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Is Your Baby

coughing and all stopped up with the croup? Put a cough plaster on its chest.

WEEKS

Cough Plasters

FIELD MARSHALL

MACKENZEN ARRESTED

London, Jan. 3.—Field Marshall Mackenzen, of the German Army, has been arrested by the French authorities at Buda-Pest, according to dispatches received here from Innsbruck.

FIRE HORSE 36 YEARS OLD DIES

"Black Bess" is dead, and W. S. Harmon is grieving. "Black Bess" was only thirty six years old at the time of her death.

About twenty four years ago when Abe Miller and Joe Johnson purchased a brand of horses, the old nag was among the bunch and through the usual process of trading she fell in the hands of Mr. Harmon. At that time the mare had passed the smooth mouth age, and was classed as a twelve year old. Black Bess did most faithful service when the fire alarm sounded for her owner was a pioneer fireman, and he kept the bridle handy, and slipping it on the old nag he beat the volunteers to the fire. However, she helped to move several loads of lumber from the track to the lumber yards, as well as many tons of freight during her life time.

Sheriff Perkins and County Attorney Shepherd were getting a line up on law violations in the northern part of the county, Friday morning.

We regret to note that Mrs. J. H. King is ill with the flu.

Baker Wants to Keep Large Standing Army

Italians Cheer Arrival Wilson Party In Rome

Rome, Italy, Jan. 3.—President Wilson's special train arrived in Rome at ten thirty this morning. A tremendous cheer went up and great throngs of people greeted the party as the train stopped.

King and Queen Duchess Daosta greeted Mr. Wilson at the station.

The Ovation from the massed crowds lining the streets continued as the presidential party made its way to Quirinal where Mr. Wilson will stay while in Rome. Mr. Wilson will make the first important speech to the Italian people tonight as the State Dinner.

Rome, Jan. 3.—From the frontier to Rome the journey of President Wilson was like a triumphal

procession. Mountaineers and villagers swarmed from the hills and valleys to the railroad over which the presidential train passed to pay homage to America. They shouted "Vivas," waving hats and handkerchiefs, and flags and forming picturesque groups which were emphasized by the brilliant sunshine, blue sky and green luxuriant landscape.

Turin, Jan. 2.—President Wilson's special train arrived here this afternoon. The president was met at the station by the prefect of the providence, the mayor, the general commanding the troops here, and other authorities.

Although the reception to the American chief executive was unofficial the station was decorated with the Italian and American colors, while everywhere in the city the Stars and Stripes were flown, beside the Italian flag.

The president's train left a short time later amid the enthusiastic cheers of a crowd which had gathered to greet the nation's guest.

BURIED ALIVE BY GERMAN SOLDIERS

London, Dec. 17 (By Mail)—The term "brutes" appears often in English newspaper stories of interviewed repatriated prisoners.

This is why: "I was working in a hospital near Soissons" said a young non-commissioned officer, waiting on the station platform. "A British prisoner who was suffering from dysentery was partially unconscious.

"I saw the German put him in a coffin. They pushed me away as they began to nail down the lid on the man, who was not dead. Later they informed me that they had nailed down the coffin lid with 4-inch nails before putting it in the grave. The prisoner was buried alive."

Other stories: "I saw a British officer, helpless because he was an unarmed prisoner, being bullied by a German private. The private demanded the officer's boots. When the officer refused to give them up the private wounded the officer with a bayonet thrust. Then the private removed the officer's boots and carried them away."

An officer more humane than most German commandants was in charge of a camp where an Irish soldier fell exhausted. German guards prodded him with their bayonets, wounding him badly, but he lacked the strength to rise. Fearing they should be punished the guards put the unconscious man on a track and let a locomotive pass over him. A court martial decided the prisoner came to his death through accident.

One returned prisoner said he came from a camp where only 47 prisoners were left alive. Originally the camp's population was 15000.

