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Submarines Operating Near American Coast Sink 9 Ships

ALLIES HOLDING GERMANS BACK UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Paris, June 4.—The American troops have struck first blow in the new battle of the marne, and are fighting side by side with the French.

The Germans crossed the Marne and reached the southern bank of the river only to be hurled back by the Americans. This was the first time the Marne had been crossed by the enemy since early in the war.

An American force also stopped the German advance before Neuilly Wood, hurling the huns back by magnificent counter attacks.

The French war office reports that the new battle of the Marne was raging with great violence over the entire western portions of this front yesterday evening and last night, and slight gains were made at some points by the enemy.

The Germans crossed the Marne river south of Jaulgonne, midway between Chateau Thierry and Dormans. At this point the Americans were thrown into line and hurled the Germans back across the river, taking hundreds of prisoners. After the Americans had pushed the boches back to the north bank of the Marne, the Americans destroyed the bridge.

Paris, June 3.—The French made a successful counter attack and drove the Germans back between Ourcq and Marne rivers yesterday evening, where the enemy is making its greatest effort to advance towards Paris, the French war office announces.

Violent German attacks astride the main highway from Chateau Thierry to Paris, paralleling the north bank of the Marne broke down under heavy French fire.

The German losses are heavy, hundreds of prisoners being taken. The official announcement says that southeast of Bouresches, four miles west of Chateau Thierry, and every where else, we took hundreds of German prisoners.

The French forces made counter attacks yesterday evening and advanced lines at several points between Ourcq and the Marne rivers. On each side of the Chateau Thierry and Paris road the violent German attack was unbroken by French fire, and the Germans have concentrated here for attempt to push further towards Paris.

London, June 3.—One hundred ninety-three German prisoners were taken in a local operation in Flanders last night, and the British lines were slightly advanced. General Haig reports to the British war office. The operation of the British army was carried out in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin.

Paris, June 3.—Marne has been evacuated by the French civilians, and refugees are fleeing to other cities. Two hundred thousand refugees, mostly women and children, have arrived here from the Marne districts. The refugees have been sent to Normandy and Brittany. There is great suffering among the refugees for food and medical attention.

With French on Marne, June 3.

office announces.

Particularly violent enemy attacks were directed to the village of Chezy on the South Ourcq river, but the attacks were stopped with heavy losses to the boches.

The fighting on the southern eastern portion of the battle front is confined to artillerying.

With the Americans—The Americans faced the huns in a bitter struggle yesterday but were successful in driving them back across the Marne river after they had pushed the French back. This was the most critical point and the German concentrating their strength in an effort to break the lines of the allies. The French and Americans repulsed the enemy by fighting side by side. The German losses heavily, the north bank of the Marne being covered with dead.

MANY MEN WILL BE CALLED THIS MONTH

Washington, June 1.—The call for 24,674 "draftable" men of grammar school education for specialized training in technical and agricultural schools was issued by Gen. Crowder today. The quotas from the different states will be made up as far as possible from volunteers among grammar school graduates who are soon to be subject to draft, and any lacking will be filled by the regular drafting process under which men are drafted into the army. These men will be sent to state universities and agricultural schools and it is believed many high school graduates will volunteer.

Washington, June 1.—As another step in the policy of military training for all American youths, the war department issues a call today for 24,674 Grammar school graduates to qualify at once for military service.

The graduates will be called to enter the various colleges and schools beginning June 15th for special military training. Voluntary enlistments will be accepted until June 7th.

This move is a part of the program to develop specialists needed in the mechanical and agricultural pursuits.

The state quotas called for and the schools to which men will be sent is as follows:

Arkansas, 300 whites to Arkansas University at Fayetteville, Ark.; 124 colored to Branch Normal for colored at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Oklahoma, 140 to University at Norman, Oklahoma.

Texas, 400 to Texas University at Austin, June 20. 400 to Texas University at Austin, June 27. 154 colored to school at Prairie View Normal at Prairie View, Texas. 391 to A. & M. at Bryan.

2 DIE; 26 HURT IN T. & P. WRECK

Texarkana, June 3.—The engineer and firemen were killed and twenty-six passengers injured when the Sunshine Special, the Texas & Pacific fast passenger train hit an open switch at Chelsea, Arkansas, forty miles from here shortly after midnight last night.

Railroad officials believe that the switch had been tampered with, as the southbound train had just passed safely over the switch a few minutes before the wreck. All of the train except the last three coaches left the track.

NEW YORK, June 4.—The schooner Edna T. Douglas is off the Atlantic coast with approximately 250 survivors from the liner Carolina, it is officialy announced at the offices of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Co., late this afternoon. This accounts for practically all this ship's passengers and crew.

Boston, June 3.—The port of Boston was closed this afternoon on account of German submarines operating off the Atlantic coast. Many reports are current here this afternoon of American ships being sunk off the Massachusetts coast, Provincetown and other coast towns. However, the U. P. has been unable to confirm these rumors.

The reports here state that the name of the steamship Carolina is in the list of the ships destroyed. It is also reported that one German submarine had been captured or sunk. The port of Provincetown has also been closed.

Boston, June 4.—The Savannah liner, City of Columbus, which was reported submarined, arrived safely today at Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Atlantic City, 40 survivors of the Carolina landed here this afternoon. Others are reported to be on rescue ships.

New York, June 4.—Positive confirmation of the loss of the liner Carolina, destroyed by German submarines off the coast of Jersey, came today when nineteen survivors were picked up in a life boat and brought to the New York harbor. This leaves 311 passengers and crew yet to land.

Steamers arriving here report have seen life boats which showed marks of having been shelled, and a full report of the loss of vessels is lacking. Several big liners are due here today.

Washington, June 4.—The navy department announces that mine has been picked up off the Delaware coast by the mine sweepers. It is not known whether the mine was planted by Germans or not.

Washington, June 4.—No new reports of the sinking or attacks on American ships by submarines had reached the navy department up to mid-forenoon. Secretary Daniels announced. Mr. Daniels stated that he had received no information concerning the capture of one submarine. However, it was stated that the department would not announce the capture or sinking of submarine as it would prove value to the enemy.

UNCLE SAM TO CONTROL ALL CLOTHES

Washington, June 1.—The possible commandeering of all cotton and silk goods was indicated today when John Scott, of Chicago, was appointed as Textile Administrator and the office of Textile Administrator created in connection with the war industries board. A fixed price on all clothes made from wool, cotton and silk is forecasted, which of course, will call for a fixed price on cotton.

New York, June 4.—Germany has established a permanent blockade off the American coast and the attack made Sunday night and yesterday is only the beginning of what is to follow, according to the mate of U-boat 151 in a statement to Boatswain Enoch Rocker of the Schooner Edna Douglas. Rocker was a prisoner on a German submarine, after the submarine had sunk his vessel. The German U-boat mate told Rocker that within a short time a fleet of German U-boats capable of operating against every important Atlantic port would be here.

New York, June 5.—Bringing stories and accounts of Prussian piracy at America's very gates, the Schooner, Eva B. Douglass slips through the fog into New York harbor with 250 survivors of the liner Caroliner aboard.

The steamship company officials say their figures show that 27 persons are still missing. The loss includes those lost when a life boat capsized. Seventeen of the number are members of the Caroliner crew and the others are passengers.

Atlantic Port, June 3.—Two tank steamers were sunk by German submarines between seven and eight o'clock last night, 150 miles off Sandy Hook, according to the report of a captain of a Canadian and Pacific passenger liner arriving here this morning.

The Canadian liner bringing the report here carried 150 passengers and could not go to the call for help from the tank steamers. The captain of the liner states that he received S O S calls from the tankers, whose names are being withheld, and later received other messages from the steamers, one saying it had been torpedoed and the other saying 'we are sinking.'

New York, June 4.—It is believed that the German submarine raid on shipping off the American

coast has destroyed twelve vessels, including two liners. Over 450 persons are missing, according to information given out in shipping circles.

A report is current here that one German submarine had been captured near Boston and was being brought to New York harbor while the crew was being taken to the Brooklyn navy yards.

Three big liners are due at Atlantic ports today, and late and anxious watch is being kept for them, while a fleet of sixty navy airplanes are maintaining a close watch for survivors, and hospital ships are anchored ready for service.

That the submarine commanders intended using frightfulness on any British caught on the ships is indicated when under officers from the submarines boarding the American vessels demanded to know if there were any Englishmen aboard, threatening to kill them.

New York, June 4.—Nineteen survivors of the Steamer Carolina have landed at Lewes, Delaware. They were picked up by the British steamer Appleby at sea, drifting with the wind. The list includes sixteen men, two women passengers and one member of the crew.

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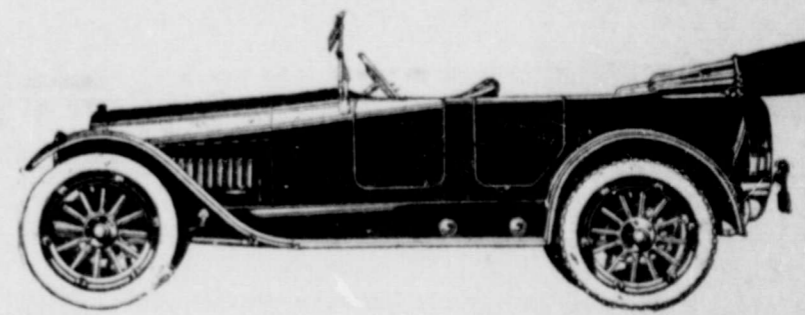
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your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money. If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It is harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.

110 SOLDIERS ARE MUSTERED IN HERE

Major W. S. Holman of the Texas National Guard, with headquarters at Houston, spent Thursday here and mustered in Troop "I" of the Third Texas Cavalry of National Guard. The men were called together at ten o'clock and the last man took his place in line as his name was called before quite a crowd who gathered on the streets in front of the post office to witness the muster.

The men were examined and instructed and enrolled before being brought on the streets, this work taking up several hours and was carried out in the hall of the third floor of the F. & M. Bank building. They were then marched down on the street where the roll was called.

The men lined up in front of the officers, Capt. L. B. Stephens, First Lieutenant A. J. Thorp and Second Lieut. Harris Mullins, as their name was called. Following the calling of the roll Major Holman announced to the men that they were now soldiers of the Texas National Guard, and in a brief talk commended them for their loyalty in enlisting in the service and stated that throughout his experience as a mustering officer and as a recruiting officer he had never before mustered into service a company of finer looking men, and he bespoke for them great success in their work.

Rev. R. B. Morgan made a short talk, assuring the boys that the home fires burning, and that the best would be provided for them, "and," said Rev. Morgan, "remember that wherever you go and wherever you may be, remember that the mothers and the christian friends at home are praying for you."

Capt. Stephens announced that drills would be held on Friday and Saturday afternoon beginning at two-thirty and that after next Saturday these drills would be compulsory and all members of the company would be required to be present.

To Prevent Belching.

Make a regular habit of eating slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, and you may have no further trouble. If you should, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the commissioners' court of Runnels County, will receive bids for the construction of a concrete causeway or dam, across the Colorado River at the Ferguson crossing, on the 13th day of June, 1918, at 9 a. m. Bids to be made in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the county clerk of Runnels County.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

Stomach Trouble

Mrs. Sophie Bauer, 121 First Ave., North, Fairbault, Minnesota, writes:

"I cannot praise your wonderful medicine, Peruna, enough. It has done much for me during the past ten years and I keep it in the house continually. I was in such a condition that I could eat nothing but bread and milk and even that was too heavy for me at times. Now, I can eat anything. I will recommend Peruna to all my friends."

Those who object to liquid medicine can procure Peruna Tablets.

WAR THREATENS TEACHER FANINE

Austin, June 1.—Reports reaching the state department of public instruction are that large numbers of teachers are leaving the schools to enter the military service or to engage in more lucrative positions.

"Unless something is done to relieve the situation," declares State Superintendent Doughty, "the places of many trained and experienced teachers will have to be taken by young teachers without experience or training."

In this connection, Superintendent Doughty urges school trustees throughout the state and friends of education generally to give prompt consideration to the situation. Doughty said he favors a general increase in salaries now paid teachers and superintendents as means of offsetting the losses.

