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HAIG'S TROOPS BREAK HINDENBURG LINE

FAMOUS ITALIAN FLYER MISSING

Rome, Nov. 19.—Dannunzio, Italy's famous author and one of the greatest air fighters in the world, is believed to have been killed in action. Dannunzio was participating in an attack on the Austro-Germans when he suddenly disappeared, either having descended and was captured or was killed in a fall.

London, Nov. 20.—Censored dispatches received here from Italian headquarters pointed out the possible necessity for the Italians abandoning the Piave river line, in order to complete preparations to resume an offensive.

Rome, Nov. 20.—The Pope of Rome has extracted from Germany and Austria a promise not to ramage and plunder the city of Venice, nor to remove any of her priceless treasures, if the city is evacuated before the advancing teutonic armies. This report comes from well authenticated authorities and indicates that Venice is in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy.

Rome, Nov. 19.—The Italian war office announced today that the enemy had been checked, the Austro-Germans having suffered defeat and heavy losses all along the Piave river line. The official announcement stated that the Teutons were unable to advance anywhere.

Rome, Nov. 17.—Enemy troops forced a crossing of the Piave River between Sabatual and Santandrea Di Barbarano today, but were driven back across the stream with heavy losses. The Italians had previously released five dikes of the Piave, and had flooded the valley, but the Teutons forced a crossing.

Rome, Nov. 21.—Because of the disadvantageous battle grounds offered along the Piave river, further strategic retirement of the Italians is necessary, according to reliable information. This will give the teutons more territory and probably leave Venice easy for the enemy. The British and French forces sent to reinforce the Italians have not gone into action, and the Italian troops, single handed, are bearing the full burden of the bitter assault being waged by the teutons.

700 SHEEP DIE FROM STARVATION

San Angelo, Nov. 21.—Seven hundred sheep are dead at Barnhart, fifty-four miles west of San Angelo on the Orient railroad, as the result of starvation and of poisoning that is thought to have been caused by eating parched milk weed. The report of this, the first great fatality to livestock in West Texas due to the drouth and the lack of shipping facilities, was received Tuesday morning. The ownership of the flock that died from want of feed had not been learned in the city at noon Tuesday. J. F. Treadwell, inspector for the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, was absent and, it was believed had gone to Barnhart to investigate conditions there. A. B. Sherwood, cashier of the Western National Bank, on Monday saw the dead animals lying in heaps in a lane near Barnhart. It was understood that the sheep had been brought to the town for shipment. The delivery of stock cars for their removal was delayed, no feedstuff of any kind could be obtained and the starving flock ate dry milkweed. Shortly afterward every sheep was dead, and their carcasses had not been removed from the lane Monday night. The loss of the sheep, it is believed, will arouse government officials to the seriousness of the situation in West Texas and both cars and feedstuff, so long promised, will shortly be forthcoming.

A. J. Voelkel had business in Rowena Monday.

ANGELO MAN DIES FROM SHAVING SELF

As the result of blood poisoning, believed to have been caused by shaving himself, F. L. Alexander, age thirty-six years, died at his home at 21 West Eleventh street, Thursday morning at six o'clock. Mr. Alexander shaved himself last Friday, opening a small sore on his neck at the time. He became ill shortly afterward and his condition reached a serious stage Wednesday, despite the efforts of physicians to allay the effects of the poison.—San Angelo Standard.

GAS ATTACK ON AMERICAN SOLDIERS

With the American Army in France, Nov. 18.—The first German gas attack on our troops to be made on a considerable scale occurred early this morning. Though the number of gas shells fired by the Teutons was not large the enemy concentrated his fire on a small portion of one sector, while in his previous "gassings" since the Americans entered the front line the shells spread over a wide area.

The attack was made before daylight. A gas alarm was immediately sounded. Every man in this particular sector quickly donned his gas mask. The attack lasted thirty minutes, after which a light wind carried away the vapors, and the men removed their masks. There were no casualties and none of the men complained of feeling the slightest discomfort. The situation in the American sector continues normal, the usual artillery activity, patrol and rifle exchanges taking place.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Gen Pershing reported to the war department today the loss of three more men in the American expeditionary forces now in France. Two of the deaths were caused by pneumonia and one American died as the result of being struck by a train.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Two American soldiers were killed and six wounded in an engagement with the Germans Tuesday night, Gen Pershing reported to Washington today. This is the total loss to the Americans in the report of the attack recently when it was said "other Americans killed."

Washington, Nov. 20.—The Chauncy, the small United States destroyer, carried to its watery grave 21 Americans, according to reports received at Washington today. The Chauncy was on patrol duty in foreign waters when it was damaged in a collision with another boat and sank before the crew could be rescued.

Hoboken, Nov. 20.—Fire broke out in an army transport, the Pastores, here today. The transport was tied up at a dock formerly used by the North German Lloyd. The ship was damaged considerably before the blaze was placed under control.

United Press dispatches received from American Field Headquarters in France today, brings the news of the killing and wounding of more Americans in the front line trenches. The loss to the American army came as the result of a hot shelling to which the Germans subjected the front line trenches. The number of dead and wounded is not known. One of the Americans killed was killed by German sniper. One German shell wounded several American before they could take refuge in their dugouts. The heavy fire from the Germans came after the Americans had attacked a large German patrol in No Man's land, and killed and wounded several Germans.

In the patrol and ambush work which followed the Americans did brilliant fighting, killing one German and wounding two.

With the American Army in France, Nov. 14.—American infantrymen exacted a partial revenge for a trench raid during a recent night by ambushing a large

German patrol in No Man's Land, killing or wounding a number of the enemy. The American patrol in which there were some Frenchmen arranged the ambush near the German lines on a shell ruined farm. After lying in the mud nearly all night the patience of the watchers was rewarded by the sight of a large German patrol. Its number more than doubled that of the Franco-Americans. The Germans were permitted to pass when the Americans and Frenchmen on their flank opened a hot fire from shell craters and other shelters where they were secreted. The Germans were taken completely by surprise and bolted, carrying with them their men who had been hit. The number of dead and wounded Germans is uncertain but none of the men in ambush was hit by bullets which the Germans later sent in from a distance. There were congratulations all around when the Americans and French re-entered their trenches.

Patrol work on both sides is becoming more active as is also the artillery fire. The Germans during one twenty-four-hour period of a recent day sent over at least three times as many shells as on the first days after the Americans were entrenched. One night the firing in the back areas against the approaches of the communicating trenches reached the proportion of drum fire. It was evident the Germans thought an American trench relief was taking place. As a matter of fact no relief was in progress and no material damage was done. During the last two nights the Germans have continuously used machine guns in the direction of the American line. Sniping is becoming more active on both sides. American snipers are working close to the German lines especially when the nights are clear. The activity by enemy snipers thus far has resulted in one American casualty. A non-commissioned officer was hit in the head and killed.

NUMBERS MUST REMAIN ON CARS

Austin, Nov. 20.—A number once given or assigned by the State Highway Commission to an automobile, motorcycle or other motor driven vehicle stays with said vehicle according to a ruling issued by the State Highway Department.

When the ownership of a car changes hands, the number follows the car. In event the owner of the car should sell it but decide to keep the number, he would have to pay the tax on the car although he has sold it.

The law also reads that equal responsibility shall devolve upon the owner of a number and the person to whom the car may have been sold, until a record of the transfer has been made with the State Highway Commission. The commission has been receiving many inquiries on this question.

GERMAN LODGE HELPS Y. M. C. A. WORK

The Sons of Herman held a meeting in Ballinger Sunday afternoon, and among the workings of the secret order was the passing of a resolution appropriating \$10 to the army Y. M. C. A. work. The committee in charge of raising \$1000 in this county has been notified of the Son Herman subscription and instructed to call on the proper officer of that lodge and get the money.

Mrs. Alec McGregor returned Saturday from San Angelo, where she had been visiting for a short time.

TO RESTORE MONARCHY IN RUSSIA

Paris, Nov. 20.—An effort is being made to restore monarchy in Russia. Grand Duke Nicholas has been out in command of General Kalendine's cossacks in the general plan to restore the monarchy. This news came to Paris today in Vienna dispatches via Geneva and which were printed in the L'Information.

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—American Ambassador Francis made a formal request to the Bolshevik authorities today for a train to carry the members of the American colony here to Serbia. There are two hundred Americans waiting to leave the Russian capital and Ambassador Francis made a request for a special train with protection against revolutionists.

Kerensky Troops Stopped. Stockholm, Nov. 19.—Reliable messages received here report that the Provisional government forces have been checked in their march toward Petrograd, and the Bolsheviks following greatly strengthened.

Revolutionists Hold Moscow.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Messages received from the American consul general at Moscow by the state department today, says that the Maximalists have taken over all power in Moscow after a week's fighting, the provisional government having lost entire control of the city.

BURNS TO DEATH.

Sherman, Texas, Nov. 19.—While attempting to start a fire with coal oil, at her home at Hagerman, near here, late yesterday, Lillia May Thompson, was so badly burned that she died a short time later. Her father who tried to rescue her is in critical condition. Mrs. Thompson was painfully burned but will recover.

London, Nov. 21.—Winning one of the greatest victories of the war, the forces of Gen Haig have just smashed through the Hindenburg line at various points over a front at least a score of miles.

The British staved their way through the enemy lines for a distance of between four and five miles, breaking through the first defenses of the Germans. The second line, more than a mile beyond the preliminary defenses were also stormed by the British.

Cambra is now almost in the hands of the British and will be the next objective. More than a thousand men and a great number of guns and other stores of supplies were captured by the allies in the successful advance.

Gen. Pershing Witness Victory.

With British Armies in France, Nov. 21.—Gen Pershing witnessed the great British victory just won by the Haig troops.

Judge A. K. Doss is remodeling the interior of the home recently purchased from C. C. Schuhard. Petitions are being rearranged, the house repapered, and the plumbing installed. The Doss family will occupy the house about the first of December.

ACTIVITY IN DIRT AT MILES TOWN

Miles, Texas, Nov. 19.—Mrs. M. E. Stephens, mother of W. T. Stephens, county tax assessor, this week sold to F. A. Hooverland 100 acres one mile east of town for \$5,000, all cash. Mrs. Stephens retained her 320 acres in Tom Green county and home in Miles and will remain here.

W. J. Hicks sold his 200 acres two miles southeast of town for \$6,000 to Otto Kruger. Mr. Kruger will occupy the farm the first of the year and Mr. Hicks is planning to invest elsewhere.

L. D. Balkum sold to F. H. Bertrand 502 acres on the Concho for \$12,000. This is known as the Dr. Yates place. Mr. Balkum will remain on the place and cultivate at least 100 acres under irrigation next year.

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Soldiers Receive More Attention than Civilians

No one knows better than General Allen, commanding the 90th Division, National Army, at Camp Travis, that an efficient army is an army composed of soldiers who are in good health. Those who have sent members of their respective families to compose this great division can have a no more comforting thought than that everything that modern science, eternal vigilance and constant watchfulness can do is being done to keep the soldiers at Camp Travis strong in body and in the best of health.

In no line of endeavor is that axiom "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" applied with greater energy than at Camp Travis. The 90th Division is like one great big family. Its efficiency as a fighting unit is impaired by each soldier in that command that is sick. Not only to provide the greatest possible efficiency, but also to conserve the bodies of the soldiers for the future is one of the problems that has had the thought and attention of some of the foremost minds in the medical world, for the medical personnel now at Camp Travis is composed of physicians who have already earned their right to speak with authority upon matters of health, hygiene and sanitation.

In a family of 30,000 people there is a constant danger and an ever present opportunity for the breaking out and the spreading of contagious diseases. Measles and mumps, concomitants of childhood days, make a never ending fight to find lodgment in camps. Mild cases of both these diseases have, as was expected, appeared at Camp Travis. But infected units have been quarantined, stricken cases have been held at a much lower minimum than would have been if the case in any city of the same population as Camp Travis.

No alien is given more careful attention than the common cold, for the common cold often furnishes a splendid breeding ground for pneumonia. Pneumonia has appeared in this camp, just like it has appeared in other communities in this state. Against no disease is there waged a more vigilant war than against pneumonia. A common cold is taken in hand by the physicians when it first appears. Those thus affected are not passed from under observation of physicians until it has been found that the common cold is that and nothing more.

The medical corps of the army believes firmly and practices religiously that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. To the end that disease finds no place in Camp Travis where it can spread, no stone is left unturned to insure absolute cleanliness in everything. The food served the soldiers is scrutinized with scientific eyes. Kitchens are required to be spic and span and housewives who take a pride in their households can well afford to envy the results secured. Shower baths, with hot and cold water, are provided and the men themselves use

to it that they are used by every soldier in Camp Travis. An immense laundry serves the soldiers at a charge of \$1.50 per month for all the washing the soldiers require or desire done.

On arriving at camp each soldier is given a thorough, careful physical examination. Those with minor ailments, or suffering from defects that can be corrected through known agencies are segregated into a separate battalion and there trained back to robustness. There are dental officers who look after the teeth of the command and there are expert physical training experts who direct the work of rebuilding the unfinished bodies. The sick are treated at a large hospital known as the base hospital, which has a capacity of 1,000 beds and a better equipped or more well fitted hospital is not to be found anywhere.

The result of all this care and attention is that soldiers at Camp Travis are better looked after than 99 out of every 100 men at large. The learning of the things that should cause anxiety for relatives and friends is the health of the soldiers at Camp Travis. Every officer at Camp Travis must cooperate with and coordinate his efforts with the medical officers, who are supreme in all things that conserve and preserve the health of the soldiers.

That the energies expended to keep the soldiers at Camp Travis in good health are worth while is attested by the fact that no community, no city in the south with 30,000 population can point to such splendid results as have been the fruit of this care and attention. There are fewer cases of sickness at Camp Travis today than in any city in this state of one-third the population of Camp Travis. As the men are built up physically and become hardened to all things that affect the health this sickness will be still further decreased, for at Camp Travis there is being waged a fight that never ends and there is being maintained a vigilance that never flags to maintain the highest health standard that modern science and demonstrated methods can devise.

Cured Her Son of a Cold.

"When my son, Ellis, was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuehell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant to take.

GROUND GLASS IS FOUND IN CORN BREAD

Rogers, Texas, Nov. 17.—Fred Williams of Rogers reported to Dr. Curtis this morning that he and his wife had discovered something wrong with the corn bread they had for supper last night, and submitted a piece of the bread for examination. Upon close inspection the doctor found several pieces of ground glass in the bread. The local dealer who sold the meal to Mr. Williams will probably ship the remainder on hand back to the milling company for examination. The meal was put up in this county, and it is thought to be quite possible that the glass got into the corn while being shelled, as the corn is handled with scoops, and shelled by machinery.

For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

WEEKS BUYS NEW BUICK.

Jno. A. Weeks purchased from Higginbotham Bros. & Co. a new seven-passenger Buick, last Saturday. The new car is of the 1917 model, battleship gray, and so far the latest Buick car put on the market.

SEED COTTON

Don't sell your seed cotton without seeing us. Don Moser and Ed Eubanks, on Hutchings Ave. 26-w4t.

