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Some Food Rules and Regulations

As Food Administrator of Roberts County, we wish to give you a few of our new food rules, which we ask you to read carefully and remember that it is to your own interest to observe them.

In a statement recently issued from the Federal Food Administrator, of Texas, E. A. Peisen, says "The Public should read the newspapers for their own protection and keep posted upon all changes and modifications of the food conservation law. Read the articles upon food conservation and food production. You will then know the law and be able to live up to it. Remember, if you violate the regulations you are subject to a fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment at the discretion of the court."

We shall not give the full chapters of the law, but only their meanings, and anything we give here which you desire to see the law on, we will gladly show you, or give further explanation gladly.

HOARDING FLOUR

You are limited to a 30 days supply of flour. If you have more than that amount, you must return same to your groceryman at once. Your retailer will pay you back the money you paid for it. A heavy penalty is attached if you do not do this.

FLOUR SUBSTITUTES

Wheat flour must not be sold to consumers unless at the same time the customer purchases equal weight of corn meal, corn flour, corn starch, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, rice, rice flour, oat meal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soybean flour, fetrita flour and the additional purchase may consist of one or more of said substitute products. Housewives may use separately or mix.

EXCEPTIONS

There is only one exception to the purchase of substitute rule. "Retailers may sell to their farmer trade, 70 per cent of their normal requirements wheat flour without substitutes, provided the farmer furnishes the retailer with a written statement that he has on hand an adequate supply of home grown substitutes and includes in such written statement a list of such substitutes showing approximate quantities. "However no consumer must not purchase or use over 70 per cent of his normal requirements."

AMOUNT YOU CAN PURCHASE

The amount of purchase at one time is limited in towns and cities to 24 or 48 pounds. To rural customers, the retailer may sell 50 to 100 pounds.

LESS DAYS

The department also strongly

For County and District Clerk

M. M. CRAIG, JR.

We take pleasure this week in announcing our present County and District Clerk for re-election. M. M. Craig, Jr., gives us permission to place his name in the announcement column of the Chief among other candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27th, 1918.

Mr. Craig is now serving his first term as county clerk. He is discharging the duties thereof in a most satisfactory manner, and so far as we have heard, there has never been a dissatisfaction from anyone on his work. His reports have all been OK'd and his work done promptly. Mr. Craig is asking for the usual second term, and we feel very confident that the people of this county will be glad to re-elect him. This is one of the hardest offices in the county to fill, and when a man has shown qualifications and willingness to fill it he is to be complimented. Mr. Craig, while yet a young man, has shown splendid ability at doing things worth while, and is ever ready to help in things worth while; a citizen of which any community might be proud.

Our citizenship will be glad to consider Mr. Craig's re-election, and if again elected, he promises to continue to be a faithful and efficient official.

recommends that every person observe the wheatless and meatless days. Remember that in order to get the best results, the following plan is being suggested to everyone:

Tuesday, Meatless Day.
Wednesday, Wheatless Day.
Saturday, Porkless Day.
One Wheatless meal and one Meatless meal every day.
Less sugar all the time.

Save, as though there would never be another food article produced, and try to produce as though this was the last opportunity of producing anything. Everyone knows why they should save and words on this would be superfluous.

As food Administrator of this County, we ask the co-operation of everyone in helping to carry out the wishes of the department. We took the oath of office and was sworn to do our duty, but this in reality places us under no stronger obligation to assist in food conservation, that does the patriotic duty of every citizen. We shall be glad to confer with you on any matters not understood.
L. G. Waggoner, County Food Adm.

Notes From the Court For State Representative

Hon. H. B. Hill, of Shamrock authorizes the Chief to announce that he is a candidate for the office of Representative of the 124th Representative District of Texas.

Mr. Hill has been engaged in the practice of law in Shamrock for the past five years and has built up a practice second to none in the Eastern Panhandle.

He came from Missouri immediately after graduating from one of the leading schools of the United States, the University of Missouri, from which he carried away the A. B. and L. L. B. degrees. During his residence in Shamrock Mr. Hill has been prominently identified with all righteous causes as well as taking a leading part in all things pertaining to civic betterment. He is a business man in every sense of the word, and the same alertness he has manifested in looking after the interests of his clients will be evident in looking after the needs of the people of his district.

The United States is now entering the most critical period of her history, and the greatest of care should be taken in the selection of the men who are to handle the affairs of the government.

HERE ARE A FEW PRINCIPLES SET FORTH BY H. B. HILL.

"The School System of the State of Texas, should be amply supported, as the training of the young for the places of those called to the colors is very important. The State educational institutions, especially in the smaller towns and rural districts, should be given due consideration, that the State may have an intelligent citizenship. It is not ment to economy and conservation, which would give us better schools at the same price.

"The liquor traffic should be eliminated from our State and Nation, therefore the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution should be ratified by the State Legislature; and if early ratification fails the people of Texas must have a vote on State wide prohibition. Prohibition is desirable in whatever it may be obtained.

"The State needs a business administration. It is not necessary that the Legislature pass a large number of new laws, but it is important that it should attend to the business of the State using care and strict economy in all expenditures and appropriations in all expenditures and appropriations.

"The great and all important thing before the American people today is the winning of the war against Germany. Every law passed by the legislature of Texas should be for the purpose of assistance to our Federal Government and the Allies. It is necessary to have the most favorable legislation to foster agricultural and industrial pursuits to the end that food and supplies may be sufficient for home, Army and the Allies."

A LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Censored.
Somewhere in France.
January 19th 1918.
Mr. L. G. Waggoner,
Miami, Texas.

Dear Sir:
I take the Chief so long to get to me because of it's going to El Paso that I suppose I'd better give you my new address and therefore hear from Miami two or three days sooner each week.

Mail is an essential thing over here, but so far I've received only two papers and a letter.

We left the States last month, spending Thanksgiving in New Jersey, Christmas on the Atlantic, and New Years Day in France.

This is a very beautiful country, but apparently ancient as compared with the good old United States.

The weather was very cold when we arrived, and we've had snow almost every day since, but this week we've had no snow, the weather is pleasant, and the green grass reminds us of Spruce.

We are in a very small town and have been treated royally by its populace.

The Y. M. C. A. opened its doors here a few days ago, and it seems as if it brings home nearer to us. We soldiers certainly appreciate its following us across the 'pond.'

Have had one real nice experience over here. Our train enroute from port to this place stopped at a certain place a long way from here and our Lieutenant told us we'd be there an hour and could go to a cafe if we wanted to. Having eaten hardtack

Possibly the Martin trial at Miami created more talk among spectators than any trial we have had at Miami in a long time. The case of the State vs Millard Martin, with Attys. Hoover, Willis and Hoover for a defence, and district Atty. E. J. Pickens and county Atty. Works of Hansford county for the State opened Thursday of last week.

Practically the entire day of Thursday was occupied in getting a jury. A night session was held Thursday night, and the court house would hardly hold the people who came to listen. There were several witnesses on both sides.

A short history of the case appears to be that about five years ago, P. P. Fifer killed a Mr. Martin, then sheriff of Hansford county, and father of the boys who were indicted. As a result of this, Fifer was sentenced to 99 years in the pen. After serving a few years, he got away and came back to Hansford county, where he left some land, cattle, horses, etc. One witness testified that Fifer said he had returned to do some more killings, but at least Fifer disappeared, from the county about December 19th, 1916. In August 1917 a shoe was found in that county containing the bones of a mans foot. The Martin boys then came to town and said that they had killed Fifer, and after a search was made where they said they left him, nothing could be found, however a few hundred yards below the place, down a draw or canyon, the bones of a man was found. Millard Martin, the youngest of the boys, who was charged with the killing, took the stand in his own defence and testified that he killed Fifer, but did it in self defence. His testimony was that he and his brother went out to arrest Fifer and return him to the State penitentiary, and after catching him, while returning home they had some car trouble, and while fixing the car, Fifer attempted to get to his gun and was shot. Their mother having seen so much trouble, they decided to bury the body and tell her nothing of it, which they did.

All evidence was completed Friday afternoon, and Friday night was appointed for the Judges charge and argument. At this session the court house was just about half full. All the standing room was taken up, and many were not able to get in the house at all. The case went to the Jury Friday night, and they rendered a verdict Saturday night giving Martin a two-year suspended sentence, for which he thanked the jury and they were dismissed.

Today the case of Philpott vs Edge is being tried, as it was set for this time. This case will about wind up the court for this term, the docket being almost clear. Court will convene next week at Panhandle.

The local exemption board received instructions to send two men to fill the balance of our first quota, and they have certified Orville Brookhart, who is now in Missouri and Norman Coffee, son of Atty. C. Coffee. Norman will leave here Saturday for Camp Travis and Mr. Brookhart will go to Camp Funston, Kansas.

Jno. P. Shutt, one of our boys who has been in the oil fields of Louisiana recently joined the army and was sent to the Kelley field at San Antonio as a mechanic.

The local board state that following the rules as sent them is certainly some job. They received instructions to do one thing today, and right the opposite to morrow. They can send no registrant to fill a quota if he has in any sort of a claim to the district board. They have also received instructions to put all married men in class two and four, who have married since May 18th, unless it can be proven that they married to evade the draft. Just a short time ago, received instructions to appeal the case of every married man who married since that date, so they hardly know how to proceed. They are expecting to get things straight after while and are doing the best they can for the present.

The local board ask the district board to report on this counties appeals before them, before this quota was to be filled, but the district board said they could not, because they were taking the counties in alphabetical order, and were only down to the J's, so it is left up to the board to certify registrants who have no claim or appeal before them.


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ANNOUNCEMENTS
 We are authorized to announce the following names, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27th, 1918.

For Tax Assessor
 W. A. DYER
 TOM PURSLEY

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.
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For County Judge
 J. K. McKENZIE

For County Commissioner, Precinct 4.
 W. G. LYONS

For County and District Clerk.
 M. M. CRAIG, Jr.

For Representative 124th District.
 H. B. HILL

Old man winter is visiting us again this week. He did not come with such a bad temper this time, but his presence is very easy detected.

A fellow townsman said to us this week, "no I have never tried to purchase an oversupply of food stuffs, (if there comes a time when everybody will have to eat husks, I want to be with them and eat husks too." That is the kind of spirit it is going to take to win this war.

