















# 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

**I**N 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 cutting.

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 trespassers hereafter without favor.

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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

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. Wylie 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 friends.

J. O. Yopp, who was confined to his bed the past week, is now up and about town.

H. Z. Taylor, formerly of the Girard country, was in the city Saturday and informed us that he had moved to near Spur and requested that we hereafter mail the Texas Spur to him at the Spur postoffice. Mr. Taylor is one of the very best citizens of the country and we are glad to welcome him as a resident citizen of this immediate territory.

Mr. Stephenson, who recently moved to the Spur country from Arkansas, was in the city Saturday and reports that he is progressing satisfactorily in his farm 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 among 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 expectation 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 to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland at their home six miles east of Spur.

We are requested to announce that all of the business men of Spur have entered into an agreement to close their places of business at seven o'clock every day after the first of April. All orders given by six-thirty will be delivered.

Baxter Scogins was in the city Saturday from his ranch home on Cat Fish and spent several hours here. He reports that oil has sure been uncovered on the Scogins ranch and that the field will be more fully developed in the future.

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.

E. R. Rorie came in Saturday from the east line ranch camp 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.

T. J. Harrison was in the city the latter part of last week assessing taxes and incidentally interviewing the voters with reference to his campaign for reelection.

H. C. Allen and wife were in the city Saturday from their home in the Dry Lake community and spent several hours here shopping and greeting friends.

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

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 number of business visitors here Saturday.

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

Read the Texas Spur if you want to know what is going on.

W. A. Smith, who recently moved to his farm home in the Tap country from Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

Fred O. McFall came in Saturday from his farm home several miles north and spent several hours here trading and greeting his many friends.

Robt. T. Dopson, a prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

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 merchants.

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

Jim Walker and wife were among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

### The "Smooth Salesman"

A FARMER came into the bank the other day and 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. That's only one of the many reasons for doing business with a home institution where your interests will be carefully looked after.

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

**ALFALFA.**

What makes the landscape look so fair;  
What blossoms bright perfume the air;  
What plant repays the farmer's toil,  
And will enrich the wormed soil?  
Alfalfa!

What is the crop that always pays,  
Which may be cut each forty days,  
Resisting drought, the frost and heat;  
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 nice,  
And brings the highest market price;  
What fills the milk pails, feeds the calf,  
And makes the old cow almost laugh?  
Alfalfa!

## 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 hired to do certain specified work or work for a certain period of time for 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 services 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 him.

## BUILD A DAIRY HOUSE.

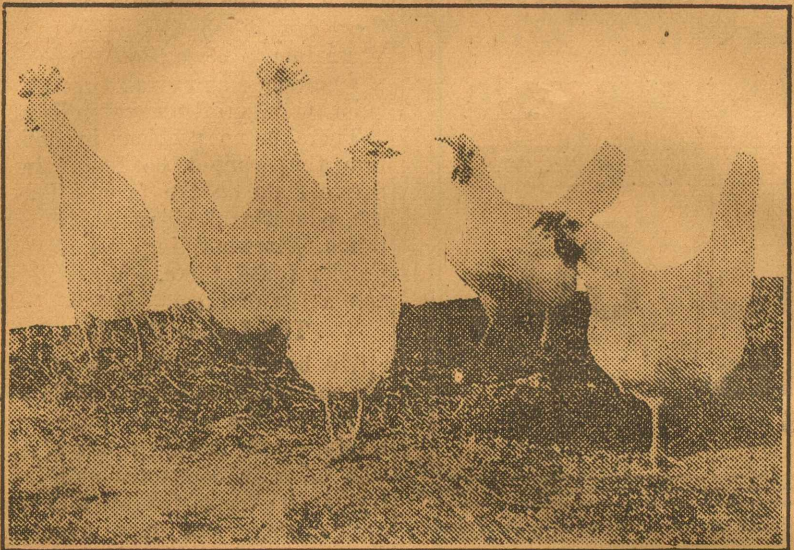
It is Very Necessary For Man Who Deals in Milk Products.

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 be handled and stored in a clean, light and well ventilated place, free from strong odors of any kind.—From Bulletin of Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station.

## White Leghorns Prize Layers



WHITE LEGHORNS, PROPERTY OF TOM BARRON, CATFORTH, ENGLAND, LED PEN IN INTERNATIONAL EGG LAYING COMPETITION AT THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE EXPERIMENT STATION.

management at the Minnesota agricultural experiment station.

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. While farming has not commonly been regarded as a business, the fact remains 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 water, 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 labor and distribute it to advantage.

The farm manager who would successfully conduct his business may profit by the example of the merchant.

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 article of commerce, the labor, etc.

The farm manager should likewise take an inventory of his capital stock and equipment. He should consider the fertility of the soil and the demands that will be made upon it by the crops grown, the sources from which fertility may be renewed and at what cost; he must study the markets and demands for the various crops and the possibility of handling them at a profit, the cost of producing each of the crops and the probable net profit that will be returned; the labor supply, the interest on investment and similar expenditures.

## EARLY POTATOES.

They Can Be Grown to Full Size in Pots.

To secure an early supply of new potatoes this year plant the tubers of any good early variety in pots and start them in the house. Four or five inch pots can be used, filled only about two-thirds full of soil, leaving room for 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 each pot.

