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SAFE TRANSPORTING MEN CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

American Field Headquarters, France, Nov. 28.—In Thanksgiving message to America, Major General Sibert pointed to one of the main causes why America should return thanks tomorrow. "Not a single American soldier has been lost up to date in transporting the American army to France," said General Sibert, "and this is a great blessing for which the American nation should be thankful." The great task of transporting American troops to the battle ground has been carried on successfully through a field of enemy submarines, and where it was feared great losses would occur, and that there have been no losses, is cause for thanksgiving, is the key note in the Thanksgiving message sent to America by General Sibert.

Clark Graham passed through Ballinger Tuesday on his way to Houston, where he will stay for a while.

CHURCHES TO UNITE FOR THANKSGIVING

The people of this city and surrounding country have been invited to attend Thanksgiving services at the Christian church tomorrow at ten-thirty o'clock. This service is held in keeping with the custom observed for several years in the past, when all the churches of the city unite in Thanksgiving. The service is held at the various churches from year to year, a different church being called upon to provide for taking care of the crowd each year. The service was held at the First Presbyterian church one year ago and Rev. Bost preached the sermon. Rev. Curry will preach the sermon tomorrow, it having been the rule for several years for the oldest preacher in the city in point of service in the local field to preach the sermon. The usual interesting Thanksgiving program will be carried out at the service tomorrow and the crowd to attend should be a large one.

BLOODY RUSSIAN REPORTS

Stockholm, Nov. 28.—Further details of the bloody deeds by which Bolsheviki gained control of Russia were received here today. According to reliable reports brought here, six hundred were killed at Kieff and 150 Russian officers slaughtered at Moscow by the Bolsheviki followers.

London, Nov. 27.—Information was received here today from Petrograd that a number of German staff officers have arrived there and are acting in an advisory capacity to Nikolai Lenine, the Bolsheviki premier. The Russian army on the northern front has had no bread for several days, according to reports received in Petrograd and transmitted here and only two or three days supplies of army biscuits is on hand. The army delegates are reported to have recommended the withdrawal of the troops in order to prevent a general flight with its consequent excesses. Instead of a hundred ears of food arriving daily at the Dvinsk front only twenty have been received.

PIONEER JUDGE DIES AT SAN ANGELO

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

SERIOUSLY ILL WITH PARALYSIS

We regret to note that Mr. Jackson, living just across the river in South Ballinger is seriously ill and there is little hopes for his recovery. Mr. Jackson was stricken with paralysis Tuesday.

63 MISSING FROM SHIP TORPEDOED

Washington, Nov. 28.—63 men are still missing from the number carried on the American steamer Aetnaon, which was torpedoed off European coast. The 63 men left the sinking ship in three life boats and have not been heard from since, according to messages received from Europe by the navy department today. One boat carrying twenty survivors of the torpedoed vessel landed at Cape Finisterre, Spain.

New York, Nov. 27.—Fifty-eight men, including twenty-six American citizens and five naturalized Americans, comprised the crew of the American Aetnaon, reported sunk off the European coast. A dispatch from London today said twenty-one survivors had reached Port Camarinas, Spain, and that the other members of the crew were missing.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMER LOST

Tokio, Nov. 28.—News of the sinking of the Pacific mail steamer Ther was announced here today. Details of the sinking of the ship are lacking.

LEDGER TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING DAY

Ledger subscribers will please take notice that the office will be closed on Thanksgiving. No paper will be issued, but the public will be protected with bulletins, if anything unusual takes place in the world. We are thankful for the opportunity to be thankful.

Draft Classification Will Begin On December 15th

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

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

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

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

Local Board Issues Notice. It is very important that you know your order number, and watch the papers after December 15th closely, as this board will post from day to day Order Numbers but not names of all registrants that have been mailed their

Strong Offensive Begun by Italians; Enemy Pushed Back

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

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

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

We woke to a foggy morning. The men thought they were on the way to Paris. But we had come to the city of—, a corner of France. We took the guns off the wagon, and marched seventeen kilometers to the town of—. We slept that night in the loft of a barn. Men had been billeted there before us, and by morning I had a ring of white welts around

my ankle from lice. We lived there three days with those visitors that didn't appear on the roll-call. And for nine days we never took our clothes off.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the morning we dug emplacements for the guns. We were supposed to wait till the

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Rome, Nov. 28.—Within the past twenty-four hours the Italians have assumed a strong offensive. Notwithstanding the bitter cold weather, the Italian troops smashed through the German first and second lines inflicting tremendous losses to the Teutons and retaking territory recently given up to the Germans. Presence of the French and British soldiers behind the firing line has inspired the Italians to great victory in the last two day's fighting.

