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THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF SPUR AND THE SPUR FARM LANDS.

The Dissolution of the Spur Ranch, the Building of Spur and the Opening of the Spur Farm Lands to Settlement is one of the biggest events in the history of Western Texas development, and in the years to come will be recognized as one of the most important factors in the progress of civilization and education as well as the development of agricultural, commercial and industrial resources of the country

At this the beginning of a new year it will not be out of place to take a retrospective view of what has been accomplished in the past, what is being done at the present time and what is expected to be done in Spur, the Spur country and Western Texas generally in the future.

No country in the history of the American Continent has advanced and developed in all lines of progress, civilization and education more rapidly, substantially and permanently than has Western Texas within the past decade. Only a few years ago all of this western country was a vast wilderness where the buffalo ranged and the coyote howled unmolested. Today things have changed and the former wilderness and later cattle range is now being converted into productive fields of the world's principal products, railroads have invaded the territory and towns have sprung up on former round-up grounds, and the country inhabited by a progressive, prosperous and enlightened citizenship. At first the development and settlement of the country was naturally a slow and tedious process, and many of those who trekked across the country and blazed the way for the future generations, met with hardships, almost insurmountable barriers, and death in many instances. However, they kept coming, the ranches dwindled, farms multiplied, towns grew, and little did this more venturesome class dream at that time they were paving the way for an unsurpassed civilization and the creation of an empire within the confines of Western Texas.

In the early eighties Western Texas first attracted attention, and at that time a few cattle men and only the more venturesome class of people invaded the territory, and until recent years the agricultural resources and possibilities were unknown, the country being considered worthless and unfit for other purposes than as wholly a grazing proposition. However, with the advent of railroads, followed by a constant and ever increasing flow of immigrants and settlers the country is now being developed, towns are building in every section and the grazing proposition of former years is

being converted into one of the richest and most productive agricultural sections of America.

The recent purchase of the Spur Ranch by the Swensons was one of the most important transactions of years and the Swenson interests have been the greatest factors in promoting an early and rapid settlement and development of this section. The Spur Ranch was one of the oldest, most historical and one of the last of the most considerable ranches of Western Texas to pass out of existence and make room for the farmer and give place to the agricultural demands of the country. The old Spur Ranch was established in the early eighties and was principally owned by English and Scotch syndicates, and comprised an acreage of some four hundred and thirty thousand acres of land. Immediately after assuming control of this vast body of land the Swensons began surveying and cutting it into quarter section blocks for settlement by the farmer and town builders, and after the extension of the Stamford & Northwestern railroad to insure a rapid consummation of the plans the lands were placed on the market, the country opened to settlement and the town of Spur created.

The management of the Townsite and Spur Farm Lands was placed in the hands of Chas. A. Jones and the first town lots sold on the first day of November, 1909, and by virtue of its location in the heart of a vast and rich agricultural body of land, Spur's growth has been unparalleled in the history of townbuilding in Western Texas. From a bald prairie on the first day of November, 1909, Spur has developed within the intervening fourteen months into a city of note and commercial importance to the country. We have today a population exceeding twelve hundred and fifty souls and within the residential section there are something near three hundred and fifty fine residences, nice cottages and comfortable homes, while in the business portion of the city there are more than one hundred business houses including some of the finest and most substantial buildings within the

state, among the number being the Spur Inn, a forty thousand dollar structure, built of brick with stucco finish and staff ornaments and one of the most handsomely furnished and finished buildings within the state; the Spur National Bank building, a two story structure built of white pressed brick with brown stone trimmings at a cost of near thirty thousand dollars; the First State Bank building constructed of red and white pressed brick with concrete base and also the S. R. Davis establishment of the same character; the Bryant-Link building of pressed brick and stone trimmings; the Wendell building of pressed brick and stone trimmings; the Morrison establishment of concrete blocks and the The Texas Spur building of concrete. The business firms of the town include three banks with a total capital stock of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars and whose stockholders represent financial responsibility exceeding five millions of dollars, six dry goods stores, six grocery stores, four hardware stores, six hotels, two meat markets, one pool hall, three tailoring establishments, two sheet metal works, variety store, two millinery stores, three livery stables, three blacksmith shops, two wagon yards, three feed stores, five lumber yards, five real estate offices, two abstract offices, one sanitarium, two telephone companies, skating rink, townsite company, express company, telegraph company, sewer system, electric light plant, two physicians and surgeons, two dentists, two furniture stores, three law firms, three barber shops, railway company, two confectionery stores, one jeweler, one saddle shop, one shoe shop, two drug stores, five transfers, two laundry agencies, two insurance agencies, one land company, three restaurants, one paint shop, one auto line, two bakeries, one second hand store, photograph gallery, bottling works, two newspapers, one auto garage, cotton gin, one cotton yard, five organized churches and an active commercial club.

Aside from the business firms the town has several miles of

concrete side-walks, one of the most up-to-date Septic sewerage systems, and a deep well is being drilled with the hope of securing artesian water for the town's supply and which at this time is at a depth of seventeen hundred feet with bright prospects of securing water under the solid flint rock now encountered and which has been gone into several hundreds of feet.

The surrounding country has been keeping pace with the development of the town. Since the opening and during the past year the Spur Farm Lands management has made more than two hundred sales of farm lands, more than half of which has already been improved, and since December the first fifteen sales have been made all of which is now being improved and cleared for cultivation. Practically all of the land sold will be cleared and improved within the year. At the opening of the Spur Farm Lands there were about twenty families already settled in the Spur country, and these with those who have come during the past year will give Spur two hundred and fifty or three hundred farms immediately surrounding, and these with possibly one hundred farms immediately tributary and from which Spur draws its trade today and will continue to supply in the years to come, places the town in an enviable position with respect to commerce and agricultural resources, and complete master of this trade territory.

