freight, general merchandise and various character of good, and has hauled out to market and other places three hundred and twenty five car loads. These figures show that Spur is well supplied with the goods and that the town and country is also supplying the outside world with the products of this section.

The coming of the Stamford & Northwestern railroad, the

dissolution of the Spur ranch and the creation of Spur will be recognized as one of the big events in the development of Western Texas. It means that a vast area of fertile territory will be utilized and the agricultural possibilities developed to the full extent, an extensive cattle range densely populated with enlightened, prosperous and progressive citizens who will not only enrich the agricultural resources but build, support and maintain a superior market and trading point and contribute largely in the establishment of a substantial and solid town and commercial center in this section of the State. The Spur Townsite management have already secured an Experimental Farm to be located here by the State Department and which will be in operation another season, and steps have been taken by the Commercial Club to locate an Industrial College in connection with the Experimental Station. This farm and college in combination will do more to demonstrate the agricultural possibilities, prove that this soil is rich and productive, and educate and encourage the people in scientific methods and intensive farming than years of labor and individual efforts along this line, and will be a great factor in the development of the country and an attraction to settlers and rural

home builders. Spur is located in the center of a boundless agricultural territory which will, when fully developed, support a town of many thousand inhabitants, make factories prosperous, business concerns grow and various enterprises and institutions possible. No town was ever created in a richer territory under more favorable circumstances and backed up by a better, more generous and hustling class of people. The promoters of Spur, S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York, are broad, capable and generous and will nurse the town in its infancy, assist it to get on a solid foundation and in the years to come will watch it grow and prosper and become the commercial hub and railroad center of Western Texas.

MINUTES OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club met in regular seession Monday night November 29th. The Chairman being absent Prof. St. Johns was elected chairman for the night. New members were enrolled as follows: R. C. Morrison, J. Y. Jones, H. Nicholson, H. J. Deford P. A. Fite, C. B. New, J. Y. Jordan and W. A. Johnston.

Mr. Cowan, chairman of the finance committee, had no report but selected as a member of the committee Prof. St. Johns. Mr. Love, chairman of the advertising committee, reported that

there had been published in two issues of The Texas Spur a circular letter gotten out by the advertising committee setting forth the advantages offered by Spur. The report was accepted and the committee retained for further advertising purposes. A motion carried to have secretary take up the matter with some responsible cotton agency of getting a street cotton buyer for Spur.

J. Y. Jones, W. A. Johnston and J. P. Horton were appointed educational committee to confer with Mr. Jackson, W. H. Blackwell and C. A. Jones in the interest of a permanent location for a public school building, the organizing an independent school district, and voting bonds to build school house.

The sanitary condition of the town was discussed under a motion which carried to appoint a street and alley committee to look after the sanitary condition. J. W. Bennett, J. Y. Jones and C. L. Love were appointed as committee.

A motion carried to have secretary write a letter of invitation to Mr. Carlile, commissioner of this precinct, requesting his presence at next meeting of the club. A motion carried to appoint a good roads committee. Mr. Deford, J. M. Bennett and W. A. Johnston were appointed as committee.

The club adjourned to meet in regular session Monday night, December 6, 1909.

J. P. HORTON,
Secretary.

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.

OWEN JEWELRY COMPANY
Located in Lambdin Dry Goods Store. R. O. OWEN, Mgr.

East Side Barber Shop

TIDWELL & LEE, Props.

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

MR. TAFTS GOOD ADVICE.

In connection with the growing concern regarding the movement of population from the agricultural district to the towns and cities, the possible effects of which may be injuriously reflected upon the whole body of the people, as a study of recently compiled statistics upon the subject strongly suggested, the address of President Taft Sunday to the young people who had assembled at the depot at Terrell to greet him is particularly timely, especially before an audience where intelligent farming offers such large opportunities for success as it does in this state.

"You live here on agriculture" said the President. "I sincerely hope that you are not growing up with the idea that it is your business to go into the towns and cities. The future of the American boy, in my judgement, is largely involved in his pursuing the profession of the farmer. The results of economic, scientific business-like farming are more profitable than any other trade or profession, and when you look forward and just consider that you are going to follow along in the course of your fathers and that you are going to make this country, or some other country, bloom as the rose. The tendency toward the city is not one that we ought to encourage. I hope that the development of the comforts of the country life are such that we may look forward now to a lessening of the movement toward large cities. The place for us to accomplish things is in the country. The cities will take care of themselves."

