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## HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

### Enemy Captures Americans In Fighting Near Cambrai

American Field Headquarters, France, Dec. 5.—More American troops have been captured by the Germans, according to unofficial reports received here from the British front. The report says German troops fighting around Cambrai had captured a few Americans, the number captured being not given. Up to a late hour today no confirmation of the report had been issued by headquarters.

American Field Headquarters in France, Nov. 30.—American National Guard units, representing every state in the union are now in France. The Rainbow Division, representing thirty-three states, is included in the list.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 1.—The German armies launched a strong attack along a nine mile front near Cambrai today. The British resisted with notably terrific fighting. At one time the Germans forced the British back two miles. General Byng called the tanks into action, and the Germans were forced back for some distance. They were thrown back from their furthest gains with bloody losses, and as this dispatch is being sent, the German advance does not stand more than twenty-five hundred yards from their original positions.

London, Dec. 1.—An official report this morning says that the Germans had apparently given up hope of wresting back the British gains around Cambrai. No attempts were made to renew the attacks on this front last night.

London, Nov. 30.—The official statement issued tonight follows: "At 8 o'clock this morning, after a heavy bombardment, the enemy attacked with strong forces on a wide front south of Cambrai between Vendhuvil and Creve Coer Buerlescourt. Shortly afterward heavy attacks also developed against our positions west of Cambrai, in the neighborhood of Bourelon wood and Mouvres.

"From Masnières to Mouvres all the enemy's attacks have been repulsed after many hours of heavy fighting during which great loss was inflicted on the attacking German infantry by our artillery and machine gun fire. "South of Masnières village, from the neighborhood of Bonavia to Villeres Guislain, the enemy

succeeded in entering our positions at different points and penetrated as far as Lavaequire and Gouzeaucourt. Our counter attacks have already regained Lavaequire and we have driven back the enemy from Gouzeaucourt and the ridge to the east of there. At other points the enemy's advance has been checked.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The war office announces the capture of six thousand prisoners and one hundred guns since November 30th, in the German drive out of Cambrai.

With the French Armies in Italy, Dec. 3.—The French and British armies are now on the firing line on the Italian front. The two new forces have taken over every important point on the entire Piave river front.

With the British Armies, Dec. 4.—American engineers are again in action with the British on the firing line. Americans are taking a big hand in the fighting and successful repulsing of the Germans around Cambrai.

#### German Attacks Weaken.

London, Dec. 4.—Gen. Haig's reports to the London war office today indicate cessation of the almost continuous German counter attacks of the past few days in the Cambrai sector. The British, aided by American forces, have held successfully lines gained around Cambrai.

### U.S. TO KEEP SHIPS BUILT FOR ENEMY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Retention for America's greater merchant marine, after the war of all foreign ships commandeered while in construction in the United States yards, was announced by the shipping board in its report to congress today. This will give the United States for its marine service all the new vessels that were being constructed for the enemy when the war was declared.

### DRAFTED MEN HAVE CHANCE TO ENLIST

Brownwood, Texas, Mr. A. W. Sledge,

Dear Sir: Would you be so kind as to publish in your paper that after the 12th of this month that no man who has registered can volunteer for the regular army or national guards so that if there are any men in your locality who wish to enlist and have registered must volunteer before that date, also that they must bring a certificate from their local board stating that they have not been called for examination by their board.

Any young man from the age of 18 to 40 who have not registered can volunteer for any of the following regiments which are now open for volunteers: Infantry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, Quartermasters Corps, Hospital Corps, Aviation Corps. Men will be accepted for the Quartermasters Corps as Bakers and Cooks with or without experience. All qualified men of the following trades, etc., will be accepted for the Aviation and Quartermasters Corps: Stenographers, Typewriters, Chauffeurs, Machinist, electrician, etc. Any information will be answered.

Thanking you if you can spare the space for publishing this, I remain,  
L. F. Wells,  
U. S. Recruiting Officer.

#### Hatchel Boy Volunteers.

Oscar Branham, of Hatchel, went to San Angelo Tuesday, where he expected to enlist in the regular army. He secured a certificate from the local board showing that he was not subject to immediate call and was at liberty to volunteer. During November the recruiting station at San Angelo accepted thirty men for service, several of this number being from Runnels county.

#### ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY GOES TO FRANCE

P. K. Laxton received a letter Saturday morning from his son, Seth, saying that he was on his way to France. The letter was written something over a week ago, and in all probability he is already in France. Seth enlisted in the navy last fall and since that time had been driving a government truck in Chicago. He thinks he will continue the same work on French soil.

### RESOLUTION FOR WAR IS BEFORE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson delivered his message to congress today, and one of the first notes sounded was for a declaration of war against Austria-Hungary and the assuming of an attitude hostile to Turkey and the Balkans.

Mr. Wilson called upon congress to declare a state of war against Austria-Hungary, and the pledging of America to war to victory, and declaring nothing shall turn us aside until victory for the principles of Democracy have been gained.

In his message the president came out with a strong appeal for congress to formally list Austria-Hungary as among America's enemies to remove the "embarrassing obstacle that stands in our way," said the president.

"Any peace America makes must include the delivery of the peoples of Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Balkans, as well as Northern France and Belgium from Prussian domination," said the president in his message.

Mr. Wilson suggested that congress pass immediately remedial legislation to meet the railroad situation and the food price situation. He urged upon congress legislation for the full use of all natural resources and water power of the country in carrying on war work.

The speedy passing of more drastic laws punish alien enemies and an amendment to include women as well as men under the alien enemies act.

The usual large and enthusiastic crowd heard the president's message, and a patriotic endorsement was given by the Americans who thronged the hall to hear its reading.

#### War Resolution Before House.

Washington, Dec. 4.—That America will speedily declare war on Germany's allies is the belief of those in touch with the sentiment of both branches of the house. Senator Pittman, of Nevada, introduced in the senate this afternoon a joint resolution asking congress to declare the existence of a state of war with Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

David Gregory, for some time with the Melton Dry Goods Co., has accepted a position with the First National Bank, entering upon his new duties Wednesday.

Judge J. W. Powell left Wednesday for Fort Worth on business.

### PRAYERS FOR VICTORY OPENS BOTH BRANCHES OF CONGRESS TODAY

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Sixty-fifth congress convened promptly at noon today. Both houses were opened with prayer in which prayers for victory were offered.

#### Favors War on Austria.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Lodge will urge that America declare war on Austria. Senator Lodge came out unqualifiedly in favor of immediate declaration of war.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary of Treasury McAdoo goes before congress today with his war fund budget and asks for more than thirteen and one-half billion dollars for war expenses. The budget of thirteen and one-half billion is for the year ending June 30, 1917.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Congress assembled today with war problems before it which probably will keep it in session until September or October. Leaders expect these results:

Declaration of war on Austria. New and more radical war profits' taxes.

War appropriations approximating \$20,000,000,000.

Action on proposed "dry" and woman suffrage amendments to the national constitution.

There is a general recognition that the session will be largely emergency in character, taking up war measures as events at the front develop. Many members favor the keeping the session until the end of the war or the constitutional life of the body ceases. The fact that all members must seek re-election next fall and wish to be in their districts acts, however, as a brake on this movement.

The Senate has a problem all its own—Lafollette. When the special war session adjourned, there seemed to be a general agreement to attempt to censure and not expel him. The Wisconsin pacifist however, has given every indication of pushing the fight to a decision himself—the two alternatives being either that he is an expelled martyr or the vindicated victor. He confidently expects the latter result, counting on the Senate's strong free-speech conviction.

Three most powerful forces in the House—Reps. Kitchin, Fitzgerald and Speaker Clark—are committed to levies of 80 per cent of war profits. Sentiment is general that not only all levies be increased but that new ways of raising money must be invented. High cost of food is working against proposed consumption taxes.

Declarations of war are possible against Bulgaria and Turkey as well as against Austria. Action on these matters will rest solely on recommendation from President Wilson.

Leaders, generally except the "dry" amendment to be successful, and the suffrage amendment to be beaten. The carrying of New York has had two effects—it has shown the women's strength but also has given ammunition to those who argue that the cause can succeed in a state-by-state fight.

The dry amendment needs only to pass the House, the Senate having approved it in the extra session. If it is successful, three-fourths of the States must approve it within six years. Many "wets" have voted for it, thinking this impossible, and figuring all other dry proposals will be quiescent until a final decision on this one is reached.

Democrats are in safe control, having picked up one additional member in the special November elections.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A resolution declaring that a state of war exist between the United States and Austria from noon December 5, 1917, was introduced in the house this afternoon by Chairman Flood. A concurrent resolution is before the senate and will pass both branches without delay.

#### Respects Swiss Neutrality.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The United States sent a formal message to Switzerland today in which this government pledges itself to respect Swiss neutrality.

W. A. Tally went to Brownwood Tuesday on business.

### Report of the Condition of The Winters State Bank at the close of business Nov. 20th, 1917, in response to call made by Commissioner of Banking, State of Texas.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$244,993.35
Bill of Exchange, cotton	52,594.94
U. S. Cert. of Indebtedness	25,000.00
Overdrafts	NONE
Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Other real estate	9,500.00
Interest and assessment D. Guaranty fund	3,582.90
Cash and exchange	183,837.67
Total	\$544,508.86
Liabilities	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and profits, net	30,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,059.41
Bills payable	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
Deposits	449,449.45
Total	\$544,508.86

### To Work Out Plans For Municipal Christmas Tree

Ballinger will give a Municipal Christmas Tree. That fact has been settled upon. Plans are forming, and it is now up to every Sunday school, or church, and every citizen, to join with the Civic League in making it a success. Of course it will be a success, even if a few do decline to help in the work and prove themselves to be slackers.

Mrs. Scott H. Mack has called upon all the churches who will assist in the work to have a representative — one or more, at meeting to be held at the home of T. S. Lankford Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. At this time committees will be appointed, and the work outlined in detail.

It is the purpose of those behind the proposition to stage one of the most successful entertainments ever held in this city. The big tree will be planted on the court house square, or some other convenient place, and decorated

from bottom to top with things that will reflect the Christmas spirit. Old Santa will be on the job to make merry for the little folks, and a program carried out that will set a new pace for Holiday entertainment in this city.

Every Sunday school in the city has been called upon to co-operate. The plan will not necessarily interfere with the entertainment to be given by the various Sunday schools, as the Sunday schools can arrange an earlier or later date for their program and then throw in with the municipal tree in a way that make happiness for those who are not aligned with any Sunday school, but who might by the proposed plan draw them closer to the Sunday school and church life of this city.

All churches will please take notice and arrange to have representatives at the meeting to be held at the Lankford home Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

### GET YOUR CAR PAINTED any color you want.

We are building a dust proof paint shop and guarantee our work to be good as any one can do. If you are figuring on having your car painted let us figure with you--we have a man that knows how.

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Say, our guarantee is worth something. We have been here 8 years. Batteries in stock for every make of car, guaranteed by us for 18 months.

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We carry a complete stock of everything for the automobile. See us or we both lose.

### BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY

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P. S. We will take \$135.00 for the Saxon we have had advertised at \$165.00 for quick sale, 6 casing with it. 1 Chevrolet all new casings \$100.00.

# Try this treat in cooking economy

Any good cook can make a first rate cake with butter. But my! how that cake does eat into a pound of expensive butter!

Yet there is a way to make perfectly delicious cake without using a speck of butter. May we whisper the secret?

Use rich, pure Cottolene. Keep to your recipe. But instead of using butter, use Cottolene—one-third less than you would ordinarily use of butter.

Profit by the experience of other housekeepers, who have found that Cottolene—because of its greater richness—goes farther than other shortenings which they had been using.

