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Important Gains on 20 Mile Front

Germans Marching on Russian Capitol

Copenhagen, Aug. 13—Helsingfors dispatches received here today state that German troops are marching on Petrograd. Reliable reports received later state that the Germans would occupy Petrograd and take all necessary steps for the controlling of the Russian situation.

THINKS CHICKEN THIEF STARTED BARN FIRE

F. L. Gerhart, of the Crews country, was here Tuesday, and dropped in to request us to thank his friends and neighbors through the Ledger for the help given him last Friday night when his barn was destroyed by fire. Mr. Gerhart says it was due to the assistance of his neighbors that he did not also lose his home by fire as the sparks were blown towards his home.

"I am sure that the man who tried to steal my chickens is the man who set my barn on fire," said Mr. Gerhart. About ten days ago Mr. Gerhart shot at some one who was in his chicken lot filling a sack with chickens. The thief fled leaving his filled sack behind. Mr. Gerhart states that he lost a barn that cost him about \$600 and considerable feed, and would have lost his auto and farm implements, if the fire had not been discovered before it gained headway.

He had \$390 insurances.

Mrs. H. Vandervanter is spending a few days in the city with friends.

Improvement in Weather

The forecast for the next twenty four hours promises partly cloudy weather. Increasing clouds should be encouraging.

Forrest Futch Jr., left Monday afternoon for Clifton, Miss. where he will spend the Winter visiting his aunt Mrs. Williams and attend school the ensuing year.

Albert Livingston and Will Hale of the Talpa country were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

E. D. Norman, of the Valley creek country, loaded out this week and will try life in Collins county. He expects to keep up with Rannels county through the Ledger.

J. L. Strube was here from Olfin country Monday, and says the good lady at his house declines to do without the Daily Ledger and he reinstated.

W. C. Sheppard, who has been linotype operator for the Ledger for several months, will leave Wednesday afternoon for Austin, where he goes to enter the government's mechanical training school. Mr. Sheppard was a new registrant of the 1918 class, but volunteered, after enlisting in the National Guard company here. W. G. Simmons of Oklahoma, will succeed Mr. Sheppard on the linotype work in the Ledger office.

Mrs. J. Shields, of Dallas, is here visiting her sister Mrs. W. A. Taylor. Mrs. Shield's children have been here some time.

(By United Press)

On the Picardy front, the French today, made important gains on a front of nearly twenty miles extending from the center of the advance. Roye is menanti-right wing southeast of Ribecourt. Roye, Lassingny and Ribecourt are all threatened by the flanking operations as a result of the advance. Roye is menaced from the west and south and southwest.

During the night the Americans and British advanced slightly

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north of the Somme river and the British improved their positions near Roye.

On the northern bank of the Somme, where the Americans and British planted Old Glory in the face of a bitter contest Monday, the new line has been strengthened and the allies hold fast after repulsing counter attacks.

This week's gains adds to the strategic value of the new territory and further German retirement will be the result of the new offensive.

Thousands of new prisoners are being taken and sent back from the front, and at this hour it is estimated that the allies have captured more than 75,000 prisoners in the present drive.

On the Vesle and Aisne rivers front the Americans and French have by counter attacks gained back their positions temporarily lost in Fismelle sector.

Mrs. Oscar Harbor will join her husband at Houston on September 1. Mr. Harbor is working in the Government Shipyards there.

Scott H. Mack and family are home after spending a pleasant Sunday at Christoval.

David Gregory is at home from a few days camping at Christoval.

Miss Grace De Witt underwent a minor operation Tuesday morning at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, and is now resting as well as could be expected.

Miss Lucile Yeager will leave Wednesday afternoon for Tyler, where she goes to enter the Tyler Commercial College, and take a stenographic course.