During the past year there has been marketed and shipped in Spur something near four thousand bales of cotton, the principal part of which was raised within the Spur trade territory, and considering the fact that last year we had less rain fall than any one year during the past quarter of a century the country averaged more than one third of a bale of cotton to the acre and plenty feed stuff made for home use and also to supply the new comers. Another evidence of the prosperity of the farmers and productiveness of the country is in the fact that all who have bought lands within the country have promptly paid all land notes and interests on their purchases. At the five

gins surrounding Spur there has been ginned a total of three thousand seven hundred and fifty bales to date, and since all cotton is not yet picked we presume that possibly four thousand bales will have been ginned before the end of the season, and possibly five thousand bales ginned and marketed from this section.

Another inducement and encouragement, aside from the productiveness of the soil and the advantages in commercial lines, to the farmer to settle here is being made by the Spur Farm Land management in that they now have a force of thirty men employed to kill prairie dogs on all of the east pasture lands and before spring practically every dog on this tract will have been killed. This is being done at an enormous expense of near thirty thousand dollars, yet the manager, Mr. Chas. A. Jones, realizing the inability of a single individual farmer meeting the situation, has assumed this responsibility.

The country is settling rapidly and in every community new school houses have been built and first-class schools established. An Experimental Farm has been established near Spur by the State department and which is now doing experimental work and in the years to come will be of inestimable value to the education and promotion of the farming interests.

Of the four hundred and thirty thousand acres comprising the Spur Farm Lands more than ninety per cent is choice, tillable and rich agricultural land. The soil is varied from shinnery and sandy loam to black, and will produce in abundance a variety of fruit, berries, garden truck and every product adapted to growth in a temperate zone, and considering all these things no man need hesitate to come, secure a home and prosper with those who have paved the way.

Spur will continue to grow, the country develop and prosper, and with the settlement of the remaining portion of the Spur Farm Lands we expect to see the town become a city of prominence in the commercial world and the Spur country one of the richest agricultural sections of America.

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Frank Owens and family left Tuesday for Putnam where they expect to remain several months to drink the mineral water at that place with the hope of improving the health of Mr. Owens who is a sufferer of stomach troubles. We hope that the waters will prove beneficial and that they will return to Spur soon. Mr. Owens has several residences here and of course will make this his permanent home in future.

The B. Shacklett stock of goods was bought last week by I. D. Camble who will add the purchase to his present stock of goods in the city.

Berry Pursley came up from his ranch and spent one day this week in the city on business. Mr. Pursley is now proprietor of the H. K. Parks livery business, Mr. Parks having removed to Girard and established a merchantile business at that place.

Fred O. McFall, of a few miles north of Spur, was in the city recently and informed us that the school in his community is now in progress under the supervision of an able teacher and a very good attendance. Their new building was just recently completed, and that community as well as others of the country is keeping in the progressive march. Take the Spur country and this section as a whole and it never lags in any line of march.

Miss Flora Dunn, who is attending college at San Antonio, came home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dunn of the city.

Miss Ruth Thomas, who is one of the teachers of the Spur schools, spent the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas of Girard.

S. R. Davis spent Christmas with his family at Dickens, his oldest son returning with him to Spur to spend the remaining holidays. Mr. Davis is gratified at the volume of business he has done since moving to Spur and says that he is here to help us build up the town as well as sell merchandise to the trade. Aside from the additional prestige a strong merchantile business is to the city Mr. Davis is a citizen of worth to the town and country and we welcome him to Spur.

W. S. Campbell, W. F. Godfrey, A. J. Tyler and Misses Thomas, Mary Jane Smith and Dora Williams spent Christmas day in Girard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. It is superfluous to say that they enjoyed the day and the visit to our neighbor city.

R. R. Morrison, spent the holidays with his family at Rotan and reports Christmas pretty lively at that place.

Miss Lois Morrison, of Rotan, is in the city visiting her brother, R. C. Morrison and family and other friends in the city.

During the holidays Sheriff Cole fell from a bluff on the hill north of Spur and broke his hip bone and as a result will probably be laid up a month or two and possibly be crippled for life. There is no better man in the country than Sheriff Cole and his many friends, over the country will regret to learn of the accident.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children, of the city, spent several days during Christmas with her father and mother, J. Carlisle and wife of Gilpin. Mrs. Smith's little daughter, we are glad to note, is now recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Election Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens.
Office of the County Judge of Dickens County, Texas.

Whereas, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910, there was presented to the undersigned County Judge of Dickens County, Texas, a petition signed by 64 persons, Citizens of the town of Spur, in said Dickens County, Texas, praying for an election to be ordered to determine whether the said town of Spur shall adopt the commission form of government, and it appearing that said town of Spur is now unincorporated and is a town located in said Dickens County, having a population of less than 10,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding federal census, and said petition is signed by at least 10 per centage of the qualified voters of said town and that said 64 persons are qualified voters of the town of Spur under the Constitution and laws of this State, and it further appearing that the territory to be embraced in the town of Spur and covered by the incorporation prayed for in said petition is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Sterley Avenue with the South line of Harris Street; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to a point in the South right of way line of the Wichita Valley Railway, said point being 100 feet Southward from and at right angles to the center line of the main line track of said Railway; thence North on degrees 26 minutes West, parallel with and 100 feet southward from said center line to a point in the south line of Section 244; thence westward with the south line of Section 244 to a point 200 feet southward from and at right angles to the center line of said main line track; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West parallel with and 200 feet southward from the center line track to a point located by the intersection of the West line of Calvert Avenue, if produced southward; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes East with the West line of Calvert Avenue to the intersection with the South line of Harris Street; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes West with the South line of Harris Street to the intersection with the West line of Williams Avenue; thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes east with the West line of Williams Avenue to the intersection with the North line of Mill Street; thence South 66 degrees 26 minutes East with the North line of Mill Street to the intersection with the West line of Miller Avenue; thence Northeastward with the West line of Miller Avenue to the intersection with the North line of the alley that runs north of Blocks 57, 58, 59, and 60; thence Northeastward with the North line of said alley to the intersection with the East line of Cowan Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes West with the East line of Cowan Avenue to the intersection with the North line of Hill Street to the intersection with the East line of Sterley Avenue; thence South 23 degrees 36 minutes West with the East line of Sterley Avenue to the place of beginning. All streets, avenues,

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It is therefore ordered that an election be held by the qualified voters of said town of Spur within the boundaries above set forth at Commercial Club thereon on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1911, to determine whether said town shall adopt the Commission form of government, and J. F. Vernon and J. V. McCormick, qualified voters of said town are hereby appointed Judges and S. T. Clemmons and N. A. Baker clerks to hold said election, and J. F. Vernon is hereby designated as the presiding Judge of said election, who shall hold the same in accordance with the general election laws of State on the date and at the place aforesaid and at such election there shall be elected from the qualified voters of said town a Mayor and two Commissioners who shall serve until the first Tuesday in April, 1911, and said election officers are hereby directed to make returns of said election to me in two days after said election in the manner and form provided by law, and it is further ordered that notice of said election be given by posting three written or printed notices thereof at three public places and by publishing the same in some news paper published in said town.

