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GERMANY FIRES FIRST SHOT IN WAR

Battering Blows Driving Germans From French Soil; Losses Heavy

PARIS, April 18.—France is rapidly loosing the grip of the invader on her soil. Battering blows during the past two days have struck bewildering fast, mixed with countless feints along the Arras to Rheims front, while the British and French are shaking Hindenburg's line to pieces. Today was France's turn to strike

most powerful blows, General Nivell's men forcing their way within sight of Laon.
Berlin, April 18.—Official statements issued by German army headquarters staff says the struggle now in progress on the river Aisne is the worst in the world's history, and is a struggle to death.

The German troops are in danger of being pushed off the French soil, but are expected to throw up an immovable wall when entrenched at home.

WITH FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 18.—All of Germany's hold on France is in the grip of the world's most titanic offensive movement. The entire army is moving against the German lines in such way as to insure success for the allies. The big struggle is between General Hindenburg of the German army and the master strategists of the Franco-British army, and the battle has been pitched on a scale never dreamed of.

The French onslaught is gathering the greatest momentum, and is making the battle line from Dixmude to Rheims one hundred miles long.

With British Armies in Field, April 18.—Captures made by the British armies since April 9th, are officially given at fourteen thousand men and 227 guns, with still more Germans streaming back around Lens and St. Quentin. General Haig is stretching a tight noose increasing the pressure against the German line every hour.

NEUTRALS FEAR FOOD SHORTAGE

CHRISTIANIA, April 18.—All Scandinavia is worried over the possibility of America shutting off food supplies to the neutral nations. At present neutrals are receiving supplies from America and it is feared that the American government will concentrate the shipping of all provisions to the allies in the war. In an interview given out by Premier Knudsen of Norway, it was said that such a move on the part of the American government would cause a shortage of food supplies in some of the neutral countries.

HEADING THEM OFF

Washington, April 17.—Representative Britten of Illinois introduced today a resolution providing that exemption of married men from military duty under any future compulsory service legislation shall not apply to those married after April 1 this year, except a special order by the secretary of war.

Ballinger Furnishing Its Quota for Defense of U. S.

The first haul made on Ballinger by a recruiting officer for the United States navy netted the navy two of Ballinger's best young men, and the number may be increased to five before this paper goes to press. The recruiting officer arrived here from San Angelo Wednesday morning, and in less than two hours three young men had passed the preliminary examination and were given passports to Dallas where they will be required to undergo a more rigid test before being accepted for service in the United States navy. James Skinner, the son of Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner, and for several years one of the big helpers in the making of The Daily

HEAVY GUN FIRE REPORT FROM SEA

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The navy department received at noon today official reports from Boston, saying that heavy gun fire could be heard off Provincetown. The coast guard stations along the Cape also sends reports of heavy firing in rapid succession at sea to northward of stations. The reports to the navy department here came in quick succession.

May Be Conflict With Submarine.

Boston, April 18.—The cause of the heavy firing off the Provincetown coast this morning is purely conjecture. Reports of the heavy gun firing out at sea has been confirmed by three different coast guard stations. It is probable that a Patriot boat has come in conflict with German submarine, while it has also been suggested that the firing might be the welcoming salute of some foreign ship.

TEXAS LAW MAKERS DOWN TO BUSINESS

AUSTIN, April 18.—The special session of the legislature convened at ten o'clock this morning. The senate elected W. D. Seuter, of Winnsboro, president pro-tem for the special session without opposition.

Speaker Fuller made a patriotic address before the house after the legislature had been called to order, urging every member to lay aside any political prejudice that might exist in any measure that comes before the house and plead for united support in passing laws that should be passed at this session as recommended in the governor's message.

THREE TEUTONS ARE ANGLING FOR PEACE

LONDON, April 18.—Reports persist to pour in that Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are angling for peace agreement with the entente allies. The reports coming from reliable sources say that feelers are sent out through secret emissaries, and if encouraged the nations will make separate peace proposals to the entente.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Germany fired the first shot of the war against the United States today and it missed.

Official information reached the United States navy department shortly after noon today that the U. S. Destroyer Smith was fired upon by a German submarine at 3:30 a. m. today. A torpedo launched by the submarine missed the Smith who gave chase but the U-boat submerged and escaped.

The fact that the Fire Island lightship conveyed the original information of the engagement leads to the belief by naval men that the German submarine is not far distance from New York City, inasmuch as the lightship was only twenty-five miles beyond Sandy Hook, the outer portal of the New York harbor.

Reports to the Boston station by the cruiser Chester give indication that the submarine is hovering off the New Jersey coast midway between Atlantic City and Asbury Park.

The navy department has no way of knowing whether the German fighter made a journey from Bremen to the American coast intending to make a quick stroke and return to its home harbor, or whether the vessel had been lying off our seaboard sometime getting supplies from a hidden base on the Mexican coast or elsewhere.

BOSTON, April 17.—A German torpedo was launched at an American war vessel from a submarine at 12:20 today in the first engagement of the war for the American navy, according to wireless message received at the Charleston navy yards.

The torpedo missed its mark and the submarine quickly disappeared. The United States ship Smith at which the torpedo was fired was undamaged but was unable to trace the enemy undersea boat.

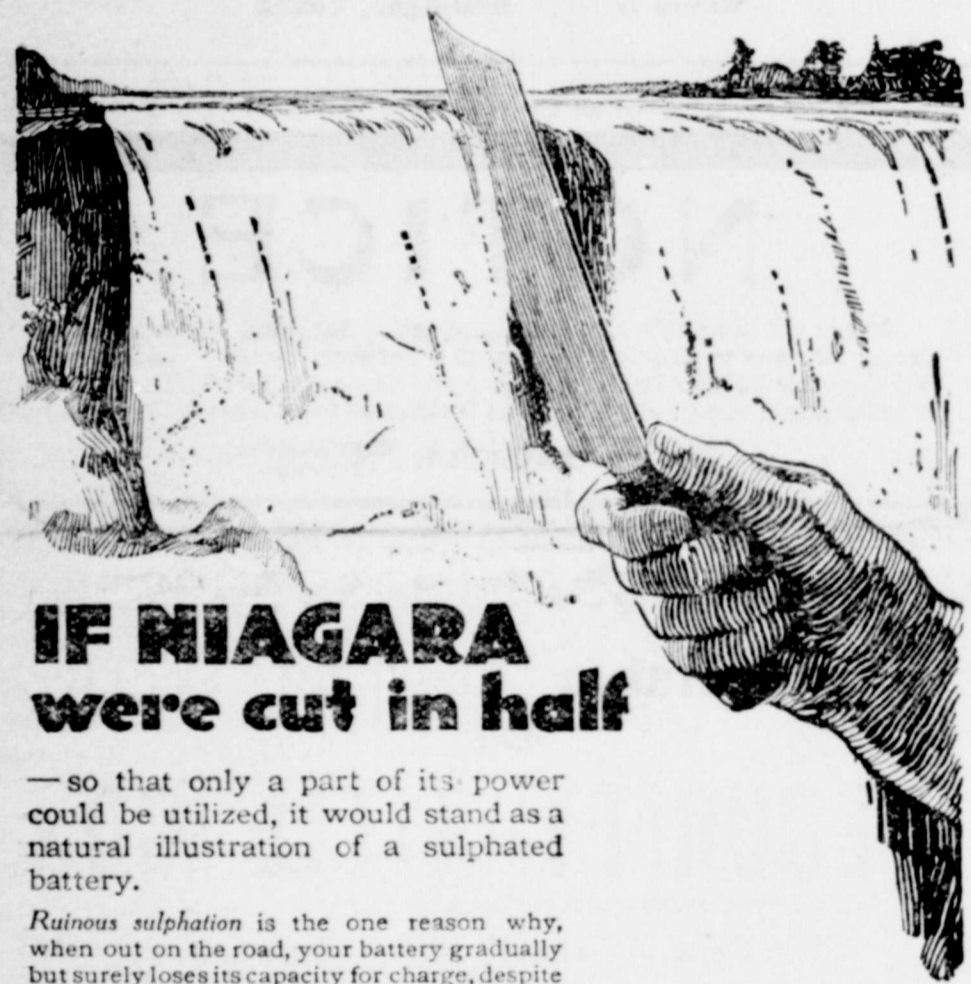
This is the first appearance of a belligerent submarine in American waters since the United States entered the war. From Fire Island off the southeastern coast of Long Island came the wireless message, which was relayed to the Charlestown navy yards here by the scout cruiser Chester, which gave her position as latitude 40, longitude 73.

The text of the wireless message in brief simply stated that the submarine had disappeared.

The fact that enemy U-boat fighters are in adjacent American waters still, probably well armed, caused a great stir in shipping and naval circles all along the coast. Shortly before noon the news of the submarine engagement became known in the Charlestown yards, but officials there flatly refused to give any further news at this time.

When the German submarine raider U.53 appeared at Newport Captain Rose of the United States navy especially called attention to the fact that the underwater vessel did not put in at the harbor for fuel or supplies, nor did she take on any supplies. The actual appearance of a fighting submarine on this side of the Atlantic naturally aroused the greatest speculation in marine circles as to the possibility of a secret base established at some point within comparatively easy reach of United States waters. No information, however, has been secured by the United Press whether the navy department has believed this to be the case.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—All Smith actually saw the periscope of the submarine and that it was about four hundred yards distance from the Smith when the torpedo was fired. The submarine only fired one shot and disappeared before the Smith could return the fire.



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TEXAS' OLDEST MASON IS DEAD AT MILES

Miles, Texas, April 16.—James H. Meadows, best known throughout Rannels county as "Uncle Jimmie," whose one hundredth birthday would have been celebrated on May 21, had he lived, died here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Death resulted from natural causes and came after a long period of illness and advanced age.

"Uncle Jimmie" Meadows was born in Kentucky and came to Texas when it was a republic. He fought in both the War of 1845, which the United States waged upon Mexico in behalf of its newly annexed possession, and later served four years under the Stars and Bars.

He is thought to have been the oldest Mason in Texas, having joined the Masonic order when 21 years old. Coming to Rannels

county more than three decades ago, he engaged in farming, which he followed until only three or four years ago. He was always active and strong and seldom ill.

Surviving is a son, B. A. Meadows, and a daughter, Mrs. E. A. Ellison, at whose home the deceased passed away.

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H. E. Petty of Maverick, R. R. Talbot of Miles and Bob Mackey of the Norton country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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EX-GOVERNOR MAY PROSECUTE SPANELL

(San Angelo Standard)
Former Governor Cole Blease of South Carolina has offered to Dr. Butler of Columbia, S. C., his services in the prosecution of Harry J. Spanell, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Col. M. C. Butler at Alpine on July 20, 1916, while Governor James E. Ferguson of Texas has employed J. K. Baker of Coleman to assist the state.

These announcements were made today by Judge Wm. A. Wright of San Angelo, following his return on Tuesday from Coleman, where a conference of prosecuting attorneys was held. Judge Wright stated this morning that it had not been decided as to whether or not ex-Governor Blease will be in the case, which is set for trial at Coleman on April 23.

Judge Wright together with Judge Van Sickle of Alpine and Walter Gillis of Del Rio, was employed by Col. John R. Holland, of Alpine, father of Mrs. Spanell, to prosecute Spanell when the latter was tried and acquitted here in January upon a charge of having murdered his wife. Mrs. Spanell was killed at the same time the army officer was shot to death in the Spanell automobile. Judge Van Sickle is the only member of the trio of attorneys, which included Judge Wright and Judge Walter Gillis of Del Rio, whose services have been retained by Col. John R. Holland, father of Mrs. Spanell, for the coming trial.