GIVES US CREDIT FOR WHAT WE DO

The Ledger stated in its issue of Tuesday that the Red Cross shipped 27 pairs of socks in the shipment of garments made this week, when it should have said fifty-five pairs—110 socks. When you stop to think about it that is lots of knitting, and only represents a small per cent of what the local chapter of Red Cross knitters are doing, as many other knitted garments were included in the shipment.

Another Error. In reporting the amount of cash collected in this county for army Y. M. C. A. work the figures were more than two hundred dollars too low. The total was given at \$1137. This did not include the amount contributed by Winters, amounting to about \$200 and the report from Rowena, which is incomplete, but runs the total up to \$1377.

GERMAN PACIFIST STAGE PEACE SHOW

Amsterdam, Nov. 28.—Reliable messages received here brings news of the holding of great peace demonstrations in Berlin and Budapest by the German socialist and pacifists.

GOOD SHOWERS IS EXTENT OF RAIN

Through the courtesy of the West Texas Telephone Company's long distance operators, we are able to give a report on the rain fall for Tuesday night. The report covers all of Runnels county and adjoining counties, and shows that the rain was very scattering and amounted to showers, with the exception of what is reported as "good rains" at some points in other counties.

Miles reported a half inch rain fall. At no other place in the county did the rain amount to more than light shower.

Ovalo received one and a quarter inch rain fall. Menard reported good rain. Bradshaw reported half inch. Comanche received a good rain. Dublin, Goldthwaite, Waco, and several points in Brown county reported good rain. At Brownwood only light shower fell.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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Editor

Estes Lynn and wife returned from San Angelo Monday afternoon, after spending a short time there visiting.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.

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

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INSPECTS SOUTH END TEX-O-KAN HIGHWAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Wake Up

In a little town in Southern England a local newspaper reported recently that every house on a certain street in that town bore the sign of mingled grief and pride, signifying that a member of the household had given his life in the great war.

A French newspaper reported recently that a soldier on being given leave, refused it, saying: "My wife and only daughter have met with shame at the hands of the Germans. I do not want to go home."

Think of these things, you prosperous farmers, you who are making high prices today because of war conditions. The life-blood and misery of others is being coined into money for you; you people who have been educated, protected, and shielded, by our government until you are in danger of losing your sense of gratitude.

Think of these things, you well-fed Americans, while you make money out of the war-time activities, then go home to a meal which is not stinted by the necessities of other human beings, spend your evening with your children, and pass a dreamless night, imagining that you have done your day's duty as an American citizen.

Contrast the stories outlined with your own enviable condition, and then try to realize that you are as truly and as fully committed to the purposes of this war as are those English widows, facing life anew without the bread winner; just as truly pledged to win this war as the French soldier, suffering agonies of mind which it is difficult to fathom. These people are bearing more burdens than human nature should ever be asked to carry. And what are you doing? Taking things comfortably, subscribing, it may be, of your surplus wealth to the Liberty Loan, and talking about "Uncle Sam cleaning up the Germans."

Wake up! Wake up! Get out of that dream in which you are indulging.

If the first jolt has not awakened you, think of the man you know, who had a good job, or it may be a good medical practice, who threw it up, left wife, family and friends, and went to France to fight for you, besides the now dead Englishmen, and the Frenchman who will never smile again.

If you are not awake yet think of the girls in the Department Stores, and the telephone and telegraph operators, who bought a \$50.00 Liberty Bond of each issue out of their \$10.00 to \$14.00 a week.

In charity, we will assume that you are now awake.

All you are asked to do is to speed up production in your business, contribute to the national wealth, work harder, economize in the household, cut out senseless pleasures—even pleasures which though harmless in themselves, can still be done without. Save every cent you can. If you have not bought a Liberty Bond, go and get one now at the bank, in order that you may not be branded "slacker." And whatever you do, remember that early next year you will be called upon to subscribe to another Liberty Loan.

What do you say? Are you awake now?