C. O. Harris of San Angelo was a business visitor to Ballinger Monday.

MAN IN BATTLE WITH 2 MEXICANS

San Angelo, Nov. 17.—In a pitched battle between S. T. Estes and Diapoldo Ramirez, a Mexican, at the Lee Knight ranch in the southern part of Tom Green county Tuesday afternoon, eleven shots from Winchesters were fired and no one hit. Sheriff Allen Tuesday afternoon arrested the Mexican and placed him in jail. Mr. Estes, who was defending himself and family from an attack by Mexicans, went on his way to Rudd, where he has located for the coming year. Mr. Estes, discussing the battle, said his eyesight is bad, which accounted for the fact that he failed to score a hit.

The trouble grew out of a horse swap of a few days before. Mr. Estes had traded horses with a Mexican by the name of Santiago Lara. The next day Lara decided that he was not satisfied. Mr. Estes was moving to Rudd and Lara overtook him and wanted to swap back. Mr. Estes finally pacified Lara by giving him an old saddle. But Lara was not satisfied long. He went for a companion, Ramirez. The two armed themselves with Winchesters and started out to take the horse from Mr. Estes. It was near the Lee Knight ranch that Mr. Estes saw the Mexicans coming toward him in a gallop. He knew that a fight was coming and had his family drive on out of the danger zone while he remained to hold the fort.

Mr. Estes took his position behind a clump of bushes. When the Mexicans were in hearing distance he yelled for them to stop. They refused and reached for their Winchesters and Mr. Estes opened the ball. At the first shot Lara decided he did not want the horse Mr. Estes had nor the one he was riding. He deserted his horse and made for tall timber. There was a cloud of dust where he scouted across the prairie. But it was different with Senor Ramirez. He was in the fight to stay and returned the fire.

The Mexican decided to adopt the old Indian style of fighting. He started his horse in a half circle and continued pouring a raking fire at Mr. Estes. Before completing the half circle the Mexican had fired six shots from his Winchester and was astonished to see the little puffs of smoke continue to come from the clump of bushes. He decided that he might get a bullet in his hide if he remained about there and so he turned his horse and headed the other way.

Mr. Estes lamented the fact that his eyes are getting bad. He wiped his 30-30 and went on to join his family. Then he continued his way unmolested.

FRETFUL BABIES NEED A LAXATIVE

When your baby is cross and fretful the chances are it is constipated and that a mild laxative is all that is necessary to make it comfortable and happy. Inactive bowels are the cause of as much discomfort to children as to older people, and unless the condition is promptly relieved is very apt to develop serious illness.

For children there is nothing that will act more easily than the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It does not gripe and is free from opiate or narcotic drugs, is pleasant to the taste, and positively effective; children like it and take it readily.

If you have never tried this simple, inexpensive remedy, get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin from your druggist and have it in the house to use the next time any of the children seem out of sorts. A trial bottle can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 456 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

So far as could be learned Senor Lara has not come back for the horse he deserted in the pinch.

Seed Oats.

For prices on strictly No. 2 Rust proof Oats, see J. H. Taylor, or phone number 3302 rural, or leave your order at The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company. I can save you money. 3td-wtf.

JOE WARD RELEASED FROM BOND

In a letter to friends Joe Ward, formerly band instructor at Ballinger, writes from Giddings, Texas, and says that the grand jury failed to indict him for killing a man at that place two or three months ago. It will be remembered that Mr. Ward shot a man on the streets of that town, shooting him several times and killing him instantly. In the letter Mr. Ward states that he will go before the grand jury and request that they return a bill against him so he can go into court and get a clean bill of health by proving himself justifiable.

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NEW MANAGER FOR HARDIN LUMBER CO.

E. E. Proctor arrived in Ballinger the latter part of last week from Winters, and will begin his duties as manager of the Hardin Lumber Company here immediately. He had been in Winters for some time with the same company.

NOTICE.

Ladwig and Taylor, dealers in grain, hay, and feed stuffs of all kinds. Phone 63. wtf.

NOTICE

We have received Liberty Bonds covering all subscriptions received through our Bank to Second Liberty Loan.

In order to avoid unnecessary expense and risk of loss we are holding all Bonds in our fire-proof and Burglar-proof vault for safe keeping.

We have arranged a special file in our vault for Liberty Loan Bonds and we will be glad to care for all Bonds deposited with us WITHOUT COST TO ANYONE.

The **First National Bank** of Ballinger

BEAR HUNTERS BAG 450 POUNDER

Pecos, Texas, Nov. 17.—John B. Howard returned Wednesday afternoon from the Davis Mountains

where he had been on a bear and deer hunt. In the crowd from Pecos were Jno. B. Howard, Hugh Roberson, and Elmer Reynolds, Lee D. Kingston, and J. J. Bush joined them at Balmorhea.

Howard brought back both bear meat and venison to prove a successful hunt. He left the other hunters in the Davis Mountains.

The bag up to the time Howard left consisted of three bears, one weighing in the neighborhood of 450 pounds, the other two being cubs, and two big black-tailed deer.

Jno. B. Howard divided the meat among his friends Wednesday, and left with The Enterprise family a fine bear roast and a fine lot of venison for which he and his party have the sincere thanks of the family.

Each of these gentlemen are expert riflemen and seldom let their game get away once they get a glimpse of it. However, on this trip Howard and Kingston came upon a big bear which Kingston took a crack at with his pistol (he had left his rifle at the camp on this occasion in order to give Howard a chance to kill a real bear) and called Howard to make ready to kill it when he appeared and showed the latter where to look for him. He showed up at the exact spot designated and Howard cracked down on him some eight or ten times and "never touched a hair." Evidently this was John's day off and he begged Lee to give him a good kicking and send him home afoot.

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

RED CROSS NOTES.

The Red Cross Chapter has received a small supply of knitting yarn. Those desiring to knit may come to the library any afternoon this week, to get their yarn and instructions from Mrs. George Pearce, superintendent of knitting.

Miss Maggie Underwood has been appointed chairman of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Miss Underwood will have, in a few days a supply of these seals for sale at the Ballinger Dry Goods Co.'s store.

Wagon and Buggies at Cost.

We have a few more Wagons and Buggies that we will sell at Cost. Ballinger Saddle and Mfg. Co. 2-w4t.

Hatton Laxton returned Sunday from Missouri, where he had been to buy a shipment of corn for his stock.

Pains, Dizzy Spells

Mrs. G. P. Cartwright, of Whitwell, Tenn., writes: "I suffered with bearing-down pains. . . The dizzy spells got so bad that when I would start to walk, I would just pretty nearly fall. Was very much run-down. I told my husband I thought Cardui would help me. . . He got me a bottle. . . It helped me so much that he got me another bottle. I got a whole lot better. The dizzy spells and the bearing-down pains . . . left me entirely." If you are weak and run-down, or suffer from womanly pains,

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The Woman's Tonic

You can feel safe in giving Cardui a thorough trial. It is composed of mild, vegetable, medicinal ingredients, recognized by standard medical books for many years, as being of great value in the troubles from which only women suffer. The enthusiastic praise of the thousands of women who have been helped by Cardui in its past 40 years of successful use should assure you of its genuine merit, and convince you that it would be worth your while to try this medicine for your troubles. All druggists sell it.

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A vigorous stomach, perfect working liver and regular acting bowels, if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They correct Constipation—have a tonic effect on the system—eliminate poisons through the bowels. 25c.

TEMPLE PEOPLE FIND GLASS IN CAN OF CHILI

The housewife of one of the best known families in Temple, but who desired that her name be not used, informed the Telegram last night that finely broken up or ground glass had been found in a can of chili, bearing the brand of a Fort Worth manufacturer, which was being served to the family for supper. The younger member of the family starting on the chili observed that it tasted like it had sand in it. An examination showed that it was glass—instead of sand, and a further investigation revealed that there was a full teaspoonful of the glass in a pound can of the chili. The lady phoning in the information said that she did so simply that other families might be on their guard. She had tried to inform the proprietors of the store from whom she had made the purchase, but it being after business hours she had been unable to reach them at that time.—Temple Telegram.

Patrolize—

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY LANDS IN FRANCE

Press reports state that the Rainbow Division has arrived safely at a French port. Roy Sharp recently wrote his mother that he was sailing from Mineola, Long Island. Roy was in the Rainbow Division, and as nothing has been heard from him since he wrote that he was leaving New York, and it is presumed that he has landed in France. Friends and relatives will eagerly wait for a letter.

New Book on Cancer.

This new book gives a most comprehensive explanation of cancer and its successful treatment without the knife. Based on actual experience of 20 years and laboratory research covering hundreds of cases. The book will be sent free by addressing O. A. Johnson, Suite 550, 1320 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. Send for a copy today and learn the truth about cancer.

O. L. Jackson of Abilene was in Ballinger Monday between trains, enroute home from San Angelo.

Aviators Here in Interest of Army Y. M. C. A. Work

F. H. Zeller who has seen actual service in the French aviation corps, flying over the Western front, spent Thursday in Ballinger in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work in the army camps, both at home and abroad.

Mr. Zeller returned home from France in June. His home is in Ohio. When the great movement to raise thirty-five million dollars to carry on the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers was put on foot, Mr. Zeller was called in to service to take the field and help organize committees in cities and counties throughout the country.

He arrived in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon from San Angelo, where a committee pledged themselves to raise \$2500. As soon as he arrived in Ballinger arrangements were made for a meeting at the Queen Theatre at ten o'clock Thursday morning, and more than one hundred men were present to hear the army flyer briefly tell of the condition in Europe and to learn of the movement to carry on the Y. M. C. A. work.

Before addressing the meeting at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Zeller visited the high school building where he talked to the school children and enlisted their help in the work. After the talk at the high school a committee of eight boys were appointed to assist in the work.

After Mr. Zeller's address at the Queen Theatre, J. McGregor, acting as chairman of the meeting appointed W. C. Penn, J. Y. Pearce, E. D. Walker, Scott H. Maek and L. Cohen, as an executive committee to take the work in hand and carry on the work of raising one thousand dollars in this county for the work in hand. The committee appointed met with Mr. Zeller at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and Mr. Zeller gave the committee further instructions.

Just before the meeting was called to order at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Zeller received a telegram from headquarters announcing that up to Tuesday night, the first two days of the great campaign, \$11,400,000 had been raised. Of this amount Texas had subscribed \$186,950, or about one half of the total amount Texas had been called on to subscribe.

The Y. M. C. A. workers in America are endeavoring to raise this week \$35,000,000.00. Pledges are being taken and the subscribers can pay up to April 1, 1918. It is estimated that this amount will carry on the work in the army camps up until the last of next year.

Texas has been asked to pay \$400,000 of the amount. Rannels county has been asked to pay \$1,000 of the amount. Rannels county will give liberally, because the people of Rannels County already realize the value of the Y. M. C. A. to the boys who have gone from this county to the war. Letters written on Red Triangle stationery to the folks back home tell the story of the Y. M. C. A. work in the training camps.

While Mr. Zeller did not tell much of his personal experience in the war zone and in trips made high in the air over the German trenches, he gave a vivid description of the uncivilized methods of warfare being used by the Germans, telling how the Germans used their gas and liquid fire. The speaker made it plain that the war will be a long drawn out fight, and that it will continue for at least three years. This opinion he based on information gained at first hand while in France and in talking with representatives from the various nations engaged in war since he returned to America.

President Wilson's Endorsement.

Lieutenant Zeller emphasized the endorsements that President Wilson, Major General Scott and General Pershing have given the Y. M. C. A. General Scott, returning from Russia, where he visited the various fronts with the Red Cross, stated that the establishment of 300 Y. M. C. A. branches in France would mean 1,000,000 less graves of American soldiers. General Pershing has advocated 500 such posts.

"Germany itself has been so much impressed with the Y. M. C. A. that it now allows our workers to provide for allied soldiers in prison camps, and the German government has established a similar organization for service with the Teuton troops," said Mr. Zeller. "The whole thing in a nutshell is this:

Keeps the Soldier Busy.

"The Y. M. C. A. tries to keep the soldier busy and entertained during his spare idle moments. Life on the battle fronts is so strenuous and so taxing on the nerves that a man is able to stay in the trenches only ten days or two weeks at a time. Then he is brought back behind the firing line for three weeks or a month and frequently is given permission to visit Paris and London. It is during these periods of inactivity that clean, wholesome amusement and recreation as well as comfortable quarters must be provided for our soldiers."

Picture shows are given two and three times a week and the men are furnished with stationery and are urged to write to loved ones at home. Oftentimes a mother has failed to hear from her boy in weeks and inquires of his whereabouts and as to whether he is dead or alive. The Y. M. C. A. traces the man, and nine times out of ten brings him in touch with his home.

Song Services Held.

"Song services are held at nearly all hours of the day and always in the evenings in the big camps." Lieutenant Zeller stated. "The program starts off with popular airs or rag-time, but invariably ends up with religious songs. This is not because some Y. M. C. A. worker suggests it, but because the men realize the seriousness of the occasion and recognize the fact that maybe within a few hours they will again be face to face with death. Nearly every man carries a testament, with which all soldiers are provided by the association.

"The religious side of the Y. M. C. A. work appeals strongly to the men. As one Englishman said, the Y. M. C. A. does not mean 'Young Men's Christian Association' but 'You Make Christianity Attractive.' Even in the first line trenches you will find Red Triangle huts. Perhaps it is only a hole in the side of a trench wall or dugout, where not over a half dozen men can gather. But here hot coffee, tea and warm food are served under the most adverse conditions. You may think that such stimulants and light food do not mean much to the soldiers, but it means a lot when a man perhaps is standing in mud and water with his feet freezing."

Corporal Chas. Boyd, who is at home on a furlough, was called on by Mr. Zeller to tell what he thought of the Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Boyd gave the work his most hearty endorsement, telling what it was doing for the boys at Camp Travis. It affords a place for the soldiers that makes them feel more like they are at home, and a place where they can come together for entertainment, religious services, and social meetings.

The pupils of the local high school launched into the campaign to raise \$1000 in this county for the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers with a vim that netted them one hundred dollars in pledges before the Y. M. C. A. worker who came here to organize the campaign had left the city. The school children have set the

pace for the old heads to follow. The committee appointed to handle the work in this county, and to act as an executive committee, met Thursday afternoon and organized by electing J. Y. Pearce chairman, E. D. Walker treasurer, L. Cohen secretary, with W. C. Penn and Scott H. Maek making up the remainder of the committee.

The committee will undertake to raise \$1300 in the county, and have allotted the work in such way as to give each community in the county a hand in the work. The amount to be raised was proportioned out on the following basis:

Ballinger	.....\$500
Winters	.....200
Miles	.....100
Rowena	.....100
Hatchel	.....50
Norton	.....50
Maverick	.....50
Pony Creek	.....50
Bethel	.....50
Token	.....50
Crews	.....50
Wingate	.....50

Each preacher in the county will be called on to assist in the work in just such way as heses fit and all school teachers have been requested to interest the school children in the work.

That Ballinger will come up with its quota of the amount there is no doubt, and an effort will be made to interest the entire county and bring Rannels county up with its full quota.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 50c.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO INSPECT CITY

A committee from the civic league will make the rounds in a few days and inspect the streets, alleys and premises of the city. The clean up campaign has been in progress for a couple of weeks, and while the work is not complete, the civic league hopes to be able to receive from the committee a most favorable report. On account of the scarcity of hands some of the families have postponed the work from time to time. The trash haulers are catching up with the work, and every one should try to have a clean alley by the time the ladies make the rounds. The alleys in the business district will also be inspected.