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News from Judge Parish, who is at the home of his father in the northern part of the county, states that his father is getting along very well, and it is now believed that he will recover.

J. M. Garlington went to Brownwood on business, Thursday afternoon.

BALLINGER PEOPLE LITTLE BASHFUL

It is rumored in Abilene that the Texas & Pacific will shortly announce a new time table on which Abilene will be given another passenger train.

The truth of the rumor could not be confirmed here, but the information is considered reliable.

According to the rumor the new timetable will be effective Jan. 12. Nothing is known of any prospective change in the present running schedule.

Some weeks ago a delegation of Abilene business men went to Dallas and asked Mr. Lanchester for an "oil field train" to be operated between Abilene and Ranger. Very little encouragement was given at that time but it is thought now this city may get an extension of the oil field train which began operating between Fort Worth and Ranger Jan. 1 or an earlier new train.—Abilene Reporter.

Some towns are like some people they wait for things to come their way and never get anywhere. Abilene is getting a new train because the people got up and went after it. San Angelo gets her mail eighteen hours ahead of Ballinger because the people got busy and asked for it. Ballinger is entitled to better train service than she is getting, but the people are a little bashful and backward about asking for things, and seem to be satisfied with anything the public service corporations hand out.

FIVE LITTLE BOYS LEFT WITHOUT MOTHER

The death angel visited the home of John Reese Friday morning at three o'clock and removed from that home the good wife and mother, Mrs. Bell Reese.

Mrs. Reese died from pneumonia, superinduced by influenza, after an illness of more than a week. Mr. Reese and all the children, consisting of five little boys, were all ill at the same time, but the wife and mother was the only member of the family to become seriously ill. The other members of the family are getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Reese was in perfect health when stricken down by influenza. There is perhaps no home in Ballinger which could feel the sting of death more keenly as this mother leaves behind five little boys, ranging in age from two to thirteen year, the children being robbed of the love and care of a mother at the period in life when such love and care is most needed.

Deceased was a Ballinger girl. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, who moved away from this city several years ago, and now live west of Sterling City. She grew from childhood here, and had many friends of life long acquaintance who will be made to mourn her death.

The mother and father were unable to come to Ballinger to be with their daughter, but two

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Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Baker of the War Department, advocates the building of an army of a half million men by temporary volunteering in order to facilitate the quick discharge of men already in service.

A bill authorizing that a volunteer army be temporarily raised will soon be submitted to congress, Secretary Baker told the House Committee on military affairs today.

There are men who wish to remain in service while others are eager to be discharged. By organizing a temporary army through volunteering, those who wish to get out could be released much quicker.

ITALY PROTECTS WOMAN WORKERS

Rome, Dec. 10. (By Mail)—Since Italian women have entered various occupations formerly closed to them, the Italian government has undertaken establishment of rules of work in conformity with physical needs of women.

The operating of street cars is one of the lines of work which in Italy as in nearly all of the other Allied countries, has passed almost exclusively into the hands of the women. As this gives indication of being a permanent employment for them, the Italian government through perfects of every providence, has just issued a circular establishing rules and conditions under which women conductors and motorwomen must work.

The minimum age limit is fixed at 18 years for conductors and 20 years for motorwomen. Both must pass medical examinations to establish that they have the physical strength and qualifications necessary for the work.

The motorwomen are notified to sit down to their work whenever conditions permit it, and to this end the street car companies are required to furnish each with a stool.

REMAINS SHIPPED TO COMANCHE

The remains of Mrs. Lizzie Fielder, who died while she was visiting her nephew, Lee Butler and family, were shipped to Comanche Thursday afternoon, and the funeral was held at that place Friday. The remains were accompanied to Comanche by Rev. Wilson, of Miles, son of the deceased.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

There were more deaths and more births and fewer marriages, in Runnels county last year, than usual.

The Ledger will be in a better humor to boost the oil development when the developers put a little more money in the game and not try to do all the speculation on the other fellow's work.

