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Tell the Truth Advertisers

## WILL DRAFT SOME MARRIED MEN IN FIRST LEVY OF ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Only married men who have persons dependent solely upon them for support will gain any consideration in exemption from draft under selective service.

However, Secretary Baker said today that the department hopes to exempt as many married men as possible. Official announcement from the War Department today set at rest the general belief that every married man would be excluded from the first levy. This announcement means that men whose wives or children have means of support will be liable to military service.

An estimate from the Census Bureau today revealed that fact that almost half the men available for draft under the law are married. Any sweeping exclusion of married men would seriously deplete material, officials say.

Uncle John Huffman of Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

## MAKES HIS FAMILY PRESENT WAR BONDS

I. O. Wooden stepped into the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger this week, and purchased six hundred dollars worth of Liberty Bonds. The bank fixed Mr. Wooden up in three different sets of bonds, issuing twelve bonds of fifty dollars each. The three sets were registered in the name of Mrs. Viola Wooden, Miss Marion Wooden and Miss Margaret Wooden, wife and daughters, respectively, of Mr. Wooden, and the ladies will begin to count the day when they can draw interest on the investment.

Mr. Wooden says he is out of the fighting class. At least Uncle Sam thinks he is too old to make a good fighter, and stated that he wanted to do his part towards helping to spread Old Glory all over the world, and he had this much idle money that he wanted to let the government use to carry the gospel to the Germans.

While this represents only a small investment, it is an investment that can not be squandered, and will do a double fold duty—helping to supply the necessary funds for paying war bills, and at the same time bringing to Mr. Wooden's family an income.

Others desiring to invest in bonds should call on the banks and get particulars.

## WOULD STOP DRAFTING BY INJUNCTION

KANSAS CITY, May 29.—Petition for an injunction to prevent federal authorities from enforcing the draft law was filed with circuit court here today. The petition was filed by an attorney for a so-called federation for Democratic Council. Prominent attorneys express the opinion that the petition for the injunction will not get very far.

DALLAS, May 25.—G. T. Bryant, the alleged president of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective association, was arrested at Lueders, Jones county, today on an indictment charging him with opposing by force officers and agents of the United States in carrying out the conscription law. The man is being brought to Dallas where he will be held in jail pending preliminary examination.

Haskell, May 24.—Twelve persons are in jail here today, being placed there by state rangers, who are here working on the alleged Farmers' Protective association conspiracy.

Three of the men were arrested yesterday afternoon in Haskell, four in Weimert this morning, and five at Center Point. At Center Point a large amount of ammunition and three 30-30 Winchesters were found.

The arrests are the result of hard work on the part of County Judge A. J. Smith, Sheriff Allen and County Attorney Tom Davis, who have been in possession of clues for weeks, and who last Thursday called a meeting of citizens and laid before them their plans for catching the alleged conspirators.

Business properly has been guarded for the past week; hardware stores reported a large sale of guns and ammunition.

Rangers are still here, and no doubt there will be many more arrests. Haskell county has several lodges, it is reported.

Dr. Griffin, of Coleman, who had been visiting and looking after business interests at Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route home.

## HAD RATHER GO TO PEN THAN TO WAR.

The officers are confronted with the big problem of getting the Mexicans in this country to register, and during the last few days, assisted by an interpreter, the officers have been busy trying to hand out some friendly advice in instructing the Mexicans how to register. Talking through an interpreter a local officer made a Mexican understand this week that if he failed to register he would be sent to the pen for twelve months. The Mexican very promptly gave the officer to understand that it was the pen for him, and he would rather go to the pen than to war. It developed that the Mexican had experienced a taste of Villa life across the border.

## ATTACKS NEAR VERDUN RESUMED

PARIS, May 30.—There was a resumption of fairly active mass fighting between Teutons and allies over many sectors of the French front last night with a repulse of German assaults in the Champagne region. Continued in a new drive success h n h m h success attended t h e French troops in a new drive around Verdun, according to the morning's official statement.

LONDON, May 30.—British raiders penetrated into German trenches on the South of Neuve Chappelle, early today, inflicting some casualties, according to Field Marshall Haig's official report.

In the neighborhood of Croiselles and to the west of the coal city, Lens, hostile raiders were repulsed.

No major fighting actions were reported from the British or Belgian lines.

O. G. Smickle, machinist for the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill Co., left Monday for Oklahoma City to attend the meeting of the cotton oil mill superintendents, which will convene in that city this week.

## Pro-German Agents Responsible for Plots

### ITALIANS ON OFFENSIVE

ROME, May 28.—Austria is massing every man of her reserves for the last desperate defense of Trieste.

Meanwhile Austrians under leadership of German officers are gradually giving way before the irresistible Italian advance. An estimate from the Alpine front today put the total Austrian losses in dead and wounded and missing since May 14th, when the Italian offensive started, at 60,000 men.

The enemy, however, is fighting bravely under the decimating fire and terrific smashes of General Cadorna's infantrymen.

According to word from the Carso line all Austrian reserves are being concentrated close to Trieste and the civil population of the city has been ordered to evacuate their homes. All supplies held in the seaport city are being hurriedly transported to inland cities of the dual monarchy.

Prisoners taken in the present Italian drive are quoted as saying that the Austrian defense would be greatly handicapped by the lack of adequate reserves.

The Russian front has already been drained of every possible man consistent with safety; both to reinforce the dwindling man supply on the Western and Italian fronts. Moreover it was declared the Teutonic commanders are apprehensive over what the Russian troops may attempt against them. The new Russian Minister of War Kerensky is being watched closely. His fiery appeals to the Slavonic troops may result, the Austrians believe, in some sudden offensive against the Carpathian or Northeastern lines. For this reason the Germans and Austrians have been compelled to keep the Northern and Eastern fronts fairly well defended.

C. W. Johnson of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says he has his cotton all planted again since the big hail a week ago.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—An other startling German plot was revealed before the House Interstate Commerce Committee today.

Secretary Lansing disclosed the fact that Germany or German officials attempted shortly before this nation's war declaration to involve the United States in differences with England and France through the organization of a big steamship company that was to deliberately violate foreign trading agreements with hostile acts.

The plot is now being investigated by Department of Justice operatives, upon authority of reliable government information, Mr. Lansing told the committee.

Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and Assistant Attorney General Warren, were before the Interstate Commerce Committee in behalf of the Adamson trading with the enemy act.

Mr. Lansing was questioned by the committee members regarding the real need for the act. The query brought from the secretary the declaration that Germany had been trying to foment trouble between the United States and England or France.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Government officials express the hope that they have crushed out the anti-conscription plots in America. The officials, however, are not positive that this has been accomplished. Riots like those during the Civil War days are still regarded as possible though the firm hand of the government in rounding up plotters in advance appeared to have partly at least chilled the work of the propagandists.

Federal agents, United States Marshalls, state and local police and civic and patriotic orders are at work over the entire nation to turn up men who would thwart the war plans of the American government. These agencies will continue their task, working government. These agencies will continue their task, working most diligently on registration day and if necessary national guardsmen will be called into service to quell disorders.

Government investigators trail-

led today in many instances to pro-German quarters where plans for fighting the conscription plan originated from, and plotters are being held. The Washington authorities have been convinced that the anti-conscription propaganda was largely preconceived in a program outlined by the teutonic agents. The thoroughness of the move and the large scale upon which it has been carried on has convinced the authorities of this.

A statement issued by the department of justice today said that all perpetrators would be punished to the full extent of the sedition law, or if the new spy bill passes, the cases will then be punished under it. The spy bill is a severe one.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Arrant and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Arrant, of Norton, motored over to Ballinger Monday to do some shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Arrant are making home for the present at Abilene and are at Norton on a short visit.

I. K. Watkins is putting on a fresh coat of paint on the C. A. Doose real estate building, which adds greatly to that splendid place of business.

## PRESIDENT INCREASES SIMS' RANK

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., commanding the American fleet of destroyers co-operating with the allied fleet, was today formally named Vice-Admiral by President Wilson. Admiral Sims is the third naval commander in the United States now holding this rank, and the purpose of the government in increasing his rating was so he would be on equal footing with European naval leaders.

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## Registration Day Will Be Holiday In Ballinger

All business in Ballinger will be suspended for one day, Tuesday, June 5th—REGISTRATION DAY. With the exception of perhaps two business houses, as is shown by the following petition, the stores, banks and business offices of this city will remain closed on this day, and the day observed as the day upon which a half million of America's best young men will take the first step that will in all probability land them in the trenches of Europe.

So far the program here only calls for a general closing of the stores and suspension of business for the day, but it is expected that every loyal American will be on duty to aid in any way possible to see that every man subject to registration complies with the demands made upon him at this time and that no young man in Ballinger will be found wanting and after the round up charged with slacking. The registration polls open at seven o'clock in the morning and remain open until nine o'clock at night.

Following is the names of the business houses showing their patriotism by closing on this occasion:

Higginbotham Bros. & Co., T. F. Bridwell, E. C. Allison & Son, H. L. Wendorf, Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co., E. Shepperd, H. I. Armstrong, Paul Sulack, Jones-Stuart Tailoring Co., Cash Market, Ladwig Bros., The Stroble Market, City Barber Shop, Ideal Barber Shop, Ballinger Barber Shop, Ballinger Printing Co., Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, F. Mason, Cash Store, Walker-Smith Co., H. Bagley, Hall Hardware Co., T. S. Lankford, Asa Cordill, Bank Barber Shop, Wm. Cameron & Co., The Hub, Melton Dry Goods Co., Ballinger Dry Goods Co., Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Jas. E. Brewer, Schawe Grocery Co., Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., Maggie Sharp, Miller Mercantile Co., First National Bank, Ballinger Lumber Co., H. H. Hardin & Co., Cash Grocery Co., W. H. Roark, Ideal Grocery Co., W. B. Wood & Son, Ballinger Saddle Mfg. Co., R. L. Sides, L. B. Stubbs, E. A. Jeanes & Co., J. M. Radford, Grocery Co., Doyle Knight, D. Reeder, Potter Produce Co., C. A. Doose & Co., Jones & Simpson, The Globe, A. J. Zappe, Carlos Dunn, U. E. Hartman.

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## STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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## GOES FOR AUTO RIDE; MARRIES AT ABILENE.