LIGHT SHOWER IN ROWENA.

Joe Schwenker of Rowena was in Ballinger Monday shipping out two loads of cattle to the Fort Worth market. He said that Rowena got a light shower Sunday night, getting almost enough to settle the dust.



An inside secret about fried potatoes

As far as taste is concerned there are only two sides to fried potatoes—inside and outside. But both sides must be just right or your fried potatoes won't be!

Take the outside, first! It must be brown—a crisp brown. Potatoes fried in wholesome Cottolene can certainly answer "here" when it comes to a

crisp brown outside.

But this outside is not only a crisp brown. It is a quick brown. A quick brown means that the outsides of your potatoes are rapidly sealed, and that the insides will be just as tender and mealy as fried potatoes can be.

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Frying proves,

too, how wholesome and digestible fried foods can be, when you use pure Cottolene.

In baking with economical Cottolene, be sure to use one-third less than you would ordinarily use of other shortenings.

That is because Cottolene sets the highest possible standard for purity and richness.

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"The Natural Shortening"

Yes! Economical Cottolene is also superior for shortening and for all cake-making

At grocers in tins of convenient sizes

ATTEMPT TO WRECK SANTA FE TRAIN

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

What was evidently an effort to wreck eastbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 92 last night near Zephyr was frustrated by Dr. R. L. Coble, a Zephyr physician, who suffered the loss of a practically new six-cylinder automobile which was struck by the engine of the train.

Dr. Coble was returning to his home from Brownwood, and at the point about 3 miles west of Zephyr at which the public road crosses the railway tracks, he came unexpectedly upon a pile of boulders, placed on the railroad tracks and in the public road. Dr. Coble was driving at a rapid rate in order to pass the crossing before the arrival of the passenger train, which he heard some distance away, and when the lights from his car were thrown upon the rocks he was unable to stop in time to avoid an accident. Turning sharply to the left the doctor ran his car down the right of way and on to the railroad tracks, where the engine was stalled.

Hearing the passenger train thundering toward him, Dr. Coble jumped from his car, leaving it on the tracks, and hurriedly began removing the boulders from the track in order to avoid a train wreck. The oncoming train struck the automobile and demolished it, but a sufficient number of rocks had been removed from the track to enable the engine and two cars of the train to pass without mishap. The train was brought to a standstill before all the coaches had passed the road crossing.

Dr. Coble thinks the rocks were placed on the tracks in an effort

to cause a train wreck, but that the parties who were engaged in this criminal work were frightened away before their task had been completed. A short distance from the railway crossing Dr. Coble had stopped his car and shot a rabbit, and it is thought that the report of the gun was heard by the miscreants who were trying to wreck the train, and frightened them away. Only a few minutes elapse between the passing of two evening passenger trains and it is thought that the rocks were placed on the railway tracks just after the westbound train had passed.

Dr. Coble was not injured, and while his fine car is a total wreck, he rejoices that he was able to be on the spot in time to prevent what might have been a disastrous wreck.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*

J. P. and Jeff Knight, of the Winters country were in Ballinger Friday, coming here on business. Mr. Jones supplied himself with reading matter for 1918 while here, being a pleasant caller at The Ledger office, and placing his order for a state daily paper and The Banner-Ledger. They made the trip to Ballinger in their car, and report bad roads a dread to auto traveling.

Mrs. D. Reeder and Miss Louise Organ returned Monday from San Antonio, after spending about a week there visiting Roy Reeder, who is in the army at Camp Travis.

WE MAKE FARM LOANS E. SHEPPERD & CO. BALLINGER, TEXAS

Investigate This Place 1600 acre ranch—near Bronte in Coke county. \$15,000 1-3 cash, 1-3 trade, balance due 1922.

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Ballinger, Texas



Stop the Leak!

Get the habit of going regularly to the bank, and when you spend money spend it wisely.

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For the Ledger Editor

Last Saturday was a good day for shooting subs. The Germans lost five.

So far the autos have killed more Americans than the war with Germany.

"Railroads will be in the hands of the president, if the crisis occurs," says press reports. Mr. Wilson may have his hands full but he is equal to the occasion.

The kaiser says God was with the Teutons on their march against the Italians. If we believed that we would stand pat as a pacifist. It can't be possible.

You are not supposed to forget your Hoover pledge just because it is hog killing time. Eat the bones and preserve the meat for summer seasoning. Economize now and live later.

While some are complaining because the grocery man will not sell them but twenty-five cents worth of sugar, there are those who would be glad to even get a that amount. That's something to think about when you dip into the sugar bowl the second time.

We can't agree with some of our friends, who claim that a man can live under the protection of the American flag and be neutral in this war. There is no neutral ground between American freedom and German autocracy.

Press reports indicate that the joint investigating committee now probing into the various state departments will have something interesting to report when the legislature meets. The game warden and prison officials are being called on to explain.

The Y. M. C. A. committee is a live one. Individuals and firms are given a chance to contribute to the work. That's getting them going and coming, but it's a cruel war and one that cuts going and coming. It is something the American people didn't order but must pay for. Down with the kaiser.

Bolsheviks, Tsarskoe, Auravieff, Nikolai, Rodzianki, Miliukoff, Trotzky, are just plain names that adds to the interest in reading the reports of the Russian revolution. The name Kerensky sounds better to the average American, and he has been picked as a winner in the trouble.

READS ONE PAPER 40 YEARS S. R. Richards, who lives on Route A out of Ballinger, was a pleasant caller at the Ledger office Friday. Mr. Richardson dropped in to renew his subscription to his favorite papers. "I have been taking your paper for twenty years," said Mr. Richardson, "and have decided that I can not get along without it."

Mr. Richardson took advantage of our clubbing offer and renewed his subscription to the San Antonio Express for the 40th time. He stated that he had been reading the Express for 40 years, having never missed a year during that time.

Mr. Richardson spends the money cheerfully in subscribing for his favorite papers, and says it is money well invested, and he

A POWERFUL AID

When you feel sluggish and nervous, tired and indifferent, you have the first symptoms of declining strength and your system positively needs the special nutritive food- tonic in

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to replenish your blood power, enliven its circulation and bring back the snap and elasticity of good health. Scott's Emulsion supplies Nature with the correct building-food which is better than any drugs, pills or alcoholic mixtures.

The Norwegian cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which makes it pure and palatable.

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keeps posted on local and general news. The man who attempts to economize by doing without his home paper, and at least one good state paper, is a poor economist.

MAKING MONEY OUT OF WAR

Five or six billion dollars is a lot of money. In fact, it would take a dozen men several years to count that much money dollar at a time. But this nation is engaged in a real war and one in which money is one of the chief assets. President Wilson figured the cost before entering the conflict and knew from the beginning that it would take many barrels of money to win it.—Sweetwater Reporter.

One thousand million dollars is a huge sum, almost a dollar for every inhabitant in the world. Multiply that by eight, the amount of the two Liberty Bond issues, and the result is staggering. Before she went into the war the United States had more money in the bank than all other nations combined and a matter of a few billion dollars will not disturb the finances of the country.—Abilene Reporter.

This money is put in circulation, and the question naturally arises, where does it go? America is furnishing the allies with munition and food, but not without pay. Millions after millions of dollars have been loaned the allies, and yet none of it has left American shores. Instead it is used by representatives of the allies in buying war supplies from American people. America has cash to spare, and the greatest cost in the war will be men.

RANNELS COUNTY'S GREATEST LIABILITY

A good road is one of the greatest assets for a community. Considered as a means of getting education for the child so that he can comfortably get to school, as a means of transportation of food-stuffs, as a direct link in the life of a woman with certain necessary social activities as a spiritual means of getting to church—consider a good road from any standpoint you like—civil, educational, economic, social, spiritual or moral—and it immediately looms up as an asset beyond price. The amazing part of it is that we have been slow to see the value that lies in a good road, and most amazing is it that we still tolerate so many thousands of miles of roads unfit to travel. It was recently said at a large gathering of women that the men were directly responsible for bad roads; that they had not done what they might have done to have better roads, and that much of the isolation in women's lives is due to their inability to get from one point to another on even a passable road. If that is so, if men have not risen to their best in this matter, if they have failed to do all they might have done, why not let women everywhere try what they can do in the matter of getting better roads? Getting a good road does not depend on having a vote; men know that. Women have done much for good roads in this country, but have they done all they might do? Is the actual value of a good road really been brought home to the comprehension of thousands of women? Have not women failed to grasp the full significance of good roads, as a matter of fact? If not, why these miles and miles of scandalous roads, with women living on them everywhere? One fact is patent, there should be no such thing as a bad road in a country such as this, or in such a time as this. The time has gone by for any excuse for a bad road that keeps a child from school, a man from his market, a woman from her church or from those social chances to which she is entitled. And the sooner we believe this fact, men and women, the fuller and happier our lives will be. There is scarcely anything into which a community can so wisely put its money as into a good road; and the woman who proclaims this, day in and day out, until she gets every road in her community comfortably traversable, is a savior to her sex!—Ladies Home Journal.

If good roads are one of the greatest assets of a community, bad roads are one of the greatest liabilities of a community.

TWO AMBASSADORS

FOR THE DEVIL Villa has again come to life and started another revolt in Northern Mexico. The old rascal talks of taking charge of Jaurez. The impudence of it! If he does Uncle Sam should slip over and kidnap him and bring him to American soil and there hang him so high that it would require two men to see which way he went up. Villa is a brute of the lowest order, and

Certain Cure for Group.

Mrs. Rose Middleton of Greenville, Ill., has had the experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

LIBERTY BONDS ARRIVE.

Local banks have received the second issue of Liberty Bonds, and subscribers are either being notified to call for their bonds, or the bonds are being delivered. The banks are offering to take care of the bonds for those who have no place for safe keeping, and thereby avoid the risk of loss by fire or theft. The city, county and independent school district received their allotment of bonds, the bonds being issued in \$500 and \$1000 denominations, while a great majority of the bonds for the individual subscribers are of the \$50 denomination.

TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PECAN CROP

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Rheumatic Aches

Drive them out with Sloan's Liniment, the quick-acting, soothing liniment that penetrates without rubbing and relieves the pain. Always have a bottle in the house for the aches and pains of rheumatism, gout, lumbago, strains, sprains, stiff joints and all muscle soreness. Generous sized bottles, 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN

so far as the United States forgetting his dastardly acts at Columbus, it cannot be. Mexico is not going to punish him and so long as he continues his raids to the interior of that unfortunate republic we have nothing to say, but when he begins operating on the border, in the very front door of our homes, it seems that if nothing else a stray ball from some good American cannon, well aimed, should be accidentally turned loose.—Abilene Reporter.

Villa and the kaiser are the greatest enemies to civilization and peace on earth. Every liberty loving and peace-craving man in the world long for the down fall of such men. Men who can control such influence for evil are nothing less than ambassadors for the devil.

DROUTH HURTS WORSE THAN WAR.

We folks who live in the United States might just as well tell the plain truth about what we are doing and about how we are taking the war. Up to this time few are taking the great conflict seriously and only occasionally is there a person who has suffered any on account of the war. America has realized that the war means only as the few homes have been called upon to send out their sons to the battle front. In the larger part of the country, where there has been no drouth, the people are "rolling" in wealth. They are having more of the luxuries of life than ever before, and even in the drouth stricken portions of the country people are having to eat out the most extravagant luxuries only. Men drawing good salaries complain of the higher cost of living, when the facts are they are living like lords, compared to what the people of Europe are having. There may be days ahead when the people of the United States have to deny themselves necessities in order to feed our allies and carry on the war, but so far it is almost sacrilegious to claim we have even suffered inconvenience. People who say they are having a hard time making ends meet would come nearer the truth if they said they are having a hard time living high.—Abilene Reporter.

You are speaking from a financial viewpoint, and what you say applies to the country where the drouth has not been felt and where prosperity abounds. While you are telling the plain truth about the war, we might just as well tell the plain truth about the country affected by the drouth. Few people in this country have given to the war until it hurts, because there are a few people who can not give until it hurts. Instead of having a hard time making ends meet they are not making ends meet. There are no people more patriotic than the people of the drouth stricken section of Texas, but it is impossible for many of them to express their patriotism in dollars and cents.

TEN THOUSAND STENOGRAPHERS WANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

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STATE LEADS WAY

OPEN FEED MARKET

Austin, Texas Nov. 19.

Judge O. L. Parish, County Judge of Rannels County, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Judge: We are endeavoring to assist those citizens of our State who really need help and the purpose of this letter is to enlist your cooperation in support of the movement in your County.

We have located great quantities of Hay and Grain, much of which may be bought from the producer direct, a list of same is ready for distribution, and needs a medium in each County through which this information may be carried to the people, and especially the farmers and cattle raisers who have to buy much feed and food this winter. We have a working connection with a good many farmers' organizations in different sections of the State but such organizations as yet have not been formed in all the farming communities in Texas and for that reason in districts where there are no working organizations, the people need an avenue of official information, and under the present economic crisis, we feel that the County Judges of the various counties would undoubtedly be willing to do their moral, political and patriotic duty, to the end that full information be given to the people through the Country Press, Commissioners' Court and County Council of Defense: We recommend that citizens of each county so far as possible organize and arrange to buy supplies cooperatively.

This Department is also splendidly equipped to assist our Texas farmers' marketing associations in locating a market for their commercial crops in season. By giving this matter a part of your spare time in cooperation with this Department and your people, an invaluable service may be rendered, and the reestablishment of prosperity in your County hastened. Please give this matter publicity in your local newspapers.

May we expect your generous cooperation?

Yours very truly, E. W. Cole, Director of Markets.

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A Woman's Way

It is the way of woman to bear pain and discomfort without complaint. Women awaiting motherhood should be given every help which will make for less pain. Millions of women have used the safe, tried and reliable external massage known as "Mother's Friend". The abdominal muscles relax naturally and without strain when baby is born. Stretching pains during the period are avoided and the crisis is rendered safer for both the mother and the coming child by its regular use. The woman who falls by any chance to procure "Mother's Friend" should be furnished it by those who are dear to her. Write to The Bradfield Regulator Company, Department K, 309 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., for book, "Motherhood and the Baby". It is free. "Mother's Friend" is procurable at the druggists. Do not go a single night without using it. Ask for a bottle today without fail.

Letters from Our Soldier Boys

LOST HIS PLACE BUT GLAD TO GET BACK

Camp Travis, Texas, Nov. 13. Local Board, Rannels County.

Gentlemen: Well, I am back in the army proper. Had to be examined again and go through all the proceedings of enlisting in the army. Lost the Sergeantship, but was lucky to get back into my same company. So am entirely satisfied. Am returning a meal ticket that I did not use in Brownwood. Just naturally didn't have time to use it. Have not had time to look up "White Child." But the first time I am off, will sure go up and find out about the extra ticket.

With best regards to you all, and many thanks for helping me get back to Camp Travis, Your friend, Roe Stocks.

Echoes From Camp Travis.

Private Baren Wells, of Ballinger, with the 360th Ambulance Co., is attending the school for non-commissioned officers.

Sam A. Rogers, from Rannels county, reported to Camp Travis and was assigned to Co. A 343rd Machine Gun Batt'n. This organization, as the name implies, will be one of the most important units in the destruction of Germans in the present war.

A Letter From "Over There."

Every one is interested in the work that our boys are doing on the other side and in the spirit they are showing now that they are living close to the sound of battle. One of the truly encouraging things about the present situation is the splendid morale of these young men, their complete readiness for sacrifice.

