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Movement of Last Increment First Draft Begins March 29

Washington, March 12.—It was definitely announced today that the second draft would be for 800,000 men. The date and details for inducting the men into office has not been announced, but will be made within a few days.

Washington, March 12.—The war department issued orders today for 95,000 more men to prepare for induction into the training camps. Of this number Texas has been called on to furnish 4,043, completing her quota.

This is the last increment of the first draft of the movement began last fall. The order issued today calls for movement of men to begin on March 29, and to continue for five days as directed from the various adjutant general departments.

REGISTRANTS RATE PHYSICALLY PERFECT

Forty or fifty registrants were here Tuesday in response to notices to appear at Ballinger for physical examination. The medical board passed on twenty-one of the young men Tuesday morning and lined up the remainder of the quota called for examination Tuesday afternoon.

The twenty-one men examined Tuesday morning were declared by the examiners to be first class specimens of manhood and physically fit for service in the army. This find seems to be contrary to what some of the men expected or wished for, as several declared their intention of appealing to the district medical board.

The men called here for examination Tuesday included the registrants who appealed to the district draft board at Fort Worth, and who were certified back to the local board as being entitled to remain in Class One where they were placed by their questionnaires.

R. R. Ash, of the Marie county, who was here Tuesday to bring his brother in for examination before the draft board, was a pleasant caller at the Ledger office.

SOLD COTTON TO ELLIS & CO.
The Ballinger Bank & Trust Co. has just sold and is shipping out Wednesday 150 bales of cotton for their customers to W. L. Ellis & Co., at 31 3/4 cents, basis middling.

W. A. Hall of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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FAVORS SUFFRAGE IN TEXAS

Austin, Tex., March 13.—President Wilson in a telegram to Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, vice-president of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association expressed the hope that the Texas Legislature would adopt statute women right to vote in primaries. The Telegram was read in the senate this morning.

Austin, Tex., March 13.—The ten mile prohibition bill around camps of military instruction and including cities having ship building plants working on government contracts, now is practically the only one of Governor Hobby's "war measures" which has not become a law. The governor is expected to sign the bill in a few days at the most, and according to its provisions it will become effective April 15th.

On April 15th the principal cities of the state will become "dry" because army camps are located within the ten mile limit or because of ship building works. Chief among the cities are San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston.

Governor Hobby today signed the "loyalty bill," making it a felony to make unpatriotic remarks or commit disloyal acts while the United States is at war; two anti bootlegging bills and an act making it a felony to give intoxicants to anyone in the military or naval forces. These four measures have the emergency clause attached and become effective at once.

The governor also signed the \$2,000,000 drought relief bill for the relief of West Texas farmers. The house statutory prohibition bill is expected to come up in the senate tomorrow.

A bill which would give women the right to vote in primaries and participate in the nominating conventions was introduced in the house.

C. W. Newman, of Millersview, who had been spending a short furlough with home folks, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Camp Bowie to resume his army duties.

Sam Monroe of the Talpa country had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

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AMERICAN DECORATED WITH FRENCH CROSS

With the American Army in France, March 13.—Capt. Archie Roosevelt was decorated with the Croix De Guerre by the French General for gallantry in action.

SECRETARY BAKER CALLS ON FRENCH PRESIDENT

Paris, March 11.—Secretary Baker, who arrived here yesterday, will be in conference with the French president, M. Poincaré and Premier Clemenceau, and later will visit the American troops on the front. Mr. Baker and his party are enjoying fine health and had an uneventful trip across the waters.

A French Seaport, March 11.—Neyton D. Baker, the American secretary of war with a staff of seven persons arrived here yesterday on an American armored cruiser. The party was met at the pier by a French general, representing the French army.

Washington, March 11.—Upon hearing of Secretary Baker's safe arrival in France through the Associated Press dispatch from Paris, the war department announced that the secretary's visit is purely military and not diplomatic and is for the purposes of inspection and personal conferences with military officials. Mr. Baker is accompanied by Maj Gen William M. Black chief of engineers; Lieut. Col. M. L. Brett, and Ralph Hayes, his private secretary.

Secretary Baker plans to spend a brief time in France, inspecting results already accomplished by

Tom Bengé Hurt in Auto Wreck Thursday Evening

Tom Bengé, a Concho county shtockman, was seriously hurt Thursday afternoon when his car turned over and pinned him under, the side of the car striking the man on the neck and head as it turned bottom upwards.

The accident occurred near Millersview as Mr. Bengé and another party were going to look after some school matters, Mr. Bengé being trustee of the school. The man with Mr. Bengé was thrown clear of the car and was not hurt, but he could not lift the car off the wounded man, and it was necessary to use the jack in releasing Mr. Bengé.

Boches Evacuate Trenches In Front of American Troops

MAN HURT IN GIN GETS \$3000 DAMAGES

Wesley McCracken, who was seriously hurt in a gin at Rowena two or three years ago, will receive \$3,000, or thereabout, as damages. This amount was agreed upon between plaintiff, defendant in a compromise settled out of court here Tuesday.

McCracken was working for the Rannels County Gin Co. at the time of the accident. He was hurt in such a way that it was thought he would die, bones in his neck having been crushed by being caught in the cotton press. He recovered and later set up claim for \$50,000 damages, employing lawyers to bring suit against the Rannels County Gin Co. and an indemnity company in which the gin company was insured.

B. F. Brown, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address to Jan. 1, 1919.

SECRETARY BAKER CALLS ON FRENCH PRESIDENT

his department in its efforts to place in the field this year an army that will be a factor in the campaign. On the eve of his departure, Mr. Baker told members of the press that he did not expect to be away long.

Paris, March 12.—Secretary Baker came to France on an armed American cruiser. The cruiser carrying Mr. Baker was one of a convoy that came over with transports bringing ten thousand American troops. A former German liner was in the convoy of ships that brought over the Americans.

Paris, March 11.—Secretary Baker with his staff, reached Paris at 6:30 a. m. from the French seaport where they landed. The trip to Paris was made in a special car attached to the regular night train.

Few people knew of the secretary's arrival, there being only a small crowd at the station. The members of the party were taken to the Hotel Crillon, which will be their headquarters during their stay in Paris.

No submarines were sighted during the voyage across and the weather was fine except on two days when stormy conditions were encountered.

With the American Armies in France, March 13.—American raiders in the Sector country, north of Toul, entered the German trenches again Monday night. The raiders found the German trenches evacuated as in the morning attack.

The American troops holding a portion of the line of battle north-west of Toul apparently are making raids a part of their daily routine. Following their incursion of Monday morning, when after a bombardment they raided German front lines for 300 yards unaided, as had been customary by the French, they set out again on Tuesday and made a successful surprise attack on the trenches south of Richecourt, which lies to the northeast of the Xivray, where some of the hardest fighting in which they have been engaged has taken place.

With the American Army in France, March 11.—The American troops east of Luneville again have raided the German positions. Early this morning after a brief artillery preparation, one platoon moved across No Man's land behind a barrage, entered the enemy lines and penetrated some distance with the object of ascertaining whether the German trenches still were evacuated. The platoon found they were evacuated and then returned without a single casualty. The German artillery feebly engaged in counter battery work against the American guns during the operation.

Sergeant Walsh, one of the heroes of the German raid on the Toul sector, who later was awarded the cross of war with palm by Premier Clemenceau has been selected as orderly to Secretary of War Baker. Walsh, who is 47 years of age, left the billet town where his regiment has been quartered since its relief from the trenches after receiving hearty congratulations of officers and men.

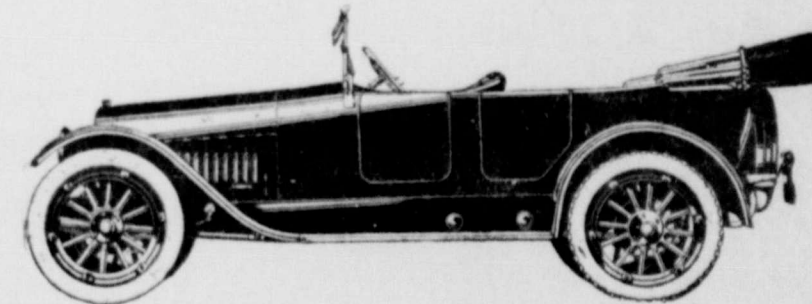
With the American Army, March 11.—The American and French soldiers, operating together, conducted successful raids on widely separate sectors yesterday and last night. At three different points the Franco-Americans completely demolished the German trenches on a width of three hundred meters and to a depth of three hundred meters.

With the American Army in France, Friday, March 8.—A small American patrol, early this morning met an enemy patrol in No Man's Land near Chemin Des Dames, and fired on the enemy. A sharp skirmish resulted, the accurate firing of the Americans causing one known enemy casualty and undoubtedly three others. The Americans returned to their trenches without a man being scratched. The troops on the Lorraine front at the same time suffered an extremely heavy concentrated bombardment. Northwest of Toul, the enemy fired nearly a hundred gas shells in one of the American battery positions in a short space of time, but not a single man so far has been sent to the hospital because of the rapidity with which masks were adjusted. American artillery blew up an enemy ammunition dump. The heavy shells dropped there resulted in a flash followed by flames and great clouds of smoke. The American artillery also shelled heavily the enemy's first and second lines. American snipers have been active during the last twenty-four hours, one sharpshooter killing a German who was walking on a parapet while other sharpshooters were successful in hitting other Germans who showed themselves.

LEFT FOR ARMY.

Phillip Wilson, who had been with the Pearce Drug Store for quite a while past, left Wednesday to visit at Brownwood and Waco, before going on to San Antonio, where he has volunteered for the coast artillery, and from there he will go on to Colorado to begin his army duties.

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PEOPLE AWAKENED TO LIBERTY LOAN NEEDS

Dallas, Texas, March 9.—At a conference of Liberty Loan workers held here today in Dallas, it was agreed that the most prominent feature of the Liberty Loan situation is the manner in which the people have awakened to the needs of the situation. The Federal Reserve Bank has a number of organizers and speakers covering the territory and reports presented at the conference show that there is now no longer any question about the people of the District regarding this as "their war" and the people are solidly behind the government. By thousands, individually and in meetings they

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"Gets-It" is sold at all druggists (you need pay no more than 25 cents a bottle), or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

6 NEW WELLS UNDER WAY AT COLEMAN

J. R. Brewer of Electra has entered into a drilling contract on the Alexander Area block 190, one mile west of Mitchell No. 1, and will begin drilling as soon as rig and tools can be placed on the ground. Mr. Brewer left Saturday evening for Electra to arrange for loading rig to Coleman. The block of land to be tested is the property of J. P. Morris and is held under oil development lease by L. F. Mitchell & Sons.

R. Thomas of Tampico is under contract to drill on the Dibrell tract eleven miles northeast of Coleman and south of Mitchell No. 1. The Empire Company is under contract to begin drilling within a short time on the I. H. Neff tract east of Mitchell No. 1, and there are at least three other contracts pending and to all purposes closed but not yet ready to be made public. In addition to this there are at least seven drilling blocks in various portions of the county, on which drilling contracts may be closed within a short time.

The Mitchells will begin their No. 2 within a short time and in fact, are planning to start two new rigs on the Gray tract.

The Magnolia and Elizabeth companies have Rig No. 4 erected on the Morris tract; Rig No. 5 is on the ground, and Rig No. 6 is being unloaded.—Coleman Democrat.

WINTERS SCHOOL ADOPTS UNIFORMS

To cut down the high cost of dressing and conserve the clothing supply as much as possible, the superintendent and boys of the Winters school have adopted overalls and jumpers as a far time uniform. Instead of wearing high priced woolen clothes the head of the school goes about his daily work dressed in overalls, and the boys in his school are wearing old work overalls.