Several months ago the people of this precinct voted \$75,000 road bonds. Many are now wondering why the road building is not under way. The laborers need the work now, while farming activities are at a standstill and hand are plentiful. Who's to blame?

We learn each other better when we visit more. This is true with our neighbors. No doubt great good will result from President Wilson's visit to Europe. The visit will be returned by the European government heads, and the countries will know each other better. Down with the knockers.

The man who said that American soldiers would fall in love with France and want to remain in that country, was just guessing and he was a bad guesser. The letters from the boys over there speak for themselves. They may fall in love with the French lassies, but they all say, "for me, give me the old U. S. A."

Good seldom results from extending anything. A bad debt extending is harder to collect. Extending the campaign in any line of work causes the people to lag in the campaign to follow. The Red Cross people extending their campaign, and we dare say the cost of extending was greater than the dollars received. Set your pegs, drive them in and quit holding the confidence of the public.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cooke, Mason, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

CONSTIPATION

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would gripe me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before."

I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal, no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape.

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WAS SCARED BUT DID'NT GET HURT

Mrs. Wm. Drennan is in receipt of a letter from her son, Lee who writes from Northern France under date of Dec. 6th. The young man was drafted from Ballinger and sent to Camp Travis and later sent to France. He writes as follows:

Dear Mother—
Will answer your letter I received yesterday. Was sure glad to get it, and to know that you are well and all O. K. I am the same. Don't know if I'll get home by Christmas or not, but I am hoping that I will.

Did any of the Nelson boys get killed in the war? We sure had a hard time of it, but we are doing well now. I am sitting in my bunk in a little town in northern France by the name of Erardos, and it is pretty cold, but we have fires and are barracked in houses, and you need not worry about me.

We have been on four different fronts in the last three months. First went to the Metz front, then to the Argonne Forest, and what I experienced there was the most terrific fighting in the war. The artillery put over a barrage at three o'clock one morning. I don't see how a living thing could have

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lived through it, and old Fritz put the bomb to us, and believe me I was scared, but did not get hurt. Mamma, I do believe that you could have picked up a pile fifty miles from us as the elements were lighted by the constant firing of many big guns and the explosion of shells. It was awful and we lost lots of men, but believe me, the huns lost ten to our one.

Then we went to the Verdun front, and the fighting was all on the run, and the huns were using machine guns, and even had them up in trees, and in every hole and crevice, but they left them and beat it in a hurry when our men attacked. Our infantry chased them clear across the Rhine. We left the Verdun front and went to the Meuse front, and are here now I am in the first army and in the first corps, and I guess you saw in the papers where the 39th and the 80th Divisions will be the first to come home, and maybe I will get to eat my first Christmas dinner at home in nine years.

I have been twice this far from home, as you know, but I never got as lonesome. This is one time I am certainly blue. Well, Mama I can't think of anything to write, about, so I will close. Pray for me. I will try to be a good boy. With much love,

Your true son and soldier,
L. R. Drennan.