Edward A. Giesecke and Miss Cordie Guion were married in Abilene Sunday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, at the Presbyterian Manse. After the prominent young people had been made man and wife they motored back to Ballinger and informed the parents of the bride of the marriage and made themselves at home with the parents until about ten o'clock Monday morning when they left for Winters where they will make their home.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs. Jno. I. Guion. She was born in Ballinger and is numbered among the most prominent and accomplished young ladies in this city. The man of her choice is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke, also a native of this city and who has grown to manhood here and is numbered as one of the most prominent young business men of this county. For some time the young man has been associated with the Winters Cotton Oil Mill, which is owned by his father, and the happy young couple will make their home in Winters.

This is said to be a surprise wedding, even to the contracting parties themselves, as they had no idea of carrying out such plans when they left the Guion home for an auto drive Sunday afternoon. The parents of the young people had no objection to their marriage, and it had been hinted that an engagement would be announced at an early date, but it had never occurred even to the closest relatives and friends that the young people would play a surprise.

The proposal was made and accepted after Mr. Giesecke and Miss Guion had started for a drive and their plans carried out as quickly as formed, and the happy marriage announced after their return from Abilene Sunday evening.

The many friends of these young people have already sent messages of congratulations and best wishes, and predict for them a most happy married life.



## Summer Colds Weaken

They are even more dangerous than winter colds, for they hang on so long that they become chronic catarrh. Heat and dust aggravate them, cause the infected surface to spread, and fill the body with systemic catarrh. Neglect costs health and energy.

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## FARMER BRUCE SUBSCRIBES \$1000

Notwithstanding that he has suffered two hails this spring, and that he is now busy replanting his crop which was recently destroyed by hail, R. W. Bruce came down with a liberal subscription to the fund being raised to assist the committee in securing the West Texas A. & M. College. Mr. Bruce was in the city Saturday, and when the soliciting committee approached him he signed his name to the subscription list cheerfully, and after signing his name placed one thousand dollar figures opposite the name without a murmur.

"Farmer" Bruce was known for many years of his younger life as "Prof." Bruce. He taught school for several years, and realizes the advantage of such an institution, and the needs of the A. & M. College for West Texas. He realizes that this college will be worth millions of dollars to this section of the state and will be worth a million a year to Runnels county alone. Hence his liberality. The committee appreciates the view he takes of the proposition, and this is the spirit that will help Ballinger to accomplish greater things.

There is no class of people in Runnels county who will profit more by the locating of the A. & M. College at Ballinger than the farmers. The time has passed when a few progressive business men must bear the burden of development, and carry the load in such work. The farmers are the prosperous people of the day, and where the farmers are to profit by the securing of new enterprises it is nothing but right that the farmers help in the securing of such enterprises.

### Whooping Cough.

In this disease it is important that the cough be kept loose and expectoration easy, which can be done by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. P. H. Martin, Peru, Ind., writes: "My two daughters had whooping cough. I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it worked like a charm."

### NEW WAY TO HARVEST OATS

A. B. Muncey was marketing a load of loose oats in the heads Saturday and gave us a new way to harvest oats when they are too short to cut and bind in the usual way. The crop was raised on the Muncey farm just below Ballinger on the Colorado river. He plowed the oats up and went in with a rake and gathered them up in wind rows and when sufficiently cured hauled them in bulk to markets, roots and all.

### NOTICE FORD OWNERS

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### Returns From South Texas.

Ike Honig, Ed Schawe, Victor Miller and Ed Schuchard returned home Sunday from an auto trip to Houston, San Antonio and other points in South Texas, where they had been taking a vacation trip the past two weeks. They made 1200 miles on the round with no bad accidents, except some of the boys got a little "ticky" on the rounds and had to be dipped a time or two. They visited the Madena Dam while on their trip and all report a very pleasant outing.

Mrs. Clinton, better known to the fireboys of Texas as Mother Clinton, after a pleasant visit to Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

## HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA AND PEPTIRON PILLS

Conditions that are both scrofulous and anemic are very common. Many persons whose faces are "broken out," cheeks are pale, and nerves are weak, suffer from them.

There is an effective, economical remedy in the combination of Hood's Sarsaparilla and Peptiron Pills, one taken before eating, the other after. In these medicines taken in this way the best substances for the blood and nerves are brought together.

### WILL TEACH IN AUSTIN.

Miss Alpha Caperton, who taught in the Ballinger schools last term, and who resigned after being re-elected recently, will go to Austin, where she has accepted a position in the Austin public schools. Miss Caperton taught in Austin two years ago, going to that city from Ballinger. She returned to Ballinger after being re-elected at Austin and was elected to teach in the Ballinger schools. She has been offered a salary at Austin that is responsible for the return to that city, and Ballinger again loses one of the best primary teachers that ever taught in our schools.

### Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Waters.

THE STATE OF TEXAS Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that W. A. Glenn, E. A. Brookshire and V. B. Bailey, the post office address of each of whom is Maverick Texas, did on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1917, file their joint application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to impound and appropriate a sufficient quantity of water to irrigate 185 acres of land described in said application, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be impounded and diverted from the storm and flood waters of the Colorado river. Said water to be impounded by the construction of a dam in and across said stream, the same to be about 150 feet long and six feet high, thus creating an impounding reservoir, having a capacity of 2,376,000 cubic feet; said dam to be located 35 vrs. above the southeast corner of the E. W. Bull Survey No. 333 and on the Colorado river, 13 miles in a westerly direction from the town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated consist of 125 acres out of the Plessman Survey, now owned by E. A. Brookshire, and 60 acres out of the E. W. Bull Survey No. 333, now owned by W. A. Glenn, aggregating 185 acres, and situated in Runnels County, Texas.

A Hearing on the said joint application of the said W. A. Glenn et al, will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said State on Monday, the 28th day of May, A. D. 1917, beginning at ten o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable, and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1917.

J. C. NAGLE,

E. B. GORE,

Board.

Attest: (Seal) W. T. POTTER,

16-ftw. Secretary.

### LEFT FOR OLD HOME.

R. B. Cressy left Sunday afternoon for Oklahoma City to attend the cotton oil men's convention and to place on exhibition one of his rotary files. After a few days stay in that city he will go on to Chicago, Washington, New York, and Boston. He will also visit at his old home in Ohio before returning.

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## NEW RATIONS FOR PRODUCING EGGS

WASHINGTON, May 26. — With wheat so high, poultrymen will be interested to learn that on the United States Department of Agriculture experiment farm excellent egg-laying results were secured with a wheatless ration. Thirty Leghorn pullets to which this ration has been fed for one and one-half years produced an average of 147.3 eggs per hen for the entire year. This compares favorably with egg yields secured on other rations containing wheat and therefore more expensive. This pen, moreover, during the first 16 weeks of its second year has averaged 28.5 eggs per hen, 17.5 eggs per hen being produced in March.

The same wheatless ration has been fed since last November to a pen of Buff Orpington pullets which have laid 53 eggs per hen in 20 weeks, and hold the highest egg record of any of the large feeding pens of pullets at the farm this year. Two other pens, however, are less than 1 egg per hen behind this pen.

The ration used was as follows:

- Scratch mixture.
- 2 pounds cracked corn.
- 1 pound oats.
- Dry Mash
- 3 pounds corn meal
- 1 pound beef scrap.

The scratch mixture was fed sparingly so that the hens ate about equal parts of this mixture and of the dry mash. The total grain consumption of feed for the year was 52 pounds, of which 25 pounds was scratch mixture. Through out the year it took 4.6 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs.

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### GOING TO REUNION.

M. Bird, who had been visiting his son Prof. L. S. Bird and family, the past day or two, left Monday for Waco to join a brother and they will visit at their old home in North Carolina a few days before going on to Washington D. C. to attend the Old Confederate reunion.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Price 25c, 50 and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

### VISIT SWEETWATER.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle drove over to Sweetwater Sunday, and spent the day, making the trip in their new Overland.

Sweetwater, says Mr. Wigle is growing, new residences are going up all over the city, and the pike roads leading into the city are great.

They visited the points of interest in the city and expressed surprise at the growth and progress of our neighbor town.

B. H. Maylin of Del Rio, who had been visiting his father-in-law, A. J. Tyree and family, of the Valley creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

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### Returns Home From School.

Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood to meet her daughter, Miss Pauline, who was en route home from Decatur, Georgia, where she attended the Agness Scott College the past year. They arrived at home on the midnight train Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Alexander of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from a visit to Lometa. They were accompanied by Mrs. Nance, mother of Mrs. Alexander, who will visit with them.

### Patrolize—

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C. W. Evans, of the Jamison neighborhood, W. W. Paschal, of the Valley creek country, Fred Mapes and J. M. Greenhill, of the Pony creek country, and B. Mattheison of Olfin, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

H. W. Lynn, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Sunday en route to Galveston to attend the cotton oil mill convention meeting.



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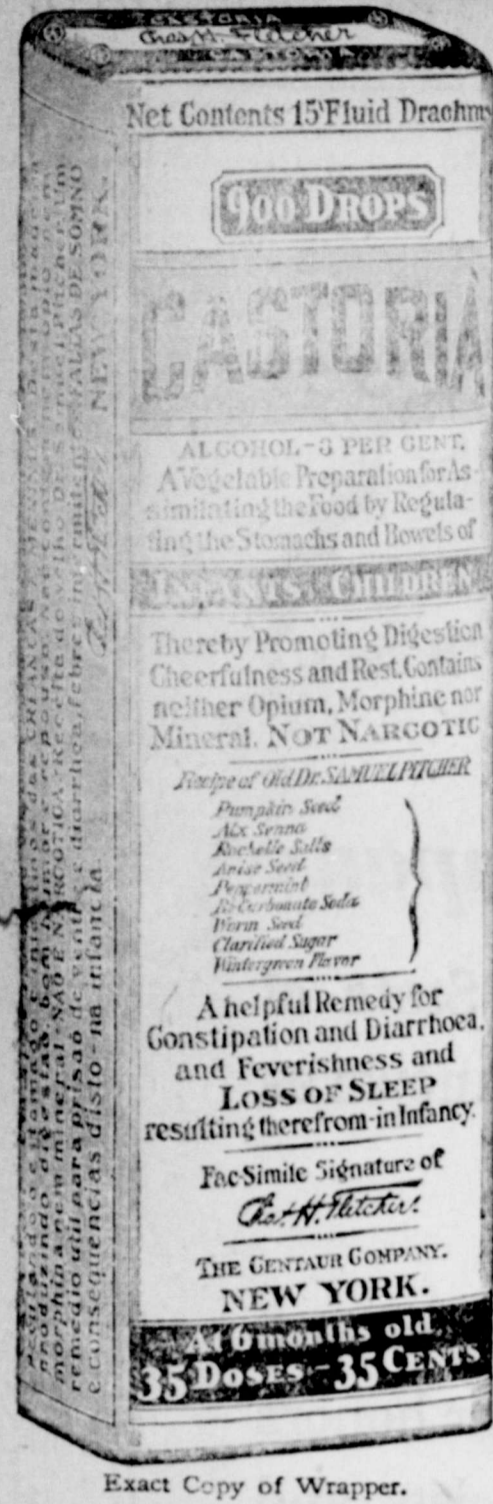
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## TREASON PLOT SECRETARY HELD