LET'S GET THIS THING STRAIGHT

"Why don't the Government arrange short term Loans? People don't care to tie up their money for ten, twenty, or thirty years."

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When you buy a bond you do it with the idea of lending the money to your Government for just as long as you can conveniently, without hurting yourself or your business. When you cannot lend this money any longer, then sell your Bond to some one else.

Remember just two things—as long as you hold the Bond and the Government has the use of the money, you are doing a sensible, patriotic act, and drawing 4% interest. When you pass the Bond to some one else, you have ceased to help your Country, you have placed your responsibilities as an American citizen upon somebody else's shoulders, and have given up the safest investment in the world.

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TRESPASS NOTICES.

Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen. 27-6td8w

TURKEY AND EXTRAS FOR BOYS IN FRANCE

With the American Expeditionary Army, France, Nov. 28. —Thousands of Sammies will have turkey with all the trimmings tomorrow. It will be a holiday with no drill but the knife-and-fork exercise practised on 130,000 pounds of turkey, 1,162,500 pounds of sweet potatoes and 11,000 pounds of mince-meat pies.

The special chow came from home in a special refrigerator-vehicle which arrived on November 1. 13,000 quarts of cranberries will be served with the dinner and bushels of oranges, bananas and nuts.

It will be a home Thanksgiving transported to France and set down upon the rough board tables of little farm-houses where the Sammies live.

The Quartermaster began arranging the food three months ago. He carefully calculated the size of the force we would have here, arrived at a certain ration for each man and shot in the order to Washington. When the ship came into port a crew of stevedores laid hands on the precious crates and barrels and trundled them to cold storage where the fancy chow remained until a few days ago when it became time to start shipments to the scattered camps.

The big feed will be the main item of tomorrows festivities but there will be side attractions to round out the program and make it a day to remember. One unit, for instance, will stage a vaudeville show in the Y. M. C. A. hut to be followed by a slam-bang battle with the gloves between two muscular male-skimmers.

At Headquarters there will be a Thanksgiving entertainment by the American officers and men for the French.

In the big hall the Sammies planned to entertain the Poilus and their wives and sweethearts. There will be music, but because France has abandoned dancing during the war, the Sammies will not dance.

Thanksgiving services will be held in some camps and American soldiers will give thanks for the good fortune of the Army thus far in the World's War.

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Rev. J. W. Bost returned Wednesday from Midland, where he had been for about a week.
Miss Maggie Joiner went to Brownwood to spend Thanksgiving.

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Mrs. Alex McGregor, in charge of the music for the Thanksgiving services at the Christian church, requests that all who will assist in the music be present in the choir promptly on time Thanksgiving morning. The service will be held at ten-thirty and all sing-

ers should be present promptly at that hour.

Walter Singletary returned to Camp Bowie Tuesday, after spending a few days here on a furlough.

Raymond Truly left Tuesday for Waco, after spending a short while with his mother here.

Rev. Bost Goes to Oklahoma.

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

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

Certain Cure for Croup.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In conformity of the laws of the State of Texas governing the disposition of Unclaimed and Refused Freight, notice is hereby given that the property described below will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the local freight depot at Ballinger, Texas, on December 10th, 1917, at 9 a. m. o'clock unless same is previously called for and all lawfully accrued charges paid thereon.

Car SLSF 41520 Alfalfa Hay shipped from Cameron, Okla., August 29th, 1917, by R. D. Turman & Co., or R. D. Treman & Co., or R. D. Turner & Co., to same consignee, Rowena, Texas, "advise" Plano Grain and Hay Co., covered by Cameron, Okla., to Rowena, Texas, waybill SF 16 dated August 29th, 1917.

Signed, J. J. Beck, Agent.

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

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. 3cc.

No. 508

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

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 20th day of Nov., 1917, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 28th day of Nov., 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$227,628.34
Loans, real estate	24,510.00
Bonds and Stocks	6,700.00
Real estate (banking house)	35,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	138,666.84
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	6,588.86
Cash Items	5,328.28
Currency	13,947.00
Specie	4,824.94
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,824.99
Other Resources as follows:	5,330.28
TOTAL	\$486,613.53

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	14,617.76
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	4,626.82
Individual Deposits, subject to check	348,281.54
Demand Certificates of Deposit	7,000.00
Cashier's Checks	331.99
Other Liabilities as follows:	1,274.82
TOTAL	\$486,613.53