A North Texas Bankers Association was started at Canadian last week. Bankers from every county in this 31st Judicial District met there to discuss various ways of helping win the war. They discussed many phases of the banking system and its duty to our country. Judge Cunningham of the Bank of Miami attended from this county.

"Gas fails to burn," says a headline in the Glazier Review. An excited crowd went to a well near Glazier which had been showing gas, they tried to set it afire to prove that it was natural gas, it wasn't, it is only hot air. If you good people need a nice salt water well, send the Chief Editor down a few shares in your company, then dig the well and you will get it. We never fail.

It makes no difference, whether you are a business man, farmer, laborer or professional man, possibly you think now, or have thought, that the war was hitting your class harder than anyone. Talk to any class, and they will tell you the government has hit them hardest and high prices are ruining things. Gentlemen, we have all been hit hard; no one has received a knockout blow, and we may all come out of this scrap with a black eye, but we are going to win, and we cannot expect to have a hard fight without losing a little blood. Just grit your teeth, take the punishment and stay with it until the end comes.

Assuming that Hon. Marvin Jones will be a candidate to succeed himself we now have three candidates for Congress from the Panhandle district, Judge J. L. Lackey, of Claude, having announced his candidacy several weeks ago and this week Judge J. W. Crudgrington, of Amarillo, presents his candidacy to the voters of the district. Mr. Jones is serving his first term as a member of the congress. He is a brilliant young man and an orator of unusual ability. Judge Crudgrington is a member of the lower House of the Texas Legislature, now serving his second term as a member from this district. He is a seasoned campaigner and strong on the stump. We have only a casual acquaintance with Judge Lackey, but his friends are recommending him highly and we assume that he, too, is a strong campaigner.
 Anyway, it now seems that a warm and vigorous campaign is brewing, with the paramount issue clinging around each candidate's attitude and loyalty to President Wilson's administration and war policies.—Panhandle Herald.

Each day as reports reach us of our boys landing in France and of deaths that has taken place among the boys in the service of their country, the war is brought nearer home to us. The sinking of the Tuscania with its loss of life, and of several boys with whom we are personally acquainted, has been the means of bringing the horrors of the war more directly to the American people than anything that has thus far happened since the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany.
 It is well for us to realize that there are two great armies that are engaged in this titanic struggle. One army is composed of the men who are already and soon will be in the trenches. The other army is much larger and is composed of the men, women and children who stay at home. The work of the Army that is now, or soon will be in the trenches is to fight the enemy with shot and shell and all the devices of modern warfare, and in this doing expose themselves to death, or some worse fate. The duty of the army that stays at home, you and me, is to give our moral, financial and physical support to the Army that is facing the enemy across "No Man's Land." The army that is at the front cannot win this war without the undivided support of the army that stays at home. To be disloyal in the army that is exposed to the dangers of shot and shell would mean a sentence of death. To be disloyal in the army that we are speaking of is just as deserving of the same punishment. It means much to the boys at the front to know that they have the undivided and solid support of the folks back at home, and while we may never go to the trenches, we are determined that no Kaiser loving traitor shall stick a knife in the back of these young men who are in France, who are indeed fighting for our safety and that we be secure in our personal and property rights.

Petitions have been signed by citizens at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kansas City, Missouri and Dallas, Texas, asking President Wilson to have Theodore Roosevelt interned until after the war is over. Possibly in all the United States there is hardly a newspaper that has so little use for Col. Roosevelt as the News. His policies and ways of doing are positively obnoxious to us. Yet, the News would give him free latitude to say what he wants to in regard to the war its conduct or on any other public subject or issue. We would accord every American citizen this constitutional right, without fear or hindrance. Col. Roosevelt is an American and loves his country just as well as you, we or any other patriotic American does; he has four sons on the firing line in France. Let's not make fools of ourselves these critical days by trying to crucify every man who says something in criticism of the way the administration is doing this or that thing. Let's keep level-headed, cool and our minds open for the truth and the best way to do things. If the administration were to try to stop Col. Roosevelt's mouth by force it would make him the more popular, and might cause the ousting of the democratic party from power in next fall's election.—Clarendon News.

In these days of substitute, it has come to where the genuine article is about a thing of the past. We do not know whether or not the Anheiser-Busch Brewing Company claim that Bevo is a substitute for beer or not, but nevertheless a friend of ours says that it is. This office received a nice Xmas box containing five dozen bottles of Bevo, a Christmas present from the Anheiser-Busch. It was late getting here, but why should it not be better late than never. We are no authority on beer, but happen to have a trusted friend (His name centered) who says that he has drunk real beer and that in Bevo, the beer drinker can find a splendid substitute; a food drink containing the good qualities of beer without the alcoholic ingredient. Had this shipment been the real genuine beer, then of course this article would have been censored and the shipment returned, for we can think of no one in this country who could use it. Whether or not it is a substitute, it is a pretty good drink, and if it is substitute, it is better and should be used instead of the original. Thanks, Mr. Anheiser for the shipment.

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WAR TALKS
 By UNCLE DAN
 Number Three

How War Methods Have Changed
 Everybody Must Help.

"Hello, Uncle Dan, Jimmie and I have been waiting for you."
 "Sorry if I have kept you long," said Uncle Dan. "Your mother has been telling me how bashful I used to be. She said if a girl spoke to me I would blush to my hair roots. Well, I reminded her of the time your father first came to see her and the joke we played on them, so I guess that will hold her for a while."

Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "You want to talk more about the war, do you? Well, war methods have undergone many changes and they are still changing. No two wars are fought alike. In early times, bows and arrows, spears, clubs, spears, bows and arrows, swords, etc. In this kind of warfare, victory was with the strong right arm. Men of enormous size and strength were the great warriors. The invention of gunpowder, however, has changed all this. It has enabled men to kill one another at a considerable distance, and do it wholesale. The war, as we know it now, is a combination of chemicals, machinery, mathematical calculations and highly trained men. Just think of it! Airplanes, submarines, armored tanks, or caterpillars, poison gases, and curtains of fire are all used for the first time in this war; and they are destructive beyond anything heretofore known.

"The methods followed by the Kaiser and his allies are simply devilish. He must answer in history to the killing of thousands of innocent women and children. He has broken every international law and every rule of warfare; he has bombarded hospitals and undefended cities, sunk Red Cross ships on errands of mercy; he has destroyed cathedrals and priceless treasures of art that can never be replaced; he has made slaves of his prisoners; he has tried to get us into war with Japan; his emissaries have blown up our ships, burned our factories and fired our forests. He knows no mercy or honor. The most charitable view to take of this blood-thirsty tyrant is that he is crazy.


"One thing is certain," continued Uncle Dan, with great emphasis, "Our liberty, the safety of our homes and our country, and the security of the world demand the speedy and absolute overthrow of the Kaiser and crushing out once and forever the reign of Prussian brutality."
 "How about the German people," said Billie.
 Uncle Dan replied: "The splendid German people were happy, thrifty, prosperous and contented. They have been tricked into war and made to suffer the tortures of the damned; they have been cruelly and systematically deceived. God grant that the real facts may get to them, and if they do, Lord help the Kaiser!"

"Of course the allies will win," said Mrs. Graham.
 "Probably so," said Uncle Dan. "But if we are to win, we must go the limit. We must check the awful destruction to shipping by the German submarines, or we may not be able to get food and supplies to our own men and to our allies; we must also put hundreds of thousands, and perhaps millions, of first-class soldiers in the battle line.
 "Food is the first consideration," Uncle Dan continued. "No army can hold out against hunger. It has been said that food will win the war, and this is largely true. Hence the importance of the farm in the war plans of our country."

Mrs. Graham interrupted by saying: "In view of the importance of farming, don't you think, Daniel, that the farmers ought to be exempted from war service?"
 "No, a thousand times no," said Uncle Dan, striking the table so hard to emphasize his protest that he tipped over a vase of flowers. "We must have no class legislation. The duty to serve is the common duty of all, and no class must be relieved of this obligation. The question of exemption must be a personal one and decided by the facts surrounding each case. In no other way can we have a square deal, and to insure this it is the duty of congress to pass immediately the Chamberlain bill, or some such measure, which is fair to all classes. It would settle all these questions and do it fairly. Safety now and safety hereafter demands such legislation, and let me suggest that you and your friends get busy with your congressman and senators and urge them to prompt action.

"It is time for us to realize that we are not living in a fool's paradise; that this great country of ours cost oceans of blood and treasure and it is only due to the loyalty, sacrifice and service of our forefathers that we have a country, and it is our highest duty to preserve it unimpaired and pass it on to posterity, no matter what the cost may be. Our citizenship and their ancestors came from all parts of the world to make this country a home and enjoy its blessings and opportunities; hence, in the crisis before us, it is the duty of everyone to stand squarely back of our country and be prepared to defend the flag. Everyone in this crisis is either pro-American or pro-German. Great as the country is, there is not room enough for two flags."

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ELLIOT AND SHEBA FIND THEY HAVE MUTUAL FRIENDS— HE AND MACDONALD BECOME RIVALS

Synopsis.—As a representative of the government Gordon Elliot is on his way to Alaska to investigate coal claims. On the boat he meets and becomes interested in a fellow passenger who learns is Sheba O'Neill, also "going in." Colby Macdonald, active head of the land-grabbing syndicate under investigation, comes aboard. Macdonald is attacked by mine laborers whom he had discharged, and the active intervention of Elliot probably saves his life. Elliot and Macdonald become in a measure friendly, though the latter does not know that Elliot is on a mission which threatens to spoil plans of Macdonald to acquire millions of dollars through the unlawful exploitation of immensely valuable coal fields. Elliot also "gets a line" on the position occupied by Wally Selfridge, Macdonald's right-hand man, who is returning from a visit to "the States," where he had gone in an effort to convince the authorities that there was nothing wrong in Macdonald's methods. Elliot secures an introduction to Miss O'Neill and while the boat is taking on freight the pair set out to climb a locally famous mountain. They venture too high and reach a position from which it is impossible for Miss O'Neill to go forward or turn back. Elliot leaves Sheba and at imminent peril of his life goes for assistance. He meets Macdonald, who had become alarmed for their safety, and they return and rescue Sheba.