Judge Wright has been employed by Mrs. Butler and her brother, R. B. C. Howell, of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Butler of Columbia, S. C. a brother of the late officer, expects to attend the trial.



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FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT AT HATCHEL

D. F. Eaton, demonstrator for Rannels county, spent a few hours with the citizens of Hatchel Tuesday evening and Mr. Eaton says he was glad to learn that the farmers present at a meeting had decided that they would plant 40 to 50 per cent in feed stuff instead of 60 to 75 per cent of their crops in cotton as was intended first of the year. Mr. Eaton reports a very pleasant and profitable meeting on this occasion and the reception given him shows that these citizens will do their part to co-operate with him in his farm demonstration work.

The farm demonstrator says don't let the high price of cotton at planting time deceive you, feed stuff will also be high, and needed.

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RETURNED FROM HUNT.

R. P. Conn and Preston Dunn returned home Friday night from a hunting trip on the Llano and Bear Creek and reports plenty fish, squirrels and bacon and onions on the side.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gobel, of Bangs, came in Sunday to visit his niece, Mrs. J. A. Freeman and family a few days.

CONGRESS FEELING OUT PUBLIC SENTIMENT

The plans for raising an army to defend American rights in the world war are being worked out in Congress. Members of the House have sent telegrams to the people in their district feeling out the sentiment as to whether the people favor conscription or volunteer service for building the army.

The following telegram was received early Friday morning and the reply given below sent to Congressman Blanton Friday afternoon, after many prominent citizens had been interviewed:

Washington, April 13.
A. W. Sledge, Ballinger.
Please ascertain and wire me sentiment of our people whether they favor conscription or volunteer service. What probable number of volunteers will Rannels county furnish?

THOMAS L. BLANTON.
And in reply:
Ballinger, April 13.
Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, M. C.
Washington, D. C.

While sentiment greatly divided, majority favors Wilson conscription bill as published in papers. Volunteers available from this county estimated from seventy-five to one hundred.

A. W. SLEDGE.

The average American abhors that word conscription, but those who have read the proposed bill and are familiar with the administration plan for building the army are free to endorse it as being a better way than the volunteer way at this time. The method for conscription does not mean that Americans are not patriotic and would not rally to the flag if a call was made for volunteers, but selecting those best fitted for service will be made easier thru the proposed conscription act, and at the same time does not eliminate the possibility of those who wish to enlist and who can pass the test from joining the army.

It has been said by some that the proposed conscription bill is nothing more than volunteer service conducted on a sound and more business line basis. It will provide a way for every patriotic citizen who can qualify to get in, and at the same time take the man who is available and should go for numerous reasons. There is a difference of opinion as to which would be the quickest way of raising the army, while no one will deny that conscription is the most certain way.

FARMERS' UNION SECRETARY HERE

H. J. Guyer, secretary of the Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union, was a visitor to Ballinger this week. Mr. Guyer came here to attend the Methodist conference, and while here took up the matter of arranging for the coming of the convention of the Farmers' Union at this place in July. He was in consultation with a number of the business men for some time and stated that a large crowd of farmers would gather from all over the district, which embraces a large territory, on

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Calomel sickens! Don't lose a day's work! Clean your Liver and Bowels with "Dodson's Liver Tone."

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Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50c bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take

a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

July 17th. Ballinger will be busy for two or three days entertaining these visitors.

Mr. Guyer is also interested in seeing the new A. & M. College located in the best place and while here made some investigation of Ballinger's advantages, and was

well pleased with the town and the site to be offered for the college. He stated that the Farmers' Union at its next meeting would take some action looking towards the endorsement of a town for this college, and he spoke very favorably of Ballinger.

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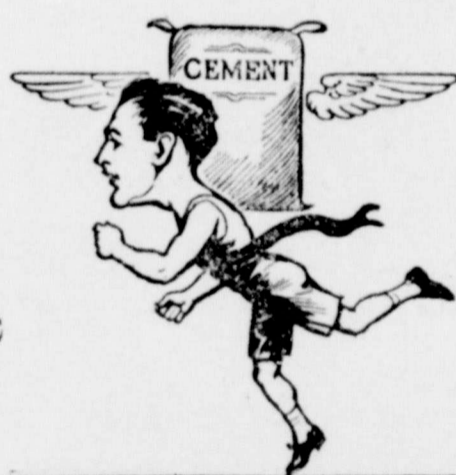
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The preparation known as "Mother's Friend" is applied by the mother-to-be herself, externally, night and morning. It relieves the tension on the muscles, cords and ligaments of the abdomen, and the expectant mother is made much more comfortable. The crisis is one of much less pain and danger.

Thousands of women who have used it successfully state that they cannot say enough about the good "Mother's Friend" did for them and refer particularly to the absence of nausea or morning sickness.

Ask your husband to get you a bottle from the drug store. If you wish a valuable book for mothers, write the Bradford Regulator Company, Dept. P. 413 Atlanta, Ga. It is free and will be sent at once.

COUNTY FARM LOAN CO.

The Runnels County farm loan association was organized a few weeks ago and the charter applied for which is expected in Ballinger this week. The organization met Saturday afternoon at the court house with about thirty-five or forty farmers present and President W. E. Branch in the chair.

Quite a number of new members enrolled at this meeting and the organization now numbers between 30 and 35, and applications for loans so far amounts to about \$7,500.

At this meeting the entire plan was explained and quite a number of questions asked and explained by County Farm Demonstrator D. F. Eaton, who spoke on the advantages of the farm loan bank to men who wanted to buy land or improve the farms and pay the debts now existing on their farms. Mr. Eaton spoke about 30 minutes and his talk was listened to with rapt attention by all present.

The meeting adjourned to meet next Saturday afternoon at the court house at which time others may join.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO INCREASE OF TAXES

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Administration suggestions as to possible new sources of taxation thru which to raise approximately one-half of the estimated cost of the first year of the war, or \$1,807,250,000, were submitted by Secretary McAdoo last night to the senate finance and house ways and means committees. The other half of the cost is to be provided by \$2,000,000,000 of the bonds authorized by the war revenue bill passed Saturday by the house, which is expected to pass the senate this week.

Outstanding in the suggestions are greatly increased income and excess profit tax rates, taxing of many imported articles now admitted free and stamp, liquor, amusement, sugar, coffee, tobacco, soft drink, freight and passenger transportation receipts and automobile taxes. All of the data is sent to congress for its information and without recommendations from the treasury.

Probably the most far-reaching proposals concerns income tax. The secretary estimates that a 50 per cent increase on both individuals and corporations for 1916, collectable next June, would yield \$165,000,000 additional. For 1917 he points out that to lower the income tax exemption from \$3,000 to \$1,500 for unmarried persons, from \$4,000 to \$2,000 for married persons, to leave the normal tax at 2 per cent, but to raise the super-taxes materially, would make the law produce \$340,000,000 additional in June, 1918, without changing the corporation tax. The highest rate on super-taxes under the plan outlined would be 40 per cent of all incomes over \$1,000,000.

Increases in the excess profit tax both by making the present law applicable to the calendar year of 1916 and applying new increases next year, he thinks, would raise \$226,000,000 this year and \$200,000,000 additional next year.

J. N. WELLS NOT INDICTED IN NOLAN COUNTY.

It will be recalled that a few weeks ago O. C. Wells was arrested on a charge of being implicated in a burglary in which his brother O. C. Wells was also implicated. Mr. Wells was placed under bond to await the action of the Nolan county grand jury.

The grand jury in session at Sweetwater failed to find a bill of indictment against Mr. Wells and returned home Monday of this week, having vindicated his name before the people generally.

Mr. Wells informed us that his brother O. C. Wells will likely be declared of unsound mind as his attorneys are now gathering evidence from various sources that strengthens the belief that his mind is unbalanced. Part of this evidence comes from the warden of the penitentiary where O. C. was formerly confined, and from which place he was pardoned—Winters Enterprise.

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Banks to Observe San Jacinto.

The banks have given notice that they will observe San Jacinto Day, April 21, and will remain closed throughout the day next Saturday. Those having banking business to attend to on this day should arrange to look after it on Friday, or will have to be postponed until Monday. No banking business will be transacted by the local banks on San Jacinto Day.

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We've gone through life together and whenever I've felt a cold coming on, Dr. King's New Discovery stopped it. The healing balsams soothe the irritated membranes, the mild laxative quality expel the cold germs, the raw cough—strained throat is relieved, the tight chest loosened, the rasping cough eased, the cold is stopped. For nearly half century Dr. King's New Discovery has been the standard remedy for coughs and colds, for old and young. At all druggists.

Doctor W. T. Allan, former Chaplain General of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, has just been appointed Assistant Chaplain in Chief of the U. S. C. V., and the adjutant general writes to ask him if he can organize a company of the sons or grand sons in Ballinger. If there are any who would like to go into such an organization, they will please confer with him at 304 Fourth Street. Phone 567. The convention of sons meets in Washington, D. C. June 4th. The round trip will be about \$41.50. Extension of ticket may be secured for \$1.00 to July 6th.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

Tells how to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts off without pain.

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn or callus the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off with the fingers.

Freezone dries the moment it is applied, and simply shrivels the corn or callus without puffing or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. A small bottle of freezezone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but will positively rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or hardened callus. If your druggist hasn't any freezezone he can get it at any wholesale drug house for you.

C. A. and Will Dooce and J. J. Sayers returned home Sunday afternoon from Bronte where they attended the funeral of Rev. J. V. Havenor, who died at that place Saturday at noon.

J. E. Brewer and family of Ballinger are in Brownwood this week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Brewer formerly lived in Brownwood but has for a number of years been engaged in the jewelry business at the Runnels county capital—Brownwood Bulletin.

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss. By Virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Potter County, on the 15th day of March, 1917, by the clerk thereof, in the case of First National Bank of Amarillo, a corporation versus Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company, a corporation, E. A. (Dad) Boyle and J. S. Chesnut No. 2195, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in May A. D. 1917, it being the 1st day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit: All those certain tracts of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being more particularly described as lot No. 5, in block No. 13, in College View Heights Addition to the town of Winters, Texas; and lot No. 3 in block 18 in Southside Addition to the town of Winters, Texas, being the same lands conveyed by J. E. Talley to the Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company by deed date November 9th, 1910, of record in volume 69, at page 285 deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

Levied on the property of Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company, a corporation to satisfy a Judgment amounting to \$14,524.11 less a credit of \$1,577.50 in favor of First National Bank of Amarillo, a corporation, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of April, 1917.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff. By J. A. DeMouville, Deputy. 6-13-20w

Mrs. Dora Henson left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives at Talpa a few days.

L. B. Duke, of Lancaster, who had been at the bedside of his father, J. W. Duke of the Bethel neighborhood left for his home Saturday afternoon and says his father is still very feeble and not much hopes of his recovery.

Overcome Chronic Constipation

Don't continue to create a bad habit of strong purgatives. They relieve, and that is all. And they call for increased dosage. A sensible treatment will arouse the liver and give tone and strength to the bowels. It is offered in



Many years have shown the usefulness of this remedy. It's the ideal laxative, gentle, effective and strengthening. Now it may be obtained in tablet form, for convenience in taking.

Mannitol will not form a habit of cathartics. Used as directed, the sufferer may reasonably expect not only immediate relief, but the re-formation of proper habits, in the natural way.

