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GERMANY IS FLIRTING WITH JAPS

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.—It developed on good authority today that Germany had again attempted to align Japan against the United States. The German government made a strong effort to detach Japan from the allies, but the proposals of the teutons were refused.

POSTPONE HEARING AGAINST LAFOLLETTE

Washington, Nov. 26.—The time set for hearing charges against Senator LaFollette has been postponed. Senator Pomerene, chairman of the committee in charge, indefinitely postponed the hearing today.

BLAMES ENGLAND FOR WAR

London, Nov. 26.—A denial that there had been any secret meeting or private council in July 1913 in which the British advocated war with Germany was made in the House of Commons by Foreign Minister Balfour today. Such a report was spread over England by German propaganda in an effort to make the nation believe that England was responsible for the war.

CAR OF SAND CAPSIZES.

A car of sand overturned Monday night on the Santa Fe tracks near the compress, when a freight train was switching. Very little damage was done, and the car was righted Tuesday morning by a section gang, and the track at that place repaired.

BLIZZARDS AID ITALIANS IN HOLDING TEUTONS

With the British Armies, Nov. 27.—Terrible blizzards have come sweeping over the northern mountains of Italy. This will be a great help to the Italians in healing the invading Teutons back.

With the French Armies in Italy.—Relief is at last in sight for the sorely pressed Italians in the form of British and French forces. French forces have been pouring through the Alpine passes in seemingly never ending streams, and the British are following them. After an eight days' march, the Franco-British infantry, with artillery and supply trains, are within sound of the guns at the front.

The Italians are holding their positions along the Po river, despite the fact that twelve enemy attacks have been made in the past day or two. General Giorgio is confident that the Italians will hold out until the British and French arrive.

With the British Armies, Nov. 24.—The British have fought their

way to within two miles of Cambrai. The Germans were hurled back upon Fontaine Notre Dame. This town is now in flames, and the Teutons are falling back on Proville, a suburb of Cambrai proper. Fontaine Notre Dame is believed to have been evacuated entirely by the enemy.

London, Nov. 24.—Further gains around Cambrai have been announced by General Haig. More than a hundred guns, including many heavy field pieces have been captured by the British since Tuesday.

With British Armies, Nov. 26.—Cambrai and Queant are both wobbling from the great crack made by the British in the Hindenburg lines, and the everlasting battling of the British.

Field Marshal Haig reports that the British have captured and are holding all the villages west of Cambrai, and the troops are occupying the outskirts of Queant. The Germans are removing military stores as the British push them back.

RUSSIA'S ARMISTICE PROPOSALS

Zurich, Nov. 26.—Formal armistice proposals from the new Russian government were made to Germany and Austria today. The new Russian commander in chief General Krylenko sent the proposals to the supreme commands of the German and Austrian governments.

Would Release Million Germans.

Geneva, Nov. 25.—Commenting upon Lord Robert Cecil's declaration against recognition of Lenin's regime in Russia, the Journal De Geneve says:

"Lenin never acknowledged that Russia had any duties toward its allies and they must realize that Lenin rules at Petrograd. His proposal of an armistice with Germany is dangerous because if he can find even one Russian general to sign this monstrous treason with him, the agreement probably would result in the release of one million German prisoners against the allies."

The paper suggests that if Lenin is to be bought the allies should buy him.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The Russian Embassy here has broken off allegiance to the Bolsheviki government.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The State department declared today that the United States government will go very slowly and carefully in dealing with the Bolsheviki in their overtures for an armistice and universal peace. If Russia makes a separate peace with Germany, the act will be considered an unfriendly act that will place Russia almost in the list of unfriendly nations.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw are packing up today and will be moving to their farm in Concho county Tuesday. They are advertising their home in Ballinger for rent, and will spend next year on their farm near the Concho post office.

Paul Sulak is at home from a visit to Waco, Dallas and other points.

2 More Americans are killed

Washington, Nov. 27.—The war department announced this afternoon, that two members of the American expeditionary forces in France were killed and five severely wounded while in action on November 20th.

AMERICAN DESTROYER SINKS GERMAN SUB

Washington, Nov. 24.—According to dispatches from Admiral Sims, another German submarine has been accounted for. It was sunk by American Destroyers.

GOVERNMENT MAY SEIZE COAL SUPPLY

Washington, Nov. 24.—Fuel Administrator Garfield made another threat of government seizure of coal mines today. Under this arrangement, the government will requisition the entire output of coal at the mines, selling it without cost.

RAILROAD METHODS CHANGE RADICALLY

Washington, Nov. 24.—A revolution in railroad methods in America is being worked out in order to relieve the war transportation congestion. A pooling of the railway interests and equipment to the most radical revolutionary extent ever dreamed of will be announced shortly.

R. A. Nicholson returned Saturday from Oklahoma, where he had been for some time on business.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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Winters, Texas

TEACHERS TO ATTEND STATE INSTITUTE

Taking advantage of the Thanksgiving Holiday, eight or ten teachers will leave Ballinger Wednesday afternoon for Waco, where they go to attend the state teachers institute.

In order that the teachers might have an opportunity to attend the institute, and as only one school day for the week remains, school will dismiss Wednesday afternoon for Thanksgiving and will not reconvene until Monday morning, giving the children a two days holiday.

Superintendent Fleming stated today that the teachers would be released from duty early enough Wednesday afternoon to permit them to catch the four o'clock train, and arrive in Waco early Thursday morning. Eight or ten teachers from the city school will attend the institute, and it is probably that several teachers from the rural school will join the party here and also attend the institute.

J. C. THAXTON LAID TO REST IN MOONLIGHT

The remains of J. C. Thaxton were brought to Ballinger from his home near Maverick late Monday evening. The funeral procession arrived at Ballinger about dark, with the remains and were carried to the City cemetery, where they were laid to rest. As the sorrowing relatives and friends gathered around the grave the moon furnished light for the pall bearers. It was perhaps the first funeral to take place in the local cemetery after dark. The late hour has made necessary on account of the distance which the procession had to travel. Rev. Rosser, of Bronte, conducted the funeral services at the residence.

Mr. Thaxton was nearly seventy-one years old. He died at his home near Maverick at eleven o'clock Monday morning, after an illness of just one week. His death removes from this county another pioneer citizen and a good man who will not only be missed in his immediate community, but who will be missed by many friends throughout the county.

TAKES INSANE MAN TO ASYLUM

Sheriff Perkins left Monday afternoon for Austin taking Jack Murphy to the insane asylum. Murphy was recently adjudged insane here by a jury.

FACES PRISON FOR UGLY CRIME

San Angelo, Nov. 26.—Sheriff C. A. Rector of Roswell, N. M., arrived here Saturday morning for Evan Hargroves, who was arrested Monday by Sheriff Allen. Sheriff Rector will return to Roswell with his prisoner Sunday. Hargroves is charged by the authorities at Roswell with "having a minor in his possession for evil purposes." The minor was registered at a local hotel under the name of "Mrs. K. Z. Hargroves" when Hargroves was arrested here. Sheriff Rector said that Hargroves lives in New Mexico and that he is married. He said the woman, Miss Kate Haynes, resided near Roswell and that he did not know if she is going back now.

MEAT DEALERS MUST CUT PRICE

Reports from Washington states that J. P. Cotton, chief of the meat division of the United States food administration, has announced that immediate steps will be taken to reduce the cost of meat to the consumer. The policy of the administration will be to cut out speculation and unfair profits. The plan will limit the earnings of the packers to nine per cent on their capital stock, and in no case can the packers profits exceed 2.5 per cent of the sales.

DALLAS MAN AFTER BIG OIL LEASE

Robert Lee, Texas, Nov. 24.—Fifty thousand acres of land lying along both sides of the Colorado river north of Robert Lee are wanted by L. A. Stemmons and R. C. Corsey of Dallas for oil development purposes. So far between 35,000 and 40,000 acres have been leased.

The men propose to test the field thoroughly and their contracts specify that drilling is to begin within a year. It is understood, however, that the sinking of the first well will be begun not later than January 1st.

Walter Neely was here from Winters Saturday, coming in to pay the taxes on some land he had just sold. Mr. Neely has not sold out, but only sold a part of his land holdings and is only getting better fixed for living in Runnels county.

We are Thankful

for a citizenship that is true and loyal to their country and its very interest.

We are thankful for all blessings bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father.

We are thankful for friends and friendship.

May your Thanksgiving be a happy one and a pleasant one.

This Store Will Be Closed Thanksgiving Day.

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NOT A WEST TEXAS DROUGHT

The 1917 drought, familiarly called the "West Texas Drought," is not confined to West Texas. The following editorial paragraph from the Temple Mirror indicates that the water shortage in central Texas is something to be reckoned with: "The Katy is hauling water from Temple at the rate of several thousand gallons a day. We do not mean to place ourselves in the attitude of being against the shipment of water for the suffering people, but Little River has not gone dry and they have a pump there. The Brazos has not gone dry and they have a pump there. We are of the opinion that this company should use just as little water from this place as possible, for the reason that we will need all the water that we can get within two months if there is no rainfall and for these reasons we are asking that the proper authorities take the matter up before the horse has been carried away."

PREPARING TO SAVE WHEN RAIN COMES

If the water which goes to waste on the farm in time of plenty were conserved for times of drought, gardens and fields might be saved from failure and live stock from a sacrifice market. Farm reservoirs store water of streams, pumped water or run off water until it is needed. A widely increased interest in pump irrigation has created a demand for storage facilities to retain the water lifted by the pump overnight and to provide a large irrigation stream for the following day. That farmers who contemplate building reservoirs may be properly guided in the work a new publication, *Farmers' Bulletin 828, "Farm Reservoirs,"* discussing the various types and details of construction, recently has been published by the United States Department of Agriculture. -- Coleman Leader.