WOMEN WORKERS

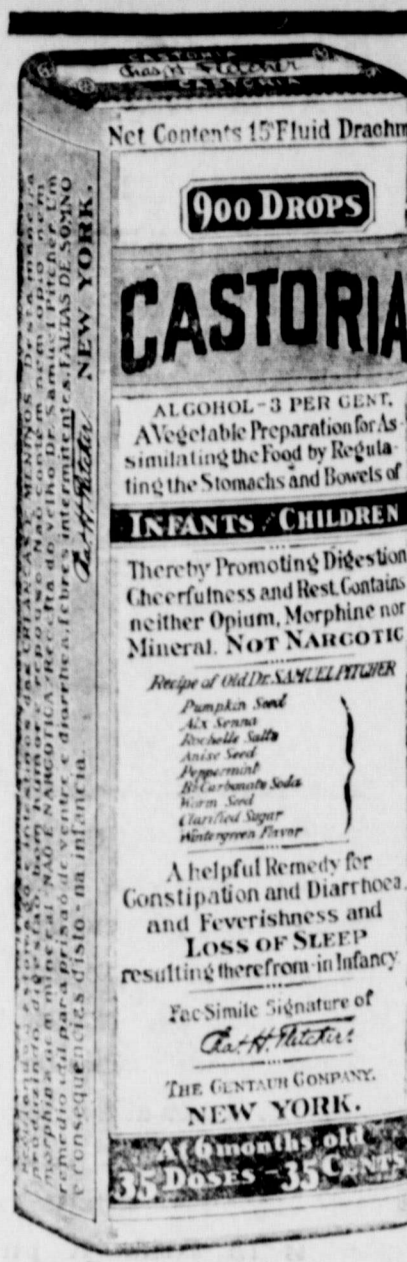
In almost every line of war activities the women of this country have done well and have taken front rank for doing work that released thousands of men for service overseas. Some women have been over-ambitious, and at the expense of their health, have filled places once occupied by men. Every woman who, because of overwork has brought on some ailment peculiar to her sex, should depend upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore her health and strength, as this remedy is now recognized as the standard and has restored multitudes.

Miss Helen Hays, who is rooming at the home of Dr. E. C. Baskin, while attending school, is a flu patient.

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J. J. Beck, former Santa Fe agent at Ballinger, was her from Brownwood between trains Thursday, on business.



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M. Barbee came in from Eldorado, Thursday afternoon, where he had been for some time visiting his son.

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Mrs. R. L. Harwell went to Paris Thursday afternoon, in response to a telegram stating that her brother-in-law was very low and not expected to live.

Miss Zula McKay returned to her school at Waco, Thursday, after spending the holidays here with relatives and friends.

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Mrs. Sidney Hale and baby went to Waco, Thursday, where they will join Mr. Hale and make their home in that city.

Miss Juliett Miller returned to the State University Thursday. She came home before Christmas to be with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. S. Miller during the holidays.

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Bailey Mack, who had been at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Mack, for two or three weeks, returned to the State University Thursday.

Miss Hellen Williams returned to Waco, Thursday, after spending the holidays with her father, R. T. Williams.

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Rev. J. B. Curry went to Meridian Thursday afternoon, where he will place his son Rodrick, in school. He expects to return home Saturday.

Miss Nadine Currie returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., Thursday, where she is in a nurse training school, after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Currie.

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Miss Gargie Singletary returned from a visit to relatives at San Angelo, Thursday afternoon.

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Wesley Reese came in from Dallas, Friday at noon, and is here to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Reese.

Rob Currie, who recently returned from England, and his sister, Mrs. Joe Hardin, visited at Miles between trains Friday.

W. O. Schultz, returned from Fort Worth, Friday at noon, and went out to his ranch at Millersview.

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J. M. Pyburn, returned from Comanche Friday at noon, where he went to work in a drug store during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Alex McGregor returned from a two months visit in Fort Worth and Dallas, Friday at noon.

Mrs. Wm. Heckler, of the Valley Creek country, was shopping in Ballinger Friday and while here getting other necessities ordered the Banner-Ledger to their address for 1919. We are sorry to learn Mr. Heckler is on the sick list this week and Mrs. Heckler said she came to get the Banner-Ledger as they could not afford to do without the county paper.

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J. G. Phipps, of the Talpa country was here among the business visitor in Ballinger Friday and ordered the Banner Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

IN STYLE TRULY DEMOCRATIC

How the President and Mrs. Wilson Took Their Outing on Those Gasless Sundays.

On gasless Sundays, when the president and Mrs. Wilson went driving, Washington witnessed an unusual spectacle. Ordinarily the president drives in an automobile, followed by two motorcycle policemen and another automobile filled with secret service men. On a gasless Sunday the procession was made up as follows:

The president and Mrs. Wilson in an open landau, behind a fine team of horses.

The two motorcycle men riding bicycles.

A handsome electric brougham, containing two secret service men.