One by one the ring leaders of the conspiracy plot alleged to have been formed against the administration are being arrested. The latest arrest was made Saturday afternoon at Anson when state rangers and other officers arrested Samuel J. Powell, state secretary-treasurer of the Farmers and Laborers' Protective Association of America. Powell was carried to Abilene and placed in jail, and the Abilene Reporter of Sunday in giving an account of the apprehension of this man says:

After making an investigation in Anson for about two hours Saturday at noon, State Rangers John Montgomery and T. T. Spann, and E. K. Register, sheriff of Jones county, learned of the whereabouts of Mr. Powell and immediately went in search of the state secretary. He was found in his home about ten miles northwest of Anson close to the town of Radium. When the officers went in the house they found Mr. Powell in the act of mailing out letters which were addressed to men all over West Texas. Several hundred letters, addressed, stamped and sealed ready to mail were found and taken possession of. Mr. Powell stated that he had already mailed out a bunch of the letters. Besides the letters, the officers, after making a thorough search of the house, took charge of about ten thousand membership cards, bearing the lettering "F. & L. P. A. of A." These cards serve as "Dues Cards" as was signified thereon.

When Mr. Powell was arrested at his home he is said to have stated that he had been expecting it for several days. The letters that Mr. Powell was mailing out were enclosed in envelopes, on the corner of which was printed an advertisement of the "Radium Poultry Farm, Route A, Anson, Texas." There was also on the envelope the neat picture of a hen with some little chicks and the names and prices of nine different kinds of chickens and eggs, which were found on the Radium Poultry Farm. These envelopes were used in mailing out the literature for the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association of America. A copy of the letter that was being mailed out Saturday afternoon is as follows:

Anson, Tex., May 25, 1917.  
 To the Members of Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association of America.  
 Dear Brothers:  
 Through a misunderstanding of the objects, aims and purposes of our organization a number of good honest, conscientious and patriotic citizens of the United States have been arrested and are now either under bond or in prison who are innocent of any crime—who deserve under the laws of our country, and under the Constitution and By-Laws of our organization the aid of every patriotic member as well as citizenship of our organization and country in the matter of showing to the world that they are innocent and that their purposes are for the good of the laboring and toiling masses who make up and constitute the best citizenship of this or any other country.  
 While we are not holding an organization any violation of the laws of our country it may be possible that some parties, who are members of our organization have gone so far as to transgress the laws of our country, and it is not the object and purpose of this letter to uphold such parties in any way, but for the purpose of sending out to each member, a call for aid and help at this time and to see that the innocent members of our perfectly legal and industrial organization be given fair, equitable and just trial under the laws of our country by securing for them the proper legal advice and counsel.  
 We have secured the advice and counsel of Chastain and Nugent of Hamlin, Texas, who will have the defense of all of said parties who are justly entitled to representation in court through the aid and support of our organization.  
 It will probably take several thousand dollars to meet the expense and cover the attorneys fees in the defense of our brothers who may have charges preferred and be apprehended, and each and every member of our order is asked to assist with his part of these expenses.  
 Every local in this organization, should respond according to its numerical strength and financial

ability. Every individual member should do likewise.

The money will be used for the sole purpose of defending our brothers in court; my time and salary is free to the organization until the innocent have a fair defense. The State Secretary and other officials will have charge of all funds, and see that it is all used in defense of our rights and to protect the innocent brothers of the working class. We urge that you read your constitution, and pay no attention to mere rumors about the organization and the illegality of our conduct, as we, your officials, know that our organization is clearly within our Constitutional rights, and cannot be successfully assailed by the courts of our country.

We are sure that when the officials learn the real truth of our organization, they will gladly vindicate the organization and if any errors have been committed will lend a helping hand to correct the mistakes, and assist us in the future, instead of condemning us on account of the probable ignorance of some members, and the want of understanding the high purposes of our order, by the officials of the United States Government, as well as our local officers and neighbors.

Do not allow yourself to become excited by mere rumors in the press which could merely be based, to a large extent, on sensation. The organization is within the law and we have no fear for our position. Stand by your constitutional rights, the rights of your order wherever it is right and we will certainly violate no law, or do anything conflicting with the laws, of our country, or the rights of our citizenship.

We want every member to be a loyal citizen to right, loyal to the legal rights of his order, and do nothing in transgression of our Constitution, or the laws of the State of Texas or of the United States of America.

Do not ask that I look after any other business unless of great importance as my full time will be given to the defense of the innocent, and the rights of our organization to existence in the State of Texas and the United States. With your assistance we will vindicate our order and the innocence of our membership. Do not wait, act today for funds are badly needed.

Yours for justice,  
 SAMUEL J. POWELL,  
 State Secretary-Treas.

The above letter is published to show the association's side of the controversy. Following is the copy of a letter received by the Abilene Reporter:  
 The Abilene Reporter,  
 Abilene, Texas.  
 Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that the meaning of the emblems of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association of America, which are the Bible, strap, knife, gun and American flag, are being miscon-

strued by the press, we wish to make the following explanation: The Bible being the book of justice and the corner stone of our organization, teaches us to ever strive for right, justice, and the brotherhood of man. The strap or whip reminds us that the worker and slave were at one time kept in subjection by its use, and is merely a relic of a barbaric age. The knife or sword, teaches that the workers must be constantly on their guard, to prevent predatory wealth from forcing them into subjection by the use of the sword and the severing of every industrial, political, and constitutional right. The gun teaches that the industrial masters are always ready to use the gun to shoot all union men and women who have the audacity to demand living wages. The American flag, the emblem of liberty and justice, teaches that only through unity, co-operation and universal brotherhood can the world be freed from selfishness, greed, strife, and force.

We also wish to state that there is nothing in our obligation that in any way conflicts with our constitution; and that our constitution is at all times open to the inspection of the public.

Very Respectfully,  
 Z. L. Risley, Pres. of F. & L. P. A. of A.  
 Samuel J. Powell, Sec.-Treas.  
 Anson, Texas, May 24, 1917.

Among the numerous letters and literature, found in the possession of Mr. Powell, were scores of letters from the officials of similar organizations and from officers of the Industrial Workers of the World, organizations of other states in the Union. In all there was gathered up about two townships full of letters and other literature from Mr. Powell's home, all of which has been turned over to United States Commissioner Girard at Abilene.

Mr. Powell will be given a hearing Monday morning.

### Cholera Morbus.

This is a very painful and dangerous disease. In almost every neighborhood someone has died from it before medicine could be obtained or a physician summoned. The right way is to have a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house so as to be prepared for it. Mrs. Charles Eneyart, Huntington, Ind. writes: "During the summer of 1911 two of my children were taken sick with cholera morbus. I used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it gave them immediate relief."

Mrs. R. G. Parks and baby, who had been visiting relatives at Brownwood, came in Monday at noon to visit her sister, Mrs. H. Tucker and her father W. C. Penn and family, before going on to Wichita Falls to join Mr. Parks.

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## ANTI DRAFT PLOT COVERS COUNTRY

MARLIN, Tex., May 27.—Five residents of Cedar Springs, Falls county, were arrested by the sheriff's department upon instructions from federal authorities at Waco and are being held here pending an investigation. D. M. Radford, A. M. Radford, T. J. Downs and Dr. Maddox were placed in the county jail late this afternoon and C. L. Wooten was released on bond on account of the serious illness of his wife. It is alleged that they are members of the Farmers' Protective association, an organization whose object, it is said, is to resist war measures adopted by the government. The men claim they have violated no law and do not know why they were arrested. The Falls county locals of the organization are said to have disbanded.

DETROIT, May 28.—Accused of treason in connection with an alleged nation-wide anti-conscription conspiracy, five citizens of Detroit were arrested today by federal secret service agents. The specific offense for which they were held was for the distribution of hand-bills bearing the notation to kill the draft, and announcing a socialist mass meeting to this end for June 3rd.

U. P. Melton returned home at noon Monday from a short business trip to Dallas.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOUR GRADUATES

Prof. W. S. Fleming Sunday received four additional scholarships for the 1917 graduating class of the High School. The new scholarships came from Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.

The two high honor students, David Gregory and Miss Irma Dickinson, will each receive one of these educational foundations; and Miss Nina George and Guy Cook, second honor students, will receive the other two premiums.

A letter accompanying the scholarships, explains the delay of their presentation, stating that they were received too late from the printer to be mailed out in time for the Ballinger commencement.

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## BALLINGER STATE BANK BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

Ballinger will maintain her good standing with the administration by rapidly taking up her share of the Liberty Bonds. The Ballinger State Bank made application for \$2000 worth of Liberty Bonds some time ago, and individuals are subscribing liberally for the bonds.

This is campaign week for distributing the bonds and it is estimated that by Saturday night the entire issue of bonds will have been sold, and the American people will be successful in refuting insinuation made by kaiser and his gang that American patriotism would be lacking in the work of financing the war.

American money is patriotic money, because it is controlled by people who are not only ready to sacrifice their money, but their lives for the perpetuation of American rights. There is something for every man to do in this war, and the distribution of the war bonds is making it easy for many to perform their duty.

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 A. W. Sledge.....Editor

You salute the flag, you cheer the president, you call yourself that noblest of all names—an American. Then prove that you are sincere by buying a Liberty Bond.

Millions are risking their lives that you may live in safety and peace. Will you lend the money at three and one-half per cent interest to supply them with arms and ammunition? That is the proposition before the American people today.

With the war raging, and with conditions unsettled, it is easy for pessimism to get the best of us. As a rule the farmer is the man who does most of the complaining, but today the farmer is getting the most out of life and is the satisfied man, while the average business man is looking for an easy place to fall.