See if you don't make a cake that you are proud of.

If you could taste the delicious cakes, flaky pies and pastries, crisp biscuits, tender muffins and digestible fried things that rich Cottolene makes, we are quite sure you would use Cottolene in all your frying and in all your baking.

Wholesome Cottolene produces perfectly delicious results. It combines true economy with better cooking.

Try it in any familiar recipe and see. Cottolene is sold by grocers in tins of convenient sizes.



### Recipe for MARBLE CAKE

- 1/2 cup Cottolene
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 level teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon molasses

Cream Cottolene, add sugar gradually, yolks of eggs beaten thick and light, flour sifted with baking powder and salt, added alternately with milk. Then whites of eggs beaten stiff. Pour one-third batter into bowl and add to it molasses and spices. Pour into well-greased pan, alternating light and dark mixtures.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes in moderate oven.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY

# Cottolene

"Makes Good Cooking Better"



## War Saving Stamps to Be Placed On Sale Dec. 3

C. A. Doose, chairman for Runnels county, in the war-saving certificate campaign, will be supplied with all necessary data for beginning the campaign in this county on December 3rd. This campaign will give the man with small means an opportunity to help the government in financing the war and at the same time receive an interest on his savings that is very attractive.

The treasury department has just sent out the following bulletin, which should be of interest to the thrift savers of the nation:

The secretary of the Treasury offers for sale to the people of the United States an issue of the United States War-Saving Certificates, Series of 1918, authorized by act of Congress, approved September 24, 1917. Payments for or on account of such War-Savings Certificates must be evidenced by United States War-Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1918, which are to be affixed thereto. The sum of such War-Savings Certificates outstanding shall not at any one time exceed in the aggregate \$2,000,000,000 (maturity value). The amount of War-Savings Certificates sold to any one person at any one time shall not exceed \$100 (maturity value) and it shall not be lawful for any one person at any time to hold War-Savings Certificates to an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000 (maturity value).

War-Savings Certificates, War-Savings Certificate Stamps, and United States Thrift Stamps (described below) may be purchased, at the prices hereinafter mentioned at post offices, and at numerous banks and other agencies to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Advance sales will begin December 3, 1917. All sales of War-Savings Certificates and War-Savings Certificate Stamps made in December, 1917, will be at the January, 1918, price, and the date of issue of all certificates so sold will be deemed January 2, 1918.

A United States War-Savings Certificate, Series of 1918, will be an obligation of the United States when, and only when, one or more United States War-Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1918 shall be affixed thereto. Each of such War-Savings Certificates will have spaces for 20 War-Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1918, and each of such stamps thereto affixed will have a maturity value of \$5 on January 1, 1923, which will accordingly give each such certificate, when bearing its full complement of such stamps, a maturity value of \$100 on said date. No War-Savings Certificate will be issued unless at the same time one or more War-Savings Certificate Stamps shall be purchased and affixed thereto, but no additional charge will be made for the War-Savings Certificate itself. The name of the owner of each War-Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1918, will be issued in 1918 at the following prices:

January, \$4.12; February \$4.13; March \$4.14; April, \$4.15; May, \$4.16; June, \$4.17; July \$4.18; August, \$4.19; September, \$4.20; October, \$4.21; November, \$4.22; December, \$4.23.

The average issue price above fixed for the year 1918 with interest at 4 per cent per annum compounded quarterly for the average period to maturity will amount to \$5 on January 1, 1923.

Owners of War-Savings Certificates will be entitled to receive on January 1, 1923, at the Treasury Department in Washington, or at a money-order post office, upon surrender of such certificates and upon compliance with all other provisions thereof, \$5 in respect of each War-Savings Certificate Stamp, Series of 1918, then affixed thereto, but no post office shall be required to make any such payment until 10 days after receiving written demand therefor.

The owner of War-Saving Certificates can cash same at any authorized postoffice prior to maturity—January 1, 1923, with interest compounded up to the time of cashing.

War-Savings Certificates are not transferable and will be payable only to the respective owners named thereon, except in the case of the death or disability of any such owner.

War-Savings Certificates shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest from all taxation now

## A Grippe Epidemic

Every winter Health Boards warn against this weakening disease which often strikes those who are least prepared to resist it. You should strengthen yourself against grippe by taking



which is the cream of cod liver oil, refined, purified and so skilfully prepared that it enriches the blood streams, creates reserve strength and fortifies the lungs and throat. Don't delay—It may mean much.

Use SCOTT'S Refuse Substitutes

## CHILD DROWNS IN TANK NEAR MAZELAND

The news of the drowning of the twenty-one months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, of the Mazeland community reached The Ledger last week, but we did not learn the particulars of the tragedy until Sunday.

Rev. Cornelius, of Ballinger, was called to Mazeland and on Sunday afternoon November 25th conducted the funeral services, the remains of the little boy being entered in the Norton cemetery. The little baby boy was drowned Saturday November 24th, in a tank near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. The little fellow had only been out of the house a few minutes when it was missed and a member of the family rushed to the tank near the windmill to find the body of the child still in the water. It is presumed that the child playfully crawled upon the bank of the tank and fell in the water within a few minutes after it left the house, and drowned before it was discovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have the sympathy of their friends in the sad hours brought upon them by the sudden taking away of their baby.

## What is LAX-FOS

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

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DEE McCALEB GETS MAJORSHIP

D. C. McCaleb, who has been serving in Uncle Sam's training camp at Camp Travis as a lieutenant, has just been given a commission as major. Mr. McCaleb did work in the first officers reserve training camp at Leon Springs, where he was given a lieutenant's place at the close of the three months training. For the past several weeks, or since the work in Camp Travis was organized Mr. McCaleb has had charge of the publicity work, the army letters and personal notes concerning Runnels County men having been furnished to this paper by Mr. McCaleb and his assistants. Mr. McCaleb is a son-in-law of Judge Jno. I. Guion and Judge Guion received news Friday of the promotion. Dee has many friends in Ballinger who will be glad to note the progress he is making with the fighting forces.

Come West where there is no Boll worn nor Weavel. Raise a bale of cotton to the acre and get three or four cuttings of alfalfa hay to the season with a ton to the acre at \$40.00 per ton. We have the land to trade. What have you? Write Box 328, Pecos, Texas. 30-3d

Jewell Cunningham is in this city visiting relatives.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants State Bank

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 28th day of Nov., 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$227,028.34
Loans, real estate	24,610.00
Bonds and Stocks	6,700.00
Real estate (banking house)	35,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	138,606.84
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	9,658.86
Cash Items	5,328.28
Currency	13,947.00
Specie	4,838.94
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,824.99
Other Resources as follows:	5,530.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$486,613.53</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	14,617.76
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	4,656.82
Individual Deposits, subject to check	348,281.54
Demand Certificates of Deposit	7,000.00
Cashier's Checks	331.09
Other Liabilities as follows:	1,274.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$486,613.53</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:  
We, H. Giesecke, as president, and A. C. Homann, as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
(Seal)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of November A. D. 1917.  
FRANC BAKER,  
Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST: J. F. Currie, J. L. Chastain, E. D. Walker, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$257,168.62
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	40,000.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	4,824.99
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Bonds	6,700.00
Cash and Exchange	172,409.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$486,163.53</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	24,617.76
Total Deposits	361,545.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$486,163.53</b>

## CREWS SENDS \$50 FOR Y. M. C. A.

Capt. A. D. Tally was here from Crews Friday and brought in with him and turned over to L. Cohen, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. committee, fifty dollars. Crews had made no report and this came as quite a pleasant surprise to the local committee.

The citizens of the Crews community met on Thanksgiving morning at eleven o'clock and organized for work. Mr. Tally was elected chairman of the meeting and E. F. Beck, secretary and con-

tributions were made as follows:

J. H. Kurtz	\$ 1.00
E. F. Beck	2.00
J. H. Mathis	2.00
R. M. Davis	1.50
L. A. Faubin	1.00
J. W. Wood	1.00
Edd Edwards	2.00
W. J. Young	2.00
J. W. Hendricks	2.00
J. L. Humphries	1.00
C. A. Wilkerson	2.00
W. E. Traylor	1.00
T. M. Barnore	1.00
W. H. Pape	2.00
J. F. Pennington	1.00
O. H. Mathis	2.00
W. C. Mathis	1.00
Miss Alvis	1.00
Miss Warren	1.00
Mrs. Bradley	3.00
Carry Davis	1.00
Mrs. Pape	2.00
Luna Boothe	1.00
Lester Deitz	1.00
A. D. Tally	2.50
Mrs. Pennington	.10
W. E. Legg	1.00
Lester Jenkins	1.00
Lum Gray	1.00
S. M. Gray	1.00
J. W. Rainwater	1.00
Wm. Gray	1.00
J. W. Payne	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Tally	1.00
E. W. Rainwater	1.00
J. M. Woss	.85

## CREWS SCHOOL

Total \$50.00  
The amount contributed by the school children was made up in contributions of from five cents to 25 cents, twenty-nine school children contributing to the fund.

## LEFT FOR FORT SAM HOUSTON

Diaz Wood left Ballinger Sunday afternoon, going to Fort Sam Houston, where he expected to enlist in the regular army, and if he passes the examination, will become a member of the 21st Field Artillery Band. Other Ballinger boys are in this band.

County Attorney S. C. Harris went to Miles Monday on legal business.  
R. T. Trail, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Sunday, en route to Dallas where he goes to attend a state meeting of the county chairmen for the war saving certificate campaign.

**Bruises and Sprains**  
Have Sloan's Liniment handy for bruises and sprains and all pains and aches. Quick relief follows its prompt application. No need to rub. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia, stiff muscles, lame back, lumbago, gout, strains, and sprains, it gives quick relief.  
Generous sized bottles, 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

**Sloan's Liniment**  
KILLS PAIN

**Life Was a Misery**

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

**TAKE**

**CARDUI**

**The Woman's Tonic**

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . . . It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

**All Druggists**

**PATRIOTISM TAKES ON NEW LIFE**

Quite a number of the boys are not waiting for Uncle Sam's draft to assign them to duty in defense of our country, but are planning to volunteer. . . . Diaz Wood, who recently accepted a position in the First National Bank, will leave Sunday for San Antonio, where he will become a member of the band in which Troy Simpson enlisted, and will play baritone, provided he can pass the exam. Noel Penn, who has made three efforts to get in some branch of the army, has announced that he will ship out in a few days.

**Reliable Abstract**

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**PURITY TITLE**

er's training camp and lost his voice and had to return home. He will try again.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We want to tell all our friends and neighbors how we appreciate their kindness, sympathy and words of comfort on account of the accidental drowning of our 21 months old boy. We could see on the faces of all expressions of sympathy, even though the faces were strangers to us. We wish we could thank each one personally. We appreciate each one of you more than ever.

J. A. Patterson and Family,  
Wingate, Texas.

**FREE This \$1.25 FLASHLIGHT POST PAID**

We want every person to have one of these wonderful, brilliant, ELECTRIC FLASHLIGHTS without cost of coal! Thousands are sold at stores for \$1.00 each. Just the thing to find traps after dark—light coat—etc. Write us today! See why we can positively help you.

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and give you this \$1.00 flashlight FREE with your first \$5.00 shipment. In our offer to prove we can get your order. We make this limited introductory price for 30 days only. After that we raise the price to \$1.25. And you see we mean money for your fur! Write us today! See why we can positively help you. Get full details. A special will be sent you.

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425-427 Deatur St., Dept. 24  
New Orleans, La.