Liquid if you desire it, \$1 and 35c. Tablets, 25c and 10c. Carry a box with you. Constipation is largely a matter of habit. You can overcome it with Mannitol's help.

The Perkins Company, Columbus, Ohio

WILSON MAKES APPEAL FOR UNITY OF ACTION

WASHINGTON, April 16.—In a personal appeal addressed last night to his fellow-countrymen, President Wilson calls upon every American citizen—man, woman and child—to join together to make the nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for triumph of democracy in the world war. "The supreme test of the nation has come," says the address. "We must all speak, act and serve together." Putting the navy on a war footing and raising a great army are the simplest part of the great task ahead, the president declares, and he urges all people, with particular emphasis on his words to the farmers, to concentrate their energies, practice economy, prove unselfishness and demonstrate efficiency.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for pains in the chest and lameness of the shoulders due to rheumatism, and am pleased to say that it has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes Mrs. S. N. Finch, Batavia, N. Y.

FIRST BAPTISTS CALL PASTOR

At a conference of the First Baptist church held following services Sunday morning, the congregation extended a call to Rev. R. B. Morgan, of Goodnight, Tex., to become pastor of the church at this place. Rev. Morgan recently visited here and preached at the First Baptist church, and so well pleased was the congregation with him that a call was extended. It is not known whether the man called will accept or not.

Rev. Morgan is president of the Baptist college at Goodnight, and is one of the most prominent men in the Baptist church in Texas. If he accepts the pastorate of the local church, he will come here as soon as the present school year closes, which we understand is the last of May. The First Baptist church has been without a pastor since Rev. T. C. Jester resigned more than a month ago, and went to Fort Worth where he is attending the Fort Worth Seminary.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss. By Virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Potter County, on the 15th day of March, 1917, by the clerk thereof, in the case of First National Bank of Amarillo, a corporation versus Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company, a corporation, E. A. (Dad) Boyle and J. S. Chesnut No. 2195, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in May A. D. 1917, it being the 1st day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit: All those certain tracts of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being more particularly described as lot No. 5, in block No. 13, in College View Heights Addition to the town of Winters, Texas; and lot No. 3 in block 18 in Southside Addition to the town of Winters, Texas, being the same lands conveyed by J. E. Talley to the Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company by deed date November 9th, 1910, of record in volume 69, at page 285 deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

Levied on the property of Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company, a corporation to satisfy a Judgment amounting to \$14,524.11 less a credit of \$1,577.50 in favor of First National Bank of Amarillo, a corporation, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of April, 1917.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff. By J. A. DeMouville, Deputy. 6-13-20w

Mrs. Dora Henson left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives at Talpa a few days.

L. B. Duke, of Lancaster, who had been at the bedside of his father, J. W. Duke of the Bethel neighborhood left for his home Saturday afternoon and says his father is still very feeble and not much hopes of his recovery.

"Inside" Information About Eczema

Washing the skin, rubbing salves and lotions on it, will not cure your Eczema. You may temporarily relieve the constant itching, but if you want to get at the seat of the trouble, you must purify your blood.

Infected blood is dangerous, and when the watery sores and pimples appear, you should lose no time in procuring a bottle of S. S. S.

This great remedy, which was discovered over fifty years ago, will wash

out and strengthen your blood, and the annoying and disfiguring eruptions of the skin will disappear, and you will soon feel healthy and vigorous again.

S. S. S. being purely vegetable, is entirely free from all "dope" and drugs; get it at your druggist's and insist upon the genuine. For free, expert advice, write to our Medical Department, Swift Specific Co., 307 Swift Building, Atlanta, Ga.

BOYS ENLIST IN HOME COMPANY

Below is the roster of the Ballinger Volunteer Infantry company who have organized and are being drilled nightly by Frank Pearce. While the boys hope to make a better showing soon in point of numbers, the enthusiasm and patriotism displayed by this crowd of young men should awaken the American feeling in others and increase the company to 100 men at least.

Here are the names who will enlist:

F. M. Pearce, K. V. Northington, Philip Wilson, Roy Sharp, Ewing Taylor, Herbert Taylor, Edgar Rasbury, Roe Stocks, Homer Hurley, Bob James, Carl Nance, Ed Fitch, Joe Coggin, Thos. Collins, Donald Powell, Chas. Eisenhuth, Richard Cockrell, Chas. Arnold, Bryan Nelson, Dewey Nelson, Bill Sharp, Roy Clampitt, Strawn Benge and Ned Hurley.

TAKE "CASCARETS" IF HEADACHY, BILIOUS AND CONSTIPATED

Best for liver and bowels, bad breath, bad cold, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, coated tongue, head and nose clogged up with a cold—always trace this to torpid liver; delayed fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months.

BROWNWOOD JAP HELD AS SPY

A Japanese citizen who is well known to many people in this city is now being held a prisoner in St. Louis to answer charges as a spy on the United States government.

K. Takada the party in question spent several months here last fall and part of the spring in the cotton office of Crawford-Gosho, managed by A. H. Richardson. Takada is an employee of the Crawford-Gosho firm and after completing the season here started on a tour of the states before leaving for his native land, which he had planned to do on May 9th.

According to information received here he was found by secret service men in St. Louis taking pictures of a large bridge, and other views of the city. His trunk was then searched and many photographs were found. Officials of the company have explained to the authorities that the foreign visitor was only taking the pictures as any tourist would do and that they were not made to use against the country in case hostilities arose between the two nations.

Mr. Richardson expressed himself last night as confident that Takada would be released immediately.—Brownwood Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug Voglesang, of the Hatchel country and Mrs. Frank Chapman, of our city, were among the number who left from this point Sunday afternoon to attend the Battle of Flowers at San Antonio.

BRYAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE; WITH WILSON

WASHINGTON, April 16.—William Jennings Bryan personally told President Wilson today that he was in favor of "any thing the government wants for pushing the European war to a successful end.

The Commoner was in conference with Mr. Wilson at the White House for a half an hour. He informed the President he was willing to serve the flag on the firing line anywhere the President wants to send him.

One specific thing Mr. Bryan urged as a war proposition if the government thinks possible was that universal military service or conscription. He said he was "right behind it."

John Hall of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Valera on a short business trip.

Mrs. Arch Brookshire and sister-in-law, Miss Brookshire, of the Benoit country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Gus Prusser, of the Winters country and J. F. Hudson, of the Wilmeth country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All druggists, 75c. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

R. H. Bryant, of the Valley creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from a visit to points in Hill country.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Doyle, of the Valley creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Halley and Miss Tullie left Sunday afternoon for Temple to visit relatives and friends.

WHAT IS LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA A DIGESTIVE LAXATIVE

CATHARTIC AND LIVER TONIC

LAX-Fos is not a Secret or Patent Medicine but is composed of the following

old-fashioned roots and herbs:
CASCARA BARK
BLUE FLAG ROOT
RHUBARB ROOT
BLACK ROOT
MAY APPLE ROOT
SENA LEAVES
AND PEPSIN

In LAX-Fos the CASCARA is improved by the addition of these digestive ingredients making it better than ordinary CASCARA, and thus the combination acts not only as a stimulating laxative and cathartic but also as a digestive and liver tonic. Syrup laxatives are weak, but LAX-Fos combines strength with palatable, aromatic taste and does not gripe or disturb the stomach. One bottle will prove LAX-Fos is invaluable for Constipation, Indigestion or Torpid Liver. Price 50c.

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

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solidated January 28, 1913.

The Year \$1.50
A. W. Sledge, Editor

Refreshing, but disappointing.

1000 volunteers to the navy
1000 volunteers to the navy
1000 speaks patriotism.

Whether citizens or aliens the
American government has made it
known that anything that smacks
of treason will be severely dealt
with.

The agricultural department has
sent out warnings saying, "Texas
must feed herself or go hungry."
The agricultural department
should have said Texas must feed
the world to keep the world from
going hungry.

Coleman county's grand jury
was in session three days and re-
turned three bills. We trust that
they did not throw off on the job
and that Coleman receives just
credit for her clean record.

Conscription may be repulsive to
true Americanism, but we know
some people to whom war is re-
pulsive. The Kaiser is pictured in
a cartoon as favoring volunteer
way of raising an army for the
United States. There's a reason.

A Brownwood man has offered
free of cost every vacant lot he
owns in that city, for cultivation
purposes. He says he wishes to
encourage the people to plant
gardens, and grow feed. Why
shouldn't every vacant lot be
turned into a feed or garden
truck patch?

Reports from Valera say that
an oil well is expected to gush
there at any minute. The drill has
penetrated real oil strata sand,
and the promoters are jubilant
over what they say is sure to
come. Some day oil and gas will
be spouting out of the ground in
Runnels county.

The campaign for securing the
West Texas A. & M. College is
being successfully carried on, and
prospects for ultimate success is
all that any one could wish at
this stage of the campaign. Bal-
linger can meet every requirement
called for in the bill, and the offer
to be made by this city will
be presented at the proper time.
No citizen here should lose their
courage because the committee is
not making a hurrah about what
they are doing and are not mak-
ing public everything they are
doing.

Some people can not grasp the grav-
ity of the situation and saw more gay-
ety in the patriotic rally than real pa-
triotism. Especially was this true of
some of the younger folks, but there
were white heads and eyes dimmed
with tears who were made to reflect
back to sixty-four and who no doubt
realize the horrors of the struggle into
which the country has been plunged.

On behalf of the citizenship of Bal-
linger and Runnels County, The Ledger
will say "thank you" to every one who
aided in making the patriotic rally a
success, and especially the various com-
mitteemen who worked as faithfully
from Monday morning when the work
was launched until the flag had been
lowered, for the success of the occasion.
No one shirked a duty which they were
asked to perform, and the large crowd
was handled without an accident or the
least bit of confusion.

A poll of the people from a number
of towns in this district as gleaned
from the papers received at The Ledger
office indicate that sentiment favors
selective conscription for raising an
army instead of the volunteer plan.
When the question of raising a half
million army was first put up to con-
gress sentiment was greatly in favor of
volunteer plan, but since the selective
conscription plan has been made plain
by the Wilson administration the senti-
ment has changed, those who understand
the bill readily agreeing that the work
can be handled to the best advantage of
the people and the government through
selective conscription.

Spring Has Opened
up and now is the time to get your
saddles and harness. Also auto
top repairing, at the Busy Shop,
H. L. Wendorf, Prop. 16-tfdw

**QUITS GOOD JOB TO
SERVE HIS COUNTRY**

W. B. Ray is in receipt of a let-
ter from his brother Roderick,
who was engaged in the cotton
business here with Mr. Ray last
season, in which the brother bids
good-bye and says he is off to the
call of his country. The letter was
written from Tulsa, Oklahoma,
where Roderick held a good posi-
tion with an oil company, having
gone to Oklahoma a few weeks
ago.

In the letter to his brother here
Roderick says, "I have passed my
physical examination and will
leave here tonight for Chicago. I
feel like my country may need me,
and I will be ready for them if
they do. If they do not need me
then I will get to see some of the
country and will be released after
one year, provided there is no
war. They do not promise any-
thing further. I hope the war
does not amount to anything, but
you can't tell. So far as I know
my address will be, care U. S. Na-
val Training Station, Great Lakes
Illinois. Give my love to all the
folks and tell mama when you
write to her that I will be in no
danger. Will send you my cloth-
es to put away for me, as Uncle
Sam tugs me out to suit himself."