When you hear a man complaining about it being too dry to farm in this country, and expressing a disgrunt at things in general, gently remind him of the conditions in other countries and ask him to make the comparison. select the place that suits him best and quit his kicking. No man is living under bondage and should feel at liberty to move when he gets tired of a country.

**WARNING TO ROAD OVERSEERS.**

The charge given to the grand jury which is now in session, by District Judge J. O. Woodward, in regard to looking into the road conditions of the county and investigating the work of county road overseers come as a pleasant surprise to many, and it might be, that by this method there will be a change wrought in the present conditions of the county roads in general.—Brownwood Herald.

Judge Woodward gave out a warning when he made his talk to the grand jury here more than two months ago, and hinted that road overseers were violating the law in not putting up proper mile posts and road signs. He suggested that the grand jury not indict at this time, but frankly stated that here would be something doing in the future if this road law was not complied with. There is a pretty heavy penalty for failure to properly mark public roads with mile posts, and the road overseers who fails to do his duty will have to pay for his neglect, if the court's warning counts for anything.

**UNDESIRABLE CITIZENS**

Our sympathy goes out to our neighboring counties which are receiving some very undesirable advertising all because they have undesirable citizens. Something like 40 men in Nolan, Taylor, Fisher and Scurry counties have been arrested during the past week and charged with conspiring against the government that is protecting them have been filed against the men. Rannels County may have such citizens, but we hope not, and we trust that there is not a man in this county who is a member of the organization that was in the forming for the purpose of blocking the administration's war plans even to the extent of murdering patriotic innocent Americans. If there are any such men in this county we hope the federal officers will find them, and the quicker the better. Rannels county has no room for such undesirables, neither has Texas, or America, and the big job that the American government now has on its hands is meeting out a punishment that will be a just recompense for the crime committed. Banishment to the darkest jungles of Africa might serve as a just reward if it was not for the disgrace it would place upon the age and baboon race in that country.

Pura Mebane Triumph cotton seed for sale by Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-tf

**CLOSED HER SCHOOL.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ems, of the Winters country, came in Tuesday to accompany Miss Pearl Helums, who was en route to her home at Midway. Miss Helums taught a very successful school at Dry Hollow the past school year and closed her school last Friday. The patrons were so well pleased with her last year's work that they employed her for the ensuing year to begin next fall.

Mrs. Ems accompanied Miss Helums home to visit in that section a few weeks.

See us for Red Top Cane Seed, Clay Peas, Feterita and Maize Seed. West Texas Grain Co. 29-4f dw

**MAKING APPLICATION FOR A. & M. COLLEGE**

The committee appointed to make application for the West Texas A. & M. College held its final meeting Tuesday afternoon, and selected a committee of three to go to Austin and file with the locating board Ballinger's application. Judge Jno. I. Guion, Jno. A. Weeks, and R. P. Kirk left Wednesday afternoon for Austin and will file the application Thursday.

The citizens of Ballinger will no doubt feel proud of the work done by the committee when they are told of the most complete application drafted and sent to Austin. The committee has worked faithfully and we feel have met every requirement of the locating board in drafting the application, including all the data and information that is necessary to give the locating board an idea of what advantages this city offers for the school.

The committee who left for Austin this afternoon carried with them five copies of the application, including five sets of maps, four different maps in each set. The application covers twenty pages of legal cap paper closely typewritten. The application contains information that will be valuable from time to time for other purposes, regardless of whether Ballinger is successful in securing this college.

Three of the maps filed with the application shows the location of the three different sites, or combination of sites, this city will offer the locating board. The fourth map is a map of the district within which this college is to be located, showing the advantages of Ballinger from a geographical standpoint. The entire application is compiled in such way as to give the locating board at first glance the wonderful advantages offered here for such an institution as the A. & M. College.

While nothing definite has been given out it is expected that the locating board will have a meeting within the next few days, and that they will start out on their tour of inspection within the next ten days. Ballinger will be included in the towns visited by the locating board, and every member of the local committee is enthusiastic over the success they have met with so far and feel hopeful of securing the college.

Plenty of North Texas Ear Corn West Texas Grain Co. 29-ftdw

**BROWN CO. WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT**

(Brownwood Herald)

Mrs. V. G. Cash, of Blanket happened to a most serious accident yesterday when a .22 calibre target rifle bullet accidentally fired from a gun in the hands of her husband struck her in the right side and passed almost through her body. Immediately following the accident she was brought to Brownwood by Neely Dabney in his car, and placed in a local sanitarium where she underwent an operation and the bullet was removed. The incision made in the probe for the bullet was in the back above the right hip.

The accident occurred while Mrs. Cash, her husband and niece were out squirrel hunting in the pasture of C. Q. Dabney about a mile from the town of Blanket. Mr. Cash had stooped over to pick up the squirrel which had fallen from the tree and the gun accidentally discharged the bullet striking his wife who was standing directly in front of him.

Reports from her bedside last night were to the effect that she was resting nicely.

Master Austin Voelkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Voelkel of Rowena, came in Monday morning to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel and to be under the treatment of a physician a few days.

**BUYS BALLINGER PROPERTY.**

C. A. Weldon and G. H. Flowers of Brownwood, were in Ballinger Monday and closed up the deal in which Mr. Flowers sold to Mr. Weldon a nice residence on Strawn avenue and Mr. Weldon informed us that he and his family would move to our city soon to make their home.

**HEDGING AGAINST PINK BOLL WORM**

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The danger of introducing the pink boll worm and other injurious insects in cotton seed adhering to imported cotton seed cake, meal and other cotton seed products except oil, has led the Secretary of Agriculture to call a hearing to determine whether such products should be admitted under restriction, or whether their importation from all foreign countries should be prohibited. The hearing will be held in Room 411, 1358 B street S. W., Washington, D. C., at 10 o'clock a. m. June 4, 1917. Those interested are invited to attend the hearing or to express their views in writing to the Federal Horticultural Board, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

No quarantine restrictions are contemplated for cotton seed oil which is not a carrier of seeds.

Mebane Cotton Seed, \$1.00 per bushel. West Texas Grain Co. 29-ftdw

**LIBERTY BOND GATECHISM LESSON**

Question. What is a Government bond?

Answer. It is a receipt given by the Government for money loaned to them.

Q. Why do they call it a "Liberty" bond?

A. Because the money you lend the Government will be used to make this world a safe place to live in, and to fight the Germans in Europe right now instead of having to do it in Texas in a few year's time.

Q. Then we have to fight the Germans anyway?

A. Yes. They will crush us without mercy, if we ever give them the chance.

Q. Why should I lend the Government this money?

A. Because money is more important than men. To send our boys to the front without money to keep the big artillery going, is murder.

Q. Is my money safe if I lend it?

A. Uncle Sam's word and all his wealth is back of his bond.

Q. How much does Uncle Sam want me to lend them?

A. What you can afford, even if it's only \$50.00.

Q. Will I be paid any interest?

A. Sure. \$3.50 a year for every \$100.00 you lend.

Q. Will I have to pay taxes on the amount I lend?

A. No. And by escaping taxes the bond is as good as a 5 per cent investment.

Q. Suppose I need money later?

A. Take your bond to the bank and borrow money on it. It will be the best security in the world.

Q. Must I pay all of the money at once?

A. No. Only \$2.00 on every \$100.00 you decide to loan, and the balance on easy terms between now and August 30th.

Q. Where do I apply for a bond?

A. At any bank.

Q. I guess that as an American citizen I must buy a bond.

A. You have said it.

**ARRESTED FOR IMPROPER REMARKS.**

An agent of the United States Department of Justice is expected to arrive in San Angelo from San Antonio today to investigate the case of G. P. Morris, San Antonio oculist, taken into custody by the police Friday night for alleged improper remarks he is said to have made about the government. A letter found in Morris' possession, unposted but addressed to someone named "Mary" stated: "To hell with W. W. and all the plutocrats."

Police Chief Snow wired to R. L. Barnes, special agent in charge at San Antonio, early Saturday morning and received the following reply: "Telegram received. Will send man to investigate party held very soon. He will probably arrive tomorrow. Thank you."—San Angelo Standard.

Max Russell and family moved their household goods Monday out to the Russell ranch, up the river, the former Bob Wylie ranch home, where they will spend the summer months, and will return to Ballinger when school begins.

**REPORT SHOWS RAIN, WIND AND HAIL HERE**

The weather report gathered by the West Texas Telephone Co. over its wires, show that the rain Tuesday night was light, and no place reports as much as an inch. The hail was light and no place reporting indicates any damage from hail. Considerable wind reports made from some points in the county, but no serious damage. At Ballinger a number of trees were blown down and out-houses tumbled over, and while large hail stones fell they were scattering and did no damage. A large show window glass was smashed in the front of the Lankford furniture store, either by the wind or something else during the night.

Following is the weather report as given out by the telephone company at Ballinger:

Abilene, good rain, little hail; Brady one-half inch; Brownwood good rain, no hail; Coleman 4-100 inch, no hail; Concho one-fourth inch, no hail; Eden one-half inch, no hail; Ft. Chadbourne no rain; Hatchel one-fourth inch; no hail; Leaday, three-fourth inch, little hail; Maverick, light shower; Menard one-fourth inch, no hail; Miles, good rain, no hail; Millersview one-half inch; Norton light shower; Olfen one-fourth inch, no hail; Paint Rock one-fourth inch, no hail; Pony one-half inch, some hail; Rowena, three-fourths inch, little hail; San Angelo light shower; Santa Anna light shower; Stacy light shower; Talpa good rain, no hail; Truitt light shower; Wilmeth, Wingate, Winters, Robert Lee, Sweetwater, Sterling City, She-

**SEVERE WIND STORM.**

John H. Webb, of the Pony creek country, was in the city Wednesday and says he had a pretty good rain Tuesday night and the heavy wind did considerable damage to his fruit trees and crops, but the hail was rather light.

Rouse Jeanes, of the Valley Creek country, says he had about three-fourth of an inch rain Tuesday night, no hail, but right severe wind.

The roof on the shed at the O. K. Waggon Yard was partly blown off by the high wind.

The brick flue on R. E. Lanes' home was struck by lightning and completely demolished and the lightning ran down the metal ridge and finally got an outlet in the vent hole of the closet without any damage to the house.