There has never been a time within the history of this country

when the profession of farming offered such large opportunities for enduring success as now, and included in that term is meant all that goes to make for happiness—the attainment of the reasonable desires of one who takes a normal view of life and its purpose. Nor has there ever been a time when the city with all of its alluring prospects offered fewer opportunities to the great mass of the country's population, whether bred in the city or on the farm, to reach the attainment of similar desires than at the present time. True, there is "always room at the top," but the fact that there is room there denotes that the way up is a toilsome one and few have the strength and persistence to reach it. The ambitious young man who devotes as much intelligent effort as would be required to achieve even moderate success in the city to trying to succeed on the farm will most certainly reach the gratification of his desire by easier stages, and at the same time have the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed more to the sum total of the country's welfare than had his energies been expended in the restricted sphere which hedges in individual life in the city.

With the increasing development of the comforts and conveniences of country life, in which, we are happy to state, the general government is taking a leading part, young people on the farms have opportunities for developing a richness of life and perfection of character undreamed of by their forbears, and they make a great mistake by not availing of these to the utmost, rather than turning their faces toward the city.—Houston Post.

J. B. CONNER,

Dealer in Grain
And Hay

WAGON YARD IN CONNECTION. SPUR, TEXAS

F. A. SEWELL

Cabinet Maker and
Carpenter, Contractor

HIGH GRADE WORK A SPECIALTY

All work guaranteed satisfactory. A liberal share of patronage solicited. Call on or write me at Spur, Texas.

SELLING CATTLE.

Last week W. J. Lewis bought one thousand steer calves from the Spur ranch and shipped them to Clarendon. W. W. O'Bryan, of St. Paul, Kansas, bought five hundred steer calves of the same ranch and shipped to Oklahoma. Fred Birch, of Clayton, N. M., also bought five hundred steer calves and shipped them to Texline.

For some time past the Spur ranch has been selling and shipping cattle from the ranch, clearing up the range and making room for the farmer. The land is being sold rapidly and to actual settlers who are putting it into cultivation and building permanent homes.

Farmers are absolutely necessary to the life of a town and in the development of a country, and in view of this fact the company here is making room and encouraging in many ways the farmer and actual settler to locate in the Spur country.

WE ANNOUNCE

To the public that we are now putting in an exchange at Spur and that we propose to give service second to none. We have been in the telephone business in Dickens and adjoining counties since 1900, we have stayed with the people through the hard times and feel confident they will give us a fair share of their patronage in the future.

LUZON TELEPHONE CO.

EMMETT LEE

Carpenter &
Contractor..

WORK GUARANTEED

Plans and Specifications Furnished

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Campbell, Texas Nov. 15, 1909, Secretary Commercial Club:—I note that one of the new experiment stations was located at your place and in that connection I beg to inform you that I contemplate the establishment of a system of industrial school or college in this State, located to meet the apparent growing demand for such training. Such an institution could be operated in connection with your experiment farm with mutual benefit to both enterprises. Such industries as are adopted to local conditions and interests could be installed giving employment to deserving students who may desire to work their way in whole or in part. If you deem it worth while you might bring the matter before your people and if the interest apparently justifies I would give details of the proposed schools.

Respectfully
V. W. GRUBBS.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Ladies Bazaar will open on Harris Street December 15th. Everything for ladies will be carried in store and also will be prepared to do first class dressmaking. We will have a complete line of Millinery ready for the spring season.

The patronage of the ladies of Spur and the Spur country is solicited. All are invited to call and see our nice display of Holiday goods.

MRS. NELLE ROBERTSON
MISS LELIA CARPENTER
Proprietors.

W. F. Godfrey Realty Co.

SPUR, TEXAS

Ranches, Farms and Town Property for Sale

Lands Improved and Unimproved, Ranging in Price From \$5 to \$20 Per Acre.

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

R. L. KING TINNER

All Kinds of Tin Work, Roofing, Guttering, Well Casing, Tanks, Etc. All Work First-Class.

COTTON BUYERS HERE.

Mack Powers, a cotton buyer of Waco, was in Spur this week with a view of locating here and engaging in the business of buying cotton. While the cotton season in this country is now about ended there is considerable cotton yet to be sold. Aside from this, the buyer who comes here now will have the advantage next year in that many acquaintances will be formed and the general conditions summed up and familiarized. Spur is going to be the cotton and produce market of this country, and the cotton buyer who gets in on the ground floor is the one who will have the best opportunities to make purchases next year and in the years to come. The country is now settling up and will continue to do so until every available acre will be tilled, and such a transformation of conditions of today will not be years in coming about.

J. Boyd came over to Spur from Aspermont this week. Mr. Boyd is an experienced and extensive cotton buyer and was here with a view of establishing a business of that kind here. We would be glad to see Mr. Boyd locate here and believe that within the next year he would have an opportunity to buy many bales of cotton at this place.

NOTICE.

Any one desiring a brick business house at Spur, Texas, 50 x 100, good location. If we can agree on price will build same at once.

