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SPUR AS A COTTON MARKET

More Than One Hundred And Fifty Bales of The Fleecy Staple Marketed At Spur Within The Month.

As a result of the enterprise, immediate action and business sagacity of the citizens and business men of the town, Spur is now recognized as the cotton market of this territory. Cotton is coming to this market every day and from every direction and being sold to the cotton buyers of Spur for the very highest prices.

The volume of cotton being marketed here may not sound very big to the outside world, but when you come here and see the vast number of idle acres of land in every direction you will be surprised that as much cotton is grown as has already been marketed here.

Up to date more than one hundred and fifty bales of cotton has been sold in Spur to the local cotton buyers, the prices paid ranging from thirteen to fifteen cents and which is satisfactory to the producer and in many instances more than the market quotations. In the very beginning Spur decided to establish a superior cotton market, and within this short time the efforts along this line has been most successful and the town is today recognized as one of the best cotton markets of the country.

The Spur country will produce the stuff and what the country needs now more than all else is farmers, men who will cultivate the soil and produce something. This country is today practically uninhabited, but within a very few years conditions will have changed, and where now is thousands and thousands of fertile and idle acres a dense population will be producing a great variety of stuff, comfortable and handsome farm homes will adorn every eighty or one hundred and sixty acre blocks and the country densely populated with a prosperous and contented citizenship.

Spur is located near the center of a big, rich farming territory and will furnish a market for every character of produce, will supply the country with every character of merchandise and gives the producers of the outside world a cordial invitation to join us in the development of boundless resources, assist in the building of a city and become prosperous citizens with us within the Spur territory.

RELATION OF SMALL CROPS AND HIGH PRICES.

From the Fort Worth Record we produce an item in regard to the relationship of the small crop to high prices, and the results there. There is a strong lesson in this article, and every farmer who reads it should carefully consider the reasons herein:

A practical demonstration of the result of a small crop with high prices is made by W. F. Sterly, general freight agent of the Fort Worth & Denver rail-

road. The cotton receipts of the Denver & Wichita Valley line last year were 175,000 bales; this year he estimates the receipts at 150,000 bales. But last year the producer received for the cotton and seed about \$50 a bale of \$8,750,000, while this year at \$75 a bale he will receive \$11,250,000, or an increase of \$3,500,000. The net profit is more than these figures indicate, for it cost the farmer less to produce and market 150,000 bales than to produce and market 175,000 bales.

This comparison exhibits the difference between a governed crop and an ungoverned crop of course, the drouth caused the smaller yield this year, but the results would be even more satisfactory if the farmers were to control the output as he is able to do by co-operation with his fellows. In normal seems a much smaller acreage would yield the crop produced this year with same effect upon prices, and the remainder of the cotton acreage could be planted to other crops, or the cotton could receive better culture and thereby increase the yield at the same initial cost.

While it is not possible for the farmers to absolutely fix the cotton acreage, intelligent co-operation will practically do so. A firm policy by all the farmers' organizations to plant no more of cotton than they can be sure of cultivating well and gathering without risk operate to considerably curtail the acreage below what it would be if every farmer were to yield to the temptation to over plant. Add to this policy a faithful resolution to diversify, to raise all that can be raised for home consumption, to so pitch the crops as to be sure of having something to market in the spring and summer as well as fall, and to raise enough livestock to utilize the waste and to capitalize the pasturage of the farm, and the thing is accomplished.

Under these conditions the normal cotton yield of the South would be not more than 12,000,000 or 13,000,000 bales, and at the present rate of consumption such a crop would easily absorbed at 10 cents a pound or better.

The all-cotton farmer misses it about as often as he hits it in yield and price. He is the victim of the most whimsical and uncertain of the world's markets. This year the farmers who have even a third or a fourth of a crop have made a fair profit. Thousands of farmers who had winter grain or livestock they have lost a whole year's effort.

The all-round farmer is the surest income.