Given under my official signature and seal at my office in the town of Dickens, Texas, this the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910.

(L. S.) (Signed) F. C. Gipson,
County Judge, Dickens County, Texas.

J. D. Powell attended court at Dickens, he having a case before the Honorable District Judge, but we are informed that the case was dismissed for lack of proper representation on the part of the prosecution.

Langham-Chumbley.

On last Sunday Mr. J. W. Langham and Miss May Chumbley were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. W. A. Wilson performing the ceremony.

For some time past Mr. Langham has been employed in the hardware establishment of A. S. Jackson, and by his close application to business and steady habits has won many friends among the people of this community.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chumbley, one of the estimable families of the eastern part of the county and this year resided in Dickens. Miss May made many friends in Dickens during her residence here, Mr. and Mrs. Langham are occupying the Methodist parsonage. The item joins the many friends of these young people in wishing them much happiness and prosperity. Item.

Newt Bittick, wife and son, Quilla, returned the first of the week from Rotan where they spent several days with their parents and other relatives. He reports having had a most pleasant visit and that the Rotan country is in pretty good shape considering everything. Rotan, he says, is just a little dull at this time, possibly as a result of the strain during the holidays.

G. A. Howsley returned this week from Albany, where he spent the holidays with his family. His son returned with him to spend a time with his father in Spur.

Mr. Phillips, of San Angelo, and Miss Minnie Smith of Spur, were married recently at Dickens. The Texas Spur extends congratulation and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Smith a long, happy and prosperous journey over the matrimonial sea.

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TAP TELLINGS.

Holidays are over. Everyone is now getting down to business in dead earnest.

F. L. Allcorn, who resided at Dickens the past year, is now located on the Owens farm and will farm this year.

Rev. Mark Hardin preached here last Sunday to an attentive audience, and announced that he would preach next first Sunday.

Boss Copland has moved to his place in Kent county.

W. H. Shugart, of Chillicothe, is here with a view of locating on the Spur land.

W. L. Wright is located on the W. C. McArthur place for this year.

Mrs. Harrell entertained the young folks Friday night with a fruit supper and various amusements.

Our former neighbor, Mr. Wyatt, has located east of Spur a few miles.

Arney Baker, who has resided in Spur the past year, will farm on S. P. Preslors farm this year.

Mark Hopper has moved to the Jno. Day place a few miles north of here.

Gadabout.

T. B. Danforth, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud Country, was in the city recently and informed us that he was going to Red Land, New Mexico, and take up a claim. He says that he will not stay in that country but that just as soon as he lives out the required six months term of service he will prove up his claim and return to the Spur country.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wendell, of Amsterdam, spent Christmas in the city the guest of Chas. A. Jones. Mrs. Wendell is a lady of recognition in the financial circles of the country and is considerably interested in Spur and the Spur country, owning the Wendell building in the city and other property in the town and surrounding country.

Prof. J. C. Allison, of the Afton School, was a recent visitor to Spur and witnessed the Christmas celebrations here. Mr. Allison, in connection with his school duties, has assumed the editorship and management of the Dickens Item at Dickens. We welcome Mr. Allison into the field of journalism and wish him success and all the honors of the calling and much of the prosperity of trade, and judging from the paper now being published he will make good.

J. A. Murchison, of Casco, came in Tuesday with his son who left on the evening train for Stamford where he is attending school. While here Mr. Murchison handed us the coin for the Texas Spur another year and also for the Fort Worth Record for which he has our thanks. We have heretofore been under the impression that Mr. Murchison intended to move to Spur but he informed us that he did not intend to do so at present. However, he has bought lots here and says that he did so with an eye to the future and that possibly some time in the future he would build a home and move to town for the benefit of school and other advantages of a metropolitan city.

We have had our Christmas, made our new year resolutions and settled down to the business of 1911.

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LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month. J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. Jno. B. Pruden, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk.

Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, Sec.

Mr. Ellis, of Moran, is here spending several days with his brother T. H. Ellis. Mr. Ellis was formerly associated with T. H. in the land business here and we would be glad to see him again make Spur his home.

See H. T. Burgoon for rent houses. tf.

R. A. McMinn sold his eight acre tract of land and home near the city to Willis McCarty of the Afton country last week. Mr. McCarty will move to the place at once and send his children to the Spur school. Mr. McMinn and family left Tuesday for Wellington where they will make their home in the future. We welcome Mr. McCarty and family to Spur, and since Mr. McMinn owns other valuable property in Spur we will expect to see him return soon to Spur, and again take up his residence here.

Cap Cargill, of Stamford, has been assisting in the Texas Spur office this week and will probably be with us for some time. Cap is an expert pressman and a good workman.

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Van Piercy, who has been working in the Riter Hardware tin shop the past year, moved his family recently to Rising Star where he intends to put in a sheet metal works shop for himself. Van is moving to a good town and since it now has railroad facilities the town will be one of the best in that section. We wish Van much success in his new home.

Miss Lyde Dickson returned Tuesday from Haskell where she visited Miss Stokes who formerly resided in Spur with her father, Joe Stokes of the Crowley Southernland Commission Company.

See H. T. Burgoon for rent houses. tf.