Address me at Sulphur, Oklahoma, Box 161

C. E. THORNTON.

NEWSPAPERS THE MEDIUMS

Lay it down as a safe proposition that the merchants who advertise in the right mediums regularly, persistently, in season, using good copy all the while, is bound to succeed—bound to build a mighty trade.

The right mediums are the newspapers. They get among the people morning and night. The whole world turns to the newspapers for its news, its personal gossip, its entertainment and current information of the doings in finance, trade, society—in every sphere of human endeavor and diversion.

The most successful business houses to-day are successful advertisers. They stand as towering monuments on the broad highway of trade, pointing with silent finger to the prominent position the newspaper holds in the realm of commercialism.

The great success of that merchant prince, John Wanamaker, was achieved through newspaper advertising. In his early career Mr. Wanamaker put his profits into the news papers to tell the readers what he was doing and what were his aspirations.

He selected the best mediums—the home papers in both city and country—and used space day after day—except Sunday—and kept at it with the regularity of the seasons.

He called to his assistance the best writers to prepare his announcements. These advertisements were filled with human interest and human beings read them, and all became interested and made John Wanamaker what he is to-day—the greatest merchant of the present.—Exchange.

Read The Texas Spur. \$1 a yr.

Barber & Hancock

STAPLE & FANCY
GROCERIES

Your Patronage is Solicited
and will be appreciated.

SPUR, - - - TEXAS

SPUR CITY

AN INFANT IN AGE BUT FULL GROWN IN STRENGTH

We are today better prepared to care for the
Trade of this Territory than many Towns
Who are Ten Years our Senior.

All lines of business are now represented and we cordially invite the farmer and truck seller to bring along anything in his offerings, the market here we assure you is in touch with the world, "freights considered" and our business representatives anxious to co-operate in the upbuilding of the Spur country as a whole, every effort is now being made to better road conditions that you may encounter no difficulty with loads which heretofore has been a hindrance. We offer you competition in all lines of business which you will note from the undersigned names of firms and lines carried. Our stocks are now reaching their proper assortments and we feel sure that any and all buyers will readily find in our appeal a well founded reason in why we can better serve your interest we will give you in car lots the receipts of Spur or as near as can be secured, also shipments, this alone will convince the "most skeptical" that there is in Spur a class of people who have confidence and the general welfare of this section at heart.

THE CITIZENS CLUB OF SPUR

LAMBIN & COMPANY, Dry Goods, Clothing Boots Shoes etc.
BRAZELTON-PRYOR & COMPANY, Lumber, Lime, Cement,
Brick, etc.
SPUR HARDWARE COMPANY, General Hardware Dealers.
CAYLOR-LAIRD, LUMBER COMPANY, First Class Building
Materials of Every Kind.
SPENCER LUMBER COMPANY, Ask Your Inspection, We
Assure you Correct Prices.
TEXAS SPUR, Send in Your Name; Let us Send The Paper.
SPUR TOWNSITE COMPANY, We Are With The People In
The Upbuilding of Spur.
DICKENS COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY, Competent
People Handle Your Business.
R. C. MORRISON DRY GOODS COMPANY, Dry Goods,
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, and Groceries.
Y. L. JONES SPUR FURNITURE COMPANY, Will Open
Shortly and Assure You Reasonable Prices.
H. NICHOLSON, SPUR DRUG COMPANY, Careful and Ac-
curate Prescription Druggist.
H. J. DEFORD, REALTY BUSINESS, List Your Land For
Prompt Action.
P. A. FITE, MEAT CUTTER, With Tom Davis, Solicits Your
Patronage.
J. Y. JORDAN, PAINTER, SIGNS, PAPER HANGING, Sub-
mit Your Needs.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, Hardware, Queensware, Dry
Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Notions.
LUZON TELEPHONE COMPANY, Connections to all Princi-
pal Points in Central West Texas.
SPUR NATIONAL BANK, Will Soon Announce Their opening
Capital Stock One Hundred Thousand.
SPUR GRAIN COMPANY, Coal and Feed of all Kinds.
R. L. KING, TINNER, Tanks, Gutters, Flues and General
Tinner.
H. T. BURGOON, City Property, Ranch Lands and Farms.
W. J. MABEN, General Insurance Agent, City Property and
Farm Lands.
SPUR FURNITURE COMPANY, Will Open for Business this
Week and can Fill Your Wants in Anything. in Wall
Paper House Furnishing.
JACKSON REALTY COMPANY, City Property Farm and
Ranch Lands.
ELITE CAFE AND CONFECTIONERY, Fruits Cigars, Tobac-
co and Candies.
CAMPBELL & CAMPBELL, Furniture, Carpets, Rugs Wall
Paper and Undertakers Supplies.
BARBER & HANCOCK, Groceries.
W. A. JOHNSTON, ROOMING HOUSE, First Class Rooms
Courteous Treatment.

