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### KNOWS NOTHING OF TIGHT TIMES IN THIS COUNTRY

supplies, hauling out some posts farm work and ready to plant. and hog fencing with which to The country as a whole is furthbuild a hog pasture fence. Mr er advanced in farming opera-Favor says he now has about tions at this time than any preforty head of hogs and expects vious year within our knowledge. to include hog raising in his farming operations. He is cultivating one hundred and sevenhe now has prepared for planting. Mr. Favor says he occaing about it since he is always He now has a number of fine, busy and occupies his time in looking after his farming interests.

#### RECOGNIZES OPPORTUNITIES.

W. F. Shugart, of several miles east, was among the number of farmers here Saturday to attend the farmers meeting. Mr. Shugart, although a successful farmer, does not claim to know all about the business and takes advantage of every opportunity to learn more of farming methods.

#### **BUMPER CROP PROSPECTS.**

J. M. Aston, a prominent citizen of the Watson community, was in the city last week and gentlemen with a number of while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Everything in the Watson community is reported to be in good shape for bumper crops and a prosperous year.

### FARMERS OF THE SPUR COUNTRY ARE OPTIMISTIC

N. B. Fuquay, one of the most prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Friday of last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in good shape in his section of the country with respect to crop conditions and prospects. He says that the rain of last week was sufficient to give them a top season and the farmers are all optimistic of bumper crops this year.

#### FINE CHICKEN ENTHUSIAST. superintendent. At 11 a. m.,

the Fort Worth and Denver City Beautiful Life." The special stumbled and fell. Railway, was in Spur the latter feature of the evening service in Stamford. While here Mr. Class will furnish the entire ser-Porter was a very pleasant call- vice and will render all the songs, er at the Texas Spur office and one of which will be a solo sung reports everything progressing by Miss Doyle. The text for and had an stisement placed give a service both helpful and in the Texas Spur for the sale of pleasing, and we very cordially a few settings of fine eggs in invite your presence. - Geo. J. this section.

#### AN OLD TIMER.

Uncle Tom Gilmore came in Spur Ranch headquarters and linger, arrived in the city Friday us another dollar to move up his their home in the future. Mr. subscrition another year and for Ford will be identified with the the Spur Ranch many years.

Willis Smith and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday buying supplies and visiting friends. Mr. Smith savs M. S. Favor, a leading citizen he is now ready to do some farmand one of the most prosperous ing and is ready for the planting farmers of the Afton country, season. Nearly every farmer was in the city Tuesday after of this country is now up with

#### RAISING HOGS.

friends with the very finest pigs to be had in the whole country.

## IMPROVING AND SET-

the Archer county settlement further court of inquiry in consouthwest of Spur, were, in the city Saturday and while here were veay pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, Mr. Currie having his name added to our growing subscription list. These others recently bought land in the West Pasture and are now country.

#### J. ROSS BELL HERE.

J. Ross Bell, of Paducah, as in Spur this week meeting the voters in advancing his candidacy for the office of District Attorney of this the 50th Judi-July Primary.

#### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

in the morning, Geo. S. Link, J. N. Porter, Roadmaster of sermon on the "Ministry of the ing a small culvert his horse Irvin, pastor.

#### MOVE TO SPUR.

Mrs. T. D. Ford and children Friday of last week from the and Miss Eva Haralson, of Balwhich he has our thanks. Uncle publication of the Texas Spur citizens of the town.

### FARM WORK ADVANCED. YOUNG GIRL DIED AT HER HOME SOUTH OF SPUR

death it is stated that Miss Odom crops of cotton and feed. was in apparent good health and engaged in household duties and her death came very unexpect-C. W. Lowery is now in the edly. She had been to the closet ty, called in the latter part of ty-five acres of land, all of which hog raising business as a side and in returning to the house last week and reported that his line in connection with the drug became sick and called to her brother, W. A. Copeland, was business, and as a result he has mother who came to her assistsionally hears other men talk of been one of the busiest men of ance, helping her to the house Miss Rodie Nelson of that city. "tight" times but he knows noth- the town the past several weeks. Where she died in a very short They will return soon and make time and before other assistance their home in Kent county. We high-bred pigs and will soon be and medical attention could be extend our congratulations and prepared to furnish a few select secured. Dr. Morris was called wish Mr. and Mrs. Copeland all but arrived after death had oc- of the jovs and few of the cares

In the afternoon Justice of the Peace Burgoon, accompanied by County Attorney Worswick and A PROSPEROUS AND IN-Drs. Morris and Blackwell, went out to the home where an autopsy and inquest were made. Monday Messrs. Currie and Byrd, of Justice Burgoon conducted a nection with the circumstances of the death and as a result R. L. five hundred dollar bond to await the action the grand jury.

This is one of the most deplorable occurrences within the his prepared for planting at this improving and settling their tory of the Spur country, and it time and is now waiting for the has many friends here who rehomes. We are glad to welcome is with reluctance and regret proper season to arrive to put gret to see her remove to anoththem as citizens of the Spur that the Texas Spur publishes his seeds in the ground. Mr. er section. only the facts of this tragedy.

R. W, Allen, a prominent buscial District. Attorney Bell is a iness man of Jayton, died Sun-

Javton Cemetery on his return farmers of this whole country. Sunday School at ten o'clock to Jayton from a trip to the country where he had gone to attend a dance Saturday night. In cross-

wounds on his face and head.

Mr. Allen was a young man and has been a resident citizen of Kent county for several years. grain store at Jayton.

-Clairemont Reporter.

time here on business.

#### SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

W. P. T. Smith was here the latter part of the week from his farm home west of Spur. Mr. Smith again entered the state Friday morning of last week contest for the best crops this Helen Vasco Odom died at her year but says that an overflow try, was in the city Wednesday home five or six miles south of destroyed his prize crop there- marketing country produce. Mr. Spur, and the remains were in- fore he was forced to withdraw Jones brought in about forty terred Saturday in the Spur Cem- from the contest. He owns one dozen eggs which he sold for of the finest farms in the coun- twelve and a half cents a dozen. During the morning of the try and he always makes fine At another time he brought in

#### MARRIED.

T. C. Copeland, of Kent counof married life.

# DEPENDENT FARMER.

Afton country, was in Spur Fri- on and after these many years Jones, a prominent and leading day of last week and while here citizen of the Steel Hill commu- was a very pleasant caller at the nity, was placed under a thirty Texas Spur office. Mr. Over- this week for the Plains country street says he has about one hun- where we understand she will dred and sixty-five acres of land make her home in the future. Overstreet is one of the most successful farmers of the whole OPERATION ON EYE country, and is one of the most prosperous and independent farmers.

#### A GOOD FARMER.

congenial gentleman and while day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock as the city Saturday from their on business. While here Mr. here made a number of friends. the result of injuries sustained home several miles east and Wright was a very pleasant call-He is honest, conscientious, well about 8 o'clock Sunday morning spent some time here trading posted in the law and if elected when the horse he was riding and greeting their many friends. er at the Texas Spur office and promises to serve the whole peo- fell and threw Mr. Allen to the Mr. Walker says that he has his informed us that his eye is now ple. We ask the voters to give ground with such force as to land all prepared for planting doing very well since the recent his candidacy due consideration fracture his skull and sustain se- and everything is in good shape operation which he had performand promising bumper crops at At the time of the accident this time. Mr. Walker is one of Mr. Allen was at a point near the the best and most successful

### VISIT OIL FIELDS.

W. A. Wilkenson and W. L. Hyatt left the first of this week Wright is one of our best friends The injured man was immedi- for the Electra oil fields where and one of the very best men of part of last week from his home will be its music. The Choral ately carried to Jayton by citi- they will spend several days the country, and he has our sinzens who were in the vicinity at looking over the situation and cere sympaty in his afflictions. the time of the accident and all investigating the possibilites of that medical science would per- oil developments. Mr. Hyatt mit was done to save his life. A has a lease of some oil land in in railroad circles. Mr. Porter the sermon will be the "Apt number of stitches, it is report- that section and he contemplates is also a fine chicken enthusiast Teacher." It is our purpose to ed, were required to close up the organizing a company and sinking a well at an early date.

#### A GENTLEMAN.

theirs."

### DIVERSIFIED AND PROSPEROUS FARMER

C. A. Jones, of the Afton couna hundred and thirty odd dozens of eggs to the market. Aside from raising cotton and feed Mr. Jones raises plenty chickens, eggs, milk and butter and fine hogs. It is needless to say that he is among the most prosperous farmers of the country. Before leaving town Mr. Jones called in and handed us another dollar to extend his subscription up to nineteen hundred and fifteen.

#### SHOES 61 YEARS OLD.

G. A. Draper, a prosperous farmer of several miles west. called in this week and left a dollar with us to extend his subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. Draper brought in a pair of shoes which he wore sixty-one R. L. Overstreet, one of the years ago in his infancy. The most prosperous citizens of the shoes were the first he ever had the shoes are in good repair.

> Mrs. Mary Harvey left Spur Mrs. Harvey has been a resident of Spur a number of years and

## PROVES TO BE EFFECTIVE

J. E. Wright and son, of the Draper country, were in the city Will Walker and wife were in Friday and spent some time here ed in Dallas. He will go to Dallas again soon for another treatment to complete the operation. We are very glad to note that Mr. Wright is doing well and we hope that his eye troubles will be completely cured. J. E.

#### PATRONIZE HOME

A farmer who was carrying an express package from a city mail order house, was accosted by a local merchant: "Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved The word "gentleman" might you the express and besides you During the past several months be defined in this way: "A man would have been patronizing a he had conducted a feed and who is clean both inside and out- home store, which helps pay the side; who never looks up to the taxes and builds up the locality. rich nor down to the poor; who With characteristic frankness The remains were interred can lose without squealing and the farmer asked: Why dont you while here called in and handed of last week and will make Spur Monday in the Jayton Cemetery. win without bragging; who is patronize your home paper and considerate of women, children advertise? I read it and didn't and old people; who is too brave know you had the goods that I R. M. Hamby, one of the lead- to lie, too generous to cheat, and have here; nor do I ever see your Tom is one of the old timers of and we are glad to welcome this ing citizens of Dickens, was in who takes his share of the world name in the paper inviting one this section and has been with estimable family as permanent Spur this week and spent some and lets other people have to come to your store. The Po-

## The Sowing of Alderson Cree A Glance at Current Topics

By MARGARET P. MONTAGUE

A Strong Story of Character Building, With Scenes Laid In the West Virginia Mountains Among a Picturesque People

At the Maple Spring Stand. N front of Alderson Cree's

West Virginia cabin there was an active figure of boyhood dancing, David Cree, sent out to the porch to await his fa ther, who settled indoors with Kip Ryerson before taking David on the deer hunt promised for that morning.

Suddenly from within the house came a burst of men's voices sharp with anger, and all at once the door was dashed open and Kip Ryerson flung out, his evil face more sneaking and wicked than ever. David caught his black look and grinned in malicious triumph, for he hated Ryerson and was not afraid of him. He was answered by an appalling oath from the man as he passed him and slouched out of the yard. Instantly the boy's face went white and his eyes burned. Like a streak he leaped from the porch and caught up a jagged, wicked looking stone. But it never flew at the man's unconscious back, for as David's hand went back swiftly his wrist was caught in a sudden grasp. Tighter and tighter the grip closed upon him, until slowly his fingers opened and the stone dropped harmlessly to the ground.

In a fury David whirled upon his father. "He cussed me!" he cried. "He cussed me!" his voice shrilling with

"An' I'll skin yer ef I ever ketch yer throwin' er stone at er feller's back ergin. Don't ever do anything ter er man till yer big enough ter do hit ter his face." His father's voice was low and somewhat heavy, but it held no lack of purpose.

For a moment they looked into each other's eyes, the two faces, man's and child's, singularly alike and singularly determined in expression. Then Alderson Cree dropped his son's wrist and turned away, realizing, perhaps for the first time, what a duplicate of himself the boy was. Taking up a clumsy, old fashioned rifle which leaned against the door jamb, he dropped it to his shoulder and stepped off the porch.

"Come on," he said briefly, and the boy fell in obediently behind. As they took their way Indian file up the rugged little path leading to the top of Peter's Ridge, David watched Ryerson's loose figure fade into the heavy

skeer mammy an' ther kids?" he ven-

"Reckon he'd better not," his father answered in the same slow, heavy voice, yet somehow David held no longer any fear for his mother and the children. He had the same confidence in his father that he had in himself and at twelve his confidence in himself was unbounded.