**MANY RURAL READERS
GETTING DAILY LEDGER**

The distribution of mail daily
to rural citizens has created a
demand for daily papers, and the
demand for news while its news
has created a demand for the
daily paper that can be delivered
the quickest. In this The Daily
Ledger is enjoying a big increase
in readers.

Many people on the rural routes
out of this city, and people who
have been regular readers of the
weekly Ledger for many years,
have recently cancelled their sub-
scription to the weekly paper and
subscribed for the daily paper.

Lem Creswell, who was re-
cently hurt by an oil drill near
Santa Anna, we are glad to state
was able to pass through Ballin-
ger Sunday en route home near
Leaday.

**ARMY OFFICERS GET
20 YEARS FOR TREASON**

WASHINGTON, April 18. —
Second Lieut. Robert Hall of the
Indiana guards, was sentenced to
twenty years in the federal prison
on charges including one
charge in which he negotiated for
a commission with the Mexican
government. Hall is also charg-
ed with loss of government maps
while in Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Sanders and
her mother, Mrs. Patterson, of
Garden City, passed through Bal-
linger Tuesday afternoon en route
to Winters on a visit. They were
accompanied to Ballinger by Miss
Eddie Belle Walker, who was re-
turning home from a visit to her
sister, Mrs. B. C. Mann near Gar-
den City.

Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and son,
Frank, left Wednesday afternoon
for Fort Worth and were accom-
panied by Mrs. H. Giesecke and
two small children. Mesdames
Pearce and Giesecke will spend
several weeks at Mineral Wells,
while away from home and Frank
is off on a visit and business trip
to St. Louis and Kansas City.

Hugo Michaelis of the Hatchel
country, was transacting business
in Ballinger Monday.

F. L. Gerhardt, of the Crews
country, came in Monday after-
noon to spend a few days in our
city having his eyes treated by
a specialist.

J. L. Atwell, of Miles, had busi-
ness in Ballinger between trains
Tuesday.

**SAYS TANLAC SAVED
HIM FROM THE GRAVE**

Father of Sixteen Thought End
Was Near and Told Wife to Put
Children In Odd Fellows Home
When He Died.

What is probably the most re-
markable indorsement ever given
a proprietary medicine was the
statement made recently by H. J.
Williams, a coal miner, at the Ten-
nessee Coal & Iron Co., mine No. 8,
near Fairfield, Ala., in the Bir-
mingham district.

The story of his wonderful res-
toration to health was told in his
own words, and is profoundly in-
teresting. His statement follows:
"I am fifty-four years of age,
and am the father of sixteen chil-
dren, eight living and eight dead. I
came to Birmingham from East
Tennessee and have followed min-
ing for a good many years.

"About two years ago I took
sick. The doctors at first thought
I had Tapeworm, then Hookworm,
and finally decided it was Pellagra.
I took treatment from a well
known Alabama Pellagra Cure,
but got no benefit. The doctors
finally told me they couldn't do
me any good, and I quit going to
see them.

"I suffered from a sort of numb
feeling all the time in my back,
and was dizzy-headed. I couldn't
stoop over, or stand on my feet for
any length of time, and couldn't
hardly eat anything and nothing
tasted good. In fact, I was slowly
starving to death.

"I lost all of my strength and
fell off forty-five pounds in
weight. I used to weigh, when I
was well, one hundred thirty-
three pounds, and got down to
where I only weighed ninety
pounds, and was almost a walking
skeleton.

"I finally decided that there
was no more hope for me in this
life, and I gave my ring to my
wife and told her to put the chil-
dren in the Odd Fellows' Home
when I died.

"This is just the shape I was in
when, one day my little daughter
said: 'Papa, why don't you try
that new medicine everybody is
talking about? It has helped so
many people, it might help you.'
Of course I had no faith in any-
thing, but just to please the fam-
ily, I made one more trial and got
this Tanlac. May the good Lord
bless the day I got this medicine,
for it was my salvation.

"I got relief from the first bot-
tle, and I began to eat and pick up
right from the start. I am now on
my fifth bottle, and have actually
gained back twenty-five pounds,
and now weigh one hundred five-
teen. It just looked like the more
I took the better I got, and I keep
on picking up every day.

"I went over to the mines yester-
day and made arrangements to
go back to work. I am strong en-
ough to walk around wherever I
want to go, something I have not
been able to do for over a year,
and that is a fact. Tanlac 'mighty
right' raised me from the dead,
that's what it has done for me. If
you don't believe what I have told
you, just ask any of the men a-
round mine No. 8, and they will
all tell you the fix I was in, and
how much better off I am now.

"Thank God, I will soon be able
to earn a living for my family,
and I will owe it all to this medi-
cine, Tanlac. I have just written
to a daughter of mine in LaFol-
lette, Tenn., who needs a medicine
like this, and I want her to take it
and get well.

"I don't believe now I ever had
Pellagra, because I never did have
any breaking out of any kind. I
don't believe I had Hookworm
either, but whatever it was, this
Tanlac has certainly fixed me. I
don't reckon there was ever a
medicine on earth like Tanlac. I
will always bless the day I bought
this medicine."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by
Walker Drug Co., in Winters by
Owens Drug Store, in Miles by
Jno. W. Crawford, and in Rowena
by Shiller's Pharmacy.

F. L. Bredemeyer, of the Hat-
chel country, passed through Bal-
linger Wednesday en route to San
Angelo on a short business trip.

G. Goetz, of Rowena, had busi-
ness in Ballinger between trains
Wednesday.

**RATES FOR
Classified Ads**
IN
**THE BALLINGER DAILY
LEDGER**

One cent per word first insertion.
Half cent per word each subse-
quent insertion.
Black face type double regula-
rate.
Cash must accompany copy ex-
cept where party has regular open
account with us.
Call Telephone No. 27.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—At once 650 acres of
good improved land in Concho
county. 200 acres in cultivation.
Will take some trade. Posses-
sion now. Write or phone W. C.
Garner, Norton, Texas. 20-1w

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—My property in Bal-
linger consisting of one 5-room
house, barn and large under-
ground cistern. One 4 room
dwelling, one warehouse 34x40
feet, heavy frame building, good
floor. Also several thousand
young pecan trees in Nursery.
About 500 roots grafted this
Spring, balance can be budded
this Summer, ready for Fall
delivery. Reason for selling my
entire time is needed on my pecan
orchard and nurseries on Valley
Creek. S. B. HOWARD, 107 N.
12th St., Ballinger, Texas.
19-1td-tfw.

MEBANE COTTON SEED—I
have genuine Mebane cotton-
seed for sale at \$2.00 per bushel.
G. K. Redding, Rt. 2, Coleman,
Texas. 20-4tw

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Four
room house in Guion Addition,
Ballinger. Will trade for auto or
stock. O. D. Dillingham, Winters,
Texas. 12-2td-2tw-pd.

FOR SALE—Iron clad warehouse
price \$125.00. A real bargain
if taken and moved at once. Ap-
ply to Southern Hotel or phone
564, Ballinger. 12-1d-4w-pd

FOR SALE—Second hand De-
boval cream separator. Price
\$15.00, a bargain. Apply to Chas.
W. Evans, Ballinger, Rt. B. 13-tfw

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Buff
Orpington Eggs \$1.00 per set-
ting. See or phone 5303. Mrs.
Mae Norman. 23-8twpd

HOTEL FOR SALE—A two-story
building containing 22 rooms,
all equipped with comfortable
furniture. Corals, sheds, wind-
mill and tank with abundance of
good water. Centrally located,
the only hotel in a town of 800
and most desirable. Will take
part payment in suitable trade.
Address Mrs. J. A. Edwards,
Mertzon, Texas. 6-3twpd

FOR SALE—Pure Red Top cane
seed, 5 cents per pound. H. A.
Williams, phone 3203. 6-3twpd

LOANS
Money to Loan—on farm lands,
long time and easy payments. D.
M. Baker. 29-4tw

McFarland and Cryer of Wint-
ters, are making farm loans 6 to
8 percent interest, city loans at
6-12 to 8 percent. Write or call
on them if interested. 30-4tw

LOST.
LOST—Ladies' bar pin or broach.
Blue enamel with birds. Lib-
eral reward for return to Ledger
office. 18-3dtdtwpd

TRESPASS NOTICES
NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS—
Notice is hereby given that all
trespassers on the land owned or
controlled by the undersigned in
Runnels and Concho counties for
the purpose of hunting, fishing,
hauling wood, gathering pecans or
working stock will be prosecuted
to the fullest extent of the law—I
mean it. GODFREY MASSEY,
Paint Reek, Texas. 7-1-17

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Halfman
and A. A. Kahlig, of the Olfin-
Rowena country, were shopping
in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Me-
Williams and two children of the
Norton country, were shopping
and looking after business affairs
here Monday.

**LOCAL BANK ISSUES
TIMELY APPEAL**

The Farmers & Merchants State
Bank of Ballinger, sees the danger
in a food famine. This bank has
issued a timely appeal, which is
worthy of the careful thought and
consideration. In a letter to its
customers this bank says:

"You are probably aware of the
serious conditions obtaining in
this country in the matter of food-
stuffs and that they may become
worse, so we take the liberty to
address you along the lines which
this bank has encouraged in years
gone by.

"With the longest drouth cov-
ering the greatest area this coun-
try has ever known, continuing
with no sign of it breaking, re-
ports come in daily of the loss of
immense acreages planted to grain
which portend the greatest calam-
ity which could befall us at this
time.

"The demand for foodstuffs, by
reason of the existing shortage,
the mobilization of this country
for war, will be greater than ever
known before and every tiller of
the soil must respond to the
needs of our country by increasing
his acreage of food crops.

"Permit us to suggest that you
plant as much Feterita as possi-
ble in order to meet the shortage
of wheat. The grain contains more
starch than any of the sorghum
crops while the stalk contains
more sugar and the stock will
clean it up better than maize. The
plant is a drouth resistant and
will give better yields, in the
event we should have a short rain-
fall.

"Do not sell an egg on the mar-
ket that can be hatched by the hen
or incubator. The demand for
meat will be such that chickens
will have to be substituted and
the cash returns to you, on todays
basis, will be 25 cents per dozen
for eggs, against 15 cents per
pound for chickens.

"Hogs and lambs sell at \$16.00
per cwt today. This proves that
it will pay you well to increase
your acreage of feed crops and to
raise dairy cows, from which the
cream and butter can be sold, leav-
ing the skim milk to raise hogs,
lambs and chickens.

"Labor for picking out a cot-
ton crop will be scarce. It will
pay you well to anticipate a cot-
ton crop no larger than your force
can gather. Statistics have proven
that the cotton picker has gone
east to work in factories where
his returns for labor are larger
than in the cotton patch. The
question of feeding the nation
must be met by the loyalty of the
tiller of the soil. Are you will-
ing?"

"Our Demonstration Agent, Mr.
D. F. Eaton, is here to assist you
with such problems as you may
want to know about your farm
and we hope you will consult
him freely on your farm prob-
lems."

Henry J. Miller, the Blacksmith,
has opened up a blacksmith shop
next door to H. H. Hardin Lum-
ber Co. All tools are new and
ready for use. All work guaran-
teed to give satisfaction by me.
Your patronage will be very high-
ly appreciated.
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The Newest Discovery In Chemistry.