Another thing that this short crop demonstrates is the wisdom of the Texas railroad commission in declining to reduce the cotton rate this year. The Texas crop

is scarcely 60 per cent of the normal, and that means a 40 per cent loss in cotton freights. The railroads, of course, get no share of the profit in high prices. 15c cotton pays no higher rate than 5-cent cotton. We do not undertake to say that the cotton rate should not in time be lowered, but in common fairness it should not have been lowered this year nor should it be lowered upon the mere prospects of a full crop next year. It is quite as important that the railroads prosper as that the farmers prosper. More than the state needs lower rates it needs improved railway facilities, better roadbeds, better stations, lower grades and quicker time.

The thoughtful citizen cannot fail to observe that the railroads of late have shown a commendable generosity toward the public. The Rock Island-Prisco system has undertaken to spend large sums in agricultural development and other systems according to their means and the lights before them are endeavoring in many ways to serve the public not only in transportation but in industrial promotion, and generally the whole railway world is manifesting a disposition to give the people something more than the law requires. Also, the roads are about the only property in Texas paying taxes on full value. Under all these circumstances it would be poor statemanship to fix hazardous rates on either freight or passenger traffic.

FAVORS GOOD ROADS.

Commissioner Carlisle, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Thursday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to relatives in Georgia for which he has our thanks. Mr. Carlisle said the Commercial Club of Spur was starting out on the right proposition with respect to roads, and that he intended to meet with them next Monday night and render what assistance possible along that line. He said that there were a number of crossings and small bridges that should be put in at once to give Spur first-class roads from every direction. Commissioner Carlisle is a believer in good roads and as a county commissioner will render what assistance possible in bettering the roads and public highways of the county and especially within his district.

Murray, the mason for brick flues

CAN'T BE BOUGHT.

Happiness and completeness in life cannot be bought. It is a supreme gift, the free reward of character and loving, unselfish service. The constant and ceaseless response to the needs and claims of those about us is simply living in the completeness of life. It is expression, it is joy, it is privilege. It is privilege. It is participation in the higher purpose of the universe. It is spiritual development. Loving outgoing sympathy is simply that diviner atmosphere into which it is our higher privilege to enter.

Ex. Murray, the mason for brick flues

BUILDING BRICK HOUSES

Construction Work On A Number of Brick Business Houses Will Begin Immediately.

Brick for the building of a number of business houses in Spur arrived and work commenced this week. The foundation has been laid a number of days for the Bryant-Link building on the southwest corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street, and since the arrival of the brick and other material work will be resumed and the building rushed to completion.

Dirt was removed this week for the foundation of the First National Bank building. This building will be two stories in highth and in connection with another building to go up at the same time will cover three lots on the northwest corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street.

Plans are maturing for the erection of two more brick business houses on Burlington Avenue and it is very probable that work on these buildings will be in operation within a short time.

These brick buildings will add greatly to the appearance of the town and is evidence of substantial and permanent growth, and as said heretofore Spur will be a big town in a little while and the commercial center of of vast territory.

SAME KIND OF SELFISHNESS.

Some times; not all the time, the greatest good that has come to the human race has been born of selfish spirit. Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in expectation of receiving the emoluments that would follow to him. Howe invented the sewing machine more in the hope of reaping a material reward than in being a benefactor of the human race. McCormick perfected the reaper not because he wanted to lift load that was burdensome from the backs of the farmers of the world. The fact that Edison has turned his genius to the benefit of mankind does not argue that Edison was devoid of selfish ambitions, for while the world has been made brighter through his work, Edison has also made himself a millionaire.

This list could be extended indefinitely. But enough has been cited to hang the theme well and the theme is this:

The West Texas Development Congress that convenes in San Angelo on December 6 was born of selfish motives. But these motives spring from the same brand of selfishness that has ever held sway when some revolutionary movement of a peaceful nature has been started.

The promoters of this congress are selfish in that they wish to see West Texas make progress along material lines without being forced to carry the handicaps of misrepresentation, that are born of ignorance and flourish through repetition.