The drought has taught the farmers a lesson in water conservation, and as a result of the experience Demonstrator Eaton is working over time answering calls from every section of the county from

farmers who want his assistance in terracing their farms. Those who terraced their farms last year and the year before and conserved the heavy showers instead of permitting the water to run off the land before it had time to soak in and stored away to come when the drought set in, made a much better yield than those who were not prepared to save the storm water.

Frank Berryman, of the Wingate country, was here this week seeking the aid of the farm demonstrator, and stated that if he had terraced his land a year ago instead of waiting he would have made at least \$1500 more on his farm than he did make. Terracing is no longer an experiment, but a proven benefit. Mr. Eaton is being kept busy on this work alone now, yet we understand that it is probable that the county will lose him on account of the county failing to make an appropriation to meet the federal government's appropriation to pay for maintaining the demonstration work in this county. The business men have been paying the bill this year, and feel that the county should get behind the work for the coming year.

The government horse buyers who recently visited Rannels county, stated that they were only buying horses in counties where the county was maintaining a demonstrator. The advantages are too numerous to mention, and we think there are other county offices the people could get along without better than the farmers can get along without a demonstrator.

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.

BALLINGER MAN GOES TO WICHITA FALLS

A. T. Hoehn will leave Sunday for Wichita Falls, where he goes to accept a position with the F. W. & D. Railroad. Mr. Hoehn had been employed for some time on the A. & S. Mrs. Hoehn will not go with Mr. Hoehn, but will remain here for the present.

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. 3c.

NUX, IRON, PEPSIN AND SARSAPARILLA

The combination of two great medicines, Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepton, by taking them in conjunction, one before eating and the other after, brings into co-operation the above-named substances, best for the blood, nerves and digestive organs.

This combination is especially recommended in cases that are scrofulous, or rheumatic, anemic and nervous, or where the blood is both impure and pale, deficient in iron — one of the most common disease conditions of the present day.

In cases where a laxative is needed, Hood's Pills should be taken. They work in perfect harmony with Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepton, and are mild and efficient.

AIRSHIP SPEED FOR FALSE REPORT

In a few minutes after the east bound passenger train passed thru Ballinger Thursday afternoon, a report flashed over Ballinger to the effect that three men from the northern part of the county had been killed near the Mexican border by a band of Mexicans. It was known here that a party from the Winters country were on a hunting trip in the game reservation in the southwest part of the state and this caused the report to take wings. Efforts to get the report confirmed brought the news that the men had returned home and that the report was absolutely false.

It seems that the report originated from some member of the train crew telling the story, and stated that the news of the tragedy had been received in San Angelo just before the train left that city. When we stop to consider that news of such tragedies do not travel by mail clerks in this day of wires and wireless, no one should have placed credence in the report. It should be death penalty for the man who starts such reports.

NOTICE.

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

PROFITABLE FARMING.

J. A. Patterson, one of the prosperous farmers living in the Wingate section, does not depend entirely on feed and cotton for a money crop. He has sold this year one 2-year-old mule for \$150 and another 2-year-old mule for \$200. The prices he received for his stock indicate that Mr. Patterson raises good stock, which does not cost much more to produce than scrub stock.

FURS.

Hides, bones, junk. I buy everything that is loose. L. O. Wood-en. 20. 4th 4th

EWING TAYLOR WRITES AGAIN FROM FRANCE

France, Oct. 27, 1917.

Dear Mama: Things are all O. K. with me. We have plenty to eat and get lots of sleep. The weather is getting pretty cold, and as it is always raining, it makes it very disagreeable. But that is so much better than the fellows in the trenches have, we do not kick.

When you write to me again send me some clippings from newspapers. Any kind of a paper would look good to me now. We hardly ever get any news from over there. I have not received any more letters since I got your three.

How is the Hoover campaign getting along? They are more strict on things like that here. Each family is allowed so much coal, oil, sugar and such things per year. We do without sugar one meal each day. Gasoline is \$1 per gallon.

I would like to tell you more about the situation, but can not. By now I have given up the hope of being in Texas by Jan. 1, 1918, as I told you in my last letter.

Give my love to all,
 Your son,
 Ewing.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

J. J. Pope left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth, where he will stay for a short while.

SMASHES WINDOW TO STEAL GUN

Using a heavy oak wood standard out of a wagon frame, some one smashed in one of the big plate glass show windows at Higginbotham Bros. & Co, store Friday night, seemingly for the sole purpose of getting a big Colts six-shooter that was sticking in a scabbard hanging from a saddle in the show window.

The show window display consisted of saddles, blankets, purs, leggings, belts and a general line of cow boys supplies. The window display had been on for a week or more, and the fact that the six-shooter was the only article stolen indicates that the burglar needed this in his business and had no use for other articles in the window.

After smashing the big plate glass it would have been an easy matter for the burglar to enter the store and stocked on any thing he needed, but it seems that he only reached and lifted the gun from the scabbard after smashing in the glass.

The robbery was not discovered until the employes came down to open the store early Saturday morning. There were no signs left behind as a clue for the officers to work on, and it is probable that the thief will never be apprehended.

This is the first crime of this character committed here for some time, and aside from the loss caused by breaking the window, the Higginbotham store suffered little.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
 Ladies: Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Cases, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Beware of cheap imitations. **DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25c.** Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

MAVERICK PARTY ON HUNTING TRIP

W. A. Glenn, Bert Fletcher and Bud Borders, of the Maverick country, passed through Ballinger Monday enroute to the game region of Southwest Texas, where they will spend several days hunting. Mr. Glenn stopped in Ballinger and ordered the Ledger sent to his son, James, who is at Camp Travis. Mr. Glenn stated that they expected to visit San Antonio and the soldier boys before returning home.

TOURS TWO STATES; BUYS FARM HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berryman, of the Wingate country, were in Ballinger Thursday. This was Mr. Berryman's second visit here within the last week, having come down last Saturday to accompany a couple of new comers who were here closing up a land deal.

Mr. Berryman reported that two farms just changed hands in his part of the county. Maek Barker and John Adkins, of Freestone county purchased Rannels county land, paying spot cash, and have returned to their old home in Freestone county to move out here at once.

Mr. Barker purchased from Chas. Overman a 130 acres at \$45 per acre cash. Not so bad for dry land.

Mr. Adkins purchased the Boley place, consisting of 246 acres, paying \$35 cash. This is not a bad price for dry land either, and when it begins to rain the land will put on more value.

These gentlemen sold their homes in Freestone county a short time ago and started out to prospect. They went north, traveling through eastern and northern Oklahoma, returning through the northwest and western part of Oklahoma and came down through the Panhandle country to Rannels county, where they found what they wanted and located.

The men who sold out are satisfied with the deal, but are the losers in the transaction.

Henry Todd and wife of Maverick were in Ballinger Friday shopping.

How Long Must I Suffer From the Pangs of Rheumatism?

Is there no real relief in sight?

Doubtless like other sufferers, you have often asked yourself this question, which continues to remain unanswered.

Science has proven that your Rheumatism is caused by a germ in your blood, and the only way to reach it is by a remedy which eliminates and removes these little pain demons from your blood. This explains why liniments and lotions can do no perma-

nent good, for they cannot possibly reach these germs which infest your blood by the millions.

S. S. S. has been successfully used for Rheumatism for more than fifty years. Try it to-day, and you will find yourself at last on the right track to get rid of your Rheumatism. You can get valuable advice about the treatment of your individual case by writing to the Chief Medical Adviser, Swift Specific Co., Dept. D Atlanta, Ga.

SENT TO ASYLUM FOR REPORTING RAIN

San Angelo, Nov. 26.—El Love, a negro, was adjudged insane by a jury in the county court here Friday afternoon. It was stated that for some time Love's folks believed he was "a little off" and desired to have at matter investigated. Accordingly a jury was summoned Friday and his case submitted. The verdict was that he is insane. From discussions on the part of some of the officials Saturday morning it appeared that the jury was just a little doubtful as to the sanity of the negro. There had been quite a lot of testimony introduced which caused the belief that insanity existed, but it was when some of the stories said to have been told by the negro in Brown county were related that the jury's mind was fixed. One of the county officials declared that Love had said in Brown county that recently there had been several big rains in Tom Green county. That settled the question.

IN WET SAN ANGELO.

In the corporation court Tuesday a white woman recently charged with drunkenness, vagrancy and using abusive language, was tried on the first charge—that of drunkenness. The trial was by jury and the defendant was given a fine of \$1 and costs, which amounted to a little more than \$24.

It was said that the other charges will be threshed out as soon as the attorneys in the case have time to try them.

This is one of the women said to have been running disorderly houses in North San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard.

J. A. DeMmerville had business in the northern end of the county Saturday.

Private John Byers arrived in Ballinger Friday night from Camp Bowie on a furlough of about a week. He is visiting his father, A. J. Byers, near Ballinger.

PIONEER DIES AT MAVERICK

News reached Ballinger shortly after noon Monday of the death of J. C. Thaxton. Mr. Thaxton died at his home near Maverick after several days illness with blood poison. On account of the condition of the body the physicians and undertaker advised burial as soon as arrangements could be made, and the remains were sent to Ballinger, leaving the late home of the deceased about four o'clock and will be interred in the City cemetery as soon as they arrive at Ballinger, probably about five-thirty Monday afternoon.

J. C. Thaxton was one of the pioneers of this county. He came here in the early days and settled in the Maverick country, where he has lived for more than twenty years. Deceased was well known in Ballinger. He was here only a few days ago, and was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office, coming in to give us for publication a letter received from his grand son, Lawrence Boynton. Lawrence is in the navy. At that time Mr. Thaxton seemed to be enjoying as good health as usual and greeted his friends with a jovial spirit.

Among the relatives surviving is Mrs. Boynton, and Mrs. Clinger, daughters, who are well known in Ballinger. The friends of the family join The Ledger in sympathy.

Walter Singletary came in from Camp Bowie Thursday at noon, and is at home on a few days furlough to be with his sister, who is sick. Walter volunteered from Ballinger when the San Angelo Company of National Guards were organized. He reports all the Ballinger boys located at Camp Bowie getting along nicely, and most of them well satisfied with army life.