In addition to the lesson in economy the pupils are taught to do their bit in the world work. When told that clothes made from wool are rapidly increasing and are not within reach of many people at this time, the boys gladly come down on the same plane with their more unfortunate playmate who can not buy high priced clothes, and find just as much comfort in a pair of overalls as in a seven dollar pair of trousers.

ELECTION NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

Know Ye, that I, O. L. Parish, County Judge of Runnels County, Texas, by the authority vested in me do hereby order an election to be held in all the independent and common school districts of said county on the First Saturday in April, A. D. 1918, the same being the 6th day of said month, for the following purposes, viz:

1st. To elect one county school trustee at large for said county, as provided by law.

2nd. To elect one county school trustee for commissioner's precinct No. 4 of said county, which will be voted for only in said commissioner's precinct No. 4, of said county.

Said election to be held at the same places where the elections for district trustees are held in said school districts, which is hereby designated as the places of election.

It is further ordered that the election officer appointed to hold election for district trustees, are hereby ordered to hold said election at the same places and at the same time election is held for district trustees, and returns of said election shall be made by the officers holding said election as provided by law.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 5th day of March A. D. 1918.

O. L. PARISH, County Judge Runnels County, Texas. dlwl.

RETURNED HOME.

We are glad to learn that W. E. Branch was able to return to his home in South Ballinger Friday. He had been in the Halley & Love sanitarium for several weeks past, since a successful operation for appendicitis, and gall stone.

U. S. TO BUY ALL PINTO BEAN CROP

The Pinto Bean Division of the U. S. Food Administration is contracting with the growers of Pinto Beans to purchase the whole of the 1917 crop for which it pays 8 cents per pound, allowing 80 cents per hundred pounds for reeleaning and sacking and loading.

Mr. O. H. Liebers, Chief of that Division, advises Mr. Peden, Federal Food Administrator for Texas, that up to March 2nd, twenty-three million pounds of Pinto Beans have been contracted for, but that a much larger tonnage is needed to carry out the plans of the government for the distribution of said beans so that the consumer may obtain same at reasonable prices.

Mr. Liebers advises Mr. Peden that unless 75 per cent of the 1917 crop is contracted for, that the present plans are liable to be abandoned by the Food Administration.

It is not known what method will be employed to secure the Pinto bean crop if the present plans miscarry, but reading between the lines indicate that more drastic methods will be inaugurated to secure control of the Pinto Bean crop of the United States to prevent hoarding and profiteering.

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OSCAR WILLIAMS AND ARCHIE O'KELLY SOLDIERS

One by one and two by twos the young men of Ballinger are answering the call of their country and are seeking direction for the quickest route to Berlin.

The latest to enlist are Oscar Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, and Archie O'Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Kelly. This takes the last and second son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, their son, Pat, having volunteered and joined the National Guards in the early stage of the war.

The two young men above mentioned volunteered through the local board Saturday, enlisting for service in the coast artillery. They will leave as soon as transportation is provided, going to Los Angeles, California, and will report for duty at Port McArthur.

The war is drawing on Ballinger for her best young men, and if volunteering continues there will be little for the draft board to do when the next call is made.

Sid Oliver, Elgin Davidson, of the Wilmett country, and M. E. Harrell, of the Winters country, and C. H. Schuster and A. W. Strube, of Olin, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Schuster ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

Dann R. Smith, of Winters, came in from Houston Saturday, en route home to spend a short furlough. He is serving Uncle Sam in the 59th Regimental Infantry.

The Itching and Sting of Blazing, Fiery Eczema

Seems Like the Skin Is on Fire. There is a harrassing discomfort caused by Eczema that almost becomes a torture. The itching is almost unbearable, and the skin seems on fire with the burning irritation. A cure from local applications of salves and ointments is impossible, because such treatment can only allay the pain temporarily. The disease can only be reached by going deep down to its source. The source of Eczema is in the blood, the disease being caused by an infection which breaks out through the skin. That is why the most satisfactory treatment for all so-called skin diseases is S. S. S., for this remedy so thoroughly cleanses the blood that no impurities can remain. Get a bottle to-day at any drugstore, and you will see results from the right treatment. Write for expert medical advice, which you can get without cost, by addressing Medical Director, 21 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

SCHOOL CHILDREN DOING THEIR BIT

The interesting little souls may not be able to explain the why and wherefore for it all, but they always respond when called on to help do little things to win the war.

The children of the Ballinger schools have been devoting much spare time to snipping and making gun wipers. Thousands of the lit-

tle pieces of cloth which would otherwise be wasted, are cut up into soft fragments and used to make pillows for the soldiers to rest their wounded and aching heads upon, and thousands of little squares for wiping the soldiers' guns are made ready and sent on their way.

The saying that there is something for everyone to do to help win the war seems to be true as we work from day to day with hopes of early victory.

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PECAN SPECIALIST HERE MARCH 18TH

Local Farm Agent Eaton is in receipt of a letter from J. A. Evans, pecan specialist of Grubbs Vocational College, a branch of the A. & M. of Arlington, in which the writer says he will visit Ballinger on March 18th in the interest of pecan budding. Following is the letter:

"I will spend Monday, March 18, in your county for the purpose of selecting a location for pecan budding and drafting demonstration later in the spring. It is now time to do the chip budding, and I will show that method of work on the 18th. I will bring with me buds and other material, so that you need to go to no trouble in

that matter. This demonstration can be given at the place where the other methods will be shown later in the spring. Kindly have in mind one or two farms with young pecan growth on them, in order that we may go directly to them Monday morning. If one day is not sufficient, I can and will stop on my return trip from San Angelo. If you do not want me on this date kindly notify me at once."

Mr. Eaton has notified Mr. Evans that he will be prepared to carry him to the pecan orchards. The local agent stated that he would carry the pecan specialist to the W. T. Padgett place and the G. H. Strum place on Valley creek, and all those interested in pecan grafting should arrange to be in Ballinger and accompany the party to the pecan orchard.

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

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1918, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$115,447.59
Loans, real estate	22,002.50
Overdrafts	257.66
Bonds and Stocks (U. S. Certificates and War Stamps)	16,285.00
Real estate (banking house)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	513.60
Furniture and Fixtures	4,217.85
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	25,279.53
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	2,424.92
Cash Items	2,495.66
Currency	7,903.00
Specie	1,726.29
Interest and Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	3,729.27
Assessment Guaranty Fund	204.90
Revenue Stamps	30.00
Other Resources: Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	9,238.21
TOTAL	\$231,846.28

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 60,000.00
Surplus Fund	12,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,462.27
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	3,915.16
Individual Deposits, subject to check	133,410.38
Time Certificates of Deposit	14,508.17
Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas	6,000.00
Letters of Credit	550.00
Total	\$231,846.28

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of March, A. D. 1918.
(Seal)
SAM BAKER,
Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
C. A. Doose, C. O. Harris, N. J. Allen, E. A. Werner, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts	\$137,707.75
U. S. Bonds, Certificates—W. S. S.	16,315.00
Banking House, Fur. Fix.	24,217.85
Other Real Estate	513.60
Int. in Guaranty Fund	4,024.17
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	9,238.21
Cash and Exchange	30,829.70
Total	\$231,846.28

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- W. J. Davis, 6 bu. Red Top, Winters.
- H. A. Williams, 20 bu. Red Top, Hatchel.
- J. R. Harris, 10 bu. Red Top, Hatchel.
- R. C. Henneger, 4 bu. Red Top, Hatchel.
- E. A. Werner, 10 bu. Red Top, Benoit.
- G. E. Schneider, 200 bu. Red Top, Ballinger.
- R. L. Bates, 15 bu. Red Top, Novice.
- L. C. Drake, 6 bu. Red Top, Ballinger.
- J. M. Tyndal, 20 bu. Orange, Ballinger.
- Edgar Jayroe, 120 bu. Seeded Ribbon, Crews.
- MILO.
- H. A. Mitchell, 100 bu. Winters.
- Marshall Lett, 50 bu. Winters.
- S. V. Brandon, 50 bu. Winters.
- G. W. Clayton, 120 bu. Talpa.
- FETERITA.
- H. A. Mitchell, 30 bu. Winters.
- A. M. Nicholson, 20 bu. Ballinger.
- KAFFIR.
- Pat Mapes, 40 bu. Pony.
- COTTON SEED.
- C. J. Allison, Mebane, Ballinger.
- JUNE CORN.
- R. W. White, South Ballinger.
- PEANUTS.
- R. W. White, South Ballinger.
- Jack Carroll, South Ballinger.
- BLACK-EYED PEAS.
- R. E. Brown, South Ballinger.
- D. F. Eaton, County Agent.
- L. S. Bird, Ass't. Co. Agt.

For indigestion, constipation or biliousness
Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS WITH PEPsin**. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

BOYS TO LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA MARCH 20
The boys who have volunteered in this county, through the local board, who go to Fort MacArthur, Los Angeles, Calif., will entrain in Ballinger Wednesday, March 20th.

Six more have added their names to the list: Pledger Coleman, Marie; Jno. W. Barnett, Ballinger; Thos. Alexander Boykin, Miles; John Earl Webb, Pony; Sam Mapes, Pony; and Leland Tuttle, Ballinger.

HERE 46 YEARS; NOT A CITIZEN

San Angelo, March 12.—August Spill, now a prosperous farmer living near Winters in Runnels county, resided in the United States forty-six years, during which time he served a five-year term of enlistment in Uncle Sam's army, without ever knowing that he was not an American citizen.

This was revealed in San Angelo Saturday afternoon when Spill filed in the federal court before Jesse Couch, deputy clerk, his declaration of intention to become a citizen. He was accompanied to San Angelo by several friends. Spill's record as a law-abiding prosperous resident at all times in sympathy with the United States government—for he was unaware that he was a subject of another nation—is the best, as is his military record under the Stars and Stripes. For this reason he declined Saturday to discuss his long residence in this country further than to express the greatest regret that he had not earlier learned that under the law he was a subject of the kaiser.

Spill was born in Sieckriegswald, East Prussia, on June 8, 1871. Less than three months later he landed at the port of New York with his parents and has been in the United States ever since. Spill's father applied for citizenship but failed to take out his final papers before his son was twenty-one years of age. It was under this impression that he was a citizen that the Winters man lived his whole lifetime until one day recently while going through his father's papers, he discovered the fact that he was a German subject. The fact that he—a former soldier of Uncle Sam and life time resident of the United States—was not a citizen, with his adopted land at war with the mother country, caused Spill much concern and he came to San Angelo and filed his first papers as quickly as was possible.

UGH! ACID STOMACH SOURNESS, HEARTBURN GAS OR INDIGESTION

The moment "Pape's Diapepsin" reaches the stomach all distress goes.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into acids and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyspeptic, jot this down: Pape's Diapepsin helps neutralize the excessive acids in the stomach so your food won't sour and upset you. There never was anything so safely quick, so certainly effective. No difference how badly your stomach is upset you usually get happy relief in five minutes, but what pleases you most is that it helps to regulate your stomach so that you can eat your favorite foods without fear.

Most remedies give you relief sometimes—they are slow, but not sure. "Pape's Diapepsin" is positive in neutralizing the acidity, so the misery won't come back very quickly.

You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eructations of undigested food, your head clears and you feel fine.

Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia, or any stomach disorder, due to acid fermentation.

ATTENDING COURT.