CHAPTER IV—Continued.

About a mile below the falls he met two men. One of them was Colby Macdonald. He carried a coil of rope over one shoulder. The big Alaskan explained that he had not been able to get it out of his head that perhaps the climbers who had waved at his party had been in difficulties. So he had got a rope from the cabin of an old miner and was on his way back to the falls.

The three climbed to the falls, crossed the bridge and reached the top of the cliff.

"You know the lay of the land down there, Mr. Elliot. We'll lower you," decided Macdonald, who took command as a matter of course.

Gordon presently stood beside Sheba on the little plateau. She had quite recovered from the touch of hysteria that had attacked her courage. "You weren't long," was all she said.

"I met them coming," he answered as he dropped the loop of the rope over her head and arranged it under her shoulders.

He showed her how to relieve part of the strain of the rope on her flesh by using her hands to lift.

"All ready?" Macdonald called from above.

"All ready," Elliot answered. To Sheba he said, "Hold tight."

The girl was swung from the ledge and rose jerkily in the air. She laughed gaily down at her friend below.

"It's fun," Gordon followed her a couple of minutes later. She was waiting to give him a hand over the edge of the cliff.

"Miss O'Neill, this is Mr. Macdonald," he said, as soon as he had freed himself from the rope. "You are fellow passengers on the Hannah."

Macdonald was looking at her straight and hard. "Your father's name—was it Farrell O'Neill?" he asked bluntly.

"Yes."

"I knew him." The girl's eyes lit. "I'm glad, Mr. Macdonald. That's one reason I want-

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"Diane!" he cried. "You! What in heaven's name are you doing here, Gordon Elliot?" she demanded, and before he could answer had seized both hands and turned excitedly to call a stocky man near. "Peter—Peter! Guess who's here?"

"Hello, Peter!" grinned Gordon, and he shook hands with the husband of Diane.

Elliot turned to introduce his friend, but she anticipated him.

"Cousin Diane," she said dryly. "don't you know me?" Mrs. Paget swooped down upon the girl and smothered her in her embrace.

"This is Sheba—little Sheba that I have told you so often about, Peter," she cried. "Glorious, I'm glad to see you, child." And Diane kissed her young child. "You two met on the boat, didn't you?"

"Yes, I met her on the boat, coming in. I same boat, of course, coming in. I hope you didn't let her get lonesome, Gordon. Look after Sheba's suitcases, Peter. You'll come to dinner tonight, won't you?"

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we're not carrying you from the foot of the cliff," he said dryly. "I wouldn't cross that rock wall for a hundred thousand dollars in cold cash."

"Nor I again," admitted Gordon with a laugh. "But we had either to home-stead that plateau or vacate it. I preferred the latter."

Miss O'Neill's deep eyes looked at him. She was about to speak, then changed her mind.

CHAPTER V.

Sheba Sings—and Two Men Listen. Elliot did not see Miss O'Neill next morning until she appeared in the dining room for breakfast. He timed himself to get through so as to join her when she left. They strolled out to the deck together.

He came abruptly to what was on his mind. "I have an apology to make, Miss O'Neill. If I made light of your danger yesterday, it was because I was afraid you might break down. I had to seem unsympathetic rather than risk that."

She smiled forgiveness. "All you said was that I might have sprained my wrist. It was true, too. I might have—and I did." Sheba showed a white linen bandage tied tightly around her wrist.

"Your whole weight came on it with a wrench. No wonder it hurt."

Sheba noticed that the Hannah was drawing up to a wharf and the passengers were lining up with their belongings. "Is this where we change?"

"Those of us going to Kuskak transfer here. But there's no hurry. We wait at this landing two hours."

Gordon helped Sheba move her baggage to the other boat and joined her on deck. They were both strangers in the land. Their only common acquaintance was Macdonald and he was letting Mrs. Mallory absorb his attention just now. Left to their own resources, the two young people naturally drifted together a good deal.

This suited Elliot. He found his companion wholly delightful, not the less because she was so different from the girls he knew at home. She could be frank, and even shyly audacious on occasion, but she held a little note of reserve he felt bound to respect.

Macdonald left the boat twenty miles below Kuskak with Mrs. Mallory and the Selfridges. A chauffeur with a motorcar was waiting on the wharf to run them to town, but he gave the wheel to Macdonald and took the seat beside the driver.

"Are you going to the hotel or direct to your cousin's?" Gordon asked Miss O'Neill.

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"I'm in the kind hands of my countrywoman," laughed Gordon. "I'll certainly be on hand."

"But what in the world are you doing here? You're the last man I'd have expected to see."

"I'm in the service of the government, and I've been sent in on business."

"Well, I'm going to say something original, dear people," Mrs. Paget replied. "It's a small world, isn't it?"

While he was dressing for dinner later in the day, Elliot recalled early memories of the Pagets. He had known Diane ever since they had been youngsters together at school. He remembered her as a restless, wiry little thing, keen as a knife-blade. Always popular socially, she had surprised everybody by refusing the catch of the town to marry a young mining engineer without a penny. Gordon was in college at the time, but during the next long vacation he had fraternized a good deal with the Peter Pagets. The young married people had been very much in love with each other, but not too preoccupied to take the college boy into their happiness as a comrade.

Then the Arctic goldfields had claimed Paget and his bride. That had been more than ten years ago, and until today Gordon had not seen them since.

While Elliot was brushing his dinner coat before the open window of the room assigned to him at the hotel, somebody came out to the porch below. The voice of a woman floated faintly to him.

"Seen Diane's Irish beauty yet, Ned?"

"Yes," a man answered. The woman laughed softly. "Mrs. Mallory came up on the same boat with her." The inflection suggested that the words were meant not to tell a fact, but some less obvious inference.

"She's wonderfully pretty, and of course Diane will make the most of her. But Mrs. Mallory is a woman among ten thousand."

"I'd choose the girl if it were me," said the man.

"But it isn't you. We'll see what we'll see."

They were moving up the street and Gordon heard no more. What he had heard was not clear to him. Why should any importance attach to the fact that Mrs. Mallory and Sheba O'Neill had come up the river on the same boat? Yet he was vaguely disturbed by the insinuation that in some way Diane was entering her cousin as a rival of the older woman. He resented the idea that the fine, young personality of the Irish girl was being cheapened by management on the part of Diane Paget.

Elliot was not the only dinner guest at the Paget home that evening. He found Colby Macdonald sitting in the living room with Sheba. She came quickly forward to meet the newly arrived guest.

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of it. And that it was an unexpected blow there could be no doubt.

"Glad you've come, Mr. Elliot. We ask nothing but fair play. The men who own the Macdonald group of claims have nothing to conceal. I'll answer that question. I meant to say two years ago last spring."

His voice was easy and his gaze unwavering as he made the correction, yet everybody in the room except Sheba knew he was deliberately lying to cover the slip. For the admission that he had inspected the Kamatlah field just before his dummies had fled upon it would at least tend to aggravate suspicion that the entries were not bona fide.

It was rather an awkward moment. Sheba unconsciously relieved the situation.

"But what about the big moose, Mr. Macdonald? What did it do then?"

The Alaskan went back to his story. He was talking for Sheba alone, for the young girl, with eager, fascinated eyes which flashed with sympathy as



"Don't Answer That Question."

they devoured selected glimpses of his wild, turbulent career. She saw him with other eyes than Elliot's. The government official admired him tremendously. Macdonald was an empire builder. He blazed trails for others to follow in safety. But Gordon could guess how callously his path was strewn with brutality, with the effects of an ethical color-blindness largely selfish, though even he did not know that the man's primitive jungle code of wolf eat wolf had played havoc with Sheba's young life many years before.

Diane, satisfied that Macdonald had scored, called upon Sheba.

"I want you to sing for us, dear, if you will."

Sheba accompanied herself. The voice of the girl had no unusual range, but it was singularly sweet and full of the poignant feeling that expresses the haunting pathos of her race.

It's well I know ye, Sheve Cross, Ye weary, stony hill, An' I'm tired, oh, I'm tired to be looking on ye still. For here I live the near side an' he is on the far, An' all your heights and hollows are between us, so they are. Och anee!

Gordon, as he listened, felt the strange hunger of that homesick cry steal through his blood. He saw his own emotions reflected in the face of the Scotch-Canadian, who was watching with a tense interest the slim, young figure at the piano, the girl whose eyes were soft and dewy with the mysticism of her people, were still luminous with the poetry of the child in spite of the years that heralded her a woman.

Elliot intercepted the triumphant sweep of Diane's glance from Macdonald to her husband. In a flash it lit up for him the words he had heard on the hotel porch. Diane, an inveterate matchmaker, intended her cousin to marry Colby Macdonald. No doubt she thought she was doing a fine thing for the girl. He was a millionaire, the biggest figure in the Northwest. His iron will ran the town and district as though the people were chattels of his. Back of him were some of the biggest financial interests in the United States.

But the gorge of Elliot rose. The man, after all, was a lawbreaker, a menace to civilization. He was a survivor, by reason of his strength, from the primitive wolf-pack. The very look of his hard, gray eyes was dominant and masterful. He would win, no matter how. It came to Gordon's rebel heart that if Macdonald wanted this lovely Irish girl—and the young man never doubted that the Scotsman would want her—he would reach out and gather in Sheba just as if she were a coal mine or a placer prospect.

All this surged through the mind of the young man while the singer was on the first line of the second stanza.

But if it was only Sheve Cross To climb from foot to crown, I'd soon be up an' over that, I'd soon be runnin' down. Then sure the great old sea itself Is there beyond the bar, An' all the windy wathers are Between us, so they are. Och anee!

The rich, soft, young voice with its Irish brogue died away. The little audience paid the singer the tribute of silence. She herself was the first to speak.

"Divided" is the name of it. A namesake of mine, Moira O'Neill, wrote it," she explained.

"It's a beautiful song, and I thank ye for singing it," Macdonald said simply. "It minds me of my own barefoot days by the Tay."

Later in the evening the two dinner guests walked back to the hotel together. They discussed casually the cost of living in the North, the raising of strawberries at Kuskak, and the best way to treat the mosquito nuisance, but neither of them referred to the Macdonald coal claims or to Sheba O'Neill.