The following fragment of a letter from a young college student has fallen into the hands of the editor, and is presented as a striking example of the state of mind that animates our men near the front. It makes refreshing reading indeed to us who have heard so much babbling and disloyalty from a certain group of senators. When we read such self-sacrificing sentiments as are printed below, it brings the flush of anger to our cheeks to realize that these Senators are embarrassing and nullifying in every possible way to work of our noble young fellows "over there," and we can only hope that it brings the blush of shame to those guilty of disloyalty.

"I was never so happy as I am now over here and I look forward to the future with the lightest of hearts. Please don't worry, because it does no good. If I go down in this war you ought to be proud. It is the biggest cause now and I am willing to take my chances in the front-line trenches or going 'over the top,' if need be, with the rest of the boys and I intend to see it through by all means. If I didn't I would feel like a fool the rest of my life, and I would much rather be underground out here with the others than leading a soft life at home or putting the issue off, hoping that the war would be over before I had to go, the way some fellows are doing. I know you and mother must feel the same way. We ought to have been in it three years ago and now, thank God, we have at least done the decent thing before it was too late. Write soon and often, as I have not yet received any mail from home. With lots of love to mother and sister."—Scientific American.

FINDS NAVY LIFE IDEAL.

Dear Aunt and Family: I guess you are all still busy picking cotton. I wish I were there with you just for a little while, and then I would be ready to return to the navy, because life on a battleship is fine. The men in charge are the most human you ever saw. They treat you like you were somebody instead of a brute as I had always imagined before I came. So far I have not regretted enlisting. I can't tell you where I am or what I am doing, so all you can find out at present is that I am

well and just getting along fine. From now on my address is Lawrence T. Boynton, U. S. S. Kearsarge, New York, N. Y., care Postmaster.

You all can write or send me anything you want to, for your mail is not opened before I get it. My letters must be mailed unsealed.

With love to all, Lawrence.

LETTER FROM SOLDIER SON BRINGS JOY TO MOTHER

Camp Travis, Texas, Nov. 19. To The Ballinger Ledger:

As I have been appointed by my captain to represent the boys of Rannels county that is in my company, will write a few lines this evening. Don't know of but two boys in my company from Rannels county. Their names are Sam Baheringer of Ballinger and Sam Farmer of Miles. Many of the boys in the U. S. A. have gone to the front or to training camps. Have found our lives crowded full of new excitements, new interests, new diversion. But I am quite sure that many of the homes that they have gone from are rather empty because of their going. Lives they have left behind are desolate. A mother's world shrinks strangely with the outgoing of her son. Most of the boys here, the old hum-drum life at home seems tame to them, compared with the new existence, with its stimulating visions and exalting purpose. The best way for we boys here to look at the war with all its glare and fear, is to look upon it as only a passing incident. The real abiding life, is the home life, with our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. There is no vision broader, no purpose higher, no ideals purer than these, in all the world. But our country has called us, and some mother's son has to answer the call. And it is a worthy soldier who, in the excitements and allurements of the new life of the camps that can still hold sacred in his heart as deep-felt of love and devotion to the lonely, longing soldier home. A letter from home is considered by some of the boys a very little thing, but to the ones remaining at home, a great thing in many homes today, I am sure that the letters from the boys in the trenches and camps are the supreme messages of earth. And many letters are crumpled with many readings, and often blurred with tears, and am sure a good letter is strengthening to many a starving mother's heart. A boy who is serving his country has often sared interests to serve as well. However heroic a figure he may cut in camps, he is but half of a man, who fails in his letters to the folks at home. As this is my first time in life to ever write to a paper, will close, as I can't think of anything more to write that would interest the people, who read the Ledger.

If I ever get courage enough to write again, will tell of a soldier's life in training camps, and what is expected of him, or rather what he has to do.

Hoping all the Rannels county people much success, I am, Jesse Smith, Company "C" 343 M. G. Bn. Camp Travis, Texas.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass is at home from a ten days visit to her father near Cleburne, and a visit to Waco where she attended the State meeting of federated clubs.

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not find a blood remedy that approaches S. S. S. for real efficiency. It has been on the market for fifty years, during which time it has been giving uniform satisfaction for all manner of blood disorders. If you want prompt and lasting relief, you can rely upon S. S. S. For expert advice as to the treatment of your own individual case, write to-day to Chief Medical Adviser, Swift Specific Co., Dept. C Atlanta, Ga.

ACCIDENTAL KILLING IN BROWNWOOD

(Brownwood Bulletin.)
Annie Young, negress, about 30 years of age, died early this morning as a result of a wound received just after the noon hour Sunday when Charlie Stokes, a negro, accidentally discharged a pistol, the bullet striking the woman in the breast and ranging across her body.

Justice G. B. Cross of Precinct One held an inquest today and Stokes was released without bond, the coroner's verdict being that the wound which caused the woman's death was inflicted accidentally and without deliberate intent.

Stokes is an employe of the Brownwood oil mill, and returned yesterday from a trip to Coleman. After going to the boarding house at which a number of the negro employes of the oil mill make their homes, he took the pistol from his hand grip, and was attempting to replace the cylinder in the gun when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking Annie Young, who was sitting in the room near the stove. No one was in the room except Stokes and the woman. The gun was a .38-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver, and Stokes had removed the cylinder from the weapon before he started from Coleman to Brownwood.

Woman Makes Statement.
Immediately following the shooting District Attorney Early and Sheriff Davis went to the scene, and to these officers the wounded woman made a statement exonerating Stokes of any homicidal

intention. She described the shooting as purely accidental, and this statement was corroborated by other negroes who were in the house at the time. The woman stated that she and Stokes had never had any disagreement and this statement was verified by the officers who examined other witnesses familiar with the domestic life of the negro colony.

Following the shooting medical attention was given the wounded woman, but attending physicians were unable to save her life. The bullet ranged across the woman's chest and downward, inflicting a fearful wound. Death occurred early this morning.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

"There has been some violation of the traffic ordinance in Ballinger," says City Marshal Pilcher, and he intends to more rigidly enforce this ordinance in the future.

It is a violation to turn your car on the street except where said street is intersected by a street or alley, and with the further exception that where the driver desires to go into a garage, he or she may turn square across and drive into the garage. This does not apply when the driver only wants gas, oil, or other supplies and stops anywhere outside the garage, but the driver must go to the proper turning point and turn as provided by ordinance, and in coming out or backing out of a garage the driver must not back across street and turn, but must turn car so it will be in position to drive down right side of street.

It will pay all auto drivers to read and observe these suggestions, as all persons will be fined who do not observe same.

WOMANLESS WEDDING AT MILES

The Red Cross Auxiliary at Miles presented the Womanless Wedding last Thursday night and added \$89 to the Red Cross fund. The people who witnessed the performance received their money's worth, will not miss the money and \$89 will help to keep the Red Cross work going.

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. 30c.

Dr. W. A. French and wife of Athens arrived in Ballinger Wednesday to visit R. W. Bruce and family here a short while.

Father Gollbach returned Tuesday night from Coleman, after spending a few days there.



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DEPUTY SHERIFF NOW ENDORSES IT

J. D. Patton Says Tanlac Ends His Troubles of Twenty Years Standing.

"I suffered for twenty years with rheumatism, indigestion and a chronic liver trouble, and spent hundreds of dollars for different kinds of medicine trying to get well, but it only took three bottles of Tanlac to straighten me out and make me feel like a different man," said J. D. Patton, of Keef-ton, Okla., a man well known in that section and also in Rains County, Texas, where he served as deputy sheriff for several years. Mr. Patton is now deputy Sheriff of Muskogee County, Oklahoma, and holds large farming interests here.

"It's an actual fact," he continued, "I was hardly ever free from rheumatism and was so full of misery most of the time I could not rest or sleep at night to amount to anything. The main trouble seemed to be in my shoulders and the awful pains were due, I think, to the condition of my liver. I couldn't eat to do any good and had to be very careful about the little that I managed to force down or I would have hours of suffering afterwards. I fell off twenty pounds in weight and got into such a bad shape it was a burden to look after the work on the farm and attend to all of my other business. I kept getting worse all the time and had just about given up hope of ever getting anything to relieve me.

"But three bottles of Tanlac have done me so much good I haven't had an ache or pain since I finished taking them, and honestly I don't feel like the same person. I have a good appetite and I can eat anything I want and it all agrees with me too. I have gained back all of my lost weight, sleep like a log at night and when I get up in the morning I am full of energy and attend to my business without a bit of trouble.

"My wife is so pleased with the results that I have gotten from Tanlac that she bought a bottle for herself today. We know just what it will do and feel satisfied that there isn't another medicine in the world just as good."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Tokeen by J. W. Bright.

LEON SPRINGS MEN MUST GO TO FRANCE

Washington, Nov. 18.—A large number of the student officers to be commissioned from the present series of reserve officers' training camps will be sent to France immediately for intensive training, Secretary of War Baker announced today. Others will be distributed among schools in this country for further training, while others will be placed with national army troops.

The war department's scheme provides for placing some 6500 reserve officers with the troops. Others will go to France and to schools here and still others will be distributed, two of each grade, to each infantry company and field artillery battery of the national guard and regular army.

Exceptions to this plan is made in the case of the men training at Leon Springs, Texas. The regular training period there ends on Nov. 27, but the men will be recalled December 15, for further training before being commissioned.

BALLINGER BUTCHER REJOICES OVER WIFE'S RECOVERY

"My wife suffered for five years and practically lived on toast and hot water. Doctors said she would have to be operated for gall stones. A lady advised her to try Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and after taking 4 bottles over two years ago, she has been entirely well ever since. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the enterrhal mucous from the intestinal tract, and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

YOU CAN EXCHANGE YOUR LIBERTY BOND

By the terms of their bonds, which are contracts with the United States, holders of bonds of the First Liberty Loan (and of interim certificates therefor), have the right to convert such bonds (or certificates) at par into an equal par amount of bonds bearing a higher rate of interest, should the United States before the termination of the present war issue any bonds bearing a higher rate of interest. This right of conversion is to be exercised within such period and under such rules and regulations as may be made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Secretary McAdoo has prescribed the terms and conditions governing the conversion of such 3 1-2 per cent bonds of the First Liberty Loan into 4 per cent bonds. The official regulations constitute Treasury Department Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8), which the Treasury Department will send on request to any bond-holder or any citizen.

Bonds of the First Liberty Loan may be converted into 4 per cent convertible gold bonds of 1932—47, the terms of which will be identical with the bonds of the Second Liberty Loan, except that they will have the same dates for payment of interest, the same date of maturity of principal, and the same terms of redemption as the bonds of the First Liberty Loan.

The inconvenience of adjusting interest upon conversion will be avoided if the holders of bonds of the First Liberty Loan, who desire to convert, effect such conversion either as of November 15, 1917, by presenting and surrendering their holdings on or after November 8, and up to and including November 15, 1917, or by making such conversions as of December 15, 1917, by presenting and surrendering their holdings after November 15, and on or before December 15, 1917. All conversions effected after December 15, 1917, will necessitate payments to the United States to adjust interest. The details of this interest adjustment are all set out and tabulated in Treasury Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8).

The right to convert bonds of the First Liberty Loan into these new bonds must be exercised if at all on or before May 15, 1918. Though bonds may be presented for conversion on or before November 8, 1917, no 4 per cent bonds will be delivered until November 15, 1917. Bonds of the First Liberty Loan which are not converted in the exercise of the present conversion privilege will still have the right, if any bonds should later be issued by the United States Government during the war bearing a higher rate of interest, to convert their bonds into bonds bearing such higher rate of interest. Failure to exercise the conversion privilege within six months from November 15, 1917, affects only the present conversion privilege and not any later privilege which may arise.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION HELPS MANY COUNTIES

Austin, Nov. 20.—The monthly meeting of the state highway commission was attended Monday by nearly a score of delegations from various parts of the state, seeking to have highways designated or asking for state and federal aid in the construction of designated highways. During the morning session the commission granted state and federal aid as follows:

Morris county highway No. 1, \$32,600 federal aid; Nolan county highway No. 1, \$22,000 federal aid and \$75,000 state aid; Eastland county highway No. 1 \$35,000 federal aid and \$11,000 state aid; Franklin county highway No. 1, \$25,000 federal aid; Titus county highway No. 1, \$28,800 federal aid and \$9900 state aid; Robertson county, for Galveston division of the Meridian road, \$25,000 federal aid; Harris county, for Galveston division of the Meridian road, \$50,000 federal aid; Bexar county, for Meridian road between Selma at north edge of county, through San Antonio to Lytle at southwestern edge of county, \$50,000 federal aid and \$5000 state aid.

A. P. Bateman loaded out his household goods and left Wednesday for Edgewood, Texas, where he will make his home. Mr. Bateman came here about a year ago, and spent the year with the drouth.

Father Gollbach went to Brownwood Monday.

DISEASE IS EVER THE SAME

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It is pleasant to take, aids digestion, and supplies the vital organs with rich red blood essential to perfect health.

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PETTY CRIMES ON DECREASE IN DALLAS

Dallas, Nov. 19.—Petty crimes in Dallas have decreased ninety per cent since local option went into effect last month, according to Night Sergeant Lane at the Central police station. Notwithstanding this fact, however, more felony charges have been filed during the month than in the memory of Deputy Constable Grady Kennedy.

Work in the Dallas police department has been changed about considerably. For the past several nights the police department has averaged five calls each night. There also has been fewer arrests than ever before. Emergency hospital interns declare if it was not for automobile accidents, the emergency hospital could very well close at night. There was an average of ten cases treated at this hospital each night prior to last month. From one to three is the average now.

U. S. SOLDIERS IN TOUGH WITH VILLA

John McNeill, of the Winters country, is just back from a visit to his son on the Mexican border. Mr. McNeill's son is serving Uncle Sam in keeping watch on the border, and is stationed with a squad of American soldiers near Presidio and just across the line from Ojinaga, the Mexican town recently captured by Villa. Mr. McNeill says the American troops were in easy reach of Villa and could have captured him without much trouble. The Ojinaga battle was in plain view of the American troops and they could keep tabs on Villa's band with their field glasses. There was an eagerness on the part of the American troops to cross over and get the Mexican bandit, said Mr. McNeill, and it was no doubt the opportune time for the United States to step in, and settle the trouble. Mr. McNeill stated that not only did the refugees from Ojinaga flock to the Texas side, but Villa sent his wounded over the line for treatment, giving them gold with which to pay their way and get medical aid.

Mrs. A. P. Luckett of Miles was in Ballinger Wednesday, visiting her parents, E. L. Rasbury and wife.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED

WANTED—To rent or buy, an organ. 21-1td-1tw.

WANTED—Factory Foreman—Timekeepers—Insurance Agents—Solicitors. Write National Casualty Co., Detroit, Mich., for proposition to increase your earnings. Spare time work. No expense to you. 23 1twpd.