Among the number who are attending District court and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday we noticed: F. L. Gerhardt of the Crews country, Albert Livingston and Aug. Herring of Talpa, Lonnie Baldwin of the Winters country, Joe Shellgrove of the Norton country, T. Jones Webb, of the Maverick country, Sam Farmer and H. M. Linscum of Miles, W. D. Laey, and Elgin Davidson of the Wilmeth country.

H. W. Bigler of Miles, was looking after legal business in the District court in Ballinger Monday.

Charter No. 3533 Reserve District No. 18
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 4th, 1918.

RESOURCES	
a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$404,682.88
5. U. S. BONDS: (Other than Liberty Bonds of 1917):	
a U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$ 25,000.00
c U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	1,500.00
f U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	20,000.00
g Premium on U. S. bonds	46,500.00
6. Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent, unpledged	10,000.00
9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3,900.00
10. a Value of banking house	20,000.00
11. Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
13. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,105.78
15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	71,551.16
16. Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 13, 14 and 15	1,201.20
18. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 17)	5,172.57
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18	77,924.93
19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	6,581.85
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$606,945.44

LIABILITIES	
24. Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
25. Surplus fund	30,000.00
26. a Undivided profits	35,201.39
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,697.44
30. Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
32. Net amounts due to National banks	4,468.86
33. Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 31 or 32)	11,159.14
34. Individual deposits subject to check	389,380.54
35. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	1,574.46
37. Cashier's checks outstanding	97.39
Total of demand deposits	391,052.30
42. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	17,753.39
44. Postal savings deposits	476.66
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve	18,230.05
TOTAL	\$606,945.44

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 12th day of March, 1918.
(Seal)
JNO. I. GUILON, Notary Public.

CORRECT—ATTEST: D. M. Baker, E. L. Rasberry, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and Discounts	\$328,639.42
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
U. S. Treasury Certificates	20,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds	10,000.00
Banking House, F. & F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	76,052.46
Cash and Exchange	116,862.56
Total	\$606,945.44

COMMISSIONERS' COURT INVESTIGATING TICK WORK

The commissioners' court are in session in their regular monthly meet. One of the important matters before the court is the adoption of some plan for handling the tick question, or the cattle quarantine question. All cattle must be inspected before shipped, and steps must be taken to guard against the importing of ticky cattle since the county has been made tick free, and the court has the responsibility of looking after this work. One or more inspectors will be appointed to co-operate with the federal inspector.

O. Sims, of Paint Rock, came in Monday to accompany his brother Bill Sims, who was en route to Oklahoma, to join the Army Re-mount service and had been spending a short furlough at home.

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 4th day of March, 1918, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$295,626.46
Loans, real estate	24,610.00
Bonds and Stocks	5,802.40
Real estate (banking house)	30,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	61,155.93
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	2,845.45
Cash Items	3,438.66
Currency	15,242.00
Specie	5,453.95
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,824.99
Other Resources as follows:	27,337.13
TOTAL	\$486,337.27

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	8,803.06
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	33,159.81
Individual Deposits, subject to check	324,681.58
Demand Certificates of Deposit	4,288.60
Cashier's Checks	254.22
Other Liabilities as follows:	150.00
TOTAL	\$486,337.27

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.

H. GIESECKE, President.
A. C. HOMANN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of March, A. D. 1918.
H. M. JOSEY,
Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

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

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts	\$347,573.59
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixture	35,000.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	4,824.99
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Bonds	5,802.40
Cash and Exchange	88,136.29
Total	\$486,337.27

THE BANNER-LEDGER
 PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY
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 The Banner-Ledger and the
 Rannels County Ledger were con-
 solidated January 28, 1913.
A. W. Sledge.....Editor
The Year.....\$1.50

With eggs at 30 cents and 40 cents per dozen it is a sorry sort of a hen that will not during the next few weeks repay the Food Administration for its kindness in discouraging her slaughter to supply the table on meatless days.

The boy who helps to tend a garden, grow a pig or raise poultry, is shooting at the Germans with as big a gun as his older brother who goes to France. There is something for every one to do.

With Coleman booming with oil excitement, with Brownwood hotels crowded to overflow with millionaires, it is only a question of a short time until some of that oil prosperity will spread to this county. Ballinger is already a better town than either Brownwood or Coleman and she refuses to be the least bit backward with so much oil so near us.

A DOGLESS WASTE.
 Something to worry over: It is said there are approximately 10,000,000 dogs in the United States at this time and that the amount of food required for their annual upkeep is equal to a quarter billion dollars which if diverted from its present channel would relieve the food shortage in Europe. Are you boarding a worthless dog?—Coleman Democrat.

A good dog on a farm is worth his keep, but no kind of a dog in town is worth his board. The food administration will invoke a good rule when it outlaws dog boarders in cities, regardless of the financial standing of the dog's master. Human lives are more valuable than dogs, notwithstanding the opinion of some people to the contrary.

A DOUBLE VICTORY.
 A War-Forecast—We will have to go around and around with Mexico before the world can claim permanent peace. The Mexican leader can not please both sides of his crowd and be friendly to us. Mexico would make good training for the draft army.—Ballinger Ledger.

As of a matter of fact, the senior, especially by a newspaper printed in a free democracy like America. There is one thing we must never, never lose sight of, namely, that the dislike of hatred existing between citizens of the United States and of Mexico was largely if not altogether fostered and fanned into flames by German agents, bent on creating a diversion for America, in the hemisphere. Mexico, it is true, has done many nasty things to America, but the acts have mainly been those of irresponsible parties. Let us quit seeing things in Mexico and concentrate our gaze on the real criminal and the real culprit and the real danger—Germany.—Abilene Reporter.

We will no doubt win a double victory when we balance up with Germany. According to the Reporter's plea for slow work in dealing with Mexico, Mexico will be good when we teach Germany a lesson in Democracy. To say the least of it, if we whip Germany, Mexico will have a better opinion of the gringo.

A MYSTERY.
 Some people fight every move put on foot for good roads and say they are opposed to the taxes we are now paying for roads. The commissioners assure us that a bond issue would not increase the tax-rate and if we do not get busy in road work we will not share in the state and federal aid, and will have to continue to pay the tax anyway. As the matter now stands we are digging up liberally and getting nothing in return.—Ballinger Ledger.

Even the semi-civilized Peruvians, centuries before the coming of Pizarro, established and maintained a system of good roads that caused the Spaniards to wonder and which still elicit the admiration of mankind. The roads were built for bare feet, but they have endured for centuries. The Inca civilization recognized the value of good roads and spent much of the public income to build them. Why can't we, in the Twentieth Century, persuade our people that good roads are a good investment?—Abilene Reporter.

We can only speak for Rannels

county people. They seem to be content to travel over rough and rocky roads, wearing out their autos and buggies, wearing out their nerves and losing time, while it would be cheaper to build good roads. They say they are opposed to paying the taxes, yet they go right ahead from year to year paying taxes and not getting any relief from bad roads. Enough money has been wasted on the roads of Rannels county during the last ten years to equip the county with a system of highways that would be a credit to the people, and the roads as a whole are in worse condition today than they were ten years ago because there is more travel. We will continue to pay the tax and let the other counties get the benefit. It is a mystery we can't explain and a discredit to a county of good people.

WINNING THE WAR—ARMY MORALE

It is the plan of our army officers to keep a close watch over the temper and spirits of the individual soldier. This plan has been found invaluable in the British army for keeping up courage. It is realized that an army is only as strong as the feeling of the individual man.

Here is the way the thing is handled in the British army, and our officers are following the same line:

"How's Bill today?" asks the lieutenant of the corporal.

"O, well, so so, pretty well down in the dumps."

"What's the matter?"

"Ain't heard from home for a month."

No wonder the man is blue. Some one is appointed to investigate the non-delivery of mail. If there is a hitch it is remedied as quickly as possible.

Or more likely it appears that the home folks are writing blue letters. In that case word is sent home to ask some one, perhaps the minister, the priest, the Y. M. C. A. man, or an army officer, to see Bill's people. The wife or mother is told that she must stop writing discouraging letters. She must give the boy some support. Blue letters undermine the spirit of the army. The home folks brace up, pretty soon along come some cheerful words. Bill takes a brace, concludes he isn't dead yet, and is ready to "carry on." The whole squad feels better.

We who stay at home all have our part to play. We have our own battle of loneliness and anxiety to fight, but the boy at the front mustn't realize that.

Bad Taste in Your Mouth.

When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with.

DELBERT VANCEIL JOINS THE COLORS

Delbert Vanciel, son of Mrs. Isaac Vanciel, is the latest young man from this city to volunteer for service to his country. Mr. Vanciel volunteered Saturday, enlisting through the local draft board for service in the coast artillery. He is making ready to go, and with quite a number of other young men from Ballinger and surrounding country, will leave within a few days for Los Angeles, California.

ON A BRIDAL TOUR.

Mr. Jay Kegley and Miss Emma Bell Tulloch, a young lady of Belton, stole a march on their friends and were quietly married last Friday night in the city of Belton and at once came to Ballinger to spend a few days with friends during their honeymoon, and to avoid the many congratulations that would have been extended to them. He was 49 years of age, and the young lady was considerably younger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rodgers, of Winters passed through Ballinger Monday en route to San Antonio to visit their son at Camp Travis. C. A. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and Mrs. Windham, who accompanied them to Ballinger also left in the afternoon in their auto to visit young Rodgers in the camp.

V. A. Mullin came in from Camp MacArthur, near Waco, to spend a short furlough with relatives and Ballinger friends.

WILL ATTEND WAR COUNCIL IN DALLAS

J. McGregor left Monday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes to attend the war council. Mr. McGregor will represent this city at the council and get information that will be helpful in carrying on the work of the home council of defense.

The work of the Four Minute Men will be discussed at the Dallas meeting, and new plans for carrying on this work outlined. In the cities this work is accomplishing much, and it will be continued here.

The topics chosen for discussion usually run through two weeks.

Each topic is timely and big with importance, dovetailing in with national movements by other organizations.

Thus, when the drives for Liberty Loans are on, the Four Minute Men pour out their appeals to the Common People to become purchasers of Uncle Sam's paper.

Just how many dollars have flowed into the Treasury because of the fine work of these tabloid orators will never be known, but the sum total must have been prodigious.

These men have changed the viewpoint of unnumbered pacifists and have stopped waste in thousands of homes; have started countless fingers knitting; have made it plain that all we are fighting for are liberty and peace; have influenced men without number to go to recruiting stations and enlist, have taught that economy is patriotism and that waste is near to treason.

Their messages have echoed and re-echoed clear across the continent.

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. W. W. GROVES' signature on each box. 30c.

GOING TO BERLIN AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE

There are two kinds of patriots in America. One is the man who says "I am ready to go when my country calls me." The other is the man who is calling on his country to take him now and place him on the firing line as quick as possible.

Two young men of the latter class were in Ballinger this week and requested the local board to put out red tape preliminaries and induct them into the army in the quickest time possible. The young men were not bluffing and they lost no time in complying with all the necessities.

Several days ago Rodrie Williams and Roy Porter of the Miles country, went to Camp Bowie and did their best to "break in that camp." They were told that there was nothing doing for them, as Uncle Sam was not accepting volunteers at Camp Bowie. Porter returned home disappointed, while Williams went elsewhere seeking employment.

After arriving at home Porter learned that the local board had just been authorized to accept volunteers for the coast artillery. He lost no time in getting to the office of the local board, and was elated to know that he could enlist, but what about his pal Williams? Williams was just as eager to go after the kaiser's scalp as Porter and Porter did not want to go off and leave his friend so he got busy in an effort to locate Williams. After spending about fifteen dollars with the telephone and telegraph company he finally located his friend and Williams arrived here on the noon train.