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GET FINGER PRINTS OF GERMAN WOMAN

The registration of German alien females, to begin Monday, June 17, and end Wednesday, June 26, will be conducted in cities or municipalities having 5,000 population or over by the police officials. In communities having a population of less than 5,000 the registration will be handled by post masters.

In general the plan of registration is the same as that followed in the registration in February of German alien males. Each person who must register will be required to register her finger prints. This method of identification is also used in the military and naval services of the United States.

RETURNS TO BALLINGER TO MAKE HIS HOME

R. E. Truly, formerly with The Ballinger Printing Co., and who has been living at Midland since leaving here about a year ago, returned to Ballinger with his family Saturday. Mr. Truly has accepted a position in the job department of the Ballinger Printing Co., and is now on the job, ready to meet the people who want good printing. Mr. Truly is an expert in his line of work, having been in the business all his life and we feel fortunate in securing his services at this time. He is the son of P. E. Truly, deceased, who was a pioneer newspaper man of this country. Mrs. Truly was formerly Miss Ada Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory. Their friends will be glad to know they have returned to Ballinger to make their home.

RUNNELS COUNTY BOY DIES IN FRANCE

Washington, May 31.—Sixty men are reported lost in the casualty list sent to the war department by General Pershing today. The list is as follows:

- Fifteen killed in action.
- Six dead from wounds.
- Eleven killed by accidents.
- Four dead from disease.
- Fifteen severely wounded.
- Eight slightly wounded.
- One missing.

The list includes the following from Texas:

- Private Geo. G. Abney, Mineo, Texas, killed in action.
- Private Donald Gregg, of Houston, killed in action.
- Cadet Eugene D. Penn, Austin, killed in action.
- ISAAC M. VAUGHN, Ballinger, died from pneumonia.
- Robert J. Evans, Doucette, Texas, severely wounded.

Isaac Massey Vaughn is the son of C. M. Vaughn, of the New Home community, northeast of Ballinger. The young man was better known among his friends here as Jack Vaughn. The father received

a telegram from the war department announcing the death of his son, the message coming simultaneously with the message received by The Ledger.

Young Vaughn registered at Ballinger on June 5th last year, just a few days short of a year from the time of his death. His registration number was 1485. His order number was 166, and he was called in making up the second increment of the first quota from this county, and was one of the 68 men who were inducted into service here on September 18th of last year and who entered for Camp Travis on September 19th.

The young man made good in his training at Camp Travis. After several weeks work in that camp he was given a leave of absence and visited his father and other relatives here before being sent across to France. News of his safe arrival in France and later news indicated that he was getting along all right, but the telegram received announcing his death ended hopes that he might return home after the war. He will be buried in France.

CAMP TRAVIS HAS BIG REMOUNT STATION

Camp Travis, June 1.—The casual visitor to Camp Travis, who has not lost in this day of motor cars an interest in horse flesh, marvels at the splendid collection of horses to be seen about the camp. They are in excellent condition, well cared for, well trained for the most part, but there is a reason.

One of the largest remount stations in the world is located at Camp Travis. Here every horse and mule used at the camp is received, sorted, inspected, branded and fattened. The wild ones are broken, and in the breaking Camp Travis has gathered a choice collection of premier broncho busters of the world of the kind that is developed in Texas and Oklahoma. They will ride anything any time, and hundreds of people visit the Remount to see the wild animals broken to the saddle.

Sick and injured horses are given far better treatment than the people in many localities receive. Three large veterinary hospitals are located at the Remount station with a corps of seventeen graduated veterinarians and a staff of seventy-five men as assistants. They have at their command all the experience, medicine and instruments the United States Government can afford.

Horses, like men, are trained on a schedule, the keystone of which is regularity. They are fed balanced rations at regular hours and are given every attention. In the army, particularly in those branches of the service where the horse and mule is used continuously as in the cavalry, machine gun, etc., the animal comes before the man. After drilling all day, or fighting, when the recall has sounded then the animal gets first attention, and the man comes next.

After horses or mules have been inspected at the Remount station and have developed or give indications of spavin, blindness or any symptoms of diseases making them unfit for army service, they are caught, branded with an "IC" which means "Inspected and Comdemned," and then sold. The brand is placed on the neck. Army buyers will not buy in horses so branded. Such horses may be fit for any and every duty demanded of them for other purposes, but Uncle Sam is particular.

In order that mosquitos may not breed in or near Camp Travis, gangs of men are working daily on the banks of the Salado, which runs near to the camp, clearing out drift wood, straightening the course, eliminating holes of standing water and distributing crude oil. Camp authorities take every step to insure the protection of the health and happiness of the soldier boys. The Salado is fed by running wells. Bath houses are being erected for the use of the men, swimming classes organized, special hours designated for respective units, in order that all may benefit by the fresh water. A dam has also been erected to deepen the waterway. Along the banks of the river, are groves of huge pecan trees, offering shade and cool spots to rest.

You Can't Rub It Away; Rheumatism is in the Blood

Liniments Will Never Cure. If you are afflicted with Rheumatism, why waste time with liniments, lotions and other local applications that never did cure Rheumatism, and never will?

Do not try to rub the pain away, for you will never succeed. Try the sensible plan of finding the cause of the pain, and go after that. Remove the cause, and there can be no pain. You will never be rid of Rheumatism until you cleanse your blood of the germs that cause the disease.

S. S. S. has never had an equal as a blood purifier and scores of sufferers say that it has cleansed their blood of Rheumatism, and removed all trace of the disease from their system.

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the task of making their wants known to the dear people.

WOMEN TORTURED.

Suffer Terribly With Corns Because of High Heels, But Why Care Now.

Women wear high heels which buckle up their toes and they suffer terribly from corns. Women then proceed to trim these pests, seeking relief, but they hardly realize the terrible danger from infection, says a Cincinnati authority.

Corns can easily be lifted out with the fingers if you will get from any drug store a quarter of an ounce of a drug called freezone. This is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. You simply apply a few drops directly upon the tender, aching corn or callus. The soreness is relieved at once and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts out without one particle of pain.

This freezone is a sticky substance which dries in a moment. It just shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. Tell your wife about this.

J. M. Slaughter, the Maverick merchant, came in Thursday to meet his wife, who came in at noon on route home from Bartlett, where she had been to visit her daughter and reports the arrival of a 9-1-2 pound grandson at the home of her daughter, who was formerly Miss Lillie Slaughter.

Carleton Abney, who represents the government in the income tax office, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Skinner and family over Sunday and left for points east Monday morning on his official duties.

W. S. Davis of the Winters country and W. H. Bradshaw, of the Hatcher country, were transacting business in Ballinger First Monday, and while in Ballinger Mr. Bradshaw ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address. He reports splendid rains at his place since last Thursday night.

ON HER VACATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and children of San Angelo, come over in their auto Saturday evening and were joined here by his sister Miss Priscilla Jones, and they all left for Abilene, Mineral Wells and other points in the state on a vacation trip of several weeks.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

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

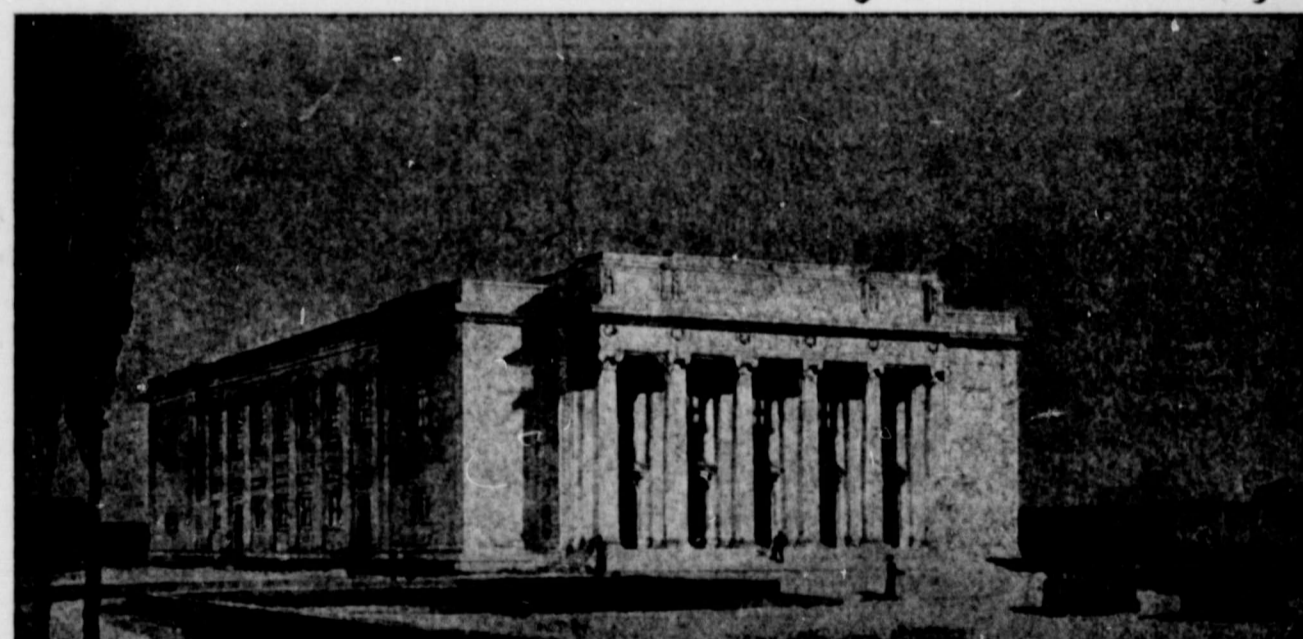
HOBBY CLUB TO HAVE MANY MEMBERS

The Runnels County Hobby club is in the forming here. Petitions are being circulated and many names are being signed pledging support to Hobby.

Politics in this county have been at a low ebb up to the present time. The people have been too busy looking after war work to devote much time to the interests of any candidate or candidates.

The feeling seems to prevail that the people are wise enough to choose for themselves when election day comes. Less than sixty days remain in which to wage the campaign and most of the candidates are warming up to

Guion Hall at A. & M. Dedicated



Guion Hall, the new \$100,000 auditorium at A. & M. College, was dedicated at ten o'clock Saturday morning, May 25th. This building was named in honor of Judge Jno. I. Guion, of Ballinger, president of the Board of Directors of the A. & M. College of Texas.

Judge Guion moved to Texas in the early 70's and first settled in San Saba county. Before he was twenty-five years of age he was elected county judge of that county. After living in San Saba county for a number of years, Judge Guion moved to Dallas. Things did not suit him in that city at that time and he responded to the

call of the west and located in Concho county, then many miles from a railroad. When the Santa Fe built its line west from Brownwood to San Angelo, Judge Guion moved to Ballinger helped to build this city, and has resided here continually for the thirty-two years life of this city.

Judge Guion comes from old American stock, of Southern true blue. His grandfather, Major Guion, of the United States army, was detailed as military commander of the territory of Mississippi by President Jefferson. His father was governor of the state of Mississippi and afterwards was chief justice of the court of crim-

Reports from a number of counties comprising the 16th Texas Red Cross District shows that every county in the district went over the top with a big over-subscription. In some counties the quota allotted was more than doubled. The good county of Runnels has a credit of 196 per cent, lacking only 5 per cent of doubling her quota. Following is the report as compiled by the district Red Cross manager:

Tom Green, amount assessed, \$12,673.00; subscribed \$21,578.05; excess over the top, \$8,905.05; per cent subscribed, 171.

Reagan, amount assessed, \$500; amount subscribed, \$530.45; excess over the top, \$28.50; per cent subscribed, 105.

Sterling, amount assessed \$1000; amount subscribed, \$1,220.00; excess over the top, \$220.00; per cent subscribed, 122.

Crockett, amount assessed, \$1,763.00; amount subscribed, \$2,215.13; per cent subscribed, 130.

Concho, \$1,938.00; amount subscribed, \$2,497.85; excess over the top, \$559.85; per cent subscribed, 131.

Irion, amount assessed, \$1,877; amount subscribed, \$2,300; excess over the top, \$423.00; per cent subscribed, 121.

Runnels, \$4,224.00; amount subscribed, \$8,189.35; excess over the top, \$3,965.35; per cent subscribed, 195.