Oil Drill Making 100 Feet Every 24 Hours

CHANGING CITY LIMITS

The survey is being made and an ordinance drafted which will cause a shrinking up in the corporate limits of Ballinger. The map of Ballinger now covers the country from north bank of Elm creek the law govern such matters, the river at the point where the two bridges span the streams. Under the law govern such matters, the state and federal highway commission made it known that they can not appropriate money for road or bridge improvements within the city limits. Ballinger does not propose to stand in the way of public improvements in this county, and does not claim any title to the two bridges and in order to show her good faith in that claim the city commission has taken the proper steps of throwing the bridges out of the city limits. The highway commission is familiar with this move and endorses it as being the proper thing to do under the circumstances in order that the needed improvements in highway can be carried on without conflicting with the red tape and strict letter of the law.

JUDGE GUION SPEAKS TONIGHT

Jack McGregor, chairman of the Four minute committee, announces that John I. Guion will speak tonight at the White City.

CIVIC LEAGUE WITH MISS ZELMA MILLER

Miss Zelma Miller will be hostess to the members of the Civic League Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. All members of the league are urged to be present at this meeting. Matters of importance will be discussed.

C. C. Coekrell, who has been a faithful member of the Ledger's reportorial staff, is off the job again for an indefinite period. Mr. Coekrell will spend several days recuperating on the farm of G. W. Wilson on the Colorado river, and is planning a visit to his sons at Tulsa, Okla. He is the nominee for District Clerk of this county, and will be elected at the November election. Mr. Coekrell is a veteran in the newspaper game, and his leave of absence at this time does not indicate by any means that he is out for keeps. This newspaper game is a habit that is a great deal harder to throw off than the habit of drinking cold beer in a brewery town on a hot summer day. The district clerk's office does not pay a salary equal to that checked out by a railroad president, and if Mr. Coekrell has any spare time while looking after the duties of that office to do newspaper work, and the Ledger needs his services, he will have right of way over any other men. Before leaving for the country Mr. Coekrell says, please announce a rain for Wednesday.

W. B. Dunlap and John Reese are at home from Eastland, where they have been enjoying the prosperity of the oil boom. They report considerable sickness at Eastland and came home to remain until the health conditions clear up.

The drill in the Russell well on Grape Creek is making about one hundred feet every twenty-four hours. The drill never stops except for repairs, or to shift bits of insert casing.

The drill is now to a depth of about 1200 feet, the first 800 feet being drilled almost through solid rock. Of course the speed maintained during the last few days will decrease as the depth of the well increases.

This well is being watched from far and near. The Gulf Producing Co., is back of the development, and the field in that particular part of the county will be thoroughly tested if depth counts for a test. Geologist made favorable reports on this location, and the company drilling are very hopeful for a rich find.

Unusual indications have been reported, further than the striking of an artesian flow of salt water, which has been easier off.

USING AUTOS FOR CHURCH PEWS

The cooperative services being held each Sunday night on the school campus will be made an every night and Sunday meeting on the 25th of this month. That is the date set for a union revival to begin.

Far the Sunday night services many autos have been parked around the seats provided by benches, and the preachers have been patient and tolerated the disturbances caused by this way of attending church, but we have been informed that autos will be prohibited on the school ground.

As long as there was good order no complaint was made, just what was expected has happened and some of these who come to church and remain in their autos spend the time in talking and giggling. This works a hardship on those who occupy seats in their car and enjoy the sermon, but the innocent must be made to suffer for the guilty. It has ever been thus since Adam lost his way in the Garden of Eden. Nothing but an order prohibiting autos on the school campus will keep the giggling kind from disturbing public worship.

Mrs. Tom Vandervanter and children left Tuesday for Colorado, where they go to join their husband an dfather, who has located in that state. News from Tom says he is well pleased and is getting along fine.

News from W. G. Coggin and boys, who have been working in Wichita Falls for some time, state that they are going to Corsicana, where they will probably locate and Mrs. Coggin and the Girls who are in Ballinger will join them and make their home at that place. We regret to hear that they will probably move away from Ballinger.