Wagons! wagons! wagons!—Barber & Hancock.

J. P. Gibson and sons, of the Steel Hill community, were in the city last week and were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

J. L. Haskew recently leased his livery business in Spur to Mr. Webb who is now continuing the business at the same place.

Among the many pleasant and entertaining features of the Christmastide was the occasion of the fireworks display upon the bluff just north of town. Many dollars worth of Roman-candles, sky-rockets and other fireworks was distributed among the young people and older ones, and the occasion was one of pleasure to those who participated as well as those who witnessed.

W. H. L. Ward has been suffering the past several days of a severe cold, but we are glad to note that he is now able to navigate.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

The Honorable District Judge Jo A. P. Dickson, accompanied by Prosecuting Attorney Isaac O. Newton, of Seymour, passed through Spur recently in route to Dickens where they opened the regular session of the District Court. Mr. Newton is the newly elected District Attorney and this is his first service in office, while Judge Dickson has been on the bench a number of years. As to what business has been done in court circles we are not familiar but have been advised that at this term the Court has been requested to not allow attorneys without license to practice and that the Honorable Judge promptly granted the request. We have heretofore said that shyster lawyers could create more strife among neighbors, cause more trouble and expense to the community than any class, and we commend the Honorable Jo A. P. Dickson in refusing to recognize such cattle as representatives in his court. Shyster lawyers and shyster methods are blotches to civilization, a menace to good government and West Texas is too broad to harbor and succor such crude humanity.

The Christmas trees at both the Methodist and Baptist tabernacles were among the most pleasant events of the Christmas season. At the Methodist tabernacle an old log cabin represented Santa Claus headquarters while at the Baptist the Evergreen tree was loaded with presents for all. Old Santa Claus, with long flowing beard and witty and pleasant words, distributed the presents at each place. Programs, consisting of songs, recitations, readings and music were rendered and all enjoyed the renditions as well as the gifts from Santa.

Judge C. C. Higgins was among the prominent visitors to Spur Tuesday. The Judge was not in the race for re-election in his district this year and says that he desires to get out of the office where he can laugh freely and cry when the occasion demands, the judgeship being too rigid and exacting. Judge Higgins is widely known and respected, and being a "self-made" man, a product of the West and a son of our old friend and countryman, Uncle Pink Higgins, we are proud to know him and welcome him in our midst.

L. H. Perry, a prominent business man of Stephenville and one of the proprietors of the Spur Hardware Company, was in the city recently and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and before leaving handed us a silver wheel for the paper one year. The Perrys of Stephenville are strong financially and able business men and their business in Spur is one of the strongest establishments of the town.

W. A. Hamilton made a business trip last week to Dickens. Golden Brand Can Goods.

Mose Baum, of Cross Plains, spent Christmas in Spur with his sister Mrs. Oran McClure. Mose says that the new extension of the Texas Central railroad is now approaching Cross Plains and within a few weeks will be running trains into that place. That section of country is rich in agricultural resources and since the people will now have railway facilities the country will more fully develop and soon be recognized as one of the leading agricultural sections of the country.

Mrs. J. B. Pruden and children spent Christmas with G. C. Pass and family. Since coming Mrs. Pruden's little son has been quite sick of pneumonia, and on account of his condition Mr. Pruden was summoned here from Duke, Oklahoma, where he is now in business with a merchantile firm. Mr. Pruden formerly lived in Spur, and although the occasion of his visit at this time is regrettable his many friends here will be glad to welcome him back.

G. M. Williams recently returned from Houston and Austin where he has been engaged several weeks surveying for the state department. During the past three years Mr. Williams has been surveying the Spur Farm Lands and just recently finished his labors. He informs us that he will probably go elsewhere soon and make other surveys for the Swenson interests. Mr. Williams is a surveyor of recognized ability.

B. D. Glasgow returned Tuesday from a trip to other parts of the country on professional business. Since retiring from the District Attorney's office Mr. Glasgow has established a law office in Spur and will hereafter defend rather than prosecute clients. Attorney Glasgow is an able lawyer and as prosecutor made a name and record of which he can be justly proud.

A girl baby was born recently to R. B. Bryant and wife at their home in the city. The young lady weighed ten pounds and is the first child to assume permanent supervision over this home. We congratulate the parents and feel confident that young Miss Bryant will grow rapidly and in a few years develop into one of the most charming misses and accomplished young ladies of Western Texas.

The Mothers Club will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, January 7, at 3:00 o'clock, in the northwest school building. Visitors are invited. A good program will be rendered.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, Pres.
Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

Marechal Neil Flour.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you to call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now.

Mrs. J. M. Bennett left Sunday for Throckmorton where she was summoned to the bedside of her father who is reported quite sick and not expected to live. We hope that her father's illness will not prove so serious.

S. W. Thomas, of Aspermont, was here Tuesday on business and spent several hours in the city and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

The Spur Hardware Company is making an extension to their present place of business which is evidence that they are preparing to do a bigger business during the new year. Spur keeps building.

Edgar Baker returned Tuesday from Hamilton where he spent his holiday vacation with relatives. Mr. Baker is assistant postmaster at the Spur office and is a genial and accommodating gentleman.

Mrs. Nelle Robertson sold her business house and property in the city recently and will close out her millinery establishment and move to the Afton country where she and Mr. Robertson will try farming another year.

Mr. Pool has enlarged his restaurant and now occupies the whole of the Hoffman building. Since coming to Spur Mr. Pool has built up a good trade and he knows how to keep it.

Be careful don't buy a lawsuit. Order an Abstract of Title and have it passed on before you pay your money for that lot. See the Dickens County Abstract Company about it.

LOST—Year old past horse colt, dark brown or black, white spot in forehead, no brand, large and heavy built, perfectly gentle. \$10 reward for return to Geo. M. Williams, Spur, Texas.

Prof. S. W. Adams returned the first from Abilene where he attended the Teachers Association during the holidays. The Spur school opened Monday after two weeks holidays.

Judge Arrington, of Aspermont, passed through the city recently on his way to Dickens to attend District court.