The Press-News will not use the hackneyed expression that

one half the world does not know how the other half lives to illustrate the needs of such a congress. But the Press-News has no hesitancy in declaring that one-half of the people of this state have no conception of the needs of West Texas, or the problems that confront West Texas. That they should thus live in darkness is not so much to their discredit as it is to the discredit of the people of West Texas. We have been altogether too prone to sit idle while the tongue of slander and the lips of gossip have played unceasingly without opening our hearts and bearing them that all could see, or without lifting our voices in righteous protest against the existence of such calamities.

Get in the game. Play it hard and fairly. The West Texas Development Congress will be the means to reach a much desired end. It's up to you and to us all.—Press-News.

A GOOD RULE TO GO BY.

In one of his speeches during the Mississippi Valley trip, President Roosevelt told this little anecdote about the old days when he lived out West on a ranch in the cow country:

"There were no fences, he said, and every calf was branded with the same brand its mother had, so that the increase of the calves could be totaled. There used to be a ranch law known as the Maverick law, according to which any calf overlooked in branding would be branded with the brand of the ranch where it was found.

"I was once riding across the country with one of my cow punchers, when we found a stray calf on another man's ranch.

"The cow puncher wanted to brand it with the Roosevelt brand but I told him I would not stand for it.

"The cow puncher said: 'Hold on, old man, I know my business. I always put on the Roosevelt brand.'

"All right, I said, you go to the camp and get your gun.

"What are you doing," he asked.

Well, I answered, if you steal for me you will lose me."

Making the application of the story, the president concluded: "And that is a good rule for public and private life.

"If a man does something dishonorable in your behalf he is only going to wait for an opportunity to do something unjust toward you. You want to stand by the honest man.

"If a man wants only justice and wants you to do the just thing by him, stick to him.

"It is an absolute safe rule to keep in mind all the time. It is unerring.

"If a man will steal for you, he will steal from you.

"If a man will lie for you, he will lie to you.

"If a man will do anything dishonorable for you, he will be dishonorable to you, and he is not to be trusted."

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

TAP TELLINGS.

The recent cold snap was severe on stock and work in the fields was suspended. Cotton picking is nearly through and the yield has been better than at first expected.

The dance at J. C. Day's recently was enjoyed by young and old alike, there being seventeen young lady dancers with twenty-eight young gentlemen dancers. The Box Supper netted four dollars and fifty cents for the purpose of purchasing a blackboard for our school.

Will Hiath and Mr. Ash were driving through our community yesterday on the exhilaration of the West Texas breeze. Come again gentlemen.

J. M. Zumivaldh is staying at the S. Ranch, we understand he has the position of straw boss.

Messrs. Tom and Walter Greer are holding down positions with the half circle S. ranch in Crosby county.

Our friend and compatriot Mr. Wright is holding up one end of the cotton sack trying to finish it.

Wright spent part of the

day Sunday at J. M. Zumivaldh. We understand he likes to go over that way occasionally.

Miss Mary Greer, accompanied by Mrs. Alta Greer, started to Dickens today but reconsidered and will go to Spur tomorrow.

George Greer made a flying trip to Dickens yesterday and reports on a boom.

O. S. Shackleford, of Emma, visited with the young folks here Saturday till Monday. Come again Mr. Shackleford and be a pleasant visitor with us.

Our school here is progressing very well owing to interested patrons and lovable students.

Say Mr. Editor do you like birds? If so come over and Join the Nimrods of our community and we will have a big time.

PENCIL PUSHER.

Miss L. Agnes White, of Stamford was in Spur this week looking after her interests in Spur. Miss White purchased a number of lots, both business and residence, in the city during the opening week and will probably make some improvements on her purchases some time in the

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ADVICE TO FARMERS.