An old-fashioned "sea-going" hack, drawn by a pair of veteran livery stable nags, which contained the remainder of the secret service men.

When they climbed hills, the horses attached to the presidential carriage walked at a dignified pace, while the two policemen on bicycles hitched behind on either side to save themselves the labor of pedaling. It is described as a motley and democratic cavalcade, particularly that part of it which brought up the rear.

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There is no Occasion for Panic—Influenza Itself Has a Very Low Percentage of Fatalities, Not Over One Death Out of Every Four Hundred Cases, According to the N. C. Board of Health. The Chief Danger Lies in Complications Arising, Attacking Principally Patients in a Run Down Condition—Those who Don't Go to Bed Soon Enough, or Those Who Get UP too Early.

Spanish influenza, which appeared in Spain in May, has all the appearance of grip or la grippe, which has swept over the world in numerous epidemics as far back as history runs. Hippocrates refers to an epidemic in 412 B. C. which is regarded by many to have been influenza. Every century has had its attacks. Beginning with 1831, this country has had five epidemics, the last in 1889-90.

The Symptoms

Grip, or influenza as it is now called, usually begins with a chill followed by aching, feverishness and sometimes nausea and dizziness, and a general feeling of weakness. The temperature is from 100 to 104, and the fever usually lasts from three to five days. The germs attack the mucous membrane of lining of the air passages—nose, throat and bronchial tubes—there is usually a bad cough, especially bad at night, often times a sore throat or tonsillitis, and frequently all the appearance of a severe head cold.

The Treatment

Go to bed at the first symptoms, not only for your own sake, but to avoid spreading the disease to others—take a purgative, eat plenty of nourishing food, remain perfectly quiet and don't worry. Quinine, Aspirin or Dover's Powders, etc., may be administered by the physician's directions to relieve the aching. But there is no cure or specific for influenza—the disease must run its course, but nature herself will throw off the attack if only you keep up your strength. The chief danger lies in the complications which may arise. Influenza so weakens the bodily resistance that there is danger of pneumonia or bronchitis developing and sometimes inflammation of the middle ear, or heart affections. For these reasons, it is very important that the patient remain in bed until his strength returns—stay in bed at least two days or more after the fever has left you, or if you are over 50 or not strong, stay in bed four days or more, according to the severity

Five Little Boys

Left Without Mother

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brothers, Pink and Luther and a sister, Mrs. Joe Barton, arrived here from Sterling City early Thursday night and were with their sister when she died. Mrs. Ben Smith, another sister, of this city, was also with her, and a third sister, Mrs. Mike Laxson, of Canyon City, has been notified and may arrive here Saturday at noon in time to attend the funeral.

of the attack.

External Applications.

In order to stimulate the lining of the air passages to throw off the grip germs, to aid in loosening the phlegm and keeping the air passages open, thus making the breathing easier, Vicks' VapoRub will be found effective. Hot, wet towels should be applied over the throat, chest and the back between the shoulder blades to open the pores. Then VapoRub should be rubbed in over the parts until the skin is red, spread on thickly and cover with two thickness of hot flannel cloths. Leave the clothing loose around the neck as the heat of the body liberates the ingredients in the form of vapors. These vapors, inhaled with each breath, carry the medication directly to the parts affected. At the same time VapoRub is absorbed through and stimulates the skin attracting the blood to the surface, and thus aids in relieving the congestion within.

How to Avoid the Disease

Evidence seems to prove that this is a germ disease, spread principally by human contact, chiefly through coughing, sneezing or spitting. So avoid persons having cold—which means a void in crowds—common drinking cups, roller towels, etc. Keep up your bodily strength by plenty of exercise in the open air, and good food.

Keep Free From Colds

Above all, keep free from colds, as colds irritate the lining of the air passages and render them much better breeding places for the germs. Use Vicks' VapoRub at the very first sign of a cold. For a head cold, melt a little in a spoon and inhale the vapors, or better still, use VapoRub in a benzoin steam kettle. If this is not available, use an ordinary tea-kettle. Fill half full of boiling water, put in half a teaspoonful of VapoRub from time to time—keep the kettle just slowly boiling, and inhale the steam arising.