The settlement with Ryerson had been promised for weeks; ever since Alderson Cree found out the character of the man he had taken in to board. And when, the night before, David had returned with his father and mother from preaching to find Ryerson in a drunken sleep upon the kitchen floor and the younger children who had been left at home almost hysterical with fright, he had known that the settlement would come next morning. And so it had. And oh, but he was glad! Glad that Ryerson's weak, hateful face would not be there to leer across the supper table at him tonight.

In the path before them David and his father found Orin Snyder and the two Henderson boys, who were to be the drivers on the hunt that day. David fell into a choppy little trot behind the men's long steps, which soon brought them up to the main body of the hunters on their way to the different stands along the ridge.

Left alone at their post at the maple spring, David and his father dropped silently to their seats, opposite ends of a fallen chestnut oak tree, denuded long since of its tanbark. The man with his gun across his knees and his eyes growing vacant as his face settled into lines of thought; the boy with his hunter's horn in lieu of gun in his lap, his ears pricked for the first faint velp of the hounds and his eyes looking away to range upon range of the Clear Creek mountains, drifting off into indistinct outlines where the sky and mountains met and faded to a blue

Over on one of the far mountains arose a blue curl that was not mist. David sniffed the air. A faint smell of burning woods mingled with the odor

soon," he ventured.

As David's Hand Went Back Swiftly His Wrist Was Caught.

His father made no response, and it was as though he had not heard. The lines even of his face did not relax, and, glancing at him, David knew that his thoughts dwelt on Kip Ryerson and that he was still in a silent passion of anger. Again David wished that he had been in at the settlement. That it had been bitter for Ryerson he guessed well enough, familiar with his father's arrogance. In his younger days before his marriage, Alderson Cree had been known for the readiest fighter all up and down the Draft, and men still said of him, "Alderson ain't hed ter take his coat off fer er right smart while, but I reckon ef hit was ter come er feller'd find ther same ole man

The day wore on toward 9 o'clock; it was clear and getting hot. The boy began to feel drowsy in the warm stillness. He thought vaguely that it was just as well that his father and he had come hunting, as it would have been too dry anyway to go on with their corn shucking.

Presently he was thirsty. Across the dip of the hollow a maple tree, sending its roots deep, had tapped a spring, and the cool waters bubbled out deliciously from under the tree, giving to the stand its name of the 'maple spring," and adding their gurgling contribution to the little creek at the foot of the ridge.

David glanced at his father. The man still sat in the same statue-like

"Reckon I'll get er drink," he said, rising stiffly. Again the man made no reply, and the boy, hardly expecting any, crossed over to the spring. For a few moments he drank eager-

ly, then suddenly, unexpectedly he stopped—a wave of paralyzing fear swept over him. He had not seen anything, he had not heard anything, yet all at once the stillness in the woods was ominous of something horrible something appalling. Terrified, he lay upon the brink of the little spring, slightly raised by his two hands, and waited, hearing nothing but the tonguing of the dogs and seeing nothing but his own frightened face, which the water gave ck. Then it came—a sharp report, a cry, and something fleeing through the crashing underbrush. With an answering scream David leaped to his feet and looked. His father had slipped from the log on which he sat and lay a huddled heap upon the ground, shot in the back.

David sprang toward him, "Pappy, pappy!" he cried. He had not seen any one, yet in the distance he still heard heavy feet tearing through the undergrowth as something fled desperately down the ridge.

As David stooped over him his father opened his eyes, vacantly at first, but gradually meaning and hate grew in them. He caught his breath in hard gasps, and his gaze centered upon David. With an effort he raised one hand and dropped it to the boy's trembling shoulder.

"It was Ryerson done hit," he panted. "Ryerson done hit. I ain't seen him, but I know he done hit. He's killed yer pappy." He paused, fighting for breath. "He's killed yer pappy," he repeated; then-"Ef ther law don't kill him promise me you will." He stopped again for breath, his terrible dying eyes searching David's face. For a moment the boy hesitated, too dazed by it all to understand.

Again the fingers twitched his wrist, and the insistent voice went on: "He's killed yer pappy, he's killed yer pappy! Would yer let him live?"

All at once David's stunned senses woke, and hatred, more awful than "Reckon we'll hev ter fight fire that upon the man's dying face, stamped itself upon the boy's. Alderson

The Life of a Willful Boy Who Set Upon Himself the Responsibility of Avenging His Father's Murder :: ::

Cree saw the look, and his voice rose almost to a scream.

"Promise, promise," he cried, "prom-The words were lost in a sudden

overpowering burst of sound, as the hounds in full cry topped a nearby At the same instant a great fright-

ened buck swept across the little runlet and sprang past up the mountain, almost trampling upon the man and boy. A moment later the hounds burst "Promise, promise!" his father's

voice took up its burden out of the chaos of sound as the hunt swept "Oh, I do, I do!" David cried pas-

"I promise yer, pappy, I

At the words his father's fingers loosed their hold and dropped satisfied to the ground.

"Tell ther fellers," he gasped and shut his eyes.

David tore his heavy boots from his feet, and with one last look at his father, fled down the uneven and rocky path to the storekeeper's stand, running as he had never run before in all his life, his eyes starting wildly from his blanched face, and his heart leaping as though it would leap out of his

Along a side path, which eventually dips close to the maple spring, a somber little figure moved in and out through the golden light of that October morning; a little withered old woman, her head bound in a black handkerchief and again covered by a sunbonnet of the same indistinct coloring as the rest of her dress, which had all faded long since into one indeterminate hue.

When old Martha Lamfire presently neared the maple spring she murmured an intention of getting a drink there A little later, however, when she would have pushed the undergrowth aside to emerge upon the spring, a deep caught groan arrested her. At the unexpected sound the old woman jumped back as instinctively as she would have done at the whir of a rattlesnake, and it was characteristic, that before looking forward again she first looked back. Assured that no one observed her, she carefully pushed the branches aside and peered into the hollow, her faded sunbonnet poking through with the alert inquiry of an old turkey hen. Leaning thus eagerly forward, she caught sight of Alderson Cree's huddled figure. For a space she looked at him in bewilderment, then with a low murmur of compassion she would have moved toward him, but at the moment the man writhed slightly to one side and she saw his face, which until then had been turned from her. Instantly she checked her forward movement and the pity in her own face went out, For a space again she stood still, looking at him lying there in the tragic little hollow; then cautiously step by step she began to draw back, but all at once she stopped to listen-the man was praying, his voice sounding strange and broken in the sunny stillness of the woods.

The words came with a sudden

"O Lord," he cried, "let me just live ter tell Dave hit don't matter. Lord, I didn't think, I didn't know then. I didn't understan'. Let me jest live ter make him take back his promise." And again-"O Lord, jest let me tell Dave not ter kill Kip Ryerson."

As he prayed the old woman, standing waist deep in the painted undergrowth, moved. A dry twig snapped and she caught her breath too quick-The man heard and cried out:

"Who's that?" The old woman neither moved nor

answered. "Who's there?" he cried again sharply, and would have turned in her direction, only he could not. Yet he felt that some one was there, some one who stood silently in the bushes and watched him.

"Come here so's I kin see yer. Come here," he begged pantingly. Still the old woman did not move. The man waited hopefully an instant and then cried piteously, "Fer God's sake, come

She did not come, yet he heard her breathing distinctly now.

"Ef yer won't come ter er dying man," he cried desperately, "take my word ter David. Tell him I say not ter kill Kip Ryerson ef ther law don't git him. I'll not last ter tell him my-Tell him hit don't matter, didn't think. Oh, tell him, tell him!" The voice broke and trailed away into silence. Still no answer, and still the

[To be continued.]

Adjournment of Congress.

Washington, March 24. - Congress will have to work night and day if it is to get through by the 1st of July, although the congressional leaders have fixed the 1st of June as the probable date of adjournment.

President Wilson has expressed his confidence in the ability of congress to conclude its work in time for an early adjournment, although he has laid out a program of legislation which will mean busy times. The president knows how the currency bill was pushed by, although many men predicted that it would not be passed for several months. In order to accomplish this result the senate met at 10 o'clock in the morning and ajourned at 11 o'clock at night.

It must be remembered, however, that a great deal of outside pressure was exerted. There was an impending money panic, or at least a tightening of the money market, on account of the fear the banks expressed over what might happen in currency legis-

Women Needn't Tell Age For Vote.

Chicago, March 25.-Women voters do not have to tell their exact ages to election officers. They can approximate the truth. This is the advice of Charles H. Mitchell, attorney for the board of election commissioners and has been generally accepted by the other officials of Cook county.

"Select a good probable age," said Mr. Mitchell, speaking to a body of women, "one that fits your face and your figure, and tell the officers that age. It is simply a check on fraud

Pennsylvania's Senatorial Fight.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 25. - The fight for the senatorship in this state is an interesting one. Senator Boies Penrose is seeking to be renominated by the Republican party; Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, a close friend of President Wilson and a member of the kitchen cabinet, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, while Gifford Pinchot, ex-chief forester of the United States, is a candidate for the Progressive party nomination. The primaries will be held on May 19. Pennsylvania, of course, is



Photos by American Press Association. Palmer, Penrose and Pinchot, the the Three P's In the Pod.

naturally a Republican state, but the injection of a Progressive candidate may split the Republican vote, and doubtless the contest will be a close and interesting one. The three R's once played a considerable part in politics; now it is three P's-Palmer, Penrose and Pinchot-who are about to agitate politics in Pennsylvania.

Ice Scouting Motorboats For Liners. London, March 23.-Motorboat ice

scouts are being used by transatlantic shipping companies as a means of circumventing ice perils during their voyages in the North Atlantic. The new Allan liners Alsatian and Calgarian are fitted with thirty horsepower motors in the world.

and with wireless and submarine signaling apparatus.

These ice scouts are sent ahead during foggy weather to report to the liners by wireless telegraphy the whereabouts of ice and other dangers. They will also be available for towing life boats in the event of the abandonment

Day School For Convicts.

Joliet, Ill., March 24.-The state pris on here may be looked upon as a leader in prison reform. Within the past few months it has been the scene of some drastic changes and innovations, and its new methods are attracting the attention of penal experts all over the

An important and interesting innovation was the establishment of a day school for the convicts. Night schools



Convicts In a Baseball Game Within the Prison Grounds.

had existed before in various penitentiaries, but this is the first day school. So successful has it been already, after a few months of existence, that a similar school is about to be inaugurated at the Ohio state penitentiary

Three hundred convicts in the penitentiary at Joliet are now going to school. Taught by fellow prisoners, these men, many of whom are gray headed, are learning, as little children learn, to read and write and spell Into the gray routine of prison life have crept brighter hours. There is a new chance now for the man who is expiating a crime by years of hard labor. He can, if he wishes, leave the prison better fitted mentally and morally to cope with the world than he has ever been before.

The classes are open to all the prisoners regardless of their offenses. Baseball, too, is now permitted within the prison grounds, and the convicts. compose both teams and rooters.

Prince of Wales' Visit In 1915. London, March 22. - Preliminary

plans have been drafted for the tour of the British empire to be made by the Prince of Wales in 1915, which is to include a visit to the United States on the return journey.

It is said in official circles to be pos sible that Prince Albert, the second son of King George, will accompany the Prince of Wales.

As at present arranged, the prince will go first to Australia and New Zealand, returning to England by way of Canada and the United States. His visit to India has been reserved for a later date.

Large German Canal to Open. Berlin, March 22.—Emperor William expects to steal a march on President Wilson in canal celebrations by open-

ing the enlarged waterway connecting the Baltic and North seas next month. The work of improvement, which has cost more than the building of the original canal in 1887, will enable the passage of the largest battleships. The emperor probably will accomplish this for the first time by personally commanding the main German battle fleet through the inland waterway.

The German canal will have locks 82 feet longer, 371/2 feet broader and of 4 feet greater draft than those of Panama and will accommodize a 60,000 ton battleship should naval designers go as high as that in the future.

The new locks, which lack the impos ing height of those at Panama, but are bigger in every other respect, are 1,082 feet long (Panama 1,000 feet). 1471/2 feet wide (Panama 110) and have a mean depth of 45 feet of water over

The new canal is about 60 miles long. It shortens the trip from Baltic sea harbors to Hamburg by 480 miles and to London by 269 miles.

Uncovering Old Arena In France.