H. M. Josey, who has been with a Belton abstract company for the past several months, came in Sunday to spend a few days with home folks.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 20th day of Nov. 1917, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 20th day of Nov., 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$117,683.37
Loans, real estate	17,750.00
Overdrafts	714.88
Bonds and Stocks	3,950.00
Real estate (banking house)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,137.50
Furniture and Fixtures	4,220.85
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	26,928.27
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	1,381.32
Cash Items	4,066.25
Currency	6,742.00
Specie	1,904.93
Assessment Guaranty Fund	204.90
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	3,729.27
Other Resources as Follows:	
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	14,878.17
Live Stock	695.55
TOTAL	\$227,603.06

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 60,000.00
Surplus Fund	11,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,618.01
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	1,768.66
Individual Deposits, subject to check	133,444.04
Time Certificates of Deposit	18,412.35
Letters of Credit	360.00
TOTAL	\$227,603.06

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Rannels, ss
 We, Chas. S. Miller, as president, and C. A. Orbeck as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 C. A. ORBECK, Asst. Cashier.
 CHAS. S. MILLER, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of Nov., A. D. 1917.
 (Seal) SAM BAKER, Notary Public Rannels County, Texas.
 CORRECT—ATTEST: C. A. Dooce, C. O. Harris, E. A. Werner, Directors.

RECAPITULATON	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans	\$130,243.60
U. S. Bonds	3,950.00
Banking House, Furn. & Fix.	24,220.85
Other Real Estate	3,437.50
Int. in Guaranty Fund	4,021.17
Cotton Exchange	14,878.17
Cash and Exchange	40,842.77
Total	\$227,603.06
Capital Stock	\$ 60,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	13,618.01
Deposits	133,985.05
Total	\$227,603.06

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

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The Woman's Tonic

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

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

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BETHEL RAISES NICE Y. M. C. A. FUND

The citizens of the Bethel School community were very successful in an entertainment given last Friday night for the benefit of the school and the army Y. M. C. A. work. The two committees in charge of the work co-operated in the entertainment, giving a box supper. \$86.40 was received from the sale of boxes, and this amount was equally divided between the school and the Y. M. C. A. fund, each receiving \$43.20. Aside from the financial success the entertainment was a social treat for those who attended.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves.

The Old Standard Groves' 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.

J. B. Poole, of the Winters country, was in Ballinger Monday, coming here to close up a deal for some vendor lien notes which he was purchasing.

Miss Kathryn Barnett returned Monday at noon from Abilene, where she had been over Sunday.

A. J. Lee, of the Divide country west of Ballinger, made his annual visit to The Ledger office Monday. Mr. Lee was here most of the day on business.

Cold?

What you want is quick relief. Here's a fifty year old remedy that has proven beneficial for millions. Try it yourself. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. King's NEW Discovery for Coughs & Colds

Dizzy? Bilious? Constipated? Dr. King's New Life Pills cause a healthy flow of bile and rid your Stomach and Bowels of waste and fermenting body poisons. They are a Tonic to your Stomach and Liver and tone the general system. First dose relieves. Get a bottle today. 25c. all druggists.

Interest of America In Great World War

The Pan-German propaganda which has been going on for the last 25 years proved beyond peradventure of a doubt that the only reason why the attempt had not been made before to realize the grandiose conception of German world domination is to be found in the fact that those responsible for it were not ready. The day had not yet come. But in August, 1914, it was believed that the hour had struck. A short aggressive and successful war and the dream of centuries would be a reality. Paris in three weeks, London in three months, New York in three years was the accepted German program.

That the Germans might thus dream of world domination we may possibly comprehend. But that the German people should be willing to resort to the practices of which they have been shown to be guilty in order to realize their dream was hardly to be believed. They have, however, under Prussian influence, adopted a philosophy of life which makes it impossible for other nations and peoples to coexist on terms of equality. The pride indicated in the classic boast of Roman citizenship is almost abject humility when compared with the belief of the modern Germans in their superiority to other peoples. For the Roman was willing so long as his political power was recognized to permit conquered races to live in a condition of at least an approximation to social and economic equality. The modern German, however, declares with a contemptuous frankness all non-Teutonic civilization to be unworthy of perpetuation and announces his intention to disperse its degenerate followers to those parts of the earth where they will least interfere with the spread of Deutsche Kultur. To him the Teutons are the people chosen of God to redeem the world. Those who resist the will of God are guilty of impiety and for them no fate is too hard. With them no engagement however sacred need be kept. No means is too vile to resort to if it is thought to aid in the accomplishment of the divine purpose. Never since the times

of the Old Testament has a nation so despised its neighbors as do the Germans of this day and hour. We must go back to the days of Assyria and Rome to find examples of such treatment of subjugated peoples as modern German policy presents. Either Germany must be taught to see the error of her ways or we non-Germans must reconcile ourselves to become the submissive slaves of German masters. The fate of Belgium and northern France may well be ours.

But detestable as the German philosophy of life is, no one can doubt the triumph of Teutonic efficiency. Probably never in the history of the human race has so large a body of men become capable of such efficient action as has the German nation in recent years. From a scientific point of view, from a military point of view, from an economic point of view, from a social point of view, Germany has shown great strength. Opposed by almost the entire world she is still unconquered. To teach her the lesson she must be taught will require the devotion of all the power of those allied against her.

The non-German world is, then, at the present time confronted by an adversary who combines unbounding ambition and insufferable arrogance with unexampled efficiency and unscrupulousness without limit. We Americans, far removed as we are from the scene of Germany's first efforts to realize her ambitions, form an important part of the non-Teutonic world. We must not lull ourselves into security because of the remoteness of our geographical situation or the pacific character of our purposes. The Germans of the present day despise our capacity, envy our prosperity, and are not inclined to comply with our desire to pursue the even tenor of our ways in the continents which we have colonized and developed.

We have further in German pretensions a direct attack upon the kind of life which we have chosen to live. Two characteristics have distinguished the modern European life in which we have a share. The first is internationalism, the second is democracy.

the public schools, but has been studying music.

GIRL BURNS TO DEATH IN BATH ROOM

San Angelo, Nov. 26.—Jennie Lou Burns succumbed to her injuries at one o'clock Sunday morning. The body will be sent Sunday afternoon over the Santa Fe to Center, Texas, where Mill Burns was born and resided until two and one-half years ago.

At a late hour Saturday night the life of Jennie Lou Burns, fifteen-year-old daughter of John B. Burns, local broker was despaired of by physicians as the result of a blaze which at three o'clock had terribly burned her body almost from head to foot.

Miss Burns was alone in the bath room of her home at the corner of West Harris avenue and North Bishop street in San Angelo Heights when her clothing caught fire. She was preparing for a bath and had lighted an oil stove. In some unexplained manner the flame flared up to an unusual height and her light dress was swept into it.

The girl partly smothered the fire with garments in the room and ran screaming into another part of the house, where Mrs. Burns and other members of the family were sitting. Mrs. Burns completely extinguished the blaze by throwing a quilt over the form of her step-daughter, but not until the fire had deeply burned the girl's lower limbs, waist and breast.

Three doctors were immediately summoned but from the first they expressed little hope that Miss Burns could survive. Every effort was made to relieve the patient's suffering, and the physicians continued to work as the afternoon drew to a close and night set in.

The Burns family has resided in San Angelo about two and a half years, coming here from Center, Texas. J. B. Burns is associated in the loan and realty business with Wood Hassel and has offices in the Trust building. His daughter has not been attending

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

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

TO TAKE SHRINER'S DEGREE

Arch Crews and Audice Reese went to Dallas Thursday afternoon, where they will be initiated into the Shriners at Moslah Temple. The two young men will become Shriners at a meeting to be held in Dallas Friday night.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride, Mr. R. Henderson of Fort Worth, and Miss Ethel Cates of Ballinger, 408 10th Street, this afternoon at 1:30.

The groom is a promising young man in Uncle Sam's employ as mail clerk. The bride is the daughter of our congenial townspeople Mr. and Mrs. Cates, who came to our city from Talpa some months ago. Mrs. Henderson is widely known as an accomplished teacher in our public schools.

May joy abide with them in their new home in Fort Worth.

TRACE DISEASE TO CONSTIPATION

One of the points on which different schools of medicine practically agree is, that about 95% of all human disease is directly traceable to intestinal putrefaction of stomach waste due to inactivity of the bowels, or constipation. The eliminative process is an essential factor in digestion and on its proper functioning depends the welfare of the entire system.

DOOSE MADE CHAIRMAN OF SAVING CAMPAIGN

The administration is organizing its forces and preparing to launch a campaign for selling war saving certificates. The full details of the plan for selling have not been made public, but it is known that the certificates will be issued in small denominations and placed within reach of the man with small means. It is reported that the \$5 certificates will bear four per cent interest, compounded quarterly, to run for five years, redeemable at any time with accrued interest.

The plan for raising war revenue makes the investment attractive for the small investor and the man who wants to do his bit to help in the war, but who is not able to buy a fifty dollar Liberty Bond. Mr. Doose has wired for full instructions, and it is expected that the campaign will be launched in this county simultaneously with the launching of the campaign throughout the nation. So far the following telegram to Mr. Doose and his reply is the only official announcement made of the work.

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.
"C. A. Doose,
"Ballinger, Texas.

"Upon the endorsement of Louis Lipsitz, Director for Texas the Secretary of Treasury has appointed you chairman of Rummels county organization for sale of two billion dollars issue war savings certificates, campaign being directed by Frank A. Vanredlip, of New York. At this critical moment in our country you have an opportunity to render patriotic service of great value, and I earnestly hope you will make whatever sacrifice is necessary to co-operate in this highly important work. Please write Louis Lipsitz, Dallas, who will give you further information, also wire acceptance here, care of Treasury Department.