Tyler, Texas, Dec. 1.—W. F. Proctor, State agent for East Texas of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work, is out in the following card addressed to the farmers, giving reasons why land should be plowed early in the winter:

1. It gives the grass and stalks time to rot and help supply the vegetable matter the soil needs.

2. Land broke early is generally in better condition for plowing, it stores up all the rain, which makes the next crop more certain.

3. It helps to keep you well up with your work, and it is easier worked after fall or winter plowing has been done and frequently the crop has been doubled by deep plowing. It should be harrowed during the winter and bedded early, so that it will firm up the seed bed and drain the land so that the seed will come up better and grow off earlier.

The farmers who want to grow great crops of corn should save up all barnyard manure and apply it to the land well pulverized.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

The subject of this discussion is familiar to all the reading world. Since the beginning of man's activity upon the earth, it has been an unvarying principal that the fittest shall survive. It applies to the animal world, to the vegetable world, to principles to men and institutions.

What a collection of fossiliferous animals are heaped in the museums of earth and yet their species have long since been extinct! What vegetable forms do we find hidden in the strata of earth and no exact forms of which now exist. Review the theories of ancient philosophers, statesmen and sage, you will find that many theories were founded upon false hypotheses, therefore they have been superceded by correct reasoning and scientific research.

Great athletes have come before the world and flourished in their physical prestage, yet another shall come to dethrone the giant and wear crown of olives. Great statesmen have been pointed out as the very source of constitutional learning and economic knowledge, yet his rival will appear to eclipse his glory and to relegate him to private life.

Institutions have arisen to fill a mission of usefulness, holding for a time the highest place in their particular sphere, yet a competitive institution will arise to share the patronage and even outstrip its adversary.

Nothing is certain in the world to hold prestige because of its former work, long standing or any such claim.

We are in for life's success. The slow or the slothful will be left in the shuffle. Conditions are constantly changing. Business methods of a few years ago will not meet the requirements of today. If we shall hug the consoling phantom to our breast and our past achievements will

we have been playing in the cess so long cannot be overcome by a competitor, we are in danger at once and must marshal our energies to be able to cope with competition. We must get busy each day, always remembering that we are all the time subject to the law of the "Survival of the Fittest"

"The Store Ahead"

**SPUR FURNITURE
COMPANY**

Will be open for business

WED. DEC. 1ST.

Spur Drug Company for school supplies.

O. J. Hains, of Floydada, was in Spur this week.

Go to Spur Drug Company for toilet articles.

Go to the Spur Meat market for fresh Lard.

Go to the Elite Cafe for Tom Moore cigars.

Spur Drug Company for fancy perfumes and toilet soaps.

Fresh fruits and nuts of all kinds at Elite Cafe.

Fred King, of Dutchman, Motley county, was looking over the city this week.

Irvin Young, of Lockney, Floyd county, is now making Spur his home. Mr. Young is a carpenter by trade and is following his profession here.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

**SOUTH SHOULD UNITE FOR
HIGHER COTTON.**

Unless all sources of information in regard to the cotton crop are thoroughly unreliable, the yield this year will be very short. Considering the rapid increase in the world's consumption of cotton even during such a period of depression as that of 1907-1908, it may be accepted almost without question that with the wonderful prosperity which is now coming upon this country will spread more or less to all other lands there will be a very great increase in the consumption of cotton goods. The very general claim made by mill owners that higher prices will lesson consumption may prove a fallacy. Last year it was very difficult to find a market for 15,000,000 tons of pig iron when iron was selling on the bases of \$10 to \$11 in Birmingham. Now the market is

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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.

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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

LAMB DIN & 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, ^{City Property} ^{Agent} 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} ^{and} Assure You Reasonable Prices.
H. NICHOLSON, SPUR DRUG COMPANY, Careful and Accurate 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, Submit Your Needs.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY, Hardware, Queensware, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Notions.
LUZON TELEPHONE COMPANY, Connections to all Principal 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, Tobacco and Candies.
CAMPBELL & CAMPBELL, Furniture, Carpets, Rugs Wall Paper and Undertakers Supplies.
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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.