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 outdoors.

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 earlier than the first crop from the garden.

Ten inch pots will be sufficiently large. Rub off all the eyes except the strongest for pot culture.

## 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 killed 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 the development of vermin and disease of the skin. The eggs of various internal parasites and lice are found in large numbers in the dust and filth of the sleeping quarters which are left uncleaned and without being disinfected. As a result, these parasites increase rapidly and spread through the whole herd.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Cleveland in 1913 gave nearly \$3,000,000 to charities.

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 canton of Neuchâtel, in Switzerland, has just decided.

It is remarkable to what extent Sweden exports butter. After iron ore it is the second article of importance in the export trade.

In Guinea there is a tree which

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 tested at the United States forest products laboratory. This strength is due to its long fibers.

## 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 Star.

Another Pill to Swallow.

Big Em Gross was once the star catcher of the National league and perhaps 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

ball began to twist around in circles, with Em doing a merry-go-round under it. Finally, seeing that it was escaping, he made a desperate effort to turn quickly 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 night, Ethel?" "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 Statesman.

Never Thought of That.

"I wonder they don't use horses instead of dogs for transportation in the arctic regions."

"What kind of horses could they use?"

"Old skates, of course."—Baltimore American.

A Place For Everything, Etc.

Henry Pentypunks—I hear strange stories about how Betty treats her husband.

Marigold Malaprop—Yes; they say 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 society 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 gyyin', maw."—Life.

## OBJECT MATRIMONY

By JOHN CLARKE M'COMBS

BETWEEN the mountains of India and Persia there is a tribe among whom the women choose their husbands. When a single woman wishes to marry a man she sends a servant to his house 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 on. 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 off. 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. If a 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 is?" he growled.

"I can't imagine," I replied.

"Don't you think her very unmaidenly?" he asked in a less threatening tone, for my agreeing with him rendered him less severe to me.

"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 system of torture to find out what it all meant.

"The handkerchief," he said, '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 tremor 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 marriage.'

This statement was received with cries 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 recital:

"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 ever since'—"

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 out 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 has always loved the girl to whom he proposes would be to destroy nine-tenths of the delight attending such occasions."



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

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## 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 Constrains 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. McMahan.

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

## 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.

Song.

Leader—Doris Attebury.

Scripture Reading.

Quartette.

Why be prompt in our Religious Services—Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Solo—Miss Creola Richburg.

Cultivating the Habit of being Prompt—Hyacinth Grace.

Compare Promptness in Religion with Promptness in Business—Harvey Lee.

Roll Call—Respond with verse of scripture.

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 rain last week and everything is now in fine shape for planting and the prospects are most promising of bumper crops this fall.

## AN EASTER SALE!

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  
ASK FOR PREMIUM TICKETS

Mrs. G. J. Stearns was brought in Wednesday from her home in the Steel Hill community and is now under the care of a special nurse at the home of N. A. Baker in the city. Mrs. Stearns underwent an operation last year at the Standifer Hospital, and it is hoped that another operation will not be necessary as a result of her illness at this time.

A fine boy baby was born Friday, March 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne VanLeer at their home several miles north of Spur. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. VanLeer and may their son grow and develop into one of the leading men of the country and 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 in town. The next regular meeting, however, will be held Saturday, April 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 city.

A. G. Rush, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in the city the first of the week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in the city last week and spent some time here with friends. Mr. Crabtree is the present county commissioner from his precinct and we hear his name mentioned frequently in connection with the campaign for the Judge's office, but we have had no statement from him as to whether or not he will make the campaign for that office.

C. D. Pullin was in the city Wednesday and reported the birth of another girl baby in his home Sunday. We extend our congratulations and may young Miss Pullin become not only the "pride" of the family but the "belle" of the country.

Mayor Geo. S. Link and Sam Clemmons made a trip Wednesday to the West Pasture, returning Thursday.

J. C. Cooper left this week for Wichita Falls, going through the country with an auto party.

R. C. Forbis and family came in this week from their ranch home north of Dickens and spent sometime in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davis.

Mr. Hood, formerly of Spur but now of Stamford, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday greeting his friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon returned the first of the week from a visit to friends at Abilene and other points.

J. C. McNeill was in the city Tuesday from his Alamo Stock Farm about twenty miles west of Spur.

For Pure White Indian Runner Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen—See Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas.

Perry Fite returned the first of the week from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Lawyer Joe Carter was up from Aspermont on legal business yesterday.

## CORNOT

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. K. Dial, W. D. Nunn.

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

F. HOLDEN, Girard.

## AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION 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 life—the 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 farmer who bows his back to feed and clothe the world and who works from sun until sun? Is he not also entitled to an increase in pay and a shortening of hours? Much has been said about the women in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman in the field, drenched in perspiration, gathering the harvest, and little children, their lips wet with mother's milk, toiling by her side? Are they not also entitled to consideration? Is not the man who digs in the ground entitled to the same consideration as he who toils at the forge, weaves at the loom and works behind the counter?

The farmer has been bearing his burdens as patiently as the beast he plows, but is patience a bar from justice? The labor problem of Texas today is on the farm and 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 much higher rate of interest as a rule than any other class of borrower and his property, especially that of farm products, is not so readily accepted as a basis of credit 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