**INSPECTS SOUTH END TEX-O-KAN HIGHWAY**

R. P. Kirk and R. L. Harwell returned Tuesday from an inspection trip of the stretch of the Tex-O-Kan highway from Ballinger to Junction. They took advantage of the opportunity to spend a night or two in camp and incidentally inspect the game crop also.

"This highway will open the way to the prettiest country and camping grounds in America," said Commissioner Kirk, Mr. Kirk stated that part of the road had been put in good shape, especially that part from Eden to the Meard county line, where he said Conecho county had built the prettiest grade he ever saw.

Mr. Kirk becomes enthusiastic in telling of the beauties of the Llano river country and the handiwork of nature. "That country will be overrun with tourists," said Mr. Kirk, "when the road is opened to travel and it becomes known that such ideal camp grounds are so near." Mr. Kirk says the beauty of nature of the Junction country has left its imprint on the women of that country, and out of twenty-seven women on the streets in Junction twenty-six of them were the most beautiful women he ever saw in his life.

Mr. Kirk stated that the south end of the Tex-O-Kan road would be ready for the highway commissioners when the commission set a time for inspecting the route, but he understood that the work was not being pushed at some points north of Ballinger.

"I am opposed to this country going on the charity list," said Mr. Kirk, "and if the government sees fit to help the drouth stricken country I think it should be in the form of an appropriation for building public highways, and instead of handing out free bread tickets the people should be given employment and given an opportunity to earn their living."

Mr. Kirk is ready to encourage a move to secure an appropriation of \$200,000 for this county to be distributed to drouth sufferers who will get the job with their wagon and teams and help build highways. This matter should be put up to our congressman and if we seek relief it should be along this plan.

**Seed Oats.**

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

**SERVES ONE MAN WITH TWENTY CITATIONS**

Sheriff Perkins handed Judge J. W. Powell twenty citations Wednesday, remarking as he served the Judge with the citations that it was the largest number of citations he ever served on one man at one time. "Yes," said Judge Powell, "it is probably more than any sheriff will ever again serve at one time in this county."

Judge Powell stated that the citations were based on suits in the district court of Brown county against the West Texas Coal, Oil and Development Co., with headquarters in San Angelo, and a company organized by Judge Powell some ten years ago with a capital stock of \$150,000, J. W. Powell, president.

About five years ago Judge Powell organized in Coleman county the Holloway Mountain Oil Co., which later surrendered its charter. The above suits are against the interests of the said two companies on certain leases in Brown county.

**BURIED ON THANKSGIVING.**

At ten o'clock on Thanksgiving morning the remains of E. D. Jackson were followed to the City Cemetery by a long procession of sorrowing friends and tenderly laid to rest. The funeral services were held at the residence, Rev. J. N. Key conducting the services.

Mr. Jackson died at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 28, after an illness of only a few days. He was stricken with paralysis and death came as the only relief.

Deceased was 72 years, five months and fourteen days old. He is survived by a wife and other relatives. In the sorrow brought upon her by this death, the many friends of Mrs. Jackson extend to her their heartfelt sympathy.

**Grippe?**

Got it? Here's the remedy. It's helped millions. Has a half century record of use. First dose brings relief. Try it. Sold by all druggists.

**Dr. King's NEW Discovery for Coughs & Colds**

**Keep Bowel Movement Regular**

Dr. King's New Life Pills keep you in a healthy condition. Rid the body of poisons and waste. Improve your complexion by keeping the Bowels regular. Get a 25c. bottle from your druggists to-day. Effective but mild.

**IRRIGATORS HERE FOR CONFERENCE**

Farmers representing from one thousand to fifteen hundred acres of irrigatable land met in the office of the Ballinger Light & Power Co. office Monday, where they were presented with a proposition and discussed with the power people plans for installing electric power for pumping water, electric motors to replace the gasoline engines which are now being used.

The power people had invited the farmers to meet here and discuss with them the proposition and see if an agreement could be reached whereby the power line could be extended up the river for a distance of eight or ten miles and which would place the power within reach of all those owning irrigable land on the Colorado river territory traversed by the power line.

No definite agreement was reached, and it is not known whether the power line will be built or not, but the matter is under consideration. The farmers want the power and the power people want to extend the line. It is a question of which is the cheaper for the farmers. They have this matter under consideration and will agree among themselves.

The power people will exact a guarantee from the farmers before installing the service, as it will cost no small sum to build the line from Ballinger to connect with the various pumping plants along the river.

In brief, the proposition from the power people is about as follows: The line will be constructed and power furnished on a basis of \$3 per acre minimum for power, with a rate of four cents per K. W. for day service and two cents per K. W. for night service, the farmers to furnish their own motors. In case of an unusually wet year and irrigation was not necessary to any great extent, the farmer would be obligated to pay \$3 per acre for all land under ditch, regardless of whether he used the power or not. Where he used in excess to the minimum he would pay for such service at four and two cents per K. W. for day and night service.

In addition to the power service for irrigation, farmers within reach of the line would have access to the power for other purposes and would no doubt find electricity convenient about the farm.

**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.

**Rev. Bost Goes to Oklahoma.**

Rev. J. W. Bost returned from Meridian, Texas Wednesday, where he went to attend the general assembly of the Nazarene church. Rev. Bost has been assigned to work in Oklahoma and will move to Kingstown, Oklahoma, at once. He left his family with relatives in Rockwall county, until he gets moved. Rev. Bost stated that he was moving to a much larger church than the one he has been serving here, and had been given to understand that there would be much work for him to do. He was instructed to dispose of his surplus furniture as a five room manse, furnished, was waiting for him at Kingstown. He will leave many friends in Ballinger who will wish him success in his new home.

Rev. W. O. Self, of Waco, has been assigned to the Ballinger church, and will arrive here the last of the week and take charge of the work Sunday.

**WINDOW SMASHER IN LOCAL JAIL**

Lee Williams, negro, is in the local lockup with charges of burglary filed against him. According to the evidence in the case the negro is being held for smashing a big plate glass show window at the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store a few nights ago, and stealing a big six-shooter that was on display in the show window.

It was a streak of good luck for Deputy Sheriff Armstrong that the negro was caught, or at least that he was discovered as being the smasher of plate glass windows, as he was only arrested for disturbing the quietude of negro town.

As the story goes, Lee was trying to keep himself in good standing with two negro women, his wife and another negress. This brought on talk that caused the negress's arrest, and a remark dropped by one of the dusky damsels put the officer wise that there was a six-shooter somewhere near about. An investigation brought to light the six-shooter, and the gun was identified as being the one missing from the show window.

There were many other articles of value in the show window, and the officers and manager of the store were at a loss to know why the thief only made way with the gun. When interrogated about this the negro stated that he didn't take a pair of boots that were in the show window because they were marked too high.

**The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head**

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 30c.

**\$1,440.15 COUNTY'S Y. M. C. A. FUNDS**

The committee appointed to raise \$1000 for the army Y. M. C. A. work made its final report Friday morning, showing a total collection of \$1440.15, surpassing the county's quota by \$440.15. This speaks well for the work of the committee and they deserve credit for the faithful services rendered. It also speaks well for the citizens of this county, and shows that the county as a whole stands ready to do its bit regardless of the slackers that might be in our midst.

Ballinger was asked to raise one-half of the one thousand dollars allotted to this county. Ballinger raised \$918.70. Winters was called on for \$200 of the amount and raised \$220. Other communities in the county responded liberally, and the final report shows the following:

Ballinger	\$918.00
Norton	69.72
Miles	72.00
Bethel	45.23
Wingate	32.00
Winters	220.00
Rowena	32.00
Crews	50.00
Total	\$1440.15

**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.

**LIEU. PEARCE AT HOME ON FURLOUGH**

Lieu. Francis M. Pearce returned Thursday at noon from Leon Springs, having been on the second officers' training camp. He received his commission as first lieutenant. He will be in Ballinger for some time visiting relatives, and will report to Fort Logan H. Root at Little Rock, Ark., to go into a company of infantry, on the fifteenth of December.

Lieu. Pearce has many friends in Ballinger who will be glad to hear of his being commissioned. This fact was evidenced by the prolonged applause that greeted him when he entered the picture show Thursday night.

**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. 30c.

Dick Ueckert is back in Ballinger, after staying for some time in Houston.

**Bevo**

—for your cheery little chafing dish party. A triumph in soft drinks that combines the tempting flavor of wholesome cereals and the appetizing tang of genuine Sazer Hops. Bevo for refreshing properties—zest—purity—healthfulness. Serve cold.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH  
St. Louis, U. S. A.

**FOOD TRAINING CAMP FOR LIVESTOCK MEN**

Chicago, Dec. 1. — America's "food training camp opened here today.

That is the title applied this year to the International Livestock Exposition, because of its importance in educating farmers and stock growers in more extensive and economical production of meat animals.

The exposition this year is the biggest in its history—so big it has outgrown its usual quarters and overflowed from the main amphitheater at the Union stockyards into Dexter Park pavilion.

Nearly 5,000 pure-bred cattle, hogs and sheep are on exhibition. They come from every state in the union and from many parts of Canada. Illinois and Iowa head the entry list. There are no European exhibits this year, because of the submarine menace.

The exposition this year comes at a time when the government, through the food administration, is seeking to encourage farmers to greater meat production by assuring them a fair minimum hog price, based on the market value of their feed corn.

No small factor in this increased production will be the employment of pure bred animals, together with expert knowledge in the care and breeding of these, course in this, commensurate with the education of army officers in military training camps.

Food administration officials, packers, commission agents and producers will get together informally at this big meeting and give each other the benefits of their combined knowledge of meat conditions.

The exposition will close Dec. 8th.

**OFFICERS SEARCH FOR DESPERADO**

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

A continued search of the southern part of this county and the territory in other counties adjacent to Brown county, continuing through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, failed to reveal the identity or whereabouts of the "wild man" or desperado who was reported to be terrorizing that section of the country.

Brown county officers aided officers of Mills and San Saba counties in a search for the bad man, and followed several trails which were thought to have been made by him. All trace of the fugitive was lost, however, and the search has been given up.

The search was begun after it was reported to the sheriff of San Saba county that a man, well armed and apparently a desperado, had robbed a San Saba county home and afterwards fired three times at the owner of the house. Posses from three counties took up the chase, but the heavy rain of Wednesday night wiped out all traces of the fugitive and reports that he had been seen at various places could not be verified.

The theory of local officers is that a man, probably a hunter, with a streak of "bad man" in his make-up, started a career that soon failed in its attractiveness to him, and that he took advantage of the rain of Wednesday night to make his getaway and cast off his desperado habiliments. At any rate, the woods south of here were beaten thoroughly and he could not be located.

**FURS.**

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

John Billie Wade, of Paint Rock was here Sunday en route to Coleman to attend court.

J. A. Freeman and family left Monday for Brownwood. Mrs. Freeman and children will visit in Brownwood a while, and Mr. Freeman will return here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. von Rosenberg returned to their home at La-Grange, Sunday afternoon, after a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Q. V. Milled. Mrs. Miller and little baby accompanied them home.

**Save Now.**

**EXPERIENCE**

**The Teachings**

of personal experience comes too high in cost for the up-to-date successful man of today. Invariably the strongest advocates of the bank account is the man who has

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Yes, the job of cleaning up Mexico is still waiting for Uncle Sam.

At the present rate of volunteer enlistments, Class 1 will become exhausted before the draft board can make the call.

President Wilson is again telling congress what to do, and as usual, the president is giving the proper instructions.

There are two kinds of patriots, one talks patriotism and the other is on the job doing something for his country.

Congressman Blanton's drought bill is attracting the attention of congress. To meet the emergency the bill must be railroaded through, as many farmers are now looking out for some plan to get by on during the coming year.