Paris, March 22.—Paris will uncover the arena of Lutece, on the outskirts of the city. The arena was built probably in the second century by the Emperor Hadrian. It shows the ruins the first ships to be equipped in this of architectural decoration and sculpway. Each of them carries four mo- ture of rare beauty. It is purposed to tor boats, each of the size of a lifeboat, turn the place into the largest theater

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W. F. Markham, one of the most prominent citizens of the Dry Lake community, spent several hours here Saturday trading with the merchants and at Abilene; all this season. Matgreeting friends.

W. F. Walker and wife were among the many visitors in the city Saturday, spending some Merry Wives Club Friday night time here greeting friends and at her home in the north part of trading with the merchants.

R. F. Jones, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake community, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Rev. McMahen returned the latter part of last week from Abilene where he spent several days in Baptist church work.

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Buff Orphingtons, chickens that won first prizes at Stamford, Merkel, Plainview and Abilene. Best pen in English class ing list free. - Dr. P. C. Wray, Jayton, Texas.

Mrs. Sol Davis entertained the the city. Quite a number of guests were present and a very pleasant occasion is reported by all who attended.

I have bought the Auto Garage and prepared to do all kinds of auto repairing. Also have oil and gasoline for sale. I will appreciate your business in this line.-E. L. Clay.

W. J. Elliot and daughter were in the city Saturday from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home, spending some time here greeting friends and attending County Attorney's Office. / Dickens, Texa to business matters.

> Howard Campbell, a successful farmer and prominen citizen of several miles southwest of Spur, was here the latter part of last week on business and greeting friends.



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STORY OF AN OLD BACHELOR

Once there was an old bachelor Who was silly as he could be He cried to act like a gay young beau And a laughing stock was he.

The girls and boys made fun of him And "pranked" him every day; And the married men and women laughed At the things he would do and say,

For he wanted to marry so mortal bad That he didn't know what to do, But there wasn't a girl that would notice him.

Tho' he searched the country thru.

But friends, it was not always so; For when he was young and gay With the young folks and the old folks,

He pretty much had his way.

And the girls flocked after him in droves For a handsome man was he. And the watch and chain, and the clothes he wore

Were as fine as you'll ever see

He drove a pair of prancing bays The finest in the town, And at last the debonair young scamp Betrayed sweet Mable Brown.

I love sweet Mable Brown" he laughed, "But I cannot make her my wife. A frow and a bunch of childeren? Nix! Give me a single life.

So he flirted at the parties and balls, And he flirted at the dance Till at last the women and the girls Began to look askance.

One by one his youthful friends Married and left him behind; And one by one deserted him, Of course he thought them unkind

At last he desired to "settle down," And, weary of single strife, He longed for a wife and some little chaps To cheer his lonely life.

There was no one to sew his buttons on, Or run for his collar and tie: No one to meet him at the gate; No one to kiss him good bye.

But the women coldly turned their backs And the young girls laughed in his face. And his kinsfolk all deserted him And left him in disgrace.

His head went bald and his teeth dropped

And his nose grew large and red, And whenever he thought of his happy youth

He wished that he was dead.

At last he died and was buried. No tears at his grave were shed, But all declared he was better off. And the old folks sighed and said:

Poor old man! he lived for self-For self and self alone His was a shattered, wasted life; 'Tis best that he has gone.'

He should have married him a wife When he was young and gay. And raised some chaps to care for him When old and in the way.

### NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or tresspassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-26t

Mrs. Roy Zinn, who has been on an extended visit to friends in Haskell, returned Thursday of last week to Spur and spent an hour or so here between trains, leaving on the afternoon train to visit relatives in Oklahoma after which she will go to her new home at Corpus Christi where Mr. Zinn is now operating a moving picture show.

Single Comb Mottled AnCona Eggs for Sale. Winter layers as well as summer. First setting \$2.25, second \$1.25, from trap nested layer; 15 eggs setting.-Mrs. Jasper N. Porter, 607 East Reynold Street, Stamford, Texas.

J. A. Neighbors, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business and trading with the merchants.

Furniture repaired. for, deliver and guarantee all work.—W. S. Hunter. 18th

Dr. Bachelor made a business trip last week to Stamford where 11t-f he spent some time.

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H. H. Glisson, of Colorado City, spent several days of this and last week in Spur visiting his uncle, J. E. Counts and family at their home just north of Spur.

J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles north, was in the city Monday. He reports everything in good shape for bamper crops in his section at this time.

Miss Ella Pierce was operated upon Sunday morning for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital. We are glad to note that at this time she is reported doing nicely and recovering rapidly.

J. I. Greer came in Saturday from his home in the Tap country and spent several hours here shaking hands with friends and making things lively.

C. J. Smith, of eight or ten miles west, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

Luther Jones was in the city Monday from his ranch home several miles north and spent several hours here on business.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast, was among the many business visitors here Sat-

For Sale-Thoroughbred R. I. Eggs \$1.00 per setting of 15. -W. D. Blair, Spur, Texas. p-2t



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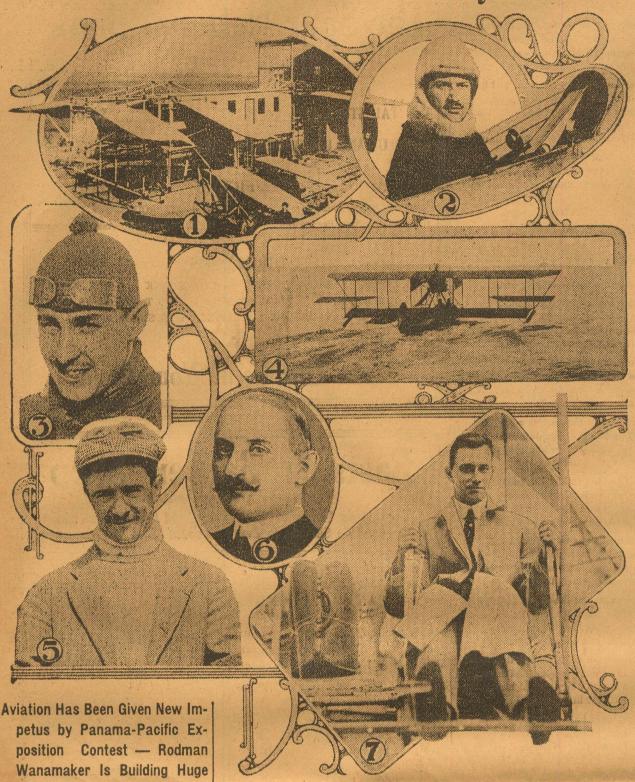
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HE greatest conquests in the history of aviation are to be undertaken this year and next. Topping the ambitious aerial program are the transatlantic flight, which will be attempted in the early summer, probably in July, in a 200 horsepower flying boat paid for by Rodman Wanamaker of Philadelphia and designed by Glenn H. Curtiss, and the ninety day race around the world in May, 1915, under the auspices of the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held next rear in San Francisco.

In connection with the forthcoming Anglo-American exhibition in London a prize of \$5,000, together with a trophy, is offered by Mrs. Woodhull Martin, on behalf of the Women's Aerial league, to the first aviator flying across the Atlantic.

The competition is open to aviators of all nations. There are no restrictions regarding the type of flying ma-

Marc Poupre, Brindejonc des Moulianais and Jules Vedrines, all of France and all experienced men, are looking at the prize money enviously. The former has crossed China by the air route and is at present making flights in Africa. Des Moulianais' reputation is fixed by his trip from Paris to St. Petersburg and return. He has also crossed the Baltic sea in an aeroplane which gave him knowledge of value in the intended ocean journey. Vedrines went from Paris to the pyramids in about five weeks.

Many have announced their intention of entering the race across the Atlantic. Machines of all kinds are being constructed or tested. Edward R. Shaw, who was the companion of Robert G. Fowler on the flight from Los Angeles to New Orleans in 1911; Abram Raygorodsky, the Russian aviator, and Harry N. Atwood, who has had a seven of the world's principal cities. Wright plane built for the purpose, are anxiously waiting for the most appropriate time to start.

#### Frenchmen to Compete.

Roland Garros, the most famous for eign flier, has said the Atlantic flight is impossible, but other Frenchmen are said to have selected routes.

The Wanamaker-Curtiss flight from Newfoundland to the Irish coast-1,900 miles—is to be essayed by an English army officer and a United

States navy flier. The flying boat is expected to make the trip at an altitude of 10,000 feet in

sixteen hours or less. The attempt to cross the ocean wil

1.—Babson's twelve wing hydroaeroplane. 2.—Roland Garros. 3.—Beckwith 4.-Hydroaeroplane in the water. 5.-Jules Vedrines. 6.-Rodman Wanamaker. 7 .- Harry N. Atwood.

The flight will be made "in the cause of science and in the interest of world peace," says Mr. Wanamaker. "The crossing of the Atlantic in one flight of an air craft is to my mind as important to aerial navigation as was the voyage of Columbus to transportation by water. Once the Atlantic is crossed in a single flight of an airtransatlantic trips and a fixed, safe transatlantic passenger air line.'

Although the purpose of the flight as announced by Mr. Wanamaker has nothing to do with prize winning, the air voyagers, if successful, will win the Lord Northcliffe prize of \$50,000.

Time, Nine and a Half Hours.

On paper the time required will be on the requirements for making the order. entire distance at the actual flying speed of the machine.

The flight across the Atlantic is conceded to be the most difficult part of the emperor of Russia, the emperor of the aero race around the world, a feature of the Panama-Pacific exposition

Aviators have demonstrated the practicability of every stage of the trip excepting the flight over the Atlantic ocean. Atwood flew from Chicago to New York. Another airman flew from New York to the Pacific coast. In Europe a remarkable trip was made from Paris to Warsaw and return by Brindejonc de Moulinais, while Jules Vedrines flew from Paris to Cairo. A flight was made from Florida to Havana and flights have been made across the Mediterranean by Garros.

#### Round the World Route.

A tentative route for the round the world race includes stops at twenty-

|   | Exposition grounds, San Francisco, to |     |
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|   | Cheyenne                              | 1,  |
|   | To Chicago                            | 1,  |
|   | To New York city                      | 1,0 |
|   | To Belle Isle, Canada                 | 1,0 |
|   | To Cape Farewell, Greenland, over     |     |
|   | Atlantic ocean                        | (   |
|   | To Reykjavik, Iceland, over Atlantic  |     |
| , | ocean                                 | (   |
|   | To Stornoway, Hebrides, over Atlan-   |     |
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|     | To Cape of Wales 30                   |
|     | To Sitka, Alaska                      |
|     | To Vancouver, B. C                    |
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|     | To Seattle, Wash 150                  |
|     | To Panama-Pacific grounds, San        |
|     | Francisco 1,300                       |
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|     | via Aleutian chain                    |
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While many experts are skeptical as to the success of the transatlantic nine and a half hours, several hours flight, H. P. Woodhouse, managing edless than the announced estimate, yet itor of Flying, says that all the Amerto provide against chance of failure to | ican aeroplane constructors believe the find the estimated wind velocity the flight possible and will undertake the fuel supply to be carried will be based | construction of transatlantic fliers on

The president of the United States. the king of Great Britain, the president of France, the German kaiser, Japan and the premier of British Columbia will be asked to name an international commission consisting of commissioners from each of the countries on the route of the race. This commission will be scientific and ad-

#### "A Great Trip," Says Batson.

Captain Matthew A. Batson, president of the Batson Air Navigation company and inventor of the Batson triple motored hydroaeroplane, has announced his intention of entering the around the world race.

"It is just the sort of trip I have had in mind all along," says Captain Batson. "I consider the transatlantic flight and that over the Rocky mountains the hardest stages of the route. The machine that can cross the Atlantic can go around the world.

"The machine that can remain in the air the longest will have advantage. I expect to win the race. It will be a

Beckwith Havens of New York who, last summer, piloted an aeroplane from They desired to learn the art of pray-Chicago to New York by way of Detroit and Buffalo, has announced his race. Raymond V. Morris of New Haven. Conn., has also given notice that he has begun the plans for a new machine for transatlantic flight and will enter the competition. Lincoln Beachey will also be a competitor, according to his recent statement.

rules of baseball have been the country. made for the 1914 season. The most important change is to forbid a coacher from stopping a runner with his hands or obstructing him in any way. The runner shall be declared out if the coacher tries to stop

him by any physical means. This change is embodied in a new section, which will be known as section 17, rule 56, of the playing rules:

"If a coacher at third base touches or holds a base runner who is rounding third base for the home plate the umpire shall declare the runner out."

Another change in the rules governing coaching permits the coacher verbally to encourage the batsman as well as the base runner. The rules, heretofore only permitted the coacher to encourage the base runner.