CHAPTER VI.

Wally Gets Orders. Macdonald, from his desk, looked up at the man in the doorway. Selfridge had come in jauntily, a cigar in his mouth, but at sight of the grim face of his chief the grin fled.

"Come in and shut the door," ordered the Scotsman. "I sent for you to congratulate you, Wally. You did fine work outside. You told me, didn't you, that it was all settled at last—that our claims are clear-listed for patent?"

The tubby little man felt the edge of irony in the quiet voice. "Sure, that's what Winton told me," he assented nervously.

"Then you'll be interested to know that a special agent of the land department sat opposite me last night and without batting an eye came across with the glad news that he was here to investigate our claims."

Selfridge bounced up like a rubber ball from the chair into which he had just settled. "What?"

"Pleasant surprise, isn't it? I've been wondering what you were doing outside. Of course I know you had to take in the shows and cabarets of New York. But couldn't you edge in an hour or two once a week to attend to business?"

Wally's collar began to choke him. The cool, hard words pelted like hail.

"Must be bluff, Mac. The muckrake magazines have raised such a row about the Guttenchild crowd putting over a big steal on the public that the party leaders are scared stiff."

"I understand that, Wally. What I don't get is how you came to let them slip this over on you without even a guess that it was going to happen."

"That phase of the subject Selfridge did not want to discuss."

"But you a hat I've guessed it right—just a grand-stand play of the administration to fool the dear people. This fellow has got his orders to give us a clean bill of health. Sure, that must be it. I suppose it's this man Elliot that came up on the boat with us."

"Yes."

"Well, that's easy. If he hasn't been seen we can see him."

Macdonald looked his man Friday over with a scarcely veiled contempt. "You're about as much vision as a breed trader. Unless I miss my guess, Elliot isn't that kind. He'll go through to a finish. If he sees straight we're all right, but if he is a narrow conservation fanatic he might go ahead and queer the whole game."

"You wouldn't stand for that." The quick glance of Selfridge asked a question.

The lips of the Scotsman were like steel traps and his eyes points of steel. "We'll cross that bridge if we come to it. Our first move is to try to win him to see this thing our way. I'll have a casual talk with him before he leaves for Kamatlah and feel him out."

"What's he doing here at all? If he's investigating the Kamatlah claims, why does he go hundreds of miles out of his way to come in to Kuskak?" asked Selfridge.

Macdonald smiled sardonically. "He's doing this job right. Elliot as good as told me that he's on the job to look up my record thoroughly. So he comes to Kuskak first. In a few days he'll leave for Kamatlah. That's where you come in, Wally."

"How do you mean?"

"You're going to start for Kamatlah tomorrow. You'll arrange the stage before he gets there—see all the men and the foremen. Line them up so they'll come through with the proper talk. If you have any doubts about whether you can trust someone, don't take any chances. Fire him out of the camp. Offer Elliot the company hospitality. Load him down with favors. Take him everywhere. Show him everything. But don't let him get any proofs that the claims are being worked under the same management."

"But he'll suspect it."

"You can't help his suspicions. Don't let him get proof. Cover all the tracks that show company control."

"I can fix that," he said. "But what about Holt? You know how bitter he is—and crazy. He ought to be locked away with the flitter-mice."

"You mustn't let Elliot meet Holt."

"How the deuce can I help it? No chance to keep them apart in that little hole. It can't be done."

"Can't it?"

"Something in the quiet voice rang a bell of alarm in the timid heart of Selfridge.

"You mean—"

"A man who works for me as my lieutenant must have nerve, Wally. Have you got that? Will you take orders and go through with them?" Wally nodded. His lips were dry. "Go to it. What am I to do?"

"Get Holt out of the way while Elliot is at Kamatlah. It isn't doing Holt any good to sit tight clamped to that claim of his. He needs a change. Besides, I want him away so that we can contest his claim. Run him up into the hills. Or send him across to Siberia on a whaler. Or, better still, have him arrested for insanity and send him to Nome. I'll get Judge Landon to hold him awhile."

"Leave it to me. The old man is going on a vacation, though he doesn't know it yet."

"Good enough, Wally. I'll trust you. But remember, this fight has reached an acute stage. No more mistakes. The devil of it is we never seem to land the knockout punch. We've beaten this bunch of reform idiots before Winton, before the secretary of the interior, before the president and before congress. Now they're beginning all over again. Where is it to end?"

"This is their last kick. Probably Guttenchild agreed to it so as to let the party go before the people at the next election without any apologies. Entirely formal investigation, I should say."

This might be true, or it might not. Macdonald knew that just now the American people, always impulsive in its thinking, was supporting strongly the movement for conservation. A searchlight had been turned upon the Kamatlah coal fields.

The trouble had originated in a department row, but it had spread until the Macdonald claims had become a party issue. The officials of the land office, as well as the national administration, were friendly to the claimants. They had no desire to offend one of the two largest money groups in the country. But neither did they want to come to wreck on account of the Guttenchilds. They found it impossible to ignore the charge that the entries were fraudulent and if consummated would result in a wholesale robbery of the public domain. Superficial investigations had been made and the claimants whitewashed. But the clamor had persisted.

The facts were simple enough. Macdonald was the original promoter of the Kamatlah coal field. He had engaged dummy entrymen to take up 100 acres each under the homestead act. Later he intended to consolidate the claims and turn them over to the Guttenchilds under an agreement by which he was to receive one-eighth of the stock of the company formed to work the mines. The entries had been made, the fee accepted by the land office and receipts issued. In course of time Macdonald had applied for patents.

Before these were issued the magazines began to pour in their broadsides, and since then the papers had been held up.

The conscience of Macdonald was quite clear. The pioneers in Alaska were building out of the Arctic waste a new empire for the United States, and he held that a fair government could do no less than offer them liberal treatment. To lock up from present use vast resources needed by Alaskans would be a mistaken policy, a narrow and perverted application of the doctrine of conservation. The territory should be thrown open to the world. If capital were invited in to do its share of the building, immigration would flow rapidly northward. Within the lives of the present generation the new empire would take shape and wealth would pour inevitably into the United States from its frozen treasure house.

The view held by Macdonald was one common to the whole Pacific coast. Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, were

unit in the belief that the government had no right to close the door of Alaska and then put a padlock upon it.

Feminine voices drifted from the outer office. Macdonald opened the door to let in Mrs. Selfridge and Mrs. Mallory.

On the way to Kamatlah, Elliot wanders from the trail and after struggling desperately for many hours, resigns himself to death.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

If you must prejudge a man, at least suspend sentence.

Swung From the Ledge and Rose Jerkily in the Air.

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"Some time. We must be going now to catch the boat—after I've had a look at the cliff this young man crawled across."

He turned away, abruptly, it struck Elliot, and climbed down the natural stairway up which the young man had come. Presently he rejoined those above. Macdonald looked at Elliot with a new respect.

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Camp Travis, Texas, Feb. 12, 1918.
The possibilities of too free discussion of matters of military importance are brought clearly before the people of the country today in the recent sinking of the transport "Tuscania" and the loss of many lives. This disaster was a result unquestionably of the enemies knowledge of the route of the boat. Spies in the employ of the German Government secured such information possibly from innocent sources.

Parents, sweethearts, friends or soldiers of this division and every other division of the country cannot be too careful of the manner which they discuss matters transmitted to them through the mails or otherwise. By a process of deduction, clever enemy representatives can secure such information as they may desire by the compilation of remarks from many sources. The result of such information might mean the wrecking of trains, destruction of bridges, and sinking of transports on which these brave men were being moved to fight a pitiless and conscienceless foe.

No ban has been put upon the postal service from the camps of the country. Soldiers in intimate touch with military matters can unwittingly divulge much that might endanger their own and numerous other lives. Recipients of letters from boys in the service, where no censorship has been made of the contents, should use the utmost discretion in divulging the contents of such letters, or in discussing them away from the family circle. Nor should they be allowed to lie around promiscuously.

The further fact that several contingents from Camp Travis were numbered among those on the sunken transport brings closer than ever to the minds of those whose loved ones are in this camp the extreme necessity of using caution and good judgment in everything that might rebound to injury to those who are giving their efforts for a noble cause. There is no better way to start today than to weigh every statement you make based on information from your boys in camp. Don't peddle them around, or allow them to become gossip of the neighborhood. Bear in mind that you may be doing many brave boys an injustice and submitting them to grave danger.

While government records for the entire armed forces of the nation since the mobilization show that there have been an average of 125 courts martial each week resulting in the dishonorable discharge of the soldier undergoing trial, Camp Travis soldiers have established a record of four months in uniform with but seven cases of dishonorable discharge from the service.

Under the policy of the government at this time, dishonorable discharge is awarded only in those cases which are punished in the same sentence with an imprisonment for a term of years. Accordingly, the sentence of imprisonment is usually very heavy where the circumstances are considered by the court and reviewing authority to merit the penalty of dishonorable discharge also.

Looked at in this light, the facts indicate that discipline and conduct in general of the men of Camp Travis compare very favorably with the general level of the enlisted strength of the country. The spirit and morale of them, as observed in their lift about barracks, in their letters to home papers and in their work and drill, bear out these conclusions.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT:

Miami, Texas, Feb. 6, 1918.
To The Officers and Members of Miami Lodge 48, I. O. O. F.
We, Your Committee appointed to draft Resolutions of Respect to the memory of our deceased Brother W. B. Jackson, beg to submit the following:

Whereas the All Wise Creator and Preserver of the Universe has been fit in his Infinite Wisdom to remove from among us our well beloved Brother, W. B. Jackson.

And whereas, We know that we have been benefited by the opportunity of knowing, and being associated with Brother Jackson, whose

life and the example that he set, we could do no better than to follow, we were to take the life of anyone for an example to follow, as his life was filled with good works, he being a friend to the friendless, and the needy, a true and loyal Brother to the members of his lodge, never forgetting his obligations, a true and loyal Husband and Father, and while looking at it from a human view point it might seem that his was an untimely death, we realize that "God knowest best" and His will not ours be done." Therefore, be it resolved, That we regard this as a distinct personal loss to each member of this Order, a loss to all who knew Brother Jackson, a loss to the community in which he resided, and an irreparable loss to his family, and be it further Resolved that, We issue our Charter in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that we spread a copy of these Resolutions on our minutes, have one copy published in the columns of the Miami Chief, have a copy published in an Alamogordo New Mexico paper, and send a copy to his afflicted family.