The two men reported at the local board immediately after the arrival of the noon train Wednesday, and they were told they could leave the next day. "No," said Williams, "we want to go this afternoon," and the board granted the request and Williams only remained here between trains long enough to sign up and get shipping directions, and he and Porter left for Fort Logan.

This country is full of just such men as these. Of course there are some who do not want to go to war and will put up any reasonable excuse for exemption claims. The two young men who left here Wednesday afternoon will be heard from. They may fall in battle, but when they fall they will fall with their faces towards Berlin.

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 One loaf saves 11,000,000 pounds; three loaves a week for a year means 1,716,000,000 pounds saved!

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Corn Bread with Rye Flour

1 cup corn meal	1 teaspoon salt
1 cup rye flour	1 cup milk
2 tablespoons sugar	1 egg
5 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder	2 tablespoons shortening

Barley flour or oat flour may be used instead of rye flour with equally good results. Sift dry ingredients into bowl; add milk, beaten egg and melted shortening. Stir well. Put into greased pan, allow to stand in warm place 20 to 25 minutes and bake in moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.

New Red, White and Blue booklet, "Best War Time Recipes," containing many other recipes for making delicious and wholesome wheat saving foods, mailed free.

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

New Pastor Welcomed at Sunday Union Service

Despite the fact that two co-operative services were held Sunday night, the Methodist church auditorium was filled to overflow, and the Nazarene church was crowded to its seating capacity. Rev. H. P. Bates preached at the Nazarene church, and Rev. A. C. Gustavus preached at the Methodist church. The two services were planned in order that the large attendance which has been rapidly increasing at these services, might be accommodated, and to give people on the South side an opportunity to attend the co-operative services.

Good music, mostly old familiar songs, were made a feature at both the services Sunday night, all the churches of the city taking part in the services.

At the close of the service at the Methodist church, which was also made a welcome service for Rev. Gustavus, who has just accepted a call to the pastorate of the

WITNESSES COMING FOR GRAND JURY

Several witnesses were here today to appear before the grand jury, the bailiffs appointed Monday afternoon having had time to get action on the names of those placed in their hands to summons.

County Attorney Harris reported that there were only three or four cases filed and defendant bound over to await the action of the grand jury, and it is expected these cases will be investigated before the grand jury goes out after new business.

R. W. Bruce is foreman of the grand jury and the other eleven men are J. W. Bigby, Lonnie Baldwin, James Baron, Sam Baker, Edwin Day, W. H. Arnold, E. V. Bateman, H. Y. Kasberg, G. W. Clayton, John Simicek and A. W. Matejowsky.

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

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, give fruit laxative at once.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

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

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

HERE FOR AN OPERATION.

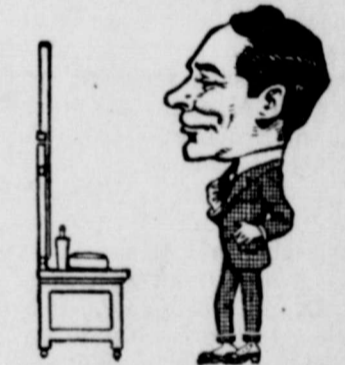
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Petty, of the Token country, came in Saturday and Mrs. Petty was taken to the Halley & Love sanitarium where she will have an operation performed for a tumor in the stomach.

For A Bad Cold.

Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon.

THINK IT OVER.

Young men and women who are ambitious to achieve success should not waste the summer months. One vacation properly spent will prepare you for a profitable life. Many who, at the close of school last year, entered the Tyler Commercial College to spend the summer months are now holding splendid positions, or attending a University, paying their way with the commercial training they received. Every year we have several hundred students from 15 years to 45 years of age who finish during their vacation, before the big business openings in all lines of industry in the fall. It is useless to idle away the summer months. Business men and farmers alike are busy, and ambitious young people had rather enter a large and enthusiastic student body and master a course of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance, Penmanship or Cotton Classing. Write for a large illustrated free catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College. Read of the advantages of our splendid courses of instruction and of those who have graduated and are now holding good positions, what they say of the Institution, what their employers think of their efficient training. Read how some have worked their way through school, how others borrowed money and made it pay them big dividends, how others quit jobs at small salaries, completed their courses and went back to the same firm at two or three times their previous salary. Some who were unable to attend school at Tyler finished the home study course and never had to quit earning their salary. Make arrangements to enter as soon as your school closes. The United States Government holds Civil Service examinations in Tyler every Tuesday, enabling our graduates to go into positions at salaries from \$900 to \$1800. There is great demand for clerical help in government work and our graduates are receiving prompt appointments. The salaries are advanced after 3 months of satisfactory service and the pay is sure and prompt. This is a patriotic task, at the same time profitable, and appeals to young Americans strongly. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.



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SPRING TREATMENT

Necessary to Purify Blood and Correct Weak, Run-Down Conditions.

Trying weather, exposure to storms, the grip, hard colds, pneumonia, fevers, diphtheria and other blood-poisoning, prostrating diseases leave the whole system sub-normal—below par—weak and slow—blood depleted and thin, with that tired feeling, poor appetite, backache, rheumatic pains, delicate digestive power or almost none at all. The ideal treatment is

Hood's Sarsaparilla—to be taken before meals—thoroughly to purify the blood and expel poisons, and

Pepsin—to be taken after meals—to put power into the blood, give strength, increase red corpuscles and restore tone, and do it quickly.

If there is biliousness, constipation, bad taste in the mouth, despondency or "the blues," the liver is torpid. Take Hood's Pills—they rouse the liver and relieve all liver ills, and are perfectly compatible with Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepsin.

Begin this Spring treatment today.

Claud Stewart of Big Sandy, who formerly lived in our county and had been here to stand his examination for army service left Tuesday at noon for his home.

J. B. Carleton, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

CAPT. COHEN PUTS MEN TO TRAINING

About twenty-five men have availed themselves of the opportunity to get home training before inducted into army service, and under the direction of Capt. Cohen, they are drilling two or three hours each day. Some of the men have not begun drilling, but have joined the squad and the company will rapidly increase as the date for entraining draws near.

The boys will do their preliminary work indoors, having secured the old Masonic hall in the F. & M. Bank building, and will do heavy drill work out doors as soon as they are well organized.

The boys seem to appreciate the efforts of Mr. Cohen in assisting them to get a hang of the work in advance and which has proven so valuable to those who have been in service for some time.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS—

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days be-

fore the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas—

To all Person Interested in the Welfare of Theodora Schmoldt, Minor Mrs. Emma Schmoldt was by the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 11th day of March, A. D. 1918, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the estate of said Minor, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in May, A. D. 1918, the same being the 6th day of May A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in this the 12th day of March A. D. 1918.

W. C. McCARVER,

Clerk County Court Runnels County, Texas.

A true copy, I certify,

J. D. Perkins, Sheriff.

J. A. Demoville, Deputy.

15-2tw.

HATCHEL AND ROWENA PLAY BASKET BALL

The Rowena and Hatchel Basketball team played an interesting game Wednesday afternoon, Rowena winning by a score of 24 to 11. The Rowena team is composed of Ed Pavliek right guard; Victor Baron, left guard; L. Teplicek, center; Ben Baron, left forward; E. Horenok, right forward; Ed Sommers, sub.

The Hatchel team is composed of Parker, right guard; Goetz, left guard; Davis, center; Holliday, left forward; Mathis, right forward. Henry Todd was coach for the Hatchel team and C. Garrett coach for the Rowena team.

Old Ballinger Resident

Given Up By Physicians

"Given up by five doctors my only hope an operation. I rebelled on cutting me open, as I am 75 years old. A neighbor advised trying Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for stomach trouble. I got relief right away. I had not eaten for 10 days and was as yellow as a gold piece. I could have lived only a few days but for this medicine." 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 does will convince or money refunded.

Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

Adding machine paper at the Ballinger Printing Co. dtf.

SPRING GRAND JURY ORGANIZED FOR WORK

Judge J. O. Woodward, district judge of the 35th Judicial District, called court to order for the 1918 spring term at one-thirty Monday afternoon. The grand jury was organized in short order, and after a brief charge from the court, settled down to business.

In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Woodward, urged the men to work fast, work faithful, and called their special attention to the oath which they took not to show partiality in their deliberations, dealing fair with both friend and enemy. The charge covered the usual ground.

Judge Woodward stated that there was less crime in his district than he ever knew before. He said law violations had decreased at least fifty per cent, and he referred to the short terms of grand jury at Paint Rock, where only two days were required to do the work, and at Brady only three days, Brownwood only five days, Coleman three days, and he predicted that the present term here would be a short one.

The docket was called and it is probable that several civil cases will be disposed of during the week.

E. V. Bateman returned home Saturday night from San Antonio where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Riggins. Mr. Bateman informed us that his brother-in-law, died from the effects of blood poisoning, caused by a slight cut in his hand, a few days before his death.

E. W. Petty, of Maverick and Byron Petty of the Token country and Mrs. J. M. Williams of Meridian, Texas, came in Sunday to be at the bedside of their mother, who was operated upon at the Halley & Love sanitarium Monday.

13 VOLUNTEERS AWAITING ORDERS

Thirteen men have been made ready for inducting into army service, and early next week, perhaps about the 20th of March they will entrain here for Los Angeles, California, where they will be assigned to duty in Fort McArthur, a coast training camp.

The men are all volunteers and are numbered among the best young men of this city and of this county. The day of their leaving will be definitely announced later, and no doubt many friends will be at the train to give them a farewell and God-speed to get the kaiser.

Those waiting to go are: Alexander McGregor, Ira L. Thurman, Delbert Simpson Vancil, Otto Ewald Straach, Archie Kerr O'Kelley, Oscar C. Williams, Samuel Fred Mapes, John Earl Webb, Pledger Coleman, John W. Barnett, Thomas A. Boykin, Leland Tuttle, Walton Clay Raubyn.

Frederick Abraham Jefferson Phillips left Thursday afternoon for Kelly Field, having volunteered a few days ago.

The above is a good bunch to go with and the draft board states that others who are considering volunteering should get in and efforts will be made to get them off with this bunch.

GIRLS! LEMON JUICE IS SKIN WHITENER

How to Make a Creamy Beauty Lotion For a Few Cents.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quarter pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

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

R. L. Booth and W. F. James, of the New Home neighborhood, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here they handed us the required amount to send the Banner-Ledger to the latter's address until Jan. 1, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Drennon and little son returned home first of the week from San Angelo and Mr. Drennon will be with Bair & Spoons in the shoe repairing business. They had been making home in San Angelo for the past several months.

Closing out several hundred dollars worth of men's, ladies' and children's shoes at wholesale cost. Gustavus Grocery. 3tw

G. G. Carlisle left Wednesday or Coleman on a short business trip.

TROUBLE COST HER A THOUSAND DOLLARS

Was Confined to Her Home For Four Years—Goes to Movies Now and Enjoys Life.

"When my friends and neighbors see me going out to the movies with my daughters and enjoying life once more they tell me they can hardly believe I am the same bed-ridden woman they have known me to be for the last four years," said Mrs. G. A. Andrews, of 6007 Missouri Street, El Paso, Texas, the other day.

"I was laid up for more than four years with rheumatism so I was unable to leave the house, and fully half the time I lay flat of my back in the bed, unable to move. My body and limbs were so swollen they seemed to be twice their natural size and my face was puffed up so I could hardly see. My back hurt all the time and I could lie on neither side with comfort. My kidneys gave me no end of trouble, my head ached all the time like it would burst and my feet and finger tips tingled like they were asleep. My nerves were all on edge so I would go all to pieces at any little noise and what little sleep I got didn't do me any good. My appetite failed and I got so I had to force myself to eat enough to keep me alive.