Pecos, amount assessed, \$3,182; amount subscribed, \$3,182; per cent subscribed, 100.

Coke, amount assessed, \$1,938; amount subscribed, \$4,035.00; excess over the top, \$2,097.00; per cent subscribed, 210.

Total amounts: amounts assessed, \$29,095.00; amounts subscribed, \$45,747.83; excesses over the top, \$16,650.83; total per cent subscribed, 170.

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LEFT FOR BROWNWOOD.

Prof. J. M. Skinner, superintendent of the Ballinger public schools, left Monday for Brownwood, where he will teach mathematics at this time of the summer normal in that city.

inal appeals of that commonwealth. Sergeant Prentiss, the brilliant Mississippi orator, was a law partner of Governor Guion, the legal firm of Guion & Prentiss being one of the strongest that existed in the South during the early days.

Six years ago and during the Colquitt administration, Gov. Colquitt named Judge Guion as a member of the board of regents of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station, Texas and when the new hall at A. & M. was ordered built, the board honored Judge Guion by giving the hall his name.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Travis Stuart and Forest McMillan left Ballinger early Friday morning for Houston, going through the country in Mr. Stuart's car. They will accept employment either at Houston, Beaumont or Orange. Mr. McMillan has been engineer for the local compress for several years.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

RETURNED HOME.

J. H. Wilke returned home Wednesday afternoon from an extended overland trip to Seminole, Midland and intermediate points and then to Wichita Falls, where visited his son, W. J. Wilke two days. His son, Brendon, accompanied him on the trip and stopped at Wichita Falls to spend some time with his brother. Mr. Wilke was looking after land interests at several counties he visited and says crop conditions are as good in Rannels county as anywhere on the route except possibly a few localities. He says the "Tin Henry" is the thing to travel in and gets over the ground with little cost and he had no breakdowns on either trip.

JOINS THE MARINES.

Bill Hardin and Joe Seagrins, of our city, were among the number who went to San Angelo this week and passed successfully the examination for service in the U. S. Marines.

Jasper Smith, who lives near that city, left Monday morning on a short business trip to Tampa.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE DELICATE OR FRAIL
under-size or under-weight
remember—**Scott's Emulsion**
is nature's grandest growing-food; it strengthens their bones, makes healthy blood and promotes sturdy growth.

DR. MCCOY WRITES LETTER FROM ENGLAND

Somewhere in England, March 27, 1918.

I am going to start a letter but don't know when it will be finished. On looking back, it doesn't seem that we have had a very eventful trip, but it seemed so at the time. What made me sore was that I wasn't a bit sea sick as I dreaded, but had the grippie instead. Half the boat had it. Just as to the trip in general as there are some things of interest I must leave out. As a whole the weather was atrocious. Cold, rough and bitter wind. We had boat drill daily and it was surely disagreeable to get out for it. The boat we were on was decidedly English in every department, but the service and food were pretty good. One of the most painful incidents to the unmarried (?) officers was to see our sister boat from a short distance. I call it a "sister" boat advisedly as it contained hundreds of nurses and telephone girls. They surely got on the wrong boat. The first few days out were comparatively monotonous. We stopped at one port with a river full of ice—a great sight. Several claim to have seen seals, but I missed them. One of the boatmen furnished a little excitement by going overboard. A boat he was cleaning in the davits fell with him and in scarcely a moment he was a mere speck—it took an hour or so to pick him up, none the worse for his trip. The bow of the boat was smashed and was turned adrift. We had some variety on board. Boxing matches on deck, and then some squadron would put on some show at night. Can you imagine a minstrel show in life jackets? Fact, we wore them day and also night for the several last days. According to reports we sighted one Sub. At least, all the ships scattered and started zigzagging out their course. The way I felt with the grippie about that time a Sub. would have been almost welcome. I think our greatest scare came when we thought we were all safe and ran aground. We were several hours on the bar—a beautiful target—and I am sure I wasn't sorry when we began to move again.

After landing we travelled all day across the country, and say if you could only see the ears. I think they were made originally for "The Babes in Toyland." They are actually not much bigger than some of the insignia the British officers wear. Which (th insignia of course) are wonderful fearful things of brass and gorgeous colors. Well, to get back (make your own paraphrase in this yetter,) we traveled clear across England to an old, old town to a rest camp. Help! Deliver me from any more rest camps. It was the meanest, most inconvenient and uncomfortable place I have been. Kelly Field was immense in comparison. Stayed there about a week and then we shot down here. Every thing is much better here though there is no comparison in the scenery. Everything around the rest camp was most beautiful. Green everything is intensely green, even the trunks of the trees and the palings on the fences. They have also the most wonderful roads, though rather narrow, many of them being built by the Romans, I believe about 55 B. C. But still more wonderful are their traffic laws. They turn out here just oppositely from the way de do, viz: Always to the left. Of course they have a perfectly good reason for it as they have for everything they do. Probably because Harold was shot in the eye at the battle of Hastings with a left handed arrow, or some equally obvious reason. And bicycles, every man or woman of any class has one. It certainly looked odd to see so many skirts on bicycles. I drove about eight miles yesterday p. m. in a motor at about 50 miles per and every time we met anyone and turned out I was ready to jump, always to the left.

I am the American surgeon in charge here, after your pride has assimilated that, it is only fair to say I am the only American surgeon here. I cooperate with the British Medical Officer, but look after my own men principally. A good many interned enemy here that I may have to help look after. The officers here are a good sort and many of the flying officers and cadets are American, Canadian, Scotch and Irish. I am doing my best to learn the customs here and also the language. One British officer asked

Our Boys in France and Home Protection

The men on the firing line represent the pick of our American youth. One in four of our boys at home was sick, rejected because of physical deficiency. Many times the kidneys were to blame. If we wish to prevent old age coming on too soon, or if we want to increase our chances for a long life, Dr. Pierce of the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., says that we should drink plenty of water daily between meals. Then procure at the nearest drug store, Anuric (double strength). The cost is 69 cts. This "An-uric" drives the uric acid out and cures backache and rheumatism.

If we wish to keep our kidneys in the best condition a diet of milk and vegetables, with only little meat once a day, is the most suitable. Drink plenty of pure water, take Anuric three times a day for a month.

Send Dr. Pierce ten cents for trial package.

RINGER, OKLA.—I had one knee hurt in which rheumatism developed. Afterward I hurt my back very badly loading wood. I sent for four packages of Anuric Tablets and had taken hardly two packages when they completely cured me. I have not had a twinge of rheumatism in my back or in my knee since. I know the Anuric Tablets did me more good than all the other medicines I ever took.

"I let a neighbor have one package of Anuric. He was down with his back, and it did him a world of good. My parents have known of and used Doctor Pierce's medicines for years."—W. B. PULLIPS, Route 1, Box 72.

me if my men were "a stuffy lot of coves," which being interpreted is "are they a husky, hard boiled bunch of rough necks." The money was somewhat confusing at first, and I got "stang" several times but now fortunately or unfortunately I am not very "stang able" so can rest easy until pay day. Mess costs about the same here though the eats alone cost only 2 shillings a day. However, when they add all the odds and ends it amounts to about 5 shillings, or \$1.25. Also must make a deposit of 5 pounds on entrance which "hoits" at this time. I get it back on leaving.

If anyone had told me I cared a continental about candy or sugar I wouldn't have believed it, but I certainly would give anything for a box of candy. At the rest camp we got no sugar in coffee, tea or oatmeal. Here it is some better. Soldiers can't buy anything in the towns only at certain hours and no real candy then. The candy you buy is a snare and a delusion, sticky but not sweet. So don't forget cigarettes and candy.

LIEUT. ROY MCCOY.

Lieut. Roy McCoy is better known in Ballinger as Dr. McCoy. He volunteered for service in the medical corps, and after spending the usual time in the training camps of this country he was sent across. His friends in Ballinger will be glad to know he has reached the scene of action successfully.

Chronic Constipation.

Perhaps you have never thought of it, but this disorder is due to a lack of moisture in the residual matter of the food. If you will drink an abundance of water, eat raw fruits and take lots of outdoor exercise you may be able eventually to overcome it entirely. In the meantime use the most mild and general laxatives. Strong and harsh cathartics take too much water out of the system and make a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Tablets are easy and pleasant to take, and most agreeable in effect. Give them a trial.

C. C. Culwell, of San Angelo, one of the candidates for sheriff of that county, was among the crowd in Ballinger Monday buying horses and mules.

THERE'S A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
Now is the time to
Clean Up!
ECONOMY IN EVERY CAKE
with **SAPOLIO**

ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE UNITED

One of the most eloquent and vigorous addresses delivered here since the war began was that of Dr. Hugh Birehead to the Members' Conference of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Birehead has just returned from a visit to France and England, where he was sent by the Red Cross to obtain first hand information and tell the people of the United States the results of his observations and inquiries. The men to whom he talked are representatives of St. Louis, men in whose veins flow the blood of many races, many of them of Teutonic origin, many of them of other lands not English. But the words of the speaker that drew the loudest and longest applause, applause that was mingled with cheers, were those in which he emphasized the necessity of a friendly accord and unity of purpose between the two great English-speaking nations of the world. We have long had a prejudice against England, he said, but if that has not gone now it must go, and he pointed out that one of the gravest and most dangerous forms of German propaganda in this country is the whispering condemnation of England, whispers that are heard most about the camps and cantonments, where they may be expected to affect the ardor and determination of our soldiers. "This is England's war," they are saying behind their hands, "and we are fighting England's battles" and thus they would weaken our decision and our confidence.

Truly it is not England's war, nor France's, nor Italy's, nor ours. It is Germany's war, Germany's alone. Germany made it, Germany forced it, in the councils of her lords, in the fires of her armories. Nor are we fighting England's battles. England is fighting her own—and ours. England is doing and has done more for us in this war than we are likely to do for ourselves or for her. If we pay such a price as England has already paid for freedom, for justice, for humanity, for us, in this conflict, there will be few homes in this land without its mourners, few men under 45 who are not in arms, few women who are not working for the industries of war and subsistence. We do not yet know what war is, and if we never learn its fullness it will be because England and France have borne its brunt, and have saved us from its worst horrors. The debt we shall owe to them when this thing is over is not one that can be paid in dollars, and in the days to come no American politician will ever dare again to "twist the lion's tail."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

LEMON JUICE IS FRECKLE REMOVER

Girls! Make This Cheap Beauty Lotion to Clear and Whiten Your Skin.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very, small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.

22 MILLION PUT UP BY THE WOMAN

Mrs. Scott H. Mack, local chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee for the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. E. B. Reppert, of Dallas, District Chairman, stating that the women's committee made good in the recent Liberty Loan Drive. Read the following letter from Mrs. Reppert: "You will be gratified to know that subscriptions for more than twenty-two million dollars have been secured by the Woman's Committee in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, of which over nineteen million was from Texas. No such splendid results could have been attained without the unparalleled devoted service of thousands of women who left their homes and gathered up the greater

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I feel that you and your co-workers have earned the right to the distinction conferred upon the women of America by Secretary McAdoo, whom, as you will note by the enclosed circular, he terms "equal partners".

Now that you have so effectively "put your hand to the plow," I want you to consider yourself enlisted for the period of war."

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RETURNS FROM CLIFTON.

C. A. Orbeck, of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. returned home Tuesday night from Waco, where he enlisted for the U. S. Army at Camp McArthur, and will be with the quartermasters department as soon as his papers are passed upon at Washington.

While away from Ballinger he had a very pleasant and enjoyable visit with his father and three married brothers at Clifton.

MRS. J. F. COMPTON ILL.

J. F. Compton, of South Ballinger, informed us Thursday that his wife, who was some better for a few weeks, is now worse and is in a very critical condition.

MAJOR HOLMAN MUSTERS IN SAN ANGELO COMPANY

Major Holman, of the Texas National Guard, who mustered in the local company Thursday and went to San Angelo to muster in the company at that place Thursday night, returned to Ballinger Friday and spent the forenoon here with friends and left over the A. & S. for Big Springs Friday afternoon.