Vernon Webb, for some time with the Harwell Motor Co., has volunteered for service and will leave Wednesday afternoon for Austin to enter the mechanical school.

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RELIGIOUS CO-OPERATION

The fact that there were no preaching services at any other church last Sunday evening brought together a large crowd at the co-operative Sunday night service held on the school campus. Rev. Mr. Bates was the preacher for the evening, delivering a message that was peculiarly fitting to Ballinger at this time, in which a warning was given to the people for their lethargy and indifference in matters spiritual.—Ballinger Ledger

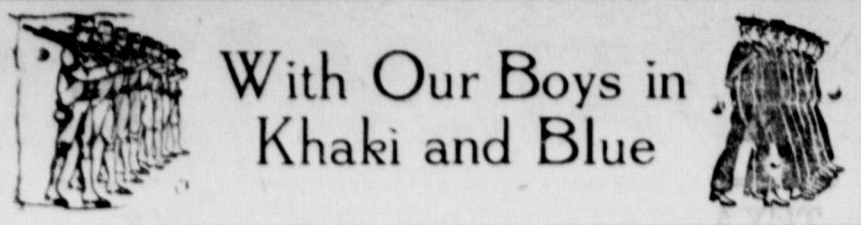
Why not more co-operative religious services? Why should the community be split into a dozen diminutive groups, each devoted to an unimportant and sometimes fictitious sectarian sentiment? "Lethargy and indifference" are the certain results of a petty religious spirit no less than of a petty political or social spirit. If all the churches are bottomed on the same fundamentals, why such constant wrangling after the artificialities affected by the ever-growing number of sects? "Upon this rock will be built our church," declared Jesus—not "upon these pebbles." The rock he referred to was the truth of his being what he represented himself to be "the son of the living God." Why found a church upon a pebble.—Dallas News.

READY TO BUY

That old vacant house you own can be converted into cash, if you want to sell it, so we have been informed, and the lot can be used as a war garden, when it rains.

We understand that a company has been organized and is coming in to Ballinger to buy the vacant houses and shacks that are not desirable for occupancy, and will have them torn down and the lumber shipped out to be used in constructing buildings at other places.

While this country is on a



**With Our Boys in
Khaki and Blue**

Camp Travis, Tex. Aug. 12—That there is more hard work for the recruit in the U. S. army is best indicated perhaps by figures recently announced by the Y. M. C. A. for the Camp here. When it is to be considered that the soldier is likewise entertained by the Knights of Columbus and by several organizations the civilian can see that the United States Government really appreciates the fact that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and is doing everything possible to obviate this.

During the month of July alone 44,938 men played in various recreational and athletic games, such as baseball, indoor baseball, volley ball, sodis, boxing, wrestling, etc. Athletics have become a part of the soldier's training. Because of this the American soldier is quick to think, quick to act, has speed and stamina. Each and every company has its athletic box with athletic equipment and drill is deftly sandwiched in with boxing, running, etc. all to the same end, the development of a soldier in every sense the word implies.

That the athletics is of high standard and perfected by the finest physical directors and instructors in the country is evidenced perhaps in the fact that 95,501 people witnessed various athletic contests during the month. They came not only from San Antonio, but from surrounding towns. At no baseball game there were more than 5000 people, and its estimated approximately that number saw a championship boxing card on one of the drill fields. These contests are arranged by such men as Johnnie Codlon, former bantamweight champion of the world, assisted by Bobby Burns a former contender; Bud Goodwin who holds several world's records at this time as the champion swimmer of the world. The soldier has an opportunity of free instruction in boxing, in swimming etc, by these men sent here by the commission on war activities.

But athletics are not all the soldier has as diversion. There are entertainments galore. The finest dramatic talent in San Antonio and neighborhood entertains the soldiers at the camp. During the month there was a total attendance of 49,086 at entertainments of various kinds. These range from musical programs to lectures on military subjects, and it would surprise the civilian to know the interest the soldier takes in lectures on military subjects, combined with moving pictures. Some of the lectures have been on thrift, on social and economic questions, on health.