"I had spent all of a thousand dollars trying to get well, but nothing did me any good and I was about to give up hope when I heard of Tanlac. I was actually amazed to find I was getting better from the first few doses. I have taken three bottles so far and the swelling has entirely disappeared. My nerves are all right and I can sleep all night with comfort. I am so hungry I can hardly eat enough to satisfy my appetite and I have so much life and energy I want to keep on the go all the time. I help with the housework and the sewing and I signed my name today for the first time in four years. I could not have believed it possible for any medicine to do so much good in so short a time as Tanlac has done for me."

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 Token by J. W. Bright.

Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting of Runnels County Baptist Association

To be held with Union Church eight miles South of Ballinger

March 29th to 31st 1918

- Friday, 8 p. m., Sermon—R. B. Morgan.
- Saturday, 9:30, Devotional—R. T. Williams.
- Saturday, 10:00, "The Shepherd and The Sheep," John, 10th Chapter—M. C. Golden.
- Saturday, 10:30, "The Duty of Patriotism,"—W. H. Rosser and J. N. Kev.
- Saturday, 11:00, Sermon—A. C. Gustavus.

DINNER AT CHURCH.

Afternoon—Women's Work and Board Meeting

- Devotional—Mrs. N. Stalworth; Reading Minutes; Report of Corresponding Secretary.
- "The Duty of Every Church to Have the Women Organized For Service,"—Mrs. W. A. Bridwell.
- A talk on "Women's Work,"—Mrs. E. B. Walker.
- "Echoes of the District Meeting,"—Mrs. W. C. McCarver.

Report of Committee

- (a) Education—Mrs. A. H. Lewin; (b) Benevolence—Mrs. W. A. Gustavus; (c) Missions—Mrs. J. R. Fielder.

Report of Departmental Leaders

- (1) Y. W. A.—Mrs. J. C. Stillion; (2) Personal Service—Mrs. S. C. Jackson; (3) Juvenile—Mrs. T. J. McCaughn.
- 3:30, "A Brief History of the Work of Runnels County Baptist Association,"—L. Overman. Followed by Personal Reminiscences.

Saturday Night, Devotional—S. C. Williams; Sermon—A. L. Johnston.

Sunday, 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.

Sunday, 11:00, Sermon—L. E. Hurt.

DINNER AT CHURCH.

- 2:00 p. m., Devotional—W. B. Jackson.
- Young People's Work—W. C. McCarver and D. C. Claypool.
- 2:45, "What Texas Baptists are Doing for Christian Education,"—R. B. Morgan.
- 3:30, "What Texas Baptists are Doing For World Wide Missions,"—A. C. Gustavus.
- 8:00 p. m., Sermon—J. C. Stillion; Bro. Campbell, (alternate).

"CIVILIZATION"

The Most Spectacular Picture Ever Shown—\$1,000,000 Production
40,000 People—6,000 Horses

Queen Theatre Matinee and Night
Wednesday, March 20th

Mail orders promptly attended to—Send check or Money Order

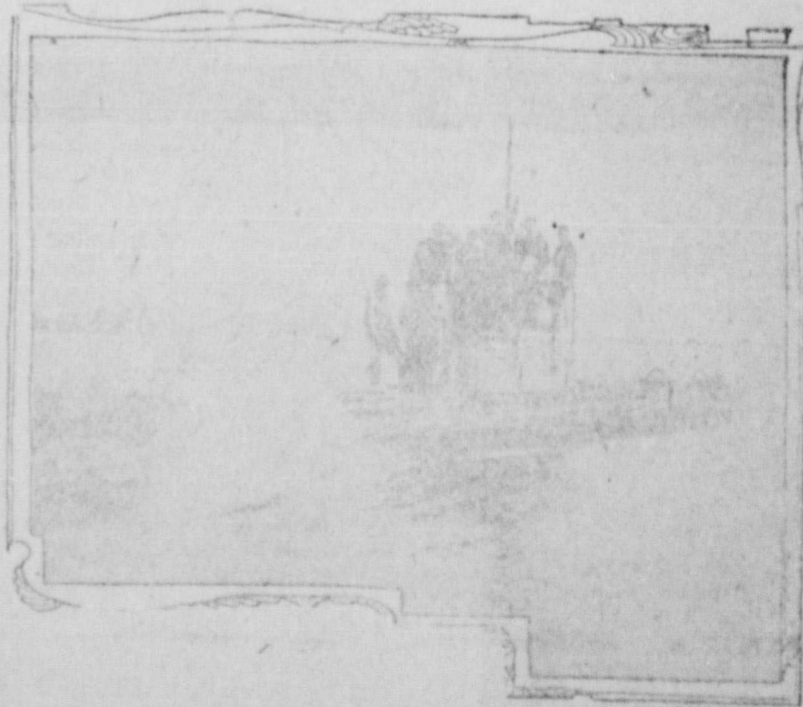
Upon Thos. H. Ince, producer of the great film spectacle "CIVILIZATION" which will be shown this week, has been conferred a most unusual honor. President Wilson invited Mr. Ince to Shadow Lawn that he might personally congratulate him on his remarkable achievement in creating such a monumental work as "CIVILIZATION."

After Mr. Ince had returned to New York he received the following patriotic sentiment in the President's own hand writing:

The nations of the world must unite in joint guarantees that whatever is done that is likely to disturb the whole world's life must be tested in the court of whole world's opinion before it is attempted, and the United States must be ready to join in the guarantee and back it up by her whole force and influence. Settled and secure peace can be made sure of in no other way when the present war is over.

WOODROW WILSON.

Mr. Ince has added the President's message to "CIVILIZATION" in the form of an insert, and together with a portrait of Mr. Wilson, it will surely increase the wondrous interest now expressed in "Civilization" as one of the greatest object lessons in humanitarianism ever offered the world.



A Scene from the Great Movie "Civilization"

Every engine of modern warfare as employed in Europe today is shown.

Better Reserve Your Seats, Early

PRICES:

MATINEE—Children 25c, Adults 50c

EVENING—25c, 50c and 75c Plus War Tax

Reserve seat sale opens at Weeks Drug Store on Monday, March 19th at 9:00 a. m.

Women, Prepare!

Thousands of women in Texas have overcome their sufferings, and have been cured of woman's ills by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This temperance medicine, though started nearly half a century ago, sells most widely today. It can now be had in tablet form (60c a package) as well as liquid, and every woman who suffers from backache, headache, nervousness, should take this "Prescription" of Dr. Pierce's. It is prepared from nature's roots and herbs and does not contain a particle of alcohol or any narcotic. It's not a secret prescription, for its ingredients are printed on wrapper. Send 10c for trial package tablets to Doctor V. M. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.



DALLAS, TEXAS.—"I was run-down. I took two bottles of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it worked wonders for me. I was enabled to do my own work, and I would recommend it to any lady who is suffering."
—MRS. HANNAH ALICE NEWSOME, 2536 Louise Street.

KERENS, TEXAS.—"I am very glad to say I used Dr. Pierce's Remedies. Seventeen years ago I had woman's disease. I went to our family physician and he told me to get Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription, that it was as good as anything he could give me. A few bottles of Dr. Pierce's medicine cured me sound and well of woman's disease. I have also written to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel for advice which was always promptly given, without any charge."
—MRS. D. T. FAYON, Route 1, Box 36.

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NOTICE TO FARMERS.

We have received the first shipment of seed which includes practically all seed ordered. So please come in at once and get these seeds. They will be delivered at The Farmers Union Wagon Yard. Bring along an extra sack.
D. F. Eaton, County Agent.

Mrs. M. T. Cotton left Monday afternoon to visit in Amarillo for a few weeks and was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Farmer, who was en route to Higgins, to visit a few weeks.

C. E. Abernathy of Garden City, is visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger this week.

Undertaking Goods Licensed Embalmers

Motor Hearse and Ambulance.

T. S. LANKFORD
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Banner-Ledger is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1918:

For Commissioner No. 4:
I. A. CURRY.

DECLAMERS SELECTED FOR COMING CONTEST

At a contest held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, contestants were selected to compete for the school honors at the contest to be held at the Methodist church Friday night.

On account of the great number of pupils entering the junior declamation contest, it was necessary to hold the elimination contest Monday afternoon, and three boys and three girls were selected from the number to represent the school Friday night.

In the junior boys declamation Buford Tidwell won first place, Roderick Curry second place and Morris Nicholson, third place.

In the junior girls declamation Ardath Stephens won first place, Susie Hale second place, and Maudie Ellen Bird, third place.

From the above one boy and one girl will be selected at the contest Friday night to represent the school in the county inter-scholastic meet which will be held here on March 29th and 30th.

In all events there will be about a dozen or more contestants to take part in the contest Friday night at the Methodist church, and the public is most cordially invited.

Prof. Dewey Pieratt had charge of the preliminary contest last Monday, and the church was filled with pupils of the central school and the patrons, and the program was an entertaining one, several musical numbers being rendered.

ROGER Q. MILLS GAINS 12 POUNDS IN TWENTY DAYS

Young Soldier of Camp Bowie Says "You Can't Beat Pep Systematic Pills as a Flesh Builder."

"I was for a long time all run down and physically unable to do a real man's work," says Roger Q. Mills, now of Camp Bowie. "I was thin, bloodless and lacking the 'Pep' of a young man of my years. I wanted to join the army and help shoulder the responsibility that I felt I was duty bound to do, but after I got in I saw I would have to start in and take something that would aid me to accomplish my purpose."
"Now, this thing of joining the army is about the best thing a young man can do, but it is a 'real' man's work, and I scouted around for a tonic that would go to the root of all my troubles, which were constipation and a poor blood supply, and relieve me of distressing after-meal effects and help me to take on a little flesh that would enable me to 'jump in' and prove efficient in my new duties."

"It was fortunate that I was acquainted with one of the representatives of the Pep Chemical Co., and after talking with him he gave me a bottle of PEP SYSTEMATIC PILLS and urged me to try them. Here is what he promised: They will relieve you of constipation, furnish you with pure, rich blood, restore nerve energy, provide sweet sleep, and increase your weight from five to twelve pounds. It seems a miracle that all this has come to pass and more so, when I gained the maximum weight he said was possible to gain."

"I have heartily endorsed Pep Systematic Pills to my friends at the camp and now want the public at large to know that these Pep Systematic Pills can do the same for them."

(Signed) ROGER Q. MILLS. Sold by Weeks Drug Store, and other good druggists.—Adv.

Gustavus Grocery sells groceries for less. 31w

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors and especially those who thank Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Douglass and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sledge for their many words of sympathy and kind attentions shown us in our bereavement in the loss of our dear son, Carl. May the good Lord ever bless and protect you and your loved ones, in our sincere prayer.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hinkle.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinkle.

11w.

Gustavus Grocery buys butter and eggs. 31w

MORTUARY.

MRS. McCARTER DEAD.
C. R. Crews, of the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. Undertaking establishment sent out Saturday morning a casket by W. E. McCarter of the Crews country for the body of Mrs. Elmer McCarter, about 23 years of age, who died at her home near that place Friday night. Besides her husband she leaves an Eight day-old babe. The Ledger joins friends of the family in sincere sympathy in this hour of sad bereavement.

MRS. FRANCIS STEVENS DEAD

Mrs. Francis A. Stevens died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of her son, Dr. Stevens in Ballinger, at the age of 86 years, 7 months and 5 days. The immediate cause of death was la grippe and old age. Joe Osterlag of the Lankford Undertaking department prepared the body for burial and Rev. Morgan conducted the funeral services, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the City Cemetery Monday morning. The Ledger joins friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives in this hour of bereavement.