Those who have sons in the army camps should not become alarmed and suffer uneasiness because a few deaths occur in the camp. When you stop to think about it, the death rate is low for such a great number of people, each camp having about 40,000 soldiers. The rate is far below the cities of equal population.

The feed failure has taught the farmers and livestock men a lesson in feed conservation, and it is not necessary for Mr. Hoover to waste time along this line. If the average man would cut his eating down in proportion to the allowance being made for his livestock, Mr. Hoover's work would be completed in short order.

We are in receipt of a letter from a northern tourist seeking information about our roads, the tourist stating that he is planning an auto trip for himself and a number of others through this country. We want the tourists to come our way and leave some of his cash for the things tourists must buy, but unless we knew what day the party would arrive here and could arrange to be out of town, we are at a loss to know how to answer the letter. If we advise the gentleman to come this way, and some of his party should happen to an accident while crossing our "rattling good" bridges, we would be subject to negligent homicide charges. Some day the people of Runnels county are going to be forced to build safe bridges and concrete culverts, and we can't understand what is to be gained in the delay. It's time to do something.

TIME LIMIT SHORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

Recruiting Station, San Angelo, received the following telegram: "It is desired to afford registrants as wide an opportunity as possible to enlist both in army and navy. Therefore any registrant, even though he has been called by his local board to report for physical examination, may enlist upon presentation to the Recruiting officer of a certificate from his local board that he will not be needed to fill deferred percentage of the quota of the board. This notice modifies previous instructions. Accordingly voluntary enlistment of all registrants is prohibited from and after twelve o'clock noon, December 15." Registrants will be furnished the certificate referred to above at any time they call at office of local board. It will save confusion and delay if registrant will obtain certificate before he offers to enlist. Army Recruiting Station at San Angelo, Navy Recruiting Station at Abilene. Both branches want and need men badly. Local Board, Runnels County.

THE KAISER'S APPEAL

Oh Gott, mine heavenly partner, Who made my divine right, I guess, perhaps, I need some help To carry on my fight. I dink I vip dem all alone, Ven I start up dis row; But maybe I make some mistake -at least it looks so now. Mid leetle Belgium und France, Der Russ and Johnny Bull, Mit Idaly to help de mout. I haf my hands quite full. But I start out my submarines And dink dey vin de day, Den dat old chap called "Uncle Sam" say he don't like my way. He talk vid me across the sea- He write me plendy notes. He says I petter stop at game Of blowing up his boats. But I shust keep on sinking them, Tho I knew of course he is right Und now he show big symptoms That he ain't too proud to fight. Mine submarines and airships Are both of his invention, Und don't know vat else he's got or vat is his intention; I know his men are scrappers Und I know he's got the cash, Und I'm fraid he's got oder tings Vat settle up mine hash. He's got a lot of farmers Vat grow a lot of grains- He's got a lot of older men Who have got a lot of brains; Dere's dat man dey call Edison, Vat makes be someous feel Perhaps he make something yat Makes me auch-ge-speil. You know, Gott, I been square Mit you, wherever I may be; I've always gif you credit Of being most as big as me- But den, you know I never mean One-half re tings I say- Either in German treaties, Or ven I pretend to pray, Und dere's one ting I'd speak About least you too chesty grow Cause you vipped dat oder devil In the misty long ago, Don't you tink you could dot do Mit me- you'd try it all in vain He did not have no Hindenburg's Or Krupps or airplanes. But vat I want of you is dis- You lick den yankee men! I'd do it and not bother you, If I t'ot dat I can; I've had old Satin mid me Since de time dis war began, But i fear, perhaps, you heart Is mid dem great American. Now if you don't git busy, Gott, I'll make you pay de price, For I will send my Zeplins up And capture paradise. Vat I haf done in oder lands, You surely know too well; I guess, perhaps, I shust as soon Turn heaven into hell. Clayton L. Baily, in the Milfred Center Ohioan.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE KIDNEY PILLS... Sold by druggists everywhere

LITTLE GIRL DIES NEAR HATCHEL

Mildred, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henniger, of the Hatchel country, died Saturday morning, after an illness of several days. C. R. Crews was called out to make arrangements for the funeral and the remains were entered in the cemetery at Old Runnels at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henniger sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

COTTON GINNINGS BETTER THAN THIRD

Up to Nov. 14th 10,967 bales of cotton had been ginned in Runnels county, as compared with 28,785 up to the same date last year. This figures a little better than one-third of last year's crop, but it is estimated that the cotton is all in, and the final report will not show one-third as much as was ginned last year.

R. W. Clendennen, a ranchman from Sonora, was in our city Monday on legal business, and while here, was the guest of Judge J. W. Powell.

WORRED ALL THE TIME OVER TROUBLE

Artillery Man's Wife Gained 20 Pounds On Tanlac-Is Like Different Woman.

"My wife has gained around twenty pounds by taking Tanlac and has improved so much she really looks like a different woman," said A. L. Easton, of 419 Hood Street, San Antonio, the other day. Mr. Easton is another of Uncle Sam's boys who is a Tanlac booster and is a corporal in the Twentieth Field Artillery. "My wife has been a sufferer for three years from stomach trouble," he continued, "and got so bad she could hardly eat enough to keep alive. She had no appetite and what little she did eat seemed to do her more harm than good. Her food would not digest and after eating gas formed in her stomach and kept her in misery for hours. She was all the time complaining of a sharp pain in her side and her nerves were shattered so she could hardly sleep at all, and she would worry all the time over her condition. She kept getting weaker and thinner all the time. About a year ago she was operated on, but she kept complaining of the pain in her side and seemed to be getting worse instead of better. "We had about decided to have another operation but thought she had better try Tanlac first, and I am sure glad she did for it seems to have gotten rid of all her troubles. She eats anything she wants now and it don't hurt her at all. She sleeps like a healthy child and gets up in the morning feeling hearty and strong and actually able to do all her own housework. She has been entirely relieved of all her pain by Tanlac and says she is better in every way than she has been in years." Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Tokeen by J. W. Bright.

TEXAS FIRST BALE BRINGS \$14,155.00

The first bale of Texas cotton for the season of 1917, which was for the season of 1917, which was the Red Cross Society the sum of \$14,155 before it went into the loom at Manchester, England. The bale of cotton was sold at auction at Houston last June, as a benefit for the Red Cross, and brought \$900. It was sold at auction again for the Red Cross at New York, where it brought \$3,330. At Liverpool the bale was again auctioned for the Red Cross, and brought \$2,815, and at Manchester, England, the auction for the bale of Houston cotton in behalf of the Red Cross developed into a revelry of giving. After the cotton was knocked down to the highest bidder, Manchester mill men continued to lay checks and bank notes on the bale until the Manchester offering for the cotton reached the sum of 1,500 pounds, or \$7,125 in American money. As a medium of charity and benevolence the first bale of Texas cotton of the 1917 crop was a hummer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The county clerk has issued the following marriage licenses this week: H. A. Baker and Miss Susie Ella Nelson. Albert Klattenhoff and Miss Hilda Fink.

Criminal Docket.

The county clerk has entered on the criminal docket the case of the State of Texas vs. Herbert McAden, for petty theft.

Vital Statistics.

Births have been reported to the clerk as follows: To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cogdell of Winters, on Dec. 1, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Enson of Winters, on Dec. 2, a boy. The death of Miss Mildred Henniger of Ballinger on Dec. 1, was reported to the clerk this week.

Mrs. H. H. Ratchford is in the sanitarium at Ballinger undergoing an operation. We hope she will be at home soon and restored to her accustomed health.—Paint Rock Herald.

BLANTON SEEKING AID FOR DROUTH

Congressman Blanton has introduced in the House at Washington a bill designed to relieve the drought stricken areas of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, and appropriation therefor the sum of \$50,000,000, of which sum \$40,000,000 is to be expended in Texas, or such part of said sum as may be needed, and the balance divided equally between New Mexico and Colorado.

The preamble of the bill explains sufficiently its provisions: "To provide for the common defense and general welfare by conserving and increasing the production of food, leather, and clothing, through furnishing immediate needed relief to the drought stricken portions of the states of Texas, Colorado and New Mexico; preventing by the immediate advancement of necessary feed the impending starvation of several million head of cattle and other valuable livestock; and by advancing needed means for supplies, feed for teams and seeds for planting, thus making provision for the cultivation of thousands of productive farms, which otherwise would not be cultivated and non-productive in 1918, and appropriating therefor money hereafter reimbursable."

"Whereas, there exists in the State of Texas covering 150 counties or an area about half as large as Germany, one of the severest, longest and most destructive droughts ever witnessed before in the history of the country, already entailing a financial loss in failure of crops of over \$200,000,000; The bill points out the great loss in the nation's food supply, of the supply of leather for making shoes and of wool and mohair for making soldiers' clothing, and the tremendous prospective loss in all three, as well as in loss of food-stuffs from uncultivated farms.

The bill would create a State Drouth Relief Commission headed by the governor together with the treasurer, the commissioner of agriculture, the president of the state A. & M. College, the state food administrator, the president of the State Cattle Raisers' Association, of the Wool and Mohair association and of the Farmers' association, to serve without remuneration; for a County Drouth Relief Commission composed of the judge, sheriff, county attorney, treasurer, tax assessor, tax collector and county commissioners.

Within twenty days after the passage of the act the county commission is to make a survey of each county in the drought area and make a report of its findings to the state commission, which will meet on the 31st day after the passage of the bill to appropriate the funds among the several counties. The county appropriations are to be lodged in such banks of the respective counties as are willing to pay the government interest on daily balances.

The report to the state commission is to include: Number of farmers in that county to whom it will be necessary to make advancements in order to have the available land cultivated, the probable acreage they will cultivate in 1918, which without government assistance would not be cultivated, the estimated amount such farmers will need from the government, (1) for supplies, (2) for feed for teams, and (3) for seeds, specifying the different seeds and the amounts separately. The bill provides for punishment of any applicant who makes a false statement, by a fine of not more than one year.

O. R. AUSTIN PROMOTED TO CLAIM CLERK

O. R. Austin left Wednesday afternoon for Temple, where he will be claim clerk for the Santa Fe Railway Company. This is a merited promotion for Mr. Austin, as he has been with the local Santa Fe station for a number of years. He is well known in Ballinger, and has a host of friends who will wish him further success in his new field.

Mr. Austin will be succeeded in the local depot by Louis Bass, who has been in the freight office for some time. Mr. Bass, will be succeeded by R. Robinson, who comes here from Buffalo Gap.

BALLINGER BOY SEES AIR FIGHT

W. A. Taylor received another letter from his son Lieut. Ewing Taylor, Wednesday. The letter was dated Nov. 9, "Somewhere in France," and briefly gives an account of war thrills Lieut. Taylor has just experienced. The letter says:

Dear Papa: I have just gotten back from a trip near the front line where I went as an observer. I had a very good time and experienced quite a few things. The company I was with captured a German prisoner and I was lucky enough to be with them when they did it. The German was shot through the leg. I got his cap off for a souvenir, and I think I shall send it to you all. The poor fellow died the next day, however. One of the things I saw was an air ship fight. It was a great sight to see the aviators shooting at each other up in the air. The German machine was finally hit and of course fell straight to the ground. Both men in it were killed when it hit the ground. Tomorrow I am leaving for American headquarters, and will write to you when I get there. As a whole the English are a fine people. I have only gotten the first three letters from home. Your son, Ewing.

Lieut. Taylor enlisted in the first officers reserve training camp at Leon Springs last June. He received his commission as First Lieutenant, and came home for a ten days furlough. He left here the last of August, under orders to report to New York on August 29th. He said a few days later for France, and as will be seen from the above letter he is now on the firing line in France. All this has taken place in less than six months and gives an idea how fast America is moving troops to the firing line. Three months ago Ewing was in Ballinger. Today he is in American headquarters on the French front, and has already experienced fighting and witnessed the capture of enemies.