For good fresh Groceries and quick service phone Hisey Grocery Co.

A New Years GREETING!!

At this the beginning of a new year, we greet all friends and customers and wish to impress the fact that in groceries and dry goods, that always

The Best is The Cheapest

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C. C. Haile was a recent business visitor to the capitol city.

Chase & Sanborn Teas and Coffees.

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Enough Said.

NEEDLESS SACRIFICE OF LIFE

Constant Supply of Pure Milk Will Result in Immense Reduction of Infant Mortality.

The problem of the milk supply for the babies is one that has to be solved all the year round. The mortality from the gastro-intestinal diseases is heaviest during the summer, but the babies need pure milk quite as much in the winter as in the summer, and the municipalities that fail to insure it for them are virtually asleep at the switch. The eventual wrecking of countless baby lives is inevitable. The city fathers who make no provision for the supervision of the sources of the milk supply are not only virtually asleep, but recklessly extravagant. Dr. Goler's estimate is \$500 a month for a city the size of Rochester. Put opposite this amount the economic loss, due to the appalling waste of baby life. It is estimated that 375,000 babies under one year old died in this country last year. Economists put the financial value of each of these babies at \$90, so that the total loss, expressed merely in dollars and cents, amounted to \$33,750,000. And yet physicians say that at least one-half of this waste could have been prevented by the adequate supervision of the sources of the milk supply.

ONE RAY OF HOPE.

"Yes, said the departing actress, 'I regard America as hopeless. I shall never return to it.'"

"Never?" said the reporter. "Why, I assure you that your very words inspire hope."

Happily the summons to go ashore was heard just then.

SOARING TO HEIGHTS SUBLIME

Minstrelsy that Might Suit the Most Finical of Residents of the Modern Athens.

"Mistah Howjames, may I ahsk yo' to point out the distinction 'tween a Roman stoic philosophah an' a metrical narration, in lofty an' impressive style, of some great historical event, de same being a pahrt of de scholastic co'se prescribed in our institutions of learning?"

"No, Mr. Ticklewell, I confess my inability to discern the points of differentiation. Will you set forth categorically the reason of reasons why a Roman stoic philosopher should not be confounded with a lofty and impressive metrical narrative of some great historical, mythological or imaginary event, legend, tradition, et cetera?"

"Yes, suh; de one am Epictetus, an' de addah am an epic taught us."

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have the pleasure of announcing that the renowned scholar and essayist, Prof. Wendell Osgoodson will recite on this stage of the proceedings, his celebrated monologue on 'The Apotheosis of the Ephemeral.'"

BUILT THEIR CITY TO LAST

Ruins of Ephesus Today, Centuries Old, Still Attract the Traveler and Archeologist.

Albert Bigelow Paine writes of the ancient city of Ephesus in Harper's Weekly. "There are inscriptions everywhere," he writes, "and some of them are as cleanly cut out to-day as they were when the tool left them. This library was built in honor of Augustus Caesar and Livia, and it must have been a veritable marble vision. St. Paul doubtless came here to study during the three years of his residence, and before him St. John, for he wrote his gospel in Ephesus and would be likely to seek out the place of books. The great theater where St. Paul battled with the wild beasts stands just across the way. It seated 25,000 and its stone benches stretch upward to the sky. The steep marble flight that carries you from tier to tier is there to-day exactly as when troops of fair ladies and handsome beaux climbed up and still up to find their places from which to look down on the play or the gladiatorial combat or the massacre of the Christians in the arena below."

Favors High-Neck Gowns.

The duchess of Fife, better known as the princess royal, who is a daughter of King Edward, has started an earnest campaign for high-neck evening dresses. The duchess has been appearing in court and at the opera in gowns unusually high, and her example is being followed by many women in London, including Americans.

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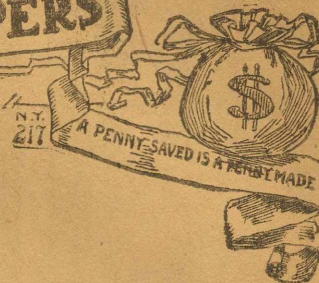
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GRNDMA ASKINS

Another of the pioneer citizens of Dickens passed away last Saturday night at the home of Ben F. Brock, in Dickens. Grandma was preceeded to the better world by her husband just a few months ago.

Grandma had lived in Dickens for many years, her husband being one of the founders of the town and one of the original owners of the town site. Thus these old pioneers are are passing away and leaving behind for our enjoyment this fair land which has cost them many hardships to bring it up to its present state of development. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the people of the community.—Dickens Item.

We want your trade on wire and nails, and prices are right.—Barber & Hancock.

Golden Brand Can Goods.

Harrington-Walker

Berl Harrington and Miss Lilla Walker were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's father on the eve of Christmas. Mr. Harrington has been one of the boys on the Spur ranch for several years and Miss Walker resided about two miles east of Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington will leave in a few days for Vernon where they will make their future home. The Item joins with their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.—Item.

Marechal Neil Flour.

Mrs. Tidwell and children, who have been spending several months with her parents in the eastern part of the state, returned last week to their home in Spur, and as a result Barber Tidwell now wears the broadest smile.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Following is the list of advertised letters for December.

GENTLEMEN

Askins, L. T.
Adams, Jno. M.
Cooper, Cliff
Clements, Homer
Carter, Frank
Csrrusco, Antonio
Davis, Phil
Davis, Reed
Davis, Ray
Hall, Roy
Hooper, J. H.
Hubbard, Hardy
Jordan, J. Y.
Johnston, Anthony
Morgan, W. L.
Maynard, Ed
McCarty, W. E.
McCoy, W. S.
Mullennix, J. L.
Owens, Tom J.
Patterson, Master Stuart
Priest, V. N.
Stephens, J. E.
Wood, Hopkin
Whitaker, Frank
Webb, Jack
Kennon, White
Young, R. H.
Yarber, Geo.
Yarber, C. C.