NOTE: Vicks' VapoRub is the discovery of a North Carolina druggist who found how to combine, in salve form Menthol and Camphor with such essential oils as Eucalyptus, Thyme, Cubers, etc., are liberated in the form of vapors so that when the salve is applied to the body heat, these ingredients are carried to the parts affected. VapoRub is comparatively new in New York, New England and a few western states, where it is just now being introduced. In other sections of the country, it is the standard home remedy in over a million homes for all forms of cold troubles—more than six million jars were sold last year.

It is particularly recommended for children's croup or colds, since it is externally applied and, therefore, can be used as freely as desired without the slightest harmful effects. VapoRub can be had in three sizes—30c, 60c, \$1.20—at all druggists.

Besides the husband and children, brothers and sisters, there are quite a number of other relatives and several of these will be here to attend the funeral.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at two thirty, and interment made in the City Cemetery, Rev. J. H. King pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, conducting the services. The bereaved husband and little children have the sympathy of the people of Ballinger in their bereavement.

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Wants Farm Agent who Can Get Half Rate For Dealers

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Editor Ballinger Ledger:
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—
In reply to my letter published last week you miss the point entirely. I will use the same argument again put in the form of questions and will ask that you answer it.

1. Why is it that the half rate cannot be granted to retail dealers as well as farmers, thus enabling the dealers to give it to their customers, but in no way curtailing the farmers privilege of ordering his feed if he wants it.

2. Do you believe there is a single dealer in the county that is not ready and anxious to give the saving to his customer if he could get it.

3. Will you not admit that if this rate had been granted the dealers at the same time it was granted the farmers there would have been over a hundred thousand dollars saved the farmers instead of fifty thousand, the additional saving being on the feed bought from the dealers.

4. Why would not an affidavit from purchaser to rail road agent to the effect that the feed was to be used here be sufficient to get the half rate, or if that should prove impractical do you expect people to believe that no way could be worked out to get the rate without going or phoning to Ballinger for a permit. Would you have us believe that no way could be arranged to handle the half rate business except through the demonstrator.

You say that the farmers ought to order all their feed. That is a socialistic theory that has been tried over and over and always found to be impractical and is proving so again in this instance as the farmers are buying over half their feed stuff through the dealers and paying the dealers profit and the full freight rate too. If this method of doing business had been practical such organizations as the Grange, The Farmers Alliance and the Farmers Union would be doing all the business now and there would be no retail dealers in any line of business. If it had been practical the farmers would have been ordering their feed all the time, and the feed dealers would have been out of business long before this question came up.

You say I am prompted by self interest. Certainly I am and I have made no attempt to conceal that fact. You forget however, that in this case my interest and that of my customers is exactly the same. They are paying me and I am paying the railroads hundreds of dollars that should be saved to them. Among them are people who can buy their feed only in very small quantities, and just as they have to have it, or as they can get hold of a little money do you consider it a square deal to make it impossible for the dealers to give such people the advantage of the half rate?

You ask why I don't get in the wholesale business. To do a whole sale business it is necessary to have a wholesale market. I get all the wholesale business I can which in a town the size of this amounts to very little and I must depend almost entirely on the retail business for a living as long as we ship grain in instead of out.

much larger volume of business he would do.

The headline over my former letter is misleading. I made it plain that I was not against the demonstrator as a demonstrator if he is needed for that purpose. I do not pretend to know what he is worth to the county in that line. About all you have ever claimed for him was the amount he has saved on feed, and I take the position that twice that much could have been saved without his having anything to do with it.

I have no intention of engaging in a lengthy newspaper controversy and this will be all I will have to say on this subject. I will ask the readers that are interested to read this letter over again after reading your reply and to think it over.