Camp Travis has a splendid library open to the soldiers. Here all the late periodicals, newspapers and war books are available. Every late war book as soon as it comes off the press is sent here immediately. There are 25,000 volumes or more available to the soldiers in the camp through the general library and company and branch libraries and they are all well patronized. The Y. M. C. A. alone gave away 23,178 volumes during the month of July to sol-

"stand still" at the present and no building of any character being underway, there is much building at some places and a demand for lumber. Lumber is higher than ever known before since the saw mill was put to work, and this has no doubt prompted the promoters of this scheme to utilize old lumber.

There may be a few old abandoned houses in Ballinger which would be worth more to their owners if converted into building material, but we would not advise any one to dispose of valuable holdings at a sacrifice for the time may not be far away when we will have a boom in our land and good rent houses will again bring revenue worth while.

diers. In religious circles, much has already been said. There are 159 classes in Bible study in operation at present. Religious meetings numbering 163 were held by the Y. M. C. A. during the month of July and the total attendance was 46,289. The religious activities are confined to any one faith, for every one has its ceremonies at regularly appointed times.

All of this is optional with the soldier. But there is a portion that is compulsory. It is of lectures given by the company commanders on health, hygiene, care of the feet, care of the equipment, "Why we are at War" etc. All of these are intended to better fit the soldier for the part he is to play in the army. Then there is the regular exercise periods conducted by the company commanders in which the soldier is required to take part each morning before breakfast and during the day's drill period. These exercises are to develop and harden the muscles, to develop agility and strong winds, to start the blood in circulation and quick the brain action.

This is all in the army camp. San Antonio nearby offers numerous other opportunities for pleasure, amusement and improvement, physically and mentally.

Givres, France, July 7th.

Dear Sister:

I suppose by this time that you already know that I arrived safe in France. We had a nice trip and never sighted a sub at all, also had a very smooth sea and fine weather. We were sea sick for the first two or three days, but after that we were i. k., with the exception of being very crowded. We were sure tired when we landed for we had been sleeping with our clothes and life belts on the entire way over. We left America just about the time the German sub was sinking ships off the Virginia coast, so we had to be careful. We were allowed a light at night or to smoke between sundown and sunup. There were several transports in our bunch and were conveyed the entire way over, and when we got in about 100 miles of shore a big monoplane met us and circled all around us until we landed. It would have been dangerous for a sub to have tried to attack us. We had a big bunch of sub chasers and battleships to protect us also.

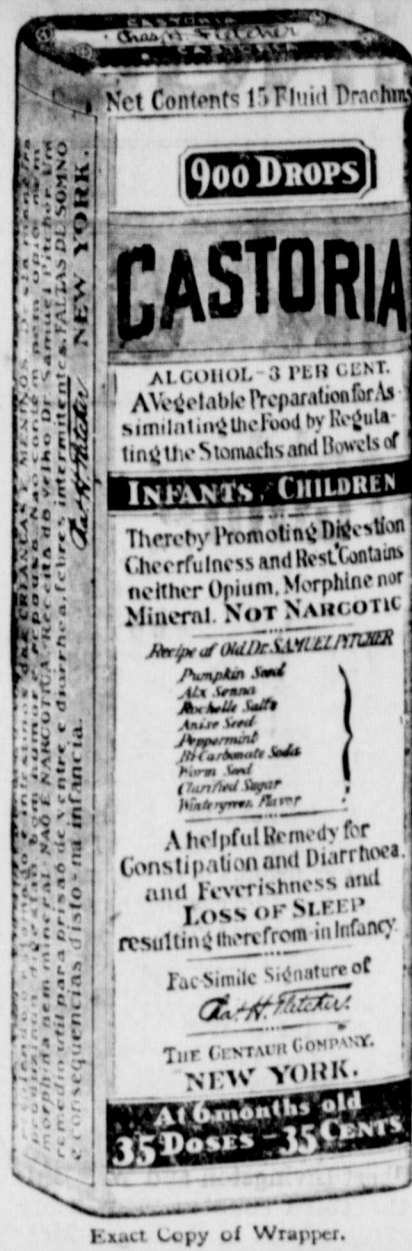
Gee, when we landed, you never saw as many soldiers in your life. They are everywhere. I can't tell you until I get back home. I am working in a hardware house, shipping goods to the front, I do nothing but check goods every day eight hours, and when we have a rush we work at nights. I think we are going to be transferred from here soon. There is some talk of us going to the big warehouse in Italy. I hope we do for I'll get to see more country.