W. G. Chapman of South Ballinger, reports considerable damage from the high winds and slight hail which damaged his fruit crop and field crops, but says the crops will come out all right, he thinks.

More or less damage reported in several places south of the city.

**A DANGEROUS AUTO WRECK.**

H. C. Moten, of the Wingate country, was in Ballinger Saturday afternoon to have his auto repaired after a right severe wreck last Friday afternoon, when he and O. J. Hinds, of Winters, had a head-on collision.

Mr. Moten says they were turning a corner in the road and the cars both turned the same way and the crash hit full in the face and both cars almost demolished and seemed a miracle that the occupants of the cars were not killed or seriously hurt, however, we are

glad to learn that the damage occurred only to the two cars.

C. D. Dickinson, of Cleburne, and Tom McDonald and Albert Deal, of Hillsboro, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Concho county, where the latter two gentlemen are figuring on buying a ranch from Mr. Dickinson.

**"Come on Over, See My Corn Fall Off!"**

"I Put 2 Drops of 'Gets-It' on Last Night—Now Watch—"

"See—all you have to do is to use your two fingers and lift the corn right off. That's the way 'Gets-It' always works. You just put on about 2 drops. Then the corn not only shrivels, but loosens from the toe, without affecting the surrounding flesh in the least. Why, it's almost a pleasure to have corns and



"That Was a Quick Funeral That Corn Had With 'Gets-It'."

see how 'Gets-It' gets them off in a hurry and without the least pain. I can wear tight shoes, dance and walk as though I never had corns."

"Gets-It" makes the use of irritating salves, bundling bandage-tape, plasters and other things not only foolish, but unnecessary. Use this wonderful discovery, "Gets-It," for any soft or hard corn or callus. It is the new, simple, easy, quick way, and it never fails. You'll never have to cut a corn again with knives or scissors, and run chances of blood poison. Try "Gets-It" tonight. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere, in a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce, and The Walker Drug Co.

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**B**EGINNING today the name of this drug store will be known as "Weeks"—a notice of the dissolution of

**The Walker Drug Company**

having been recorded by the State of Texas. This firm will now be known as

**WEEKS'**

The same live-wire sales force and soda dispensary will compete for honors with three registered pharmacists and and aggressive business corps. "The best in drug store service and finest in drug store merchandise," will continue to prevail here.

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# MATERNITY

A great many young women about to become mothers worry over the fear that the great strain and physical suffering may impair their good looks. But thousands of women who have borne several children tell of the preparation known as "Mother's Friend" which has proven itself a boon in just such cases.

"Mother's Friend" is a preparation of special oils and other ingredients especially prepared for expectant mothers. It is a prescription of a famous physician.

"Mother's Friend" helps nature and makes it easy for the muscles and ligaments of the abdomen to expand. Much of the pain and discomfort is relieved.

All druggists supply "Mother's Friend." Apply it yourself, night and morning. Many women say it is worth its weight in gold.

Just the information every mother should possess is contained in a special book, prepared by the Bradford Regulator Company, Dept. M, 413 Atlanta, Ga. Write for the book; it is free to users.

## Civil War Food Prices Prevail In Nation Today

While there is a general complaint today at the high cost of living, the people should find consolation by comparing conditions with conditions that prevailed during the Civil War. At that time prices for food stuff was about on a par with present prices, and wages was far below what workmen are receiving today. However, people lived more at home during Civil War and did not depend on tin cans and paper bags for their living as is the case with so many people today.

While our country is in war the people are not giving way to sorrow, are as we might say in this day, haven't got the blues, and enjoying a life of gaiety as usual. At the breaking of the Civil War

pleasure gave way to sorrow and for two years there was a struggle and life of economy. There were no joy rides and fast living as is so freely indulged in today. But after two years of war the American people grew tired of the war and reverted to pleasure seeking again, and the usual social functions were soon in full sway and all kinds of sport were well patronized.

As is the case today wages during the Civil War only increased about 25 per cent while the necessities of life increased from 60 to 100 per cent. Eggs jumped from 15 cents to 25 cents; cheese advanced from 8 cents to 15 cents; potatoes from \$1.50 to \$2.25 per bushel; while wages increased from \$1.75 to \$2 per day for blacksmiths; \$1 to \$1.25 for common laborer; from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day for bricklayers, etc. the average increase for all lines of work being about 25 per cent.

The following prices taken from a New York paper, after the war had been in progress for some time, gives an example of the cost of food prices at that time:

Flour, per barrel	\$17.00
Potatoes per pushel	2.00
Sugar, per lb	.18
Lard, per lb	.15
Butter, per lb	.30
Eggs, per dozen	.25
Hams, per lb	.24
Tea, per lb	.69
Coffee, per lb	.18
Beans, per quart	.08
Rice, per lb	.11
Corrmeal, per lb	.02

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Judge J. W. Powell has 25 residence houses for sale. Prices \$250 to \$1250. \$50 cash down and monthly payments will buy them. Easy terms, why pay rent. 30-3td 2tw

**FOR SALE**—Practically new Ford, in good condition, with some extras. Apply to H. C. Norwood at Harwell Motor Co. 29-5td1tw pd

**OATS FOR SALE**—I have 200 bushels good oats for sale, \$1 per bushel at my grainery will buy them. W. A. Guin. Hatchell Texas. 1tdw

**FOR SALE**—Three good work horses and two second hand buggies and will trade for chickens, hogs, or calves. S. C. Royalty, Ballinger. 18-3tw

**FOR SALE**—My property in Ballinger consisting of one 5-room house, barn and large underground cistern. One 4 room dwelling, one warehouse 34x50 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-1fw.

**FOR TRADE**—For work mares or mules, good as new car. Call at Ledger office for particulars. Z-21-4tw.

**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 Rock, Texas. 7-1-17

## DRUG STORE NOW CALLED "WEEKS"

Today's issue of The Ledger carries an announcement by Jno. A. Weeks, stating that the corporation, The Walker Drug Co. has been dissolved, and that the new firm will be known as "Weeks."

There is more in this simple statement than the words would seem to denote. It means that the credit for building one of the largest and finest drug stores in Central West Texas now rests where it should—with the sole owner and manager of this popular gathering place.

John A. Weeks is one of the best known figures in pharmaceutical circles in the Southwest, rising from a mere drug clerk to sole owner of this prosperous business. He has been for 10 years a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, being appointed under three successive governors; is ex-President of the Texas State Pharmaceutical Association; is vice-President of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, and is prominently in line for President of the national order of druggists.

From 1885 when this drug store was established by E. D. Walker and J. J. Erwin, with E. D. Walker as manager, until the present time the name "Walker" has been in the firm name, but in later years since 1906 everyone has naturally thought of the store as Weeks' drug store.

It was in the year 1905 that the Citizens National Bank bought the drug store, stock and all, and moved it to its present location in order to use the building for banking purposes. As J. A. Walker of Brownwood, was a principal stockholder in the bank at this time, the name "The Walker Drug Company" was decided on and incorporated. Turner Moore operated the pharmacy for the bank until 1906 when D. S. Harrell and Angus Hunter bought controlling stock in the concern. It was in May 1906 that Jno. A. Weeks first became interested in the corporation, purchasing a one-third interest. The years 1906-'07 must have been rather more prosperous than ever for the company, and things began to take on real life under the aggressive policies of Mr. Weeks. It was then that he disposed of a block of the stock to Col. C. L. Morgan, and to James D. Morgan, (now deceased). In 1909 C. L. Morgan sold out and retired in favor of the two younger men—death overtaking James D. Morgan in 1915—and J. A. Weeks has continued the business until today under the name, as before stated, of the Walker Drug Co.

On May 12th of this year formal application for dissolution of the old firm was asked for from the State, and was subsequently granted. At the same time announcement is now served on all the many friends of Weeks over the state of Texas and in other states, as well as the patrons in this section of Texas, to look for the name—"Weeks"—In Business for Your Health.

One of the reasons Mr. Weeks gives for his success is that he has always been fortunate in surrounding himself with a corps of highly alert young assistants. Messrs. A. R. Crews, A. R. Jones, and J. M. Pyburn, were elected as directors last year and will continue to give their best to the advancement of the business. Three registered pharmacists make the "sudden service" slogan of this store an actuality. Especial attention is paid in this drug store to the soda fountain; where many are to be found at all hours.

Today and forever, it's Weeks'.

Prof. U. S. Daniels, who taught at Beaumont the past school year, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon to spend the summer in the Norton country.

**MORTUARY.**

**G. W. Tankersley Dead.**

The remains of George Washington Tankersley, a pioneer cattleman of West Texas and for many years a citizen of Tom Green county, passed through Ballinger from Galveston, Tuesday, and were buried at San Angelo Wednesday. Mr. Tankersley died in a hospital at Galveston where he went for treatment. Deceased was in this county before the country became civilized and helped to drive the Indians back further west.

## PURE SISAL BINDER TWINE AT EIGHTEEN CENTS PER POUND

# HALL HARDWARE CO.

## W. O. W. PROPOSES INCREASE IN DUES

Every member of the W. O. W. Lodge has received a notice to be present at the regular meeting of the order to be held Friday evening of this week and express himself on the question of levying a special assessment of eight cents per month. Four cents of the extra assessment proposed, if authorized by the members, will go into the sick benefit fund and four cents to the building fund.

It will be remembered that the Woodmen recently purchased the Opera House hall and converted that hall into a lodge room. In doing this considerable debt was incurred, and by different means it is expected to soon pay off this debt. The small assessment to be submitted for its approval will help to pay the debt.

The object of the Woodmen of the World is to provide funds for those in need, and while the insurance feature is considered the most important feature of this order by many of the members, the fraternal feature should not be overlooked. The fraternal feature is to care for those in distress, help the sick, and the four cents assessed against each member will add greatly to the sick benefit fund and when there is medicine to buy and nurses to be employed for sick members, and other help call for by the unfortunate members the lodge will be in a position to help them.

Eight cents per month will only amount to ninety-six cents per year, and no one should object to paying this amount to help care for those in need, and for providing a home for the order to carry on its work in.

## LEMONS WHITEN AND BEAUTIFY THE SKIN

Make this beauty lotion cheaply for your face, neck, arms and hands.

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quarter pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage, it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It is marvelous to smooth-iron rough, red hands.