In the case that a thrown ball hits the umpire the batsman shall be allowed to run as far as he can. Formerly this only applied when an umpire was hit by a thrown ball in foul

In the event that a player stops a thrown ball with any portion of his uniform or by throwing of a glove the base runner shall take two bases. This is an amendment to the rule which permitted a batsman to take three bases when a ball was caught by a cap or after a glove was thrown at it.

When a ball hits an umpire after it gets away from a fielder the base runner is entitled to as many bases as he can get. This is an amendment to the rule which sends base runners back when the ball hits the umpire.

The pitching rules are amended in such a way that the pitcher is permitted to stand on the twirling slab. Heretofore the rules compelled the pitcher to stand behind the slab, but the rule was not always observed.

If plans announced at a meeting of the Chicago Association of Amateur Baseball Clubs materialize a world series for the amateur baseball championship will be staged next fall about the time the champions of the American and National leagues are battling for the world's "pro" title. The formation of a new organization to be called the National Amateur Baseball association will be the first step toward squad.

NEVERAL changes in the playing | the combining of the amateur nines of

Frank Hinkey, the famous old Yale end, who is classed with Kilpatrick as the "greatest wing players in gridiron history," will help coach the Yale elev-



Photo by American Press Association. Frank Hinkey Will Assist In Coaching Yale Eleven Next Fall.

en next fall. The Eli spirit of fighting to the end has failed to materialize in recent games, and Hinkey is going to try to instill some of his own dashing do-or-die methods into next season's

### The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN.

quire of thee but to do justly, and to ove kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God? (Mic. vi, 8.)

The sympathetic ways produced a wholesome impression on sincere souls. \* \* \* His chosen disciples, the twelve whom he had selected for special training, had many wrong ideas about the mission of their Master. They had a wrong conception of greatness. In spite of what Jesus had clearly said on this subject many of his followers even today are in error with the twelve. How is greatness to be tested according to Jesus? The illustration that was used led to the record of an interesting incident, in which we see what different views were held concerning children by Jesus and his disciples. Explain them. (Lesson I.) As the time was becoming limited and there yet remained so much to be done, Jesus selected seventy of his followers and sent them on a hurried mission to prepare the way for him. What was told them about their opportunities? How were they to treat opposition? (Lesson II.) The parable of the good Samaritan gives a vivid idea of the charitable outlook of Jesus. How did he interpret the word "neighbor?" What was his application? (Lesson III.)

"The sincere servants." All sorts of people were drawn toward Jesus, and they gladly enlisted in his service. They soon realized that it was a great privilege. He was cheered by the devotion of many grateful women whose burdens he had lightened. Mention ome of them. There were others again who hesitated to take an out and out stand, but they were warned of the risks that would be incurred by the half hearted and indifferent. What was said to these men? (Lesson IV.) The disciples were not slow to find of their Master's unusual influence. er, and Jesus gladly furnished them service is to be rendered we must fol- son 12.) low the Master's example in the school of prayer and receive strength by sup- the wisest teacher and desire to follow plication. What did Jesus say about thee.

Golden Text.-What doth Jehovah re- | complete allegiance to him? Those who have renounced sin must at once receive the Saviour, who will fill their lives with noble desires and kind actions. What are among the benefits of single mindedness of purpose? (Lesson VI.) The folly of being satisfied with mere appearances was exposed on more than one occasion by Jesus. How did he refer to the inconsistency of the religious teachers in the way they interpreted the law? Give an illustration of their hollow reverence and misguided actions. (Lesson VII.)

"The Free Life." The motives must

be pure, otherwise everything is tainted. There is no advantage in using pious phrases if they do not express any reality in our experience. hypocrite who acts a part and goes through religious motions is already condemned in his own heart. But he who has light within his own clear breast is not afraid of the darkness without. Put your faith in God that he will guide you and you need never fear the assaults of the enemy. What was Jesus' teaching on providence? What are the obligations of discipleship? (Lesson 8.) Happy are those who early learn that money is only a means to an end and that the end is service and not the gratification of selfish desires and ambitions. Those who do not take God into account and who neglect the cultivation of the spiritual life are to be pitied, like the rich man in the parable. What is the value of life? What things do we emphasize as of first importance? (Lesson O.) The existence of suffering is not reflection on the character of God. out rather on the carelessness and cupidity of men. If men control their appetites they will be able to care for their homes, and the ravages of intemperance will cease. Much sickness is due to underfeeding, insanitary surroundings and the worry caused by poverty. How was Jesus impressed by suffering? What defense did he out that prayer was one of the secrets make for ignoring the law of the Sabbath, as then wrongly understood, in order that he might keep the law of sympathy? (Lesson 11.) The kingwith a model. What five points are dom of God is a fraternity of loyal intention to enter the world encircling emphasized in Luke's report of the souls who are inspired by the spirit of Lord's Prayer? What special thought love. It is not limited by time nor was made clear in the parable of the clime. How did Jesus set forth his sleepy neighbor? (Lesson V.) If true hopeful outlook of its triumphs? (Les-

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge thee as

BY CORRESPONDENTS

#### TAP TELLINGS.

The farmers here are very busy this week planting early feed crops. We may be a little early but the high price of feed makes us anxious.

We are glad to state the fruit crop is not all killed.

Bro. T. F. Medlin, of Roaring Springs, was in our community this week. He reports everything in good shape in his country.

Sherrod Smith and wife have moved to the John Luce place. We have known Sherrod since a very small boy and we welcome him back with us.

H. C. Parsons and J. E. Sparks together with their families visited in the Afton community the latter part of last week, returning home Monday. They report a good time and a pleasant trip.

sioner to remember us with some es lo! these many years. good roads out from Spur, so we can have a rural mail route like know there is some one willing other people have. We have as to saw a bored well up and make good a settlement of people in post holes of it. our community as can be found anywhere, and all we like being connected with the city of Spur rendered. and adjoining communities is a Rural Route. Neighbors and friends, urge this thing for we certainly need it.

T.S. Lambert attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Steel Hill. He reports an enjoyable time and a good meeting.

Some of our new comers say they don't believe sandstorms are signs of rain. We didn't mean them for they have been here before.

Our Literary is to be pulled off again Friday night. It is expected to be one of the best, so come and enjoy yourself one more time.

Fount Harrell, T. S. Lambert and J. E. Sparks made a trip to the Plains the latter part of last

Come again Rambling Bill, we have an idea who you are, and we are acquainted with most of your neighbors.

Well, Lonesome Kid, we think Orwin has heart trouble in the worst way. He is now camping out with the Swenson dog outfit for his health, but says he'll always have a longing his heart home in Haskell Saturday. for that Steel Hill girl.

Best wishes to the Texas Spur and its many readers. - Kid-a-

#### NEW HOPE.

B. F. Yeates had business in our community last week.

Oat Meal had the pleasure of hospitality of J. C. Stephens and Steel Hill people. lady Sunday.

C. A. Gentry and J. T. Whittaker have gone to Arkansas with a view of locating in that section.

Frank Stephens has been taking an outing and visiting relatives in the southern part of the

The Midway High School debator settled the question of Woman Suffrage to the satisfaction of all.

Agie Wyly and Chas. Stephens attended the entertainment at the Dickens High School Auditorium Friday evening.

Mr. G. W. Dodson visited his brother, Herd, Sunday in the Prairie Chapel community.

Don't forget our County Singing Convention the second Sunday in April at Midway. - Oat Meal.

#### DRAPER GLEANINGS.

Quite a number of our young people went to the singing at Croton Sunday and report a nice

The Singing Convention meets with Wichita the fifth Sunday in May. Come to Wichita.

Farmers in this part are up with their work and waiting for

J. A. Murchison, Bill Thannish and W. T. Lovell and families enjoyed a good dinner at Mr. Wright's Sunday.

J. A. Murchison and W. T. Lovell spent last week at White Flat in the interest of the Farm-

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Shaw is convalescing.

Lonesome Kid, I am sorry for We are expecting our Commis- you, but I have been drying dish-

Little Tommy, we are glad to

Come to the Literary Friday night. A good program will be

The health of our community is very good at this time.

School Chap, keep trying, and by the time you are as old as me may be you can write better.-Rambling Bill.

#### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

This is another beautiful spring morning at this writing and the farmers are all working in their

A large crowd attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Steel

A large crowd from Gilpin attended the Literary Society at Bonds Chapel Friday night and King, returning Sunday. all report a nice time.

We have a new school teacher at Duck Creek now, Miss Liddie Franklin of Dickens. A fine looking and pleasant lady and we wish her success in the school

trict Union at White Flat.

trip to Spur and Soldier Mound farming operations. Sunday. He seems to enjoy going up there.

cough, but we hope she will soon | congregations.

enjoying a good dinner and the eral days of last week with the past several days, is reported do-

The Steel Hill debators have soon be able to be up. failed to take Duck Creek up on the subject Panama Canal, but citizen and farmer of several wanted to debate Woman Suffer- miles east, was among the numage. Come ahead, we will have ber of visitors to the city Saturthe debate and a long program day. on Friday night, April the 10th. Everybody come.

Well, Rambling Bill, why don't you wake up and get some good societies in your country?

Willie Hagins spent Sunday very pleasantly in Girard.

Hurrah! Three cheers for the Texas Spur and its readers. - A School Chap.

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#### SOLDIER MOUND.

We had a musical entertainment at Mr. S. R. Bowman's last Friday night which was enjoyed by many people.

John Earnest is visiting J. T. Holloway and family this week.

A nice entertainment was had at the Soldier Mound Schoolhouse last Thursday night.

Miss Gussie McFall spent Sunday with Bertha Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bowman spent Sunday evening with Mr.

Dad Childress has gone east to buy a carload of hogs.

Spur. He is using himself and the Farmers' Union toward the

enjoyed it very much.

Miss Oma McFall are on the sick ties, shall be chosen and the methods terfeit molds of righteousness and list this week.

day night with Mrs. George outlawry and a crime against good

Well, I will ring off.-Little

move soon to a farm down the is an anti just the same. Fac-Stamford & Northwestern Rail- tional issues madden men and those crop this year, she having been tional strife paramount in this cam-

Rev. Irvin returned the first Little Johnny Hawkins is very east where he spent the fifth to respect. We are as much opsick of pneumonia and whooping Sunday in preaching to other

ing nicely at this time and will

R. L. Collier left Spur Saturday for Russelville, Arkansas, in

Miss Minnie Fite has resigned her position with Sol Davis and will spend the spring days in rest and recuperation.

R. P. Cole left Tuesday for time on business.

Pro-Anti Conventions Have No Rights Voters are Bound to Respect.—Dove of Peace

Cooing to the City Business Man.

Fort Worth, Texas.-We would not feel that we had fully per-Sunday with Miss Ila Bowman. objections to that convention. First, the dove of peace. Many people attended the it is undemocratic; second, it is a singing at Mr. J. T. Holloway's factional convention. The Terrell last Sunday night. Everyone Election Law prescribes the manner in which nominees for the Demo-Miss Bertha Holloway and cratic party, as well as all other parpursued by the prohibitionists and Mrs. J. W. Wyatt spent Satur- that adopted by the oppostition is

government. We do not see how a convention called for the purpose of defeating prohibition can be anything but an anti-prohibition movement, for an Mrs. Harris and children will anti convention by any other name way several miles and make a who contribute toward making fac-Messrs. W. P. Sampson, J. Car- given this opportunity by her paign deserve to be crushed at the turned from the Farmers Dis- sition with H. P. Minnihan as tatives out of that convention as it one of a crew to assist in drilling would be to keep a duck out of Mrs. C. C. Walden left for her an oil well near Goree. Mrs. water, and the farmers will have Harris will have teams, tools and nothing to do with any convention whose leaders represent or have rep-

Like the prohibition convention, it of the week from points further has no rights that voters are bound posed to an anti-prohibition faction their efforts to secure peace, givin this campaign as we are to a prohibition faction. In our opinion prohibitionists as a faction, iden-Mrs. J. B. Morrison, who has no man, as a candidate of any fac- lically the same treatment. Peace Rev. W. B. Bennett spent sev- been suffering of pneumonia the Texas, and none should be. The ing beligerant pro-anti leaders down people of Texas are tired of factional | the precipice of obscurity and clubstrife and peace is the plowman'r

#### H. E. Grabener, a prominent Discretion the Better Part of Valor.

We realize how trying it must be upon anti leaders to engage in peacewick and Dr. T. H. Blackwell brave to the battle; but discretion is mary. were in the city this week from the better part of valor and there over a bottle of booze.