Took us two days train ride to come here from the port of debarkation, and it is an awful pretty country. All the houses here are of stone and built like mansions with native shrubbery all over the place and one vineyard after another, and everybody makes wine. The cellars are full of it. It is pretty good too. They let us drink it over here. It cost us one frank a quart (18 3-4c).

We have never got close enough to hear any big guns and I don't think we will. It is quite a ways up to Paris from here, and when we move we will get still farther away. I would like to go to the front any way.

There is a bunch of boys here in the base hospital who have been sent back from the front and a big pen full of German prisoners. The prisoners range in age from 13 to 70 years old. They treat the prisoners good.

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all a compete lecture. I have't been sick a minute since I landed.

W. A. Burney
Mr. Burney is a brother of Mrs. W. S. Caudle. He is with Supply Co. No. 314 in France. The above letter was received by Mrs. Caudle a few days ago.

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Mont Richard, France, July 1.
Dear Mother:—
I am all o. k. We recently moved to this place. We can tell where we are now when we write to our folks.

There are some beautiful castles here. We have a large building in which to stay. They are three, four and five stories high. There is a large stream which flows in to the city, and believe me, it is some bathing place. I have been boat riding most of the day.

Mamma, things over here are not near as bad as you would think. We are having about as good time over here as we did in our camps back in the states. Of course I had rather be at home, and there is not an American soldier in France who would not like to be back in the land of Liberty. Every officer aid almost every soldier, even the French soldiers, believe that we will end this little trouble up by Christmas.

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Kansas City, Aug 12—Reuben W. Milton, a Missouri Pacific engineer of Joplin, Mo., was perfect willing his son Earl R. Milton should go to war as a Marine, but he wanted to drive the train that carried him on his first lap of his journey to Berlin.

Young Milton was to come here from Joplin with two of his pals to enlist, but his transportation read via the Frisco line. At the request of the elder Milton they were transferred to the Missouri Pacific and engineer Milton drove the train carrying the three embryo devil-dogs.

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Mrs. Leon Ward and son, of Austin, who had been visiting her family, the past few weeks left for home Monday afternoon.

Rev. Browley, of Santa Anna, who preached at New Home over Sunday passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shultz have moved in from their ranch near Millersview, and have rooms at the home of Mrs. D. C. Simpson. They will probably spend the winter in Ballinger.