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GRAN McCLURE, Editor & Prop.

Subscription Price \$1.00 a Year.

W. B. Lewis, a prominent attorney of Plainview, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on his way to Abilene to attend court. Mr. Lewis owns a ranch near Spur and says that he will probably locate here at an early date and engage in the practice of his profession at Spur. He was pleased and surprised at the rapid growth of Spur during the past thirty days, and realizes with others here that a substantial city is building.

C. W. Lowery came up from Cisco Tuesday and is making preparations to open up a drug business here this week. Mr. Lowery will be manager of the Cisco Drug Company.

J. R. Marsh came in this week and had his name placed on the growing subscription list of The Texas Spur. "Go thou and do likewise." We want to send the Texas Spur to every home in this country and also to your friends and relatives back East. We will let them know what is doing in the West, especially in the Spur country.

F. W. Jennings has our thanks for a subscription to the Texas Spur. Subscribers continue to come in and Texas Spur intends to give them more than a dollar's worth of news within the year. Let us put your name on the list.

C. L. Burns, a prominent citizen of Lubbock, was in Spur last week looking over the town and noting the improvements and progress of the city.

J. P. Horton, Secretary of the Commercial Club, returned Sunday from a business trip to Stamford.

Mrs. Bryant returned Sunday from a visit to relatives and friends at Stamford.

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EMMETT LEE

Carpenter & Contractor..

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A. R. Fouts came up to Spur Sunday from Rotan and is looking after his drug business at this place.

J. Y. Jordan made a business trip down the Stamford & North railway Saturday.

L. E. Lee, of the Eastside Barber Shop, returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to Rochester.

J. M. Bennett, of the Spur Grain & Coal Company, made a trip to Stamford the latter part of last week, returning to Spur Sunday.

LOST—A bay horse, three years old and unbranded. He answers to the name of "Prin-ter" and is a direct descendant of the old Tom Hal stock of horses in Tennessee. He is worth from one to two hundred dollars, but is not for sale since he is needed to hustle subscriptions and other business for the Texas Spur. We are not offering a big reward for his return but will give a year's subscription to Texas Spur to the party who will direct us to his whereabouts and if you don't know where the horse is located we would be glad for you come around, tell us the news and subscribe for the paper anyhow.

J. F. Edwards, Pat Hollingshead, Ben Spradlin and others of near Girard were in Spnr Tuesday. They came up to try to purchase some land of the Spur management. Mr. Edwards reports that Girard is growing right along and that preparations are being made to do extensive improvements there in the near future.

Mrs. Tidwell and children arrived in Spur Saturday evening from the eastern part of the State and will make this their permanent home in the future. Mr. Tidwell is one of the proprietors of the Eastside Barber Shop. We are glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell permanently located here and wish them a pleasant home in Spur.

N. V. Speer, of Rule, was in Spur last week and organized a Sunday school and a Woodman Camp at this place. The Woodman Camp was organized with a large membership and it is expected that both organizations will grow and do much good in social and religious circles.

Numbers of people have come in on the trains this week to look at Spur and note the improvements being made and quite a number have decided to locate with us after taking in the situation. Spur is growing and will continue to grow.

R. S. Holman, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

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.

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DICKENS, TEXAS

Drugs, Medicines, Paint, Varnish, toilet articles, syringes, soaps, perfumery and oil.

IF YOU WANT WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT, COME HERE

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

Mark Hardin moved his family here this week from Post City where he has been living the past year. Mr. Hardin purchased farm lands near Spur and will begin improving it immediately. He is not only well pleased with this section of the country but thinks the land here cheaper than elsewhere considering the quality of soil. Uncle Buck Hardin is an old timer of this western country, knows the country, the soil and what it will produce and as a result of this knowledge and his staying qualities he is one among the most prosperous citizens.

Miss L. Agnes White, of Stamford was in Spur this week looking after her interests in Spur. Miss White purchased a number of lots, both business and residence, in the city during the opening week and will probably make some improvements on her purchases some time in the future.