#### Be Not Deceived.

Let the farmers of Texas be not deceived by promises of either pro or anti for agricultural legislation Dublin where he will spend some "after the scrap is over." No party organized for the chase ever did any-

thing more than pursue the object of their wrath or pleasure, and then divide the spoils and none ever will. No party or faction thereof organized to fight for or against prohibition ever plowed the fields, built factories or opened mines and none ever will. The prohibition question was here before we came and it will

#### Frightening the Dove of Peace.

We know of no spectacle more calculated to frighten the dove of peace than for an anti major-general to come galloping up to the convention with his saddle bags filled with recommendations, and nothing could nore effectively point the crooked finger of suspicion at any candidate Mr. Fred O. McFall is digging formed our duty to the citizen who might be selected than to have a well, with horse power, for ship of Texas if we did not make a his name put forward by a man or Mr. West five miles north of final statement of the attitude of men whose pockets are filled with plunder from the distilleries and Bill Holloway as the horse power. coming convention of so-called con- the lifeblood of the breweries. It whose occupation is that of sapping Miss Beulah Hindman spent structionists. We have two serious is as if a cat were to spring upon

Such an act would be an outrage against the peace of the commonwealth that could only be excelled in rulgarity by prohibition leaders ighting booze both in the bar-room and out, coining fame in the counmaking indecent exposures of ambition that shock the morals of so-

#### Farmers Must Stand Together.

There is no use for a farmer to ake part in a convention or series of conventions where his vote is not onsidered in the final count and government by delegates who are not esponsible to their constituents is mmoral and silences the voices of the people in the selection of candidates. We want to again urge polls. We believe it would be as the farmers to have nothing to do lisle and L. W. Bilberry have re- brother who has accepted a po- impossible to keep liquor represen- with the precinct, county and state Democratic conventions on April 4th, 6th and 14th, respectively, but to stand as a jury passing upon the platforms and conduct of all candidates who offer for the July primary Cecil Bennett made a flying everything furnished in the resented special interests, liquor or and select a governor freed from domination of special interests of whatever character.

The farmers of Texas, both pro and anti, must stand together in ing the prohibitionists and the antian only be obtained by bing obstreperous politicians into the dungeons of silence.

#### The City Business Man's Problem.

With these few remarks, we leave the Fort Worth convention in the ful pursuits while the air is thrilled hands of the city men. There never with the bay of the greyhounds of was in the history of Texas, such prohibition as they strike the trail an opportunity presented to smash and set politics to the music of the machine rule and exterminate bossresponse to a message stating chase and we know full well the ism as is now offered to the voters that one of his sisters was very power of the bugle call of mighty of this State and they can do it by sick and not expected to survive. hunters as they make the welkins withering the Fort Worth convenring, marshalling their forces for tion with silence and placing busi-County Attorney B. G. Wors- the contest and challenging the ness above politics in the July pri-

> The dove of peace now sits cooing are things far more important in our upon the shoulders of the city busipublic affairs today than scrambling ness man. Will he frighten it with prejudice and indifference or caress it with courage and wisdom? We shall see.

> > (Signed) W. D. LEWIS, President. PETER RADFORD, Ex-President.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas.

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#### WEST TEXAS WIND.

The wind, the rain, the hail, the snow, More wind than rain and hail and snow. From north and south and west it blows But seldom from the east it goes.

Blow high, blow low, blow in blow out, The fiercest wind and very stout; Blow in, blow out, blow low, blow high, Eleven months in twelve blow dry.

Blow this and you and even that, Blow maize and corn and cotton flat; Blow up the post, blow down the clothes, Blow off your hat and dust your nose.

Well, let it blow, 'Tis best you know To let it blow.

Oh yes, it is, Because it is: No use to cry. No use to try To change the thing Just let it sing.

Oh, let it blow For all we know. 'Twas from the wind We caught our blow; But land on earth I heard them say-Well, what's it worth?

Oh no. indeed 'Twill raise good feed, And prosper you In all you need.

'Twill blow away.

Just let it blow, So here we go And say amen. Let's blow again-

A Saturday Market will be held in Spur by the Presbyterian ladies, April 11th. In the afternoon of the same day an Easter egg hunt will be had on the hill north of town, beginning at four successful farmer. o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Leonard Joplin came over this week from Roaring Springs and spent several days in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Joplin. Leonard left Wednesday for Dallas where he will

Neil Holman has purchased the Spur Tailoring Company business of Witt Springer, and is the same stand.

Mr. Eldridge, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was on business and buying supplies ing his usual smile. of the Spur merchants.

J. A. Nichols, an extensive farmer and prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and buying Monday from his home in the supplies of the merchants.

J. W. Wright, of Stamford, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business. He reports that oil has been struck in the well drilled about four miles from Stamford. The well is and farm homes closer together. about eighteen hundred feet deep and the water will be cased off to make the oil more accessi-

W. L. Thannish, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and buying supplies of the merchants. While here Mr. Thannish had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list for miracle of conquest will lift the which he has our thanks.

J. H. McCarty, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our growing have engaged the attention of the subscription list for which he has our thanks.

Robt. Bruton, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in the city Monday after supplies and on other business matters. Mr. Bruton reports everything in pretty good shape on the Plains with respect to crop prospects and conditions at this time.

J. E. Brown, one of the leading citizens and most prosperous farmers of the Soldier Mound country, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

W. D. Blair was in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles east and spent some time here trading and on other business. Mr. Blair is one broader community usefulness and of the most successful farmers a greater social mission. The church of the Spur country.

spend several days on business. citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur the first of the week on business.

W. T. Lovell, a leading citizen now conducting the business at of the Draper country, was in the city the first of the week on

in the city Monday and Tuesday Draper country Tuesday, wear-

Will stand Bay Prince at the O. K. Wagon Yard in Spur.-J. 22tf

L. A. Hindman was in the city Dry Lake community.

ISOLATION AND DRUDGERY THE TWIN ENEMIES OF AGRICULTURE.

The Rural Church the Guiding Star of Progress.

The New Rural Civilization.

By Peter Radford.

We are confronting a new rural civilization. It is so radically different from the life of the past that it may well be called new, not merely because of its characteristics, but because of its triumph in rural co-operation and leadership. The utilization of modern agencies, and the use of farm machinery have greatly increased the efficiency of the farmers, broadened their vision and made life more

The most serious enemies to country life are isolation and drudgery, and perhaps the worst of the two is isolation. It is the curse of the country. The hunger of young people for companionship has been disregarded and in various ways the social instincts have had their revenge. The fruits of modern inventive skill and enterprise have enriched country life and afforded the facilities of banishing forever the extreme isolation which used to vex the farm household of the past. The telephone is a great social asset in the rural home; the rural free delivery brings the world's daily message to the door; the parcels post delivers ten million packages per annum at a half million iomes and the automobile anninilates distance, making isolation a myth. The building of public highways has brought communities

#### The Slave of Drudgery.

It is a dramatic moment on the farm when machinery emancipates he slave of drudgery. The evolution of farm machinery is a coninued story of human ingenuity. one man now, by the aid of modern mechanical devices, can do as much as five or ten men used to perform and the work is less burdensome and more fascinating. The curse of drudgery that has crushed the courage out of farm boys and caused them to retreat to the cities. There are many labor-saving devices for the homes that can relieve the wife of back-breaking Monday and while here called at tasks. Labor-saving machinery has wrought educational problems that boys, relieved the housewife and added new economies and values to farming and has taken away self by some of the most worthless And for this very reason most of in their calling. We need to take full advantage of these facilities.

#### Co-Operation the Key-Note.

One test of modern civilization is the capacity for co-operation. The selfish days of the independent farmer are rapidly passing and we are beginning to catch the vision and share the profits of organized efforts. There are many farm machines adapted to serving a comnunity, but organization of farmers s required to purchase and operate them on a co-operative basis, and Mr. Brown is an extensive and new laws are needed to permit these transactions.

New Tasks for the Rural Church

The rural church has been slow o adjust itself to the new order of things. The churches are discovering new opportunities for service. must gird itself for new tasks and ander a new virile type of leadership Chas. Cannon, a prominent undertake real community building with the modern church as the center of activity and source of inguidance. piration and triumph over isolation and the gradual emancipation from drudgery, the development of good roads, telephones, rural mail service and the wonderful evolution of farm nachinery make for religious ad-Earl Wright was in from the sancement. The increase in intelfigence, new social consciousness. rrowing spirit of co-operation, added efficiency of rur l institutions, character, home building and better rural norals afford opportunities for a community-serving church to deminstrate its power. The rural church b fulfill its mission must swing wound it the influences for prog-

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### **COMMUNITY COOPERATION NECESSARY TO PROGRESS.**

given them a genuine pride and most dissolute peoples. In the enterprises do fail for they semi-tropical climates where are talked to death before they that they won't even shake the trees to make it drop. Their few wants are easily supplied. A brush arbor will do for a shelter, a loin cloth for clothing, bananas and coacoanuts for food. They prefer to lead lives of indolence and ease rather than possess themselves of the many years time if there was the propgood things they might have by small exertion.

New England is naturally one of the most bleak and barren about the weather and wanting sections of America. It was set- to move: just get down to bedtled by English Puritans who rock and go to work and try to were industrious, frugal and made your community one of the thrifty. They made the most of their own resources and then branched out to trade with the for the common good, start at outside world. We all know the result. New England became model of comfort and conrich and powerful and has wield- venience. That will help some, ed a tremendous influence on and at least convince others that American life and manners from you are in dead earnest about the beginning to the present the proposition.-R. K. Phillips. time. Suppose the early settlers of that section had spent their sition as City Marshall and time in bewailing the fate which Night-Watchman of Spur the had cast them on that rugged first of the month and we underand inhospitable coast instead of stand he and family will move on the fertile shores of Louisiana to Throckmorton county where or in sun-kissed Texas. By such he will be employed with the a course they might have easily well drilling crew under H. P. wrecked their own lives and have Minnihan. bred a race of weaklings who would have soon disappeared from the view of men.

There are many towns and tice.

communities here in the Southwest that fail to accomplish anything because they haven't the right class of citizens. The prevailing note is one of doubt and Natural advantages do not pessimism. No enterprise can make a great state or a great na- be started that is not already tion. Some of the richest coun- doomed to failure according to tries of the globe are inhabited these gloomy prognosticators. fruit ripens and falls ready to be can be got under way. I dare consumed, the natives are so lazy say there isn't a small town or a country community in the entire Southwest that could not be vastly improved within the next year if the people would only work together for the common good. And a majority of these same towns and communities might be absolutely made over in a few er spirit of cooperation among their citizens.

You had as well quit talking favored spots. If you can't get the neighbors to work together home and try to make that a

Jack Stevens resigned his po-

Found-Gold rim, twisted gold wire holder spectacles in case. Owner call and pay for this no-

## Woman and the Home Sphere

Serviceable Dining Room Set



Simple furniture is best for the dining room. The wood should be of good quality, and the finish must be satisfactory, for dining room furniture must depend on quality rather than ornateness for its attractiveness. Shown here is a dining room set in mahogany. It consists of table, sideboard, china closet

#### HINTS FOR SHOPPERS.

Useful Articles That May Be Bought For a Moderate Sum.

new broom sweeps clean, but there is a newer one with a long handle and the brush part of fiber, which sweeps clean and does away with backache, tired arms and blistered hands as well as no dust.

There is a small fire extinguishing appliance that inspires confidence in a householder's breast and gives her the assurance that a small blaze could be quickly and effectively overcome. It is a small nickel plated affair that holds a quart of fire extinguishing liquid and works on the same principle as a youngster's popgun, spraying a blaze quite a distance away.

This device costs \$7, but is well worth it in the feeling of security it gives dwellers in suburban places and apartments.

#### FAVORITE SPRING FABRICS.

Corded Effects and Cotton Are Preferred to Linen.

Corded materials are worn in varie ty. Ribbed taffetas and moires are among the favorites. Imitations of duvetyn and velours in cotton are quite

The new cotton velours promise to have a tremendous vogue for wraps this material are startlingly similar to

This material is extremely light in weight and is well adapted to the light girdle. So broad that it gives the very spring and summer wrap. It is developed in many colors, deep shades of line, below that line it fits smoothly gold, faded red, shell pink and "mon- over the hips and lends to them the signeur violet," which is a lovely shade desired appearance of slenderness.

In fact, cotton fabrics are now preferred to linen and are certainly more crape in all colors will be worn.

COLD WEATHER DRESS FOR MOTOR RIDES.