J. A. Lambdin & Company

MERCHANDISE OF QUALITY

In the opening of a store in Spur, as stated last week, it is our intention to keep in pace with the development of the country. We are convinced with the liberal patronage extended us by the people of the surrounding section that they appreciate our efforts in opening a store that will meet their requirements. From day to day we shall strengthen our knowledge and guarantee that every little need of the household shall be found awaiting your inspection, whether in Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Ladies or Gents Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Suit Cases as requirements demand.

<p>We Sell</p> <p>Queen Quality Shoes</p> <p>FOR WOMEN</p>	<p>J. A. LAMBDIN & CO.</p> <p>SPUR, TEXAS</p>	<p>PACKARDS</p> <p>Shoes For Men</p> <p>\$3.50 & \$4.00</p>
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TEXAS SPUR

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Application made to be entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Spur, Texas.

ORAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

Subscription Price \$1.00 a Year.

From all appearances next year will be a fine crop year and the prospects are that bumper crops will be grown in every section of this country.

Spur is the fastest growing town in the country. Houses are going up on every street, freight trains are loaded down with merchandise of every character and passenger trains are loaded down with people coming to see the town and make it a permanent home.

It is said that it takes five things to make a country or develop any section: Soil, climate, natural resources, location and public spirited citizens. Spur and the Spur country has all these requirements. We are located in the heart of a rich and productive agricultural territory, which fact has been, is now and will continue to be demonstrated, and along more scientific methods in the future. Old timers tell us that this soil will produce as much and in as great variety as that of any country. The climate is mild and agreeable and the citizenship is most public spirited. The people are hustlers, builders, promoters and alive to every interest of town and country, and with such a citizenship and country as we have it is expected to grow, develop and prosper.

We have just received a car of

New Furniture

and are now ready for business

WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU TO CALL AND LOOK THROUGH OUR STOCK

If there is anything in our line you need, will appreciate a portion of your trade. We will carry a large stock of the 1910 Patterns of Wall Paper. Also a complete

STOCK OF UNDERTAKERS' SUPPLIES.

Campbell & Campbell

Dunn Building, East Side Burlington Ave.
SPUR, TEXAS

SILVER MOON CAFE

W. D. CLAY, Prop.

Regular Meals
Short Orders..

FRUITS, CANDIES, CIGARS.

We keep on hand at all times fresh bread and will be glad to serve you and will appreciate your patronage. Call and see us on 5th Street, across the street from postoffice.

The only man that we know of who ever made three million dollars farming lives in Missouri and he never sells the produce raised on his farm. He feeds it to mules, cattle and hogs and then sells them. He says he could never have accumulated what he has saved had he sold the raw products of his farm. There are many of the most successful farmers in this country who have learned the same lesson about farming.—Bonham News.

The best preparation for the future, is the present well seen to, and the last duty well done.

COTTON COMING TO SPUR.

This week we noticed quite a number of bales of cotton coming in to Spur market, and from all indications the prices being paid by the cotton buyers was satisfactory and even more than is being paid in other markets.

The business men and cotton buyers of Spur intend to make this one of the best cotton markets of this whole Western country, and in order to do so will pay above the market quotations. The merchants have big stocks of goods and can supply the trade with anything they want or need. They make prices to compete with other towns and will not only supply the trade with any character of merchandise but will pay the biggest prices for the produce of the country.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

J. B. GEORGE

Contractor
&
Builder

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

A BIG RAIN.

The rain throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday in this section of the country is said to be one among the biggest rains this country has had for years. All the creeks and Salt Fork of the Brazos River were bank full and overflowing.

This rain put an exceedingly good season in the ground and makes the prospects for crops another year the very brightest.

A Big Cash Sale

OPENS MONDAY, DEC. 6.

Don't fail to visit our store during December. We will run the sale till January 1st, 1910, and we have a large stock that must be moved at some price.

Gunn, Love & Company

DICKENS, TEXAS

W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Company

**LUMBER, SASH
DOORS, PAINT,**

And All Kinds Building Material.

BANK BUILDING.

A temporary bank building is now being erected on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Steet. Mr. Sherrod, cashier of the bank says that he has little idea as to when the bank will be in operation since they are having some delay in securing the charter. The bank will have a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, the stockholders being some of the strongest financial men of the country. Spur is somewhat handicapped at the present time on account of not having banking facilities, and it is hoped at that an early date this bank will be ready for business.

Rev. R. A. Stewart and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Wednesday and were pleasant callers at The Texas Spur office. Mr. Stewart will have a regular appointment to preach in Spur hereafter. His appointment will be the first and third Sundays of each month. He is a Methodist preacher and will be glad for all to come out to his services.