"It is astonishing," said Arch Crews of the Walker Drug Co., "the increased interest we find that is being taken in the Murphy Calendar published each month by the local advertisers. When we first started on the trips over the country to give away the premium money, it was a half days job to find some one who was daily keeping up with the ads that were being run in connection with the dates. Even last month it took us four hours hard driving and we called on seventeen families. But now there is a very different tale to tell. Friday morning we left town at nine o'clock and after about an hours drive we were back in town. We visited five homes and found that they were all keeping up with the ads, however, most of them had failed to look at it on the day we were out, all manifested great interest and seemed awfully sorry

that they allowed themselves to be caught napping. At L. M. Hughes' they had the April Calendar hanging up instead of the proper one.

At M. L. Taylor's, P. H. Hamilton's, and W. H. Cains' they had all failed to prepare themselves for a visit on that day but all had been keeping up with it every day prior to that.

Mrs. C. C. Gray, who lives about four miles from town on the New Home road was the lucky one, she experienced no difficulty in telling who was advertising and what was being advertised. Today she is richer by five gold dollars. I think that the Calendar has been a success in every respect for it has caused the people to read the ads closer and with more interest than they would otherwise."

## GETTING READY FOR THE AUTO RUSH.

The opinion that there will be good business with auto dealers when a good crop is harvested seems to hold good with most of the local dealers, and local stocks are being replenished preparatory for handling the heavy business. O'Kelley & Walton received a new shipment of cars this week, restocking them in good shape. This firm had sold down pretty close. In fact they did not have a new car in stock the shipment was received today. The advance in prices of autos as well as the advance in the cost of gasoline is calculated to cripple the business.

## SON-IN-LAW AT POINT OF DEATH.

C. C. Schuchard is in Fort Worth, where he went to join Mrs. Schuchard and other members of the family upon receipt of a message stating that his son-in-law, Mr. Tipton, of Menard, was very low and not expected to live. Mrs. Schuchard had been in Fort Worth for the past two or three weeks. According to the information received here, Mr. Tipton was taken ill at Menard several weeks ago, the first illness being only what was thought to be a minor headache. He grew worse and was carried to Fort Worth for treatment and later his condition necessitated the calling of his family, and the latest reports say that he is at the point of death. Mr. Tipton is a prominent stockman of the Menard country and has friends here who will regret to hear of his serious illness.

W. A. Cummings, the Norton blacksmith, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here ordered a bill of stationery from the Ledger's job department.

J. M. Jennings of the Norton country and J. T. Brown of Winters, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

## YOUNG FOLKS, UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU TO DO HIS OFFICE WORK.

Prepare to grasp the great war opportunity by the horns, you can't hold it by the tail.

Girls and boys, opportunity is knocking at your door as never before. You probably do not fully realize what this means; how much it means to you and to your country. Are you prepared? It will not take you long to make the preparation if you adopt the following motto "DIG" "DETERMINE," "DELIVER." To dig means to strive earnestly, conscientiously diligently day after day, securing a practical training for which the business world pays cash, and then when you have secured this training keep on digging—Dig! Determine, without determination you cannot make a success of your future. It takes determination to do anything, and with it you can revolutionize the world, you can accomplish everything. Deliver—That is the natural result after putting into operation the other two mottoes—Dig and Determine. Can you not embody these three words in your life to an advantage? Begin today to Dig for a practical training by entering the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, for a course of Bookkeeping, Short-hand, Steno, Business Administration and Finance, handling and classing of cotton, or Telegraphy. Secure a training that will help you deliver the goods in an office for Uncle Sam or in some big business house that is anxious for the services of those properly trained. When we fail to make a success we have no one to censure but self, for we are the architects of our own future. It is much easier to fail than to succeed.

Begin on your practical cash producing education this month, and finish your course that we may see that you are placed in a nice position. A whole lot of energy and a little cash will greatly increase your earning capacity. Write us for free catalogue. We have helped thousands and can help you.

**TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, Tyler, Texas.**

**McWilliams-Tucker**

Rev. Gates spoke the beautiful and impressive marriage vows Wednesday afternoon that united for life, Mr. Lewin McWilliams and Miss Louise Tucker, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker, of Hatchell.

They will make home on the beautiful home ranch of the groom's father, Feb. McWilliams, southeast of Ballinger.

The bride and groom are two of Runnels county's favorite young people and The Ledger joins a large circle in predicting and wishing for them a bright future.

Plenty of North Texas Ear Corn West Texas Grain Co. 29-tfdv

## On Guard

This Board of Directors assures conservative banking and brings to the service of this company and its customers the combined experience of successful business men. You are cheerfully invited to confer with our officers.

H. GIESECKE, President.

R. R. RUSSELL, J. F. CURRIE, E. D. WALKER, Vice-Presidents

A. C. HOMANN, Cashier

J. L. CHASTAIN, AUDY GUSTAVUS, Assistant Cashiers

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS**

**BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS**



### Rheumatism Should Be Nipped in The Bud

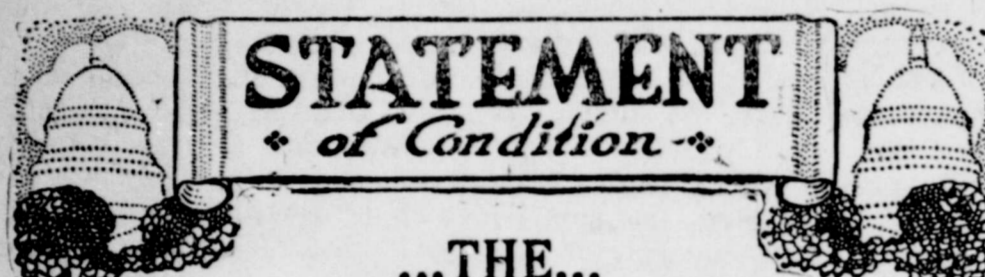
Rheumatism in its early stages may delude you into believing that it is a disease of a purely local and temporary nature. Beyond a slight numbness of the limbs and pains in the joints or back, there may be no outward indications of it, but if you do not heed these warnings, or if you rely upon liniments to cure you, it will grow rapidly worse until you have rheumatism in its most violent form. These symptoms, mild in the beginning but growing steadily worse, indicate that your blood is impregnated

with Uric Acid, which, if not eradicated, will contaminate your entire system. The results will be racking pains in the joints, muscles and limbs, chronic stomach troubles and a sluggish liver. The only relief is in the restoration of the blood to its normal, vigorous condition, which can be accomplished by taking S. S. S., the unfailing remedy for rheumatic troubles. Our Medical Department is at the disposal of all users of S. S. S. Swift Specific Co., 303 Swift Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Lucille Spann left Sunday afternoon for her home at Austin, where she will attend the University this summer. Miss Spann has been visiting her grandfather, A. J. Spann of this city, since completing a successful school at Baldwin, where she is to teach again next year.

J. F. Kuhn, one of the prominent Rowena merchants, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, burning, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.



**STATEMENT of Condition**

...THE...

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER**

May 1st, 1917

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and Discounts	\$398,839.91
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	41,607.93
Cash and Exchange	122,729.80
	<b>\$618,577.64</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	56,117.13
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	428,460.51
	<b>\$618,577.64</b>


The above statement is correct. R. G. Frwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

**Swat the Fly and Beautify**

We can help you keep the fly out of your home with our screen doors and windows. We can help you beautify your home with our big line of De Voe paints. Little bills and big bills given the same attention.

**Ballinger Lumber Company**



**SAFETY**

Your duty to yourself, to your family, to society

**Demands**

that you look after the

**Safety**

of your funds.

Thieves do steal and Fire brands burn, but your money in this bank is here for you when you want it. The man who has his money in the bank is the man with his mind at ease.

**RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION**

**The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.**

**STRENGTH SERVICE**

### 4 TEACHERS HAND IN RESIGNATION

Four of the school teachers recently elected to teach in the Ballinger schools next term, have tendered their resignation. Prof. and Mrs. E. L. James, who have had charge of the South Ballinger school during the past term, it will be remembered were re-elected. Prof. James notified the school board this week that he could not accept the place, and gave as his reason his election to the principalship of the Winters High School, and the election of his wife to teach primary in the Winters school. Prof. and Mrs. James have made good in the Ballinger schools and it was hoped that they would accept the places offered them here for another year.

Miss Alpha Caperton and Miss Margaret Gregory, who taught in the West Ward school during the last term, also notified the board this week that they could not accept the places offered to them by re-election. No statements were made by the last named teachers as to why they were resigning. Both of these teachers were also very successful in their work last term, and their re-election met with the approval of the patrons of the school.

### STOMACH AILMENTS THE NATION'S CURSE



There is no ailment causing more woe and misery than Stomach Trouble. Often Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Constipation, Yellow Indigestion, Auto-intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other serious and fatal ailments result from it. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is unlike any other remedy. It sweeps the poisonous bile and catarrhal secretions from the system. Soothes and allays Chronic Inflammation. Many declare it has saved their lives, and prevented serious surgical operations. Try one dose today. Watch its marvelous results. Contains no alcohol—no habit-forming drugs. Book on Stomach Ailments FREE. Address Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago. Better yet—obtain a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy from Walker Drug Co., or any reliable druggist, who will refund your money if it fails.

### PIERCE MILLER IS DEAD.

Pierce Miller, Sr., of Live Oak, died one day last week and was buried Sunday in the Eden cemetery. Mr. Miller had been suffering some time of cancer of which he died. He was one of the early settlers of this country, having been here since the pioneer days. He was a good citizen and reared a family of boys and girls who are among our best citizens. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter, also a brother, Dan Miller. Another of our county and state builders has passed away. May we emulate his life as a useful and good citizen and thus make his life live though he be dead.—Paint Rock Herald.

### Sour Stomach.

This is a mild form of indigestion. It is usually brought on by eating too rapidly or too much, or of food not suited to your digestive organs. If you will eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, eat but little meat and none at all for supper, you will more than likely avoid the sour stomach without taking any medicine whatever. When you have sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid digestion.

Capt. Robert Bailey, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Scott H. Mack and family, left Monday at noon for his home at San Angelo.

Arteak Stuart returned home Monday at noon from Brownwood where he had been attending Howard Payne College the past school year.

Miss Franne Baker returned home Monday morning from a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hall and family of San Angelo.