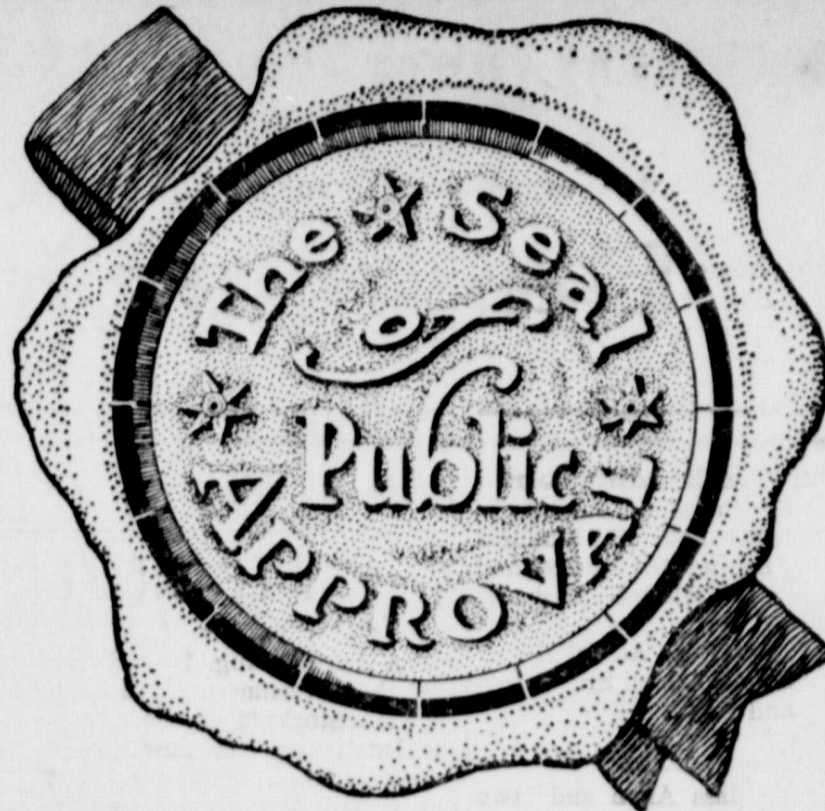
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HELP US GET THE NEWS

Please do not be too timid to help the newspaper man give the news. Our local reporter meets all the trains, but in this day of auto travel more people are going and coming by auto than by rail, and we have no way of getting the names of those who come to see you in their auto, or to make mention of your going away by auto unless some one tells us about it. It will be a small matter for you to step to the phone, call 27 and give us the names the parties, and where they are from. We will do the rest, and this will help us to give the people just what the people want to read. It will be a favor to us, and we will appreciate it.

Lon Mapes, of the Pony Creek country passed through Ballinger Monday en route to South Texas on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin and children of Staten, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin of Norton, passed through the city Monday en route home.

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Mrs. Douglass Allen and two children, and Miss Mary Coulson, of Coleman, are visiting their grand father, Col. C. L. Morgan and John A. Weeks and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Heierman and children came in overland from Pecos county Monday, to visit a few days with Mrs. Heierman's father, Express Agent Stokes and family. They report heavy rains last Wednesday in the Pecos country.

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Mrs. Chas. Tibbs, of Itaska, arrived Tuesday night, and will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory, and other relatives Mrs. Tibbs was formerly Miss Kattie Bell Gregory.

HOW MRS. BOYD AVOIDED AN OPERATION

Canton, Ohio.—"I suffered from a female trouble which caused me much suffering, and two doctors decided that I would have to go through an operation before I could get well.



"My mother, who had been helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, advised me to try it before submitting to an operation. It relieved me from my troubles so I can do my house work without any difficulty. I advise any woman who is afflicted with female troubles to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial and it will do as much for them."—Mrs. MARIE BOYD, 1421 5th St., N. E., Canton, Ohio.

Sometimes there are serious conditions where a hospital operation is the only alternative, but on the other hand so many women have been cured by this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after doctors have said that an operation was necessary—every woman who wants to avoid an operation should give it a fair trial before submitting to such a trying ordeal.

If complications exist, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice. The result of many years experience is at your service.

CAVALRY MAY GO TO FT. STOCKTON

San Angelo, Aug. 13—Reports that the government has designated Fort Stockton as the site for the location of the new cavalry training camp, were current in San Angelo Monday morning, but no definite confirmation of the story could be obtained. The Orient railroad has been in close touch with the situation since army officers from Fort Sam Houston inspected sites at Alpine and Fort Stockton, but it was understood at noon that officers here had received nothing that would confirm the reports. The board of city development, which has had frequent correspondence with army heads was also 'in the dark.'

Since the inspection of sites at Fort Stockton and Alpine in July it has been persistently rumored that the government will train troops at both points, thus having two camps instead of one. Regardless of these reports, it is believed by local business men that San Angelo's chances of securing the camp are still as good as those of any other town. Complete data upon the city's advantages, with maps and photographs has been submitted and the board of city development has volunteered to send a committee to San Antonio.