"Fred W. Fleming,
"Federal Director."
"Ballinger, Tex., Nov. 25.
"Col. Fred W. Fleming,
"Federal Director,
"Care of Treasury Department,
"Washington, D. C.:

"In reply to your wire twenty-fourth instant, you are advised of my cheerful acceptance of the Chairmanship of the Rummels county organization for the sale of two billion dollar issue War Savings Certificates in accordance with the campaign as directed by Frank A. Vanderlip, of New York. I have written to Mr. Louis Lipsitz, of Dallas, Texas, as requested by you.

You may rest assured that it affords me great pleasure to co-operate with you in this and all other patriotic campaigns to the end that victory may be our reward.

FRANK PEARCE GETS COMMISSION

News received in Ballinger Friday stated that F. M. Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce of this city had received his commission as First Lieutenant in the United States army. The announcement reaching Ballinger Friday comes as a result of assignments made at the close of the second officers reserve training camp at Leon Springs, where Mr. Pearce enlisted, and where he has been training for the past three months.

Lieutenant Pearce will no doubt be given a few days leave of absence and come home on a furlough, after which he will be assigned to regular duty, and will no doubt in the course of a short time be sent to France.

The many friends of the young man will be glad to know that he has made good and given such good rank to begin with. Promotion is waiting for those who prove their ability, and as the big army is rapidly made up Lieutenant Pearce will soon be found filling the place of a captain, and as the war progresses receive higher rank.

Mrs. Pearce has been in San Antonio during her husband's stay at Leon Springs, and will return to Ballinger with him, and will probably remain here until Lieutenant Pearce is again located.

Hatton Laxon left Friday afternoon for Missouri on business. Mrs. Percy Willis and Miss Morie Moore of Waco arrived in this city Friday to visit Mrs. D. M. Baker and Mrs. E. L. Rasbury, Jr., a few days.

WILL YOU BE ONE?

Thousands of thoughtless people neglect colds every winter. A cough follows; they get rundown—then stubborn sickness sets in. Sickness can be prevented easier than it can be cured and if you will give your system the benefit of a few bottles of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

you will find your whole system strengthened. It will fortify your lungs and throat and enrich your blood against rheumatism. It is powerful concentrated nourishment without alcohol or opiates. Don't neglect taking Scott's—commence today.

The imported Norwegian cod liver oil always used in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 17-17

BARBECUED HOG AT WINGATE

A man by the name of Smith, living two miles east of Wingate, had the misfortune to lose his meat supply in a mysterious way last Saturday.

Mr. Smith went to town and when he returned home he found three big fat hogs he had in the pen and about ready to butcher, barbecued and ready to serve.

It all happened in this way, and yet just how it happened will perhaps never be known. Mr. Smith had his hogs in a pen covered over with old maize stalks, and floored with plank. In some mysterious way the stalks caught fire and the hogs were almost cremated.

There has been several reports of hog poisoning, but this is the first case of hog burning reported. It is not known whether the fire was of incendiary or not.

E. Shepperd was at Wingate Saturday and reported the fire to The Ledger.

Patronize—

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.

COLLEGE SERVICE FLAG HAS MORE THAN 500 STARS

State College, Pa., Nov. 24.—Pennsylvania State College's latest decoration is a huge service flag, carrying more than 500 stars, the handiwork of co-eds and of wives of college instructors. Each star represents a faculty member or an under-graduate who has answered the call. Each man's name is embroidered on his star.

E. A. Brookshire, of the Brookshire neighborhood, near Tempyson, spent Thursday in Ballinger on business, making renewal to The Ledger a part of his business.

THREE AVIATORS KILLED AT FT WORTH

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 25.—Two cadet aviators are reported dead and a second lieutenant in the Royal flying corps is reported to have been killed following a series of accidents at the three aviation camps near Fort Worth in the past two days. Two others have been injured but will recover. The most seriously injured is Cadet Gish, said to be from Portland, Ore., who lost control of his machine and fell to the ground Saturday.

Cadet Biddle, stationed at Camp Taliaferro, is reported as having been slightly injured while trying to make a spinning nose drive during which he lost control of his machine and crashed to the earth Friday evening.

W. C. Aleock, cadet aviator of the Royal flying corps at Taliaferro field, was instantly killed Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, when his machine crashed to the ground from a height of 1,000 feet. He was with a squadron making a flight in battle formation and apparently lost control of the plane and crashed into the machine ahead of him. The other flyer made a landing with only a few bruises. Aleock is an Englishman and enlisted in the Royal flying corps last summer at Toronto. He would have been among the first of the cadets to leave for France.

R. Gottschalk and family, of the Norton country, were shopping in Ballinger Friday.

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. Stuchell, 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.

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STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Nov. 20th, 1917

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$336,868.05
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Liberty Loan Bond	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	87,602.92
Cash and Exchange	271,732.90
	\$761,603.87
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	69,016.33
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	566,087.54
	\$761,603.87

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

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

Melton Dry Goods Co.
Everybody's Store
Ballinger, Texas

Talcum Powder

25c Grades for 13c.
Standard brands—extra quality—Mennens, Williams and Holman's—every can worth 25c, your choice13c

Dress Goods Special

65c and 75c Grades—49c.
Hundreds of yards—plaids—stripes and solid colors—just the thing for school dresses—many kinds from which to choose49c

Out

Worth 15c—
A big assortment of splendid colors—10 and 12 yard length Special

Bath Towels

15c Grade for 12c.
A good size—a good weight—hemmed ends—selvage sides—bleached pure white—worth fully 15c each, Special at
12c

Men's Sweaters

\$2.00 Grade for \$1.45.
Browns, dark grey, light grey—Men's Coat Sweaters heavy grade, cotton and wool mixed, extra Special.
\$1.45

Over Shirts

\$2.00 Grades for \$1.49.
Extra heavy grade—cut full—mixed wool—grey, and brown—military and plain collar—the real \$2.00 grade at
\$1.49

Warm Underwear

Extra Special 67c.
Heavy Winter weight—unbleached—no fleece—all sizes up to 50—shirts and drawers, extra Special
67c

Men's Hats

\$3.50 Grades for \$1.95.
Novelty styles, in many shapes—tan, grey, brown and black—sizes 6 3/4 to 7 3/8—an Extra Special at
\$1.95

Cotton Flannel

Worth 20c for 14 1/2c
Extra heavy grade—extra wide widths—good fleece—twill back—unbleached, the ideal under wear fabric—worth 20c, Special
14 1/2c

Men's Shirts

\$1.50 Grades for \$1.29
Over Shirts of light weight material, fancy stripes—also solid colors—a real dressy style—Extra Special
\$1.29

The Most Complete Stock In West Texas---Every Department Just \$75,000.00 Stock from Which

Short crops—delayed climate conditions—the need of more business—and the main item, "cash" are a few of the factors that have prevented the season. Will you take advantage of this opportunity to "save" on your fall shopping?—This store will be the "Mecca" of the month—for Melton's Money Raising Sale—with its low prices and quality merchandise is going to help hundreds of families to reduce their living expenses, dress better and have more money every turn. We want to emphasize the fact—that never in the history of this store—was it in a better position to meet the needs of its patrons than at the present. Thousands of dollars of goods are going to share this good fortune with our many hundreds of customers—as well as the hundreds of new ones that are sure to come. Take a day off—pay this Money Raising Sale a visit.

The Greatest Bargains You Ever Bought Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Hundreds of choice garments, including the new styles. Better get here early, the choice garments at the low prices named are the first ones to sell. There's a big supply but the "Money Raising Sale" prices will soon make them dwindle away.

Ladies' Suits

\$22.50 Grades \$14.95.
Brand new garments, beautiful quality—new colorings—about 25 in the lot—choice—
\$14.95

EXTRA SPECIAL Silk Dresses

Assorted shades—and styles—grades that sold at \$8.50 and \$10.00 last season—choice
\$2.95

Ladies' Suits

\$27.50 Grades for \$19.95.
Another big saving—choice styles—new fabrics—new colorings—grades that sold up to \$27.50. Money Raising Price—
\$19.95

Dress Special

Wonderful Values.
New serges—new silks—garments that are the new ones for 1917—worth up to \$17.75. Money Raising Price—
\$12.45

Silk Dresses

\$22.50 Grades \$14.95.
It's a shame to sacrifice these beautiful dresses—so early in the season—real \$18.50 to \$22.50 grades—come get yours at—
\$14.95

Millinery

The established prestige of this department, the reasonableness of the price; "Money Raising Sale" prices. Read the bargains—Come and see.

All Pattern Hats—Half Market Price

Entire Other Stock Divided into Four Lots

- LOT 1. Children's Hats—new styles—grades that sold up to \$2.50, choice95c
- LOT 2. Ladies and Misses Hats—made in styles that sold up to \$3.50, choice\$1.95
- LOT 3. Ladies Hats—street and dress styles—that sold up to \$5.00, choice\$2.95
- LOT 4. Ladies Dress Hats—splendid new styles that sold up to \$7.50, choice\$3.95

"Cash" We Must Have

Prices quoted are for spot "cash" and no approvals—no hold tickets—any article bought that is not right in size or quality will be cheerfully exchanged for the right size or quality. The shelves are full—the counters are full—every corner is filled with this "quality" merchandise—and the lowness of price coupled with "quality"—is bound to bring hundreds of customers to the "Money Raising Sale." Tell your friends about it—meet them here.

WORK SHIRTS

Extra Special 69c.
Heavy Cheviots and China and dark blue Chambray attached collars—full cut—well made—fast color—an extra value at
69c

MEN'S UNIONS.

\$1.50 Grade \$1.29
Bleached pure white—all sizes, 34 to 44—a good winter weight—closed crotch—perfect fitting—very elastic—real \$1.50 grade
\$1.29

The Event of the Season—Sacrificing Thousands of DOLLARS
MELTON'S MONEY RAISING SALE
OPENS SATURDAY

FREE! FREE! To the first 10 men entering our store and buying \$1.00 or more—we will give a pair of Silk Sox—Free. BE ONE OF THE FIRST.