Major Holman mustered in the Anglo company Friday night, and started out of that city for Big Springs in an auto, but stuck in the mud and was compelled to return and go by rail to Big Springs, where a company is awaiting to be mustered in. The National Guard officer found quite a number of old friends here, having been raised in South Texas where the Kirk's came from. He said that it was a pleasure to spend a few extra hours here, and he was laud in praising Ballinger for organizing such a cavalry company of fine young men. "I do not hesitate to say they are in the front ranks of anything I have seen in my work," said Major Holman.

Rev. Gates and wife, of Norton, came in Wednesday afternoon, and Mrs. Gates was operated upon at the Halley & Love sanitarium Thursday for female trouble, and we are glad to learn the operation was successful and she was resting very nicely at last account.

WELCOME

Some Banks Solicit Only Large Accounts.

This bank is equally the bank of the laboring man, the mechanic, the business man, the house-wife, the child or the man of leisure. All accounts, large or small, will be given the same treatment. We are a bank for the people and extend to you a

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State Press was recently offended because some admirer wrote him that he (the subscriber) had been reading his pungent paragraphs since 1850.

Candidate Ferguson has the opportunity to earn \$100 for the Red Cross. The Houston Chronicle is offering \$100 reward to anyone who can tell where Ferguson got \$156,000 in cold cash—currency, and used the money to pay debts that were about to get him in bad.

And now comes Mrs. Ward, the lady lawyer of Houston, who wants to know of the Attorney General if, in complying with the law in making the affidavit to your age in paying your Poll Tax, the applicant simply swears she is over twenty-one is sufficient.

The word freedom is a word that is often used in America, but its real meaning is seldom fully understood. This is a land of freedom, where men may do as they please so long as it does not violate the right of another, or of public policy and we are so accustomed to its enjoyment that we fail to appreciate its meaning.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DROUGHT.

Pleasure spots seem to be the rage in Texas towns and cities now. Fort Worth papers are continually printing about the merits of Lake Worth and what it means to the city as a pleasure resort.

Seems like we have said the same thing before, but here goes again: It is as impossible for a town to grow and be blissful without an abundant water supply as it is for a horse to take wings and fly around the moon.

Recent rains have settled the water question for many towns, so far as the present generation seems to be concerned. There will be trouble and lots of it when the next drouth strikes the country.

tion when benefits to be had from plenty water for all purposes, drouth or no drouth, are considered. No city can grow or even live without water.

FERGUSON AND THE ENEMIES OF OUR COUNTRY

James E. Ferguson opened his campaign for "vindication" in Mount Pleasant little more than a month ago. In his speech there he is quoted by the Galveston-Dallas News as saying that his pledge not to disclose the source of the mysterious \$156,500, loaned him without security during a session of the legislature, "was written in blood."

Let that statement stand. No such condition could have applied between the governor of Texas and an honest friend. The record, however, speaks for itself.

Disclosures officially made by the United States Government show that German interests distributed in this country approximately \$50,000,000 during 1915, 1916 and the first part of 1917.

This was to influence American opinion against the allies, to promote sabotage, to sap the vitality of the nation and to corrupt its institutions and its courts.

Nevertheless war was declared. On April 10th James E. Ferguson appeared upon the stage of the coliseum at Dallas and in a public speech denounced the policy of selective military service which has since proved to be this country's and this state's most certain defense. (Dallas News, April 11, 1917.)

Ferguson opposed the war policies of this nation at the most critical hour of its history.

Then came the disclosures made by Secretary of State Lansing which showed that Germany had attempted to enter into negotiations with Mexico to induce Japan to turn upon the allies. In return for this Texas and other border states were to be handed over to Mexico. (Records of the State Department, U. S. A.) Since that time, by the sworn evidence of Joseph Kellar, vice-president of the German-American Alliance, it has been proved in the investigation into the affairs of this hyphenated organization, that this same German-American Alliance, through its officers, was "interested" in the elevation of James E. Ferguson to power in this country. (See page 287, testimony introduced in congressional investigation of German-American Alliance.)

This German-American Alliance, branch of the pan-German Alliance of Junkers, since outlawed for disloyalty to the United States, attempted to advance the interest of James E. Ferguson, candidate for Governor of the very state Germany sought to turn over to Mexico. (Record of investigation into the affairs of the German-American Alliance as introduced before a sub-committee of the Judiciary committee of the United States Senate, 65th Congress.)

Now, going even further, when the people of the United States must stand together in full coordination of purpose, in harmony and in support of the law and the constitution, the friends of James E. Ferguson declare that, if he gets the largest number of votes, he will be swept into office, constitution or no constitution, law or no law, the courts notwithstanding. To accomplish this, if necessary, the streets of Austin will run red with blood. To bring about his election they are ready to array class against class in bitter hatred.

By just such methods Germany broke down organization in Russia and created disorder in Ireland. By such methods Germany expects to win the war.

If there were no other circumstances standing against James E. Ferguson, if he was actually eligible to office, that fact would be sufficient to condemn him.

But all the facts must be considered in a case like this. The evidence of the activities of the German-American Alliance must be taken into account because it means so much. This organization, according to its official Bulletin, even sought to control the common schools of the United States and rule the universities of the land. (See pages 119 and 674, hearings of the sub-committee of the Judiciary committee of the United States Senate, investigating and German-American Alliance.)

No, perhaps, after all, that pledge not to disclose the source of the \$156,500 was "written in blood."

No eleventh hour statement or half explanation would be sufficiently illuminating.

Right now, James E. Ferguson, where did you get that \$156,500? Not only Texas, but the whole

United States wants to know and the people will be quick to recognize any but the true answer.

WAS IT THE RESULT OF IGNORANCE?

Jim Ferguson is referring to Gov. Hobby in that mud slinging way so characteristic with the impeached Governor, said that the creator slighted Hobby. A few days after Ferguson made this statement and claimed all the qualities of a great man whom, according to his own judgment, was created especially to be governor of Texas and handle the people's money for his own benefit, Gov. Hobby made a speech at Wharton, and in his reply to Ferguson he said:

"My opponent says I was slighted by the creator, and that I am a weakling. My friends, when the Good Lord created me He at least gave me the ability to tell the difference between my own money and the money of the people of Texas."

Ferguson did not stop at handling the money of the people of Texas for his personal benefit, but he reached out and got hold of \$156,000 in currency, which was secured under a pledge of secrecy "written in blood." After it has developed that German money has been used to establish German propaganda in this country during the last several years, the American people will not vote for a man who can get hold of such large sums of cash under a pledge of secrecy "written in blood."

Ballinger Man Saves Wife in Nick Of Time.

"My wife was unable to eat even the lightest food, and had fallen away to a living skeleton. She could not even keep doctor's medicine on her stomach and was tortured with pain. On the recommendation of a friend, I bought a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and she is all right now and has gained forty pounds." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.

Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

To the Voters of Rummels County: Ladies and Gentlemen: I will be in the race for Tax Assessor of Rummels County, subject to the July Primaries and will appreciate your vote and influence.

We are in the war and being urged to save in every way possible, I will not be able to make any canvass. Believing you had rather I would help some one chop cotton who needs the cotton chopped, than to bother you while you are trying to chop yours.

If I do not get to see you before the election, this is to inform you of my being in the race for Tax Assessor, and also let you know I will appreciate your vote.

Yours for saving, MIKE C. BOYD.

LEFT FOR PETERSBURG, VA.

The following young men left from this point Saturday morning for Petersburg, Va., to enter the service of Uncle Sam in the stock raising department of the government: Sam Thurman, Roy Roper, of this county; R. D. Littlefield, W. E. Polk and J. M. Fisher, of Concho county.

OFF ON FISHING TRIP.

Rev. A. K. Doss of DeLeon, came in Monday night to visit his son, Judge A. K. Doss, and family, and daughter, Miss Lena Bell Doss, on a short vacation from church duties. He and Rev. J. B. Currie, the local M. E. pastor, and Judge Doss will leave this evening or Wednesday morning for the San Saba river to enjoy a fishing trip for a few days.

FROM SOUTH TEXAS.

G. H. Dierschke and daughter, of the Olfin country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives in South Texas, and reports crops fine in that section. He had been at the bedside of his father-in-law, Mr. Wilde and reports the old gentleman improving when he left his home.

While here Tuesday Mr. Dierschke renewed with The Daily Ledger for three months and also the Banner-Ledger to his brother, Paul Dierschke at Moulton, and sent the weekly to his brother J. A. Dierschke on Route 2, out of Moulton.

G. W. Gay, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Some Rules that Govern Men and Women Voting

Women of Rummels county who wish to participate in the primary election next month do not have to register. Women who go to the polls to cast their ballot do not have to tell their age, further than to certify that they are twenty-one years old. The law provides that women offering to vote must possess the general qualifications of male voters, that is each female voter, whether married or single must be 21 years old at the time she offers to vote.

In view of the fact that many women contemplate taking part in the coming primary, we publish herewith a brief synopsis of the law governing the holding of primary elections, etc. This information will be worth reading by many male voters, as well as the women:

"Our statute provides for a general primary election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July of each and every year (this year July 27, 1918, at which time each organized political party having 100,000 votes or more at the last general election may nominate candidates (from governor to constable) etc., and this statute contemplates that only persons affiliated with the organized party holding such election may participate therein. Provision has been made to contest and for prosecution for fraudulent voting and misconduct of every character.

"Any political party may nominate its candidates by convention, but the democratic party nominates only by primary elections, and under a recent law, passed by the third called session of the 35th legislature, the nomination must be obtained by a majority vote, thus necessitating a double primary. This will apply to all offices, state, county and district.

"Any person desiring his name to appear on the official ballot for a district office composed of more than one county shall file with the chairman of the district his request as provided by law not later than the first Monday in June, or if there be no district chairman then with the chairman of each county composing such district not later than the first Monday in June. (2) Any person desiring his name to appear on the official ballot as a candidate for any county office must file his application with the county chairman not later than Saturday before the third Monday in June and this last provision applies to precinct offices as well. The law also provided that County chairman and precinct chairman may be elected at such general primary and an application for such position must also be made to the county chairman for a place on the official ballot on or before Saturday before the third Monday in June, but the official ballot may provide only a blank space (a line) on which names may be written by the voters.

The County Executive committee will meet at the court house in Ballinger on the third Monday in June (June 17, 1918) at which time and place said committee will assess against the county candidates the expenses of holding the pending primary election, that is the expenses will be estimated and apportioned. State and district candidates can only be assessed \$1 and this is optional with said committee. At the general committee meeting in June (June 17,) the county chairman must and will appoint a sub-committee of five members which sub-committee will meet on the second Monday in July and make up the official ballot which last named sub-committee will determine the place or order of names on the ballot, but each candidate must prior thereto have paid to the county chairman the assessment for the office place applied for.

"Unless otherwise arranged the precinct chairman in each voting box will be the presiding officer at said election, having authority to select such assistance as he may require, etc.

"At the third called session of the Thirty-Fifth legislature of the states of Texas, there was passed and approved Governor Hobby an act, known as "The Woman Suffrage Act" which provides that women may vote in primary election and providing certain qualifications and restrictions, the substance of which law has been and is here construed to as follows,—women offering to vote must possess the general qualifications of male voters, that is each female voter (married or single) must be 21 years old at the time she of-

fers to vote (July 27) must have resided in Texas twelve months and in the county six months next preceding said election (and not otherwise disqualified same as the men) except that women are not required to have paid a poll tax for this year.

"After this year, in order to be qualified voters, women must pay poll tax, certify to age, residence, occupation, etc., just the same as male voters. "The woman suffrage law provides that women must register in cities of ten thousand population and over; before they will be permitted to vote. That provision of the law does not apply to Rummels county, and the women of this county will be entitled to vote without any restriction further than being at least twenty-one years old, and having resided here at least six months prior to the rate of the election and having resided within the state for one year prior to the time of offering to vote.

"Fraudulent voting is made a penal offense under the law and parties convicted of fraudulent voting can be sent to the pen for a term of at least two years. A fraudulent voter is one who swears they are qualified to vote when they are not."

A CHILD HATES OIL, CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if cross, sick, feverish, constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep their harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a small bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

RETURN TO GEORGIA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nixon, of Covington, Ga., who had been visiting his brother, G. B. and Bill Nixon the last several weeks, left for their home Monday afternoon.