Mrs. Stevens was married at the age of 14 years, and her husband died 40 years ago and left her with fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls, ten of who are now living and the youngest child is now 42 years of age. She has always enjoyed remarkably good health all her life.

MAN DIED HERE TO BE BURIED AT MILES

W. A. McGuire, age 48 years, died at the local sanitarium Monday morning at five o'clock. The man came here for treatment a few days ago, coming from his home ten miles northwest of Miles. His condition was such that the physicians could not save his life.

Deceased is survived by a wife and several children, twelve children having been born into the family. The Higginbotham undertakers prepared the remains for burial and they were carried to Miles and will be interred in the cemetery at that place Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. The wife was at home with a little baby and was not able to be here with her husband.

MRS. E. SCHWERTNER DEAD

Mrs. Ben Schwertner died at the sanitarium in Ballinger Wednesday morning. The Lankford Undertaking Co. carried the remains to the home in the Spring Hill community and the funeral services were held Thursday morning at ten o'clock and the remains interred in the Rowena cemetery.

Mrs. Schwertner was the daughter of J. A. Zakk. She was brought to the sanitarium for treatment a few days ago. She is survived by her husband and other relatives, and many friends who will regret to hear of her death.

N. B. RIGGINS DEAD.

E. V. Bateman left Friday afternoon for San Antonio in response to a message telling him that his brother-in-law, N. B. Riggins died in that city Friday morning. The immediate cause of death was not stated but Mr. Bateman thinks old age, and possibly some kidney trouble. Mr. Riggins spent several months in our city this winter with his sister, Mrs. E. V. Bateman, and left for San Antonio several weeks ago to spend the balance of the winter for the benefit of his health. Besides Mrs. Bateman, ex-Mayor J. W. Riggins, of Waco, are now the only remaining members of the family alive.

When Mr. Bateman left he could not tell us of any funeral arrangements for the interment of the deceased.

The sad relatives have many friends in Ballinger who sincerely sympathize with them in this hour of bereavement.

IVAN OETKIN DEAD.

Ivan, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oetkin, of the Old Runnels County, died Friday morning and the remains will be laid to rest in the Hatched Cemetery Saturday morning. Joe Osterlag of the Lankford Undertaking establishment was called out to their home early Friday morning to prepare the body for burial. The Ledger joins a host of friends in condolence and sympathy for the bereaved relatives in this sad hour.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, cures the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 6c

DISTINCTIVE

Millinery In Abundance

The beauty of the new styles, being shown in our millinery department cannot be appreciated without a personal trip of inspection.

There is an abundance of styles that have that smart appearance, that real appearance of value—for Matron—for Misses—for Children.

We Urge that You Call and See the New:

- BUSTLE HATS
- POKE EFFECTS
- WATTEAU
- SAILORS
- TURBANS



In fact every kind of hat that fashion has decreed as proper for Spring '18.

You Like Style---Good Materials Good Workmanship In Dress or Suit

We can give you each and all of these, in the many "new garments" now on display in our ready-to-wear department.

This means you may call our display an exhibition of all that is good up-to-date and desirable in ready-to-wear garments.

You will be enthusiastic after you see them. They are the kind that make you feel fine when you have them on. They have the distinctive, different, yet stylish appearance that denotes good taste without extravagance.

SPRING SUITS—SPRING COATS—SILK SUITS—SILK DRESSES SEPERATE SKIRTS—NEW WAISTS—NEGLIGEE and HOUSE GARMENTS

With a full stock of colors and materials, all popular, it is certain you can find exactly what you want at just the price that you want to pay.

Make your selections today while the selections are easy and assortments are complete.

Melton Dry Goods Co.
INCORPORATED
EVERYBODY'S STORE

NO LAW AGAINST KILLING OWN HENS—DON'T DO IT

Many individuals and some of the County Food Administration Committees are writing the Federal Food Administration for the state about the new poultry ruling forbidding dealers in poultry to handle freshly killed hens and pullets between February 11th, and April 30th.

"Can I kill 25 of my own chickens for a wedding dinner?" a Cincinnati woman asked the Food Administration.

In reply to this and similar queries the Food Administration says:

"This ruling applies to licensed dealers in poultry and is designed to prevent killing of hens and pullets during the season of egg production. Individuals are not prohibited from killing their own chickens but are asked as a war measure to spare the laying hens and pullets until after May 1st. It is hoped that all will live up to the ruling whether they are required to or not."

George Spidell handed us a dollar Tuesday to keep the Banner-Ledger going to his address to Jan. 1, 1919.

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN MARRIES HERE

R. T. Williams and Miss Catherine Hancock were married Sunday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the First Baptist church, Rev. R. B. Morgan, pastor of the church, speaking the words that united the two hearts in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Duff and daughter, of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson, of this city, accompanied Mr. Williams and Miss Hancock to the church, and after the ceremony the party motored to San Angelo, carrying Mr. and Mrs. Duff and their daughter to their home. The Angelo parties are intimate friends of Miss Hancock, and came over to attend the marriage.

Mr. Williams is one of the principle stockholders of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., and is manager of the local store, and is extensively interested in business. He is one of the city's most active workers in public matters, being at present city commissioner, and past administrator, and is prominent in church and Sunday school work. He has many friends who will wish for him all the happiness that married life can bring.

Miss Hancock was spending her second year with the Higginbotham store as manager of the millinery department. Since coming here she has made many friends who will welcome her to our city. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are at home at the Williams home on Broadway.

STUMEZE ENDS SIX YEARS OF STOMACH MISERY

"For six years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, indigestion, sourness, gases, headaches, and sometimes felt as though my stomach was being eaten up. I decided to try STUMEZE. In two days I was feeling relieved of my suffering. I now have a good appetite and can eat anything I like without suffering in the least. I ask you who are suffering from stomach trouble to give this great remedy a trial and be made well, as I have been." Edward L. Bolan, 718 S. Second St., Tacoma Washington. STUMEZE is for sale and guaranteed by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Seiser and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mack Seiser, and two children, of the Norton country, were visiting friends in Ballinger Monday.

What the War-Savings Stamps will Buy For Our Soldiers.

A single Thrift Stamp will buy a ten-pole or five-foot pin, a waist belt or hat cord, shoe laces or identification tags, two will buy one trench coat or a pair of woolen gloves. Four Thrift stamps will buy two pairs of canvas leggings; six will buy five pairs of woolen socks or three suits of summer underwear; twelve will buy a steel helmet. Get them at the

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Most Old People Are Constipated

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, gentle in action, and especially adapted as a remedy for elderly people, women and children. It is the standard family remedy in countless homes. Sold by druggists everywhere for 50 cts. and \$1.00—two sizes.

A trial bottle can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 457 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRENCH FORCES

The Brownwood Bulletin published the following interesting letter from Walter Thomas, the son of Mrs. S. S. Thomas, of Brownwood. Walter Thomas is a Brownwood boy. He joined the aviation corps, and writes his mother from France as follows:

"Somewhere in France," Feb. 3. I have just finished a tour across France in an auto truck.

Very few of our boys have seen more of this country than I. The roads are fine and it is not bad to travel in a truck.

I passed through most of the larger cities. I left Paris two days too soon to witness the German air raid on that place.

I am at a station now where I will continue to drive a truck for a while. This is much easier than building railroads, barracks, etc., as most of the U. S. forces are doing now.

I have passed through many army and navy aviation stations where there are hundreds or thousands of aviators and not a single aeroplane. The men are doing construction work. In one camp some of the men expect to be sent back to the States for training.

At the present rate of progress it will not be long before America is prepared over here to take care of her forces. Many of the boys "kick" at having to do such construction work, but who else is there to do it?

If the war lasts I guess I will get enough of aviation. I surely did not receive all the schooling at Pensacola for nothing.

Feb. 6.—Some year. Made a little trip with my truck and now that I have returned I will finish this letter. Excuse pencil as I have no pen now. A while back I was traveling with a train of trucks. I changed trucks and left my suit case in the truck that went to another part of the country. This suit case contained my regulation uniform, fountain pen, razor, comb, and brush, mirror and many other articles; think the driver of that truck will send the suit case to me.

I am gradually picking up the French lingo. By the use of my hands and what few French words I know I can make myself understood. Now I have as much conversing to do with Frenchmen as Americans. I hope that "essence" (gasoline) is not as high there as here. It costs the government \$1.28 for five liters which is about one gallon. A civilian cannot buy it. The weather is very pleasing here now. It is early spring. They say it gets very hot here during the summer.

I am staying at a hotel and have three good five-course meals a day and a good bed and clothes furnished. If I am not here at meal or bed time, I get the same and charge it to the government. I have a fire in my room and that is something that few French families have; for coal is very hard to get. I read the French edition of the New York Herald. I noticed that the U. S. government is controlling the food supply of the States. When I stop in a small town of France for a meal I have to go to see the mayor in order to get permission to buy some bread. I get my bread and carry it to the restaurant where I can buy the rest of the meal. The French bread is a brown light bread, very good, baked in pones three or four feet long and ten or twelve inches in diameter. They handle it as we handle cordwood. One can see the breadman going down the street with a wheel barrow or cart with the bread piled on it; or a soldier going to the train bound for the trenches with a loaf of bread under his arm. They never wrap it up.

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CIVIC ATTRACTIVENESS AT CITY CEMETERY

Those who visit the City Cemetery will note the clean and attractive condition in which it is being kept at this time. A. Pagels who has charge of the work, has just about completed the trimming of the trees, removing old fences, and the entire cemetery is now almost as clean and attractive as the prettiest front yard in Ballinger. On account of the short rains during the past year, the weeds have not grown as fast as usual and it has been easier to keep the lots clean.

The work is being kept up under the direction of the Cemetery Association and by individuals paying for having the resting places of loved ones kept in an attractive condition. There are many unmarked graves in the cemetery, but these as well as those marked.

This is as it should be. As the by the finest monument, are being kept with care.

rainy season returns, weeds will come in a hurry, and it will be impossible for one man to keep them down and keep the cemetery as attractive as it should be.

Those who are not contributing to the work, should get in touch with the association, and make it possible for them to employ additional help when the occasion demands it, and thereby keep the city of the dead in a way that will not only show the respect and love for those who have been called from us, but show the enterprise of our people as well.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than a half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

RED CROSS CHECKS READY FOR SIGNING

The Red Cross checks have arrived at last. It will be remembered that a committee was appointed some three weeks or more ago to canvass the city and raise a fund for carrying on the Red Cross work for the year. The committee started on the work thinking the new checks would arrive by the time the supply on hand had been used, but they were delayed.

The committee is working on the alphabetical order, each member taking the names of those beginning with certain letters of the alphabet. The work will now be pushed to speedy completion, and you are urged to be ready to sign twelve checks for monthly payments, predated your checks, making one payable on the first of each month for just what ever amount you wish to contribute to this worthy cause during the year.

Don't wait to be called on but see the man who has your name and help him by signing the checks. We must keep the Red Cross work going or our boys at the front will die. Your dollar may save the life of a wounded soldier.

LEFT FOR SAN ANTONIO.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russer and children, of the Hatchel country, Monroe Vogelsang and his sister, Miss Margarette Vogelsang, of our city, left Wednesday morning in Mr. Prusser's auto for San Antonio where Monroe has accepted a position and the others will visit relatives in that section a week or so before returning home.

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.

Sloan's Liniment
KILLS PAIN

Dr. W. T. Allan, the Episcopal Rector, left Saturday afternoon for Coleman, where he will fill his pulpit over Sunday.