LADIES

Gibson, Mrs. Helen
Hubbard, Mrs. Minnie
Hall, Mrs. Maudie
Johnson, Eliza
Patterson, Miss Ola
Robbins, Miss Ospha
Jones, Mrs. G. M.

Chase & Sanborn Teas & Coffees.

Ben. F. Brock, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was a recent visitor to Spur.

C. D. PULLIN,

Transfer, Baggage & Express Wagon.

We will be at your service at any and all times and solicit your business in our line.

More Building.

E. L. Pass is now building another residence in the city and will soon have it ready for occupancy. The building progress continues in Spur and it is recognized by all that we are building a substantial and metropolitan city.

A big, fine boy was born during the holidays to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore. Mr. Moore and family recently came to Spur from Floydada and is now engaged in the second hand business.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Draper country, was a visitor in the city this week.

C. E. House, who has been spending several days in Emma and other points on the Plains, returned this week to Spur.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS.

To the people of Spur and surrounding territory.

We wish to thank many of you through the columns of the Spur paper for the favors we have received at your hands.

We have tried to give you good goods at FAIR PRICES, and by so doing we hope to merit a continuance of your trade.

We hope the new year will bring to you much joy and prosperity.

If we have pleased you with our service, kindly favor us with your future business.

To those who have not been our customers, we wish you all the joy a new year may bring to you.

We would be glad to meet you and have an opportunity of doing business with you.

Yours very truly,
Richardson Lumber Co.
J. V. McCormick, Mgr.

New Year Greeting!!

We greet our friends and customers at this season with very best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. We thank all for liberal patronage during the year just passed, and will say that throughout 1911 we will be glad to serve the trade in Hardware and all Farm Implements. We carry a complete stock and can supply your every need.

Barber & Hancock.

New Year Greeting.

WE desire to thank our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage given us the past year.

WE have a large stock and keep on hand at all times the very nicest selection of Furniture and Furnishings for the home, and solicit your trade for the year 1911.

WISHING one and all a most prosperous New Year, we are yours to serve,

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

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STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual 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 recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable 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 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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

TAP TELLINGS. (Last Week)

Christmas passed off very quietly here, had preaching at the Baptist church Sunday by Rev. J. V. Billberry. After which we all went home with somebody else and dined on the good things so common about Christmas.

Rahieh Hinson who has been here for sometime left for his home at Crews a few days ago.

Mr. Waldon of Bordin county is visiting R. D. Williams of this place

Albert Smelser and wife left last week for a visit with home-folks in San Saba.

Claude Malin and lady has returned to their home in Hunt county after a few days visit with Sam Smith.

Alva Smith of Hale county has arrived here and will locate near Spur.

Mrs. J. N. Luce spent the holidays with relatives in Mitchell county.

Ed Massey, wife and two brothers left first of the week for their home at Richland, New Mexico.

J. E. Sparks sold the past

week, one of his farms to Mr. Hill of Spur.

The dance at R. D. Williams Monday night was well attended, all report a jolly time.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks went to Oklahoma to spend Christmas with home folks and J. E. went a courting to Dickens.

—Gadabout.

Before you buy that town lot or tract of land you had better have the party selling to you to call at the office of the Dickens County Abstract Company and have an Abstract made. There may be unrecorded deeds in the chain of title, defective acknowledgements and such like which may cause trouble and expense later, which can be easily cured now.

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SPUR EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Has Adopted The Campbell System of Soil Cultivation.

It is a general supposition that conditions on a state experimental farm are ideal and that nothing but success is possible. On the contrary the purpose of such a farm is to demonstrate what can and what cannot be done under normal local conditions, and a failure of some particular crop there may mean to the farmers a saving in the cost of experimenting, while the successful raising of new crops shows what the soil and climate are suited for.

Mr. York, manager the state farm near Spur, has adopted the Campbell method of soil preparation and crop cultivation, and it will be for the farmers of this community to visit him and learn his methods. It is generally conceded that the Campbell system is especially adopted to West Texas, but there are some who criticize it.—They should go to the farm and see how it is done, watch the results for the year and compare the results on similar soil, with the same climatic conditions, and note if the Campbell system is better or worse than some other

method of farming.

On the state farm there will be planted many varieties of seed not before tried in this community. Some will grow well, others will probably fail. Some will be found valuable in this climate, others worthless. The farmer is saved the cost and labor of making the test. The great value of the experiment station is not yet fully realized here. Every person who plants a seed or tree should take a special interest in and study the methods and conditions under which cultivation is done at the station, take advantage of the good points and avoid the failures. This is one of the educational advantages the great State of Texas is donating to her citizenship.

Jeff D. Reagan,
Secretary, Commercial Club.

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Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons spent the holidays in Stamford with her parents and other relatives and friends.

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J. F. SPEER, Veterinary Surgeon and Cancer Doctor.

Docum Valley Items.

Preaching every third Sunday in each month and Sunday School every Sunday.

The Docum Valley School gave a big entertainment and Christmas tree Friday night which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The young people spent an enjoyable hour singing at Mr. W. F. Markham's Sunday evening.

Miss Gracie Ham teacher of Docum Valley School left Saturday for her home in Croton Flat to spend the holidays with relatives.

We wish her a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. W. A. Johnson has added another room and porch to his house the past week.

Mr. Tom Allen has taking in every party at Dickens City and Saturday went way up there to the Christmas tree. There surely must be some one very attractive up there for Mr. Tom.

Miss Odie and Erna West were the visitors of Miss Lottie Johnson Sunday.

Our neighbor hood is settling rapidly there having been 13 new residences built and farms settled since last February. I call that settling some, Don't you?

Guess.

W. D. Evans, of Coleman county, was here recently and bought a quarter section of land in the Steel Hill community in the eastern part of the county. Mr. Evans will move his family here soon and improve the place. We extend a cordial welcome to this family and wish them a most pleasant and prosperous home with us.

Mrs. J. F. Vernon gave a Christmas entertainment at her home in the city in honor of Misses Mary Jane Smith, Dora Williams and Ruth Thomas.

New Hope Notes.

Mr. J. C. Davis one of Aftons' best citizens had business in Spur the first of this week.