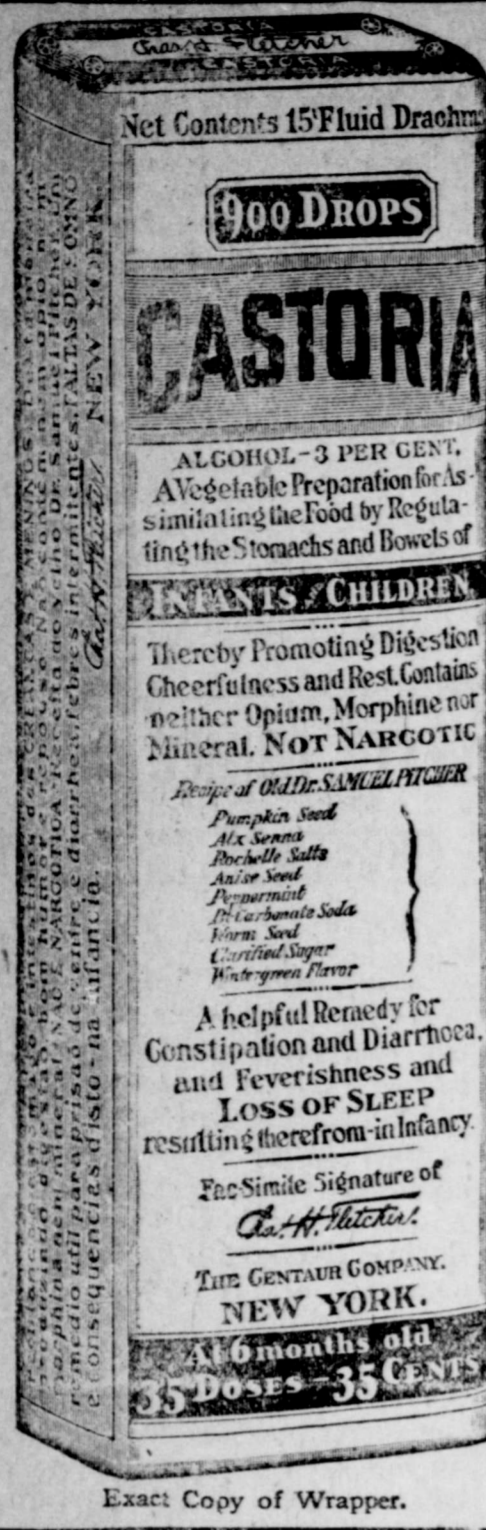
FOR SALE

FOR SALE—At \$1 each pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock cocks. R. E. Jeanes, Route B. Ballinger. 307td-4twpd.

FOR SALE—I own 120 acres four and one half miles of Rowena which I will trade for good team and wagon, two milch cows, car, farm implements, etc, for my equity of \$1250. On balance of \$1750 terms are \$130 a note on or before 1919 and on for 10 years at 8 per cent. Immediate possession. Wm. Gallia, owner, Rowena. 21-d&1t

LOANS

MONEY TO LOAN—5, 7 or 10 years, with all kinds options in repaying. Lee Maddox. 17-1fw



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My Dear Wilhelm:

I can call you by that familiar name for I have always been very close to you, much closer than you could ever know.

From the time that you were yet an undeveloped being in your mother's womb I have shaped your destiny for my own purpose.

In the days of Rome I created a rough-neck known in history as Nero; he was a vulgar character and suited my purpose at that particular time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient super-criminal was needed and as I know the Hohenzollern blood I picked you as my special instrument to place on earth an annex to hell; I gave you abnormal ambition, likewise an over supply of egotism that you might not discover your own failings; I twisted your mind to that of a mad man with certain normal tendencies to carry you by, a most dangerous character placed in power; I gave you the power of a hypnotist and a certain magnetic force that you might sway your people. I am responsible for the deformed arm that hangs helpless on your left for your crippled condition embitters your life and destroys all noble impulses that might otherwise cause me anxiety, but your strong sword arm is driven by your ambition that squelch all sentiment and pity; I placed in your soul a deep hatred for all things English, for all nations on earth I hate England most; wherever England plants her flag she brings order out of chaos and the hatred Cross follows the Union Jack; under her rule wild tribes become tillers of the soil and in due time practical citizens; she is the great civilizer of the globe and I HATE HER.

I planted in your soul a cruel hatred for your mother because SHE was English and left my good friend Bismark to fan the flame I had kindled. Recent history proves how well our work was done. I broke your royal mother's heart but I gained my purpose.

The inherited disease of the Hohenzollerns killed your father just as it will kill you, and you became the ruler of Germany and a tool of mine sooner than I expected.

To assist you and further hasten my work I sent you three evil spirits, Neitzsche, Treitschke and later Bernhardt, whose teachings inflamed the youths of Germany, who in good time would be willing and loyal subjects and eager to spill their blood and pull your chestnuts, Yours and Mine; the spell has been perfect—you cast your ambitious eyes toward the Mediterranean, Egypt, India and the Dardanelles and you began your great railway to Bagdad, but the ambitious archduke and his more ambitious wife stood in your way. It was then that I sowed the seed in your heart that blossomed into the assassination of the Duke and his wife, and all

sear warfare is a master stroke, from the smallest mackerel boat to the great Lusitania you show no favorites; as a war lord you stand supreme for you have no mercy; you have no consideration for the baby clinging to its mother's breast as they both go down into the deep together only to be torn apart and leisurely devoured by sharks down among the corals.

I have strolled over the battlefields of Belgium and France. I have seen your hand of destruction everywhere; it's all your work, super-fiend that I made you and I have seen the fields of Poland, now a wilderness fit for prowling beasts only; no merry children in Poland now, they all succumbed to frost and starvation—I drifted down into Galicia where formerly Jews and Gentiles lived happily together; I found but ruins and ashes; I felt a curious pride in my pupil for it was all above my expectation. I was in Belgium when you drove the peaceful population before you like cattle into slavery; you separated man and wife and forced them to hard labor in the trenches. I have seen the most fiendish rape committed on young women and those who were forced into maternity were cursing the father of their offspring and I began to doubt if my own inferno was really up to date.

You have taken millions of dollars from innocent victims and called it indemnity; you have lived fat on the land you usurped and sent the real owners away to starvation. You have strayed away from all legalized war methods and introduced a code of your own. You have killed and robbed the people of friendly nations and destroyed their property. You are a liar, a hypocrite and a bluf-

fer of the highest magnitude. You are a pupil of mine and yet you pose as a personal friend of God. Ah, Wilhelm, you are a wonder. You wantonly destroy all things in your path and leave nothing for coming generations.

I was amazed when I saw you form a partnership with the impossible Turk, the chronic killer of Christians, and you a devout worshiper in the Lutheran church. I confess, Wilhelm, you are a puzzle at times. A Mohammedan army commanded by Prussian officers assisting one another in massacring Christians is a new line of warfare. When a Prussian officer can witness a nude woman who is about to become a mother being disemboweled by a swarthy Turk committing a double murder with one cut of his sabre, and calmly stand by and see a house full of innocent Armenians locked up, the house saturated with oil and fired, then my teachings did not stop with you but have been extended to the whole German nation. I confess my satanic soul grew sick and there and then I knew the pupil had become the master. I am a back number, and my dear Wilhelm, I abdicate in your favor. The great key to hell will be turned over to you. The gravel that has struck the doom of damned souls since time began is yours. I am satisfied with what I have done; that my abdication in your favor is for the very best interests of hell—in the future I am at your Majesty's service.

Affectionately and Sincerely,
LUCIFER H. SATAN.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She An Old Man's Stomach.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain pepsin, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

NEWS FROM RECORDS OF COUNTY CLERK

- Marriage Licenses.
The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since Wednesday of last week:
R. H. Holman and Miss Minnie Holman.
J. L. Reed and Miss Agatha Helen Schum.
Disincio Castillo and Mrs. Matilde Estrada.
C. E. Gambill and Miss Willie Meadows.
Civil Docket.
J. P. Flynt vs. J. W. Mangum, foreclosure on chattel mortgage lien.
Births.
To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Creny of Miles, November 9, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Seoggin of Norton, November 10, twins, a boy and a girl.

S-O-M-E Goodies!

—the kind that melt in your mouth—light, fluffy, tender cakes, biscuits and doughnuts that just keep you hanging 'round the pantry—all made with

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the safest, purest, most economical kind. Try it—drive away bake-day failures.

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CHICAGO

- To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Havorak of Rowena, November 1, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ethridge of Ballinger, November 11, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Horton of Winters, November 9, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Webb of Winters, November 10, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Billups of Winters, November 9, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gray of Winters, October 25, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gully of Ballinger, November 11, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods of Ballinger, Nov. 9, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Levi Carter of Ballinger, November 6, a girl.

What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA

A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

Rowena Man Buys Stallion.

F. F. Ernest of Rowena has just purchased from Will S. Scherz of Lipan Creek a six-month-old Percheron stallion, paying a top price of \$500. The colt weighed 800 pounds.

City Will Pay All Bills Contracted this Year

It has been announced by the city commission that no bills have been contracted this year which the 1917 tax revenue will not take care of. In other words the commissioners have conducted the city's business in such way as to keep the city out of debt.

The city secretary states that the taxes for the present year is sufficient to pay off all script issued by the city this year, and that this script will be taken up as fast as the taxes are collected, and we are just entering the tax paying season.

While the commission has kept the city out of debt, the work has been carried on satisfactory, at least to a majority of the citizens, and the first year under the commission form of government promises to close very successfully.

The commissioners met in regular monthly session Thursday, and matters of interest were passed on. All monthly accounts, where properly approved were allowed and ordered paid.

Acting upon an application from the board of trustees of the Carnegie Library, the city set aside an appropriation of \$25 per month for the maintenance of the library.

Accident, or indemnity insurance was taken out, insuring the city against liability in accident

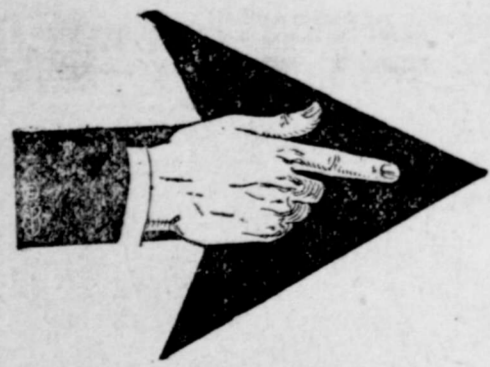
to its employees. The accident covers employees in every department of the city.

The commission declined to take any action against meat peddlers, or peddlers of any kind of produce in the city. This matter having been called to the commission's attention on account of several meat wagons that have been operating in the city. The commissioners did not deem it wise to try to shut the peddlers out of the city.

The commission approved an order placed for a large search light to be used by the fire boys in their fire fighting work, the cost of the light being about \$12.50.

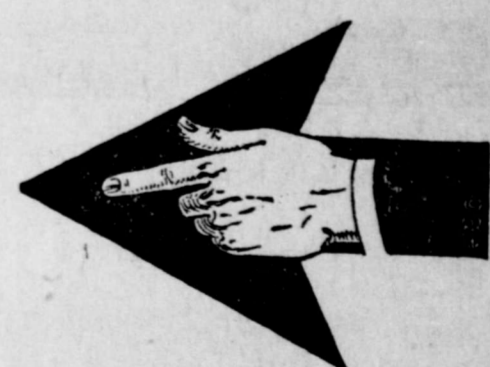
The matter of raising the embargo on hogs, modifying the hog ordinance in such way as to permit families to keep hogs in the city, was deferred. The commission had been requested by a number of citizens to grant permission to keep hogs in the city so long as the hogs were kept in an open lot or large pen, and not confined in a close pen, and the premises kept clean. While no action was taken in this matter, the commission was inclined to look upon the proposition with favor, provided certain restrictions were laid down and enforced.

When's Your Time Out?



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SHERIFF'S SALE. THE STATE OF TEXAS—County of Runnels.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 3rd day of November, 1917, by Mary Phillips, Clerk of said Court for the sum of Six Hundred Forty Four and 40-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a foreclosure of a Vendor's Lien, in favor of O. D. Dillingham in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1864 and styled O. D. Dillingham vs. D. F. Hamilton, placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of November 1917, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being the north one-half of Lot No. Two (2) in Block No. C of Murray's East End Addition to Winters, Runnels County, Texas, as shown by map of said Addition now on file in office of County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas and levied upon as the property of D. F. Hamilton and that on the first Tuesday in December 1917, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said D. F. Hamilton.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County, Texas. Witness my hand, this 5th day of November 1917.

J. D. PERKINS,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
By J. A. Demoville, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE. THE STATE OF TEXAS—County of Runnels.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, of the 3rd day of November, 1917, by Mary Phillips, Clerk of said Court for the sum of One Thousand and Fifty Eight dollars and no cents and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of J. W. Powell in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1884 and styled J. W. Powell vs. W. A. Davis, which said order was placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 3rd day of November 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being all of Lot Three (3) in Block No. One Hundred Ten (110) in said City as shown by the map of the 1st addition to the City to Ballinger, Texas, and levied upon as the property of W. A. Davis and that on the first Tuesday in December 1917, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. A. Davis.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County, Texas. Witness my hand this 5th day of November, 1917.

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Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, of the 3rd day of November 1917, by Mary Phillips, Clerk of said Court for the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Four and 73-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment of foreclosure, in favor of W. H. Weeks in a certain cause in said Court No. 1881 and styled W. H. Weeks vs. L. F. Gressett, placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of November 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being an undivided 1-2 of Lot No. 8, in Blk No. 31, of the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on the

original plot of the City of Ballinger, and also an undivided 1-2 interest in and to the following personal property: 3 anvils, 1 drill, 2 vices, 1 tire setter, 2 forges with equipment, 1 motor, 1 iron chain, 1 tire bolting machine; working tools, such as hammers, etc., 1 set of dies, wood tools, and \$100 worth of old iron and levied upon as the property of L. F. Gressett and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1917, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and order of Sale I will sell the above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. F. Gressett.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County, Texas. Witness my hand this 5th day of November 1917.

J. D. PERKINS,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
By J. A. Demoville, Deputy.

SIX INDICTED FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER

San Angelo, Nov. 16.—Five Mexicans and one white man, incarcerated in the Tom Green county jail for alleged failure to register for military service under the provisions of the selective draft, were indicted at Fort Worth by the federal grand jury early this week, according to Jesse Couch, deputy clerk, who has just returned home. Mr. Couch served as a witness before the grand jury before the indictments were brought in. The alleged slackers now in jail here will be transferred to Fort Worth some time during the latter part of the week. Four were arrested in Coleman county, one in Coke and the third in Runnels. Judge W. R. Smith of Colorado City, former congressman from this district, is now presiding over federal court at Fort Worth, in place of Judge Edward R. Meek, who is still in ill health.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER.

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BAGS EIGHT POINT BUCK.

Rube Dunn, Earl Webb and Ernest Turner returned Saturday night from a trip to the game reservation near the Mexican border. They report an enjoyable week's outing and brought back one deer, and eight point black tail buck. Deer are plentiful in the mountains in the southwest part of the state, but the people are guarding them and will only allow hunters to kill the bucks.

Mrs. F. E. Lewis of Waco and Mrs. Will Speer of Winters are the guests of their brother, W. F. Chapman, of this city this week.

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Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

28 WEST TEXANS GO TO STATE PEN

The state penitentiary transfer agent, who passed through this city Wednesday afternoon, en route to Huntsville with a bunch of prisoners he had gathered up over West Texas, and who picked up three prisoners at Ballinger, had his hands full when he left Ballinger. Sheriff Perkins accompanied the agent as far as Brownwood, where the prisoners were given their supper, and where they had the privilege of eating the last meal outside of prison walls for some time to come.