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TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of his place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

I sent and bought Thedford's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Thedford's Black-Draught."

Thedford's Black-Draught will help you to keep fit, ready for the day's work. Try it! NC-131

LAKE YIELDS TONS OF SALT

Natural Phenomenon in South Australia Constant Source of Revenue to Its Owner.

On Yorks peninsula, in South Australia, says a writer in the Wide World, is a wonderful lake of pure salt. It is a huge depression in the earth which fills up in the winter months. In the hot summer sun the water quickly evaporates, leaving a thick deposit of almost pure salt. Seen from a distance the surface of the lake has all the appearance of being covered with a sheet of ice. That salt crust is so thick and strong that men and even carts and plows can traverse it with perfect safety. Yet below the crust there is a considerable body of sluggish water.

After the rays of the summer sun have played their part, the salt is gathered. It is just raked into heaps, and these pyramids of salt are a striking feature of the landscape. The salt is now shoveled into carts and conveyed to various works on the seaboard, to undergo the process of refining. Gathering the salt is trying work on account of the great heat and the dazzling reflection. Often it is necessary for the men to wear colored glasses to protect the eyes. After the loose salt has been collected from the surface a special kind of plow is run over it, when another harvest of the valuable material can be reaped. The yield of salt from this strange lake amounts to several thousand tons a year, and it is among the finest obtainable. The lake is several square miles in area and is naturally a very valuable property.

WILL SPLIT BIGGEST ROCKS

Seemingly Nothing in Nature is Able to Withstand Expansive Force of Tree's Roots.

This might very well be considered a nature puzzle. Why should any sensible tree apparently select a dry rock for a home when there is plenty of good soil all about in which to grow? As a matter of fact there is so little rainfall where one tree grows, in New Mexico, that it is something of a wonder to an eastern traveler how any tree, even with its roots spreading through the soil in every direction, can stand the long drought of months' duration. When a cedar tree, however, is seen to be growing out of a crack in a rock in an almost desert region the matter becomes a veritable mystery. Even under such adverse conditions, trees will split the hardest of rock. No rock can withstand the expansive force of a growing tree. Sometimes the rock is cracked off in pieces gradually, but oftentimes a big rock is split fairly in two, the tree roots relentlessly forcing their way downward. Time is no consideration to the tree and every spring it returns to the attack, as the new sap invigorates its roots and trunk, never giving a fraction of an inch of what it has once gained. The fight is a slow but entirely one-sided affair.

Give Your Child His Own Room.

In Farm and Fireside, a woman writing about children says:

"The craving for companionship is a powerful factor in the life of every boy or girl, but a certain amount of privacy and wholesome quiet is just as necessary to the child's development and happiness. I have known families where life was made miserable for everyone because of the constant bickering and quarreling among the children. When the house was enlarged so that each one could have his own room, they suddenly lost their fretful ways, and improved rapidly in disposition.

"It means a great deal to a boy or girl to know that his small possessions are sacred from the unsympathetic eyes and hands of the grown folks. I have always trained my children to respect each other's rights. Even if he hasn't a room to himself, each child has certain shelves, drawers and nooks sacred to his own use."

Mrs. Allen's husband is a lieutenant in the aviation corps and is now in France.

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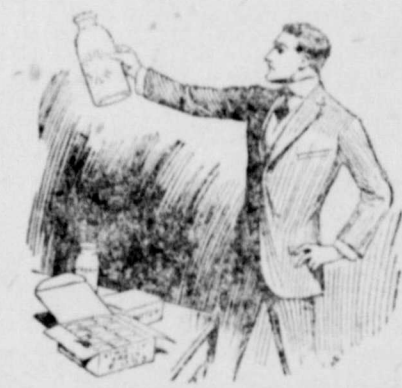
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