H. E. Baird,
Ray Trowbridge,
Jno. A. Newman.
R. L. TEMPLETON ANNOUNCES FOR STATE SENATOR.
To the Good People of Roberts Co. I am very much indebted to you for the honor conferred upon me and the confidence expressed by you in selecting me three times in succession to the House of Representatives. I am now asking for the office of State Senator in the large Panhandle District composed of 49 counties, and I shall appreciate your support in this new ambition.

Very respectfully,
R. L. Templeton.
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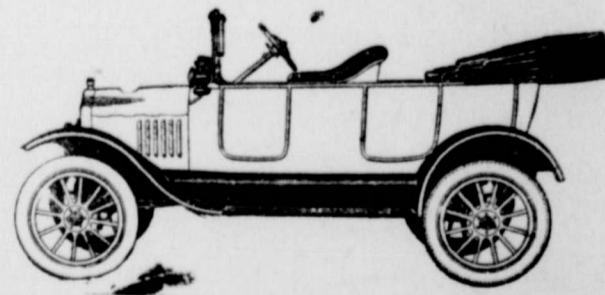
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12 Boxes Matches	.60c.
6 packages Macaroni or Spaghetti	50c
10 lb. Black Eyed Peas	\$1.00
8 lb California Pink Beans	\$1.00
1 lb. California Navy Beans	\$1.00
5 cans selected Pink Salmon	\$1.00
4 cans Red Salmon	\$1.00
1 Gallon Velva Syrup	.85c
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12 No. 2 cans standard corn	\$1.45
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12 No. 2 Cans Standard tomatoes	\$2.00
12 Cans No. 2 Early June Peas	\$1.50
12 No. 2 cans Wapco Red Beans	\$1.40
12 No. 3 cans Van Camp Hominy	\$1.50
12 Small cans Libbys evaporated Milk	.85c
12 No. 2 cans Libbys Kraut	\$1.50
12 No. 2 1-2 Cans Libbys Kraut	\$1.75
1 three gallon keg Libbys Kraut	\$2.25
1 five gallon keg Libbys Kraut	\$3.00
12 No. 2 cans Success Green Beans	\$1.40
12 No. 2 cans Boiled Cabbage	\$1.40
1 pkg Virginia Sweet Pan Cake Flour	.10c.
5 lb. Full Head Rice	.50c

FRUIT

1 No. 10 can Apples	.40c
1 No. 10 can Peaches	.55c
1 No. 10 can Apricots	.65c
1 No. 10 can Black Berries	.75c
1 No. 10 can Red Pitted Cherries	\$1.00

COFFEE

1 Three lb can Yala brand Coffee, \$1.20 value	\$1.00
1 Three lb. can Cheek & Neal Coffee, value \$1.00	.85c
1 Three lb. pail Coopers Coffee, value \$1.00	.85c
4 lbs. Peaberry Coffe value \$1.20	\$1.00

**THE CASH GROCERY
COMPANY
PHONE 70.**

Among those attending the Buyers and Sellers convention at Amarillo this week were, R. D. Duniven, U. S. Strader, S. R. Nelson, B. F. Talley, J. W. Burks, J. F. Rasor, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McAfse, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. O'Loughlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mathers.

All local managers for the Panhandle Lumber Company in the panhandle were called in to Amarillo yesterday. Local manager Certain is in attendance.

Miss Boyan of McLean visited Miss Emma Sohns first of the week.

Miss Thelma White from the Maars ranch in Gray County spent first of the week at the Ben Talley home.

Miss Beth Macburn of Amarillo returned home first of the week after a two weeks visit with Miami friends and relatives.

"Bill" Lee, the popular and accommodating young clerk at W. E. Stockers report having killed 69 geese, but then you all know "Willie."

Local Manager, T. L. Certain of the Panhandle Lumber Company has recently gave his office a "renovating." Many interior arrangements have been changed, giving them a much more accommodating office.

Jno. Short has resigned his position with the Central Drug Store and accepted one on the J. A. Mead ranch. He moved out first of the week, taking his family and they are now at home on the Mead ranch place.

Frank Holland was down first of the week from White Deer, and stated to us that he and the good wife would soon be back to Miami to live, and will build a new house on their land near town.

Otto Covey left first of the week for San Antonio where he will receive the medical examination for the selective service.

J. A. Covey went to Oklahoma City last week on a few days business visit.

Atty. C. Coffee made a business trip to San Angelo last week.

Walter Coffee was down from the ranch near Panhandle Saturday and states that he would be in the current quota, and would leave for Camp Travis Saturday. Walter visited many Miami friends while here and we were glad to see him again before he left.

Mrs. A. E. Gething is spending the week at the Sohns home in Miami.

J. P. Osborne and Emmet Coble shipped seven head of fine Hereford bull to Amarillo and sold them at the Buyers and Sellers Convention at a fancy price. All were registered and we doubt if there was anything near their quality at the show.

LOST. A drawer containing attachments for a White sewing machine, somewhere between Miami and Canadian about Feb. 1st. Reward for return to Chief's office or Perry Shoaf, Canadian, Texas, 1.1p.

Our old friend W. J. Caruth was down from White Deer where he has in a nice wheat crop. Mr. Caruth reports the wheat in that section looking nicely since the rain. Mr. Caruth left last night for New Mexico in answer to a message stating that a brother was very sick.

Mrs. Claydie Yokley of Canadian visited Mrs. G. M. Moon Monday and Tuesday.

O. C. Elliott of Mobeetie received a very encouraging letter this week from the Colonel of the New Mexico Military Institute, regarding the rapid progress of his son Oliver. The letter states, "I take pleasure in reporting that Oliver is making us a splendid cadet officer. He is senior captain of the corps of cadets, which is the highest rank attainable by a cadet. In case the war continues, he will no doubt be able to serve his country to a very good advantage."

MT. ZION NOTES.

W. E. Dear, John Moore and C. G. Worthington returned Monday night from a trip to New Mexico where they have been looking at some land.

Miss Helen McCauley spent Monday night at the W. D. Matthews home.

The majority of the pupils, who have been absent on account of sickness are back in school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Matthews and Misses Blanche Matthews and Allie Trew took dinner at the Nep Trew home Sunday.

Mr. Harman McKee visited home-folks Sunday.

Miss Lena McKee spent a few days last week with Miss Ruthie Hanks.

On Saturday night, February 23, a program will be given at Mt. Zion, with a box supper, and pie supper following. Everybody invited to come and bring a box or pie.

LAKETON ITEMS.

Every one has plenty of wind. Our wheat has begun to green up since the little shower.

Arthur Gillis has been real sick, but we are glad to report that he is about well.

S. A. McLaughlin's baby is real sick.

The measles has invaded our little country several have them.

Eld. Reynolds will preach at Laketon next Sunday evening.

The Laketon Literary will meet next Saturday night instead of Friday night. Question for debate, Resolve that the Negro has received worse treatment at the hands of the White man than the Indian. Aff. G. M. Counts, E. D. Clement, Ray Jones and Prof. Turman. Neg. W. C. Christopher, D. C. Christopher, Frank Welsh and Clyde Gray. Every one come this is to be a big discussion with some of the heaviest artillery Laketon has got taking part.

LYCEUM NUMBER COMING.

The third and last number of our winter lyceum course will be here Friday night, March 1st. The program will be furnished by Miss M. C. Hutchinson, reader. Miss Hutchinson filled an engagement at Miami last winter, and those who heard are enthusiastic about her return engagement. Some of the press dispatches say, "Her studies, her mastery of expression, her character as a lady abundantly fit her for the best work." "Miss Hutchinson has a quiet voice that carries emotion and thought without self consciousness; a charmingly dignified and unstuffed stage presence, and, with apower suitable to select material suitable for platform work and suited to reader and audience."

We especially invite all to this, our

**FRIDAY NIGHT
At the Auditorium at 8 p. m.
AFTER THE GAME**

- Elizabeth Earle, or Betty; Nancy Norris, or Nan; Grave and Reverend Seniors
- Zula Webster and Ellie Carter
- Kathrine Kerr, or Kit; Marie Murston, or Polly; Gay and Festive Juniors
- Laura Talley and Ruth Chisum
- Virginia Randolph, or Dixie; Beatrice Beverly, or Trixie; Light hearted and Loquacious Sophomores
- Thelma Certain, an Ada Webster.
- Florence Vernon, or Flora; Theodora Lee, or Dora; Meek and Submissive Freshmen
- Ula Pearl Simmons and Elsie Cunningham.
- Jane, A Maid, Mattie Elliott.
- Jack Morton, Halfback on the Varsity Team, Letha Cunningham

TIME—The Present. PLACE—A College Town.

ACT I.—Nan's Room—After the Dance.

ACT II.—Scene I.—Same as Act I. After the Game.

SCENE II.—"Den" in the Club House. After the Man

SYNOPSIS FOR PROGRAM.

ACT I.—Nan's Room. After the dance. Nan prepares for a chafing dish party. Betty and the two juniors arrive. Hallowe'en and leap year are discussed. The Sophomores interrupt. Dixie bewails the lack of romance in every-day life. Betty proves the contrary. Jane announces a caller for Nan. A lively controversy between the Freshmen and Sophomores. A Hallowe'en stunt. Nan offers herself for the crucial test. The girls breathlessly await her return. An exciting story and a football shoe. Nan tells of her quarrel with Jack. The girls depart. "I've broken my promise—lost his friendship."

ACT, II Scene I.—Same as Act I. After the game. Nan nervously awaits the result. Jane enlighten her upon the technicalities of football. The girls come from the game. Great noise and hilarity. Jack's accident and misfortune are related. Nan makes up her mind. "He needs you—won't you go to him?" **SCENE II.—"Den" in the Club House.** After the man.

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last number and you will enjoy it if you come.