J. A. Jones, who has been visiting his son, Luther Jones and family the past several days, returned this week to his home at Gorman in Eastland county. Mr. Jones likes this country and says that in his opinion it is as good as the best.

J. B. George, a prominent carpenter and contractor of the town, has our thanks for a subscription to The Texas Spur. Mr. George expects to move his family here soon and make this his permanent home.

L. S. Lee, of the East Side Barber Shop, made a trip this week to Rochester, spending several days there on business and seeing old acquaintances.

J. C. Wilkerson, Andy Cole, Bill Waldrop, Henry Edwards, Messrs. McGill, Maynard, of Dickens, were in Spur last week on business.

R. L. Penick, a prominent business man and citizen of Stamford, was in Spur last week looking over the town.

H. T. Burgoon made a business trip to Dickens this week and reports everything moving along there as usual.

P. H. Miller Lumber Company will give you a square deal.

Spur Drug Company for fancy perfumes and toilet soaps.

Read The Texas Spur. \$1 a yr.

We call the readers attention especially to the advertising columns of the Texas Spur. You find the principal business concerns of the town represented, firms that appreciate your business and want to serve you in their lines. As a rule the advertising man, or the man who gets out and hustles for business in the various ways, is the man who can sell goods cheaper because he sells more goods than the other fellow. The advertising firms are strongest, carry bigger and better stocks and can supply the demands of the trade. We respectfully ask you to give the advertisers the preference, and feel confident that you will be treated courteously and that you will also save money on purchases and quality of goods.

BRIDGE WASHED OUT.

The Stamford & Northwestern railroad bridge over the Salt Fork between Spur and Aspermont was washed out during the big rains and as a consequence we have had no freight and passenger service over that line the past several days. However, it is reported that traffic will be resumed Thursday of this week.

J. W. Anderton and Lon Ross made a trip Saturday to the Red Mud country and on account of high water could not return to Spur until Monday afternoon. Mr. Anderton reported that Red Mud and the Salt Fork were higher than for years, the water in the river and creeks being bank full and overflowing.

H. K. Parks has his livery stable complete and now in operation and is prepared to serve the public in his line of business. Mr. Parks is a first-class liveryman, a genial gentleman and one with whom it is a pleasure to do business.

W. A. Johnson, a prominent citizen and old timer of this section of the country, is having a large rooming house erected in Spur and will move here and make his home in town.

J. D. Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was here Thursday on business.

H. T. Burgoon and Mr. Baker made a business trip to Dickens Tuesday.

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.

P. Brady, Cashier of the First National Bank of Aspermont, and Deputy Inspector for the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission was in Spur several days this week. He came here to inspect cattle for Scoggins & Brown and for Mr. Bairns. Pete is an old timer here, having worked with Scoggins & Brown for a number of years.

Mr. Miller and wife of Carlton, Hamilton county, came in Sunday prospecting. They are old friends of Mr. Richburg and family, and are thinking of locating here.

Mr. Bredeaux, manager of Spencer Lumber Company, left Sunday for Stamford and other points east. He will also go to Snyder before he returns.

Boley Brown, manager for Scoggins & Brown, was water bound here the first of the week with seven loads of cattle.

P. C. Maynard, a prominent attorney of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday on business.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

The teachers Institute of Dickens county will be held at Dickens, beginning December 20th, 1909. The Institute will be in session four days and a very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

T. P. Higgins, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in town Thursday with a load of hogs. He reports good crops in his section of the country. Mr. Higgins is an old timer of this western country and is one of the most substantial citizens of this section.

Mr. Lister, of Hamlin, was here this week looking over the town with a view of locating an insurance and loan business at Spur. He was pleased with the town and probably will locate his business here some time in the near future.

P. C. Ellis and family, of Jones county, moved this week to Spur and will make this their home in the future. Mr. Ellis has our thanks for a subscription to the Texas Spur.

Mrs. C. H. McDonald, who has been spending several days in Spur, left this week for Fort Worth. Mr. McDonald owns some valuable business property in Spur.

Campbell & Campbell have put in a nice stock of furniture and now ready for business in the town. We are glad to have this firm locate with us.

L. S. Stovall, of Floydada, was in Spur Wednesday, and left Thursday for Fort Worth, Dallas, Waco and other points east on business.

Mr. Nicholson came to Spur last week from Rotan and will have charge of the Spur Drug Company at this place.

C. H. McDonald made a business trip this week to Lubbock from which place he will go to Fort Worth.

Cephus Hogan, Deputy county court clerk, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday looking over the town.

Walter Jackson, King Cannady Jake Ballard and Chas. Windham of Dickens, were in Spur last week.

Take a chance at a \$5 Stetson hat or a \$1.50 pocket knife at the Prize Target Gallery.