Pat Peters happened to the misfortune of falling from a building which bruised him considerably. We hope to see him up again soon.

Mr. Joe Allison the Raleigh man, and resides at present in our community has gone by rail to Earth Co. He received a message that his Father was sick and ready to die.

Rev. M. M. Morrison preached at Midway Church last Sunday. His subject was Christ that came in to the world to redeem humanity.

At the Library and debating society Misses Lela Law is secretary and Willie Arthur reads the news paper.

Miss Nina Walker one of New Hopes' most accomplished ladies is back home from Paducah to spend the holidays.

The house was more than full at our little Xmas tree. Atty. B. G. Worswick made a short but very appropriate address. His theme was origin of the Xmas-tree and that the celebration of the tree first began in the north.

Mr. Editor Christmas gift and a happy new year.

Mr. T. J. Harrison and wife are visiting Mr. R. C. Forbis. Acorn Band

C. L. Love, manager of the Lambdin mercantile business in Spur, spent Christmas with his family in Stamford. Mr. Love is a gentleman who not only makes friends but is an able business man and since coming to Spur has built up and established a business of volume and high repute.

I. G. Van Leer was among those who attended District court now in session at Dickens.

THE SPUR COMMERCIAL CLUB WORK

A Brief Summary of Work Done since Its Organization

When Spur was four months old the progressive business men of the town, recognizing the importance of organized and concerted effort to the material interests of a community, met March 15, and organized the Spur Commercial Club, and notwithstanding the fact that the town is not incorporated, the country newly settled, and a marked change in conditions from a cattle country to a farming community, the work done by the club in the nine months of its existence has well carried out its purpose. From the date of its organization it has been a factor in advertising Spur and the surrounding country. Three particular events were the entertainment of the Knights of Pythias during the spring, the exhibit at the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas, in October, and the entertainment of the Texas Press Association in June. The entertainment of the Press Association was through the courtesy of the Stamford Commercial Club, and was, no doubt, the result of the K. P. entertainment earlier in the year. That Spur has been well advertised was evidenced during the fair at Dallas, when the secretary had an opportunity to learn from visitors how much they had heard and read about Spur. On that occasion more than eight thousand pieces of advertising matter were distributed, and a fine mailing list secured, covering all portions of the United States. Since the Fair the secretary has mailed out some four hundred booklets in addition to the many letters written to all parts of the country.

By opening new and improving old roads leading to Spur not only has the trade tributary to Spur been extended, but the good will and friendship of a large number of people secured. In addition to the money paid by the club for roads it has contributed more than two hundred dollars towards the organization of the Farmers Union Cotton Yard at Spur.

Of great importance to the welfare of Spur was the action taken by the club last summer towards improving the sanitary condition of the town. The club undertook a thorough cleaning up of the streets and alleys as well as all places where filth accumulated and where flies and disease germs could breed. The entire town was cleaned, and the club paid approximately \$110.00 for service that should have been paid for by property holders. The money was well spent, as it probably prevented an epidemic of typhoid fever.

The secretary has corresponded with leading newspapers of the state reporting items of news and local interest, and has written an article for a magazine with a large circulation, describing the phenomenal growth of Spur and its wonderful possibilities, and has accompanied the article with a carefully selected set of photographs. The article will appear in an early issue.

Believing that upon the prosperity of the country depends the success of the town the secretary has largely devoted his energies towards settling the

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farmers, and when the farms are in a state of cultivation the town cannot but thrive. The available territory tributary to Spur is sufficient to support a magnificent city, and in spite of the drouth that has prevailed throughout Texas Spur has prospered abundantly this year. That more settlers have not moved into this community is due to the fact that conditions in other parts of the country have been such that farmers could not turn loose their holdings at a fair price so as to make a move for their betterment.

The original membership of the Commercial Club is as follows: Bryant-Link Co., Brazelton-Pryor & Co., H. S. Bartley, H. T. Burgoon, Barber, Hancock & New, E. J. Cowan, B. F. Craig, J. B. Connor, S. T. Clemmons, Campbell, Caylor-Leard & Co., Dixie Store, T. H. Ellis, Perry-Fite, A. R. Fouts, First State Bank, Graham & McGuirt, Godfrey-Tyler Realty Co., J. B. George, W. C. Gordon, M. H. Herring, J. W. Hodges, Hisey Grocery Co., D. R. Hamilton, J. L. Haskew, J. Y. Jordan, A. Kanzler, J. A. Lambdin & Co., Luzon Telephone Co., J. R. Leach, R. R. Morrison, P. H. Miller, C. H. McDonald, Mac Powers, E. E. Patterson, H. K. Parks, Painters Local Union of Spur, Red Front Drug Store, J. B. Richburg, Mrs. Nelle Robertson, Richardson Lumber Co., Riter Hardware Co., Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Co., Spur Furniture Co., Spur Grain Co., Spur Hardware Co., Spur National Bank, Dr. E. Standifer, B. Shacklett, R. B. Spencer & Co., Spur Meat Market, Spur Sheet Metal Works, R. W. Scurry, Spur Rooming House, Simmons & Co., Tidwell & McGill, W. H. Teague, Vinson & Edwards, T. M. Verner, West-

ern Hotel, W. C. Bowman Lumber Co., Western Grocery Co., Deck Powers, The Texas Spur, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Spur Drug Co., Southwestern Telephone Co., Mrs. M. M. Humphrey.

In the first issue of the local papers in each month will be published a corrected list of the club membership. From the available material Spur should boast a club membership of more than 200 active workers.

Jeff D. Reagan,

Secretary

Duck Creek Locals.

Christmas passed off very quietly, nothing specially happening.

Early Austin and other relatives of L. W. Holly were down visiting during the holidays.

W. P. Sampson, of Steele Hill, is now a resident of Gilpin, Texas.

Charlie Carlisle and Claud Holly visited relatives near Afton, Texas, Christmas Week.