Notwithstanding that the prison agent had twenty-eight men, prisoners who had been convicted and given terms varying from two to twenty years for crimes including forgery, robbery, theft and murder, he handled the men with ease.

The men were chained together in pairs and then the pairs were chained together, and then the entire twenty-eight chained to the seats in the car. To move one all had to move, and to move all the car had to move, unless the officer unlocked the heavy chains that held the prisoners together.

Seventeen of the twenty-eight men came from El Paso, three from San Angelo and three from this place. The other five were picked up at points between Ballinger and El Paso. The man in charge brought the men down the Southern Pacific from El Paso to Alpine and from Alpine to Ballinger over the Orient to San Angelo.

Winchester Goes to Pen.

One of the 28 men carried through Ballinger to the state penitentiary this week, was Gene Winchester, who goes to the pen for a term of fifty years for the murder of a man by the name of Parramore, near Miles, last summer. The two men were traveling through the country in a Ford, coming to Ballinger from Knox county. While enroute to San Angelo the killing occurred. In the trial of the case Winchester claimed that he killed Parramore in self defense, the two men falling out over a poker game, and according to Winchester, Parramore tried to kill him. The story didn't work on the jury, and the man has entered upon the job of paying the penalty. If every young man could have seen that despondent looking bunch of men chained together with heavy chains, they would no doubt resolve to always walk in the straight and narrow path.

Notice In Probate.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels. No. 506. To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of Y. W. Moore, deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Y. W. Moore, deceased, late of Runnels county, Texas, by Overton L. Parish, judge of the county court of said county, on the 13th day of November, 1917, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence at Winters, Runnels County, Texas, where he receives his mail. This 13th day of November, 1917.

W. D. MEADOWS,
Administrator of the estate of Y. W. Moore, deceased. 16-4w

ANGELO BANDS SUSPENDS.

On account of the drought and the fact that the war has called for men in the band, the San Angelo municipal band has suspended. The leader of the band has announced that there will be no more band until after the war at least, and he is seeking other business.

WHOLESALE TO HELP MERCHANTS

Reliable West Texas merchants who are unable because of the wide failure of crops to pay their accounts to wholesale houses will be extended credit on new goods until next fall and the old accounts will be carried until that time provided that new accounts shall be considered preferred obligations. This decision was agreed upon at a meeting Thursday night of the Fort Worth Wholesale Credit Men's Association at the Westbrook hotel.

When a merchant in that section asks for extended credit, a committee will be appointed to investigate his record and his financial standing. If these are found to be creditable the merchant will be extended credit on the above provision.

A meeting of the State Credit Men's Association will be held here Jan. 18, at which time the matter will receive further consideration. J. H. Tregoe of New York, national secretary of the association, will be present at the January meeting.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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**Turkey Market Hits the
Bottom; Hold Your Turks**

The embargo on turkeys has caused a slump in prices that practically puts the turkey buyers out of the market. Buyers are paying ten and eleven cents and do not want the turkeys at this price.

A local poultry buyer says the people should not sell their turkeys now, but hold them for the Christmas trade, or until after the first of December, when there will no doubt be a better market.

Those with turkeys to sell do not understand why the government should place an embargo on turkeys, and by so doing knock the market, but such action is for the benefit of the poultry growers, and not for the poultry buyers or the packers.

The food administration recently discovered that forty million pounds of dressed poultry was being held in cold storage in the north and eastern markets. The owners of such poultry were notified to place it on the market, and said it must move during the month of November at some price. In order to force this poultry on the market for the Thanksgiving season the administration forbade the packing of poultry or shipment from Texas until after the first of December, forcing the consumers to buy cold storage poultry for Thanksgiving.

Another object in placing an embargo on turkeys, and prohibiting dressing until after Thanksgiving, was to give more time for turkeys to mature and thereby increase the food production. Heretofore many young turkeys have been thrown on the market when if they had been held for a month it would have increased the food supply many millions of pounds.

"I believe that we will be able to pay 15 or 16 cents per pound for turkeys within a few days after the first of December," said a local poultry buyer today, "and I wish you would urge the people to hold their turkeys for a few days."

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**INSTALLING AUTO
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Ballinger is to have a modern auto paint shop. The work is well under way and the shop is well dust proof and in charge of an expert auto painter, according to an announcement made by W. A. Nance, one of the proprietors of the Ballinger Auto Co. Friday.

The Ballinger Auto Co. is installing the paint shop. The dust proof shop will be located just in the rear of the garage of the Ballinger Auto Co. "We expect to be ready for business in a few days," said Mr. Nance, "and we will be prepared to handle as many as six cars at one time. The man in charge will be as good as the best to be found anywhere, and an effort will be made to keep the auto painting business here instead of permitting it to go to nearby towns where there is no better equipment or better painters."

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**GRANDPA COOK
DIED AT WINTERS**

C. R. Crews was called to Winters Wednesday morning to embalm the remains of "Grand Pa" Cook. Mr. Cook was the father of J. R. Cook, the Winters grocery merchant. He died early Wednesday morning. He had many friends throughout the Winters country who will be grieved to hear of his death.

**BOLD BURGLARS ROB
PROMINENT LAWYER**

Ballinger has long boasted of being a city free of petty theft, but Tuesday night this much boasted record was somewhat shattered.

Some ruthless thief entered upon the premises of Judge M. C. Smith and then and there with malice aforethought, lifted from the coop three fat hens, which had been fed for some days preparatory for slaughter and home consumption.

Whether this said thief was white or black is not known, but it is believed by Judge Smith that it was a "gentleman of color" as he contends that it is a negro's prerogative to steal chickens and by so doing, they do not deport so far from the "rectangle of rectitude" as would a white man, who should commit such an offense.

After the discovering of the theft on Wednesday morning, there was some discussion in the family over so great a loss in times of food conservation, and each member of the family expressed regret, except the judge, who said that he had always tried to be a philosopher and take all things for the best and there was one happy phase to the calamity, and it was this: there would be a considerable saving in high priced "chicken feed" and thus ended the unhappy event.

**TEXAS CAPITAL
REMAINS WET**

Complete returns from a local option election held in Travis county Thursday, shows a majority of 64 votes for the anti. The vote was for prohibition 3210; against prohibition 3274. The anti has announced a contest.

The campaign was perhaps the most hotly contested ever held in Travis county and in the city of Austin. The county voted on the liquor question last December, and in order to get another election at this time one precinct was not included in the election held Thursday. The anti won by 567 votes in the election held last December, at which time the city of Austin gave the anti 568 majority, while in the election held Thursday the city only gave the anti 83 majority, a net gain for the pros in the capital of Texas 485 votes.

**CURRIE COMES HERE;
DOSS TO WINTERS**

Judge A. K. Doss received a telegram late Monday stating that Rev. J. B. Curry had been returned to Ballinger for another year by the Methodist conference. The message also stated that Dr. Thompson had been assigned to the Brownwood district as presiding elder again, and Rev. W. H. Doss was assigned to Winters. Rev. Doss was pastor at Ballinger for three years, going from Ballinger to DeLeon, where he had been for two years, and during which time he has brought about the building of a \$12,000 church at that place, completed and paid for. Rev. Curry will be welcomed back to Ballinger and the many friends of Rev. Doss will be glad to know that he is to be so near Ballinger again.

Following are the appointments for the Brownwood district:

The following Central Texas M. E. conference appointments for the coming year will be of interest to Brownwood people:

Brownwood District—Presiding Elder, Sam G. Thompson; Ballinger, J. B. Curry; Bangs, Warner Moore; Blanket, L. L. Felder; Bronte, P. H. Gates; Brownwood, H. W. Kniekerbocker; Coleman, M. K. Little; Indian Creek, J. D. Ramsey; Norton, Henry Francis; Novice, to be supplied; Robert Lee, Frank Hughes; Roekwood, J. N. Hester; Santa Anna, J. S. Bowles; Talpa, T. L. Sorrells; Valera, B. F. Alsop; Winchell, C. F. Bell; Wingate, J. L. Smith; Winters, W. H. Doss; Zephyr, N. E. Gardner; special representative of S. M. U., J. B. Curry.

Cleburne Main Street, C. R. Wright.

Corsicana, First Church, C. H. Booth.

Dublin District—Presiding Elder, John R. Nelson; Comanche Station, W. D. Vaughan; Dublin, R. A. Langston.

Fort Worth district—Presiding Elder, W. H. Matthews; Arlington, M. S. Hotchkiss; Central, J. W. Fort; missionary to aviation camps Nos. 1 and 3, Umphrey Lee. Clifton station, Geo. F. Kornegay.

Georgetown district—Presiding Elder, W. R. Andrews; Georgetown, K. P. Barton; Button and Jonah, A. E. Turney.

Hillsboro, First Church, J. H. Stewart.

Waco District—Presiding Elder, J. A. Whitehurst; Waco Herring Avenue, R. F. Brown; Highland Place and Missionary to Camp MacArthur, D. A. McGuire.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Schooler left Friday afternoon for Arizona, where they go to make their home for a while. Mr. Schooler goes direct to Arizona while Mrs. Schooler will visit her parents at Goldsboro a few days before going to Arizona.

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PIONEER NEWSPAPER

MAN DIES SUDDENLY

P. E. Truly died at his home on Hutchings Ave., at eleven o'clock Tuesday night, death coming suddenly and within two hours after becoming ill. While he had not been enjoying good health for some time, he was up and about as usual, was down town Tuesday, and engaged in a game of dominoes with friends a short time before he was stricken with heart trouble.

The announcement of the death of this man spread over the city early Wednesday morning and brought sorrow to many friends and those who have known him for more than thirty years. The children residing at different places in Texas were notified and called to attend the funeral.

Pinekey Etheldred Truly was born in Louisiana on July 26, 1859, having lived to be 58 years, three months and twenty-five days old. He lived at other places in Texas before coming to Ballinger, having come to Old Runnels from Eastland county thirty years ago, and come to Ballinger when the survey of the town was made and before there was a house built and when Ballinger was a village of tents.

Shortly after coming to Ballinger Mr. Truly engaged in the newspaper business, and forming a partnership with a man by the name of A. L. Clark he later established the Runnels County Ledger, and published this paper for about fifteen years.

Mr. Truly published newspapers at San Angelo and Coleman, after disposing of his newspaper interest in Ballinger and later returned to Ballinger where he lived up to the time of his death.

After returning to Ballinger and again becoming editor of the Runnels County Ledger, Mr. Truly founded the Daily Ledger, publishing the first daily paper for this city. By sale and consolidation the Runnels County Ledger became a part of the Banner-Ledger, but the Daily Ledger remains as a memory of this good man.

While engaged in publishing a newspaper in this city, deceased was always active in the development of the country and did his part well in placing before the world the advantages offered for home seekers in this then a new country. Characteristic of the average newspaper man, Mr. Truly was liberal to a fault, giving of his time for the advancement of the country without just remuneration.

As an editor Mr. Truly always aligned himself on every public issue that came before the people, and in this way he made political enemies, but he was never known to fail a friend, always standing true to what he conceived to be right and loyal to his friends.

Deceased is survived by a wife and nine children, all the children being natives of Ballinger, and a brother, Judge R. B. Truly, who came to Ballinger with deceased thirty years ago, or shortly afterwards.

The children are R. R. Truly, of Waco; R. E. Truly, of Midland; Mrs. Paul Arnold, of Roekdale; Mrs. Roy Griffin, of Coleman; Mrs. Dr. Cates, of Wichita Falls;

Mrs. Carlos Dunn, of Ballinger; Miss Francis Truly and Tom Truly, who were at home with their parents, and Henry Truly, who was with his sister in Wichita Falls, where he was attending school. All the children will be here to attend the funeral of their father.

All arrangements for the funeral have been made, and the services will be held at the residence at two o'clock Thursday evening and interment made in the City cemetery.

Deceased was a member of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. H. King, pastor of that church, will have charge of the funeral services.

In the death of this good man and pioneer citizen, the many friends of the family, and especially the pioneer citizens, are made to grieve, and The Ledger joins these in extending sympathy to those who are left to mourn the loss of a husband and father.

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**MR. AND MRS. PROCTOR
TO GO TO BALLINGER**

Winters is going to lose some more of our best people and this time Ballinger is the gainer. Ed Proctor has accepted the position offered some weeks ago as manager of the Burton Lingo Lumber business at Ballinger and is now there, taking in hand the work. Mrs. Proctor will likely remain with her school until Christmas after which time she will join her husband in their new location. We make this announcement with regret and there are many people in Winters who will regret as much as we to lose these good people. We can only indulge in the hope that the move is only temporary and that the fates may change affairs so that they may again in the future be with us, for we feel that they are a part of Winters and that it is but natural that this is their permanent home.—Winters Enterprise.

FURS.

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TEMPLE PEOPLE FIND GLASS IN CAN OF CHILI

The housewife of one of the best known families in Temple, but who desired that her name be not used, informed the Telegram last night that finely broken up or ground glass had been found in a can of chili, bearing the brand of a Fort Worth manufacturer, which was being served to the family for supper. The younger member of the family starting on the chili observed that it tasted like it had sand in it. An examination showed that it was glass instead of sand, and a further investigation revealed that there was a full teaspoonful of the glass in a pound can of the chili. The lady phoning in the information said that she did so simply that other families might be on their guard. She had tried to inform the proprietors of the store from whom she had made the purchase, but it being after business hours she had been unable to reach them at that time.—Temple Telegram.

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Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHY, Mgr.

ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY LANDS IN FRANCE

Press reports state that the Rainbow Division has arrived safely at a French port. Roy Sharp recently wrote his mother that he was sailing from Mineola, Long Island. Roy was in the Rainbow Division, and as nothing has been heard from him since he wrote that he was leaving New York, it is presumed that he has landed in France. Friends and relatives will eagerly wait for a letter.

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O. L. Jackson of Abilene was in Ballinger Monday between trains, enroute home from San Angelo.

Aviators Here in Interest of Army Y. M. C. A. Work

F. H. Zeller who has seen actual service in the French aviation corps, flying over the Western front, spent Thursday in Ballinger in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work in the army camps, both at home and abroad.

Mr. Zeller returned home from France in June. His home is in Ohio. When the great movement to raise thirty-five million dollars to carry on the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers was put on foot, Mr. Zeller was called in to service to take the field and help organize committees in cities and counties throughout the country.

He arrived in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon from San Angelo, where a committee pledged themselves to raise \$2500. As soon as he arrived in Ballinger arrangements were made for a meeting at the Queen Theatre at ten o'clock Thursday morning, and more than one hundred men were present to hear the army flyer briefly tell of the condition in Europe and to learn of the movement to carry on the Y. M. C. A. work.

Before addressing the meeting at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Zeller visited the high school building where he talked to the school children and enlisted their help in the work. After the talk at the high school a committee of eight boys were appointed to assist in the work.

After Mr. Zeller's address at the Queen Theatre, J. McGregor, acting as chairman of the meeting appointed W. C. Penn, J. Y. Pearce, E. D. Walker, Scott H. Mack and L. Cohen, as an executive committee to take the work in hand and carry on the work of raising one thousand dollars in this county for the work in hand. The committee appointed met with Mr. Zeller at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and Mr. Zeller gave the committee further instructions.