To those who purchased season tickets, and have not yet paid for them, we request that you call at the Bank of Miami and pay at once.

Lyceum Committee, B. L. A.

least way assisted in bringing about the decision that was reached, and I thank the Chief in advance for this publication.

Mrs. Lard, Polk, Melrose N. M.

ABOUT CONSTIPATION

A CALL OF THANKS FROM ROY LARDS MOTHER.
I want to thank the Jury for their decision. I wish it were possible for me to take each one by the hand and thank you in person, but as that is impossible, I take this method of thanking you, and the Attorneys I thank them and I pray God to bless and prosper every one that in the

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread promote the movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated however, the sure way is to take one or two Chamberlain's Tablets immed-

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1-wheat
use more corn

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use just enough

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use syrups

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DELICIOUS CORN MUFFINS.



Here's an old fashioned recipe for corn muffins that has recently been revived and used with unusual success in several of the larger New York hotels: To make three and a half dozen muffins take one quart milk, six ounces butter substitute, twelve ounces of light syrup or honey, four eggs, pinch of salt, two ounces baking powder, one and a half pounds cornmeal and one and a half pounds rye flour. The butter and syrup should be thoroughly mixed; then add the eggs gradually. Pour in the milk and add the rye flour mixed with cornmeal and baking powder.

WHEATLESS BISCUITS.



Parched cornmeal is the feature of these excellent wheatless biscuits. First, the cornmeal—one-half a cup—is put in a shallow pan placed in the oven and stirred frequently until it is a delicate brown. The other ingredients are a teaspoon of salt, a cup of peanut butter and one and a half cups of water. Mix the peanut butter, water and salt and heat. While this mixture is hot stir in the meal which should also be hot. Beat thoroughly. The dough should be of such consistency that it can be dropped, from a spoon. Bake in small cakes in an ungreased pan. This makes 16 biscuits, each of which contains one-sixth of an ounce of protein.

WESTERN CANADA'S CEREAL CROP

One of the Best Ever Harvested.

The cereal crop of Western Canada for 1917 was the most valuable one ever harvested; the returns from all classes of live stock have been equally satisfactory. The wool clip was not only greater than in any previous year, but the price obtained was double that of 1916, which in turn was almost double that of the year before.

As was the case in 1915 and 1916, many farmers were able to pay for their land outright with the proceeds of their first year's crop. Further evidence of the prosperity of Western Canada is shown by the fact that one in every twenty of the population is now the owner of an automobile. If the farming community alone is taken, it will be found that the proportion of automobile owners is still greater. The bank clearings of the leading cities of Western Canada were consistently higher than they were in the corresponding periods of 1916, and then they were higher than the year preceding. In Winnipeg \$500,000,000 more was cleared in the 11 months ending November 30 than in the same months a year ago.

The entry of the United States into the war has strengthened the bonds between that country and Canada. We are now working together for the same ends. Those who are not fighting are promoting a greater production of foodstuffs. In this connection Western Canada offers a wonderful opportunity. Not only can larger quantities of staple foodstuffs be produced, but the cost of production is lower and the remuneration greater than where land is more expensive. Notwithstanding the fact that the price of farm products has doubled during the past three years, there are millions of acres of arable land in Western Canada which can still be bought at a low price.

Western Canada has an enormous acreage prepared for seeding to wheat in 1918. It is larger than in 1917, and will probably surpass the record area put into crop in the year 1915, when the largest crop ever known in the West was harvested. The year 1918 should also see a further increase in live stock activity.

Farmers have been investing considerable sums in cattle; the high prices secured for wool and mutton have opened the eyes of Western farmers to the possibilities of sheep, and such was the demand for breeding animals last fall that it was impossible to meet it adequately; the campaign for greater hog production is expected to yield an increase of between 25 and 50 per cent in 1918.

Those who are contemplating coming to Western Canada cannot do better than come early in the spring when they can put in a crop and harvest it in the fall. In this way they will be able to achieve something that will not only be of great benefit to themselves, but also to the great cause for which the Allies, including the United States, are now fighting.—Advertisement.

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"Can Grace take the high 'C'?" "Not without knocking off some of the bars."

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but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

The Reason.

"Pop, why do they call jolly, soft soap?" "Because there is so much lie about it, son."

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Study the faithful plow-horse that walks in the furrow. Study him all day. It won't hurt you.

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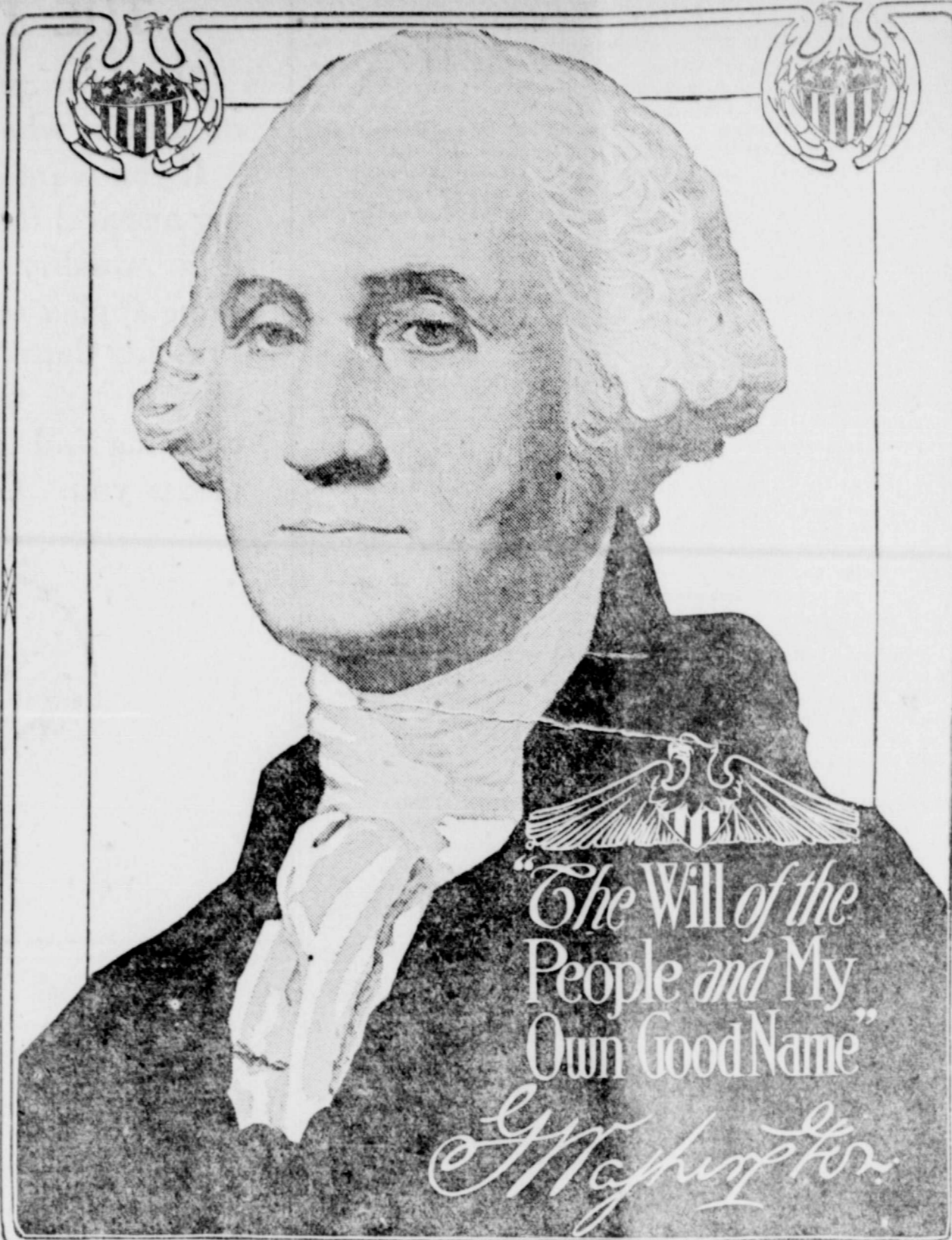
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Will help this condition



HIS LABORS ENDED

People's Acclaim of Washington as Their Hero Journeyed to Annapolis to Lay Down His Sword.

[Poem written for the unveiling of the tablet at Severn Cross Roads, where Washington passed on his way to resign his commission at Annapolis.]

THIS roadside sings again today—
Here where the barren branches sway
And keen December winds sweep by
Beneath a cold and azure sky—
The old road echoes to some tread
Of morning in a vanished hour
When here the red-checked courier sped,
And here the young land's pride and flower
Of glory and achievement came
To add fresh glory to his name.

The villages had all come out,
To hear the news, to watch about
To catch some glimpse far up the way
Of Washington—who from the fray,
And from the council and the crest,
Was riding down his sword to lay
Once more upon his country's breast—
While he stepped back to that sweet rest
He yearned for. Yonder sounds a call!
A bugle's note, mayhap the fall
Of horse-hoofs on the old State road—
From every hamlet and abode
Men, women, children, hurry forth:
The wind is sweet, though west by north,
And keen with that sharp chill that comes
When on the hill the partridge drums.

This way they look, this way and that!
They'll know him by his coat and hat;
They've seen his face in pictures, so
There won't be any doubt they'll know;
But deep within their hearts they sigh
They'll know him by his forthright eye,
His noble mien, his lofty frame,
His fitting in with road and sky
As nature fits all great forms in,
And signs the portrait with her name.
The young folk chatter, smile and grin,
The old are prone to be severe,

And stretch each vortice of the ear
To catch that first sharp clicking sound
Of the stage coach thundering on its way,
The hoof-beat on the frozen ground
That knows the kind of tune to play.
Some in small groups together drawn
Wait on the green bench of a lawn,
And these—in somewise more sequestered—
The wisdom of his act debate.
One rises who defends the sire
Of his great land, and vows with ire
'Tis only a great man's way, indeed,
To give up lofty place, secede
From honors of such high degree,
Putting ambition aside, and fame,
Upon the altar whence they came—
His country's heart—and stepping down
From all the lure of high renown,
Take his old place in life again,
One with all kindred gentlemen!