A. F. ROBERTS

Answer 1. The government's purpose in granting the half rate was to help the farmers in the drouth stricken counties in every way possible, and not for the benefit of the dealer in any line. The government expected the dealer to sell to the farmers and let the farmers pay the freight, and therefore fixed the dealers profit.

Answer 2. You are the only dealer we have heard express himself, and you object to the farmer getting the rate unless you can get it.

Answer 3. No, we will not admit it because the farmer had no assurance that you would have deducted the freight rate, and any saving at all would have depended on whether the dealer would have given the farmers the benefit of the saving on freight. Just because the government did not see fit to grant half rate to dealers, is no argument why the farmers of Rannels county are not entitled to the saving the farmers in other West Texas counties are getting today, all because the commissioners court declined to keep the farm agent on the job.

Answer 4. No, the affidavit would not answer the purpose, because that is not the way the government is handling this relief work. You might as well ask why an affidavit from the father that he needed his boy at home did not keep him out of the war. We must comply with the government rules, or bite our nose off to spite our face. If the government says the demonstrator must make his headquarters in Winters that's where he should stay, and farmers in other parts of the county can call on him, or phone him and get his services, but the government says the demonstrator must make his headquarters in the county site town where the other county officials are located.

You are mistaken. We do not say the farmers should order all their feed. The farmers should produce their feed, but the drouth kept them from it, and the government has undertaken to help them produce another crop of feed at the lowest cost possible.

We do say that where farmers and stockmen must buy in large quantities, they should throw in together, place their orders through the local dealer, have the feed shipped to some one of the number and save the half freight rate, which amounts to from five to ten cents per bushel on oats, and in proportion on other feeds.

Mr. Roberts, you say that you are "not against the demonstrator or as a demonstrator," and that you "do not pretend to know what he is worth to the county." Your objection seems to be that he has not saved the farmers twice as much on this feed proposition when he has saved them over fifty thousand dollars.

FOR COLDS AND GRIPPE DOCTORS FIND REMEDY

Physicians and druggist are related over the fact that they have at last found a genuine and dependable remedy for colds, sore throat, influenza and la grippe. For years they have depended chiefly upon the old style calomel which is certainly fine, but unfortunately many people would not take because of its nauseating and dangerous qualities.

Now that the pharmaceutical chemists have perfected a nausealess calomel, called "Calotabs" whose medicinal virtues are vastly improved, the doctors and druggist are claiming that Calotabs are the ideal remedy to abort a cold over night and cut short an attack of sore throat or la grippe. They are also finding it most effective as the first step in the treatment of pneumonia.

One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating or your work and pleasure. The next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system is purified and refreshed. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Your druggist recommends and guarantees them by refunding the price if you are not delighted.

Did you know that the farmers of this county, who have sons in the army, and now, since the war is over wish to get those sons home just as soon as possible, are handicapped in getting their discharge all because the war department requires that the application for such discharge must be signed by the local farm agent, whose duty it is to be on the ground and know how bad the farmer needs his son at home. Three farmers were here today seeking help in an effort to get their sons out of the army.

It is folly for us to fall out with the government and decline to accept the government's help all because the government does not do things to our particular liking. Don't you think so?

Mr. Roberts, did you know that the government had outlined many new lines of work for the local farm agent, all of which were for the benefit of the farmers and no one else, including the purchasing of pure planting seed on a half freight rate basis, etc., the handling of the labor proposition, the cotton marketing proposition, and that Rannels county had already been selected as the key county for ten counties in this section of the state in handling cotton classing?

Did you know that the government had planned to place an expert here to handle cotton classing during the cotton season, free of cost to the farmers, and that since the farm demonstrator had been "kicked out" that this man would make headquarters in some other county in this section of the state?

We can not expect the government to help us if we do not cooperate with the government and help ourselves. This is a matter which three commissioners of the county control, and we agree with you and say that newspaper controversies count for nothing. It is up to the commissioners.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."