A woman who has toured much says that for a long run in cold weather she designed a scheme of attire that proved entirely satisfactory, and her advice, being based on experience, is likely to prove of use to readers, so it is handed on. Protection from cold being the great point, she had a serge skirt made, lined to give extra warmth, and with this wore a plain silk skirt and pulled over it a white jersey, with a collar coming well up around the neck, on the style of the ordinary fisherman's knitted ones. Over this came a dark blue fur lined motor coat, and for headgear she wore a knitted cap with ear flaps thatfastened under the chin. As a result there was no veil

to get untidy or blown about, no risk from chilly air, while the cap fitted closely enough to keep the coiffure perfectly in order whatever the speed or the amount of wind that might be ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢૺઌૹૢ૽ૡ૽ૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ઌ૽ૢ૽ઌૢ૽ઌ૽ૢઌ૽ૢઌ૽ૢઌ૽ૢૡૢ૽ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૾ૡૢ૽ૡૢ૾ૡૢ૾ૡ૾ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ઌ૾ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ઌ૽ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ઌ૾ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ઌ૽ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ઌ૾ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ઌ૽૽ૢૡૢ૾ઌૢ૾ૡ૽ૢ૽ૡૢ૾ૡૢ૾ઌ૾૽ૡૢ૽

#### NEW SIDE GIRDLES.

The Extension Style Is One of the Most Effective.

Most effective of all the new furbishes for costumes is the extension side

At the left side this girdle extends into a single broad sash end-cut in one with the accessory—which tapers gradsuited to the present fashions. Cotton | ually toward the knee, where it terminates in a deep fringe.

#### APRIL FIRST FOOLISHNESS.

A Grotesque Mother Goose Party by Which to Observe the Day.

Send out the invitations for your party on foolscap paper folded into the old time fool's cap. On the invitation an original idea would be to have a water color sketch of a fool with cap and bells.

In writing ask each guest to dress as foolishly as possible, impersonating various characters in "Mother Goose" with masks or without, as preferred.

Have hall, reception room and dining room decorated as grotesquely as possible, with cabbage heads and vegetables for bouquets and candles in bottles for lights. Have tables and step ladders arranged with cushions for seats. Serve the supper on the floor. For the tablecloth use large sheets of brown wrapping paper and napkins of cheesecloth or gay colored calico, each one different. Let the table centerpiece be a bunch of onions in a glass can or bottle. Have the dishes as odd as possible, with carving or kitchen knives and oyster forks or nutpicks for

Your plates may be pie tins, and the cups might be little tin measures or small bowls. If sugar is on the table have it in salt cellars or shakers and salt in the sugar bowl. Cream may be in the sirup jug and water in the teapot. In with your plate of sandwiches have three or four fakes that look like the rest, but are deceiving as to taste. Make the filling of one extra strong of pepper and give another a good dose of clove or ginger. If you can have homemade crullers make two or three with cotton fillings. The way to do this is to roll a thin covering of dough over a ball of cotton, then fry in the boiling lard with the others that are genuine. It will look exactly the same, and the surprise is great when the teeth sink into the cotton.

As the guests enter each could be handed a cap and bells to which is attached a card with the number of a "stunt" which each must do. Those for the ladies might be, first, a game of marbles, after which the successful contestant should receive a wreath of pink roses; dropping peanuts into a small mouthed jug, with a rabbit for the prize, and carrying a potato on a spoon the length of the room, the prize a tiny nest with a little white chicken in it. For the men there could be a hippity hop game, with a leather medal on a chain as prize; a whistling contest after eating a couple of dry crackers, the first to "arrive" receiving a tin horn and dressing a doll in the neatest and latest costume, the prize the doll itself. Each guest might also be requested to write a jingle on an April fool and read it aloud.

A weak solution of carbolic acid applied to ink stains on carpets will remove them. If this changes the color

### TRADING A SECRE

By CARY G. LLEWELLYN

house wharf in Naples, where baggage was being transferred from a recently arrived ocean

'Good morning, Vincenzo," said one. What are you doing here?"

Vincenzo Fabroni gave the other a look enjoining silence and led the way to a place where they would not be observed.

"Well, Giuseppe, I am trying to make an honest living carrying baggage. The truth is I am tired of a criminal life and wish to reform."

"But you have nothing to fear. Being a member of the Camorra, you are always sure of protection whatever you

"That may be, but I am not naturally a villain. I was made so by circumstances.'

"Well, Vincenzo, I wish you success in your efforts to carry rich men's trunks for an occasional lira that you may make by doing so. As for me, I wish I had your opportunities in a membership of the Camorra.'

"Why don't you join the society?" "It won't have me. I have secret enemies among the members who keep me out. Nevertheless I have been reasonably successful without the Camorra's assistance. I have just steered an American tourist into the hands of bandits and shared in the

"I wish you would lend me some of it. I would like to set up a wineshop whereby to make a living."

"How much do you need?" "Five hundred lire would start me." Giuseppe Zarrella thought a few minutes, then said: "I need something you possess. You need something I possess. Suppose we make a trade. You wish money to set you up in business. I wish to be a member of the Camorra. I will give you all you require for your purpose. You give me a secret that will enable me to gain

"What secret?" "Who murdered Di Guido?"

admission into the society."

Vincenzo winced. "What good would t do you to know that?" he asked.

"It would open to me the doors of the Camorra." The police are straining every nerve to discover who committed that crime. Let me once intimate that I am in the secret and the Camorra will gladly admit me.'

After some more talk Vincenzo said that he would think the matter over and would give his friend an answer on the steps of the sea wall at 9 o'clock the next evening. When they came together again Vincenzo said:

it may be restored by ammonia water. giving you the information you wish- Guido

WO men met on the custom the risk of my life-is worth much more than 500 lire."

"How much is it worth?"

Giuseppe looked at the other, wondering how high a price he could put on his secret. Finally he said, "Could you give me 3,000 lire?"

"Yes, I will give you that. An admission to the Camorra would be worth that to me."

"Swear that you will divulge the secret to no one.

"How could I use it without divulging it?"

"I see. Swear that you will tell no one that I gave it to you.'

"I swear to that." "When will you make the trade?"

"Now. I came provided with the money.

Giuseppe took a roll of bills from his pocket, counted out 3,000 lire and put the rest back. With the money in his palm he clasped Vincenzo's hand. Vincenzo whispered the secret in his ear, the hands were unclasped, and the bills remained in Vincenzo's.

"Now, Vincenzo," said his friend, "1 will tell you what to do. Report to the Camorra that you have made this money by robbery and expect an arrest, warning them to be ready to clear you. That will account for your having such an amount.'

"That I will surely do." A few days later Vincenzo reported that he had waylaid an Englishman on the heights back of the city and taken considerable money from him. He was promised that should he be arrested and tried members of the Camorra would be present at the trial and intimate by signs to the judge that if Vincenzo were convicted he (the judge) would be assassinated.

Within a week a man was arrested for the Di Guido murder. He remained in jail some time while the government was working up a case against him and taking steps for his conviction despite the threats of the Camorra. Meanwhile Vincenzo Fabroni opened his wineshop and was making, for him, a good living. One day a member of the national police walked by his shop several times and, when he saw it was empty, walked in. Fabroni stood looking at him with as tonishment mingled with horror.

"Giuseppe!" he exclaimed or, rather,

"Don't be afraid," said the carabineer. You are safe so far as the government is concerned. Serve me a liter of wine, and I will tell you something." Vincenzo pulled himself together, brought the wine, and Giuseppe told him that he had bought his secret not

to secure a membership in the Camor-"Giuseppe, the risk I would run in ra, but to discover the murderer of Di

## For the Boys and Girls

#### APRIL 1ST ENTERTAINMENT.

becoming empire effect above the waist | Shadow Pantomimes Are Easy to Do

and Are Very Funny. For April 1 the young folks can have a lot of sport by holding an April

April Fools' day allows many amusing ideas to find expression. Impossible dishes are concocted. It is well to have the dinner of excellent real dishes and have the mischief appear in the entrees and dessert.

Shadow pantomimes are excellent for entertainment; also song sheets with heads for notes, flower gardens with heads for flower centers and kindergarten imitations, in which eight

A platform is arranged in front about four feet from the floor. This is draped with black cambric. A black cambric curtain is stretched directly behind the platform. Four girls stand behind the platform, concealed from the waist to the floor by the cambric drapery. The upper part is dressed in a pinafore, through the sleeves of which girl No. 2 behind the curtain thrusts her hands. The hands of girl No. 1 are dressed in skirts and manipulate a pair of large doll's legs and feet. A bonnet is worn on the head. The feet and hands often are made to do most ludicrous things. Some of the features of a kindergarten morning are reproduced and are most amusing.

#### The Blind Postman.

First select a postmaster general, whose duty it is to write down the names of the players and the names of the towns or cities they have chosen to represent, The postman is then blindfolded and led to the center of the room, the other players seating themselves around him. The postmaster general then announces that a letter has been sent from-say from Chicago to New York. The two players representing these two cities must then rise and as silently as possible ex-change seats. The one losing his seat becomes postman.

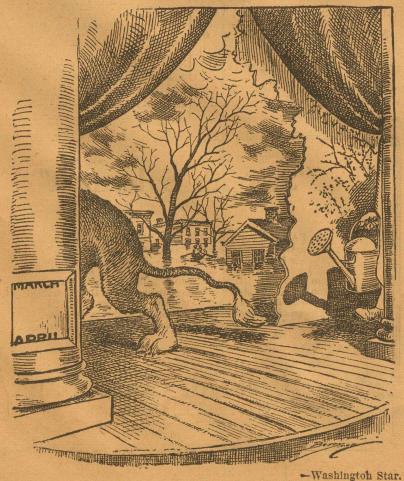
#### Sports of the Season



Photo by American Press Association.

Velocipedes, "joy riding" foot power automobiles, baseball, skates and shinny sticks are now in season. In the city where the sidewalks and streets are smoothly paved boys swarm continually when spring sets in. Shinny on skates is a popular pastime, but baseball at the present time is the order of the day, each street and avenue having its group of youngsters batting and throwing the ball. The boys of the country are more fortunate in having plenty of ground on which a real baseball diamond can be arranged.

#### The Passing Show



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

> Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cuttiug.

> Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow tresspassers hereafter without favor.

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For Representative, 105th District:

Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term) For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District: J. Ross Bell, of Paducah

Isaac O. Newton (re-election) For District and County Clerk:

Cephus Hogan C. C. Cobb (re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

T. J. Harrison (2nd term) G. B. Joplin

E. L. Harkey

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

J. B. Conner T. Wyly Morgan

G. T. Snodgrass

For County Judge: O. S. Ferguson (2nd term)

For County Treasurer:

B. A. Crego (re-election) J. B. Yantis

W. F. Cathey, a prominent citizen of several miles north, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

J. Carlisle and family, of the Gilpin country, were in the city Saturday trading and greeting

up and about town.

Entered as second-class matter he had moved to near Spur and ment to close their places of bus- interviewing the voters with the city Saturday on business November 12, 1909, at the post requested that we hereafter mail iness at seven o'clock every day reference to his campaign for and greeting his friends. ORAN Mcclure, Editor & Prop. one of the very best citizens of be delivered. the country and we are glad to

> moved to the Spur country from has sure been uncovered on the Arkansas, was in the city Satur- Scogins ranch and that the field day and reports that he is prog- will be more fully developed in ressing satisfactorily in his farm the future. work. Mr. Stephenson says that he will rent land and make a crop here to see if he likes the country, and if so he will buy land and make his permanent home here.

W. M. Randall, one of the most prosperous farmers and a leading citizen of the Steel Hill community, was a mong the number of visitors in the city Saturday. He reports everything in good shape in his section at this time.

C. D. Pullin came in Saturday from the Higgins ranch and spent several hours here trading and greeting his friends. He says he is now up with his farm work and awaiting the proper time for planting with the expectatation of harvesting bumper crops of all kinds this fall.

Jim Perkins, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday, he spending some time here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

A girl baby was born last week J. O. Yopp, who was confined to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland to his bed the past week, is now at their home six miles east of Spur.

the Texas Spur to him at the after the first of April. All reelection. Spur postoffice. Mr. Taylor is orders given by six-thirty will

welcome him as a resident citi-Saturday from his ranch home ty and spent several hours here his many friends. When not specified, all Ads will be zen of this immediate territory. on Cat Fish and spent several shopping and greeting friends. Robt. T. Dopson, a prosperous Mr. Stephenson, who recently hours here. He reports that oil

> W. A. Johnson came in Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm and spent some time here trading and looking after other matters. He reports everything in good shape.

from the east line ranch camp Saturday. and spent some time in the city greeting friends and looking after business matters.