Some tell the story of his trip,
While others hark with hanging lip—
That parting at old Fraunces inn
With those who'd been his aids at war,
Tears in his eyes, and in his heart
That aching that they feel who part
With comrades and with friends
Who've spent
Hours with them in the battlement
Of life, of fate, of hopes and dreams,
And brave adventurings long before,
Then to the barge they see him go
At Whitehall Ferry, bowing low
In all that stately form of grace
At each bowed head and tear-stained face.
And then that silent, sweet adieu
At Paulus Hook—sad words and few,
A silent waving of the hand
Back to his high and faithful band,
Then with his face set hither—strong
In the high purpose he had made
To heed no imploring of the throng
But lay at his country's feet his blade.

Then the triumphant jaunt begun—
Those days of journeying in the sun;
The plaudits of a nation's best
Poured round him at each stopping place.
And on the roads from mile to mile
Always some patriot in whose breast
Inviolate love had left its trace,
Coming to bow by the road he'd take
And kiss the cold ground for his dear sake,
Philadelphia's loud acclaim,
Then Baltimore—her royal bounty
Poured as 'twas never poured before,

By every county seat and county—
To pay due homage to his name,
And give him a welcome at this door
Of Maryland he'd remember long
As life should last or dreams prolong
Their memories in his noble soul,
Then once again the coach wheels roll,
He's coming—down the General's Way!
The old State road is God's today!
God's—and beneath his sparkling sun—
God's and the General Washington!
Ten miles beyond the cross roads lies
The capital; o'er yonder rise
The Severn smiles'neath azure skies,
Where Indian Landing sleeps beside
The murmuring music of that tide,
Whose song—as light as beauty—cheers
The silencing romance of the years.
He'll pass here soon; and this way rings
The music of the morn! Had kings
Such love from those they rule as he—
Ah well, what kingdoms we should see!
But he has struck down kings; his sword
Had fought for freedom and the Lord,
And now the cross roads teems with life,
The hour has come, the keen wind's knife
Is cutting under skin and bone,
But who cares for the cold—that lone,
Grave figure shall rewarm each heart!
An echo; see how sharp ears start.
It is the General—hooray!
And down the General's Highway
The yeomen who have seen him pass
Follow in cheering groups—one mass
Of burning and of patriot zeal
To be first followers at his heel.

It is the General—hooray!
This roadside sings again today,
This nation sings, its heart still bowed
Before him in those dreams that crowd.
The moving canvas of the years,
There, like a peer among his peers,
The vision looms again, and he
Stands in that room we still may see,
One hand behind his back, and one
Laying that sword his bravery won
Upon the table. A shaft of light
Across the senate chamber steals,
A prelate in the foreground kneels,
A consecrated hour, indeed,
That hour of high, exalted need,
That noble and immortal act—
His spirit gleaming above its fact,
Its soul of beauty so made one
With the high soul of Washington.

AMERICA'S FIRST LADY



Martha Washington in 1765.

IS HALLOWED SPOT

Valley Forge Will For All Time Be Held in Glorious Memory by Americans.

VALLEY FORGE is a name which inspires unspeakable emotions in every reader of the Revolutionary story, appealing to the depth of the pathetic in us by their sufferings and to our sublimest sense by their fortitude. That winter at Valley Forge surpasses the retreat from Moscow, for the American heroes and their great commander endured through the long winter instead of fleeing.

"How comes it, sir," said Washington to the officer as they marched into the valley, "that I have tracked the march of your troops by the blood-stains on the frozen ground? Were there no shoes in the commissary's stores, that this sad spectacle is to be seen along the public highway?"

The officer replied: "When shoes were issued the regiments were served in turn; it was our misfortune to be among the last and the stores became exhausted."

Washington's emotions were of the strongest kind and he said, "Poor fellows!"

"At no period of the war," writes Chief Justice Marshall, "had the American army been reduced to a situation of greater peril than during the winter at Valley Forge. More than one they were absolutely without food. There was seldom at any time a quantity of provisions sufficient for a week. The returns of the first of February exhibited the astonishing number of



Old Picture of Washington Subduing Breil at Valley Forge.

3,989 men in camp unfit for duty for want of clothes. Of this number scarcely a man had a pair of shoes. All through the total of the army exceeded 17,000 men, the effective rank and file amounted to 5,912. Their clothes were in tatters. The Quaker Isaac Potts tells us of Washington's prayer at Valley Forge, how, as he traversed the forest, he heard a fervent voice. Approaching nearer, whom should he behold, in a kind of hovel, but the commander in chief on his knees praying to the Ruler of the Universe. At the moment when Friend Potts, concealed by the trees, came up, Washington was interested for his beloved country. When he reached home his wife asked the reason for his agitation.

"I have this day seen," replied he, "what I shall never forget. If George Washington be not a man of God, I am mistaken, and still more shall I be disappointed if God, through him, does not perform some great thing for the country."

The Age of Washington.

However his military fame may excite the wonder of mankind, it is chiefly by his civil magistracy that Washington's example will instruct them. . . . Such a chief magistrate as Washington appears like the pole star in a clear sky, to direct the skillful statesman. His presidency will form an epoch and be distinguished as the age of Washington. Already it assumes its high place in the political region. Like the Milky Way, it whitens along its allotted portion of the hemisphere. The latest generations of men will survey, through the telescope of history, the space where so many virtues blend their rays and delight to separate them into groups and distinct virtues. As the best illustration of them, the living monument to which the first of patriots would have chosen to consign his name, it is my earnest prayer to heaven that our country may subsist, even in that late day, in the plenitude of its liberty and happiness and mingle its mild glory with Washington's.—Fisher Ames.

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Need Help to Pass the Crisis Safely—Proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Can be Relied Upon.



Urbana, Ill.—"During Change of Life, in addition to its annoying symptoms, I had an attack of grippe which lasted all winter and left me in a weakened condition. I felt at times that I would never be well again. I read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it did for women passing through the Change of Life, so I told my doctor I would try it. I soon began to gain in strength and the annoying symptoms disappeared and your Vegetable Compound has made me a well, strong woman as I do all my own housework. I cannot recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly to women passing through the Change of Life."—Mrs. FRANK HENSON, 1316 S. Orchard St., Urbana, Ill.

Women who suffer from nervousness, "heat flashes," backache, headaches and "the blues" should try this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Going by Contraries. "Listen to the rising wind." "Aha! That means falling weather."

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY is her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzled, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

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For Pimply Faces. To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. For free samples, address "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." At druggists and by mail. Soap 25c. Ointment 25c and 50c.—Adv.

Wooden Orchestra. There exists in Britania, in Lombardy, a unique orchestra, or, more properly speaking, a band, the instruments of which are all made of wood.

The pipes are made of reeds, and are fastened together side by side after the fashion of those seen in the picture of the god Pan. Each man plays pipe of a different size and length, the best pipe often being several feet long. Besides the pipes are other instruments, such as drums, flutes, French horns and even a rude attempt at a trombone, but all are made of wood.

The members of this odd band are all quite ignorant of written scores; but they have quick and sensitive ears, since their harmony is purely instinctive. Curiously enough they most often learn their selections from that most modern of inventions, the phonograph. The music produced by this curious band is said to have a curious, weird harmony that is decidedly agreeable.—Edwin Tarrisse.

Opens School of Commerce.

Consul Arthur McLean reports from Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, that a school of commerce has recently been opened in Santiago de los Caballeros by the Association of Commercial Employees. The school is open to men and women, and its classes are held both in the day and evening. The new school includes courses in arithmetic, commercial practice, bookkeeping, grammar, and commercial correspondence.



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RECIPES FOR GRAY HAIR. To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay

There is no excuse for rough necks on the part of any man. Every

Dr. J. H. Jowett, New York, will return to clerical work in England.

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SEPARATE BOAR FROM SOWS

Practice of Permitting Him to Run With Herd Is Frowned Upon by Many Swine Breeders.

The practice of letting the boar run with the sows is generally frowned upon by swine breeders.

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Concentrates Rich in Muscle and Bone-Making Material Needed for Thrifty Development.

Wenched pigs need good concentrates that are rich in muscle and bone-making material.

The following rations are good for young pigs: (1) Skim milk and wheat middlings.

of some kind to two parts wheat middlings or rice meal.

BEWARE OF GARGET IN EWES Inflammation of Udder Is Common

Garget, or inflammation of the ewe's udder, is a common trouble at lambing time.

SHEEP RELISH SWEET CLOVER Care Must Be Taken to See That Pastures Are Not Overstocked

Sheep relish sweet clover and make rapid gains when pastured on it.

RAM'S FEED DURING WINTER Object Is to Carry Them Through Cold

In feeding rams during the winter season, the object is to feed them as cheaply as possible.

GENERAL WASHINGTON IN THE FIELD



"LEST WE FORGET" Nation Does Well to Honor the Memory of the Founder of Its Glorious State of Independence.

If we today lived in a colony, ground down by unjust laws, our passion for national life secretly and tragically burning.

By some strange perversity of human nature the cause we consider romantic and picturesque is always a Lost Cause.

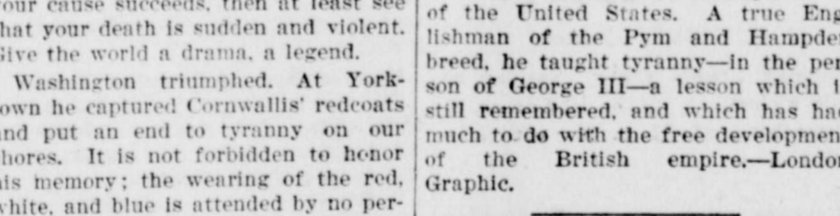
And it must also endure a statesman to the generations that follow him.

Washington triumphed. At Yorktown he captured Cornwallis' redcoats and put an end to tyranny on our shores.

British Tribute to Washington. George Washington, first president of the United States.

Philosophy of Law. There never was a law yet made, I conceive, that hit the taste exactly of every man.

INSPECTING OUTPOSTS AT VALLEY FORGE



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has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders.

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No, sir, the world wasn't built around you.

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And prevents others having the disease no matter how exposed.

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Breaking it to Him. Mr. Rock—I—er—have something to say to you, George.

George—Yes, yes; go on.