Just before the meeting was called to order at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Zeller received a telegram from headquarters announcing that up to Tuesday night, the first two days of the great campaign, \$11,400,000 had been raised. Of this amount Texas had subscribed \$186,950, or about one half of the total amount Texas had been called on to subscribe.

The Y. M. C. A. workers in America are endeavoring to raise this week \$35,000,000.00. Pledges are being taken and the subscribers can pay up to April 1, 1918. It is estimated that this amount will carry on the work in the army camps up until the last of next year.

Texas has been asked to pay \$400,000 of the amount. Rannels county has been asked to pay \$1,000 of the amount. Rannels county will give liberally, because the people of Rannels County already realize the value of the Y. M. C. A. to the boys who have gone from this county to the war. Letters written on Red Triangle stationery to the folks back home tells the story of the Y. M. C. A. work in the training camps.

While Mr. Zeller did not tell much of his personal experience in the war zone and in trips made high in the air over the German trenches, he gave a vivid description of the uncivilized methods of warfare being used by the Germans, telling how the Germans used their gas and liquid fire. The speaker made it plain that the war will be a long drawn out fight, and that it will continue for at least three years. This opinion he based on information gained at first hand while in France and in talking with representatives from the various nations engaged in war since he returned to America.

President Wilson's Endorsement.

Lieutenant Zeller emphasized the endorsements that President Wilson, Major General Scott and General Pershing have given the Y. M. C. A. General Scott, returning from Russia, where he visited the various fronts with the Root mission, stated that the establishment of 300 Y. M. C. A. branches in France would mean 1,000,000 less graves of American soldiers. General Pershing has advocated 500 such posts.

"Germany itself has been so much impressed with the Y. M. C. A. that it now allows our workers to provide for allied soldiers in prison camps, and the German government has established a similar organization for service with the Teuton troops," said Mr. Zeller. "The whole thing in a nutshell is this:

Keeps the Soldier Busy.

"The Y. M. C. A. tries to keep the soldier busy and entertained during his spare idle moments. Life on the battle fronts is so strenuous and so taxing on the nerves that a man is able to stay in the trenches only ten days or two weeks at a time. Then he is brought back behind the firing line for three weeks or a month and frequently is given permission to visit Paris and London. It is during these periods of inactivity that clean, wholesome amusement and recreation as well as comfortable quarters must be provided for our soldiers."

Picture shows are given two and three times a week and the men are furnished with stationery and are urged to write to loved ones at home. Oftentimes a mother has failed to hear from her boy in weeks and inquires of his whereabouts and as to whether he is dead or alive. The Y. M. C. A. traces the man, and nine times out of ten brings him in touch with his home.

Song Services Held.

"Song services are held at nearly all hours of the day and always in the evenings in the big camps." Lieutenant Zeller stated. "The program starts off with popular airs or rag-time, but invariably ends up with religious songs. This is not because some Y. M. C. A. worker suggests it, but because the men realize the seriousness of the occasion and recognize the fact that maybe within a few hours they will again be face to face with death. Nearly every man carries a testament, with which all soldiers are provided by the association.

"The religious side of the Y. M. C. A. work appeals strongly to the men. As one Englishman said, the Y. M. C. A. does not mean 'Young Men's Christian Association' but 'You Make Christianity Attractive.' Even in the first line trenches you will find Red Triangle huts. Perhaps it is only a hole in the side of a trench wall or dugout, where not over a half dozen men can gather. But here hot coffee, tea and warm food are served under the most adverse conditions. You may think that such stimulants and light food do not mean much to the soldiers, but it means a lot when a man perhaps is standing in mud and water with his feet freezing."

Corporal Chas. Boyd, who is at home on a furlough, was called on by Mr. Zeller to tell what he thought of the Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Boyd gave the work his most hearty endorsement, telling what it was doing for the boys at Camp Travis. It affords a place for the soldiers that makes them feel more like they are at home, and a place where they can come together for entertainment, religious services, and social meetings.

The pupils of the local high school launched into the campaign to raise \$1000 in this county for the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers with a vim that netted them one hundred dollars in pledges before the Y. M. C. A. worker who came here to organize the campaign had left the city. The school children have set the

pace for the old heads to follow.

The committee appointed to handle the work in this county, and to act as an executive committee, met Thursday afternoon and organized by electing J. Y. Pearce chairman, E. D. Walker treasurer, L. Cohen secretary, with W. C. Penn and Scott H. Mack making up the remainder of the committee.

The committee will undertake to raise \$1300 in the county, and have allotted the work in such way as to give each community in the county a hand in the work. The amount to be raised was proportioned out on the following basis:

Ballinger	.....\$500
Winters	.....200
Miles	.....100
Rowena	.....100
Hatchel	.....50
Norton	.....50
Maverick	.....50
Pony Creek	.....50
Bethel	.....50
Token	.....50
Crews	.....50
Wingate	.....50

Each preacher in the county will be called on to assist in the work in just such way as he sees fit and all school teachers have been requested to interest the school children in the work.

That Ballinger will come up with its quota of the amount there is no doubt, and an effort will be made to interest the entire county and bring Rannels county up with its full quota.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

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CIVIC LEAGUE TO INSPECT CITY

A committee from the civic league will make the rounds in a few days and inspect the streets, alleys and premises of the city. The clean up campaign has been in progress for a couple of weeks, and while the work is not complete, the civic league hopes to be able to receive from the committee a most favorable report. On account of the scarcity of hands some of the families have postponed the work from time to time. The trash haulers are catching up with the work, and every one should try to have a clean alley by the time the ladies make the rounds. The alleys in the business district will also be inspected.

LIGHT SHOWER IN ROWENA.

Joe Schwenker of Rowena was in Ballinger Monday shipping out two earloads of cattle to the Fort Worth market. He said that Rowena got a light shower Sunday night, getting almost enough to settle the dust.



An inside secret about fried potatoes

As far as taste is concerned there are only two sides to fried potatoes—inside and outside. But both sides must be just right or your fried potatoes won't be!

Take the outside, first! It must be brown—a crisp brown. Potatoes fried in wholesome Cottolene can certainly answer "here" when it comes to a

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK SANTA FE TRAIN

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

What was evidently an effort to wreck eastbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 92 last night near Zephyr was frustrated by Dr. R. L. Coble, a Zephyr physician, who suffered the loss of a practically new six-cylinder automobile which was struck by the engine of the train.

Dr. Coble was returning to his home from Brownwood, and at the point about 3 miles west of Zephyr at which the public road crosses the railway tracks, he came unexpectedly upon a pile of boulders, placed on the railroad tracks and in the public road. Dr. Coble was driving at a rapid rate in order to pass the crossing before the arrival of the passenger train, which he heard some distance away, and when the lights from his car were thrown upon the rocks he was unable to stop in time to avoid an accident. Turning sharply to the left the doctor ran his car down the right of way and on to the railroad tracks, where the engine was stalled.

Hearing the passenger train thundering toward him, Dr. Coble jumped from his car, leaving it on the tracks, and hurriedly began removing the boulders from the track in order to avoid a train wreck. The oncoming train struck the automobile and demolished it, but a sufficient number of rocks had been removed from the track to enable the engine and two cars of the train to pass without mishap. The train was brought to a standstill before all the coaches had passed the road crossing.

Dr. Coble thinks the rocks were placed on the tracks in an effort

to cause a train wreck, but that the parties who were engaged in this criminal work were frightened away before their task had been completed. A short distance from the railway crossing Dr. Coble had stopped his car and shot a rabbit, and it is thought that the report of the gun was heard by the miscreants who were trying to wreck the train, and frightened them away. Only a few minutes elapse between the passing of two evening passenger trains and it is thought that the rocks were placed on the railway tracks just after the westbound train had passed.

Dr. Coble was not injured, and while his fine car is a total wreck, he rejoices that he was able to be on the spot in time to prevent what might have been a disastrous wreck.

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J. P. and Jeff Knight, of the Winters country were in Ballinger Friday, coming here on business. Mr. Jones supplied himself with reading matter for 1918 while here, being a pleasant caller at The Ledger office, and placing his order for a state daily paper and The Banner-Ledger. They made the trip to Ballinger in their car, and report bad roads a dread to auto traveling.

Mrs. D. Reeder and Miss Louise Orgram returned Monday from San Antonio, after spending about a week there visiting Roy Reeder, who is in the army at Camp Travis.



Stop the Leak!

Get the habit of going regularly to the bank, and when you spend money spend it wisely.

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Last Saturday was a good day for shooting subs. The Germans lost five.

So far the autos have killed more Americans than the war with Germany.

"Railroads will be in the hands of the president, if the crisis occurs," says press reports. Mr. Wilson may have his hands full but he is equal to the occasion.

The kaiser says God was with the Teutons on their march against the Italians. If we believed that we would stand pat as a pacifist. It can't be possible.

You are not supposed to forget your Hoover pledge just because it is hog killing time. Eat the bones and preserve the meat for summer seasoning. Economize now and live later.

While some are complaining because the grocery man will not sell them but twenty-five cents worth of sugar, there are those who would be glad to even get a that amount. That's something to think about when you dip into the sugar bowl the second time.

We can't agree with some of our friends, who claim that a man can live under the protection of the American flag and be neutral in this war. There is no neutral ground between American freedom and German atrocity.

Press reports indicate that the joint investigating committee now probing into the various state departments will have something interesting to report when the legislature meets. The game warden and prison officials are being called on to explain.

The Y. M. C. A. committee is a live one. Individuals and firms are given a chance to contribute to the work. That's getting them going and coming, but it's a cruel war and one that cuts going and coming. It is something the American people didn't order but must pay for. Down with the kaiser.

Bolsheviki, Tsarskoe, Auravieff, Nikolai, Rodzianki, Milinkoff, Trotzky, are just plain names that adds to the interest in reading the reports of the Russian revolution. The name Kerensky sounds better to the average American, and he has been picked as a winner in the trouble.

READS ONE PAPER 40 YEARS
S. R. Richards, who lives on Route A out of Ballinger, was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office Friday. Mr. Richardson dropped in to renew his subscription to his favorite papers. "I have been taking your paper for twenty years," said Mr. Richardson, "and have decided that I can not get along without it."

Mr. Richardson took advantage of our clubbing offer and renewed his subscription to the San Antonio Express for the 40th time. He stated that he had been reading the Express for 40 years, having never missed a year during that time.

Mr. Richardson spends the money cheerfully in subscribing for his favorite papers, and says it is money well invested, and he

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keeps posted on local and general news. The man who attempts to economize by doing without his home paper, and at least one good state paper, is a poor economist.

MAKING MONEY OUT OF WAR

Five or six billion dollars is a lot of money. In fact, it would take a dozen men several years to count that much money dollar at a time. But this nation is engaged in a real war and one in which money is one of the chief assets. President Wilson figured the cost before entering the conflict and knew from the beginning that it would take many barrels of money to win it.—Sweetwater Reporter.

One thousand million dollars is a huge sum, almost a dollar for every inhabitant in the world. Multiply that by eight, the amount of the two Liberty Bond issues, and the result is staggering. Before she went into the war the United States had more money in the bank than all other nations combined and a matter of a few billion dollars will not disturb the finances of the country.—Abilene Reporter.

This money is put in circulation, and the question naturally arises, where does it go? America is furnishing the allies with munition and food, but not without pay. Millions after millions of dollars have been loaned the allies, and yet none of it has left American shores. Instead it is used by representatives of the allies in buying war supplies from American people. America has cash to spare, and the greatest cost in the war will be men.

RUNNELS COUNTY'S GREATEST LIABILITY

A good road is one of the greatest assets for a community. Considered as a means of getting education for the child so that he can comfortably get to school, as a means of transportation of food-stuffs, as a direct link in the life of a woman with certain necessary social activities as a spiritual means of getting to church—consider a good road from any standpoint you like—civil, educational, economic, social, spiritual or moral—and it immediately looms up as an asset beyond price. The amazing part of it is that we have been slow to see the value that lies in a good road, and most amazing is it that we still tolerate so many thousands of miles of roads unfit for travel. It was recently said at a large gathering of women that the men were directly responsible for bad roads; that they had not done what they might have done to have better roads, and that much of the isolation in women's lives is due to their inability to get from one point to another on even a passable road. If that is so, if men have not risen to their best in this matter, if they have failed to do all they might have done, why not let women everywhere try what they can do in the matter of getting better roads? Getting a good road does not depend on having a vote; men know that. Women have done much for good roads in this country, but have they done all they might do? Is the actual value of a good road really been brought home to the comprehension of thousands of women? Have not women failed to grasp the full significance of good roads, as a matter of fact? If not, why these miles and miles of scandalous roads, with women living on them everywhere? One fact is patent, there should be no such thing as a bad road in a country such as this, or in such a time as this. The time has gone by for any excuse for a bad road that keeps a child from school, a man from his market, a woman from her church or from those social chances to which she is entitled. And the sooner we believe this fact, men and women, the fuller and happier our lives will be. There is scarcely anything into which a community can so wisely put its money as into a good road; and the woman who proclaims this, day in and day out, until she gets every road in her community comfortably traversable, is a savior to her sex!—Ladies Home Journal.

If good roads are one of the greatest assets of a community, bad roads are one of the greatest liabilities of a community.

TWO AMBASSADORS FOR THE DEVIL

Villa has again come to life and started another revolt in Northern Mexico. The old rascal talks of taking charge of Jaurez. The impudence of it! If he does Uncle Sam should slip over and kidnap him and bring him to American soil and there hang him so high that it would require two men to see which way he went up. Villa is a brute of the lowest order, and

Rheumatic Aches

Drive them out with Sloan's Liniment, the quick-acting, soothing liniment that penetrates without rubbing and relieves the pain. Always have a bottle in the house for the aches and pains of rheumatism, gout, lumbago, strains, sprains, stiff joints and all muscle soreness. Generous sized bottles, 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN

so far as the United States forgetting his dastardly acts at Columbus, it cannot be. Mexico is not going to punish him and so long as he continues his raids to the interior of that unfortunate republic we have nothing to say, but when he begins operating on the border, in the very front door of our homes, it seems that if nothing else a stray ball from some good American cannon, well aimed, should be accidentally turned loose.—Abilene Reporter.

Villa and the kaiser are the greatest enemies to civilization and peace on earth. Every liberty loving and peace-craving man in the world long for the down fall of such men. Men who can control such influence for evil are nothing less than ambassadors for the devil.

DROUTH HURTS WORSE THAN WAR.

We folks who live in the United States might just as well tell the plain truth about what we are doing and about how we are taking the war. Up to this time few are taking the great conflict seriously and only occasionally is there a person who has suffered any on account of the war. America has realized what the war means only as the few homes have been called upon to send out their sons to the battle front. In the larger part of the country, where there has been no drouth, the people are "rolling" in wealth. They are having more of the luxuries of life than ever before, and even in the drouth stricken portions of the country people are having to cut out the most extravagant luxuries only. Men drawing good salaries complain of the higher cost of living, when the facts are they are living like lords, compared to what the people of Europe are having. There may be days ahead when the people of the United States have to deny themselves necessities in order to feed our allies and carry on the war, but so far it is almost sacrilegious to claim we have even suffered inconvenience. People who say they are having a hard time making ends meet would come nearer the truth if they said they are having a hard time living high.—Abilene Reporter.