This is a recent discovery of Doctor
Pierce, who is head of the Invalids'
Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo,
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Hospital for several years proved that
there is no other eliminator of uric acid
that can be compared to it. For those
easily recognized symptoms of inflam-
mation—as backache, scalding urine
and frequent urination, as well as sedi-
ment in the urine, or if uric acid in
the blood has caused rheumatism, lumbago,
it's simply wonderful how surely "Anurici"
acts. The best of results are always
obtained in cases of acute rheumatism
in the joints, in gravel and gout, and
invariably the pains and stiffness which
so frequently and persistently accompany
the disease rapidly disappear.
Go to your nearest drug store and
simply ask for a 50-cent package of "An-
urici," which is 37 times more potent than
lithia to eradicate uric acid, or even write
Dr. Pierce for a large trial package (10c).

**ROWENA AND MILES
GET RAIN AND HAIL**

The rain fall Tuesday night was
spotted. Very few places in the
county reported anything more
than light rain, while good rain or
heavy rain was reported only from
Miles, Rowena, Norton, Mav-
erick, Wilmeth. The fall amount-
ed to from an inch to two inches
in the northwest part of the
county—Maverick, Norton and
Wilmeth, while at Miles three in-
ches and a half rain fall is re-
ported, and heavy hail in and a-
round Miles.

Postmaster Foster arriving here
from Miles Wednesday morning
verified the hail report at that
place. He stated that the hail
played havoc with gardens and
fruit, and that where the hail fell
everything was stripped and gar-
den truck beat into the ground.
There was little else for the hail
to damage, but people with good
gardens will have to begin over
again, and feel their loss keenly.

The rain came from the west
and did not extend very far to
the east, while north and south
Ballinger no rain fell.

Colorado Puts on Four Foot Rise
Due to heavy rain on the Colo-
rado river above Ballinger, and
good rains through the northwest
part of the county in the Norton,
Maverick country, the Colorado
river is on about four foot rise to-
day. Considerable drift is com-
ing down, and the causeway south
of the city is acting as a trap for
the drift.

HEAVY HAIL AND RAIN

W. D. Foster, the Miles post-
master, came in Wednesday morn-
ing to accompany his brother Fred
Foster back from the Halley and
Love Sanitarium and we are glad
to report that he has about re-
gained his usual good health.

Mr. Foster informed us that
they had about three and one-
fourth inches of rain and a very
heavy hail storm that beat the
garden truck into bits and nearly
all gardens are a thing of the past,
until replanted.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies Ask Your Druggist for
Chichester's Diamond Brand
Pills in Red and Gold metallic
boxes, coated with Blue Ribbon.
Take no others. Buy of your
Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S
DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 20
years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

F. M. Wood, of the Mud creek
country, was transacting business
in Ballinger Tuesday.

"Closing the barn door after the horse is stolen is
as comforting and satisfying as sage advice and no
food to a hungry man. If you put off "doing" till
tomorrow it will be your 'undoing' when tomorrow
comes. Take care of today and today will take
care of you.

Delay Breeds Danger
Are those deeds and papers safe in that drawer
at home? Those family jewels beyond the grasp
of an avaricious thief? Our customers can close
the door before the loss—we furnish vault space
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and hat, if they bear our label, will please you especially for two reasons. It's rich, tasty stylishness and the unusual duration of its stylish appearance. You pay no more for our clothes, but are better satisfied. Let us show you.

MEN'S SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Union suits, in the very light weights, knee and three-quarter lengths, athletic or quarter sleeves.

Price \$1; \$1.50; \$2; \$2.50

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You will not find a more attractive array of ties in the South.

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Gloves Cleaned 15c

Auto Delivery

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Paul C. Sulak Hutchins Ave. Ballinger THE RED FRONT

Mrs. H. A. Newby of Brownwood, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Simpson and family the past few weeks, returned home Monday.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

F. Ambrecht, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of the Winters country, was transacting business and greeting friends in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schultz of Eden motored over to Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Schultz left in the afternoon for Fort Worth to sell several cars of cattle, just shipped to that place.

WANT PROVISION IN CONSCRIPTION

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Tentative votes in the house military committee disclosed a majority in favor of making some provision for volunteers in the army war plans, which, as drawn by the general staff and approved by President Wilson, are based entirely upon the selective draft system. Two members of the committee were absent and the question of preparing a substitute for the administration bill will be voted upon finally this afternoon.

Various methods of raising and organizing the great fighting force have been advanced by members opposing immediate application of the draft, ranging from a proposal entirely to Chairman Dent's scheme to authorize a call for 500,000 volunteers and authorize the president to resort to the draft if the volunteers do not come forward in a reasonable time.

The administration is standing squarely upon the general staff's unanimous opinion that the volunteer system can have no place beyond the enlistment in the regular national guard in the training and raising of the army needed. Apparently confidence still prevails that eventually both houses will accept the staff bill.

Republican senators are conferring today on legislative questions and, though no war measure now before congress is likely to be treated in partisan fashion, the conference may have some effect on the chances of the army bill.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Most every one have their land in good condition and planting is going on at a pretty rapid rate. Fruit crop looks promising.

We are very proud of our new bridge that is being built across the Spring Hill branch as it was a very bad crossing.

Grandma Dean is visiting in Ballinger.

Mrs. W. S. Davis and baby and Miss Naomi Davis were shopping in Ballinger last Wednesday.

Dr. Douglas and wife spent Sunday evening at the Preston Dunn home.

Sorry to report Mrs. Frank Aycock being on the sick list.

Earl Wheelis has the measles.

Every one come out to Sunday School and take part in it. You will miss something good if you don't.

Preaching Saturday night and Sunday morning by Bro. Golden. All are invited to attend.

KNOX.

BLANTON BACKING PRESIDENT WILSON

Congressman Blanton has only been at Washington two weeks, but the press reports from the National Capitol indicate that he is very much on the job and is representing the people of the Jumbo District, backing up the president. Under a Washington date line, Congressman Blanton is quoted as saying that he was against the conscription bill, but realizing that a majority of his people favored supporting the president he would carry out their verdict. It will be remembered that Congressman Blanton took a poll of the district a few days ago, sending telegrams to the various towns asking for an expression on the conscription bill. In reporting the result of this poll, the Washington correspondent to the various state papers said:

"A telegraphic poll of his district convinced Representative Blanton of Texas that a majority are in favor of the President's plan. Mineral Wells, Abilene, Cisco, El Paso, San Angelo and Ballinger all replied in favor of the President's plan, even to the adoption of conscription. Jones County is for conscription, if a call for volunteers fails to meet the situation, Brownwood said the volunteer system is generally favored, but the people would follow the President's judgment. Stanford, Post and Lubbock are against conscription."

"I am against conscription, but a majority of my people favor supporting the President, and I will carry out their verdict," said Mr. Blanton tonight. "If the committee reports a bill for conscription, in proper terms and within the President's recommendations, while I am personally against it, I will support it."

Mr. Blanton today sent to the newspapers of his district letters calling attention to President Wilson's plea to the farmers for greater production of foodstuffs. He urges that the land be made to yield maximum crops of cereals, forage, vegetables and other staples.

25 CENTS DESTROYS YOUR DANDRUFF AND DOUBLES ITS BEAUTY

Save your hair! Make it thick, wavy, and beautiful—try this!

Thin, brittle, colorless and ragged hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf.

There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—anytime—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, lustre and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy, an incomparable gloss and softness; but what will please you most will be after just a few week's use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mrs. T. O. Brown returned home Wednesday at noon from Winters, where she had been visiting her son W. H. Brown and family a few days.

Mrs. Wooten and children of San Angelo visited her sister Mrs. Ed Eubanks Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Lewis Eubank of Austin is also visit his brother Ed. Eubank.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Gus De Loach quite sick.

Buck Shields who has been sick since Saturday we are glad to report is better.

H. C. Grady, of Bangs, who attended the installation of the Modern Woodman Saturday night, visited his brother-in-law W. E. Branch and family.

The South Ballinger Sunday School is progressing nicely. We had the largest crowd Sunday that we have had for some time.

We Can Make You Prosperous



Will you Help us to Help You? Swat the Rooster, Save the Eggs

Tues., May 8th. will be ROOSTER DAY

FOR BALLINGER

On this date we are going to pay a special price for old roosters and other poultry, which will enable the farmers to dispose of their surplus poultry at the highest possible market price.

Every farmer should arrange to produce infertile eggs during the summer season as this is the only solution of the egg problem during warm weather.

If you will offer us eggs with quality, we can furnish the market and price. There is always a demand for high grade produce.

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We can reach you on short notice.

West Texas Telephone Company

H. W. Day, Manager

SENATE PASSES 7 BILLION DOLLAR WAR RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The war finance bill providing for issuance of \$7,000,000,000 in securities—the largest single war budget in the nation's history—was passed last night unanimously by the senate. After seven hours of discussion the administration measure was approved by the senate with a few changes in record time. The amendments may necessitate a conference or the senate may be accepted by the house. In either event the executive branch of the government conducting the war with Germany will within a few hours have authorization for the great war chest at its disposition. To expedite its action, the senate appointed conferences to act if the house should not accept the senate changes.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—With little discussion and no opposition the Senate finance committee reported favorably today the seven billion dollar bond bill. Only three minor amendments were added to the measure as it came from the House.

Geo. D. Cole, of Glen Cove, one of the pioneer citizens of this

county, passed through Ballinger Wednesday on a business trip to San Angelo.

Judge Joseph Spence and daughter, Miss Mary Bain, of San Angelo, who attended the McGregor-Jones wedding in our city Tuesday night, returned home at noon Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Evans and three sons, of Maryneal, motored into Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to the Pony creek country to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson and family a few days.

ATEXAS WONDER



THE Texas Wonder Cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. ©

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INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS APPEALS FOR FOOD

The principal business of this country for the immediate future will be war and the preparations necessary to conduct it on a scale never before known to our people. Vast quantities of supplies of all kinds must be provided. Chief among these is an adequate food supply, a supply not only sufficient for the needs of our people at home, but for an immense army and a surplus for the people of Europe who are now resorting to extreme measures in an effort to feed their armies and their civilian population.

Under these circumstances it is the patriotic duty of everyone to do all in his power to meet the world's demand for food. It is not too much to say that the farmers of America are the decisive element in this world-war, and no greater service can be rendered than to bring a realization of this fact to the people of every community.

Will you permit me to suggest that the members of your organization should be at once called together and in conference with your bankers, merchants, farmers, and other business men, take immediate action that will lead to the largest possible crop and livestock production?

The planting season is at hand and whatever may be done to meet and solve the question of greater food crops this year must

be done within the next few weeks. It is stated on reliable authority that the available supply of wheat at the present moment in the United States is not more than sufficient for thirty days' normal use, yet many farmers whose wheat crops have been damaged are said to be preparing to plow up the wheat land and plant cotton. This, in my opinion would be a serious mistake, as half or even a third of a crop of wheat will be of more value to the country under present conditions than a full crop of anything else on the same ground. It is not yet too late to plant gardens, peanuts, corn, grain sorghum, sweet sorghum, sweet potatoes, etc., but immediate action is vitally necessary.

The Chamber of Commerce of Temple has organized a campaign in co-operation with the county demonstration agent and the business men of Temple to visit at once as many points in Bell county as possible for the purpose of advising with the farmers upon the seriousness of existing conditions, and to induce them to adopt vigorous methods that will result in the greatest possible production of food crops of all kinds, gardens, poultry, hogs and other livestock. I believe this is an example that should be followed by the commercial club of every community in the state.