WILL DEMONSTRATE ROTARY GIN FILER

R. B. Creasy left Monday afternoon for Houston to attend the meeting of the agents of the National Oil Mill association, at which time a large crowd from all over the United States is expected. Mr. Creasy shipped out a day or two ago one of his latest improved rotary gin filers, which he will demonstrate at this meeting.

WATER WELL HAS TURNED TO OIL WELL

Robert Lee, Texas, June 4. — Within seventy-five yards from the Skinner oil well on the McCabe ranch, at the water well from which water is pumped by a windmill, gas bubbles were noticed the first of the week and it was also noticed that the stock refused to drink the water. Upon examination it was discovered that the windmill was pumping oil as well as water. The well is about sixty feet deep and it is presumed that oil from the same vein as that of the oil well broke into the water well.

Be WISE and Advertise

IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY?

For young men who learn the cotton business there is great opportunity. In the South, there are from twelve to fourteen million bales of cotton raised annually. Every bale has to be classified from one to four times, seldom by the same man twice. Until the last four years, there have been no training school along this line, consequently the supply of men for this work is limited. Again, there are being erected in this country thousands of warehouses, and every warehouse requires two or three men to handle the cotton. The young man trained scientifically can command these places better than the one who has learned by guess.

Every young man of the South Land should know the classification, preservation and handling of cotton. It is our leading product and will continue to be. Of the world's production, about sixteen million bales annually, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Georgia supply 85 per cent of this total. More money is lost each year by the farmers on the marketing of this product than all other crops combined. The man raising it often knows nothing about marketing it and is therefore wholly at the mercy of the man who is buying. The facts are we lose thousands of dollars each year for lack of trained men. Some buyers will grade your cotton Strict Low Middling and pay you accordingly, when in reality, your cotton is Middling, and you are entitled to the higher price, which is no small gain. You see the necessity of knowing how to grade your own cotton. In four weeks time, we can prepare you to save this year more than double the cost of your learning, which is only \$30.00.

We have been asked, "How do you teach Cotton Grading so successfully?" The one answer is this: We believe the time has come when the South Land needs to know more about her leading product; when the farmer should know more about marketing the crop which he labors so earnestly to produce; and which means meat—bread—and clothing to his family. To this end, we have equipped our department so that efficient teaching may be done. Our teachers understand classing, buying and selling from a practical standpoint, and are expert in the training of students. Our head teacher of this department is constantly in touch with the Agricultural Department at Washington, which lends much to his strength. We have a cotton exchange board, with telegraph instruments attached, giving Liverpool, New York and New Orleans markets. We purchase samples in quantities of three to four thousand, in addition to the Government Types. For full particulars, fill and mail for free catalogue. Name Address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

RETURNED HOME FROM DEMING, NEW MEXICO

J. D. Ladwig and T. R. Collins, of our city, and Young Graves, of Wingate, returned home Monday night from Deming, New Mexico, where they had been to enlist in the army, were not accepted on account of physical defects.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS. For Treasurer: W. L. BROWN. For Assessor: J. N. KEY. JACK N. MCKAY. For Commissioner No. 4: J. A. CURRY. J. E. TIDWELL. For Tax Collector: M. D. CHASTAIN. For County Superintendent: JOHN J. BUGG. S. L. BIRD. For Representative 111 District: C. R. STEPHENS. For County Clerk: C. W. McCARVER. For Commissioner No. 3: J. D. SMITH. For District Clerk: C. C. COCKRELL. MRS. L. H. BACON. For Commissioner No. 1: J. R. HARRIS.

**NOTED LECTURER
ON TEMPERANCE
ENDORSES TANLAC**

Mrs. Martin Stone Was For Years Associated With Founder of W. C. T. U.

One of the features that distinguishes Tanlac from all other proprietary medicines is the large number of prominent people who everywhere are giving it their unqualified endorsement. Among the statements recently received at the Tanlac office is one in particular that is sure to arouse widespread interest throughout the country, having been made by Mrs. Martha R. Stone, of 7225, 3rd Avenue, North West, Seattle, Washington, noted temperance lecturer who for many years was associated with the late Francis E. Willard, founder of the W. C. T. U. In relating her experience with Tanlac Mrs. Stone said:

"I think it is the duty of everyone who has been relieved as I have to do what they can to help others; therefore it gives me much pleasure to tell of the benefits I have derived from the use of Tanlac. "I was a great sufferer for many years with nervous trouble, which became so bad that I had to take to my bed, where I lay for six weeks entirely helpless and unable to move. The least little noise would excite me, and I was told I would excite me, and I was told that my entire nervous system had suffered a total collapse. You see, I had passed through the great San Francisco fire in which I lost everything I possessed, and the experience was a severe shock to my already overwrought nerves. When at last I was able to get out of bed I would have such awful dizzy spells that everything in my room seemed to spin around as though I was in the center of a whirlpool. My stomach was so weak and my appetite so poor that I hardly ate a thing, and what little I forced down soured and formed gas that pressed up into my throat and in my chest and made me so hoarse that it was an effort for me to speak. I also suffered much pain in the lower part of my body from this same gas pressure. My liver, too, was all out of order and my kidneys gave me no end of trouble.

"When my son-in-law saw that the medicines I was taking were doing me no good, he induced me to try Tanlac, as he said it had done him so much good he believed it would help me too. To oblige him I got me a bottle and the first few doses soon convinced me that it was just what I needed, and my first bottle put me right on my feet. I am now on my second bottle and am in splendid shape, for my nerves are practically in a normal state for the first time in all these years, which I consider a remarkable thing. I have a fine appetite and can eat most anything I want without suffering any unpleasantness afterwards. Tanlac is fast helping me to overcome my troubles, and I feel that I am getting on just fine ever since I began taking it."

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 Tokcen by J. W. Bright.

RETURNED TUESDAY FROM SAN ANTONIO

R. P. Conn and son, C. B., and Miss Ethel Bair returned home Tuesday afternoon from San Antonio and other points in that section, where they had been visiting the past two weeks. Mrs. Conn accompanied them to that section and will remain with relatives a few weeks longer before returning home. Mr. Conn says they made the return trip without a mishap to the "Tin Henry" and made the last 200 miles from Seguin to Ballinger in a day's time. They report an exceedingly delightful visit.

WILL BE WITH F. & M. BANK.

E. F. Melburn, of Otto, Texas, who had just accepted a position with the F. & M. Bank of our city left Tuesday afternoon for his home and will return to Ballinger July 1st to begin upon his duties.

Mrs. C. G. Killings and children of Temple, came in Monday to visit her father L. H. Hamilton and family, and her brother, P. H. Hamilton, a week or two.

**CAVALRY GIFT
POSTPONED WEEK**

On account of the delay in receiving more than one hundred wrist watches, ordered for the members of the local cavalry company, the entertainment scheduled for Friday evening, has been postponed until some time next week.

A telegram received Wednesday stated that only part of the watch order could be filled this week. In the meantime the committee in charge is working out a good program and the boys who have volunteered will be given a great "send off."

**MARRIED MEN IN
NEW REGISTER LIST**

Up to 2:30 Wednesday afternoon 111 young men had registered at the local draft board, complying with the draft law calling for all men who have become 21 years old since last registration day one year ago.

Jack Singletary was the first young man to sign a registration card in this the second registration in America. All young men in the county are registering at Ballinger, there being no other place in the county specified for this work, and the draft board having charge of the work.

Out of the 111 who had registered up to 2:30, sixteen were married men. Only one negro had called to register and five Mexicans. It is not believed that the total will amount to more than 200.

**FIGHTING GERMANS
FROM EVERY ANGLE**

The American friendship enjoyed by the German nation prior to the breaking of relations between the two countries has been changed to a prejudice that can never be overcome. The American people are fighting Germanism in its every form while the American soldiers are fighting the German soldiers.

Two petitions are in circulation in Ballinger today, petitions prepared and sent out by the Council of National Defense with a statement asking that they be rapidly pushed in an effort to secure twenty million names to them before the end of the week.

One of the petition pledges the signer to never again knowingly buy an article of goods made in Germany. It is a united effort to forever hereafter stop the importing of German-made goods. There are some in Ballinger who have refused to sign this petition.

The other petition is one asking that all newspapers, magazines, etc., printed in the German language in the United States be suppressed. This petition is not so popular as the first one but it is being numerously signed.

The Council of National Defense is carrying on a campaign against everything that in the smallest way relates to Germany. America has made it known that there will be no treating with the Kaiser, and nothing short of extermination now seems to be acceptable to the defenders of democracy.

NOTICE TO WOOL GROWERS.

In order to ship all wool before the advance in freight rates and to get the advantage of ear load rates to Boston it will be necessary to have all wools at Ballinger Compress on or before Wednesday, June 12th, 1918.

Just as soon as wool can be arranged date for shipment will be selected, probably June 16th. If you cannot be present on that date be certain to leave your weight sheet with me and I will be glad to attend to same for you.

The Government has fixed the prices for the 1918 clip on the basis of the July 30th, 1917 prices at Atlantic Seaboard Markets. These values are figured on a scoured basis and are roughly speaking, from \$1.40 to \$1.75 per pound. The wool is to be handled through approved dealers authorized by the War Industries Board and the dealers will be located in Eastern Distributing Centers. Clips will be handled entirely on a commission basis which will be paid by the Government.

Tags, bucks, black and other recognized discount fleeces will be paid for at prices fixed by the Government. Wool sacks will be

paid for in the same manner.

If desired by grower, agent of the consignee, will make an advance at time of shipment of approximately 75 per cent of the value at the rate of 6 per cent interest per annum. Government will allow the grower interest on entire value of wool from the time of arrival of shipment at destination. As soon as the wool can be appraised returns will be made after deducting freight.

The only expense to be paid here will be the local charges at Compress covering weighing, loading, etc.

R. G. ERWIN, Sec.

**MORTUARY.
DIED.**

Mrs. Mary Sudduth died at her home at the Star Wagon Yard in Ballinger Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock from bowel trouble, and the body was prepared for burial by Joe Ostertag, of the Lankford Undertaking parlors and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the City Cemetery Wednesday

afternoon at four o'clock. She was the wife of Jim Sudduth, proprietor of the Star Wagon Yard and was 62 years of age at the time of her death.

The Ledger joins friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad family in this hour of bereavement.

Rector Henderson of San Angelo, son of the late Sam Henderson, has sold his ranch of 3,000 acres, located twelve miles west of Eden in Concho county, to Robert Wilson, of Point, Raines county. The consideration was \$60,000, according to the Eden Echo, which says: "This is one of the finest and best improved ranches in this section, being well watered and fenced wolf-proof. Mr. Wilson is a brother of Mrs. W. T. Sudduth of Eden."

Miss Gladys Sisson and little sister, Miss Vern, left Monday for Dallas, where Miss Gladys will resume her duties as a trained nurse and the little girl will join her married sister and return home the last of the week.

**Having Purchased
BANKRUPT STOCK**

at 38c on the dollar, will open **SALE** on same for ten days only commencing

Friday, June 7th

CASH ONLY

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LADIES SHOES

1,000 pairs Ladies' and Children's Shoes regular price up to \$4.00, Sale.....\$1.00

This lot includes high cuts, slippers, blacks, whites and colors.

All sizes Tennis Shoes50c

DRESS GOODS

One Table Summer Dress Goods, organdies, lawns, etc. Regular price up to 25c. Sale price10c

One Table up to 35c. Sale15c

One Table, 50c and 75c values. Sale.....33c

All our Dress Waisting and Shirting Silks sold at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per yard. Sale.....\$1.00

All seasonable styles.

MIDDIES.

Middies up to \$1.00. Sale50c

Middies up to \$1.50. Sale\$1.00

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

Clean up table up to 10c. Sale2c

Clean up table up to 25c. Sale10c

Fine line high grade lace and embroidery, regular price up to \$1.00 yard, at 1-2 price.

STANDARD CORSETS.

One lot up to \$1.00 values. Sale25c

One lot up to \$2.00 values. Sale\$1.00

One lot up to \$3.50 values. Sale\$2.00

Don't forget date, June 7th to 15th. No approvals or charges.