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss: We, H. Giesecke, as president, and A. C. Homann, as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. H. GIESECKE, President. A. C. HOMANN, Cashier. (Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of November A. D. 1917. FRANC BAKER, Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

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

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$227,628.62
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	40,000.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	4,824.99
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Bonds	6,700.00
Cash and Exchange	172,460.92
TOTAL	\$486,613.53
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	24,617.76
Total Deposits	361,545.77
TOTAL	\$486,613.53

IRRIGATORS HERE FOR CONFERENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TEACHERS DISCUSS GERMAN LANGUAGE

Chicago, Nov. 28.—The question of elimination or retention of the German language in American schools will be discussed at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English, which opened in the Congress hotel tomorrow.

At tomorrow's session the speakers will be Allan Abbott of Columbia University; Clarence Stratton of the Central High school, St. Louis; Percy H. Boynton of the University of Chicago, and S. S. Marquis of the Ford Motor Company, Detroit.

The High school and college sections will hold special meetings Saturday.

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

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

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

E. L. Rasbury, Jr., had business in Talpa Wednesday.

Sheriff Perkins handed Judge J. W. Powell twenty citations Wednesday, remarking as he

Judge J. W. Powell visited Lo-wake on legal business Tuesday.

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Don't leave them out in the field to rust and go to ruin in rain or sun, when with a few dollar's worth of lumber, you can easily build a shed that will save you many a dollar on your equipment.

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JACKSON DAIRY
Phone 5903

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
Nov. 20th, 1917

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$336,868.05
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Liberty Loan Bond	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	87,602.92
Cash and Exchange	271,732.90
TOTAL	\$761,603.87

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	69,016.33
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	566,087.54
TOTAL	\$761,603.87

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

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



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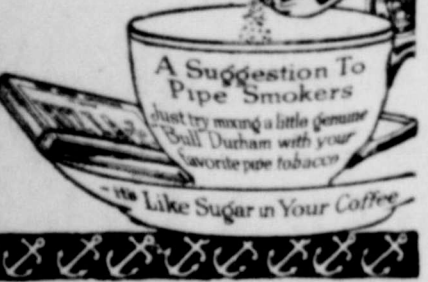
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The "Makings" of a Nation



Dr. Allen delivered two addresses to the High school at Coleman on Monday last; one on the school and the other on the war. He reports the school in a flourishing condition. They have put in military training for the school which is greatly benefitting the boys. He suggests it might be well to have the same here.

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Sales slips did you say. Call 27. We can handle it for you.

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

Continued from First Page.)

four guns were dug in. But when the first gun was nested the boys couldn't wait to get the rest ready. They had to let the Boches know they had come. At 4 p. m. on October 24 they sent the first shell fired by an American battery from an American dug-out emplacement. It was Battery of the — Field Artillery.

"Here's the first shot we're handing to the Germans," they said, and they all agreed it had to kill at least thirty-six men.

One man said our aim was bad. "In about fifteen minutes," he claimed, "you'll see a German pop up over the hill asking, 'Did we throw them something?'"

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

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

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

"Mark all your data and go home," was the order, and they snatched the gun shield.

Another battery fired sooner than we did, but not from an American dug-out emplacement. They fired from an orchard. The case of that shell went to President Wilson.

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

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

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

"This is Jake," they said.

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

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

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THE BRITISH BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Famous Brand Pills. They are the only pills that are so effective. They are made of purest ingredients. They are sold by all Druggists. Always get the name on the box. Always get the name on the box. ALWAYS GET THE NAME ON THE BOX. SOLELY BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

HISTORIC FLAG IS SEEN IN DUPLICATE

In "The Slacker," the Metro production de luxe starring the brilliant actress, Emily Stevens, to be shown at the Queen Theatre, on Thursday night, will be seen an exact duplicate of the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

This was the flag that floated over Fort Henry at Baltimore, when the British fleet attacked the American fort. At that time the national emblem consisted of fifteen stripes and fifteen stars, and measured 40x30 feet. The duplicate of this flag, screened in "The Slacker," measures exactly the same as the original, which is one of the treasures of the United States government.

Under cover of a flag of truce, the young composer had gone on

BROKEN DOWN IN HEALTH

Woman Tells How \$5 Worth of Pinkham's Compound Made Her Well.