\$1.23

SILKS
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Grades \$1.23
Full 36-inch widths—messiness—feta and dress sarins—all colors—splendid weight—for waists and full dresses—extra special

Value vs Price

Hundreds of items are being sold at far below their real value—on the items that were bought in advance of the big raise in merchandise—the Money Raising Sale—make these items still a greater bargain. Your dollars will go farther—buy more—than at any time this fall.

Come—expecting bargains—they are here in abundance.

Men's Suits

Bargains that Work
"Better Suits for less money"—you should take advantage of you will be able to buy "all wool" former retail selling price—worth to supply our armies in the field

Men's Suits

\$15.00 Grades for \$11.95
Well made garments—Blue serges that wool—3 piece suits—suits that will give wear—also fancy worsteds—in many designs—terms—all sizes from 33 to 44—real top quality Suits—"Money Raising Price"—
\$11.95

Boys Suits

Size 12 to 18 Years.
A big table of Suit Bargains—Belted and Plain styles—full cut—well made, \$6.50 and \$7.50 grades, Extra Special\$3.95

Boys Hats

75c Grades for 45c.
Choice of a big assortment of small Boys' Hats—black plush—fancy styles—small plaids, real 75c grades for 45c

Silk Sox

65c Grade 45c.
Extra smooth quality fabric and real heels—fancy stripes—polka dots—all 65c grades

Why?

Not only for should anticipate cheaper than items are being less than this for today in the and North. The store—but to price has not a raw material.

Corduroy—dark color—also a special mixture Grades

\$1.29

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RED BLANKETS
\$2.50 Grades for \$1.95
Large size—64 by 80 inches—weight—a heavy weight—white, grey and tan—60 grades for



Special 10c.
Under wear patterns, light
—an extra value at 15c—
.....10c

Ladies' Vests
45c Grade for 33c.
A winter weight—with long sleeves—bleached pure white
—all sizes, the real 45c grade, Extra Special33c

Cotton Blankets
\$2.00 Grades for \$1.69.
Extra Good Grade—weight and size, white, grey and tan
—with blue color border—also pink, a real \$2.50 grade
for\$1.69

Half Price
Any pattern Hat in
the house—dozens from
which to select—every
one marked in plain fig-
ures — choice — HALF
PRICE.

**Full---Bargains Days
ch to Choose**

entered to make this sale—and it will be the greatest economy e-
ne buying public of Ballinger and surrounding country during De-
ney to spend. In stating this we much admire movement—when bargains will meet you at
new mer chandise is owned by this firm—far below the real wholesale price today and we
it—no ad mission charged. The grand opening Saturday at 9 a. m.

MEN'S COLLARS
20c Grades for 13c.
Men, this is the opportunity to supply
your collar needs—modern styles—
"Lion" Brand, the price will be
25c this next year, special
each
13c

You Should Buy
your immediate needs—but you
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WOOLEN GLOVES
35c Grades for 29c.
Dark colors—solid and fancy—a good
weight—the ideal glove for warmth
—Mens and Boys' sizes—a spe-
cial value for
29c

BOY'S PANTS
50 Grades for \$1.29.
he ideal school pants—
ages 9 to 18 years—
l lot of fancy wool-
s — real \$1.50

**FREE! FREE!—To the first 10 ladies entering our store and buying \$1.00 or more—
we will give a fine pair of Silk Hose—FREE! BE ONE OF THE FIRST.**

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Special
ish blanket—worth \$5.00 —
an exceptionally warm wool fin-
—extra size, 66 by 80 inches—
Beautiful plaid—made by Nashua
\$5.00 Value for \$3.95
WOOL NAP BLANKETS

22c
Just the thing for school dresses—a big
35c Grades for 22c
COLTON SUITINGS
assortment choice styles—plain col-
orings and fancies—width 27 to
32 inches—35c values for

Camisoles
150 Grades for 98c.
Wash Silk and Crepe de
Chine—trimmed with beau-
tiful lace bandings— colors
flesh and white, real \$1.25
and \$1.50 grades for
98c

Toilet Soap
Worth 15c for 10c.
"Palm Oliva" a standard
kind—that's good for the
toilet and bath. A delicate
perfume—made from pure
vegetable oils—Special
10c

Stickerie Braid
A Big Value at 8c.
In Colors—red, blue and
black—extra well worked
edges—fast colors—for the
triming of wash dresses,
Special
8c

Writing Tablets
A Big Value.
A good grade of paper—a-
bout 110 sheets to the tablet
—size—Note 5 by 8 inches—
worth 10c each, Special 6 for
25c

Men's Shirts
Value up to \$1.50 for 45c.
A real clean up of disconti-
nued line—"Eagle" laun-
dered Cuffs—fancy and pleated
styles—fancy and plain
white—clean up prices
45c

Boy's Hats
Worth 50c for 25c.
For the Little Fellow: A big
assortment of fancy styles—
for ages 1 to 4 years—Hats
that are worth 50c each,
Special
25c

**FREE GIFTS TO FIRST 20 PATRONS
TO THE FIRST 10 LADIES—**
Who enters the door—and purchases goods a-
mounting to \$1.00 or more—will receive a pair
of fine silk hose absolutely FREE.
TO THE FIRST 10 MEN—
Who enters the door—and purchases goods a-
mounting to \$1.00 or more—will receive a pair
of fine silk sox absolutely FREE.
Be the first to enter the store—the door swings
open promptly at 9 a. m. SATURDAY, DEC. 1.

**Thousands of Pairs Good Serviceable
FOOTWEAR
For Men, Women and Children**

There is no end to the many good shoes in this department. Shoes that have
the style, as well as the quality. "Melton's Money Raising Sale" will save the patrons
of this store hundreds of dollars on their shop purchases.

Read a few of the specials; this is only a sample of the many bargains that will
meet you at every turn, not only in this department but on every counter and table.

Children's Shoes
Worth \$1.50 and \$2.00 for 98c.
Shoes for Misses' and small child-
ren—black patents and plain Kid—
lace and button styles—worth \$1.50
and \$2.00—extra special -- Money
Raising Price—
98c

**EXTRA! EXTRA!
SPECIAL
Ladies' Shoes**
\$4.00 and \$4.50 Grades for
\$2.69.
The big bargain of the
season—hundreds of pairs
—choice styles — grades
that sell for \$4.00 and
\$4.50—Plain Kid—Patent
Kid—Dull Kid—Gun Met-
als — Lace and Button
styles— military, —cuban
and concave heels—all sizes.
Save money. Buy a
pair—the price only—
\$2.69

White Shoes
\$2.00 and \$2.50 Grades for 98c.
A clean up of Ladies and Childrens
button, canvass and buck shoes —
practically all sizes.—White shoes
that sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50—Money
Raising Price, only—
98c

Wickert Shoes
\$5.00 Grades for \$3.45.
"Wichert" quality—there's none
better—lace and button styles, black
clothe tops—colored cloth tops—black
enamel heels—real \$5.00 Shoes for—
\$3.45

Ladies' Shoes
Worth up to \$3.00 for \$1.45.
A special lot of small sizes—lace and
button styles—some are patents —
others plain kid—if you have a
small foot—here's a bargain. Sizes
up to 3 1-2 only. Choice—
\$1.45

MEN'S SHOE VALUES

Men! now is the time to get real shoe values. Shoes for all kinds of wear, new
lasts in English as well as staple shapes. Gunmetals, Kangaroo, Vici and Tan Calf. Be-
low is only a sample of a few "Money Raising Sale" values.

Men's Suits
\$20.00 Grades for \$17.45
For 9 years Frankel Bros. Suits have stood the test
—hundreds of customers have worn these good suits
—and will attest to the workmanship, the fit, and
the value. Blue serges—Fancy worsteds—and Vel-
ours, Young Men belted styles — also conservative
styles for the older man—Money Raising Price—
\$17.45

Men's Dress Shoes
Real \$4.00 Grades for \$3.45.
Extra good quality gun-metal stock—made on splen-
did fitting lasts—button and lace styles. —flexible
Goodyear welted soles—perforated and plain capped
toes—shoes that are real bargains at \$4.00—"Mon-
ey Raising Sale" price—
\$3.45

Men's Work Shoes
Real \$3.50 Grade \$2.95.
Made from splendid quality tan calf skins, and will
give hard service—soles made from extra quality
Oak tan leather—sewed and tacked low flat heels—
plain work styles, a shoe that is a bargain at \$3.50.
"Money Raising Sale" price—
\$2.95

Men's Ties
65c and 75c Grades 45c.
A big assortment of Silk and Crepe Ties — four-in-
hand styles — many colorings, real 65c and 75c Grades,
for45c

Work Sox
Extra Value 11c.
The old reliable—blue and brown mixed—the heavy
weight—full knit tops—an Extra Value at11c

Melton Dry Goods Co.
Everybody's Store
Ballinger, Texas

**'s Clothing
t Come Your Way Again Soon**
— that's what this "Money Raising Sale" means
of these reductions—for it will be years before
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Local Board Working Out Details for Draft

The local exemption board is proceeding nicely with the detail work of classifying and making ready for draft the twelve or fifteen hundred men who are yet to be examined in this county.

Washington, D. C. Nov. 17.—Adjutants General of All States: No. 10416. The mailing to Adjutants General of the new Selective Service Regulations and the Questionnaires is proceeding rapidly.

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FALSE REPORTS ABOUT OUR WOMEN

"Unthinking gossip is spreading abroad the false reports about women's registration that may or may not have been started by deliberate malice," is the statement of Miss Hannah Jane Patterson, Resident Director of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

"This gossip does just the work that German agents want it to do," says Miss Patterson. "The duty of every patriotic man and woman just now is to find out the truth about the government activities, and then to deny, systematically, all false reports whenever they crop out."

"The particular misunderstandings to which Miss Patterson refers are those about the object and character of the nationwide registration of women which the Woman's Committee is carrying out."