The situation is the most critical that the people of Texas have ever faced. For seven years the Texas Industrial Congress has been teaching increased acreage yields and greater livestock pro-

duction by every means within its power; it is now ready to assist you in any way possible and its services are at your command. As a patriotic, loyal, American citizen, will you not take aggressive steps immediately to meet this supreme need of America and of the world?

Texas Industrial Congress.

ACIDS IN STOMACH SOUR THE FOOD AND CAUSE INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" fixes sour, gassy, upset stomachs in five minutes.

You don't know what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sick, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented and turned sour; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin to neutralize acidity and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have dyspepsia. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps the stomach sweetened, and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless antacid is Pape's Diapepsin, which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it stops food souring and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Your stomach will digest your meals if you keep acids neutralized.

George Wacker, of the Ballinger Dry Goods Co., left Saturday afternoon for points east on a short business trip.

Lee Butler, local manager of the Texas Company, left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives at Comanche a few days.

FORMER CITY PASTOR JOINS U. S. ARMY

Rev. E. R. Stanford, who was formerly pastor of the Ballinger Methodist church, and who has been connected with the McKinney Avenue Methodist church at Fort Worth, will leave shortly for the United States army. Mr. Stanford has been here for the past two days on a visit to friends in Ballinger before leaving for the front.

The preacher will go to the U. S. A., as a chaplain, having enlisted as such in Fort Worth some time ago.

Several other Ballinger people are intending to join the army and navy service as soon as they can make their arrangements, among whom is a Ballinger physician. Of course most of the young men, single and married both, are joining the infantry company being drilled here by Frank Pearce.

Nature Cures, The Doctor Takes The Fee.

There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Notice to Indian War Veterans.

I have received a notification from Washington that a Bill has passed Congress and signed by President Wilson, March 4th, 1917 granting a pension of \$20.00 per month to all Indian War Veterans who participated in Indian battles on the frontier from 1868 to 1890.

Veterans of Runnels County can get information by corresponding with the undersigned or by calling on me at the Stocks Hotel, Ballinger.

JOHN KIRKWOOD.

J. B. Riggs, of the Wingate country, and J. R. Stubblefield, of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

CROSS BATS WITH VALERA FRIDAY

The climax of Ballinger's greatest day was reached when the Ballinger High school crossed bats with Valera at the high school campus, immediately after the parade.

The game was featured by hard hitting and frequent errors by both teams. Valera forfeited the game to Ballinger 1 to 0 after the game was well in progress. Coach Heatley's men took a sudden departure from the field claiming that engagements at home demanded them being there at 6 o'clock.

The Ballinger team does not like to play a game of forfeit but according to the rules of baseball it could not be avoided this time.

The high school boys did not get an early start in baseball work this spring, due to the fact that the early part of the season was spent in working for the track. Another serious drawback to baseball is a lack of a ground on which to play. The team is very anxious to have access to the old ball park, if any possible arrangement can be made with the men in charge of the cotton on the park to move their cotton to some other place until the baseball season has closed.

The Ballinger boys are to go to Winters next week for a game and they hope by the week following necessary arrangements will have been made for securing the former ball ground of the city.

It is the desire of the athletic management of the school to give the people some real entertainment and have clean athletics in the school.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Intensive developments of the food production power of the United States on a scale never before contemplated was discussed by President Wilson and Secretary Houston today as the means of meeting one of the vital problems of the war with Germany.

Secretary Houston returned late yesterday from St. Louis where he conferred with representatives of the great grain raising states. He laid before the president plans by which the federal government, working in co-operation with state and local agencies, will put forth its utmost endeavors to stimulate the production and economical distribution of food.

The plans include a request for legislation by congress giving the president power to regulate and fix food prices if necessary.

To continue the government's agitation for increased production and economy in the use of foodstuffs, President Wilson probably will soon issue a proclamation to the nation calling attention to the situation. A suggestion to this effect approved by Secretary Houston was laid before him today by Representative Fisher of Tennessee and J. R. Payne of Memphis, representing the Tri-State Farming Association. Secretary Houston said the government was counting on the active co-operation of every man, woman and child in the United States and that the increased power to be requested of congress was only aimed to meet local situations and emergencies where drastic action might be necessary.

E. H. Redman, of Rowena, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

HAVE GOOD HEALTH

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the Old Reliable Spring Tonic.

Don't let the idea that you may feel better in a day or two prevent you from getting a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla today from any drug store and starting at once on the road to health and strength.

When your blood is impure and impoverished it lacks vitality, your digestion is poor, and all the functions of your body are impaired.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest known blood tonic. It will build you up quicker than any other medicine. It gives strength to do and power to endure. It is the old standard tried and true all-the-year-round blood purifier and enricher, tonic and appetizer. Nothing else acts like it, for nothing else has the same formula or ingredients. Be sure to ask for Hood's, get it today, and begin taking it at once.

YOUNG LADY WOUNDED WHEN NEIGHBOR SHOOTS

Miss Etheline Click, sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Click, living on the north side near Park street, was seriously wounded Wednesday morning just after she had arisen from bed when a spent bullet from a neighbor's gun penetrated her back.

The bullet was from an automatic 22 rifle and it is supposed the neighbor had fired at a dog or some other object about his premises. Although the young lady's wound does not appear to be of a serious nature, the bullet so far has not been located. The ball penetrated the upper portion of the back in the vicinity of the shoulder blade. An X-ray examination failed to locate the missile. —Coleman Democrat.

Some Good Advice

"Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.

G. A. Jarrett left Monday morning for Stacy to visit his mother and to recuperate from the effects of measles a week or two.

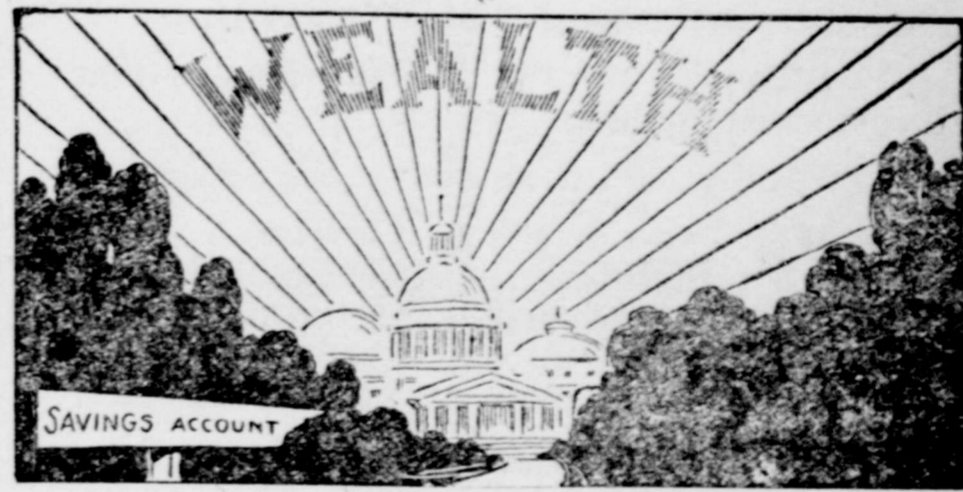
Mr. Haun, of Coleman, district court stenographer, spent Sunday with Ballinger friends and returned home Monday morning.

Rev. H. M. Bandy, of Marfa, came in Sunday from Lubbock and will visit his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Lusk and family a few days.

CYLINDERS BORED

Call at the Central Garage to have your cylinder bored and magnets recharged. We do all kinds of auto repair work. Phone 643. 3-31d wtf

Mrs. J. S. Holman of Austin, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Smith and family for some time past, left for her home Saturday afternoon.



The path to at least moderate wealth is open to you, but you will have to enter By Way of the Savings Account Route.

No man has ever attained even moderate wealth without the aid of a bank account.

If you really have the ambition to acquire wealth you will start an account at once. It's the only way

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DO YOU DREAD WINTER?

If every man, woman and child in this vicinity would only take one spoonful of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

after meals for one month, it would put vigor in their blood to withstand the rigors of winter weather and help prevent colds, grippe and winter sickness.

SCOTT'S is a fortifying medicinal-food of particular benefit in changing seasons, and every drop yields direct returns in richer blood, stronger lungs, and greater resistive power. No alcohol in SCOTT'S.



Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Relieves Serious Case of Chronic Constipation

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin Corrects Condition That Seemed Hopeless.

After suffering from chronic constipation until she was so run down she was unable to do any kind of work, Miss H. A. Frees, 209 Adams St., Dayton, Ohio, obtained a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and used it with such gratifying results that she continued the treatment and has written to Dr. Caldwell that her condition is again normal, and that she wants to recommend Syrup Pepsin to everyone who suffers with constipation.



Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, gentle in its action and free from gripping or other pain or discomfort. It contains no opiate or narcotic drug, and, while acting readily on the most stubborn case of inactive bowels, is absolutely safe for the tiniest babe, so that it is the ideal family laxative and should be kept on hand in every household for use when needed.

costs only fifty cents a bottle and is sold in drug stores everywhere. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure you get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

WILL WORK BRADY ROAD
R. P. Kirk stated that as soon as the road leading into the business district east of the court house from the Elm creek bridge was completed he would transfer the hands to the Brady road and would put that road in good shape. The road will be opened up through the Jack McGregor land. Mr. Kirk states that he will continue the work on the roads needing attention first as long as the cash holds out. It is

to be regretted that the county can not put up the funds to justify the maintaining of another crew of hands in this precinct and put the roads in good shape before the next crop moving season.
For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Many People Participate In Loyal Demonstration

With thousands of flags waving, and with cheers from a throng estimated to number from six to eight thousand patriotic Americans, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted at the loyal demonstration held in Ballinger Friday afternoon, and immediately placed on the wires for publication in the various daily papers of this state, and will be read by the millions of people of Texas and other states.

The scene preceding and following the adoption of the resolution was the most impressive and inspiring ever witnessed in this city. The resolution was read before the thousands of people on the lawn in the court house park, and adopted by the large concourse of Americans arising to their feet and giving three cheers.

No undertaking in Ballinger was ever more successfully handled than the patriotic rally in which all of Runnels County was invited to participate and in which the people from all over the county came here to take part in. The harmonious working together of the various committees, the harmony that prevailed between the thousands of people who were characteristic of the united stand the people of America are taking in backing up the American administration, and showing their loyalty to a cause that is right and a cause that will revolutionize the political "rottenness" of the oppressive nations standing against America today.

Promptly at two-thirty o'clock every business house in Ballinger was closed and remained closed until five o'clock, or until the last number on the program had been announced and the band struck up that greatest of all Southern airs "Dixie," and the large crowd dispersed. There was a stir of preparation for the great demonstration early in the morning and the stir continued until the streets became a seething mass of humanity, and taxed the special police force to handle the crowd.

At two o'clock more than fifty autos from Rowena, motoring in single file, and with horns honking passed down Hutchings Avenue, turning at the corner of the park and motoring up Eighth Street, to the school campus where they were given a place in the parade.

Fifteen minutes later nearly one hundred autos, led by the Charley Grant band arrived from Winters, filed through the streets and were directed to the school campus where the Winters delegation was given a place in the parade, and later the line of march was formed which required nearly one hour to parade to the park where the program was carried out.

More than four thousand people participated in the parade while it is estimated that two thousand packed the streets in the motor section of the city and witnessed the greatest parade ever to pass through the streets of this city.