The Real American Beauty

How glorious and wonderful is the advent of another life. When baby is born there comes into the world a new soul, the real American Beauty. When the hour arrives it should be the dawn of a new and perfect future. The joy of motherhood should be as free from fear and danger as it is possible to make it. Thousands of women have used the safe and reliable application, "Mother's Friend". It is a wonderful help to nature in relieving strain and distress brought about by expanding muscles. The nerves, too, will be calm, making the period one of cheerful days and restful nights. The breasts are kept in good condition and the abdominal muscles relax with ease when baby is born. "Mother's Friend" makes it possible for the expectant mother herself to actually aid nature in the glorious work to be performed, and no woman should neglect or fail to give nature a helping hand. It will mean infinitely less pain at the crisis. Do not fall under any circumstances to get this greatest remedy, ever compounded for expectant mothers. Write to the Bradfield Regulator Co., Dept. J, 290 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., for their book, "Motherhood and the Baby". They will send it free. It is not only very useful, but will make you helpful to others. Remember to ask your druggist for a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today.

FIRST QUESTIONNAIRE RETURN FROM FRANCE

France Fe. 2, 1918.
W. E. Barbee,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Mr. Barbee: Received the Questionnaire today and am returning it to you. If I have left out any small detail please fill it in for me, or have my father to do so.

Things are all o. k. with me, but it would do me good to see Ballinger once more. Best regards to you all.

Your friend,
1st Lieut. Ewing Taylor.

The local board received the above letter which was enclosed with the Questionnaire referred to. Mr. Barbee stated that it was the first Questionnaire returned to them from France. The Questionnaire was mailed to Lieut. Taylor on Dec. 29, making the trip to France and back in a little better than two months.

Ewing's friends in Ballinger will be glad to know that things are o. k. with him, and they are longing for the day when he can return to Ballinger and be one of us for a while.

"CASCARETS" FOR A COLD, BAD BREATH OR SICK HEADACHE

Best for liver and bowels, for biliousness, sour stomach and constipation.

Get a 10-cent box now.

Furred Tongue, Bad Colds, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret tonight will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then to keep their stomach, liver and bowels regulated and never know a miserable moment. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

WOMAN PRISONER DOES HER BIT

Speaking of doing your patriotic duty even in the face of adverse circumstances, let this trickle thru your comprehension:

A woman inmate of the Taylor county jail has, in the past few weeks, cut out 14,500 pen-wipers and turned them over to the Red Cross. Mrs. Ben Pevey, wife of the jailer, stated that the woman now has a thousand more pen-wipers ready for delivery.—Abilene Reporter.

We are glad to note our City Secretary J. R. Lusk at his place of business Saturday afternoon after a ten days tussle with the la grippe.

SELECT CONTESTANTS FOR SCHOLASTIC MEET

The local schools are arranging for the County Inter-Scholastic meet, which will be held in Ballinger on March 29th and 30th. Immediately after school Monday of next week, those in charge of the work will hold a preliminary elimination at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church. On account of there being quite a number of contestants the meeting to be held Monday is for the purpose of selecting two or three contestants from each event to contest for first places in the meet to be held on Friday night, March 15th. On March 15th contestants will be selected to represent the local school in the county meet which is to be held here on March 29th, and at which time contestants will be selected to represent the county in the district meet at San Angelo some time during the month of April. At the district meet contestants will be selected to represent the district in the state meet at Austin.

The local teachers extend to the public a cordial invitation to attend all the meets and encourage the contestants, and if possible send winning delegates to the state meet. The preliminary elimination contest will be held at four o'clock Monday afternoon.

FOR SALE.
Eggs, pure bred Barred Rocks and Light Brahma, \$1.50 per setting. Phone 219. W. H. Green. 20-2w4d.

30,000 SOLDIERS' LETTERS ARE LOST
Washington, March 9.—Thirty thousand letters written by American soldiers in France, were lost when the steamship Andania was sunk off the coast of Ireland, the latter part of January, it was announced today. The letters were written by soldiers between Jan. 15 and 20.

THE RED CROSS NURSES OF EUROPE ARE GIVING TOASTED CIGARETTES TO THE BOYS

To anyone who doesn't know of the wonderful advances that have been made in the preparation of smoking tobaccos in the last few years it may sound strange to speak of toasted cigarettes.

Strictly speaking, we should say cigarettes made of toasted tobacco; the smokers of this country will recognize it more readily by its trade name, "LUCKY STRIKE"—the toasted cigarettes.

The American Tobacco Company are producing millions of these toasted cigarettes and these are being bought in enormous quantities through the various tobacco funds conducted by the newspapers of the country and forwarded through the Red Cross Society to the boys in France.

This new process of treating tobacco not only improves the flavor of the tobacco but it seals in this flavor and makes the cigarettes keep better.

The Red Cross nurse is always glad to have a cigarette for the wounded soldier, as, in most instances, that is the first thing asked for.

PATRIOTIC NEGRO BUYS \$500 W. S. S.

Pat Mapes, post master at Pony was in the city Saturday, and while here he purchased \$500 worth of War Saving Stamps for Henry Wright.

Henry Wright is a colored man. For many years he has made his home with Lon Mapes, of the Pony Creek country, Mr. Mapes having almost raised the negro.

Wright turned \$414 over to Mr. Mapes to buy 100 War Saving Stamps for him. The one hundred stamps will be worth \$500 on Jan. 1, 1923, bringing a profit of \$86 to the colored man for his patriotism with his money.

Wright is too old to be drafted but he is using his cash to help Uncle Sam whip the Germans. There are quite a number of white men in Ballinger who could take lessons in patriotism from this negro.

For Spring Building

It's time to think about starting the new and repairing the old. We have a fine stock of sheeting, siding, bill stuff, shingles, sash, doors, lime and cement, waiting your needs. Let us figure your lumber estimates and show you where we can save you money.

Ballinger Lumber Company



The Springtime of Life—Youth

is the producing season. The majority of men Realize Too Late the correct relation of this period to later years. Don't follow the majority, Start a bank account as young as you are today.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank
& Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE



For Service

Black Percheon Horse
Black Mammoth Jack

Will make season at my place 3 1/2 miles east of Ballinger on Leaday road. Fees \$12.50 for Horse and \$15 for Jack.

T. W. Whidden



“International” Cake

- Ingredients list for 'International' cake including flour, eggs, and sugar.

Instructions for preparing the cake, including mixing and baking details.

- Three benefits of Cottolene: help your Uncle Sam, help your bank account, and help your animal fats.

Cottolene

At grocers in tins of convenient sizes.

NEW RED CROSS GIRL

Photographer W. E. Bartlett announced the arrival of a Red Cross girl at his home Saturday.

Produce More Poultry and Eggs

Kill out all the Blue Buzes by using Martin's Blue Big Killer, and increase Egg Production by feeding Martin's Egg Producer.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wade, of the New Home neighborhood, left on the noon Santa Fe for Paint Rock to be at the bedside of her mother, who is reported quite ill.

DISTRICT BOARD SETS 14 MEN BACK

The district board made its first report on questionnaires appealed from the local board this week. The report covered about seventy appeals, and out of this number only fourteen registrants were reclassified and set back from class one to class two.

Other cases are pending before the district board, and will be reported on at an early date. Following are the names of those reclassified and the names of those certified as entitled to remain in class one, and who have been called for examination:

- List of names and their classifications: Henry Blake, James Ward Boyce, Cyril W. Kopecky, Homer Ross Hall, Willie Elmer McCarter, Chas. Theodor Michenis, Ethel Lloyd Rodgers, Bob Irvin, Wm. Arthur Puckett, Harry Wyatt Lynn, Arthur Ballou, Henry S. Moreland, Olin R. Furgason, Chas. Wesley Ludwig.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC TAKE GROVE'S

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

BROWN COUNTY MAN HURT IN FIGHT AT GRANBURY

Chas. E. Taylor, a stockman living seven miles north of Brownwood, was brought home from Granbury Sunday suffering from serious injuries received in a street fight at Granbury on Saturday. From what could be learned trouble occurred at Granbury between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Elva Baugh, formerly of this county.

Chas. E. Taylor, above referred to, is a brother of J. R. Taylor, of the Norton country, and upon receipt of a message telling of his brother's trouble, came in and left from this point Thursday afternoon for Brownwood to be at the bedside of his brother.

USE POWERINE—SAVE GASOLINE

Powerine does away with all carbon trouble. Gives the motor more power. Saves twenty per cent of your gas. Treatment for 100 gallons sent post paid for \$1. Every package guaranteed.

SWEETWATER MAN COMES TO SEE SICK FATHER

A telegram was received this morning by District Clerk Dan Childress bearing the sad news that his father, H. I. Childress, was quite ill at his home at Miles, in Runnels county. Mr. Childress left in the afternoon for his father's bedside. During his absence from town the affairs of the district clerk's office will be looked after by W. T. Hightower and Walter Carter.

The senior Childress suffers a great deal from asthma and Dan is fearful that his father is in a critical condition. — Sweetwater Reporter.

We are sorry to report Mrs. C. H. Willingham quite ill at her home on 12th Street, Saturday.



Henry Blake, banker and railway builder, and his young wife, Bessie, have Black Jack Haines, notorious outlaw, sent to prison for fifteen years. He vows vengeance on them both and three months later escapes, after a battle with the guards, and going to Blake's mountain home with his gang, burns the house, kills the servants and carries Bessie away to his cabin.

EPISODE 3. TORTURED BY THE LARIAT

Tortured by the lariat biting into her flesh, and the shock of constant battering against the walls of the canyon, Bessie was fast losing consciousness when Black Jack, entering the defile from the lower end, halted his horse beneath her and drew her into the saddle.

TO BE CONTINUED

Back to the cabin traveled the outlaws only to find their supply of liquor exhausted. But at another camp a few miles distant was a saloon where Curly Brown always had liquor, and with shouts of approval at Johnson's suggestion they go there to replenish their supply, they rode away.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh.

Young Mothers

Reserve strength for motherhood is of two-fold importance and thoughtful women before and after maternity take

SCOTT'S EMULSION

It supplies pure cod liver oil for rich blood and contains lime and soda with medicinal glycerine, all important ingredients for strengthening the nervous system and furnishing abundant nourishment.

It is free from alcohol.

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

Helps Sick Women

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

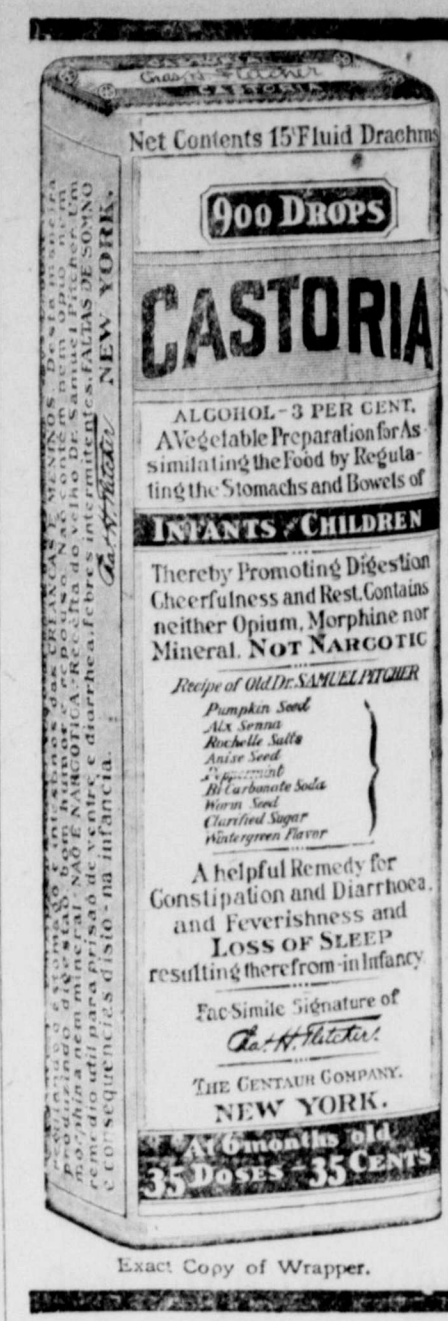
TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out?