"In all parts of the country," she says, "our state and county chairmen find that a small but appreciable percentage of the women have been led to believe that registration would make them liable to compulsory war work."

"The real object of the registration, (which is purely voluntary) is simple to get for the government accurate information as to the woman power of the country and to find for women who want to do war work the activities for which they are best fitted."

"One of the falsehoods being circulated about the country which our chairmen find widespread, is that women may be taken out of their homes—even sent abroad—if they have registered. These women must be made to understand that no woman will be taken from her home for service, either here or abroad, unless she definitely offers herself for such service."

"Then again, many women who do not consider themselves in imminent danger of being wrested from home by the strong arm of the law, have at least been convinced that if they register themselves as trained and capable of self-support, their husbands will lose their exemption as sole support of the families. This, again, is not the case—the registry of a woman does not in any way affect the status of her husband."

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives mature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. 25 and 75 cent bottles. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

TAX MONEY IS COMING IN SLOW

Two months of the tax paying season gone and less than ten per cent of the tax money collected. "It's coming in mighty slow," said Tax Collector Chastain Friday. Less than ten per cent of the poll taxes have been paid, and business for the tax collector is strictly on the drag.

The tax rolls show a total of \$153,000 or there about, and the tax collector will have to work fast if he succeeds in keeping the delinquent list from being a big one. The limit goes on February first. After that date ten per cent penalty is added. Up to date only \$17,000 of the \$153,000 has been collected.

Out of 26,000 poll taxes assessed only about 300 have been paid. Next year is voting year, and a poll tax receipt issued after February first is not negotiable in dealing with the election manager. Tax payers should speed up a little and keeping the collector from mailing an assignment.



Cold, rain, winds, and dampness bring out the rheumatic aches. An application of Sloan's Liniment brings quick relief. No rubbing. It penetrates.



DESTROYING OUR HOG MEAT SUPPLY

The man who contends that the reports about glass in breakfast foods are false, and that the report about the work of German spies throughout this nation are overdrawn is himself a fit subject of suspicion and should be watched with a guarded eye. The recent channel through which to carry on their nefarious work is in the destruction of the meat supply. During the last few days there have been numerous reports from different points in Texas of the wholesale poisoning of hogs. That this work has been planned and is being carried out by a concerted action is shown from the fact that devilishness was committed on the same day at points many miles from each other. Read the following which comes from the Santa Anna News:

W. C. Herndon who has been feeding about 100 head of hogs at his farm east of town has lost about half of them by poison.

Last Saturday morning he went as usual to feed the hogs and found several of them dead. Others were in a bad way. An empty box which had contained bichloride of mercury was found near the pen.

The hogs have been dying continually since last Saturday.

Officers are working on the case and it is believed an arrest will be made.

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 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 opium, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

UNION THANKS GIVING SERVICES

Arrangements have been perfected to have Union Thanksgiving services next Thursday morning at the 10th Street Christian Church at 10:30. Rev. Curry of the Methodist church will preach the sermon and all of the churches will co-operate in the other services.

"Gets-It," 2 Drops, Corns Peel Off!

For 25 Cents Peel Off 25 Corns. "Gets-It," the greatest corn discovery of any age, makes joy-walkers out of corn-sufferers. It makes you feel like the Statue of Liberty. Buy a "Liberty" bottle of "Gets-It!"



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SAW SHIP TORPEDOED AND LONDON RAIDED

In a letter to his mother at Santa Anna, Fred Pieratt writes interestingly of a trip across the waters to England, and what he saw after arriving in England. Mr. Pieratt is a brother of Mrs. J. B. Curry and Prof. Pieratt, of Ballinger. The young man is on the U. S. Crusier Los Angeles. The letter to his mother is as follows:

Dearest Mother—I am on my way to the U. S. A. This is November 4, and we expect to arrive about next Friday or Saturday.

We had a very nice trip in spite of the subs, also excitement that was worth the money.

We left Norfolk on Friday, September 21, with 21 merchant ships and were on the way twenty days. U. S. torpedo boats met us out from the English channel about two days and when we got to the channel we were met by English torpedo boats.

Wednesday morning, Oct. 10, part of our boats went to Frest, France, conveyed by our torpedo boats; while the English conveyed us and the remainder of the ships up the channel.

That day, just as the sun went down, a British cruiser was torpedoed about 300 yds off our starboard bow. It was hit with two torpedoes and sank in seven minutes. Fifty one men and seven officers went down with it.

Well, just before the ship sank another submarine came up between us and the sinking ship. The periscope was up about 30 seconds and went down when we saw it. As it went down we headed right in its direction. We had no more than swung the ship around when a torpedo passed our bow, missing about five feet. If we had failed to see the sub we would have been hit with the torpedo and I guess the ship would have gone down like the other one did.

The moon shined all night, and, believe me, no one slept that night. At day break every one was on the top side looking for subs. However, none was sighted. We arrived in Sherness, England, Oct. 12, just 48 miles from London. I made two liberties in London and had a grand time. Saw buildings that had been torn down by the German zeps and also was in London Oct. 21, and witnessed an air raid which made my hair stand up, but at the same time was glad to be there.

All the lights in London were turned out and people were running to get under shelter and to the buildings they have built for that purpose. I did not, for I liked to watch them search the sky with search lights, and see the shells burst way up in the sky—and guns roaring all the time. Believe me it was real war-time.

From Sherness we could hear the big guns pounding away, over in France.

I wish I could write just like it was and say everything, then you would understand lots better but it would take a week to write it all.

In London you can't go and eat what you want to. Don't make any difference if you have got the money, you can't get it. And sugar is worth more than gold. You drink tea and coffee without a grain of sugar in it, and pies and cakes are just like sweetbread—and not very sweet at that.

The people in the U. S. A. do not realize that we are in the war. Wait until about fifty or a hundred thousand of the boys get killed over there and then they will wake up. It isn't sufficient to send money over there. This is one war that money is not going to stop, for old Kaiser Bill is going to go the limit.

I was speaking with several of the English and they had been afraid that the U. S. would join in with Germany. One old gray-haired fellow said "Well boys, we have been looking for you a long time." And they had for they certainly treated us royally in London. To tell the truth the women and children would crowd around us to ask us questions and tell us how glad they were to see us. And they certainly were too.

Well, I will close this time and write more when I get to the States. With lots of love,

Fred.

J. D. Miller and son, mechanics of Norton, were in Ballinger Monday.

A Woman's Duty



Since the beginning of time, it has been woman's sphere in life to rear the future generation. Three generations of expectant mothers have aided nature by the regular use of the time-honored external application, "Mother's Friend."

"Mother's Friend" is the prescription of a famous physician who prescribed it in his obstetrical practice for over forty years, and is of such a helpful and natural nature as to be in every way necessary to the expectant mother. All reliable druggists supply "Mother's Friend". Apply it yourself to the abdomen and breasts night and morning. Write the Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. L, 200 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., and they will send you a little book brimful of scientifically prepared information, without charge. Write for it by all means, and do not fail to aid nature by the use of "Mother's Friend". Ask for a bottle of "Mother's Friend" at your druggist's today.

HOOVERISM AFFECTS LOCAL MERCHANTS

The workings of Hoover are being felt in every line in Ballinger lately, and especially in the grocery line. The retailers are under the control of the wholesalers, and the wholesalers in turn must look to the manufacturers. Prices have been fixed on all goods, which must be strictly observed, and the amount of any staple to be sold to one person is limited.

No more than fifty cents worth of sugar can be sold now to one person, and the merchant who sells more than this amount will be cut off by the wholesale houses. Nor can the merchant advance the prices on his goods.

On the other hand, prices have taken considerable slump within the past week. Beans have dropped almost fifty per cent in price, and other foods have gone down in proportion. Local wholesale houses have been swamped with orders from retailers of Ballinger and the surrounding towns, and in some cases are unable to fill all the orders.

D. E. Caudle left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth, where he goes to visit Camp Bowie and see for himself how the soldier boys are getting along. Mr. Caudle said he was going to tell the boys the home folks would look them up to the very limit of the light to get the Kaiser.

What is LAX-FOS

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DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect. Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store. Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.
A Trial Will Convince You
THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY
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PHONE 66

NEGRO KILLING WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL

The Ledger carried an account of an accidental killing a few days ago, which occurred at Brownwood and the report stated that a negro man killed a negro woman accidentally and as it was proven the tragedy was an accident the negro has been released.

The Brownwood Bulletin of Thursday reports the re-arrest of the negro on evidence developed that while the killing was accidental the negro was attempting to shoot another negro. The Bulletin gives the following account of the case:

The coroner's verdict in the inquest proceedings following the death of Annie Young, negress, who died early Monday as a result of a pistol bullet wound sustained just after noon Sunday, has been revised, and Charlie Stokes, the negro from whose gun the bullet was fired, is being held in jail with a charge of second-degree murder against him, as a result of additional evidence which was placed before Justice of the Peace G. B. Cross.

Meantime, a number of negro citizens are giving some hitherto unpublished information relative to a "crap" game which closed just before the shooting of Annie Young, and the arranging for the payment of fines for gaming. Justice of the Peace, Cross, whose first verdict in the inquest proceedings was that the Young woman was accidentally shot and that no blame attached to Stokes in the matter, has revised his verdict to read that Annie Young died as a result of a pistol bullet wound fired by Charlie Stokes while the latter was attempting to shoot and kill John Sapolion, a negro with whom he had been gaming.

New evidence placed before Judge Cross by District Attorney Early after a more thorough examination of negro witnesses was substantially as follows:

Sunday morning, last, several negroes, seven of whom have been arrested on gaming charges, gathered in the negro boarding house near the oil mill and engaged in a "crap" game. Stokes, Sapolion and others were among the players. At the conclusion of the game Sapolion had won all of Stokes's money, and the latter claimed that he had won it unfairly. A quarrel ensued, which waxed hot and hotter. Finally, according to the reticent witnesses who are now beginning to talk, Sapolion prepared to leave the house and Stokes went into an adjoining room to get his gun, declaring that he would shoot the man who had won his money.