J. E. Reams, who has been confined to his bed several weeks suffering of fever, we are glad to note is able to be up and greet his friends on the streets.

J. B. Morrison, R. L. Collier and R. P. Cole made a trip last week over a considerable portion of the Plains country, making the trip in Mr. Morrison's car.

Sam Presslar, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday greeting his friends.

T. L. Cowsert, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was among the number of visitors here Saturday.

Tol Merriman was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

H. Z. Taylor, formerly of the We are requested to announce T. J. Harrison was in the city W. A. Smith, who recently Girard country, was in the city that all of the business men of the latter part of last week as-moved to his farm home in the Saturday and informed us that Spur have entered into an agree- sessing taxes and incidentally Tap country from Spur, was in

> the city Saturday from their miles north and spent several Baxter Scogins was in the city home in the Dry Lake communi- hours here trading and greeting

> > W. P. Sampson, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Duck Creek country, was in the city and spent several hours

> > S. R. Bowman, of several miles north, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

J. H. McCamant, of twelve miles southwest, was among the E. R. Rorie came in Saturday number of business visitors here

Mr. Williams is in the city on an exteded visit with his brother, Leslie Williams and wife.

want to know what is going on. the city Saturday.

Fred O. McFall came in Satur-H. C. Allen and wife were in day from his farm home several

> farmer of the Dry Lake community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Sat-

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Poet Hagins was in from the Gilpin country Saturday greeting friends and trading with the

Lee Carpenter, of near Spur, was among the number here Saturday on business and trading with Spur merchants.

Jim Walker and wife were Read the Texas Spur if you among the number of visitors in

### The "Smooth Salesman"

FARMER came into the bank the other day and A asked: "Has the insurance on my house expired?"
We told him we didn't know. Come to find out he had insured with some slick-tongued traveling salesman from a distance. If we had written it, he would have been notified in plenty of time to renew before it expired and he would have stood no chance of a loss. only one of the many reasons for doing business with a home institution where your interests will be carefully

The F. & M. State Bank H. P. COLE, Cashier

## Live Topics For Farm Readers

### MANAGING A FARM

Progressive Scientific Business Principles Should Be Applied.

LESSONS FROM MERCHANTS.

Tradesmen Take Inventory, Consider Demand, Cost, Etc .- Tiller of the Soil Must Follow This Example to Get Most For His Labors.

Farm management, in its best interpretation, means the application of progressive, scientific and business principles to the business of farming. The farm manager holds the same relation to the farm and its business as does the business manager of the store or other business enterprise-that is, he is the one responsible for the success or failure of the enterprise from the financial point of view; therefore he must know every detail of crop growth, of cost of production, of marketing, of operating and of all business transactions performed in connection with the farm, writes Andrew Boss, chief of agronomy and farm

management at the Minnesota agricul-

Farming is a business, and the one

who can grow the largest crops of

the best quality and at the same time

produce them at the lowest cost, sell

them at the highest price and make the

best investment of the money received

should rank as the best manager.

regarded as a business, the fact re-

mains that the successful financial

operation of a farm presents even a

more complex problem and involves at

least as much business ability and tact as are required in operating a store.

A farmer must have a knowledge of

the elements of soil fertility; of the

principles of the movement of soil was

ter, of soil bacteria and their action, of

plant growth, of varieties and species

of plants, of the effect of one crop on

the crop following and of the care of

the seeds and forage. He must also

understand animals and how to feed

and care for them, and in addition he

must know how to buy and sell to advantage, to make contracts, plan his

buildings and farm so as to economize

The farm manager who would suc-

The merchant takes an inventory of

his stock, considers the demand for his

goods, both present and prospective;

notes the supply and cost of each arti-

The farm manager should likewise

take an inventory of his capital stock

and equipment. He should consider

mands that will be made upon it by

the crops grown, the sources from

the fertility of the soil and the de-

cle of commerce, the labor, etc

cessfully conduct his business may

profit by the example of the merchant.

labor and distribute it to advantage.

tural experiment station.

#### ALFALFA.

What makes the landscape look so What blossoms bright perfume the

What plant repays the farmer's toil, And will enrich the wornout soil? Alfalfa!

What is the crop that always pays, Which may be cut each forty days, Resisting drought, the frost and Whose roots reach down full twenty feet?

Alfalfa! What grows in loam and clay and sand;
What lifts the mortgage off the land;
What crop is cut three times a year,

And of never a failure do you hear?
Alfalfa!

What makes the swine so healthy feel,
And never raise a hungry squeal;
The wholesome food that never fails
To put three curls into their tails?
Alfalfa!

What makes all other stock look and brings the highest market what fills the milk pails, feeds the

calf,
And makes the old cow almost laugh? Alfalfa!

EARLY POTATOES.

They Can Be Grown to Full Size In

Pots.

To secure an early supply of new po-

tatoes this year plant the tubers of

any good early variety in pots and

a top dressing of soil to be supplied as

the plants grow, after the manner of

hilling up potatoes when grown in the

garden. One potato is sufficient for

Time the planting so the plants will

be well started in the pots when they

are to be transplanted in the garden at

the time the tubers are usually planted

If there is a well ventilated, cool,

light place, such as a cold frame or

cool greenhouse, in which to grow them

potatoes can be raised in pots and full

sized tubers developed very much ear-

lier than the first crop from the gar-

Ten inch pots will be sufficiently

large. Rub off all the eyes except the

Killing the Hog Lice.

Lice on hogs can be eradicated by

applying along the back of each hog

some crude oil. They can also be kill-

ed by washing or dipping the hog in

coal tar dips, several of which are on the market. The beds and litters of

pigs should always be clean and free

from dust. A mangy, lousy hog is not

a healthy hog, and the dust and filth

accumulating in the shed which is left

uncleaned supply ideal conditions for

strongest for pot culture.

White Leghorns Prize Layers

WHITE LEGHORNS, PROPERTY OF TOM BARRON, CATFORTH, ENG-

LAND, LED PEN IN INTERNATIONAL EGG LAYING COMPETITION

AT THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE EXPERIMENT

#### LAW AND THE HIRED MAN.

Sickness Usually Accepted as Excuse For Failure to Hold to Contract.

Controversies about wages frequently arise between farmers and their hired men when the latter are discharged or quit work before the expiration of the time for which they were employed. Sometimes a man who is a single woman wishes to marry a hired to do certain specified work or man she sends a servant to his house fixed wages quits his job without good and sufficient reasons, and the question then arises what compensation, if any, he can recover by law from his employer for the work he has actually done. There is some conflict of authority in the decisions of the courts upon this subject, but the weight of authority is to the effect that in such case the hired man can recover the value of the services which he actually rendered, deducting from this amount any damages which his employer has sustained by reason of his failure to complete the serv ices which he was hired to perform. Sickness or death of an employee is considered by the law to be the act of God and constitutes good excuse for delay or even for nonperformance of a contract for personal services. An employee who is prevented by sickness from completing services according to his contract can recover the actual value of the services which he has performed under the contract, and if the completion of his work is prevented by his death his executor or administrator can recover the value of the services actually performed by

### BUILD A DAIRY HOUSE.

It Is Very Necessary For Man Who Deals In Milk Products.

In every case where a considerable portion of the farm income is derived from the sale of dairy products a building should be provided to be devoted exclusively to their care.

The essential features which should be retained in any plan are a room just large enough for the actual needs; a floor, wall and ceiling which can be easily, quickly and thoroughly cleaned; a good drain to carry away waste water; a suitable method for heating the house in cold weather; plenty of light and ventilation; convenient arrangements for washing, scalding and drying dairy utensils, and a good tank and water supply for cooling the milk or cream. This building or dairy house should be convenient to but entirely separate from the barn where the milking is done.

In case a special dairy house cannot be provided the milk or cream should is? he growled. be handled and stored in a clean, light start them in the house. Four or five and well ventilated place, free from inch pots can be used, filled only about strong odors of any kind.-From Bulletwo-thirds full of soil, leaving room for | tin of Indiana Agricultural Experiment

ETWEEN the mountains of India and Persia there is a tribe among whom the women choose their husbands. When work for a certain period of time for to pin a handkerchief to his hat as an intimation of her desire. Unless he can show that he is too poor to purchase her at the price her father requires he is obliged to marry her.

Until the organization of the Arlington club for men there was no superfluity of spinsters over bachelors in a certain American town, but from then on marriages began to fall off. One of the most popular married women called the maidens together and organized an association for the advancement of matrimony based on the Indian-Persian plan. The first young lady to secure a husband by the method was invited to state how it had worked. She said:

"Mrs. President, I had long admired Mr. George Luddington, who had paid me some attention, and had it not been for the organization of the Arlington club I believe he would have asked me to be his wife. But that pestiferous institution reduced him from an incipient lover to a vacillating hanger Soon after the adoption of the plan which we are associated to carry out I worked Mr. Luddington's initials on a fine cambric handkerchief and, calling a messenger, told him to take it to the club at the hour I knew Mr. Luddington dined there, obtain access to the coat room and pin it to his hat.

"The messenger had no difficulty in executing his commission. I did not know for some time that Mr. Luddington knew from whom the token came. I have since learned that he knew very well, and the action he took in the matter was intended to frighten me A few evenings after receiving the handkerchief he called on me, and I saw at a glance that he was or pretended to be very irate.

"'What do you suppose has happened to me? he asked brusquely.

"'I can't imagine,' I replied meekly. "'An association has been formed in this town-so I understand-to drive us bachelors into matrimony. girl wishes to marry a man she sends some one to pin a handkerchief to his hat. Did you ever hear of such immodest impudence? "'Never in my life,'

"You must excuse me, ladies, for my weakness, but he frightened me out of

my wits. "'Who do you suppose this person

"'I can't imagine,' I replied.

ening tone, for my agreeing with him I rendered him less severe to me.

OBJECT MATRIMONY

By John Clarke M'COMBS "'I certainly do. I wonder how she could have had the face to do it!'

"I shrank into a corner of a sofa, as far away from him as I could get. He sat down on the other end and looked at me kind of puzzled. He knew I had sent him the handkerchief and couldn't understand how I could condemn myself for doing it. He looked very terrible, but not quite so terrible as when he first came. Then he began a sys tem of torture to find out what it al

"'The handkerchief,' he "aid, 'was very dainty, though the initials were badly worked. They looked as if they had been executed by some one with fingers so big that they were only fitted to work with a skewer.'

"At this I said nothing. I dared not speak for fear of betraying a tremolo in my voice.

"If a girl," he went on, 'had sent me a gift without an immodest intention I should have been deeply impressed with it. Quite likely I would have been affected to the point of making love to her and proposing mar riage.'

This statement was received with eries of "No!" "Don't you believe it!" 'They all talk that way, but they don't propose!" When the commotion subsided the speaker went on with her re-

"'But for a girl deliberately to tell a man she wants him to marry her, thus usurping his privilege, there's nothing she could do to so effectually turn him'-

"He got no further. I was full to the top of my throat. I made several convulsive gulps and burst into a torrent of tears.

"I don't know what he was doing for a few moments, for I held my handkerchief to my face. I heard nothing, but presently felt his arm around my waist. Then he drew my head down on his breast.

"'If the fool killer comes this way," he said, with his lips pressed against my cheek, 'he'll yank me out, certain sure. Don't cry, little girl. Dear little girl, forgive me! I've loved you

Again there were cries of unbelief. 'Oh, bosh!" "What a whopper!" and such like expressions of disapproval, whereupon the speaker indignantly turned her back on the assembly and with her nose in the air marched our of the room.

"Ladies," said the president severely "I'm astonished at you. This society was organized to promote marriage, not to destroy romance. To doubt the word of a lover who says he "'Don't you think her very unmaidenly?' he asked in a less threathas always loved the girl to whom he

## Violating the Laws of Gravity

Going Up In the World.

"How are you getting on in society?" "First rate," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I observe that we are inviting an entirely different set of people from those who came to our first party. And instead of laughing and enjoying themselves they stand around awhile and then say, 'Good night. We've had a charming evening.'" — Washington

Solid Ivory.

First Man (taking out his timepiece) Something wrong with this watch of mine-it's stopped. Second Man-When?

First Man-Oh, some time during the night; I can't exactly say when.—Bos-

The Modern Way.

Bill—This paper says a completely equipped laundry car has been installed on a Russian railroad for the use of troops while traveling or in the field. Jill-Come in handy in case of washouts along the line.-Yonkers States-

Hopeful.