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Ladies Department Hutchins Avenue

D. REEDER

Men's Department Eighth Street



With Our Boys in Khaki and Blue



LEFT TO JOIN MARINES.

Three of Ballinger's favorite young men left Monday afternoon for Houston en route to Virginia, where they will enter upon their army duties in the U. S. Marines. They were: Clarence (Son) Armstrong, Billie M. Hardin and Joe "eroggin's."

These boys are splendid examples of physical manhood, and when weighed just before leaving, tipped the scales at 170 pounds each for Billie Hardin and Son Armstrong, and 179 pounds for Joe "eroggin's, an aggregate weight of 519 pounds. They were in fine leath and left with the full determination to get the Feiser, if the war doesn't close before they get over to the fighting line.

Mrs. W. L. McAulay and son,

Garland, of the Maverick country, came in Monday to meet her son, Sam McAulay, who came in at noon from Camp Bowie to visit his parents and friends on a short furlough, the first time he has been home since he entered the army last winter.

Arthur Massey returned home Monday morning from New Mexico and Arizona, where he had been for several weeks past, and will visit home folks a few days before getting ready for Uncle Sam's service.

E. T. Branham, of the Winters country, E. D. Bowen, of the Hat-chel country, and Claud Tubbs, of the Valley Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger First Monday.

NEW PERFECTION

OIL COOK STOVES

Saving Coal Helps Win the War

You can help send shiploads of coal to our allies and carloads to America's war industries—use a New Perfection Oil Cook Stove. Burns kerosene—gives clean intense heat and dependable results, like gas.

The Long Blue Chimney Burner of New Perfection Stoves is the secret of their success—why they are used in 3,000,000 homes.

New Perfection Ovens bake perfectly because of correct heat circulation. Have glass doors. Fit any stove. Sold by hardware and housefurnishing stores. New Perfection booklet sent on request.

THE CLEVELAND METAL PRODUCTS CO.
7000 Platt Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

NOTICE TO DEALERS—The Magnolia Petroleum Company are distributors of these products in your locality. Complete stocks are carried by them at conveniently located points and they are prepared to render the best possible service and co-operation.

SAVE THE NATION'S COAL

RAIN HEAVY ONLY IN FEW PLACES

Local rains amounting to good seasons in some places and only light showers in places, fell in this county and adjoining counties Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday. After the two days' threats there are wet spots and dry spots throughout this section of the state.

Adjoining counties received only partial rains. The rain amounted to a smuch as three inches in certain localities, while the line was drawn and only a few miles away only a light sprinkle fell.

South of Ballinger an inch of rain fell on the Bruce and Fowler farms and in that neighborhood. West of Ballinger a strip of country received a good rain.

Heavy showers fell east of Ballinger on Mustang, while Hatchel and the country towards Winters received a good wetting. The West Texas Telephone Company reports rain at their stations as follows:

- Bangs, no rain.
- Brady, good.
- Burkett, three inches.
- Blanket, good.

- Bronte 1-4 inch.
- Coleman, 2 1-5 inches.
- Goldthwaite, none.
- Hatchel, 1 1-2 inches.
- Indian Creek, light.
- Mason, light.
- Mullen, none.
- Paint Rock, 1-2 inch.
- Roehelle, good.
- San Saba, none.
- Santa Anna, showers.
- San Angelo, no rain.
- Talpa, 1-2 inch.
- Valera, 1 1-2 inches.
- Winters, 2 1-2 or 3 inches.
- Waldrup, good rain.
- Wingate, good rain.
- Brooksmith, good rain—river out of banks.
- Sterling, one inch.
- Goldbuck, 2 inches.
- Miles, light.
- Ovalo, 3-4 inch.
- Stacy, 2 inches.
- Zephyr, none.

Lame Back Relieved.

For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

S. T. Wood of the Mud Creek country was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to the address of his son, L. F. Wood in the army camp near San Diego.



LA PERLA

THE DRINK THAT SATISFIES

(NON-ALCOHOLIC)

Is Fit For All Occasions

BECAUSE it quenches the thirst, with the old-time flavor that reaches the spot, and is wholesome and invigorating. Wherever soft beverages are sold La Perla is a prime favorite. At Clubs, Army Exchanges and soda fountains it leads all other soft beverages—because it is snappy, sparkling and tastes good to the last drop.

Try it today—then have a case sent home.

San Antonio Brewing Association
NATHAN PASSUR Agent and Distributor.

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

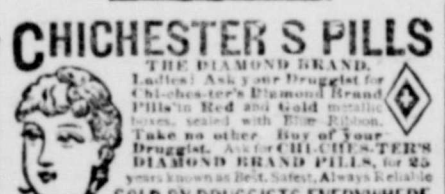
ORDERED TO FIGHT OR LEAVE HOME

Lancaster, Pa., June 3.—"Either join the Marines or leave home." This was the ultimatum issued to Frank A. Laudenberg, a silk weaver, of Marietta, Pa., by his patriotic wife.

When Laudenberg appeared before Sergeant Jim Gauder, of the local recruiting station recently, he was told that he would have to obtain his wife's consent before he could be accepted.

"Consent?" he asked, laughingly. "Why, she told me that any man who called himself a man would be fighting for his country and that I would have to enlist in the Marines or leave home. Guess that's enough consent, isn't it?"

Laudenberg was immediately accepted and his spartan wife was on hand at the depot to see that he surely got on his way to help make the world "safe for democracy."



CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills. They are the only pills that will cure all the ills of women. They are gentle, reliable, and never fail. Buy your pills from a reliable Druggist. CHICHESTER'S PILLS, 10c per box. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

FORMER BALLINGERITES.

Paul Trimmer is just back from a trip to Waco and Fort Worth, and while in the latter city visited all the old Ballingerites. Judge Stone has just sold the residence he first bought when he went to Fort Worth and has again purchased a \$15,000.00 home in the swellest residence section in Fort Worth and will move there about July 1st. He found the J. B. Wade family well and happy. Judge Griggs has another position, he is now with the Fred Jones Auto Co., as bookkeeper. This company is agent for the Ford car in Fort Worth. Mrs. Griggs and the girls are in fine health.

There was a case of scarlet fever in the Wilmett home, but nothing serious. He found the firm of Bryan, Stone & Wade doing a fine business and working two stenographers, and wanting another.

Morgan and Hawkins vainly argued and pleaded with the crowd, which fell back a moment to cheer Blake and Bessie rode up in their car. A man climbed a pole and shouted the news of the blood-stained sock. This set the mob into a frenzy. The sheriff and his deputies were swept from their feet and the two prisoners torn from their grasp



VENGEANCE AND THE WOMAN

EPISODE 15.

Stretching his hungry mouth over the crying infant, the bear was in the act of picking up Baby Blake in his teeth when Black Jack reined up at the door of the shepherd's cabin. The outlaw carried in his hands the pail of milk he had bought from the squaw. He heard the child's wails, and smiled as he entered at the pleasure of quieting him with the milk.

The outlaw grasped the situation at a glance. He had no rifle or pistol, nor was there a second to be spared to seek a weapon. Seizing a heavy stick of firewood, he sprang forward and struck the bear on the flank. The brute snarled savagely and turning, allowed Black Jack to get between him and the baby. Again, the man swung his club, and raising on his hind legs, the animal backed out of the cabin.

Weakened by pain and loss of blood, Black Jack wrestled and fought, his arms and shoulders cruelly ripped by the bear's claws, but all the time crowding the animal back to the edge of a cliff in front of the cabin. He was on the point of collapse, when by a last desperate shove, he sent the bear over the cliff and staggering back to the cabin, fell senseless by the door.

Down at Blake's home found Bessie dry-eyed, but her face speaking the agony she was enduring, seated on the porch, her husband striving to console and encourage her with words of encouragement he did not feel. Morgan and Hawkins rode up; they had been in the saddle all night.

The postman arrived at this moment and handed Blake a letter. His face paled at the signature and he turned quickly from his wife.

"Black Jack," he exclaimed under his breath. "He wasn't killed after all." Then he opened the letter which bore this scrawl:—"Governor Blake" A free pardon, and \$10,000 for a get-away and I'll hand over your kid. Otherwise, he'll be as dead as you thought I was. Answer through the newspapers."

Blake was in a terrible dilemma. Bessie clasped his hands, pleading with him to promise anything to get back their baby. But the father's face was hard, as he replied:

"Pardon that murdering villain and reward him—never! My oath of office binds me to the State."

Black Jack awakened hours later and his first glance was to the blanket. The baby was gone. He rose painfully to his feet and examined the cabin, but found no clue to the missing Blake infant. A drink from a well-worn flask gave him strength and he studied the paths leading to the cabin, and on one found imprints of a moccasin.

Not all night, he knew then the squaw had taken the child and hurried on up the trail.

Not a rifle shot distant, the old squaw sat on a stump rocking the baby to and fro. There Black Jack found her, and when he threatened her angrily, she replied:

"Me saw bear fight you. Fraid he get white porpoose. Took him away."

The outlaw assured her the porpoose was his and hers and she readily agreed to return with him to the cabin to care for the baby. Helpless now from the pain in his shoulder, Black Jack watched the squaw as she heated the milk and fed the infant and after she had gone, he attempted to go to the child, but his legs gave way.

He reached a table and wrote a note which he pinned to the baby's blanket. Then picking up the child, he managed to get onto his horse and swaying from weakness started off in the darkness to town.

Muttons, worried about the news of the abduction, hurried to his cabin to find it empty. He found a basin of bloody water, bits of bandages and an infant's sock covered with blood. He put this in his pocket and left the cabin.

Derk was polishing glasses in Curley Brown's former saloon when Muttons entered and the two engaged in a whispered conversation. He showed the sock, but the bartender, in alarm, covered it with a hand and pointed to a man apparently drunk and asleep on a table. The man was Johnson, one of Morgan's deputies and he had heard and seen everything, and presently he slipped unnoticed from the saloon.

In Barksdale, a score of heavily armed men, including Blake, were in Sheriff Morgan's office, with the telephone rang and Johnson told his chief what he had seen and heard.

"Arrest them both and bring them to Barksdale on the next train," ordered Morgan.

Back in the mountain saloon, Muttons and Derk were still conversing at the bar when Johnson and other deputies returned and placed them under arrest.

Barksdale streets were jammed with excited persons clamoring for summary justice for the men who had stolen the governor's child. Word had spread of the arrests and when the train pulled in with Muttons and Derk, the square about the station rang with shouts of "lynch them."

Rheumatism Relief -- 25c.

Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), Are Helping Thousands Who Tried Expensive Things Without Result. It's Guaranteed.

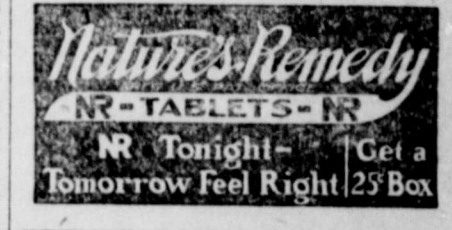
There are three vital processes of human existence—the digestion of food, the extraction of nourishment from it and the elimination of waste. Poor digestion and assimilation means failure to derive full nourishment from food and that in turn offers means impoverished blood, weakness, anemia, etc. Poor elimination means an accumulation of waste matter, which poisons the body, lowers vitality, decreases the power of resistance to disease and leads to the development of many serious ills.

Rheumatism, due to some interference with the process of elimination, cannot be expected to yield to any medicine that fails to correct the condition. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is a natural remedy that offers any reasonable person expect to rid himself of rheumatic pain as long as rheumatic poison is allowed to remain in the body.

Think of this. It explains the success of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) in so many cases where other medicines have failed. Thousands are using NR Tablets every day and getting relief. Why pay for uncertain things? A box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), containing enough to last twenty-five days, must help you. Must give you prompt relief and satisfactory benefit or cost you nothing.

Nature's Remedy is not only for the relief of rheumatism. It improves digestion, tones the liver, improves kidney and bowel action, improves the circulation, cleanses the system. You've tried the expensive medicines and doctors, now make the real test. You'll get results this time. Just try it. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

WEEDS DRUG STORE
Ballinger, Texas



REV. E. R. STANFORD
TAKES WAR BRIDE

The following announcement was received in Ballinger Saturday:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Wright announce the marriage of their daughter,

Elizabeth Gooch, to
Chaplain Edward Rosemond Stanford, First Lieutenant United States National Army

On Tuesday, the twenty-first of May, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

Travis Park Methodist church, San Antonio, Texas.