### MEXICAN BRINGS STOLEN WOOL HERE

The officers arrested a Mexican early Thursday morning and he is being held in jail to await the action of the grand jury. The Mexican is charged with stealing wool valued at about \$120. He was arrested while attempting to sell the wool. In fact he had perfected a sale when the buyer became a little suspicious and postponed settlement until an investigation could be had.

The Mexican came to Ballinger about nine o'clock Wednesday night, according to his own story, and spent the night with his half brother near the city. Early Thursday morning he came to town with a little more than two hundred pounds of wool on a small wagon. He sold the wool to A. J. Zappe. Before settling for the wool Mr. Zappe put some rather pointed questions to the Mexican and his answers were not altogether satisfactory. The Mexican had previously offered the wool for sale to E. L. Rasbury. Mr. Rasbury also became suspicious and the officers were soon on the scene and took charge of the Mexican.

After being placed under arrest and confronted with his crooked statements concerning the way in which he came into possession of the wool, the Mexican "fessed up" and told how he got the wool. According to his own story he stole it from F. Beck, of near Talpa, taking a small quantity of wool from each sack and placing it in small sacks, which he brought to Ballinger. It is the opinion of the officers that the Mexican had an accomplice and other arrests will probably be made.

A bilious, half-sick feeling, loss of energy, and constipated bowels can be relieved with surprising promptness by using Herbine. The first dose brings improvement, a few doses puts the system in fine, vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

### WOOL GROWERS SELLING CLIP

The annual wool sale held here from year to year for several years past, and which has been the attraction for many buyers from a distance, will not be held this year. This is due to the fact that the sheep men are not storing their wool, but are selling it as fast as clipped and brought to market.

E. L. Rasbury, a local buyer, has been buying the bulk of the wool brought here this spring, and the high price being paid for wool is a temptation that the sheep men can not turn down. The wool has been bringing around forty-five cents.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and can not put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities Herbine is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

### BROWNWOOD YOUNG LADY WEDDED TO WINTERS MAN

Mr. A. F. Adams of Winters, Texas, and Miss Sue Wood of this city were married last night at seven o'clock by Rev. W. R. Earp at the Earp home, corner Avenue D and Fourth street. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few friends and relatives of the bride being present.

Miss Woods, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Woods is an accomplished young lady of the city and is surrounded by a great host of friends who will reluctantly see her leave Brownwood. She has only recently returned from New Mexico where she spent the past school term teaching.

Mr. Adams is a prominent young business man of Winters, Texas, being engaged in the tailoring business in that city. The couple left last night for Winters, where they will make their future home.—Brownwood Herald.

Children that are affected by worms are pale and sickly and liable to contract some fatal disease. White's Cream Vermifuge expels worms promptly and puts the child on the road to health. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Uncle Mark Smith returned home a day or two ago from a visit to his old home in Limestone county and reports crop conditions looking good in that section. He enjoyed seeing old friends, but is glad to be back in the healthful ozone of West Texas.

### OUR LUNGS ARE DELICATE

Overwork, lack of fresh air, mental strain or any sickness disturbs their functions. Stubborn coughs tear and wear the sensitive lung tissues.

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

should be taken promptly for hard coughs, unyielding colds, or when strength is lowered from any cause. Its high nutritive value creates resistive force to ward off sickness. The rich cod liver oil improves the quality of the blood to relieve the cold and the glycerine is soothing and healing to the lung tissues. Refuse Alcoholic Substitutes Which Exclude the Oil.

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK U. S. GOVERNMENT BUYS LIBERTY BONDS ISSUED MESSAGE

The First National Bank made application this week for \$10,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. This is the largest purchase made in this section of the country and speaks well for the patriotism of this bank, as well as for their good judgment in investing in this class of securities.

Liberty Bonds bring a profit of three and one-half per cent, which is a great deal more than many investments bring after all expenses are charged off. And then there is the patriotic satisfaction of knowing that every dollar put in war bonds will help to democratize the world, and spread Americanism to lands now dominated by heartless rulers.

**The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head**  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

### MORE TRIALS FOR O. C. WELLS.

Sheriff Hawley C. Allen, left Monday evening on the Orient for Bland, Texas, to testify in the trial of Oliver Wells, who is charged with burglary and the theft of jewelry valued at \$300. The stolen goods were recovered by officers here.

Wells is a familiar character to San Angelo officers, having been arrested here last fall, charged with the burglary of a store at Blackwell. Since that time, numerous charges have been entered against him throughout North Texas.—San Angelo Standard.

### GREEN FRONT RESTAURANT CHANGES HANDS.

Emmett Long closed the deal Thursday in which he sold his restaurant, known as the Green Front, to Pete Laxson and Joe Hadden and these gentlemen will keep open at the same old stand. Mr. Long will still make Ballinger home, of course, but wants to recuperate a few weeks before engaging in any other business.

## Two Billion Dollar United States 3 1/2% Gold Bonds

**LIBERTY LOAN**  
DATED JUNE 15, 1917; INTEREST PAYABLE JUNE 15, DECEMBER 15, MATURING 30 YEARS.  
MAY BE REDEEMED BY GOVERNMENT IN 15 YEARS. ISSUED IN FOLLOWING DENOMINATIONS.  
REGISTERED, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5000, \$10,000, \$50,000, \$100,000. COUPON BONDS, PAYABLE TO BEARER, \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1000.  
SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE PAID AS FOLLOWS:  
2 per cent ..... ON APPLICATION  
18 per cent on ..... June 28  
20 per cent on ..... July 30  
30 per cent on ..... August 15  
30 per cent on ..... August 30  
Bonds To Be Delivered When Paid For in Full  
Holder Has Privilege of Converting Into Any Bonds Issued Later During the War at Higher Rate of Interest.

### Buy a Liberty Bond!

We Will Accept Subscriptions Until June 14—Our Services Free.  
You can buy one \$100.00 Liberty Bond through us and pay for same \$5.00 cash and \$5.00 weekly for nineteen consecutive weeks. Bonds of larger denomination can be bought by making payments proportionately. For instance: If you desire to buy \$200 in Liberty Bonds, you may do so by paying \$10.00 cash and \$10.00 per week for nineteen consecutive weeks.

If you fail to make the weekly payments all the payments you have made will be returned to you without interest December 31, 1917.

The above arrangements can be made with us until June 9, 1917.

APPLY TO  
**Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company**  
Ballinger, Texas

## "The Joy of the Open Road"

Is never better appreciated than in a Hudson Super-Six.

Whether it is for an evening's ride on the boulevard, a run out to the country or a trip across the continent, the Hudson Super-Six will give you confidence of a safe, joyful ride.

**HUDSON Super-Six**



Power such as the Hudson Super-Six has is essential if your trip is to be pleasant. Endurance such as the Super-Six has shown is vital if your trip is to be unmarred by mechanical shortcomings.

Phaeton, 7-pass. \$1650	Town Car - - - 2925
Cabriolet, 3-pass. 1950	Town Car Land. 3025
Touring Sedan - 2175	Limousine - - 2925
Speedster, 4-pass. 1750	Limousine Land. 3025

(All Prices f. o. b. Detroit)

*Higginbotham Bros. & Co.*  
of Texas  
CAPITAL \$1,500,000.00

## Wealth of U. S. Greater than any Two Nations

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Uncle Sam glanced at his trial balance April 1, 1917, and gleaned the following brief statement of his condition.

Assets... \$200,000,000,000 plus  
Liabilities 1,023,357,250

In other words, the total material wealth of the United States was in excess of two hundred billion dollars, some estimates placing it as high as two hundred and twenty five billions. The last official total was in 1912 when the figures were one hundred eighty seven billions. On April 1, 1917, our national debt was slightly over a billion. Uncle Sam's debts as compared with his assets were about as one is to 220.

But the smile that decorated Uncle Sam's face was not inspired entirely by the statement of his comparative debits and credits. He looked at the record of national income and saw that the total was forty billions of dollars a year, or forty times his debts. He took out his pencil and made some comparisons. He found that his national income had increased more than 33 per cent in the last seven years, and more than 115 per cent in the last seventeen years.

Continuing further with the inventory, the old gentleman turned to the page devoted to foreign trade and discovered that this item for 1916 amounted to between seven and eight billions of dollars, or more than double that of the previous year. He peered over at the page where it is recorded the distribution of the world's gold supply, and discovered that he possessed nearly three billions of dollars of gold, or one third of the world's total. He discovered that there were no deposit in banks and trust companies, of his realm, approximately 25 billions of dollars, and that there was borrowed from banks and trust companies, for commercial purposes, about eighteen billions of dollars.

In addition to keeping a good set of books on his own business, Uncle Sam kept books on the affairs of his neighbors. He made some interesting comparisons and discovered that the material wealth of the United States was greater than that of any two nations on earth. He found that it was as great as the total combined wealth of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy. It was more than double that of England; four times that of France and eight times that of Italy. His notes indicated that at the beginning of the war the total material wealth of Germany was eighty-five billions of dollars, and that of Great Britain eighty billions. Verily this giant of the West, contemplating these figures, for the first time, really became conscious of his greatness.

Then Uncle Sam began to investigate the debit accounts of his neighbors. He found that since the beginning of the war—August first, 1914—Great Britain had borrowed in excess of nineteen billions of dollars which, added to the national debt previously existing, made a total indebtedness in excess of twenty-five billion dollars, and which, by the end of 1917 would approach thirty billion dollars.

He discovered that since 1914 France had borrowed approximately eleven billion dollars, that Germany had borrowed fourteen billions, which added to its previous debt of one billion two hundred dollars, made a new total, including accrued interest, of approximately sixteen billion dollars.

He noted that since 1914 Russia had borrowed about eight billion dollars; that Austria had borrowed in excess of six billions; Italy two and one half billions and Hungary almost two billion dollars.

He computed that by the end of 1917 Great Britain would have practically one third of her national wealth mortgaged; that France would have easily one-fourth; and that Germany, the chief of the central powers, would soon have approximately one-fourth of its assets mortgaged.

He noted that Germany alone pays an annual interest charge of approximately \$832,000,000.

Then Uncle Sam realized that to date he had borrowed less than one two-hundredth of his assets; that to go into debt to the extent his European neighbors have borrowed would require borrowing to the extent of nearly fifty billions. This volume of money would enable him to conduct five years of warfare with an annual expenditure equal to that which Great Britain is now making.