Claud Bailey, formerly cashier of the Cowboy State Bank of Rotan, was in Spur again this week looking over the situation and it is very probable that Mr. Bailey will decide to locate permanently with us at Spur. There is not a better town or one with brighter prospects and more promising future than Spur.

H. J. Deford is visiting his family this week in Stephenville. Mr. Deford is an enthusiastic Spurite and as a result of his efforts and "boosting" quite a number of friends and acquaintances have come to Spur and will make this their home.

J. D. Powell spent Saturday and Sunday at his home near Orianna, in Stonewall county. Mr. Powell owns considerable property in Spur and is one of our most prominent and substantial citizens.

Oscar Jackson, of the firm of Jackson Realty Company, made a business trip this week to Plainview, spending several days at that place.

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FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

One bay horse about 16 hands high, had when lost a leather halter on, no brand. One brown horse branded half circle U on left thigh. Strayed or stolen from Spur about 15th of November. Finder please notify H. K. Parks, livery man, Spur, and collect reward.

District court is in session at Matador this week.

Judge W. T. Andrews of Stamford, Attorney for S. M. Swenson & Sons, was in town Monday.

Prof. St. John who will teach the school at Spur was in town on business Thursday.

Larry Edwards and family of the north side of the county passed through town Tuesday moving to Spur where Mr. Edwards will run a restaurant and meat market.—Dickens Item.

Mr. Roberts, a carpenter and contractor of Dublin, was in Spur this week looking over the town and was well pleased with its looks and says that he will probably locate here and make this his future home.

O. C. Scarborough, who has been doing carpenter and contract work in Spur during the past month, made a trip to Hamlin the latter part of last week to visit his family at that place.

I. G. Van Leer was in Spur Monday from his place two miles north of town.

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

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SPUR, TEXAS

We have been laboring faithfully and incessantly every day and night this week trying to get our gasoline engine to run, but our efforts have been unsuccessful and as a consequence the paper is late and somewhat short with respect to news items. A balky engine in connection with the newspaper business is the most trying ordeal imaginable and we hope that no other poor devil has to suffer what we have throughout this week.

Mr. McGill, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday of this week and paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant call.

Willis Rogers, of Claremont, was here this week on business.

J. M. Jones, of near Afton, was in Spur Thursday and a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, giving us a silver dollar for the paper one year. Mr. Jones reports that his section of the country is in fine shape, crops about all gathered and prospects good for a bumper crop next year. The recent rains have put a good season in the ground and every section of the country is now in good condition.

W. J. Maben returned Wednesday from Rotan where he spent several days with his family. Mr. Maben came to Spur at its opening and is doing a fire insurance and real estate business. He will probably make Spur his permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Diltz, formerly of Rotan, were in Spur this week looking over the city with a view of putting in a business here. They are well pleased and will probably locate here in the near future.

Tip Foy came up Thursday from Rotan and will spend several days in Spur looking after his business interests here. Mr. Foy is interested here in the barber and restaurant business.

J. M. Bennett returned Sunday from a visit to his family at Stamford. Mr. Bennett is in the coal and grain business here and is one among our most substantial citizens.

Mrs. Nelle Robertson came to Spur this week from Afton and will open a ladies bazaar here by the fifteenth of this month.

Have you seen "Printer?" He is a bay horse, about fourteen or fifteen hands high, unbranded.

J. Y. Jones made a business trip this week to points in the eastern part of the State.

Murray, the mason for brick flues

1,500 TURKEYS WANTED BY DECEMBER 18th.

Highest prices paid. Spur Grain Company.

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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

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.

J. S. Grisham, vice-president and general manager of the Garza County Land and Abstract Company, arrived here Monday from Post City for the purpose of putting in a branch office for that company at this place. Mr. Grisham expressed surprise at the rapid growth of Spur and said that he expected to find only two or three stores built in the town within the short time since the opening day. The rapid growth of Spur is marvelous and a surprise to all who come here.