TIRED, WORN-OUT AND MISERABLE

Many Ballinger People in This Condition.

There is little rest for many a kidney sufferer. The kidneys feel congested, sore and painful. The urinary passages are often irregular and distressing. The sufferer, tired, worn-out and depressed. Weak kidneys need quick help. They need a special kidney remedy. Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test. A remedy especially for kidney ailments.

Can any Ballinger reader doubt this statement? Mrs. S. C. Royalty, 1302 Thirtieth St., Ballinger says: "My kidneys were inactive. There was so much soreness across my back that I could hardly bend over and it was just as difficult for me to straighten up. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage. Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of all signs of kidney complaint." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Royalty had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

HIS NEPHEW DIED AT CAMP TRAVIS

Fayetteville, Texas, Nov. 4. A. J. Voelkel, Ballinger. My son Ben, died in Camp Travis this morning. He was buried at Shelby. E. W. Voelkel. The above telegram was received by A. J. Voelkel of this city Tuesday. The message came from Mr. Voelkel's brother telling of the death of a nephew of our townsman. Mr. Voelkel stated that it was the first relative he had lost in the war. His friends sympathize with him in his sorrow.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—Sacks wanted; highest market price. I. O. Wooden. 3-d&w4t.

FOR SALE—1917 Ford in Al condition. C. W. Northington. d&w1t.

FOR SALE—or trade, good Jersey cows and coming fresh. Will sell or trade for stock cattle. T. J. Bryan, Ballinger. 7-2tw-pd

FEED—Tennessee river bottom corn, \$1.75; Oats 90 cents; Gray shorts \$3 per hundred; cream shorts \$3.45; mill run brand \$2.20. Get our prices on all kinds of hay. Ladwig & Taylor. 7-w2t.

WOOD FOR SALE—Restacked Mesquite cord wood at \$3.00 per cord. E. H. Voelkel, Rowena, Texas. w3t.

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

FOR TRADE—Three coming three-year-old mules for a Ford car. Also some horses. L. C. Tomlinson, Phone 7805. d&w1t.pd

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&w

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B. F. Currie, of Norton, accompanied by his father-in-law C. E. Witt, and brother-in-law Howard Witt and E. H. Harding and K. Berry, returned from Coleman Tuesday, where they went to attend court. Mr. Currie came home a free man, having been acquitted on the charge of killing Abe Dillingham in Coleman county two or three years ago. The jury was out only a short time and rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Mr. Currie moved to Runnels county and purchased land near Norton, a short time after getting in trouble in Coleman county. Those who were familiar with the circumstances leading up to the killing had predicted that he would come clear when the case was tried, and his friends in this county will be glad to know that he is out of the trouble.

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Miss Mary Parker returned home Sunday from a few days visit in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Collier, of Truitt, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rushing last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eubank, of near Winters, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eubank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watson visited their daughter, Mrs. Frank Booth, who lives near Crews, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maydell Rushing, who is teaching school near Winters, visited home folks a few hours Sunday.

Miss Emmie Pagels, who had been visiting in Rowena, has returned home.

Miss Ida Ray Cockrell entertained a few of her friends last Thursday night. All report a pleasant time.

W. E. Branch, who has been very sick the past two or three weeks, is able to be up.

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## BIG OIL DEALS SETS BROWNWOOD WILD

"The oil boom at Brownwood equals Spindle Top or any other top," said Judge M. C. Smith, of this city, who visited Brownwood Sunday. "I had heard something of the oil find and knew that the development was well underway," said Judge Smith, "but I was astounded when I reached that city and witnessed the great stir and activity in and around the hotels and out on the oil field."

Judge Smith was called to Brownwood on important legal business, and while there had the pleasure of visiting the oil fields and also spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Dick) Richardson. Mrs. Richardson is a niece of Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Richardson is the man who sold a \$150 lease for \$400,000, according to reports received in Ballinger, and confirmed by a report in the Brownwood Bulletin.

"Page after page of the hotel register is filled with names of men from Kansas and Oklahoma oil fields," said Judge Smith, "and they are coming and going all the time. The crowd in and around the oil field reminded me of a carnival, and oil pumps are popping and working day and night pumping oil to the tanks and cars while many derricks are at work sinking new wells."

Among the millionaires who are at Brownwood investigating and investing are C. H. Morrow, of St. Louis and Jake L. Hammond, of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mr. Hammond is the man who is the largest individual subscriber to the Liberty Loan, having purchased two million dollars worth of Liberty Bonds.

Prominent oil men from all over the United States are flocking to Brownwood, and local Brownwood citizens have become millionaires within the last few weeks, and almost in one night's time. In reporting the Dick Richardson deal the Brownwood Bulletin says:

"It is understood that a deal is pending, in which A. H. Richardson is to receive \$400,000 for his lease holdings of about 300 acres next to the mountain, being a part of the Hall Bros. land. Several months ago Mr. Richardson leased the land from Hall Bros. and paid 50 cents an acre. He has since then sold off three acres, for considerably more than the price paid for the original lease.

"Mr. Richardson stated today that a deal had not been consummated, but would not deny that a deal was pending. It is reported that some Oklahoma capitalists have formed a pool to buy this acreage.

"If this deal is finally made it will be the largest and most important thus far in the history of Brownwood's oil boom. In fact it will prove conclusively to the oil world just what real operators think of the Brownwood field. Experienced oil men are of the opinion that where there is a shallow field there is always deep oil and while most of the operators thing a shallow field a small gold mine, in the way of possibilities, they say that it will be necessary that a deep well be brought in before the field is recognized as permanent."

### BALLINGER GROCER THANKFUL.

"I had been sick nearly 20 years with stomach trouble and was slowly starving to death as everything I ate caused terrible gas and pain and my food did not digest. I was reduced to 115 pounds. A friend advised me to take Mayr's Wonderful Remedy about 4 months ago, which I did and now weigh 151 lbs, and can eat anything. I am very thankful for 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.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Dear Friends: As it was impossible for us to thank all of you for all your loving words and deeds of kindness, during the illness and death of our little Mildred, we will take this opportunity of thanking all of you and may God bless and keep you to the end of your days.

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Herringer. 1tw-pd

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## Draft Classification Will Begin On December 15th

Details for classifying registrants under the revised draft rules have about been worked out by the local exemption board in accordance with instructions sent to them by the war department, and beginning on Dec. 15 registrants will receive, or should receive their Questionnaires.

If for any reason registrants fail to receive their blanks by mail they should call at the office of the exemption board and get one, and thereby assist in being properly classed. The public is urged to assist in furnishing the local board with the address of any who has moved since registering, as the blanks will be mailed to the address shown on the registration card.

Another matter that is of importance is called to the attention of those who have been examined and who have been discharged. All such are subject to re-examination, and should lose no time after Dec. 15th, when their number is posted, to get a blank and fill it out in order that they may be properly classified.

Every registrant must know his number. The local board will post by numbers only. This paper will carry a list of those who should receive Questionnaires by numbers only and no names will be printed. Know your number and act accordingly.

### Local Board Issues Notice.

It is very important that you know your order number, and watch the papers after December 15th closely, as this board will post from day to day Order Numbers but not names of all registrants that have been mailed their Questionnaires. If a registrant does not return his Questionnaire within 7 days from date of mailing and notice of posting his Order Number he forfeits all rights to deferred classification.

Failure to receive the Questionnaire by mail will not be accepted as excuse for his not complying with new rules and regulations.

It is a violation of Draft Laws not to return Questionnaire. All citizens are respectfully requested to report to the Board the change

address of any registrant that they know of who has not advised the Board of his changed address. The above applies to all registrants that are not in the military service, regardless of whether you have been called and discharged or not, for any cause. All discharges that have heretofore been granted regardless of cause for issuance or by whom issued are automatically revoked at noon of December 15, 1917.

Local Board, Runnels County, Texas.

### Advisory Board Appointed.

The adjutant general's department announced the appointment of an advisory board for each county in the state. The board for Runnels county is composed of Judges A. K. Doss, Jno. I. Guion and C. H. Willingham. The duty of this board will be to organize the work and assist the registrants in properly filling out the questionnaires. The advisory board receives no pay for service rendered, and they are authorized to draft other attorneys, or citizens competent to help in this work.

The registrants of this county, and those subject to call to the army, will face the task of making answers to questions that in some cases will be rather difficult for them to do. This work will begin on December 15th when the local exemption board will mail out daily questionnaires to five percent of the total number of registrants and mail out blanks each day until each registrant has been supplied with the proper blank.

In order to assist the registrants in properly filling out the blank, the war department has appointed a legal advisory board for each county in the state. This board for Runnels county is composed of Judge A. K. Doss, chairman; Judge Jno. I. Guion and C. H. Willingham. These gentlemen met this week and organized for the work.

The advisory board perfected its plan of work by mobilizing other

attorneys and laymen to assist them, and these are as follows:

Ballinger: T. T. Crosson and O. L. Parish, attorneys; E. D. Walker, Scott H. Mack and L. Cohen, laymen.

Winters: J. P. Cogsdell, attorney; D. M. Hillyard and Guy McDonald, laymen.

Miles: Jennings, attorney; Graves, layman.

Rowena: M. Kopecky.

These men will assist those who are not able to fill out their questionnaire, and thereby make it easy for the local board to receive information that will enable them to classify the registrants without delay.

The Ledger will publish daily the numbers called for that day, and to whom questionnaires are mailed. If for any reason registrant fails to receive his blank he should call at the office of the board and get one.

From day to day The Ledger will carry any information available that will assist in the work of mobilizing the next draft, and those who are interested should keep posted on how to proceed by reading the newspapers and consulting the advisory board.

The following telegram from the office of the Provost Marshal General, addressed to The Governor, has just been received:

"No. 10948. Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and post office address to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present address so that Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15, will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing the right to claim exemption or discharges.

"Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing Questionnaires has been accomplished."

### Americans at the Front as Told by Y. M. C. A. Man

When our American troops started for the front we fed them every four hours for forty-eight hours. They came in cold and tired and thirsty. We had six hundred loaves of bread for them, twelve cases of jam with twenty-four cans in a case, and three hundred pounds of coffee. We had two chickens, weighing one hundred and eighty pounds each. We took a location on the Quai, set up stoves, a boiler and served real American coffee. We gave the coffee away. For sandwiches we charged twenty-five centimes. They cost us thirty-five centimes. I went thirty-six hours on four slices of bread and a coffee.

Then I started off with the men—artillery, they were. We left at 8 p. m. on a Friday. Twenty-nine of us were in a box car with a bale of hay. When the wire came off the hay we needed a gas mask for the dust that shook out. There wasn't room for all to sleep. We were saddlers, shoers, mechanics, the mint section of a battery.

We woke to a foggy morning. The men thought they were on the way to Paris. But we had come to the city of—, a corner of France. We took the guns off the wagon, and marched seventeen kilometers to the town of—. We slept that night in the loft of a barn. Men had been billeted there before us, and by morning I had a ring of white welts around my ankle from lice. We lived three days with those visitors that didn't appear on the roll-call. Ang for nine days we never took our clothes off.

The boys were advised to slip off their revolvers. We rented a kitchen as a storeroom for the guns. In renting that kitchen I wore out my twenty-two words of French, but we got the kitchen and we slept there in the room with the guns. We stayed five days in the place with the main horse line of the battery. The horses had large appetites, and ate up ensissons and other leather stuff. One man came in and reported with his overcoat in rags. He said he was sorry, but his horse had got hungry in the night.