With Jim Flynt as captain, the parade was headed by the cavalry company of rough riders numbering more than one hundred. Following the rough riders came the Ballinger band, the school children, Red Cross nurses, the city officials, infantry company, Spanish war veterans, fire department, secret orders, farmers, while the auto parade brought up the rear. By actual count there were 190 autos in the motor division of the parade, and twice as many cars were parked along the streets to witness the parade, while the side streets were filled with autos and traffic for a time preceding and following the parade was congested. The cars in the parade carried from two to fourteen people each, and it is estimated that more than 1200 people occupied seats in the auto parade, while more than one thousand school children were in the march, each child waving a flag, the flags varying in size from three inches to a three foot.

The auto decorations varied from the modest flying of one single flag to the gorgeous trimmings of a solid covering of red, white and blue, and in some autos the parties occupying seats were dressed in patriotic uniforms.

The cavalry company was a big feature of the parade, and a spirit of enthusiasm created that will result in the organizing of a cavalry company here at once. The exhibition of the cavalry bordered on the realistic and dramatic when a horse of one of the cavalrymen slipped on the pavement and fell, and Tom Vandevanter, marching back some distance in line grabbed the flag from the flag-bearer and rushed to the front to take the place of the wounded cavalryman.

The various captains in charge of the parade handled the crowd without the least confusion or delay, and the special officers of the day deserve credit for the splendid way in which they handled the large crowd.

The parade led to the grand stand on the court house square, where the school children formed a circle about the bandstand, and other divisions were given sections around the bandstand and the program as previously published in this paper carried out.

A large decorated truck, bearing "Uncle Sam" in the person of Edgar Rasbury, with a soldier and a sailor standing by his side, in the persons of Clinton Penn and Irvin Elder, and with the speaker of the day, Judge Jno. I. Guion, occupied a place in the parade, and this truck was motored onto the park near the band stand and used as a speaker's stand.

Judge A. K. Doss, acted as master of ceremonies, and with his clarion voice he called the large crowd to order and introduced Rev. J. W. Atwood, who invoked the blessing of God upon the people assembled, the men who are heading this nation at this time and for the entire American people and the working out for the best the entire nations of the world.

In calling the assemblage to order Judge Doss said, "This is not a time of gayety. With the largest crowd ever to come together in this city, we are here in a spirit of seriousness—a united brotherhood against a common enemy. It matters not what country you came from, or what country your ancestors came from, you are today an American citizen and must stand behind President Wilson, one of the greatest men of Am-

Resolved that we, the people of Runnels County, Texas, are all patriotic American citizens, whether by birth or by adoption, from England, Ireland, France, Austria-Hungary, Germany, or from other foreign lands, and hereby pledge ourselves to follow the Flag of the United States, wherever it may float over land or sea.

Be it further resolved, that we unqualifiedly indorse the course of President Wilson, and the large majority of congress in accepting the guage of battle thrown down by the imperial government of Germany, and in the means they have adopted to hold the rights of humanity and the honor of our nation; that we pledge our unqualified support to every means and measure that is adopted to meet the needs of the hour and bring victory to our Nation, and her Allies, to the end that the autocratic rule of the Kaiser may be overthrown and the people of Germany be freed from his despotic power and become a government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

Be it further resolved, that we who may not be called to the army of America pledge ourselves to conserve the resources of the country, till the lands with an eye single to the production of feed stuffs of every kind, that we may furnish the "bullets of bread," as essential for the success of our Armies as the bullets of lead.

Be it further resolved, that we glory in our boys of Runnels County, who have or may hereafter volunteer their services and who have under the leadership of Frank Pearce organized a company of our bravest and best, and we pledge them our support and loyalty.

erician history We must stretch out our hand and forget the past, and unite against the one common enemy."

With flags waving Judge Doss called on the people to join him in giving three cheers for President Woodrow Wilson, and great was the cheering. From time to time during the carrying out of the program music by the Winters and the local band was rendered and each selection brought forth a hearty applause from the large crowd, as well as did every other number on the program.

Perhaps the most inspiring part of the program was the singing by the large crowd of school children, as well as the singing by the entire thousands of people who gathered together when all joined in singing the patriotic songs, including "America," "Columbia," "Maryland, My Maryland." A special song had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. E. L. McAlpine and with the bandstand filled with a crowd of the best singers of the city this was enjoyed by the large crowd.

With the band softly playing "Star Spangled Banner," Old Glory was hoisted over the bandstand, and three cheers given the flag. Following the raising of the flag a tribute to "Our Flag" was recited by Ulmer Bird, the young man mounting the speaker's stand, pointed to the flag and in a solemn voice paid a tribute to the red, the white, and the blue.

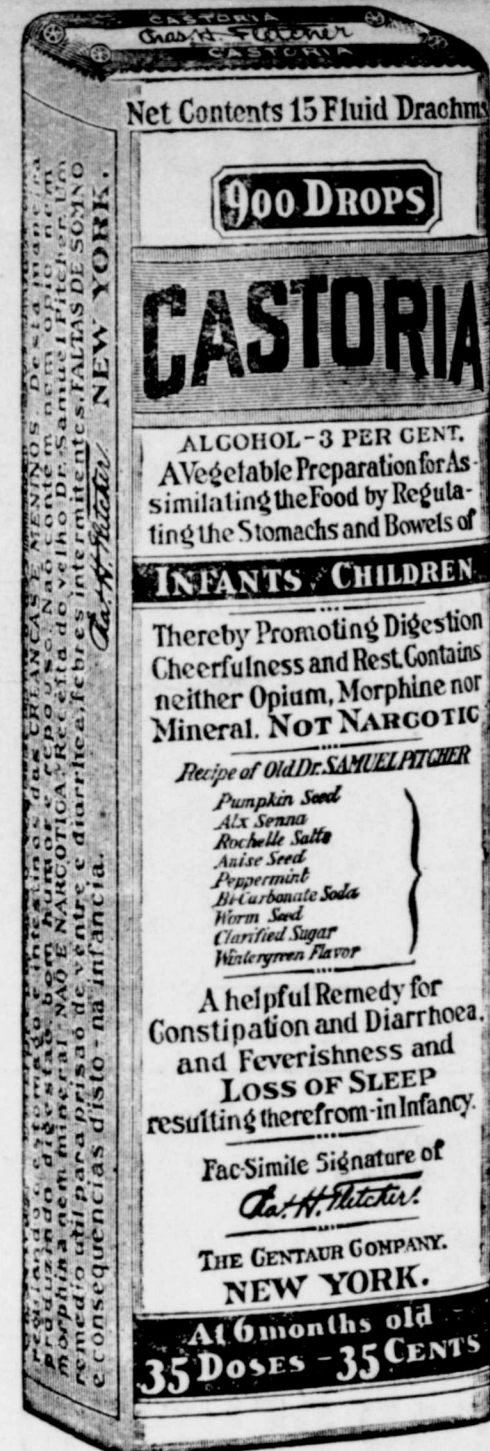
Judge Jno. I. Guion was called to the stand by master of ceremonies, Judge Doss, who stated that the speaker needed no introduction to a Runnels County audience. Holding a flag in his hands, Judge Guion began his speech by saying, "I salute the flag with the most chaste salute of which I am capable," and raising the flag the speaker

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tenderly impressed upon it a kiss. The speaker continued by saying "the souls of America are being tried in this terrible war. America never declared war upon any nation, and our government has only declared that a state of war existed against our aggressive foe. We have met here not to glory in war; not to have any part in the shedding of blood no more than becomes necessary in the defense of the best government, a land of liberty, and home loving people. This is not a war of conquest; we don't want a foot of territory owned by the warring nations of Europe, but we want to do our duty in defending the American rights, and carrying liberty to the people of all the world."
"We are here to raise our hands in loyalty to the government, and to help the down trodden people of Germany," said Judge Guion. The speaker paid a beautiful tribute to the flag, and said that the American people must stand by the flag and that there was no way to get out of this war except through the forward way.

Judge Guion called a attention to some of the things that caused the American indignation to take the stand against Germany. He referred to a recent address from Jake Wolters, a leader of the German-Americans, in which Mr. Wolters criticized the tyranny of the Kaiser and appealed to every citizen loving German in America to stand loyal to President Wilson and fight for the overthrow of the autocratic German rule and the defeat of the Kaiser. The speaker called attention to the outrages perpetrated by the German government upon helpless Belgium, a contented and happy people at the outbreak of the war, a nation of people with whom Germany violated every treaty and trampled under foot in a most cruel way. "We are not fighting the German people," said Judge Guion, "but we are fighting the unspeakable Kaiser, and we want to make the German people free—free as Americans and we mean no oppression to them, but liberty. The day has come when the world must drive slavery from Germany. The speaker also called attention to the German atrocities upon the high seas in which American property was destroyed and American lives lost.

The speaker closed his address by paying a tribute to American womanhood and the part the women played in the war. He also appealed to those who could not go to the front and fight for the country to remember that they could stay at home and fight for their country by moulding bullets of bread bread which were just as essential as bullets of lead.
With the large crowd cheering as the band played "Dixie" flags waving, the crowd mixed and mingled together for a time and returned to their respective places of business and to their homes, and today American patriotism is at a higher degree than was ever known before in the history of this county.
WINTERS COMES WITH AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

Winters did the big thing. The business houses of that progressive little city were closed, and nearly one hundred autos bringing nearly five hundred people came to Ballinger and took part in the rally. The delegation from Winters was led by its splendid musical organization under the direction of Chas. F. Grant. The band participated in the parade and also rendered a number of good selections while the program was being carried out. The Winters people came with a true spirit of patriotism and remained until the rally had closed. They came with flags and with their autos decorated in the true colors, and the event was made a better one by their coming.

ROWENA CITIZENS RALLY TO OLD GLORY.
While it is generally known that the citizenship of Rowena is composed largely of people of foreign birth, or of people whose parents were born in foreign countries, and that a majority of the citizenship of that progressive little town are either Bohemians or Ger-

were on the down town streets when the Rowena delegation arrived can doubt for a minute that the people of that town are not loyal to the American administration. Coming in a body, making the trip in more than fifty autos and making up a party of over two hundred people, they arrived here with horns honking and colors flying—real American colors. The Rowena people motored through the business sections before going to the school campus where they were given a place in the parade.
COLORED PEOPLE PATRIOTIC

While the big parade was forming at the school campus Friday afternoon, practically every colored man in the city was forming in line near the A. & S. station on Seventh street, and later marched to the court house square. In the rush of arrangements, the time being so short the committee failed to make any provisions for the negroes to show their loyalty on this occasion, but they were not put out by this, and got busy and arranged for themselves to have a hand in the demonstration. They formed in a body and witnessed a good part of the program after they had marched to the court house park.

Constipation and Indigestion.