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

All Druggists



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria

Always Bears the Signature of

In Use For Over Thirty Years

CASTORIA

Camp Travis Division Is Best Trained in America

Camp Travis, March 9.—That the American soldier will get the chance to fight out his quarrel with the Hun in the open and above ground, is the belief of Major-General Henry T. Allen, Commander of the Ninetieth Division. Major-General Allen has just returned to Camp Travis from an extended visit to the allied front in France and bases his hope on what he saw there.

"There will be open warfare," he says, "it won't always be trench fighting. We are learning and will learn something besides to hide in trenches and throw grenades."

Something of the discipline of the individual soldier of the allied armies is shown by an incident which came under his notice while in France. It was merely the story of a teamster whom the General saw shaving himself while his team was being driven by a fellow soldier, but the General makes it the basis of a lesson to American National Army men in neatness and "smartness," particularly so, as the incident occurred just back of the firing line.

LEASE YOUR LAND FOR CASH

Samuel C. Harris, County Attorney will lease your land anywhere in Runnels county, and pay you cash, 25¢ per acre, per year, for five years—one-eighth oil and \$100.00 per well for gas wells. Come in and lease with him and get the cash when you sign your lease. THERE'S MONEY IN OIL. 9-47844d-pd.

Mrs. Abe Millar and daughter, Miss Rena, of the Hatchel country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Several thousand new men from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma have arrived in Camp Travis and are now undergoing the process of being entered upon the insurance, allotment, service record, clothing slip, qualification and designation blanks, not to mention a dozen and one others that cover the asset and liability relations between the army and the soldier.

Officers who have had any dealings whatever with the new arrivals are enthusiastic in their comment. "The finest bunch of men I ever saw go into the service," he himself has been in the army nineteen years.

As a precaution against epidemic outbreaks of disease, the newcomers are kept in quarantine for a few days under the observation of the Medical Corps, but this does not interfere with their learning. All men with previous military experience are set to teaching their fellows the simpler movements of drill, such as "right face," "about face," etc., and both teachers and pupils take to the business with enthusiasm. As a result, the men line up and execute the commands at retreat each evening with the snap and precision almost of regulars, although the majority of them knew nothing of army life when they came a few days ago.

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Copyright Hart Schaffner & Marx

Sawdust—hogs—and clothes

It wouldn't be good business for you to try to fatten your hogs by mixing sawdust with the feed, would it? You could save money by doing it. You might kill the hogs.

The money you save in buying cheap clothes is like that. You lose more in the long run. Cheap clothes are made of adulterated fabrics; they won't wear. They soon lose their shape, style and fit.

Buy good clothes and be sure they're good—that's the real way to save money in clothes.

The kind we have here are made by Hart Schaffner & Marx; they're all-wool; they're tailored to give long, stout service. They cost just enough to have the qualities you need. You can't get these essentials for less.

At this store we guarantee your satisfaction, we're doing business in your interest—and the more we serve you the more we serve ourselves. In other words, we make more friends by doing "more" for you. That's what you're after; "more" value. All we ask is a chance to show what we mean by "more."

Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

MOTHER DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG

One of the patriotic cartoons pictures a scene in an humble cottage where a wife and mother, cold in death, lies quiet beneath the white covering of the bed; the husband and father bowed in grief

and the child, a little girl, unable to understand why such should be, looking up into the father's grief-stricken face as she protests complainingly: "But, daddy, mother didn't do anything wrong."

No! Mother didn't do anything wrong! No more did millions of

dead or dying mothers and fathers, little children even, except it be a wrong to live upon the face of the earth somewhere. Yet for no greater wrong untold thousands have been killed, tortured, imprisoned—debauched as never before the world has witnessed debauchery. This, too, in a civilization separated from medieval barbarism by walls of faith and love, reaching from Bethlehem to the uttermost corners of the earth.

This explains why America is now engaged in war. This is why every American is called upon, and is expected to do his or her best to check the onward march of despotism which knows no creed of faith except the one of conquest. This is why every acre of land should do its best to feed and clothe the armies of America and America's allies. What did it avail that Christ should die if the world for which He died is now to be crushed back into the depths from which He raised it?

It must not be, "Peace on earth, good will to men," rather than "war, the sword and hate," and to save civilization is, and will be, a heavy task. Every particle of American power will be needed; every pound of food the land is capable of yielding will be required to achieve victory and hold

the creed of Christian faith above the emblazoned arms of barbarism. For this America calls upon the land, as well as the men and women, of Gloryland. And just as the sons and daughters of our land will answer "here!" so shall the land, every loyal acre of it, answer "here!"—Farm & Ranch.

J. N. KEY CANDIDATE FOR TAX ASSESSOR

P. N. Key of the Winters-Norton country announcement for Tax Assessor will appear at an early date. His many friends wish for him much success in his race.

T. L. Huggins, local manager of the Telephone System at Novice, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and said he was incidentally taking some oil leases in his section as a side line.

W. L. Baker, who lives on Route A, north of the city, spent the winter in Oklahoma, was in Ballinger on business Wednesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger and S. W. Dallas News to his address.

R. R. Alsak, of the Rowena country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday and while here renewed with the Daily Ledger.

LIBERTY LOAN SPEAKERS COMING

Dallas, Texas, March 12—Douglas Fairbanks will tour the Eleventh Federal Reserve district on behalf of the liberty loan and the publicity department of the Federal Reserve Bank are now endeavoring to secure Charlie Chaplin to speak in those towns that "Doug" cannot visit. Every effort is being made to keep these two national characters in the Southwest as long as possible in order that the greatest number of people may hear them. Some of the public may have to travel from nearby towns to see and hear these national characters, but thousands will do this. If any proof was necessary that the nation is aroused to the fact that we must all do our bit the action of these men in giving up the best paid profession on earth to come and take with us privodes the proof. Several speakers of national reputation, high court judges and others selected by the Treasury department as ones most likely to interest the public will start out from Dallas on March 18th for a tour of Texas. The itinerary subject to change is as follows:

Monday 18, Dallas; Tuesday 19, McKinney and Sherman; Wednesday 20, Denison; Thursday 21, Gainesville; Friday 22, Wichita Falls; Saturday 23, Amarillo; Sunday 24, Plainview; Monday 1, Austin; Tuesday 2, San Antonio; Wednesday 3, Galveston; Thursday 4, Beaumont; Friday 5, Houston; Saturday 6, Palestine; Monday 25, Sweetwater and Abilene; Tuesday 26, Weatherford and Ft. Worth; Wednesday 27, Cleburne; Thursday 28, Corsicana and Waxahachie; Friday 29, Hillsboro and Waco; Saturday 30, Temple; Monday 8, Tyler; Tuesday 9, Marshall, Texas, and Shreveport; Wednesday 10, Texarkana; Thursday 11, Paris; Friday 12, Terrell and Greenville; Saturday 13, Arlington and Dallas.

F. P. Clayton of the publicity department of the Federal Reserve Bank has just received a wire from J. W. Hoopes, executive manager of the campaign, who is now in Washington, that he has secured for use in the Eleventh District two special trains which will carry actual war exhibits from the battle fields of Europe. It is hoped that the trains will be accompanied by officers who have seen actual service.

These trains will stop at places, the names of which will be announced later and speeches will be made from the cars. It was only by the greatest effort that this privilege was obtained from the government and it is anticipated that people will flock in huge crowds when the government actually brings the war right home to their towns. It is hoped that captured German guns will be included. Mr. Hoopes wires that the government is intensely interested in the situation in the Southwest and expresses the sincere hope that every man, woman and child in the district will realize this fact and get behind the government that is behind them.

F. P. CLAYTON, Publicity Department Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas.

DESERVES A GOLD MEDAL FOR THIS

Cincinnati Authority Tells How to Dry Up any Corn or Callus So It Lifts Right Out.

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of Freezone applied directly on a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without a bit of pain.

A quarter of an ounce of freezone costs very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to take off every hard or soft corn or callus. This should be tried, as it is inexpensive and is said not to inflame or irritate the surrounding tissue or skin.

If your wife wears high heels she will be glad to know of this.

If you have oil land for lease or production. See or write John H. Kegans & Son, Eastland, Texas. 13-241w-pd.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED

WANTED—Salesman wanted to solicit orders for fabricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address the Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 15-1tw.

FOR SALE

BLACK LANGSHANG EGGS—For setting from pen of pure bred stock. \$1.50 per setting. F. M. Wiley, Ballinger, Texas. 1-sw-pd

FOR SALE—40 head of bred ewes, worth the money. C. W. Evans, Phone 7611 Route B, Ballinger. 15-wtf.

FOR SALE—Full blood Brown Leghorn Eggs. \$1.25 per setting. C. W. Evans. Phone 7611, Rt. B. 16-3td. w tf.

FOR SALE—S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rock and part Rhode Island Eggs—\$2.00 per setting, 15 eggs. R. H. Corum, Ballinger, Phone 384. 1td 3tw-pd.

FOR SALE—\$750 self-playing piano, practically new, with 4 dozen rolls; popular music; a bargain for cash. For particulars—write X. Y. Z. & Ledger. 8-2td1tw.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Brown Leghorn eggs at \$1.00 for 15 eggs. As many as 100 eggs are wanted will make a reduced price. A. Voelkel, Box 463. 13-4d3w.

FOR SALE—One good well drill. Apply to D. E. Moody, Ballinger. 3-d&wtf.

FOR SALE—Pair work mares, 7 years old, will give good terms. Phone 6804 Rural. Preston Dunn. 15-2tw.

FOUND

FOUND—Bundle containing window shades. Owner can get same by calling at Ledger office and paying for this notice. 7-d&wtf

LOST

LOST—Tool box off auto Truck, between Ballinger and Miles. Contains set of tools, oil cans, etc. Liberal reward for return to E. P. Talbat at Pierce Fordyce Oil Association office, Ballinger. 14-1dlw.

SUNDAY WANTS A SHOT AT THE HUNS

Chicago, March 11.—Billie Sunday, the evangelist, said today that as soon as his Chicago engagement is completed he will go to France to visit the trenches.

"I know several of the officers who are over there and they have invited me to come," said Mr. Sunday. "If they'll let me, 'I'll take a few shots at the Huns. I expect to go as mere visitor but if they want it, I will be glad to hold meetings."

A WORD WITH WOMEN.

Valuable Advice For Ballinger Readers.

Many a woman endures with noble patience the daily misery of backache, pains about the hips, blue, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders, hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is not true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed, such aches and pains follow. Then help the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone.

Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—Read this Ballinger woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. R. A. Williamson, 205 N. Sixth St., says: "My back ached and pained across my kidneys. I felt dull and languid, especially in the morning and could hardly keep going. Dizzy headaches annoyed me and my kidneys acted irregularly. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store and they relieved all these symptoms of kidney complaint and strengthened my back."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Williamson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Something New

In connection with our New and Second Hand Furniture and Stove business, we are putting in a complete Shoe and Harness Repair Shop. [Coy Drennon at the chair] and will appreciate a share of your patronage. No job too large, none too small for us to give our very best attention. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed.

If you have any second hand furniture that you want to dispose of give us a chance to bid on it.

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