Annie Young, the woman in the case, together with a negro man or two, struggled with Stokes in an effort to take his pistol away from him and prevent the murder of Sapolion. The shot that killed the woman was fired by Stokes during this struggle.

A UNIQUE RECORD.

Home testimony for Doan's Kidney Pills, published in every locality, is of itself convincing evidence of merit. Confirmed testimony forms still stronger evidence. Years ago this citizen of Ballinger gratefully acknowledged the benefit derived from Doan's Kidney Pills. The statement is now confirmed—the proof more convincing. Cases of this kind are plentiful in the work of Doan's Kidney Pills—the record is unique.

S. V. Parrish, tinner, S. Ballinger, says: "A sharp pain took me suddenly in my back and I was compelled to lay off from work. My kidneys were also troubling me and I was completely used up until Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my notice. They worked like magic from the start and after two days' use, I felt well enough to go back to work."

Over three years later, Mr. Parrish said: "I have had very little trouble from my back since I used Doan's Kidney Pills. I take Doan's occasionally, however, to keep my kidneys in good condition and they certainly are fine."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Parrish has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Fowler and little son, motored over to Abilene Saturday afternoon, where they spent Sunday with Dr. Fowler's daughter, Mrs. Francis Holiday.

FOR nearly thirty years there has been no change in the formula, quality or price of

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The Perfect Laxative

In spite of the greatly increased cost of manufacture and heavy war taxes, the formula, quality and price will continue unchanged.

All Druggists
50 cts. (Two Sizes) \$1.00

RED CROSS WORK IS PROGRESSING NICELY

The local Red Cross chapter is preparing to make another shipment of clothing to the soldiers in a short while, probably next week. A box of knitted garments will be sent by express about the first of the week and the other articles will go later, making up about four good sized boxes, which will be sent directly to France. The latter will be comprised principally of surgical dressings and hospital clothing.

In making the clothing, a large amount of scraps is left over, which are being cut up into small bits, out of which pillows will be made. The school children, under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Skinner, are cutting up these scraps after school in the afternoons, the pupils in each room working one afternoon a week. Other pillows will probably be made from feathers and other materials later.

Mrs. Francis Pearce, who had been in charge of the knitting department, has resigned, and Mrs. W. B. Wood now has charge of the work. Regular meetings of this department are held at the library on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from two to five in the afternoons.

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:

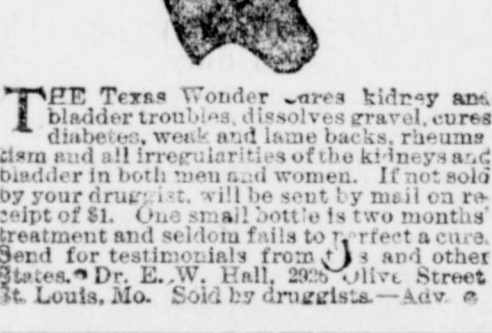
The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Y. W. Moore, deceased, late of Runnels county, Texas, by Overton L. Parish, judge of the county court of said county, on the 13th day of November, 1917, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said 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. 16-47w

T. G. Roach left Saturday for Brownwood, after spending a short time in Ballinger.

Mrs. Carl Jeanes left Friday for San Antonio, where she will visit her husband, who is in Camp Travis.



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AUTO OWNERS MUST DISPLAY RED SEALS

Automobile owners who have neglected to secure state licenses are to be rounded up and prosecuted under the direction of the State Highway Commission, which has directed peace officers throughout the state to vigorously enforce the highway law requiring all motor vehicles to secure state licenses and to display the serial numbers as required by law.

Owing to the fact that the highway commission has been unable to secure a supply of number plates in excess of 150,000 a number of automobile owners apparently have come to the conclusion that registration is not compulsory. The following communication to local peace officers, from the Highway Department, should be carefully read by all automobile owners.

"We are reliably informed that there are citizens of your community who are liable to state highway license and who have not made application therefor.

"Any person who is operating an automobile, truck or automobile delivery wagon without the 1917 red seal on the front thereof, is doing so in violation of the law, and must immediately provide themselves with the seal.

"Any chauffeur who can not show a badge or a certificate issued by this department must immediately procure one.

"The pasteboard cards and 'license applied for' cards are not authorized by this department and are not evidence of payment. Every automobile positively must have the red seal displayed upon it. When remitting for license, a receipt should be taken from the postoffice or the bank, to protect the owners of the car until he receives the seal and certificate from us. We are sending out certificates and seals within twenty-four hours after applications are received, so no delay need be experienced.

"We are asking the officers of Texas to co-operate with us in the enforcement of this law. The penalty is very heavy for each day the law is violated."

Owners of automobiles purchased and used before January 1, 1918, must pay the state license for the entire half year from July 1 to December 31, 1917. The license for the year 1918 will be due and payable on and after January 1, next.

\$100 Reward \$100

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.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

CHICKEN THIEVES MAKE GOOD HAUL

Jack Bingham will not have as many eggs for the holidays as first estimated. According to the report reaching the Ledger from reliable sources, Mr. Bingham had cut back about forty nice pullets, refusing to sell any of them to neighbors who had offered to buy. "No," said Mr. Bingham, "Mrs. Bingham is saving them for layers, and they are just about ready to get on the job." A few nights later about thirty-five of the chickens mysteriously left the roosting place. The next night a sufficient number left to run the total loss up to about forty. It is too late for Mr. Bingham to lock his chicken house, but others might take a tip and profit by his experience. Chickens are good to eat and are also worth money.

Mrs. Walter Parker left for Kansas City, Mo., Friday to join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ratchford, of Paint Rock, were trading in Ballinger Monday.



Wouldn't you like to give the family as light and flavory muffins as they've ever eaten—made without expensive butter?

We know of no better way to introduce you to good, wholesome Cottolene than through this muffin recipe.

If you should use your own recipe, use one-third less of Cottolene than you would of butter.

RECIPE

Muffins

1 1/2 tablespoons melted Cottolene; 1 tablespoon sugar; 1 1/2 cups milk; 1 egg; 3 cups sifted flour; 3 level teaspoons baking powder; 1 scant teaspoon salt. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add melted Cottolene, sugar, egg and milk.

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HIGHWAY NO. 7 IS APPROVED

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

Brownwood has been officially placed on the route of the Central Texas highway No. 7, from Waco to San Angelo. This was accomplished by Marshall Smith, who was sent to Austin to confer with the Highway Commission as a representative of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce. W. D. McCulley also spent Monday in Austin aiding Mr. Smith.

The official route of the highway, as approved by the Commission upon recommendation of Mr. Smith, is as follows:

Waco to Gatesville via Oglesby; Gatesville to Goldthwaite, via Evant and Star; Goldthwaite to Brownwood, via Mullin and Zephyr; Brownwood to Coleman via Bangs and Santa Anna; Coleman to Ballinger via Valera and Talpa; Ballinger to San Angelo, via Rowena and Miles.

An auxiliary highway from Temple to Goldthwaite to connect at the latter point with the Central Texas road, was also authorized. Mr. Smith is secretary of the Fort Worth to Fort Stockton association, so that Brownwood is now assured first-class highways in all directions from this city.

Representatives from San Saba, Brady and other points in this section were in Austin to work in behalf of their cities before the Highway Commission, but no opposition was offered by them to the log of the Central Texas highway as presented by Mr. Smith.

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. Std-wif.

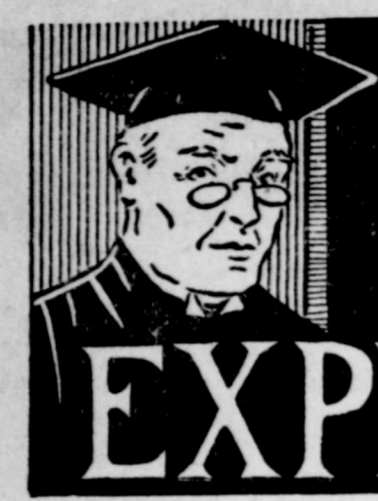
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That Lingering Cold

is a steady drain on your physical stamina. It impoverishes the blood, distresses the digestion, and exhausts your vigor. It affords a fertile field for serious infection and is likely to become chronic.

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Camp Travis Men to Have Good Thanksgiving Dinner

W. A. S. Behringer, of Company C, 343rd Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Travis, has been appointed first class private.

In the recent appointments K. V. Northington of Ballinger, was appointed corporal in the 315th Field Signal Battalion of Camp Travis. He has been assigned on special duty as company clerk of Company C of that Battalion.

Edward Spill, who has been a clerk in Ambulance Companies Headquarters since his arrival in Camp Travis six weeks ago, is now acting as clerk for the Quartermaster Division of the Ambulance Section, Captain H. F. Ewing of San Francisco, in charge.

P. R. Deitz, of Company E, 315 Engineers Corps, has done the "left step" from Buck Private to First class private. Bill is now worrying himself how he is going to spend the additional three dollars per.

Corporal Charles L. Boyd, of Runnels county, returned November 19th from Ballinger, where he had been called to attend the bedside of his mother, who was very ill. Corporal Boyd reports that his mother was improving before he returned to his company.

Gen. Allen Sends Greetings to Folks Back Home
Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding the 90th Division National Army, composed of men of the selected draft from Texas and Oklahoma, sends the following Thanksgiving Greetings to the Folks Back Home:

"This fine division of Texas and Oklahoma selectmen has abundant reasons for being grateful at this Thanksgiving Time: For the wonderful advantages in

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Want Ads

WANTED
WANTED—To rent a farm near Ballinger or near good school. Will buy team and tools. J. H. Bullock, Rt. 2, Winters Texas. 22-1td-1tw.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Nice fresh young milch cow. W. O. Gross. Phone 6694. 27-6dt-1tw.