Lima, Ohio. — "I was all broken down in health from a displacement. One of my



lady friends came to see me and she advised me to commence taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash. I began taking your remedies and took \$5.00 worth and in two months was a well woman after three doctors said I never would stand up straight again. I was a midwife for seven years and I recommended the Vegetable Compound to every woman to take before birth and afterwards, and they all got along so nicely that it surely is a godsend to suffering women. If women wish to write to me I will be delighted to answer them." — Mrs. JENNIE MOYER, 342 E. North St., Lima, Ohio.

Women who suffer from displacements, weakness, irregularities, nervousness, backache, or bearing-down pains, need the tonic properties of the roots and herbs contained in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

board a British war vessel to see a friend who was a prisoner, and during the night the British attacked the fortress. The sight of Old Glory, battle-scarred, but still flying in the morning breeze, inspired him to write the immortal song.

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The incredible action of pure Lavoptik eye wash is startling. A school boy had eye strain so badly he could not read. A week's use of Lavoptik surprised the teacher so much she used it for her old mother. ONE WASH showed benefit. A small bottle is guaranteed to benefit EVERY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. The INCREDIBLE result is astonishing. Pure aluminum eye cup FREE. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

In accordance with the regulations of the Episcopal Church, which has provided a special service for Thanksgiving Day in the prayer-book, which the minister is compelled to use, there will be service and sermon in All Saints Church Thanksgiving Day, at 10:30 a. m., Subject "Why, and for what shall we give thanks this year." All are cordially invited.

W. T. Allen, D. D. Priest in Charge.

A UNIQUE RECORD.

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

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

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

Price 50¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Parrish has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo N. Y.

HAY

I have for sale 45 ears of good peanut hay. Wire or write Geo. Carter. Gorman, Texas.

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\$12,000 FOR ONE ACRE OIL LEASE

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

With the selling in the shallow field of one-sixth interest in an acre lease for the sum of \$2,000, making the price per acre \$12,000 a general sensation approximating excitement has been caused. This is by far the highest price yet paid in the field here, and is as high a price as that being paid in any shallow oil field. In fact, this is a higher price than was paid for acreage in the Ranger field, that was a few hundred yards from a deep well, that was producing 2,000 barrels daily. Of course a shallow well can be put down much cheaper than a deep well, but the production is not as great, nor are the expected to produce oil in paying quantities for as long a time.

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

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

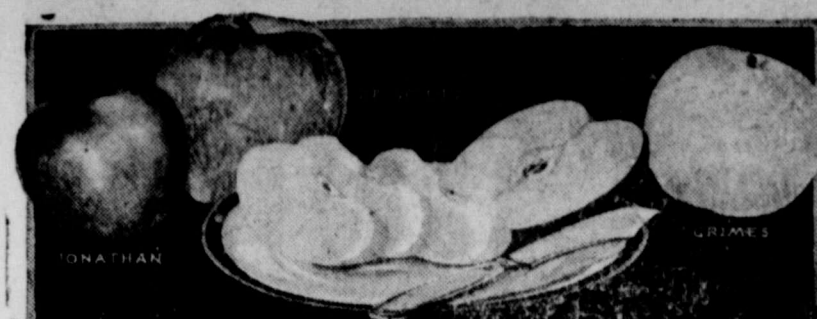
An Old Man's Stomach.

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

LETTER TO EPISCOPAL CHURCH

W. T. Allen, D. D., priest in charge of the local Episcopal Church is in receipt of the following letter, with request that he read it to his congregation: My Dear People:

The War Commission of the Episcopal Church has sent out a call to the people of this church to join with the people of other churches in America in prayers, intercessions and supplications to Almighty God for His guidance and blessings upon America and



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From skin to core Skookum Apples are without a flaw or blemish. They are all apple. No waste. That's why "Skookum" Apples are more economical than "just apples." And that is why they keep longer. Skookum Apples have a delicious flavor of rare excellence. This is because they are selected from the top outside limbs of trees in the great Northwest where they get an abundance of clear air and sunshine. Skookum apples are enclosed in tissue wrap pers which protect the apples from dirt, insects and germs. Buy them by the box—they're cheaper and fresher.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Bishops of the Episcopal Church have ordered special fasting and services for St. Andrews Day, Friday, Nov. 30th. There will be Holy communion at All Saints Church Friday, 10:30 a. m. W. T. Allen, D. D. Priest in Charge.



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