Chaplain Stanford will kindly be remembered in Ballinger as pastor of the Methodist church, having been succeeded here by the present pastor, Rev. J. B. Curry. Rev. Stanford was transferred from Ballinger to Fort Worth and with the declaration of war he resigned as pastor of a Fort Worth church and volunteered for service in the army as a chaplain. He has many friends here who extend congratulations and best wishes.

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

ALL SCARLET FEVER PATIENTS RELEASED

Dr. E. R. Walker, the city health officer told us Saturday that he had just released from the quarantine the last scarlet fever case in the city and Ballinger is now clear of the disease for the present.

Stop Corn Agony In Four Seconds

Use "Gets-It"—See Corns Peel Off!
The relief that "Gets-It" gives from corn-pains—the way it makes corns and calluses peel off painlessly in one piece—is one of the wonders of the world. The woman in

"Get Me 'Gets-It' Quick! It Eases Corn Pains and Makes Corns Peel Right Off!"



the home, the shopper, the dancer, the foot traveler, the man in the office, the clerk in the store, the worker in the shop, have today, in this great discovery, "Gets-It," the one sure, quick relief from all corns and callus pains—the one sure, painless remover that makes corns peel off as easily as you would peel a banana. It takes 2 seconds to apply "Gets-It"; it dries at once. Then walk with painless joy even with tight shoes. You know your corn will loosen from your toe—peel it off with your fingers. Try it, corn sufferers, and you'll smile.

"Gets-It," the guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, the only sure way, costs but a trifle at any drug store. It's sold by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

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Grandma Talks About Babies

Has a large Circle of Listeners Who Profit by Her Wisdom and Experience.



In almost any community there is a grandma who knows Mother's Friend. Not only is she the recipient of her own experience, but it was through her recommendation that so many expectant mothers derived the comfort and blessing of this famous remedy.

Mother's Friend is an external application prepared especially for expectant mothers after the formula of a noted family physician. It certainly has a wonderful effect in relieving tension brought about by expanding muscles, and is a most grateful encouragement to the woman awaiting motherhood.

The action of Mother's Friend makes the muscles firm, pliant and responsive. When baby arrives they expand easily, and pain and danger at the crisis is naturally less.

Strain upon the nerves and ligaments is lessened and in place of a period of discomfort and consequent dread, it is a season of calm repose and happy anticipation.

Mother's Friend enables the mother to preserve her health and natural grace and she remains a pretty mother by having avoided the pain and suffering which more often than otherwise accompanies such an occasion when nature is unaided.

Write the Bradford Regulator Co., Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for their "Motherhood Book," so valuable to expectant mothers, and in the meantime do not by any chance fail to purchase a bottle of Mother's Friend from the druggist and thus fortify yourself against pain and discomfort. Mother's Friend should be applied night and morning with the utmost regularity.

CALL FOR BOYS TO GO TO COTTON PATCH

Scout Master, Rev. J. H. King, states that it had been suggested to him that the Boy Scouts be called together and drafted into service of cotton chopping. Rev. King states that he had this matter under consideration, but in view of the fact that most of the members of the local troop are already on the farm at work, he had not called on them to wage war on General Green.

However, Rev. King is making a call for the boys who have not gone to the farm to meet him at the Scout hall at six o'clock this afternoon. Any other boys who wish to join the move on the cotton patch are invited to meet with the scouts. Those who are already at work on the farm are not expected to attend the meeting called.

MARINES ENLIST TWO MEN AT BALLINGER

The enlistment of two Ballinger boys in the United States marine corps was reported in San Angelo Wednesday by Corporal Russell V. Smith of the local station. Billie M. Hardin and Clarence L. Armstrong were the recruits. They will leave on next Monday for Paris Island, South Carolina, where they will enter upon a three months' course of training before being assigned to active duty.

The local marine office during May, to date, has accepted twelve men. Since the station was opened on April 15 by Sergeant Charles M. Michael a total of eighteen men has been enlisted, and sent to Paris Island. — San Angelo Standard.

Dr. L. B. Stephens. Hours 7:30 to 12 and 1 to 6. Phone 614. Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Errors in refraction corrected and Glasses Fitted. Office over Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Ballinger.

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NOTICE. Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on H. Gleescke, Ballinger, Texas.

WOMAN TO HAVE BIG HAND IN WAR WORK TO SAFE GUARD WORKING BOYS HEALTH

Runnels County women are to be organized for a greater war work, and within a few days this county will have a branch of the Council of National Defense composed of the women of the county, or as many as will join and assist in the work.

This became known Friday when Mrs. Scott H. Mack received a letter from Mrs. Fred Fleming, of Dallas, asking her to take charge of the work in this county and act as county chairman for the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

Mrs. Mack has never faltered when called on to assist in work of this kind and she is busy arranging to visit the other places in the county and will organize the county committee. She is calling on other ladies of the city and the members of the Council of National Defense to aid her in the work, and a meeting will be held at Ballinger next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, the meeting to be held in the Radford building on Eighth Street, at which time the committee will be organized here.

The work of the Council of National Defense is of such nature that the various war committees and clubs will be called on to cooperate, and Mrs. Fleming, the state chairman, states that there is much for the women to do.

All the ladies and members of the Council of National Defense are urged to be present at the meeting to be held Tuesday afternoon.

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.

RETURNED HOME.

Mrs. Preston Hunt, of Texarkana, and Mrs. Wolverton and little baby daughter Winifred, of Mart, who had been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutton and Ballinger friends, the past week or ten days, returned home Saturday afternoon.

W. C. Penn, the jovial cotton man, had business at Rowena between trains Monday.

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Every day we are told that "Food Will Win the War." Our soldiers in France must have food. Our splendid Allies are badly in need of food. The Belgians have ever been starving for want of food.

This year's harvest in America is, therefore, of greater importance than any other in our history, and to meet the present deficiency in farm labor, the Government has created the U. S. Boys Working Reserve. This organization will soon place on Texas farms several thousand boys, sixteen to twenty-one years of age, to help with the harvesting during the summer.

In justice to the boy harvesters, and as a guarantee to the communities to which the boys will return in the Fall, the County Councils of Defense in cooperation with the County Directories of the U. S. Boys Working Reserve are asked to see that boys are placed only on farms where there are wholesome living conditions. To insure this protection, every farm on which a boy is placed is supposed to be first inspected and certified by a competent committee appointed for that purpose.

These Committees will be furnished with a list of housing and sanitation requirements for "Certified Farms." A leaflet has also been prepared for the personal use of the boys while on the farms, entitled "Why You Should Keep Well, and How to Do It," the purpose of which is to help the recruit the maximum amount of service to the Nation in the present war time crisis.

Every boy, before leaving home, should be given a thorough physical examination by a competent physician, and should be vaccinated against smallpox and typhoid fever.

CLEANSSES YOUR HAIR MAKES IT BEAUTIFUL, THICK, GLOSSY, WAVY. Try this! All dandruff disappears and hair stops coming out.

Surely try a "Dandarine Hair Cleanse" if you wish to immediately double the beauty of your hair. Just moisten a cloth with Dandarine, and draw it carefully through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; this will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or any excessive oil—in a few minutes you will be amazed. Your hair will be wavy, fluffy and abundant and possess an incomparable softness, lustre and luxuriance.

Besides beautifying the hair, one application of Dandarine dissolves every particle of dandruff; invigorates the scalp, stopping itching and falling hair. Dandarine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating stimulating and life-producing properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

You can surely have pretty, soft, lustrous hair, and lots of it, if you will spend a few cents for a small bottle of Knowlton's Dandarine from any drug store of toilet counter and try it as directed.

RED CROSS REPORT BY GENERAL SUPERVISOR. Attendance in hospital garment department, 78. Number of garments made, 97. Attendance in cutting department, 7. Number garments cut, 76. Workers in surgical dressings department, 83. Number of dressings made, 1021. The Supervisor of the knitting, requests that all knitters bring in their finished garments by Thursday, June 6th. A shipment of the knitted garments will be made the last of the week. The Rowena Auxiliary are making hospital garments. They sent in twenty under-drawers this week. The garments were perfectly made. Norton and Wingate are making the refugee garments. A report of their work will be given later.



War-Time Responsibility—Yours and Ours



National necessity has put a new responsibility on every motorist. Utmost service is demanded—the highest usefulness of yourself and your car. Service and economy are your only considerations. Our responsibility goes hand in hand with yours. As the largest rubber manufacturer in the world, it is our duty to supply you with tires of unfailing reliability and extreme mileage. United States Tires are more than making good in this time of stress. They are setting new mileage records—establishing new standards of continuous service—effecting greater economy by reducing tire cost per mile. There is a United States Tire for every car—passenger or commercial—and every condition of motoring. The nearest United States Sales and Service Depot dealer will cheerfully aid you in fitting the right tire to your needs.

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MINISTER KELLY OUT ON BOND

To The Standard: San Angelo, Texas, May 30.—I have just read in yesterday's Standard an account as to my brother, J. W. Kelly's arrest. Now, this statement as given by you is not correct, and I ask you in justice to myself, as well as my brother, that you correct same. In the first place, my brother is a resident of Ballinger, Texas, and not of Richland Springs, as you state; and next he was arrested on last Friday afternoon at Winters, and not Saturday as you state. He was held in jail from the time of his arrest until Monday afternoon, before any charges were filed against him. Myself, as well as others, had been waiting in San Angelo since Saturday afternoon to furnish bond, but could do nothing until a complaint had been filed. You also state in your paper "Kelly waived examining trial," which is correct. You also state, "and was returned to jail under a bond of \$2,500, which he was unable to furnish." Now, as to the amount of bond you are correct, but as to his being returned to jail because he could not furnish bond is absolutely false, as the bond was made at once by J. D. Shipman and myself, and he was at once released. Now Jesse Couch, J. D. Shipman, Mr. Flint, the ranger, also Wayne Greene, deputy sheriff, will verify these facts.

I also wish to state I did not ask a man to sign his bond. It was voluntary on Mr. Shipman's part, and a number of other good men, while in San Angelo and since I have returned home, have offered their assistance, for which I thank them very much. Now, Mr. Editor, this came up mainly by newspapers not giving facts, so I ask, in all kindness, that you make this correction. Yours very truly, W. N. KELLY. —San Angelo Standard.

The Doctor Away From Home When Most Needed. People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like pain in the stomach and bowels, colic and diarrhoea require prompt treatment, and have in many instances, proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you can escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life.

NERVOUS, RUN-DOWN, HAGGARD-LOOKING. Women and men suffer from blood and nerve conditions for which it is impossible to conceive of a better remedy than Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepton taken in conjunction, one before eating and the other after. These two great medicines aid each other, and it is economy to take both, a four-fold benefit being derived. Pepton is the ideal iron preparation—no injury to teeth, no constipating effect. All druggists. C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

SANTA FE TRAINS SHORTEN RUNNING TIME

That branch of the Santa Fe upon which Ballinger is located inaugurates a new time card Sunday. The new schedule will shorten the running time between Temple and San Angelo fifteen minutes and brings the trains into Ballinger from the east a few minutes later and makes the departure of the afternoon train a few minutes later. Train No. 77 due here now at 12:50 will arrive, beginning Sunday at 12:35. Train No. 78, which is due now to depart at 3:50 will leave at 4:20. Train No. 75 due here from Temple at 11:50 at night will arrive at 11:30. Only three minutes change takes place in the morning train arriving here from San Angelo at 9:35. Beginning Sunday it will arrive at 9:32. This change is made possible by the replacing of light steel rails on this branch of the track with heavy steel. The track laying crew is rapidly filling in the gap, and when the track is completed it is probable that the time will be again shortened.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST OBSERVED HERE

The business houses of Ballinger closed at ten o'clock Thursday morning and remained closed until two o'clock in the afternoon in keeping with a proclamation issued by the president, and seconded by the state and city officials throughout the American nation, and many people assembled and spent four hours in prayer and fasting. The meeting here was held in the Radford building and the program as published in this paper was carried out. A ten minutes recess was given at noon, but many of the people did not leave the hall. All business was suspended and those who did not attend the meeting spent the time at home or idle the time away on the streets. The American president took the lead in this great call, and issued the proclamation. The American president realizes the need of the hour, and he has called on the people to follow him in appealing to God for divine guidance in the great work. Today's messages from Washington tell us that the American president attended church, praying for victory and later participated in impressive memorial day ceremonies.