So, in spite of the fact that the Liberty Loan multiplies the national debt by seven, in spite of the fact that it is the largest loan ever offered in the world's history, a comparison of the proposed debt, with our resources, compels the conclusion that such a volume of borrowing, under present conditions, will hardly impair, to the slightest degree, the nation's credit and the successful consummation of this loan will not require anything like the financial strain that most European nations have already successfully undergone.

B. C. Mann, a prominent stock man of Garden City, is the guest of his father-in-law, Dr. E. R. Walker, and family, while in this section looking after pasturage for his cattle.

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## SCHOOL BOARD IS FILLING VACANCIES

The school board has elected three new teachers to fill three of the vacancies created recently when four of the teachers resigned. The board met Monday afternoon for this purpose and to transact any other business that might need attention at this time.

Miss Cora Whitlowe, who has been teaching primary in West ward, was elected to succeed Miss Alpha Caperton, resigned, principal of the West Ward School.

Miss Nellie Moss, of Lockhart, was elected to succeed Miss Whitlowe. Miss Moss was elected to teach in the Ballinger schools one year ago, but declined to accept the place offered at that time.

Mrs. Jackson Shields was elected principal of the South Ward school to succeed Prof. E. L. James, who resigned to accept a place at Winters. The primary place formerly filled by Mrs. James in the South Ward school is still vacant, but there are a number of applications for the place, and the board will make a selection at an early date.

Miss Myrtle Whitaker was elected to succeed Miss Margaret Gregory, resigned, as teacher in the West Ward school.

While in session Monday the board balanced books and found that after all debts were paid there remained in the treasury about \$700. In compliance with the demands made by the inspector, who recently visited the school from the state department of education, the board made improvements in the science and library department of the high school.

\$100 was appropriated for making improvements in the library and \$200 was appropriated for the science department. \$300 was appropriated for the negro school. The district does not own a negro building, and the negro school has been conducted in a building provided by the negroes for that purpose, but they recently lost the building by being unable to pay for it, and the board has been called on to provide for the negro children.

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Sores, Pimples, Itching, Eczema, Ring Worms, Sweaty Feet, Sun Burns Tetter and All Skin Troubles are Quickly Banished by the Moderate use of Dr. Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil.

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Ask your druggist for a copy of Dr. Tinkle's Guide to Health. It will give you much valuable information.

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Ask for Dr. Tinkle's Remedies, consisting of Liver-ize, Healing Oil, Baby Bowel Remedy, Stomach Remedy, Dusting Powder and Scrow Worm Killer if you want the best. They are sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., in Crews by J. W. Rainwater, in Hatchel by J. T. Branham; Miles by Palae Drug Store, City Drug store, in Pony by Pat Mapes, in Rowena by Shillers Pharmacy, in Tooken by J. W. Bright, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, City Drug Store, Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., in Maverick by T. L. Todd.

## SCHOOL GIRLS RETURN TO HOMES

Misses Virginia Wood and Geneva Currie returned home Wednesday at noon from Denton, where they had been attending the State normal the past school year.

J. D. Quicksall of the state department of agriculture, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Sweetwater from Brady.

## DEMONSTRATOR SAYS HAIL DAMAGED CROPS

Last week was a busy week for Farm Demonstrator Eaton. He was busy moving his family from Comanche to Ballinger during the first two days of the week, and the remainder of the week he was kept on the jump on account of farmers having trouble getting stands of cotton, and there being a complaint along this line.

As is shown by Mr. Eaton's weekly report to the government, a copy of which we had the pleasure of reading, he made demonstrations on twenty-five farms, traveling nearly two hundred miles during the four later days of the week, after moving his family to Ballinger. In addition to this he had thirty callers at his office on business connected with his work.

In the general summary of his work as shown in his weekly report he says:

"Monday and Tuesday were spent in moving family and household goods from Comanche to Ballinger."

"Wednesday in company with Mr. Miller, banker, we visited three of his farms. He is having trouble getting stands of cotton on his farms."

"Thursday in company with Mr. McGregor, manager Hall Hardware Co., and a mechanic, we visited several farms in the Maverick community. This section was visited by a very destructive hail, causing most of the farmers to have to plant cotton again. Feed stuff was not hurt materially."

"Friday in company with Mr. Voelkel, a businessman, we visited the Rowena section. We found a strip of country about 11 miles long and 3 miles wide also damaged seriously by hail. All cotton being planted over. Feed crops all O. K."

"Saturday was spent in office. This section has had good rains from 2 to 3 inches, sufficient for some time. Planting has been done and farmers are now rushing cultivation."

"Some damage by insects and in some sections poor stands prevail."

## FARMERS FROM 16 COUNTIES COMING

The Pecan Valley District Farmers Union No. 26 will hold its annual meeting in Ballinger, beginning July 17th at 3 p. m. A letter from the secretary of the District Union, H. J. Guyer, of Brownwood, received this week, stated that the meeting was being well advertised and that prominent members of the union from all over Texas would be here, and that the sixteen counties comprising the district would be well represented.

This convention will consist of closed sessions, but there will be a number of open sessions to which the public will be invited, and the citizens of Ballinger will of course be expected to furnish some form of entertainment during the convention, and it is expected that a local committee will take up this work at an early date and co-operate with the union committee.

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## CATTLE SHIPMENT.

J. A. Nichols and Street & Middleton shipped out Monday a carload each of fat cattle to the Ft. Worth markets and Mr. Nichols left in the afternoon for that place to sell the stock.

Wiley Hinds, of Winters, shipped from this point a carload of cattle to Fort Worth.

Charlie Wimberly and Lonnie and Judson Baldwin of the Crews country, shipped out Tuesday two cars of fat cattle to the Fort Worth market.

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## LODGE MEETS.

Ballinger Lodge No. 29 K. of P. met last evening in regular session. Much business was transacted and enthusiasm and interest

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When ministers of some of the greatest communions in the land indorse Tanlac their words carry conviction. They say what they know to be the truth. They have put Tanlac to the test of personal service and have not found it wanting.

The proprietors of Tanlac have received countless testimonials from people in every walk of life, earnestly commending it. Among them are a number of prominent ministers of various churches. A few of these are printed below.

Rev. W. C. Norton is pastor of the Wesley Memorial church of Jacksonville, Fla. He says:—"I suffered from chronic indigestion for years. I seldom slept well and had severe headaches. Since taking Tanlac I feel as well as ever I did—sleep splendidly and eat anything I want. Tanlac has restored my health and I feel it my duty to recommend it."

Rev. A. H. Sykes, pastor of Watkins Park Presbyterian church, Nashville, Tenn., says:—"Mrs. Sykes suffered from stomach and kidney troubles and a nervous breakdown. Tanlac restored her health—she is gaining strength and flesh rapidly—her full restoration is but a question of time."

Rev. E. G. Butler, pastor of Central Baptist church, Muskogee, Okla., says:—"I had attacks of acute indigestion. Results from taking Tanlac have been most satisfactory—am glad to recommend it as the best medicine I have ever tried."

Rev. F. M. Winburn, Methodist, San Antonio, Tex., says:—"I had no appetite—suffered from weakness and general debility—could not work without quickly tiring. Found Tanlac just what my system needed. I consider Tanlac a good medicine to build up rundown systems."

Rev. R. J. Taylor, pastor St. Pleasant Baptist church, Franklin, Tex., says:—"Grippe left me in very bad shape—had indigestion

tion, nervous headaches—could not sleep well. Tanlac gave me a good appetite, strengthened my nerves. I sleep well as ever—have gained five pounds."

Rev. A. L. Tull, Methodist, Atlanta, Ga., says:—"My granddaughter was a nervous wreck from indigestion. Tanlac gave her an appetite—she can eat anything. She is on the road to recovery."

Rev. Jas. H. New, Baptist, Clarkston, Ga., says:—"My wife had severe cramps, headaches, was very nervous, badly rundown, weak and thin. Tanlac caused her troubles to disappear—she never complains now."

Rev. A. J. Vallery, former superintendent Bethany Home, Monroe, La., now of Memphis, Tenn., says:—"Three years ago I had a general breakdown with indigestion—had rheumatic pains in legs. Since taking Tanlac am relieved of indigestion—rheumatic pains have stopped—feel like a new man. I give Tanlac my unqualified endorsement."

Rev. John M. Sims, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga., says:—"I suffered from nervous indigestion and inactive liver—digestions badly impaired. Tanlac corrected these troubles entirely—gained ten pounds taking two bottles."

Rev. W. T. Roby, Pastor West Loonsdale Methodist church, Knoxville, Tenn., testifies from personal experience as to the great benefit he derived from taking Tanlac for disordered stomach.

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was very much in evidence. Nomination of officers was an enthusiastic display of interest.

On June 4th, 1917, election of officers will take place and possibly work in the third rank will be indulged in after which the good cheer dispensed by this order will be in evidence. The Grand Lodge representative will describe the doings of the Grand Lodge—do your duty and be present.

Prof. Fleming will leave within a day or two for San Marcos, Texas, where he goes to do nine weeks work in the State Normal at that place, teaching in the summer normal. He will be absent from the city for about two months, but will return in time to get everything in shape for the opening of the 1917-18 term of school.

Prof. Fleming taught in the San Marcos Normal last summer and it is quite a boost for him to be called back for the summer normal again this summer. He taught in the Baylor University summer school the two previous summers, and his standing with the educational institutions of the state is clearly indicated by the fact that he is seldom given a summer's vacation, but is called on every summer to do normal work.

## LOCAL DOCTOR CALLED TO SERVICE

Dr. E. R. Walker received a call Tuesday calling him to come to Austin and stand examination for service in Uncle Sam's army. Dr. Walker will be examined for the medical corps, and if accepted he will be assigned to duty in some of the training camps and if the war continues will no doubt be called to the front with the boys. Dr. Walker has a brother who is a Colonel in the regular army and is

stationed at Washington and is in line for a prominent promotion at an early date.

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## Dry Weather Prevails in West.

Kenzie Routh came in from his ranch in Glasscock county Tuesday, and is here seeking grass for his cattle, which he says he must move to save them and keep them from eating their heads off on war time prices for feed. A severe drought prevails throughout a good portion of West Texas and the livestock interest is suffering. Mr. Routh has kept his cattle in good shape by feeding, but at present prices for feed it does not take a cow long to eat her head off.

## LITTLE DAUGHTER OPERATED UPON.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd accompanied their little daughter Evelyn to the Halley & Love Sanitarium Wednesday morning, where her adnoids were successfully removed.

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