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Spur Drug Company for school supplies.

MURRAY BROS.

ARTISANS

**BUILD ANYTHING YOU WANT
FROM BRICK, STONE OR CEMENT**

**Houses, Culverts, Chimneys, Cellars, Flues, Cesspools, Sidewalks, Cisterns
Sewers, Grain Bins, Silos, Henhouse, Barns, etc.**

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN.

Subscriptions to the Texas Spur keep coming in every day and which is very encouraging and thankfully received by the management. A part of our material has been lost in transit and in publishing the paper at the present time we are working to a great disadvantage as well as not being able to present a neat appearance to the public.

However, we are doing the best we can under the circumstances and that is all a mule can do. We appreciate the favors shown us and hope soon to be able to serve the public in a first-class manner in every department of the printing plant. In publishing a paper we realize that it is impossible to please everybody, but it is our intention and desire to please as many as possible and publish a clean, newsy, up-to-date and honest paper for Spur and the Spur people.

Willis Rodgers, Oscar Hart, George Galbraith and several other Clairemont boys were in Spur last Friday and Saturday. While here Mr. Rodgers bought twenty acres of land from Mr. Blackwell and stated that he would return soon and buy some farm land which he would improve and that he thought that he would soon make this place his home.

Mr. Hale, of Childress, an old acquaintance of Mr. Bennett, was in Spur last Saturday and Sunday looking over the town. He stated when he left that he would return in the near future and that he would likely make this place his home.

Doc Ellis, range boss for the Paddles, was water bound here the first of the week with ten cars of cattle which he was going to ship to the Fort Worth market but was delayed on account of the washout.

Jim Powell spent Sunday with his family in Stonewall county.

Lon Ross, spent Sunday on Red Mud in Kent county.

Spur Drug Company for fancy perfumes and toilet soaps.

Fresh fruits and nuts of all kinds at Elite Cafe.

Jim McNeal, of west of Spur, was here last week.

MAIL TRAINS DELAYED.

Spur has had no mail trains for several days as a result of a washout down the line of the Stamford & Northwestern railroad. The telegraph line was also disconnected for a number of hours.

WANTED—To rent a residence located close in and convenient to the depot. See John E. Farr at the depot.

Bill Stafford, of Afton, was in Spur last week on business.

Go to the Elite Cafe for Tom Moore cigars.

Go to Spur Drug Company for toilet articles.

Go to the Spur Meat market for fresh Lard.

Spur Drug Company for school supplies.

Willis Smith, of Tap country, was here Friday and says things look good in that section.

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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

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**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS**

CLIPPINGS.

The great and the good do not die even in this world, embalmed in books their spirits walk abroad.—Smiles.

There is no playing fast and loose with truth, in any game, without growing the worse for it.—Dickens.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy.—Ruskin.

During the fiscal years 1905, 1906 and 1907 the number of immigrants arriving in the United States averaged more than 1,000,000 per annum.

Accidents in coal mines of the United States during the last calendar year resulted in the death of 3,125 men and injury to 3,316 more, according to statistics just made public by the geological survey.

One of the problems of social life is to know what to say to one another when we meet; every man and woman's desire is to appear sympathetic and clever and this makes conversation difficult, because, taking us all round, we are neither sympathetic nor clever.—Jerome K. Jerome.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The pupils of the Afton school rendered an interesting play to the public November 26th, at that place. The entertainment was highly appreciated by a large audience.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

It has been reported in Spur that I am employed by the Richardson Lumber Company. I wish to deny through the columns of The Texas Spur any such reports. I further wish to state that I am working for J. B. George, strictly. I make my own trades, pay my own men, buy my own lumber from Richardson Lumber Company because they are gentlemen and give me what I buy, and fair treatment. As to whether I pay my lumber bills or not I will refer you to them, and as for as my building houses or even one house contracted by them, it's a falsehood. I appreciate what business I have secured since I have been in your little city, I am anxious for more. If you have a house to build and want a first-class job at a fair price I will appreciate a chance to figure and secure your work.

I have moved my family to Spur, have put my children in school here, I expect to make Spur my home, I came here not to make a dollar and leave without paying my grocery bill, but to make a living for my wife and children and to help build up Spur in any way that I can in my humble way. I want to live and let live. If I am the kind of a man you want to do business with let me know. My office for the present is with Richardson Lumber Company.

I Remain Yours Very Truly,
J. B. GEORGE,
Contractor and Builder.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

A man that's clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing; and who can win without bragging; considerate to women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf; and who takes his share of the world's good and lets other people have theirs, is my idea of a true gentleman.—Push.