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

TRESPASS NOTICES.
Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen. 27-6td-1tw

and all forms of amusement in this division, meet together for the purpose of exchanging ideas, discussing plans and co-operating in every way toward the accomplishment of the main end in view—bringing about the absorbing of the interest and participation of every man in this division, in some form of outdoor sport or game.

The only thing that will prevent the soldiers at Camp Travis having a real, old-fashioned "Family Thanksgiving Dinner" this year will be the absence of "the Family." There will be turkey gobbles and every soldier is urged to have a whetted appetite on that day. Barrels of celery, kegs of cranberries, oysters, potatoes, both Irish and sweet, and the goodness only knows what else will be found there on the various bills of fare.

Some of the companies are not only preparing a special menu, but are having these menus printed and engraved for the purpose of sending to the Folks Back Home.

The three months the men have been together at Camp Travis have resulted in ties of friendship and affection being cemented that will last as long as life lasts.

While there will be prayers and wishes for the loved ones at home, there will also be joy and happiness among the soldiers of Camp Travis. And they will have vast quantities of the most appetizing things to eat. That is probably more to the point; they will set down to their Thanksgiving dinner with appetites that millionaires would give fortunes to possess.

The Congress of the United States at its last session enacted a unique and most important bit of Legislation. It is popularly known as "The Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance Law."

Every family in Texas is directly and vitally interested in the Army now in training and that will hereafter be mobilized. There is hardly a family in the State that has not one or more members enrolled under the Stars and Stripes as a soldier of freedom.

The Government of the United States, under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance Law proposes to insure its splendid soldiers and sailors against total disability or death while fighting the nation's battles. Insurance is offered by the Government to soldiers and sailors, which insures them against total disability and death, at absolute cost. Every man in the service has it within his reach to provide himself with insurance against death or total disability. This insurance is offered by the Government. The Government of the United States is the insurer.

Policies may be had for as small as \$10,000 or as much as \$100,000.00, and at a minimum of cost. A policy for \$10,000.00 will cost the soldier at the age of 25 the sum of only \$6.60 per month. For younger soldiers the cost is relatively smaller and is, of course more for older soldiers.

If a soldier, who has equipped himself with a \$10,000.00 policy should die in the service, the government will pay the beneficiary named in the policy and chosen by the soldier, the sum of \$57.50 each month for 240 months. If the soldier, after so equipping himself with a policy, should become totally disabled, the government will pay him \$57.50 a month.

Not only does our government offer insurance to its soldiers. But should any of its men lose their lives in line of duty, it will compensate his wife, or his child or his widowed mother, for the loss they have thus sustained. Or should the soldier become either totally disabled or partially disabled in line of duty the government will compensate the soldier for his injury. This compensation is paid in addition to the insurance.

The same Law provides for all allotments of pay by the soldier, by which he can provide for his family out of his salary while he is away from home, and our government will pay such family in proper classes a like sum of money as an allowance. In other words, the soldier allots a part of his pay to his family and the government pays an allowance to them under restrictions contained in the Law.

By this Law our government proposes to see that the soldier is adequately taken care of in event of his injury or death in the service, and that his loved ones also are not allowed to suffer for want.

The Division Insurance Office

of the Ninetieth Division stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, under the Direction of Capt. Luther Hoffman of the 359th Infantry Regiment, is giving to the press of this State a series of articles on the Soldiers and Sailors' Insurance Law, to the end that every man now in service and that may hereafter be in the service, as well as his relatives, may know what this splendid Law means to them.

This series of articles will appear each week in this paper in installments.

GAINS 25 POUNDS TAKING TANLAC

Suffered For Years and Had Rheumatism So Bad Couldn't Get Shoes On.

"When I tell you that I have been relieved of three years awful suffering and have actually gained twenty-five pounds in weight, besides, you can readily understand why I'm so strong for Tanlac," was the remarkable statement made by Tom McClenon of 1313 Grama Street, El Paso, Texas, recently.

"I had a number of troubles," he continued, "and it's the first time in several years I have been rid of rheumatism. Before I began taking this Tanlac my legs and feet were swollen all the time and sometimes I couldn't get my shoes on. The pain was something awful and I was so nervous and miserable I didn't know what it was to get a good nights sleep. I had no appetite and nearly everything I would eat disagreed with me. My food would sour and the gas would press on my heart so I could scarcely breathe. Besides my terrible suffering I had an awful tired feeling and would wake up in the mornings feeling so no account I could hardly get out of bed.

"I tried every kind of treatment and medicine I heard of but got no relief until I began taking Tanlac, but three bottles of the medicine have made me feel like a brand new man through and through. I have never in all my life had such a ravenous appetite and you may know everything agrees with me or I could never have gained so much in weight. I sleep all night long without waking and my nerves are as steady as a clock. All the swelling and pain has left my feet and legs entirely and I'm never bothered any more with gas on my stomach, shortness of breath, or other signs of indigestion. You may count me among the many Tanlac boosters and you are welcome to this statement, which I hope will be the cause of others finding relief."

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 Toker by J. W. Bright.

RED CROSS MAKES SECOND SHIPMENT

The local chapter of the Red Cross made its second shipment of clothing for the soldiers Monday. There were several boxes, which went to the division headquarters at St. Louis.

Contained in the boxes were twelve mufflers, twelve sweaters, twenty-seven pairs of wristlets, and twenty-seven pairs of socks. This shipment was larger than the one made some weeks ago. Other shipments will be sent as soon as enough garments can be made.

BALLINGER MAN CAME HOME TO DIE

"Three years ago I came home thinking 2 or 3 weeks would be my limit to live! I had suffered for 15 years from colic attacks and severe liver and stomach trouble. I happened to see an advertisement of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and purchased a bottle at the drug store and after taking the first dose I felt better than I had for 15 years. I am now in the best of health—thanks to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus 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.

HORSES AND MULES WANTED

We will be in Ballinger
Monday, Dec. 3
to buy artillery and riding horses. We will also buy mules from 3 to 8 years old.
Will be in position to pay highest market price.

Smith and McAlister
Brownwood, Texas

SELECT SEED NOW; FAMINE PREDICTED

Fearing that there will be a scarcity of seed of all kind for the next planting season the department of agriculture is urging the farmers to select their seed now and preserve them.

In a bulletin just sent out by the department, the farmers are given the following timely hint:

"The seed that you plant in the ground plays a very important part in the crop that you harvest. Plant faulty seed and you get a poor stand with weak vitality. Hence, it is well for every farmer to get good seed for his crop next year.

Good seed were scarce last season and many people had to use what they would not have used otherwise. If this has not been carefully selected, you should be rather cautious about planting seed taken from these crops. It may be faulty and best results may not come from it. There may be some person whom you know has the kind that you like and it is well bred-up. It that case go to him right now and contract for your seed.

An excellent plan for you to pursue is to decide upon the variety that you want to grow. Figure out how much seed you must have. It may be that you have your own seed. If it has been carefully selected, use it. If not, then set out to find it. If you do not know of any one who has what you desire, write to your county agent and get him to help you.

Buy the best you can find. The highest priced is not necessarily the best, although it may be. Buy the seed that you are reasonably confident has been well selected and properly handled. That is the best, if it is the type you want.

Locate your seed now and get your claims upon it. Then when it will come time to plant you will not be left behind. Good seed mean increased yields. That is what you are looking for and if you are wide awake, that is what you are going to get.

Wagons and Buggies at Cost.

We have a few more Wagons and Buggies that we will sell at Cost. Also Rubber and steel tired wheels, shafts and poles. Ballinger Saddle and Mfg. Co. 30-5tw.

CLARA BELL SERRATT

Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Serratt on South Eighth Street Monday evening at nine o'clock and removed from that home Clara Bell, their eight year old daughter. The little girl had been sick for five weeks, suffering with typhoid fever, and while the death had been expected for two or three days, it came as a trained nurse and all that skilled

Clara Bell attended school up to the time she became ill, and when the physician announced that the child was a victim of typhoid fever the father employed a train nurse and all that skilled

heads and loving hands could do was done, but death was the victor, and Clara Bell has been removed from this world to that world where such suffering is unknown.

The funeral was held at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. King at the cemetery and the remains interred in the City cemetery. While we realize that words of sympathy are mere wanted sounds, we point to the bereaved parents a day when there shall come a family reunion and from which there will be no more separation.

Mr. and Mrs. Serratt have another child, five years old, who is sick with fever. Their friends extend to them sympathy in their sorrow and affliction.

AT YOUR SERVICE.
I am now back in Ballinger and would be glad to do your carpentering work, painting or repairing. Write or phone ²⁴ 2400. Tillie Carter. 11w 6tdpd

I. W. W.'S WRECK FAST TRAIN

Henryetta, Okla., Nov. 25.—Three trainmen were killed and three passengers hurt this morning when the Frisco's express, the "Meteor," out of St. Louis, traveling at high speed, plunged into obstructions placed on the tracks ten miles south of here.

J. S. Robertson, Sapulpa, Okla., engineer of the train, stayed with his engine when he saw the obstructions—steel bars chained to the sides of the rails—and died as a hero. He put on emergency brakes in time to slow the train considerably so that the crowded passenger coaches held to the rails, and held to the throttle in the face of certain death.

The Mogul engine plowed into the trap at terrific speed, then toppled over a steep embankment and rolled twenty feet into a hollow. The engineer, a student fireman and the regular fireman were buried under the great machine.

The dead: J. S. Robertson, engineer, Sapulpa, Okla. W. H. Wyre, student fireman. Bert Ford, fireman, Sherman, Texas.

Three unidentified passengers.
A posse of 100 sheriffs' deputies home guardsmen and state prison officials from McAlester, Henryetta, Ada and Holdenville searched the surrounding country all day and late into the night with bloodhounds for the men who caused the wreck, but late tonight had found no trace of them.

Officials who mare a hasty investigation declared it their belief that the wreck was plotted and executed by I. W. W. men who have been active in this section of the state for weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Hamann, of the Miles country, were trading in Ballinger Monday. They made The Ledger office a pleasant call.