I thought I would go further up, so I got a horse. He was thin. I give you that for background, so you will be sympathetic to my next. The orders were to ride bareback, and I had to ride him bareback. For the next two days I ate my meals standing up.

Then I went to the brigade commander, and he let me go to the front. We came to the first village this side of the border. It was full up of men billeted. I said I was tired enough to give seven francs for a bed. An old woman gave me a room in a house with the end blown off. She was caretaker. The family had fled. She seemed to feel this way about it: "I'm about at the end of the line, anyhow, and I'll stay by the stuff."

Two colonels walked me to the dugouts, and that was where I parter friendship with my long overcoat. It slapped mud every-step.

Thirty men were in the dugout in fetid air. The Germans were one hundred yards away. In between looked like a lot of country anywhere. Shells were coming in casually, landing in a field about one hundred yards away. When we came back along the communication trench we found the ceiling of it (what we call the sleeper in a mine) shot through with a shell.

Then I went to find our battery. Out along an old Roman road we came to a farmhouse located where a wise farmer would place it. The house was in ruins. All through this section men had been buried where they fell, batteries were dug in on the hillside, and soldiers were billeted in the ruins of villages. The fields around the farmhouse were shell-pitted. The Germans threw in one more shell at the house and killed two cooks and an assistant. Somewhere along the road a battery was dug in on the roadside. You saw gun-pits and then nine-foot dugouts, and then more gun-pits. There was chicken-wire with grass tied in for camouflage, a wooded hill, and a maze of barbed-wire. I went into the mess kitchen for American soldiers, got the loan of a mess-kit, and had prunes, potatoes, meat, and bread. I slept on the mountain-side in my half of a pup tent, with my head cupped in a trench shovel. We went to bed at six fifteen. Life is bland after the

active hours. In the morning we dug emplacements for the guns. We were supposed to wait till the four guns were dug in. But when the first gun was nested the boys couldn't wait to get the rest ready. They had to let the Boches know they had come. At 4 p. m. on October 24 they sent the first shell fired by an American battery from an American dug emplacement. It was Battery of the Field Artillery.

"Here's the first shot we're handing to the Germans," they said, and they all agreed it had to kill at least thirty-six men. One man said our aim was bad. "In about fifteen minutes," he claimed, "you'll see a German pop up over the hill asking, 'Did we throw them something?'"

We sent four shrapnel for range and took the distance at six thousand yards.

"Mintz five to the left, same range, same elevation," came back on the telephone, and then, "She's on her way."

They gave me the case of the first shell. I carried it on my belt where it kept rubbing the spine. The boys fired five rounds before supper. They used French Seventy-fives.

"Mark all your data and go home," was the order, and they chalked the gun shield. Another battery fired sooner than we did, but not from an American dug emplacement. They fired from an orchard. The case of that shell went to President Wilson.

The purpose of my trip was observation and laying out an organization for Y. M. C. A. work. So I went with a papoose containing a tooth brush, socks, and underwear. But I managed to smuggle in writing paper and games.

I came back by mule team, walked to—, flagged a Ford for the seventeen kilometers to—, and so down to Paris.

While we were at the front the soldiers spent their spare time in getting up a good American meal in their minds—beefsteak, peas, and crisp celery. Some of the fellows slept in old dugouts, but most preferred pup tents. They liked the experience.

"This is Jake," they said. For Red Triangle work with them we are using two Fords, a motorcycle, and a truck. In the base towns we are putting a double-walked tent and a fire so they will have a warm place to sit and write. We shall sell them socks, chocolate, malted milk, and coffee. For our men at the front we will carry stuff in a Ford as far as we can get, and then go the rest of the way to the emplacement on foot. We are starting work with five Red Triangle men. We shall visit the outpost dressing stations and bring them supplies. Three of the men working at the front are Henry Crane, the nephew of the Rev. Frank Crane; the son of Dr. Robert Spear, and Shaw, the old Columbia center rush.

The experience in the trenches has meant a lot to two armies. It has cheered up the French, and it has solemnized our men.

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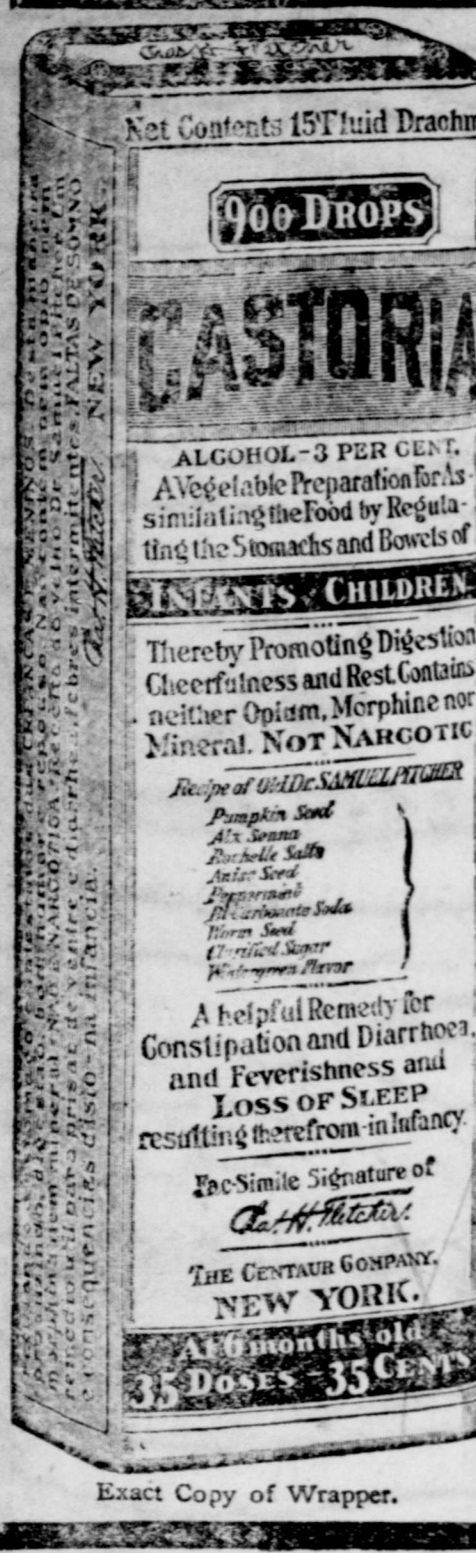
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**NORTON BOYS JOIN NAVY.** C. Z. Caswell, of Norton, went to San Angelo this week where he enlisted in the navy, was accepted for service as a third class fireman and sent to Dallas where he will be assigned duty in training camp or on some ship.

Corp E. L. James came in Wednesday night from Camp Travis on a furlough for about a week, when he will return to his duties.



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### Farmer Pays \$72 Per Bushel for Puffed Wheat

Through the courtesy of the management of the Banner-Ledger the paper keeps coming to me and I am trying to render some service from time to time to its readers. I never could accept something for nothing.

I want to write at random. In the first place I want to say that some of us may be paying too high for what we eat. I bought a package of wheat for 15 cents and put it on the scales and it weighed 1-4 of a pound, paper, box and all. I believe the box weighed as much as the puffed wheat. This would make the net grains cost one dollar and twenty cents the pound, or seventy two dollars per bushel.

Now the last crop of wheat I raised, which was two years ago, I sold at ninety-six cents a bushel. What I am asking myself, is this: Does it cost seventy-one dollars and four cents a bushel to transport our wheat to the puffer, have it puffed and sent back to us with a nice label on it?

I believe we ought to get a handmill and grind our own grains and eat bran and all. But let it go at that; what are we going to do for horse feed? I plowed my feed up by the roots and had it baled. The man who baled it offered me 65 cents a bale for it and said I could get 75c. These

maize stalks standing in the fields of Rummels county are almost equal to alfalfa. Horses and cattle are getting fat on them. If we make big crops of them hereafter do you reckon we will bale them and put them up for a dry spell like we are having now? No. Year before last, I made enough feed to have lasted through these two dry years. But I heaved it over to 'em, and they tramped it under foot. Will we do this again? Yes.

We are the most extravagant nation of people on earth. I have seen enough half biscuits and slabs of light bread go off in the slop at one time to furnish an entire big Bohemian family a square meal.

I expect we are going to be forced to economize. Puffed wheat is \$72.00 per bushel. Now boys, what are we going to do about horse feed?

Don't the thoughts of it jar you a little? Since Adam was a boy we haven't seen the like of it. I have written to seven states and \$1.45 is the cheapest corn I can hear of, f.o.b.

By the time northern corn is thoroughly dry it is going to cost close to \$2.00.

Where are you going to get the "mon"? Out of the Federal Farm Loan Bank? Not much.

Here is the only suggestion worth while that I have settled on and some wise guy is going to object to it right on the dot. But I am going to follow it out: Graze your stock on the stalk field just as long as possible before beginning to feed grain. Save every grain until you are forced to plow to kill weeds. The blistering, sizzling, roasting, toasting drought has put the fields in better mechanical condition than any man can with a plow.

Let it rest. If you just must plow, put up terraces to hold the water on the fields when it comes. It will come and you mark my prediction. I was in the west in 1886-87. We have had three failures in succession. I look for the best times Rummels county ever saw. With fair crops at present prices our banks will have to be enlarged. At \$150.00 a bale, one hundred bales of cotton figures Fifteen Thousand Dollars. Good gracious, I'll have to quit.

### PIONEER JUDGE DIES AT SAN ANGELO

Judge W. H. Blank, for 36 years a resident of this section of the state, died at his home in San Angelo at six o'clock Monday afternoon. Judge Blanks was stricken with paralysis last May and never recovered his health. He was 74 years old.

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### HIGHEST QUALITY AWARDS

### NEW CHARITY BOARD ELECTED \$12,000 FOR ONE ACRE OIL LE

At the close of one of the most successful Thanksgivings services ever held in this city, the citizens assembled and elected five men to constitute the charity board during the ensuing year. This has been the custom for several years, and the charity board for the year just passed made a brief report.

Two members of the board, Rev. J. W. Bost, and W. B. Ray, were unable to serve, Mr. Ray having moved away some time ago, and Rev. Bost leaving this week. C. R. Crews and Dr. T. A. Rape, the other two old members, were retained by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made that the committee be composed of five members, and J. W. Clappitt, J. A. Williams and B. C. Kirk were appointed as a committee to name the other three members and they placed in nomination the names of Judge O. L. Parish, T. S. Lankford and Rev. W. O. Self. Rev. Self is the new pastor of the Nazarene church due to arrive here within the next few days. These men were elected.

A free will offering was made for charity work, and \$29.56 turned over to the committee. It was announced that more funds would be needed to carry on the work during the present season than ever before and the people will be called on from time to time.

(Brownwood Bulletin) With the selling in the field of one-sixth interest acre lease for the sum making the price per acre a general sensation of excitement has been the custom for several years, and the price paid in the field as high as a price in any shallow oil field. This is a higher price paid for acreage, that was a yard from a deep producing 2,000 barrels a well, but the product great, nor are the produce oil in paying quantities for as long a time.

Brownwood has experienced several oil booms in the past, though none have reached the magnitude, nor the importance, of the present operations. Several months ago there were any number of vacant houses in the city for rent, but now, according to a local real estate dealer, they have no good houses left to rent.

All lines of business have been benefited directly or indirectly through the oil developments. One has only to go to any cafe at meal time or try to procure a room at one of the hotels to fully realize the enormous amount of money that is being spent daily.