Murray, the mason for brick flues

WE ANNOUNCE

To the public that we are now putting in an exchange at Spur and that we propose to give service second to none. We have been in the telephone business in Dickens and adjoining counties since 1900, we have stayed with the people through the hard times and feel confident they will give us a fair share of their patronage in the future.

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HOME THOUGHTS.

Gather a wreath from the garden bowers and tell the wish of thy heart in flowers.

When the high heavens can be mirrored in a drop of dew, why may not the smallest deed of life mirror the whole spirit of Christianity?

The essential elements of true hospitality are: a sound, simple, everyday life, with no shame to hide and no pretences to keep up. That which makes hospitality a burden and not a delight is a foolish vanity which wishes to appear better than it has to divide.

It is the little foxes that destroy the vines in home life. We have known men who would lay down their lives for their wives and children, who would almost have fits of apoplexy over a button off a shirt or a mislaid paper. There are women who would die at the stake for their husbands but who have an almost unconscious habit of nagging the poor man from morning till night. Stange isn't it.

Murray, the mason for brick flues

MAN'S REAL NATURE.

The place to take the true measure of a man is not in the darkest place or amen corner, nor in the forum or field, but by his own fireside. There he lays

aside his mask and you may learn whether he is an imp or an angel, king, hero or bulldog. I care not what the world says of him—whether it crowns him boss or pelts him with bad eggs. I care not a copper what his religion or reputation may be, if his babies dread his home coming and his better half swallows her heart every time she has to ask him for a dollar, he is a fraud of the first water, even though he prays night and morning until black in the face and howls hallelujah until he shakes the eternal hills. But if his children rush to meet him and love's sunshine illuminates the face of his wife when she hears his footfall you can take it for granted that he is as pure as gold and his home a heaven—and the humbug never gets near the great white throne to God. He may be a rank atheist and a redflag anarchist, a Mormon elder and a mug-wump: he may buy votes in blocks of five and bet on the election; he may deal them from the bottom of the deck and drink beer until he can not tell a silver dollar from a circular saw, and still be infinitely better than the cowardly little humbug who is all suavity in society but makes home hell when he vents upon the heads of his helpless wife and children, an ill nature he would like to inflict on his fellow man, but dares not. I can forgive much in that fellow who would rather call anger to the eyes of a king than fear to the face of a child.—W. C. Brann.

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LITTLE CLIPPINGS

In the election last Saturday the bond issue carried by a majority of ten votes.

Mrs. E. L. Clay and son, Master Vernon, of the Spur ranch are in town visiting this week.

E. D. Chambers of Afton passed through town Wednesday enroute to Spur with a hack load of pork, eggs and butter for the market.

Reviewers are out looking out a route for a first class road from Dickens to Spur. This road will be established at once, and both Duck Creek and Dockum will be bridged.

T. L. Alcorn and family of Cottonwood community moved to town Tuesday and are occupying the Mrs. J. H. McNeese residence in the north part of town.

J. H. Edwards, of the north side of the county, met his mother, who lives in Estland county at Spur Monday, and she accompanied him home Tuesday to spend the winter with her boys.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whitaker passed through town Thursday with their household goods enroute from Stamford where they have resided the past two years to their farm on Cottonwood.

Commissioners' Court has been in regular session this week and one among the many things they did was to select a site for the new jail, and where the Item office now stands was selected as the site for that building.—Dickens Item.

Ewing Lawson, Phil Wilson, Clarence Freeman and Ben White returned from Spur Wednesday evening where they had been shipping cattle for the C B Live Stock Company.

Sixteen persons from Lubbock on their way to Spur, stopped over in Crosbyton a while last Friday.

T. J. Walling returned from Spur Tuesday evening, where he had been shipping cattle.

Mr. Jay Adams of Floydada made a trip to Spur via. of Crosbyton last week.

Julian M. Bassett made a trip to Spur Saturday.—Crosbyton Review.

I am prepared to give you the best at the lowest possible rate. I represent the oldest and most reliable Insurance Companies in America. I keep on hand a complete supply of legal blanks such as deeds, mortgages, releases, mechanics liens and contracts for deeds. Notary work done on short notice. A share of your business will be appreciated. E. J. COWAN, Office with Jackson Realty Co.

W. C. Grubben, who has been with the Owen Jewelry Company of Rotan, came to Spur the latter part of last week and is putting in a jewelry store for that company at this place. Spur is rapidly securing business concerns and institutions of every character, and before many months we will have a city of prominence and importance to the country.

Saturday night and Sunday the Spur country was visited with a heavy, cold rain with wind from the north. The rain put a good season in the ground which makes the prospects for crops another year look very promising. However, the cold rain was very disagreeable to those who are now living in tents, and there are quite a number who have not been able to secure houses in Spur at this time.