"I suppose," said he employer, "you think you could teach me to run my wn business.

"Probably," replied young Mr. Freshwell. "But it would take time."-Washington Star.

Hopelessly Insolvent. "So Meier has gone to smash,

"Yes; even if he had been a giraffe one could have said with truth that he | ing, he made a desperate effort to turn was up to his ears in debt."-Meggen-

Baby Was Wise.

Anna-What do you suppose makes that baby cry so awfully loud? Grace-Why, both of its parents are hard of hearing, you know.-London

Another Pill to Swallow. Big Em Gross was once the star

catcher of the National league and per- night, Ethel? haps the heaviest hitting catcher that ever donned a glove. He was catching in Providence one

day when a Philadelphia batter poked up a fly that looked 500 feet high. There was a wind blowing, and the



OBBUS UM

He Threw Up His Feet and Hands to Protect His Face.

ball began to twist around in circles, with Em doing a merry-go-round under it. Finally, seeing that it was escapquickly and fell flat on his back.

Instinctively he threw up his feet and hands to protect his face. The ball struck the sole of his shoe, then it bounded up into the air, and as it fell again Em reached out and caught it.

And next morning the Providence papers had the nerve to say he did it on purpose.-Chicago Tribune.

Extremely Polite.

"Did that young man kiss you last

"Yes, mother." "And you allowed him to?"

"Why, he just did, mother."

"Why didn't you stop him?" "Why, mother, you told me I must never interrupt any one."-Yonkers

Never Thought of That. "I wonder they don't use horses in-

stead of dogs for transportation in the

"What kind of horses could they

"Old skates, of course."-Baltimore

American. A Place For Everything, Etc.

Percy Pientyplunks-I hear strange stories about how Betty treats her husband.

Marigold Malaprop-Yes; they she kisses him in the parlor and kicks him in the basement.-Judge.

Only Six Times. "Tom is nothing but a heartless flirt.'

"What do you mean?" "Why, after I've refused him only six times he is making love to another girl."-Boston Transcript.

Ways of the Dollar. The Old Man-The easiest way to get into society is to marry for money

The Young Man-Suppose you are in ociety and want to get out? The Old Man-Then marry for love -Illustrated Bits.

In the Same Business.

"Poets and hens have one thing in common." "What is that?" "The Easter lay."-Baltimore American.

Rough on Willie. "Really, Willie, you look more like your father every day." "Quit your guyin', maw."-Life.

### ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

which fertility may be renewed and at the development of vermin and dis-

what cost; he must study the markets ease of the skin. The eggs of various and demands for the various crops and internal parasites and lice are found

the possibility of handling them at a in large numbers in the dust and filth

profit, the cost of producing each of the of the sleeping quarters which are left crops and the probable net profit that uncleaned and without being disinfect-

will be returned; the labor supply, the ed. As a result, these parasites in-

interest on investment and similar ex- crease rapidly and spread through the

whole herd.

000,000 to charities.

penditures.

Since 1909 Japan has more than doubled its exports of toys. Women are to be admitted to the faculty of theology, the synod of the can-

ton of Neufchatel, in Switzerland, has just decided. It is remarkable to what extent Sweden exports butter. After iron ore

in the export trade. In Guinea there is a tree which to its long fibers.

Cleveland in 1913 gave nearly \$3,- | yields a peculiar kind of fruit—a huge fruit resembling in size a cannon ball and which makes a tremendous noise when it pops.

> The new civil code has introduced important reforms in Switzerland since it gives both parents equal rights over their children.

In proportion to its weight California redwood is the strongest conifer so far it is the second article of importance tested at the United States forest products laboratory. This strength is due

#### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

The Baptists of Dickens County Association held their Fifth Sunday meeting with the Steel Hill church six miles southeast of Spur. This was one of the best Fifth Sunday meetings this writer has ever attended. Several reasons may be assigned: First, The meeting was attended by members from most every church in the Association. Second. Every Pastor in the Association was present. Third, Absolute harmony prevailed. One purpose seemed to dominate each heart, and that was to Glorify the Lord. Another reason might be given: The church with which we met has just completed a splendid tabernacle in which to worship. This was built by sacrificial offerings, and is a credit to any community. So, we expected a great meeting, and we were not disappointed. The high water mark was reached from the first service. Great subjects, good speeches and good preaching characterized the meeting from beginning to the close. Some of the best speeches made were by some of our laymen. Dr. Brandon, of Spur, one of our very best young laymen, brought us some excellent speeches. He is soon to move to Brownwood, and we regret to give him up. He and his noble wife are among the best workers we have, and we shall miss them when they are gone.

Bro. J. V. Bilberry is pastor at Steel Hill. He is doing a splendid work. May the Lord continue to bless him.

Bro. Stokes, of Afton, came in and preached for us at Spur Sunday morning, and from all reports preached a fine sermon. Bro. Stokes is one of our best preachers. Bro. T. F. Medlin, of Roaring Springs, brought us a great message Sunday evening on the subject, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." Bro. Medlin is truly a great preacher.

The following pastors and preachers were present: T. F. Medlin, A. P. Stokes, W. M. Scott, W. B. Bennett, C. Holland, Firm Self and J. M. McMahen.

Our next meeting will be held with the Ralls Church in Crosby county.-Jas. M. McMahen.

#### NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves to be in debt to me will come and make settlement at once, as I am closing out my business here.

All those having unfinished work come in and have it done. -G. T. Brandon, Dentist.

#### B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Song. Prayer.

of scripture.

Leader - Doris Attebury.

Scripture Reading. Quartette.

Why be prompt in our Religious Services-Mrs. E. C. Ed-

Solo-Miss Creola Richburg. Cultivating the Habit of being Prompt-Hyacinth Grace. Compare Promptness in Re-

ligion with Promptness in Business-Harvey Lee. Roll Call-Respond with verse

J. H. Edwards, of near Dumont, was in the city Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that his section of the country had a good prominent citizens of the Afton rain last week and everything is country, was in the city the first and the prospects are most prom- a very pleasant caller at the ising of bumper crops this fall. Texas Spur office.

# ANEASTERSALEI

In Presenting to you the opportunity for the purchase of early "Easter Bargains" we only reserve the one privilege, and that is to state "The Sale is Ours." The Bargains offered are going to be worth coming for regardless of whether you live a mile or twenty five miles. The larger the demands the more you realize on your purchase. You are courted daily for your business, possibly by concerns who do not make prices possible for your business. There is a reason for this sale, a reason why we are in a position to offer you the Best Price Possible. Do not hesitate to

## Come Here to Look!

Clothing for Men and Boys, Odd Pants for dress or work, Summer Underwear, Hosiery, Oxfords, Dress Goods, Wash Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Dress Band, Muslin Underwear and numerous other items that are worth your notice and careful consideration

# LOVE DRY GOODS CO.,

Where Cash Counts 1/4

ker in the city. Mrs. Stearns from his precinct and we hear Davis. underwent an operation last year his name mentioned frequently will not be necessary as a result have had no statement from him greeting his friends here. of her illness at this time.

day, March 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne VanLeer at their in every respect meet their fondest hopes and expectations.

The announced meeting of the Dickens County Experiment Association for last Saturday was not held, because of the small number of members, who were ing, however, will be held Saturday, Apri. 11, in the Dunn building on east side in Spur. A full attendance is desired at this meeting.

V. H. Davis and C. H. Senning returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Paducah, Wellington and other points to the north of Spur where they spent several days on business.

M. L. Blakeley, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday after supplies and spent some time here on other business and greeting his friends of the

A. G. Rush, one of the most now in fine shape for planting of the week and while here was

as to whether or not he will A fine boy baby was born Fri- make the campaign for that of-

C. D. Pullin was in the city home several miles north of Wednesday and reported the Spur. We congratulate Mr. and birth of another girl baby in his Mrs. VanLeer and may their son home Sunday. We extend our grow and develop into one of the | congratulations and may young leading men of the country and Miss Pullin become not only the 'pride' of the family but the 'belle" of the country.

> Mayor Geo. S. Link and Sam Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas. Clemmons made a trip Wednesday to the West Pasture, returning Thursday.

J. C. Cooper left this week for country with an auto party.

in Wednesday from her home in country, was in the city last in this week from their ranch

and other points.

J. C. McNeill was in the city

Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen-See

Perry Fite returned the first to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Lawyer Joe Carter was up ness yesterday.

### AGRICULTURAL LEGISLA-TION NEEDED

The Farm the Place to Study All Legislative Problems.

COURAGEOUS LEADERS NEEDED.

Ft. Worth, Texas.—The principal function performed by government today is to collect taxes, keep records and prevent and punish crime; but that is not sufficient. Government should tip its hat to the Goddess of Opportunity as courageously as it draws a six-shooter on a train robber. We ought to encourage thrift as well as restrain greed. We have been basing legislation upon the extremes of human lifethe classes high and low, the depraved and the talented-let us now reach the masses and the extremes will more nearly disappear. Our statutes are filled to overflowing with pity and revenge; let us add opportunity.

The slogan of the Farmers' Union is co-operation. Not only among individual farmers, but between all legitimate and useful occupations. We want to sit around the hearthstone of industry and talk over problems of mutual interest with our neighbors.

We want to invite those who are earnestly searching for information on public questions to get back to the soil with their investigations where, in the stillness of nature. they can climb the mountain-top of wisdom, explore the deep canyons of knowledge and stroll through the quiet valleys of understanding.

There is no problem in civilization that cannot be found in its native state on the farm. The labor, educational, financial, transportation, home-building and all other problems are there. We will discuss a few of them.

#### The Labor Problem.

We bow to the dignity of labor. No one would be willing to do more to lighten the burdens, increase the safety, comforts and profits of those who labor in commerce and industry than their fellow toilers in agriculture. But how about the Mrs. G. J. Stearns was brought L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton R. C. Forbis and family came farmer who bows his back to feed and clothe the world and who works the Steel Hill community and is week and spent some time here home north of Dickens and spent entitled to an increase in pay and from sun until sun? Is he not also now under the care of a special with friends. Mr. Crabtree is sometime in the city visiting at a shortening of hours? Much has nurse at the home of N. A. Ba- the present county commissioner the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. been said about the women in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman in the field, Mr. Hood, formerly of Spur drenched in perspiration, gathering at the Standifer Hospital, and it in connection with the campaign but now of Stamford, was in the the harvest, and little children, their is hoped that another operation for the Judge's office, but we city Tuesday and Wednesday lips wet with mother's milk, toiling by her side? Are they not also entitled to consideration? Is not Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon re- the man who digs in the ground enturned the first of the week titled to the same consideration as from a visit to friends at Abilene he who toils at the forge, weaves at the loom and works behind the counter?

The farmer has been bearing his Tuesday from his Alamo Stock burdens as patiently as the beast he Farm about twenty miles west plows, but is patience a bar from ustice? The labor problem of Texas today is on the farm and For Pure White Indian Runner the first attention should be given those who labor in the field.

#### The Need of Cheap Money.

Agriculture has never been properly financed. The farmer pays a of the week from a business trip much higher rate of interest as a rule than any other class of borrower and his property, especially in town. The next regular meet- Wichita Falls, going through the from Asperment on legal busi- readily accepted as a basis of credit that of farm products, is not so as the property of other lines of industry of equal market value.

The farmers of Texas owe \$200.-000,000 and they pay from ten to thirty per cent per annum interest. This load, more than any other, is breaking the back of the Texas farmer.

A rural or land credit system is needed that will enable a farmer to buy a home on long time at a cheap rate of interest. The land problem in Texas presents extremes that probably do not exist in any other country on the globe. More than half the farmers are landless and we have 11,123 plantations and ranches containing more than 1,000 acres each and 12,833 with 500 to 1,000 acres each. We have more large farms and ranches than any state in the Union.

A statute based on sound business principles that will enable the landless to buy and encourage the large land owner to sell, is much needed and one that merits the most serious consideration of the legislature.

The financial problem of the state

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That we the undersigned know "CORNOT, the black registered stallion that Scoby-Gideon bought of G. N. Humphrey, of Stamford, Texas. and sold to Frank Holden, Girard, Texas. That he was shipped from Missouri to Stamford, six years ago and sold for \$2,000.00. That he can shom more good colts than any other horse that ever stood in Jones county.

T. D. Morrell, W. D. Bourn, I. L. Connally, J. P. Lawson, W. E. Chism, C. B. Walker, Chas. Donohoo, C. N. Humphrey, A. R. Dial, W. D. Nunn.

Will make the season at my place two miles west of Girard. Price: \$12.50. Will also stand my Jack