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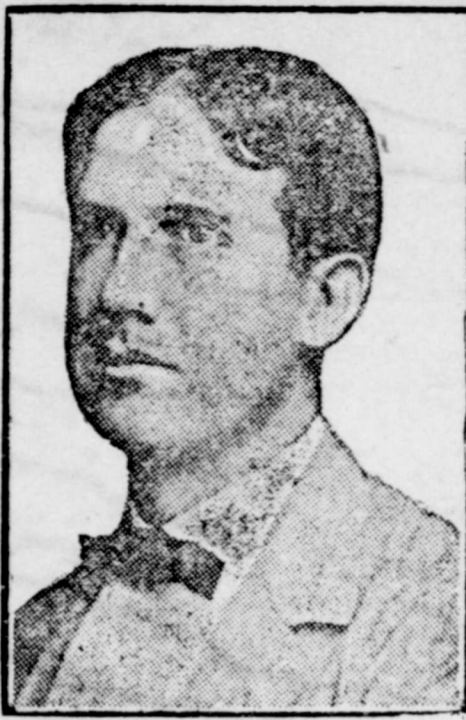
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### GOVERNOR HOBBY CONGRATULATES US



Hon. Wm. P. Hobby.

The following telegram was received Saturday afternoon by County Judge O. L. Parish from Governor Hobby, coming immediately after the announcement that Runnels County had been freed of ticks, and that the quarantine line had been moved over from Runnels County:

Austin, Texas, Dec. 1.

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

Allow me to congratulate you and the citizens of your county in the successful eradication of the cattle fever tick which affords great opportunities for improving the cattle industry in view of the national beef shortage. Your citizens are doing their best.

W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas.

December 1, 1917, is a red letter day on the calendar of livestock industry of Runnels county. It is upon this day that the government moves the quarantine line over and declares Runnels county free from cattle tick, and thereby fixes a saving to the stockmen amounting to thousands of dollars annually. Where heretofore cattle have been dying from the ravages of the cattle tick by the hundreds and thousands, the loss is now reduced to a minimum that makes every stockman in this county a booster for tick eradication.

Three other counties in this section will be released from quarantine tomorrow. In the fall of 1915 Coke, Concho, Runnels, Taylor and Tom Green counties held tick eradication elections and adopted the law. All of these counties except Tom Green have completed the work of tick eradication. For some cause Tom Green county has not been declared free.

The work was not inaugurated in Runnels county on a systematic scale until April of last year. At that time the work was organized, and notwithstanding that there was considerable opposition, the work has been completed and the county declared free from tick.

It cost the county \$9705.40 to free this county of cattle ticks. To maintain the work and keep the county free from ticks depends on the activity of the stockmen in seeing that the law is enforced and no tick infested cattle permitted to enter this county. The cost to keep the county free from tick will be the cost of enforcing the law.

The saving to the cattle industry is hard to estimate. We are told that cattle bring from three to five dollars more per head in territory free from tick than they do in territory where the ticks work. This is a big item alone and counts for much in saving to say nothing of the loss caused by ticky cattle dying.

Dr. Wearner, who was sent to conduct the campaign of freeing this county from tick, has completed his work and will be assigned to another field by the government. He does not know where he will go or when he will go.

During the campaign in this county 290,000 head of cattle have passed through the fifty-three yards in the county. This number represents the dippings out of a maximum of 45,000 head of cattle. Of course many of the 45,000 head were never dipped while many head were dipped as many as a half dozen times, making up the total dippings of 290,000.

Out of 1800 herds of cattle in the county all are now declared free from ticks except 40 herds. 40 herds are still under quarantine, but will be released with one or two more dippings, and cattle within the county will be permitted to move from place to place,

but it will be a strict violation of the law for any one to bring ticky cattle into this county, and it will be up to the stockmen to see that the law is enforced.

G. B. Nixon, who recently visited Georgia, one of the states where great progress has been made in the livestock industry and where the cattle tick has been eradicated, is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of the tick eradication. Mr. Nixon has profited by experience, and he knows that it is a great saving to dip cattle and free them from ticks. "My loss is nothing now compared to what it was when my cattle were ticky," said Mr. Nixon.

The government had planned to send representatives here and call a meeting of the stockmen and hold a celebration on December first, but due to demands made on the government for men to carry on work at other places, it was impossible to hold a meeting of the stockmen here. However, this meeting may be held at a later date.

Dr. Wearner is enthusiastic over the success made in this county, and when he leaves the work will be left in the hands of two inspectors, T. W. Thompson, of Ballinger and George Miller, of Winters. These men will be on the job until all cattle in the county are released from quarantine.

### GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER.

Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. **August Flower** is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. 25 and 75 cent bottles. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

### ONE DOZEN FOOT BALL PLAYERS KILLED

Football, the roughest of American outdoor sports, exacted a total of 12 victims during the 1917 season, which ended with Thanksgiving day games, according to reports to the Associated Press today. The number was six less than 1916 and four less than two years ago. In 1914 there were 15 deaths.

Defenders of the game pointed to the fact that not a fatality nor a serious injury occurred in the big universities and colleges where the game is conducted under expert physical direction. All of the victims, with one exception, were either high school students or players, who with little or no training, participated in semi-professional games. A majority of the cases showed that the players entered the game without proper knowledge of it, and without proper physical condition for so rough a sport.

The open style of play, instead of the smashing game which rapidly is being discarded, has eliminated much of the danger, in the opinion of Fred L. Murphy, a former Yale star, now coach at Northwestern University. The players, he said, also are better protected through improved heavily padded uniforms and head-gears.

Of the number killed two were Texas high school boys, Guy Henry, age 18, of Athens, Texas, who died from internal injuries, and Thomas Ryan, of Alarado, Texas, who lived four days after being injured in a game.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's 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.

### CALLED TO BEDSIDE OF SOLDIER SON

Mrs. A. J. Thomas and daughter are in Fort Worth, where they went to be at the bedside of their son and brother, Leon, who is reported to be very low with pneumonia in Camp Bowie. So far this is the first one of the Runnels county boys to become seriously ill since being called into service.

Want to trade Pecos Valley land, houses in Pecos City for farms, will pay difference in cash. What have you? Write Box 328 Pecos, Texas.

### CHANCE TO SAVE HALF MILLION

C. A. Dosse, recently appointed county chairman for the war saving stamp campaign, was called to Dallas Sunday where a meeting of the county chairman will be held and the campaign launched. The Dallas News in commenting on the work says:

"The task of raising \$91,000,000, Texas' quota of the \$2,000,000,000 to be poured into the Federal Treasury through the sale of war savings certificates and stamps, went forward a notch yesterday when 165 men in as many Texas counties telegraphed Louis Lipsitz, State director, that they would serve the Government as chairmen of the respective subdivisions. Less than one-third of the 200-odd counties in the State remain to be heard from, and it is believed that every county will have an official chairman by tonight or Sunday at the latest.

"To explain what the Government expects of them in the sale of war savings certificates and stamps, county chairmen have been asked to assemble in Dallas Monday. The meeting will be held at the Adolphus Hotel at 10 o'clock. There Mr. Lipsitz will outline the plan of campaign. The Texas quota, apparently small when it is compared with the national quota of \$2,000,000,000, looms large when it is pointed out that the amount the Government expected of the entire Eleventh Federal Reserve District on the first and second issues of the Liberty loan was \$121,000,000. The amount to be raised in this State is in excess of the district's quota in either the first or second issue, which were \$45,000,000 and 75,000,000, respectively."

Runnels County's quota has been fixed at a little more than \$600,000 and we have been called to this much during 1918. The investment represents a clean saving, with interest to the people of this county. The man, woman or child who can buy one or more stamps each month and sticks them on his savings certificate, will soon have a \$100 certificate, which represents a cost of considerable less than \$100, as the interest is compounded quarterly at the rate of four per cent, and the certificate is free from taxes.

Savings certificates and stamps will be handled by all postoffices, incorporated banks and trust companies and a number of stores. Mr. Lipsitz plans to make "saving as easy as spending." The stamps will be on sale at the postoffice, beginning Monday.

The certificate itself is about 8x10 inches in size; on it there are places for twenty stamps. Each stamp sells for \$4.20 during December and January; commencing with February 1c is added to the cost of the stamp each month until the campaign closes December 31, 1918. The certificate itself costs nothing, it is given to the purchaser when a saving stamp is bought; in other words, the certificate is merely "something to stick the stamps onto" as one of the officers of the campaign explained it. If twenty stamps are placed on the certificate, it will be redeemed by the Government for \$100 Jan 1, 1923. This is equivalent to 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, paid by the Government.

We have several head of good young broke mules that we want to trade or sell. Write Box 328 Pecos, Texas.

### YOU ARE PARTLY MADE OF IRON

That is, iron is an essential constituent of pure, healthy blood. Pepton, the new iron tonic, combines pepsin, iron, nux, celery and other blood and stomach tonics that physicians prescribe. It is a wonderful corrective of anemia, paleness, languor, nervousness—whether caused by hard work, worries—over-use of salts and other blood-depleting cathartics that are doing so much harm to many people just now—or any other cause. Pepton will restore the iron strength that you must have for cheerful performance of daily duties. Pepton is in convenient pill form, chocolate-coated and pleasant to take. Get it today.

### FREE GARDEN SEED FOR THOSE WHO ASK

November 23, 1917. Mr. A. W. Sledge, Editor Ledger, Ballinger, Tex. Dear Mr. Sledge:

Here I come with another request. If you deem it of interest to your readers, will you kindly publish this notice. Under regulations still existing here, and which thus far I have not yet been able to get changed, instead of some being properly distributed by the Agricultural Department, there has been allotted to me for distribution a number of packages of both garden and flower seed. Whether they are good, bad or indifferent I know not. These seed were paid for with the people's money, belong to the people, and do not come as a political gift from me; and I am not in favor of trying to gain influence or attempting to buy votes with them by sending them to my political friends, many of whom have gardens, do not want them, and would throw them away. Since they have been allotted to me, however, I am going to distribute them, but only to citizens who want them, and to all alike upon application, as long as they last. To save the people the inconvenience of writing and the expense of postage, I suggest that all heads of families in each community, who want seed, sign their names and postoffice address to a community request, designating whether garden or flower seed is wanted, one package only to each family, and this document covering a whole community can be mailed to me with a single 3-cent stamp. Names and addresses must be written plainly. They don't amount to much, but as long as they last, all who want them are alike entitled to them. Thanking you for publication, I remain, Sincerely your friend,

Thomas L. Blanton.

### AFTER 48 YEAR'S DELAY BEAUMONT COUPLE WED

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 1.—A wedding that had been delayed for 48 years was performed by Rev. Fred Clark, pastor of the Park Street Baptist Church, when he united in matrimony H. S. Humble and Mrs. Hattie Rollins yesterday. Mrs. Rollins prepared a wedding dress to marry Mr. Humble 48 years ago, but some cruel turn of fate turned them in to diverging paths. Mr. Humble has been married twice, but both being widowed at this time, they finally made the long delayed union. They will reside at the bride's home, 805 Highland Avenue.

Diaz Wood left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, where he will join the twenty-first Field Artillery Band.

### LIEUTENANT BAUGH MARRIED SUNDAY

Judge A. K. Doss received a letter from his former partner, Judge J. H. Baugh, now Lieut. Baugh, Sunday in which Lieut. Baugh stated that he was leaving Camp Travis for Dilly, Texas, where he was going to get his bride.

According to the letter received here Lieut. Baugh and Miss Rose Moffett were married at the ranch home of the bride's parents in Frio county Sunday. Lieut. Baugh secured a furlough and went to Frio county Saturday, and after the wedding he was due to return to San Antonio with his bride, where they will make their home during Lieut. Baugh's stay at Camp Travis, where he is in service for his country, being stationed in the Depot Brigade as an enlistment officer.