Mr. Walthall and family moved to Spur last week from Floydada and will make this place their future home. We are glad to welcome this family to Spur and hope their home here will be both pleasant and prosperous. Mr. Walthall is a blacksmith by trade and it is possible that he

Jno. White has sold his place to T. M. Curlee and will go to Spur.

J. W. Davenport, F. A. Sewell, H. C. Power, R. L. Smithers and Mr. Scott made a trip to the town, Spur.—Post City Post.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

Sheriff Cole was here this week from Dickens on official business.

Will Osman, of Claremont, was in Spur this week on business.

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W. C. BOWMAN

Lumber Company

LUMBER, SASH DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material.

Martin Gay has opened up another restaurant on Burlington Avenue and is now ready for business. Mr. Gay was formerly with the Silver Moon Cafe.

J. A. Blair, a prominent citizen of a few miles north of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Thursday of this week.

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
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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**

BEST YEAR IN PRICES

Value of Farm Products in 1909 is Almost Incomprehensible.

Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture, declares the secretary of agriculture in his thirteenth annual report, made public today. The value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is \$869,000,000, a gain of \$869,000,000 over 1908. The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. The report says:

"Eleven years of agriculture, beginning with a production of \$4,417,000,000 and ending with \$8,760,000,000! A sum of \$70,000,000,000 for the period! It has paid off mortgages, it has established banks, it has made better homes, it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive."

Farm Production of 1909---the most striking fact in the world of agriculture is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which equals the value of the cloth and personal adornments of 1,000,000 people according to the census of 1900. The gold and silver coin and bullion of the United States are of greater value. It has grown up from

the soil and out of the air in 120 days---\$15,000,000 a day for one crop, nearly enough for two Dreadnaughts daily for peace or war. This crop exceeds in value the average of the crops of the five preceding years by 36 per cent.

Cotton is now the second crop in value and this year's cotton crop is easily the most valuable one to the farmer that has been produced. With cotton lint selling at 13.7 cents on the farm Nov. 1 and with cotton seed selling for about \$25 per ton, the lint and seed of this crop are worth about \$350,000,000 to the farmer. No cotton crop since 1873 has been sold by farmers for as high a price per pound as this one.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$725,000,000 at the farm, and this largely exceeds all previous sales. The November farm price was almost an even dollar a bushel, a price which has not been equaled since 1881. This is the third wheat crop in point of size, with 725,000,000 bushels.

The hay crop is valued at \$665,000,000, oats at 400,000,000, potatoes at \$212,000,000, and

an amount considerably greater than that for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 6.5 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equaled in a previous year.

It is almost exactly \$3,000,000,000, or 34 per cent above the five year average.

Compared with the average of the previous five years, all crops are greater in quantity this year

except cotton, flaxseed, hops and cane sugar; but without exception every crop is worth more to the farmer than the five year average.

This is the year of the highest production for potatoes, tobacco, beet sugar and rice; next to the highest production for corn, oats and all cereals. Compared with 1908, gains in value are found all along the line, the exceptions being barley, buckwheat, rye and milk. The increase for cotton lint and seed is \$208,000,000, wheat \$107,000,000, corn \$105,000,000, hay \$29,000,000, oats \$22,000,000, tobacco \$18,000,000, potatoes \$15,000,000.

The increase in the value of farm products this year is over 1908, \$869,000,000, is enough to buy a new equipment of farm machinery for over 6,000,000 farms. The value of the cereal crops to the farmer would pay for all of the machinery, tools and implements of the entire manufacturing industry. The value of crops is \$869,000,000, would be of all steam railroads, according to the valuation of

make the expenditures needed to improve his agriculture and to educate his children for farm life and work."

J. H. Sparks, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Sparks is one of the old timers of this section and is one among the most substantial citizens. He says this is a fine agricultural country and will prosper the man who comes here and stays with it and works.

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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NOTICE.

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

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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.