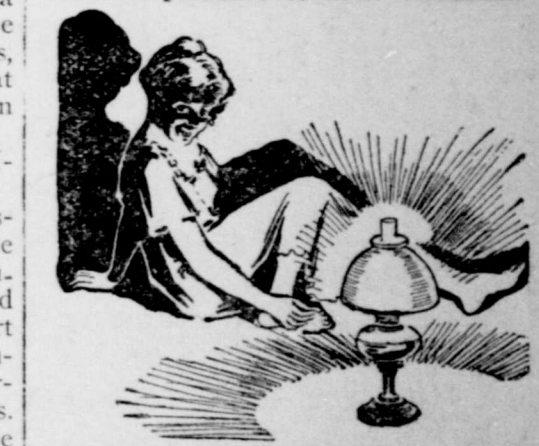
These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

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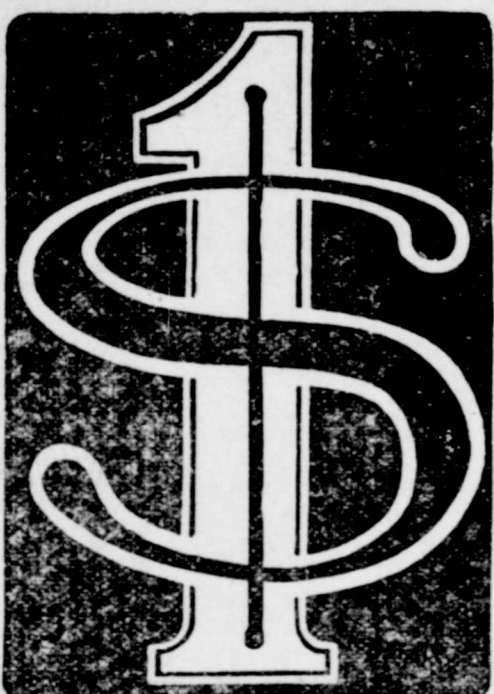
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NEUTRALS TO HEAR RENEWAL OF GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

Special Correspondent U. P. CHRISTIANA, Norway, April 17.—Germany will shortly issue to neutrals a statement of the terms on which she considers peace negotiations, according to rumors in diplomatic circles in Europe.

Those closest in touch with the German movement to stop the struggle have not heard details of what Germany proposes to offer. However, it is not believed by many to offer further concessions from the unofficial outline of Germany's demands in December, which were rejected in toto by the entente allies.

Scandinavia is the center of Germany's efforts to secure a separate peace from the provisional Russian government.

American diplomatic officials have been formally advised that the German government is behind the German socialists' peace movement towards Russia. Former German ambassador to the United States, Count von Bernstorff, the prime peace propagandist, was selected as ambassador to Sweden purely on the line of Russian effort.

A. J. Voelkel left Sunday afternoon for Waco to attend the state meeting of the Son's of Hermann.

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STRIKERS CRIPPLING GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, April 17.—The general strike in Berlin is crippling the output of metals and wood work, and is tying up transportation, according to dispatches reaching this city. Details are necessarily very meager.

Berlin Says Strike Fizzled Out.
Berlin, April 17.—Berlin's general industrial strike fomented by an extreme branch of the German socialist party as a protest against the reduction of bread rations, the order for which was effective Sunday, has fizzled out, according to German officials.

Only a few factories have been forced to suspend, and not a single munitions factory was affected, say the officials.

Rev. C. L. Ewing, of Brownwood, who had been conducting a protracted meeting at Paint Rock the past two weeks, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home.

PRESIDENT MAKES NEW NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Wilson this afternoon nominated for appointment J. Camp of San Antonio, Texas, to be United States District Attorney for the Western district of Texas; William McDonald (Capt. "Bill" McDonald) of Dallas, as United States Marshal for the Northern district of the state; and John Rogers of Austin, as United States Marshal of the Western district of the state.

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GERMANY PROMISES FOOD IMPROVEMENT

BERLIN, April 18.—The promise of the German government to improve the food situation include workmen membership. The distribution commission are expected to improve the strike condition in Germany. The census report showed that two hundred and fifty thousand workmen are participating in the strike.

J. T. Snellgrove, of the Norton country, E. T. Branham, one of the Hatchel merchants, E. B. Workmack of the Oak creek country and J. S. Hall of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

ORGANIZATION OF A CAMP OF SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

It is necessary to act at once if we are going to organize a camp in Ballinger in order to elect officers and a sponsor and maid of honor and delegates to represent us at the reunion in Washington, D. C., June 4th. Our papers must be approved and many preliminaries have to be gone through with before we can be represented as a camp.

It is needless to say that every loyal son of the South, whose father or grandfather fought in the Civil war feels it not only a duty but a privilege to do that much to commemorate the heroism and self sacrifice of his ancestor who risked everything but honor in that most unequal and most illustrious war of modern times, the memory and traditions of which will ever live in song, in story and in history to immortalize every man and woman, who participated in that struggle.

It requires ten members to form a camp. Are there that many in Ballinger who will commemorate their ancestors and the dearly loved old South? If so, please hand in your names at once.

Yours in a common cause,
W. T. ALLAN,
Chaplain in Chief W. S. C. V.

HELPING TEXAS FEED HERSELF

It makes the heart of man glad to visit the garden of W. E. Branch, or perhaps we should say of Mrs. W. E. Branch, in South Ballinger, and it makes man's appetite glad to sit at Mrs. Branch's table and feast on home grown vegetables, home grown ham, and home grown everything else almost that goes to make up a good meal.

We had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Branch's garden Tuesday in company with County Clerk McCaerter and County Judge Parish, and Farm Demonstrator Eaton should have been with us, but his services were demanded in some other part of the county and he was deprived of the pleasure we enjoyed.

Mr. Branch leased out his place this year and leased for his own use the N. J. Wardlaw home place in South Ballinger, where he could get the benefit of the irrigation plant and raise vegetables on a larger scale. At present there are several hundred dollars worth of vegetables growing and the local market is being supplied. We were surprised to see so much spinach and mustard, and other garden truck growing right at Ballinger's door. We had no idea there was such a garden in Runnels county.

Mr. Branch attempts to claim credit for the success he is meeting with in his truck growing experience, but one does not have to be around but a few minutes before he can see to whom credit is due. Mrs. Branch is the power behind the garden that is helping to feed Ballinger at this particular time.

Mrs. Branch's table contained a feast fit for the kings Tuesday at twelve o'clock and aside from the flour that was used and the meal, it was strictly a home-made dinner. A variety of fresh home grown vegetables, ham, milk and butter, eggs, home made preserves and canned fruit are the things that enter the grocery bill to a minimum, and these are things Mrs. Branch serves in the most appetizing style to her family and those who should happen to be her guest.

War time prices have no horror for Mr. and Mrs. Branch, and with anything like favorable weather their bank account will take a healthy growth within the next two or three months.

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JACK WARDLAW RECOVERING.

Jack Wardlaw, seven-year-old son of Judge L. J. Wardlaw, of Sonora, is gradually recovering from serious injuries received April 2, when he fell from the Orient railroad bridge in this city. Judge Wardlaw, after being at the bedside of his son almost constantly since the accident, left today for his home. The boy is in St. John's sanitarium. His speech is still partially paralyzed, but it is thought that this will be overcome.

Jack Wardlaw sustained concussion of the brain and a broken arm when he fell, on taking fright at the approach of an engine.—San Angelo Standard.

W. A. Halimeck, who for a number of years has been justice of the peace at Rowena and conducted a business there, is now on the road working for a twelve million dollar oil company of Oklahoma, making leases for them. He expects to leave son for South America to look after their interests there. His family will remain in Rowena.

A CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS IF LIVER OR BOWELS ARE ACTIVE

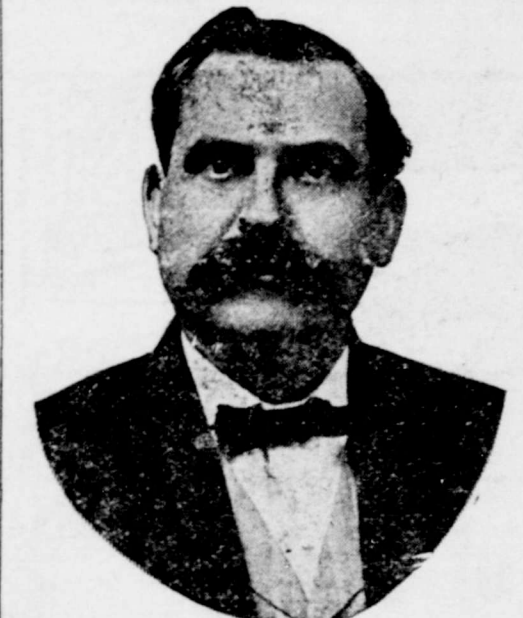
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When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue. Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs." handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

MORTUARY.



O. B. Corbet died at his home on Broadway Monday night, April 16th, at 11:45 o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the City Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. J. B. Curry at 3 o'clock and the remains were conducted to the cemetery under the auspices of the W. O. W.

Mr. Corbet was 53 years of age at the time of his death and had been suffering for some time with kidney trouble and heart failure. He was a man of strict integrity and upright character, a kind loving husband and father, generous to a fault, and was held in the very highest esteem by a host of friends all over this section. He leaves his wife and five children who are: Mrs. Lennie Harris, Miss Bessie Corbet, Mrs. Lemmie Davis, our our city, and Mrs. Ed S. McCaerter and Pat Corbet of Texas city.

A large circle of friends joins The Ledger in sincere condolence and sympathy for the sad ones left to mourn his demise.

Rev. J. V. Havenor.
Rev. J. V. Havenor, of the New Home neighborhood, who had been at Bronte under treatment for kidney trouble, died at that place Saturday at noon and was buried Sunday afternoon. Mr. Havenor was 66 years of age.

Rev. Havenor was a Protestant Methodist minister, a true christian gentleman and stood high in the esteem of a host of friends in this county and in Comanche county, where he lived and preached for many years. He leaves his wife and seven children, besides grandchildren and other relatives to mourn his death.

The Ledger joins a host of friends in condolence and sympathy for the relatives in this sad hour of bereavement.

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MODERN MOTOR HOUSE BUILDING AT WINTERS

WINTERS, Texas, April 17.—Work is progressing rapidly on what will be the largest garage in Runnels county when completed. The new building is being constructed of concrete on the lot just north of the Miller blacksmith shop. One of the side walls and part of the rear wall has been completed almost and the material for the front will be received in due time.

This building is being constructed from a design adopted especially for a garage building. There will be ample floor space for storing cars, and for the equipment of a modern repair shop, the building being 122 feet wide and 154 feet deep. The front will be of plate glass and buff brick. The entire flooring will be of concrete, and the building made fire proof. A section of the garage will be fitted up for a ladies' rest room—a place where the people from the country can assemble their packages while they are trading and transacting business.

This building is being constructed under a contract let by C. W. Miller and O. D. Dillingham and Messrs. Miller and Dillingham have leased the building to the People's Garage. The People's Garage is composed of W. C. Meadows, J. A. Griffis and Ben Wilson.

HEAVY STEEL FOR BALLINGER SANTA FE

Roadmaster Whidden was here a few days ago consulting with the city commissioners concerning some improvements to be made in water drainage systems north of the railroad along Sixth Street and east of Broadway. In discussing the work which Mr. Whidden was here to prosecute he incidentally stated that the Santa Fe track from Coleman to San Angelo would soon be spanned with ninety-two pound steel rails instead of the fifty-eight pound rails that are now in use on this branch of the line.

The Santa Fe has a good road bed on this branch, and with the laying of heavy steel it is expected that the time will be cut down and a better schedule maintained between the Coleman main line and the Angelo division point. The present schedule is operated on a speed of from twenty to twenty-five miles per hour, and with the proposed improvements from thirty-five to forty miles can easily be made.

The United States Is Scared?

El Paso, Tex., April 17.—An attack on the United States appears in El Heraldo Del Norte, the leading Carranza organ of Chihuahua City, in its issue of April 15, copies of which arrived here last night. It alleges that the only reason why the United States did not declare war sooner on Germany was because of its cowardice, that Brazil entered because it is dominated by Portuguese influence and that Cuba joined only because it had seems to be a breakdown caused United States.