Miss Moffett was a teacher in the Abilene schools last term, being English teacher for the schools of that city. Lieut. Baugh's frequent visits to Abilene during his stay in Ballinger and before he enlisted in the army, caused his friends here to grow suspicious, and the wedding is the happy culmination of what his friends had predicted.

Lieut. Baugh has many friends in Ballinger and throughout this county, where he has been practicing law for the past two or three years, who will wish for him every success possible.

### CURRY CASE ON TRIAL AT COLEMAN

(Coleman Democrat.)

In the case of the State of Texas vs. Ben F. Curry, charged with murder of Abe Dillingham, the State asked for a change of venue on the grounds that public sentiment and publicity of the purported facts of the case would preclude the state securing a fair and impartial trial of the case in Coleman county. After hearing the evidence of some thirty or forty representative citizens from various portions of the county, Judge C. E. DuBois of San Angelo, who is presiding over the court, ruled against the state.

A jury was sequestered Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock after the court had exhausted the special venire of 108 men and 60 talesmen, many of whom were not tested but were excused for various reasons.

Corp. James left Saturday, returning to San Antonio, after spending a few days here on a furlough. Mrs. James accompanied him as far as Brownwood, returning here Monday.

E. J. O'Kelley and son, Archie, returned home Monday from an extended trip through Mississippi and Tennessee, where they took several cars of horses.

J. W. Payne, of the Crews country, was among those here on business Monday.

Charter No. 3533 Reserve District No. 11

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

of the State of Texas, at the close of business on November 20,

RESOURCES	
Assets and discounts (except those shown on b and c) -----	\$ 424,479.97
U. S. BONDS (Other than Liberty Bonds of 1917):	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) -----	25,000.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) -----	1,500.00
Total U. S. Bonds (Other than Liberty Bonds and certificates of indebtedness) -----	26,500.00
6. a Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged -----	10,000.00
3 1-2 per cent and 4 per cent -----	3,900.00
9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription) -----	20,000.00
10. a Value of banking house -----	20,000.00
b Equity in banking house -----	5,000.00
11. Furniture and fixtures -----	38,373.39
13. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank -----	229,307.82
15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks -----	612.29
16. Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies other than included in items 13, 14 and 15 -----	1,112.48
18. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 17) -----	1,076.95
19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items -----	1,250.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer -----	\$761,603.87

LIABILITIES	
23. Capital stock paid in -----	\$100,000.00
24. Surplus fund -----	30,000.00
25. a Undivided profits -----	46,856.36
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid -----	7,840.03
27. Amount reserved for taxes, accrued -----	1,500.00
29. Circulating notes outstanding -----	25,000.00
31. Net amounts due to National banks -----	16,346.76
32. Net amounts due to banks and bankers, and trust companies (other than included in 30 or 31) -----	4,489.35
DEMAND DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE:	
33. Individual deposits subject to check -----	525,513.13
34. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed) -----	1,774.46
35. Certified checks -----	400.00
36. Cashier's checks outstanding -----	922.05
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 -----	528,609.64
TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):	
41. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) -----	15,603.89
43. Postal Savings Deposits -----	1,037.90
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 41, 42, 43 and 44 -----	16,641.79
TOTAL -----	\$761,603.87

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss: I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1917. JNO. I. GUION, Notary Public.

CONJECT—ATTEST: D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts -----	Capital Stock -----
U. S. Bonds -----	Surplus & Undivided Profits -----
Liberty Loan Bond -----	Reserved for Taxes -----
Banking House, F and F -----	Circulation -----
Stock Federal Reserve Bank -----	Deposits -----
Acceptances (Cotton) -----	
Cash and Exchange -----	
\$761,603.87	\$761,603.87

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Not slow to take advantage of the many wonderful savings—hundreds are thronging the aisles all day—many couldn't get waited on the first day—but the results were not strange to us. With such low prices—such good merchandise—such an abundance from which to choose—it would have been strange had it been otherwise.

"Money Raising" prices on the entire stock means a saving of thousands of dollars to the patrons and friends of this store.

## \$75,000.00 Stock to Choose From

This record breaking Sale—of the big stock of seasonable merchandise—at prices that are real values—that presents a real saving—The "Christmas rush" will soon be on—"stock taking" staring us in the face—we had rather count dollars than merchandise—low prices sell merchandise.

PROFIT BY THE OFFERINGS—THERE'S MANY DOLLARS TO BE SAVED.

### 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 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 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 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, choice .95c

LOT 3. Ladies Hats—street and dress styles—that sold up to \$5.00, choice \$2.95

LOT 2. Ladies and Misses Hats—made in styles that sold up to \$3.50, choice \$1.95

LOT 4. Ladies Dress Hats—splendid new styles that sold up to \$7.50, choice \$3.95

## Men's Clothing

### Bargains that Won't Come Your Way Again Soon

"Better suits for less money" that's what this "Money Raising Sale" means. You should take advantage of these reductions for it will be years again before you will buy all-wool worsteds again for anything near even the former retail selling price. With the unprecedented call on the wool market to supply our armies in the field all-wool garments will practically disappear.

#### Men's Suits

Well made garments—Blue serges that are all pure wool—3-piece suits—suits that will give splendid wear—also fancy worsteds—in many desirable patterns—all sizes from 33 to 44—real top notch \$15.00 Suits—"Money Raising Price"—

**\$11.95**

#### Men's Suits

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 Velours. Young Men belted styles—also conservative styles for the older man—Money Raising Price—

**\$17.45**

# Melton Dry Goods Co.

Everybody's Store

#### In Memory of Little Tom Patterson.

Little Tom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Patterson, was born February 10, 1916, and was buried November 25, 1917.

He was a bright, sweet child, and filled the home with sunshine. He was only a flower budded on earth to bloom in heaven. To the family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We can only ask them to look beyond the grave, where little Tom is waiting for them.

We are sure their hearts are sad and lonely without their darling. But they should not weep for him for he is now resting softly in the arms of Jesus.

You are weeping sadly, Weeping for your loved one gone away, But when your life's work is ended

And you go to that bright land, You will meet your darling boy, Playing with the Angel band. A Friend.

#### Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Mr. Norman underwent an operation at the Halley and Love Sanitarium Monday for gall stones. He is not gaining his strength as fast as his friends hoped. We hope he will immediately take the turn for the better and be returned to us sound and well. Paint Rock Herald.

We are closing out several hundred dollars worth of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Selz Shoes at big bargains. Gustavus Grocery.

## Letters from Our Soldier Boys

### ONE FROM CAMP TRAVIS.

Will undertake the hardest task that has been given me tonight. As I am a reporter for the Runnels County boys, that are in my Company, first, I wish to say that Company C has the best set of officers in my estimation that there is in Camp Travis, and am sure that the rest of the boys in Company C will agree with me. Also a fine jolly bunch of boys, I think, is in the Company. But of course, we get blessed out very often. But I am not the only one here that thinks he is doing things right and have it wrong. I have found out that there is many things to learn in the army. We new recruits, when called to attention, if a car passes by with some pretty girls in it, you can see the whole company begin to turn their heads this way, and that way, as if their heads were founded on hinges. They marched we boys down on the river this evening, and let us watch the officers practice shooting with the machine guns, and after a few shots were fired I looked around and saw a big private in the top of a tree. He was scared so bad he was holding on to the tree with all his grip, and singing, "Lord, Plant My Feet On Higher Ground." As I have not much news at this writing, will close, and try to do better next time.

Jesse Smith.

Corp. Elmer C. Allison, with Company "A" 315th Field Signal Battalion, located at Camp Travis, Texas has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Company "A" is the radio or wireless company of the Battalion. Sergeant Allison is the canteen steward of the battalion.

Rosecoe H. Stocks has been on duty at Brigade headquarters, but is back with his Company now.

Barton Wells has been recommended for a Private First Class from Ambulance Co. 360. His knowledge of medicine will surely carry him up to the top in our Company.

Chas. N. Sisson, Co. C, 315 Engrs, is on the rifle range this week, splitting the air with Enfield pellets and slaying the Dutch, ala Theory.

S. C. Rogers of Battery F, 345 Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, has recently been made a corporal in that organization. This is an office of responsibility and a distinction of the receiver. Especially at this early date after enlistment, The National Army, unlike the Regulars, has not a set of trained non-commissioned officers to serve as a nucleus, or frame-work, upon which to build, and by which to train the recruits. The commanding officers are therefore under the necessity of making non-commissioned officers out of those who show exceptional ability in their work. Mr. Rogers is one of those who has shown this exceptional fitness.

Private Sam A. Rogers is from Runnels County and is in Co. "A" 343d Machine Gun Bn. The men from Runnels county assigned to this organization are a set of men that should reflect credit on that county in the present war. This organization is noted for its athletics and the athletic sports are enjoyed by all. Part of the drill each day is taken up by exercises that tend to develop every part of the body, and are of such a nature that this part of the days program is looked forward to as a kind of recreation. There is a large program of athletics for the division on Thanksgiving Day in which this organization will participate. Some of the sports will be running, jumping, rescue races, horse racing, etc.

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### WITH MACHINE GUN COMPANY IN FRANCE

Dear Papa and All: How are you by now? I reported to my regiment on the 13th and my company is a machine gun company. I shall like my work o. k. but the hours are longer. I get up at 5:45 instead of 8 o'clock as at the British school.

We are now in a very small village, not large enough to be called a town. So far I have only received one letter from you. I got one from Gladys and Aunt Martha before I left school. I guess you keep up with the war as well as

I do here. Houses are hard to get here now so at present I have a room with a French family, and I am getting along nicely.

I hope you had a good time at the fair and found things in good shape. I guess it will be about Christmas when you get this. Here's wishing you a merry one. Love to all Ewing M. Taylor, 18th Inf. D. C. American Ex. Forces in France.

### WRITTEN FROM BATTLE. SHIP SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Mother: I will write home a few lines tonight. I hope this letter finds all of you well. I took out a government insurance policy today for \$4500. This policy costs \$39.60 a year, and the rate does not increase. The government will not insure us after Feb. 1918.

I will be a long ways from home this Christmas, and I wish you would send me the address of the boys in the navy. What is Kenery and Ross doing? I am seeing lots of the world now. Mr. Walker did not see the South Dakota in New York. It was the North Dakota.

Write to me and tell me where Joe and Creal are. What are the Wardlaw boys doing? Have they been drafted yet? You don't know how glad I was to get those pictures from home. Tell Charlie to tell Celeste McMinn and Francis Truly hello for me.

Love to all, Your Son, Robert M. Lowry.

### Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Gustavus Grocery Patent flour \$2.75 \$5.45 per hundred.

Dr. W. B. Halley left Monday for Waco for the Masonic convention.

## \$1.25 RATE ON FOR DECEMBER

The \$1.25 rate on this paper has been extended to January first, either to old or new subscribers. If your subscription expires in January, or within the next few months, you should take advantage of this offer, and renew now. The rate will be \$1.50 again after January first.

More than a thousand men will be drafted into the army from this county during the next year. News appearing in this paper about this work alone will be worth many times the cost of the paper to you, to say nothing of the county news in general. We expect to do our bit in keeping men subject to draft posted, and the Banner-Ledger should be in every home.

Paper is high, with little hopes of a reduction in price, and we are making the special rate at as close margin of profit as we can, and if you wait until after January first to subscribe, you can expect to pay \$1.50. Send your check today, or drop in the office. We can send you The Banner-Ledger and Dallas Semi-Weekly News for \$2. Also the \$2 rate applies on our paper and the Fort Worth Semi-Weekly Record.

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