Friday night the six months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Clingan died and was buried Saturday morning in the Spur cemetery. The child had been sick for some time. The family had just recently moved to Spur from Lubbock. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Mrs. Nell Robertson, of Afton, was here this week making arrangements to put in a ladies bazaar in Spur. Mrs. Robertson will have the bazaar in operation by the fifteenth of December.

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Mrs. Oran McClure and children and Mrs. Roy McClure came to Spur last week from Rotan and are now located in temporary quarters and experiencing some of the disadvantages of the tented district of the town.

Go to the Spur Meat Market for fresh and cured meat and fresh bread—also barbestew meat. Across the street from Western Hotel.

I. G. Van Leer, of two miles north of Spur, was in town Saturday on business.

Candies, apples, oranges

If You Want Bargains in Second-Hand Goods

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T. J. Harrison and wife, who live four miles north of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday and made the Texas Spur office a very pleasant call. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have lived in this country since the early days, and say that this year is the shortest crop year within the history of the country. We were glad to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and thank them for a dollar on subscription to Texas Spur. They were pleased with Spur and say they would be glad to move here and make this their home if they could sell out their place above Dickens.

J. E. Sparks and wife were in Spur Wednesday from the Tap country. Mr. Sparks sent in two subscriptions to Texas Spur for which he has our thanks.

Frank Fite, a lumber man of Cisco, was in Spur this week making arrangements to ship lumber here and sell in car load lots.

Mr. Duncan, a prominent citizen of the Casco country, was here this week on business.

Dennis Harkey and John Langham were in Spur this week from Dickens.

Tom McArthur, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday and Sunday. He says everything is moving along nicely in his section of the country. Crops are about all gathered and farmers getting ready for the next year's crop.

A business house being erected by Mr. Buchanan was blown down Sunday by the norther. The building will be occupied by the Cisco Drug Company which will locate here as soon as the building is complete.

Mr. Douthitt returned the latter part of last week from a trip to the eastern part of the state where he had been buying goods for the Clingan & Douthitt business at this place.

Mrs. Gipson and grandchildren spent Sunday night in Spur on their return from a visit to relatives at Sagerton. They left Monday for their home in Dickens.

J. M. Bennett, of the Spur Grain Company, spent Saturday and Sunday in Stamford, returning Monday.

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KEEPING MONEY AT HOME.

By Charles Little in Newspaperdom.

Throughout the land, in the suburbs of every large city, you will find satellites of the cities, and in such towns the universal cry of the merchants is, "The people go to the city to make their purchases when they should buy of the local dealers and keep the money at home."

No person can talk to a storekeeper located in a suburban town without coming to the conclusion that the matter is a serious one to him; that whatever kicks against fate he may have in his system, this is the big and overshadowing one.

If he made some real effort to overcome the disadvantage he would obtain more sympathy and need less of it, for the condition would to a certain extent disappear.

A woman has some money to spend, and she turns to the newspapers to determine where she will spend it. In the city newspaper she reads the well displayed plausible advertisements of the big shops. In her local newspaper she may read the mussy advertisement of the local store.

If the local dealer's announcement were as good from an advertising standpoint as that of the big city shop, the shopper would in many cases buy in her home town. Furthermore, if the local dealer showed the same enterprise in bringing desirable goods to her attention, she would be still more likely to keep her money at home.

Money can be spent in most instances to as great advantage in a town of moderate size as in the big city. But the fact is not

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ATTENTION BUSINESS MEN.

The business men of Spur have organized a commercial club and meet every Monday night in Lambdin & Company's business house, three meetings have already been had and much important business has been attended to but much more remains to be done yet. A live, active, wide awake commercial club is the life of a town. Shall it be said that Spur is not living?

It is the duty of every citizen of Spur, no matter what your business or interests are, to attend every meeting of the commercial club and take an active part in the proceedings. You will not be giving your time and money to anything, but making one of the best paying invest-

ments you ever made in your life. If you are a merchant, your business will be increased, if a salesman your salary and influence must increase, if a tradesman you will be getting acquainted with the best ways of increasing your trade.

Let us not stand back and wonder what they are doing, but attend the meeting and be able to say what we are doing for our little city.

Don't forget the time and place of meeting, and be sure not to miss the meeting next Monday night as we have something of special interest to be considered.

J. P. HORTON,
Secretary.

Spur Drug Company for cigars.

"The Store Ahead"

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generally known, and for this condition the local storekeeper has no one to thank but himself.

There are oceans of young men in the country obtainable at a price which the storekeeper could afford to pay, who with some experience could turn out creditable advertisements.

The trouble with the local storekeeper is that he would rather yawp. He is mortally afraid to spend a dollar unless he sees it coming back immediately.

Spur Drug Company for toilet articles, cigars and school supplies.

W. N. Blackwell moved into his nice residence which he completed the first of the week.

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