A large crowd attended a double wedding at residence of W. P. Sampson. Christmas day; Mr. Herman Marshall and Miss Ruth Sampson, Mr. Charlie Brooks and Miss Edith Sampson being the contracting parties, Rev. Bennett officiating.

Mrs. Bilbery: Claud, is your mother raising any poultry this year?

Claud: No'm, I think not. She planted a lot of seed, but I think the chickens scratched them all up.

(School Chap.)

Mrs. H. H. Hazelwood's mother, of Weatherford, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood at their home north of Spur.

Mrs. I. G. Van Leer spent the holidays with her daughter in Garza county.

L. W. Davis

ABSTRACTS

OFFICE OVER THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

We have a complete abstract of all Dickens county land and can furnish accurate and complete abstracts to any tract of land in the county on short notice. We also represent a number of the oldest and most substantial Fire Insurance Companies and respectfully solicit a share of the business in that line as well.

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The Western Union Telegraph Company and the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company are increasing the scope of usefulness of the wires and ask for a patronage in bringing about the development.

**The Southwestern Telegraph
And Telephone Company.**

FIRE AT DICKENS.

Thursday night the garage and auto of L. W. Davis was burned in Dickens. The origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have originated from the auto. Mr. Davis' chauffeur had just returned from Spur where he had brought Mr. Davis, and after running the auto in the garage it is supposed that the heat from the cylinders in some manner caused the fire.

The auto was insured by E. J. Cowan of Spur in the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, and whether or not the garage was insured we have not been informed.

This is the first and only fire in this section during the holidays.

Wednesday while out driving Mrs. C. H. McDonald was injured by the horse running away. Mrs. McDonald was thrown from the buggy with the result that an arm was strained or broken, two ribs broken and severely injured about the face, several teeth being shattered and broken. We are very sorry to note this accident and hope that Mrs. McDonald will soon recover.

We want your trade on wire and nails, and prices are right. —Barber & Hancock.

Mr. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Thursday and hauled out a big load of lumber with which to make more improvements in that section. In every section of the great Spur country improvements continue to be made and before many years one will see here one of the richest agricultural and most thoroughly developed and improved sections within the whole country. We have the men here now who are doing their part and others are coming incessantly, and will continue the work.

During the holidays a number of business houses, including the bank, dry goods store, and other buildings, burned in Lockney. The loss in several instances was complete since the owners carried no insurance, the total loss amounting to several thousands of dollars.

John S. Callahan was in the city Wednesday and reports that he is moving to another place for another year. John is one of the best farmers of the country and informs us that he is a firm believer in the Campbell system since he has experimented somewhat along that line.

Bill McArthur was in the city Wednesday from his home in the Red Mud country and reports everything all o. k.

MASS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT.

A Meeting Will be Held at Commercial Club Rooms to Discuss Incorporation of Spur.

A meeting will be held Monday night at the Commercial Club rooms for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the incorporation of Spur for sanitary and municipal purposes and every citizen of the town is not only requested but urged to attend this meeting.

A petition has been presented to the County Judge asking for an election for the purpose of incorporating the city under the commission form of government. The petition has been granted and the election will be held on the fourth day of February. At the election a mayor and two commissioners are to be elected to serve the city should the election carry, and in view of this the mass meeting is called not only to discuss the incorporation but to select candidates to fill the required offices of said incorporation.

The Texas Spur has contended for some time that Spur should incorporate for the purpose of systematically caring for the sanitary conditions of the town, and while the commission form of government is somewhat of an experiment in city government, where tried in larger cities it has proved more satisfactory and less expensive than the older methods of municipal government.

Spur is growing rapidly and the conditions demand a systematic management of sanitary affairs at this time and later a municipal government will become necessary.

Everybody interested in the town, whether for or against incorporation, should attend the meeting Monday and express their views and desires in the matter. It is a matter which affects every citizen, and this being a representative government every man should have a voice in its affairs.

Moved To Spur.

Monday J. C. Asher, formerly of Clarendon, unloaded his goods here and will make Spur his home in the future. Mr. Asher has owned property in the city since the beginning and his moving here at this time will be quite an addition to the citizenship. Mr. Asher is a fine citizen and we extend a cordial welcome to this estimable family.

....GREETING....

To All Our Friends and Customers.

We thank our friends & customers for liberal patronage the past year. We carry in stock at all times the very best goods in Staple and Fancy Groceries and will be glad to serve you in this line during the year 1911.

Best Service & Courteous Treatment Extended to All

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GREETING.

At this the beginning of the year The Texas Spur desires to thank the business men of the town and the people of the country for the liberal patronage and support given us during the past year. During the year 1911 we will appreciate the business given us and all favors shown us, and will continue to give you the very best service and publish a paper of some worth to the town and country and of benefit to the people.

Tom McArthur, of the Red Mud country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office one day this week and informed us that he had bought a number of milk cows in the city. Tom is now buying and selling milk cows and says that the numerous transactions keep him busted most of the time.

E. L. Pass is now building another residence in the city and will soon have it ready for occupancy. The building progress continues in Spur and it is recognized by all that we are building a substantial and metropolitan city.

We sell J. I. Case plows —Barber & Hancock.

Mrs. Annie Adkins, who has been visiting C. H. Allen and family, received a telephone message Thursday night that her father at Flomot was sick and not expected to survive, and in response to this message Mrs. Adkins left for Flomot Friday morning. Her father is an old gentleman, being near eighty-five years of age.

W. C. Gruben returned Friday from a holiday visit to friends and relatives at other places. We were confidentially informed that he intended to bring Mrs. Gruben back with him but have not been advised as to whether or not he did so.

Mrs. Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, was in the city Thursday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

J. F. Standrett, manager of the Southwestern Telephone Co. at this place, made a business trip this week to the eastern part of the state.

E. C. Emonds spent the holiday in Fort Worth with his family and reports that Mrs. Emonds, who had an operation performed recently, is doing nicely and expected to return home soon.

AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE OR TRADE.

A 2-Cylinder, Buick, 5-passenger automobile will be sold cheap for cash, or will trade for sandy land farm or house and lot in Spur.

THE SPUR EXCHANGE.