You are speaking from a financial view point, and what you say applies to the country where the drouth has not been felt and where prosperity abounds. While you are telling the plain truth about the war, we might just as well tell the plain truth about the country affected by the drouth. Few people in this country have given to the war until it hurts, because there are a few people who can not give until it hurts. Instead of having a hard time making ends meet they are not making ends meet. There are no people more patriotic than the people of the drouth stricken section of Texas, but it is impossible for many of them to express their patriotism in dollars and cents.

Certain Cure for Group.

Mrs. Rose Middleton of Greenville, Ill. has had the experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

LIBERTY BONDS ARRIVE.

Local banks have received the second issue of Liberty Bonds, and subscribers are either being notified to call for their bonds, or the bonds are being delivered. The banks are offering to take care of the bonds for those who have no place for safe keeping, and thereby avoid the risk of loss by fire or theft. The city, county, and independent school district received their allotment of bonds, the bonds being issued in \$500 and \$1000 denominations, while a great majority of the bonds for the individual subscribers are of the \$50 denomination.

STATE LEADS WAY

OPEN FEED MARKET

Austin, Texas Nov. 19.

Judge O. L. Parish, County Judge of Rannels County, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Judge: We are endeavoring to assist those citizens of our State who really need help and the purpose of this letter is to enlist your cooperation in support of the movement in your County.

We have located great quantities of Hay and Grain, much of which may be bought from the producer direct, a list of same is ready for distribution, and needs a medium in each County through which this information may be carried to the people, and especially the farmers and cattle raisers who have to buy much feed and food this winter. We have a working connection with a good many farmers' organizations in different sections of the State but such organizations as yet have not been formed in all the farming communities in Texas and for that reason in districts where there are no working organizations, the people need an avenue of official information, and under the present economic crisis, we feel that the County Judges of the various counties would undoubtedly be willing to do their moral, political and patriotic duty, to the end that full information be given to the people through the County Press, Commissioners' Court and County Council of Defense: We recommend that citizens of each county so far as possible organize and arrange to buy supplies cooperatively.

This Department is also splendidly equipped to assist our Texas farmers' marketing associations in locating a market for their commercial crops in season.

By giving this matter a part of your spare time in cooperation with this Department and your people, an invaluable service may be rendered, and the reestablishment of prosperity in your County hastened. Please give this matter publicity in your local newspapers.

May we expect your generous cooperation?

Yours very truly,
E. W. Cole,
Director of Markets.

Echoes From Camp Travis.

Private Baren Wells, of Ballinger, with the 360th Ambulance Co., is attending the school for non-commissioned officers.

Sam A. Rogers, from Rannels County, reported to Camp Travis and was assigned to Co. A 343rd Machine Gun Bat'n. This organization, as the name implies, will be one of the most important units in the destruction of Germans in the present war.

A Letter From "Over There."

Every one is interested in the work that our boys are doing on the other side and in the spirit they are showing now that they are living close to the sound of battle. One of the truly encouraging things about the present situation is the splendid morale of these young men, their complete readiness for sacrifice.

The following fragment of a letter from a young college student has fallen into the hands of the editor, and is presented as a striking example of the state of mind that animates our men near the front. It makes refreshing reading indeed to us who have heard so much babbling and disloyalty from a certain group of senators. When we read such self-sacrificing sentiments as are printed below, it brings the flush of anger to our cheeks to realize that these Senators are embarrassing and nullifying in every possible way to work of our noble young fellows "over there," and we can only hope that it brings the blush of shame to those guilty of disloyalty.

TEN THOUSAND STENOGRAPHERS WANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Special to the Ledger:

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 15, 1917—Hon John A. McIlhenny, President of the Civil-Service Commission, Washington, D. C. recently wrote to Draughton's College, Abilene, urging that College to help the United States Government to secure more stenographers, both men and women, the Government now being in need of ten thousand stenographers and many bookkeepers, at salaries ranging from one thousand dollars to twelve hundred dollars to begin on.

In his letter Mr. McIlhenny urges young men and women who are not trained for government office positions to begin now to take the necessary training, as the prospect is that the demand will continue indefinitely.

Draughton's Abilene College is also receiving many calls from railroads and many other important business concerns for bookkeepers and stenographers.

To show its patriotism, Draughton's Abilene College is offering a free civil service course, in connection with shorthand and bookkeeping, and low rates to all who desire to prepare at College, or by mail, for these good office positions.

TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR PECAN CROP

R. B. Brown of the South Ballinger neighborhood was marketing pecans in Ballinger Saturday, and apparently was finding little difficulty in disposing of them. He says that he will gather thirteen thousand pounds or more of pecans, this fall, which at the prevailing price of fifteen cents a pound, will amount to something near two thousand dollars, and all of this will be practically clear, as the only cost is in the time consumed in gathering and marketing them.

The pecan crop is unusually good in this section this year, and many farmers who failed to make a cotton crop will be enabled to "tough it out" through the pecan crop.

A Woman's Way

It is the way of woman to bear pain and discomfort without complaint. Women awaiting motherhood should be given every help which will make for less pain. Millions of women have used the safe, tried and reliable external massage known as "Mother's Friend". The abdominal muscles relax naturally and without strain when baby is born. Stretching pains during the period are avoided and the crisis is rendered safer for both the mother and the coming child by its regular use. The woman who fails by any chance to procure "Mother's Friend" should be furnished it by those who are dear to her. Write to The Bradford Regulator Company, Department K, 209 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., for book, "Motherhood and the Baby". It is free. "Mother's Friend" is procurable at the drugstore. Do not go a single night without using it. Ask for a bottle today without fail.

Letters from Our Soldier Boys

LOST HIS PLACE BUT GLAD TO GET BACK

Camp Travis, Texas, Nov. 13. Local Board, Rannels County.

Gentlemen: Well, I am back in the army proper. Glad to be examined again and go through all the proceedings of enlisting in the army. Lost the Sergeantship, but was lucky to get back into my same company. So am entirely satisfied. Am returning a meal ticket that I did not use in Brownwood. Just naturally didn't have time to use it.

Have not had time to look up "White Child." But the first time I am off, will sure go up and find out about the extra ticket.

With best regards to you all, and many thanks for helping me get back to Camp Travis.

Your friend,
Roe Stocks.

LETTER FROM SOLDIER SON BRINGS JOY TO MOTHER

Camp Travis, Texas, Nov. 19. To The Ballinger Ledger:

As I have been appointed by my captain to represent the boys of Rannels county that is in my company, will write a few lines this evening. Don't know of but two boys in my company from Rannels county. Their names are Sam Baheringer of Ballinger and Sam Farmer of Miles. Many of the boys in the U. S. A. have gone to the front or to training camps. Have found our lives crowded full of new excitements, new interests, new diversion. But I am quite sure that many of the homes that they have gone from are rather empty because of their going. Lives they have left behind are desolate. A mother's world shrinks strangely with the outgoing of her son. Most of the boys here, the old hum-drum life at home seems tame to them, compared with the new existence, with its stimulating visions and exalting purpose. The best way for us boys here to look at the war with all its glare and fear, is to look upon it as only a passing incident. The real abiding life, is the home life, with our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. There is no visions broader, no purpose higher, no ideals purer than these, in all the world. But our country has called us, and some mother's son has to answer the call. And it is a worthy soldier who, in the excitement and allurements of the new life of the camp, that can still hold sacred in his

deep-felt of love and consolation to the lonely, longing mother at home. A letter from me is considered by some of the boys a very little thing, but to the ones remaining at home, a great thing. In many homes today, I am sure that the letters from the boy in the trenches and camps are the supreme messages of earth. And my letters are crumpled with tears, and often blurred with tears, and am sure a good letter is strengthening to many a starving mother's heart. A boy who is setting his country has often sacred interests to serve as well. However heroic a figure he may cut in camps, he is but half of a man, who fails in his letters to the folks at home. As this is my first time in life to ever write to a paper, will close, as I can't think of anything more to write that would interest the people, who read the Ledger.

If I ever get courage enough to write again, will tell of a soldier's life in training camps, and what is expected of him, or rather what he has to do.

Hoping all the Rannels county people much success, I am,

Jesse Smith,
Company "C" 343 M. G. Bn.
Camp Travis, Texas.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass is at home from a ten days visit to her father near Cleburne, and a visit to Waco where she attended the State meeting of federated clubs.

FINDS NAVY LIFE IDEAL

Dear Aunt and Family: I guess you are all still busy picking cotton. I wish I were there with you just for a little while, and then I would be ready to return to the navy, because life on a battleship is fine. The men in charge are the most human you ever saw. They treat you like you were somebody instead of a brute as I had always imagined before I came. So far I have not regretted enlisting.

I can't tell you where I am or what I am doing, so all you can find out at present is that I am

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Turkey Market Hits the Bottom; Hold Your Turkeys

The embargo on turkeys has caused a slump in prices that practically puts the turkey buyers out of the market. Buyers are paying ten and eleven cents and do not want the turkeys at this price.

A local poultry buyer says the people should not sell their turkeys now, but hold them for the Christmas trade, or until after the first of December, when there will no doubt be a better market.

Those with turkeys to sell do not understand why the government should place an embargo on turkeys, and by so doing knock the market, but such action is for the benefit of the poultry growers, and not for the poultry buyers or the packers.

The food administration recently discovered that forty million pounds of dressed poultry was being held in cold storage in the north and eastern markets. The owners of such poultry were notified to place it on the market, and said it must move during the month of November at some price. In order to force this poultry on the market for the Thanksgiving season the administration forbid the packing of poultry or shipment from Texas until after the first of December, forcing the consumers to buy cold storage poultry for Thanksgiving.

Another object in placing an embargo on turkeys, and prohibiting dressing until after Thanksgiving, was to give more time for turkeys to mature and thereby increase the food production. Heretofore many young turkeys have been thrown on the market when if they had been held for a month it would have increased the food supply many millions of pounds.

"I believe that we will be able to pay 15 or 16 cents per pound for turkeys within a few days after the first of December," said a local poultry buyer today, "and I wish you would urge the people to hold their turkeys for a few days."

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INSTALLING AUTO PAINT SHOP HERE

Ballinger is to have a modern auto paint shop. The work is well under way and the shop is well dust proof and in charge of an expert auto painter, according to an announcement made by W. A. Nance, one of the proprietors of the Ballinger Auto Co. Friday.

The Ballinger Auto Co. is installing the paint shop. The dust proof shop will be located just in the rear of the garage of the Ballinger Auto Co. "We expect to be ready for business in a few days," said Mr. Nance, "and we will be prepared to handle as many as six cars at one time. The man in charge will be as good as the best to be found anywhere, and an effort will be made to keep the auto painting business here instead of permitting it to go to nearby towns where there is no better equipment or better painters."

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GRANDPA COOK DIED AT WINTERS

C. R. Crews was called to Winters Wednesday morning to embalm the remains of "Grand Pa" Cook. Mr. Cook was the father of J. R. Cook, the Winters grocery merchant. He died early Wednesday morning. He had many friends throughout the Winters country who will be grieved to hear of his death.

BOLD BURGLARS ROB PROMINENT LAWYER

Ballinger has long boasted of being a city free of petty theft, but Tuesday night this much boasted record was somewhat shattered.

Some ruthless thief entered upon the premises of Judge M. C. Smith and then there with malice aforethought, lifted from the coop three fat hens, which had been fed for some days preparatory for slaughter and home consumption.

Whether this said thief was white or black is not known, but it is believed by Judge Smith that it was a "gentleman of color" as he contends that it is a negro's prerogative to steal chickens and by so doing, they do not deport so far from the "rectangle of rectitude" as would a white man, who should commit such an offense.

After the discovering of the theft on Wednesday morning, there was some discussion in the family over so great a loss in times of food conservation, and each member of the family expressed regret, except the judge, who said that he had always tried to be a philosopher and take all things for the best and there was one happy phase to the calamity, and it was this: there would be a considerable saving in high priced "chicken feed" and thus ended the unhappy event.

TEXAS CAPITAL REMAINS WET

Complete returns from a local option election held in Travis county Thursday, shows a majority of 64 votes for the antis. The vote was for prohibition 3210; against prohibition 3274. The antis have announced a contest.

The campaign was perhaps the most hotly contested ever held in Travis county and in the city of Austin. The county voted on the liquor question last December, and in order to get another election at this time one precinct was not included in the election held Thursday. The antis won by 567 votes in the election held last December, at which time the city of Austin gave the antis 568 majority, while in the election held Thursday the city only gave the antis 83 majority, a net gain for the pros in the capital of Texas 485 votes.

CURRIE COMES HERE; DOSS TO WINTERS

Judge A. K. Doss received a telegram late Monday stating that Rev. J. B. Curry had been returned to Ballinger for another year by the Methodist conference. The message also stated that Dr. Thompson had been assigned to the Brownwood district as presiding elder again, and Rev. W. H. Doss was assigned to Winters. Rev. Doss was pastor at Ballinger for three years, going from Ballinger to DeLeon, where he had been for two years, and during which time he has brought about the building of a \$12,000 church at that place, completed and paid for. Rev. Curry will be welcomed back to Ballinger and the many friends of Rev. Doss will be glad to know that he is to be so near Ballinger again.

Following are the appointments for the Brownwood district: The following Central Texas M. E. conference appointments for the coming year will be of interest to Brownwood people:

Brownwood District—Presiding Elder, Sam G. Thompson; Ballinger, J. B. Curry; Bangs, Warner Moore; Blanket, L. L. Felder; Bronte, P. H. Gates; Brownwood, H. W. Knickerbocker; Coleman, M. K. Little; Indian Creek, J. D. Ramsey; Norton, Henry Francis; Novice, to be supplied; Robert Lee, Frank Hughen; Roekwood, J. N. Hester; Santa Anna, J. S. Bowles; Talpa, T. L. Sorrels; Valera, B. F. Alsop; Winchell, C. F. Bell; Wingate, J. L. Smith; Winters, W. H. Doss; Zephyr, N. E. Gardner; special representative of S. M. U., J. B. Curry.

Cleburne Main Street, C. R. Wright.

Corsicana, First Church, C. H. Booth.

Dublin District—Presiding Elder, John R. Nelson; Comanche Station, W. D. Vaughan; Dublin, R. A. Langston.

Fort Worth district—Presiding Elder, W. H. Matthews; Arlington, M. S. Hotchkiss; Central, J. W. Fort; missionary to aviation camps Nos. 1 and 3, Umphrey Lee.

Clifton station, Geo. F. Kornegay.

Georgetown district: Presiding Elder, W. R. Andrews; Georgetown, K. P. Barton; Button and Jonah, A. E. Turney.

Hillsboro, First Church, J. H. Stewart.

Waco District—Presiding Elder J. A. Whitehurst; Waco Herring Avenue, R. F. Brown; Highland Place and Missionary to Camp MacArthur, D. A. McGuire.

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MR. AND MRS. PROCTOR TO GO TO BALLINGER

Winters is going to lose some more of our best people and this time Ballinger is the gainer. Ed Proctor has accepted the position offered some weeks ago as manager of the Burton Lingo Lumber business at Ballinger and is now there, taking in hand the work. Mrs. Proctor will likely remain with her school until Christmas after which time she will join her husband in their new location. We make this announcement with regret and there are many people in Winters who will regret as much as we to lose these good people. We can only indulge in the hope that the move is only temporary and that the fates may change affairs so that they may again in the future be with us, for we feel that they are a part of Winters and that it is but natural that this is their permanent home.—Winters Enterprise.

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