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J. A. Nichols was in the city Saturday and informed us that he and his family are now comfortably situated back on their farm southwest of Ballinger, and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

ECZEMA IS ONLY SKIN DEEP. No internal medicine will cure Eczema. Only the application of CRANOLENE, the great external remedy, can the eczema microbes be destroyed. Prove this statement for yourself at our expense. Write for free test treatment, address Mills Chemical Co., Dept. D, Girard, Kas. "Sleeps Like a Plow Boy" Suffered for 20 years with Eczema in its worst form. Affected all over the body. CRANOLENE left me as fine as white silk, and I sleep like a plow boy." J. McCracken, Johnson City, Tenn. (Written 2 years after using Cranolene.) At all drug stores 25c, \$1 and \$2.50. For sale by J. V. Pearce. Money Returned if Not Satisfied.

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MONEY today is vital to humanity, its business and commerce. The new Currency Law or the Federal Reserve Banking System will promote the prosperity of the Nation's welfare and will do more toward the upbuilding of this country's business than anything in the nation's history.

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PRISONER DROWNS WHEN AUTO HITS SWOLLEN CREEK

Sheriff Perkins received a phone message late this afternoon from J. C. Wall, sheriff at Brady, saying that the body of a Mexican was taken from the Colorado river at Waldrip. The body was in such state that it had to be buried at once, which was done at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

This is the Mexican who was under arrest by Ranger Bun Morgan and was caught in the rise on Elm Creek. Mr. Morgan recovered his car Monday and parties were still searching for the Mexican when the Merican when the news was received that his body had been found.

A Mexican prisoner lost his life, and Bun Morgan, a deputy officer, had a narrow escape late Saturday afternoon when Mr. Morgan drove his auto into Elm Creek at the Rannels Causeway, just as a rise came down in the creek.

Mr. Morgan left Ballinger about five o'clock Saturday afternoon, having in charge a Mexican, wanted for desertion. He was en route to Fort Worth where he was going to deliver the Mexican to the proper army authorities, and was making the trip in his auto. He had planned to drive through to Albany, where he expected to place the Mexican in jail for the night, spend the night with his brother, and continue the trip to Ft. Worth Sunday morning.

The Mexican was apprehended here by State Ranger Jim Flynn a few days ago, and was arrested on charge of desertion, having failed to answer the draft call at Del Rio, Texas. Mr. Flynn could not leave home and had deputized Mr. Morgan to take the Mexican to Fort Worth and receive a reward of \$50 for his delivery.

A short time after noon Saturday heavy rains fell along Elm Creek east of Hatchel. These rains brought down a sudden rise in the creek, and caught Mr. Morgan without warning.

Upon arriving at the Rannels crossing the officer found the

creek on a slight rise, but not too high to prevent crossing at that time. The water came up to the running board of the car, and the driver would have experienced no trouble had he not had the misfortune to kill his engine. When the car struck the water a splash from the water drenched the engine and ignition, making it impossible to start the car after the engine had stopped.

Before the officer and his prisoner could get the car out a wall of water came down, sweeping the car off the causeway and down stream, turning the car over several times.

Preparatory to getting the car out of the water, Mr. Morgan and his prisoner had partly undressed. Mr. Morgan left the car before it went over the causeway, and swimming to a knoll escaped the strong current of the raging stream, and later made his way to safety.

The Mexican was carried down stream with the car, but also made his way to the knoll, and told Mr. Morgan that he could swim to the bank. The officer instructed the Mexican to follow him, and in an attempt to do so, he was carried down stream. The Mexican called for help as he was swept under brush and out of sight.

Up to a late hour Monday the Mexican's body had not been recovered, and some are inclined to the opinion that he did not drown, but drifted down stream and made his escape. Mr. Morgan is positive that the Mexican drowned, as he followed him and saw the water swallow him up, and parties on the opposite bank also saw the Mexican sink and feel sure that his body will be recovered as soon as the water runs down.

The Dodge roadster, almost new, owned by Mr. Morgan was recovered about noon Monday, and brought to a local garage. The car was badly damaged from mud and water, as well as being damaged from the turn over and wash among drift wood.

In this we can say "I told you

so," for it has been predicted for some time that somebody would lose their life at this crossing. Several narrow escapes have been made from accidents and while it has fallen to the lot of a Mexican prisoner to pay the price, it is what might have occurred to some good family, and is what will occur if the people do not rise up and demand at once that safe and sane roads and crossings be constructed.

The issuance of road bonds calls for the building of a bridge over Elm Creek at this point, or at least the steel bridge near Ballinger will be moved to that point. There should be no opposition to the bond issue when the re-vote on the question comes up on June 20th. It should be unanimous.

WORDS FROM HOME.

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Ballinger Citizen.

When a Ballinger citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Ballinger resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from the Walker Drug Co., and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Oetken had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

THREE MEN AFTER BLANTON'S PLACE

Chairman Fred Coekrell of the new Seventeenth Congressional District has received to noon Monday, which is the last day candidates have to file their names the following applications to have names printed on tickets:

Thomas L. Blanton, Abilene, Taylor county.

Oscar Callaway, Comanche, Comanche county.

Joe Adkins, Brady, McCulloch county.

Wm. G. Blackman, Jones county.

Judge Coekrell stated that he did not expect any one else to announce, although the time limit had not expire until midnight, Monday, June 3rd.

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COLORADO CAUSWAY DAMAGED BY RISE

The causeway or concrete bridge spanning the Colorado river at the foot of seventh Street was badly damaged by a ten foot rise in the Colorado river Monday. The approaches to the bridge, or the dirt and rock embankment on both sides of the river, were washed away and one end of the concrete bridge shattered. In fact the river almost changed its channel on the north bank of the river, and a great gulch was cut through the bank next to the bridge, and it will be sometime before repairs can be made after the commissioners' court takes the matter up and decides what to do.

This causeway was constructed two or three years ago at a cost of more than \$5000. Commissioner Kirk estimates that it will cost

at least \$2000 to repair it, and such repairs as might be made would only be temporary and would probably be swept away with the first high water in the river.

This crossing serves a large territory southeast of the city as well as giving a direct road to Paint Rock and Concho county. It is an important crossing on the Colorado river, and as land owners donated the road leading to the crossing the county can't afford to abandon it, but will no doubt take steps to replace it.

Before investing a large amount of money in repairs the court will no doubt make an effort to make the work more permanent and not spend money for what at best would only serve during dry weather.

FARMERS CALLING FOR COTTON CHOPPERS

Fifty men are wanted to leave this city at six o'clock each afternoon to serve as cotton choppers in the fields near Ballinger. Quite a number have been going out, and some of these have not been charging for their services. Some decline to work for nothing.

It has been suggested that the farmers be charged the customary price per acre for the work, and the money earned by the volunteer choppers be donated to the Red Cross.

The farmers are calling for help, and are willing to pay for the help. Those who will be urged to join the volunteers and contribute a few hours work to the Red Cross, and at the same time serve the good purpose of helping the farmers in a time when they need help so badly.

The cars will leave for the farm promptly at six o'clock. Be a volunteer, don't wait for some one to come around and "talk" you in to using your muscles a little. It will give you an appetite for good corn bread, and your sleep will be more peaceful.

MORE MEN OFF TO ARMY CAMPS

The local draft board inducted several men into the army this week, the men being accepted as volunteers from the ranks of the drafted men. These men will be used to fill vacancies in various cantonments and army forts made by the movement of troops to France.

D. O. Knox, of this city, and C. C. Ramsey, who registered here and was under the direction of the local board, but who have been at Hillsboro, left Thursday for Fort Sam Houston.

Roy Roper and Sam Houston Thurman, of this county, will en-train here Saturday, June first, William Claud Stewart, who is at Gilmer, Texas, and Rich Garret, who is at Waxahachie, Texas, but both of whom are registered in this county, will also en train Saturday, and the four last named men will go to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., where they have volunteered for service as stock raisers in the veterinary department.

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WOMEN ORGANIZE COUNCIL DEFENSE

More than one hundred women of this city, and quite a number from Winters and several from Rowena, met at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon and perfected a Woman's Committee of Council of National Defense.

Mrs. Scott H. Maek had been previously appointed county chairman by Mrs. Fred Fleming, State chairman of the organization of Dallas, and Mrs. Maek issued the call for the county meeting.

At the mass meeting Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Maek called the meeting to order, and briefly outlined the purpose of the meeting, after which Rev. R. B. Morgan explained in detail the work of the Council of National Defense and the part the woman's committee was to play in the organization. He told what steps were necessary and after his explanation the committee was organized without delay by the appointment or election of the various officers and committee chairmen and the appointing of committees.

Mrs. F. C. Miller, Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Miss Elizabeth Alexander, and Mrs. Skaggs, of Winters, were appointed to prepare the by-laws. After a brief consultation they adopted the constitution outlined by the state committee and this was approved by the mass meeting.

After brief discussion by various ladies present, the following committees were formed and appointments made, which constitute the Ballinger section of the Rannels County Council of National Defense. Winters, Miles, Rowena, and other precincts are to form like sections and the county organization will be composed of the chairmen of the various committees, making up the executive body.

Food Conservation Committee: Mrs. J. N. McKay, Mrs. U. E. Hartman, Mrs. W. A. Bridwell.

Recreation and Child Welfare Committee: Mrs. L. B. Stephens, Mrs. T. P. Calloway, Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly, Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton.

Education Committee: Mrs. F. C. Miller, Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Mrs. A. S. Love, Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

Registration Committee: Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Mrs. R. P. Kirk, Mrs. E. C. Allison, Miss Fannie Wilmoth.

Chairman Phoning Committee: Mrs. Ben Middleton.

Chairman Publicity Committee: Mrs. A. W. Sledge.

The first lady named in the list of committees is the chairman of that committee.

Preceding the appointment of committees, Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn was elected first vice-chairman and Mrs. J. H. King, second vice-chairman, and Miss Lucile Powell, secretary and treasury.

The dues were fixed at ten cents per quarter, or forty cents per year, and practically all the ladies present joined the council.

The next meeting will be held

at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Tuesday, June 18.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED

WANTED—All the voters in Rannels County to know that, as Miss Mary Phillips is out of town, consequently as her Deputy, I have the duties of the District clerk's office depending entirely upon me, which will prevent my seeing each of you personally and that I need want and will thank you for your votes.
MRS. L. H. BACON,
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WANTED—Blacksmith shop at Maverick, Rannels county. Good opening for good blacksmith. 4-2d1w.

WANTED—Farmers to bring me their old sacks, brass and copper. Will pay highest market price. See me before you sell. N. Passur. 7-wft.

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FOR SALE—I have a car of oil in the storage tank on the C. S. Miller place, about one and one-half miles southeast of Ballinger. Reason for selling, we have installed motor power and cannot use same. Ten cents per gallon. We will make reduction in large quantities. J. H. Taylor or C. S. Miller at Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. 6-4d1w.

FOR SALE—A few bushels cotton seed. Also pure country lard. Phone 5824. Pryor Maps. 4-2d1w.

FOR SALE—White maize seed. C. W. Evans. Phone 7611. 10-wft.

PIGS FOR SALE—Two months old Poland China pigs, subject to register. \$15 each. West Texas Phone 3621. W. A. Guin, Hatchel. 4-2d2w-pd.

FOUND

FOUND—Ladies slipper, left foot, about No. 4; found by W. C. Wright on Ballinger and Crews road. Pay for notice at Ledger and get slipper. 4-1d1w

LOST

STRAY MULE—One stray work horse mule, dark brown or black, 4 to 6 years old, no brand, harness marks on shoulder. Owner can get same at my place 13 miles southeast of Ballinger below Pony Creek. Marshall Whitt. Pay for this notice at Ledger office and get mule. 7-1d1w.

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