Mr. Rock—Well, I—er—you see, I'm going to marry your mother.

Back Given Out?

Housework is too hard for a woman who is half sick, nervous and always tired.

A Kansas Case Mrs. G. W. Abrams—"Every Picture Tells a Story"

My ankles began to swell and I had large puffy sacs under my eyes.

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After the Murine is for Tired Eyes. Red Eyes—Sore Eyes—Granulated Eyelids.

APPRECIATES THE CHIEF.

To The Chief Editor:-
It is said that most of the blessings and privileges we receive are not appreciated until they vanish, or until we are deprived of them. If true it indicated a strange part of our human nature. But whether true or not the writer learned in the last five weeks that if a man wishes to know how to appreciate his home paper let him absent himself from home and its familiar counts an dsurroundings for a while, after which, if he is lucky enough to get a copy, it will be read with much zest. And even the advertisements will look good to him. Such was my experience a few days ago when through the kindness of a friend I received a copy of the Chief.

When the old man begins to lose touch with the outside world, and activities becomes more circumscribed daily, then it is that he feels a stronger attachment for his domicile and home becomes a pivot around which he revolves from day to day. At such a time it is well for him to be jarred loose from his place and allowed to sail out upon the sea of human activities and take note of the busy outside world.

During a three weeks stay at Arlington and Dallas, I saw my first airplane and was surprised to note the loud noise made by their motor at a great distance above the earth. It is said they frighten the wild geese and ducks away from Lake Worth soon after they began practice. It is to be hoped that in like manner they will scare all the Boches away from the Western line next summer.

The Chief published a fine tribute to the life and character of our friend W. B. Jackson, whose recent death caused such widespread sorrow and regret to the people of Miami and surrounding country. He was a man of splendid intellectual endowment, but as unpretentious and artless as a child. He was a wholesome sweet spirited life, aspiring to nothing higher than to live in loving friendship and service among his friends. And to practice those domestic virtues that are none too comon among men.

L. C. Williams.

Are you right sure that you are as good as you expect your neighbor to be?

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The Miami Chief

Why Men Should Attend Sunday School

HELPFUL TO YOU. AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS

"The Sheep of the Flock"

We oft hear the plea for trying to keep "The Lambs of the Flock" in the fold, And well we may; but what of the Sheep, Shall they be left out in the cold?

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that wandered away In the parable Jesus told, A grown up sheep that had gone far astray, From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out in the wilderness, out in the cold, 'Twas a sheep the good shepherd sought, And back to the flock, safe into the fold, 'Twas a sheep the good shepherd brought.

And why for the Sheep should we earnestly long And as earnestly hope and pray? Because there is danger, if they go wrong, They will lead the young Lambs away.

For the Lambs will follow the Sheep you know Wherever the sheep may stray; If the Sheep go wrong, it will not be long Till the Lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the Sheep we earnestly plead, For the sake of the Lambs to-day, If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost, Some Sheep will have to pay.

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H. P. WILSFORD, PASTOR.
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Preaching 11: a. m. and 8 p. m.

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2:30 P. M. Sunbeam Band
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Mrs. Wilsford, teacher
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Wednesday 8:30, Prayer Meeting.

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J. H. HICKKS, Pastor.
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Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 P. M.

Prayermeeting every Wednesday evening at 7.

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Wemans Mission Society every Wednesday at 4 p. m. Mrs. J. W. Burks, President.

You are urged to be with us in all of our services for we want you to attend and take part.

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CHAS. E. PITTS, Pastor
Preaching every first and third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

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O. M. REYNOLDS, Minister
Sunday School Every Sunday at 10 A. M. and communion service at 11 A. M.
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HOW SHALL WE PAY FOR THE WAR?

A Constructive Criticism on the House Revenue Bill.

LOANS BETTER THAN TAXES

Five Reasons Why Excessive Taxes at the Outset of War Are Disadvantageous—Great Britain Example Worthy of Emulation—How the Taxes Should Be Apportioned.

By EDWIN R. A. SELIGMAN, McVickar Professor of Political Economy, Columbia University.

On May 23, 1917, the House of Representatives passed an act "to provide revenue to defray war expenses and for other purposes." In the original bill as presented by the Committee of Ways and Means, the additional revenue to be derived was estimated at \$1,810,420,000. The amendment to the income tax, which was tacked on to the bill during the discussion in the House, was expected to yield another \$400,000,000 or \$500,000,000.

In discussing the House bill, two problems arise:

1. How much should be raised by taxation?
2. In what manner should this sum be raised?

I. How Much Should Be Raised by Taxation?

How was the figure of \$1,800,000,000 arrived at? The answer is simple. When the Secretary of the Treasury came to estimate the additional war expenses for the year 1917-18, he calculated that they would amount to some \$6,000,000,000, of which \$3,000,000,000 was to be allotted to the allies, and \$3,000,000,000 was to be utilized for the domestic purposes. Thinking that it would be a fair proposition to divide this latter sum between loans and taxes, he concluded that the amount to be raised by taxes was \$1,800,000,000.

There are two extreme theories, each of which may be dismissed with scant courtesy. The one is that all war expenditures should be defrayed by loans and the other is that all war expenditures should be defrayed by taxes. Each theory is untenable.

It is indeed true that the burdens of the war should be borne by the present rather than the future generation; but this does not mean that they should be borne by this year's taxation.

Meeting all war expenses by taxation makes the taxpayers in one or two years bear the burden of benefits that ought to be distributed at least over a decade within the same generation.

In the second place, when expenditures approach the gigantic sums of present-day warfare, the tax-only policy would require more than the total surplus of social income. Were this absolutely necessary, the ensuing havoc in the economic life of the community would have to be endured. But where the disasters are so great and at the same time so unnecessary, the tax-only policy may be declared impracticable.

Secretary McAdoo had the right instinct and highly commendable courage in deciding that a substantial portion, at least, of the revenues should be derived from taxation. But when he hit upon the plan of 50-50 per cent., that is, of raising one-half of all domestic war expenditures by taxes, the question arises whether he did not go too far.

The relative proportion of loans to taxes is after all a purely business proposition. Not to rely to a large extent on loans at the outset of a war is a mistake.

Disadvantages of Excessive Taxes. The disadvantages of excessive taxes at the outset of the war are as follows:

1. Excessive taxes on consumption will cause popular resentment.
2. Excessive taxes on industry will disarrange business, damp enthusiasm and restrict the spirit of enterprise at the very time when the opposite is needed.

3. Excessive taxes on incomes will deplete the surplus available for investments and interfere with the placing of the enormous loans which will be necessary in any event.

4. Excessive taxes on wealth will cause a serious diminution of the incomes which are at present largely drawn upon for the support of educational and philanthropic enterprises. Moreover, these sources of support would be dried up precisely at the time when the need would be greatest.

5. Excessive taxation at the outset of the war will reduce the elasticity available for the increasing demands that are soon to come.

Great Britain's Policy. Take Great Britain as an example. During the first year of the war she increased taxes only slightly, in order to keep industries going at top notch. During the second year she raised by new taxes only 9 per cent. of her war expenditures. During the third year she levied by additional taxes (over and above the pre-war level) only slightly more than 17 per cent. of her war expenses.

If we should attempt to do as much in the first year of the war as Great Britain did in the third year it would suffice to raise by taxation \$1,250,000,000. In order to be absolutely on the safe side, it seemed advisable to increase the sum to \$1,500,000,000, this should, in our opinion, be the maximum.

In considering the apportionment of the extraordinary burden of taxes in war times certain scientific principles are definitely established:

How Taxes Should Be Apportioned.

(1) The burden of taxes must be spread as far as possible over the whole community so as to cause each individual to share in the sacrifices according to his ability to pay and according to his share in the Government.

(2) Taxes on consumption, which are necessarily borne by the community at large, should be imposed as far as possible on articles of quasi-luxury rather than on those of necessity.

(3) Excises should be imposed as far as possible upon commodities in the hands of the final consumer rather than upon the articles which serve primarily as raw material for further production.

(4) Taxes upon business should be imposed as far as possible upon net earnings rather than upon gross receipts or capital invested.

(5) Taxes upon income which will necessarily be severe should be both differentiated and graduated. That is there should be a distinction between earned and unearned incomes and there should be a higher rate upon the larger incomes. It is essential, however, not to make the income rate so excessive as to lead to evasion, administrative difficulties, or to the more fundamental objections which have been urged above.

(6) The excess profits which are due to the war constitute the most obvious and reasonable source of revenue during war times. But the principle upon which these war-profit taxes are laid must be equitable in theory and easily calculable in practice.

The Proposed Income Tax.

The additional income tax as passed by the House runs up to a rate of 62 per cent. This is a sum unheard of in the history of civilized society. It must be remembered that it was only after the first year of the war that Great Britain increased her income tax to the maximum of 34 per cent., and that even now in the fourth year of the war the income tax does not exceed 42 1/2 per cent.

It could easily be shown that a tax with rates on moderate incomes substantially less than in Great Britain, and on the larger incomes about as high, would yield only slightly less than the \$322,000,000 originally estimated in the House bill.

It is to be hoped that the Senate will reduce the total rate on the highest incomes to 34 per cent., or at most to 40 per cent., and that at the same time it will reduce the rate on the smaller incomes derived from personal or professional earnings.

If the war continues we shall have to depend more and more upon the income tax. By imposing excessive rates now we are not only endangering the future, but are inviting all manner of difficulties which even Great Britain has been able to escape.

Conclusion. The House bill contains other fundamental defects which may be summed up as follows:

- (1) It pursues an erroneous principle in imposing retroactive taxes.
- (2) It selects an unjust and unworkable criterion for the excess-profits tax.
- (3) It proceeds to an unheard-of height in the income tax.
- (4) It imposes unwarranted burdens upon the consumption of the community.
- (5) It is calculated to throw business into confusion by levying taxes on gross receipts instead of upon commodities.
- (6) It fails to make a proper use of stamp taxes.
- (7) It follows an unscientific system in its flat rate on imports.
- (8) It includes a multiplicity of petty and unproductive taxes, the taxativeness of which is out of all proportion to the revenue they produce.

The fundamental lines on which the House bill should be modified are summed up herewith:

- (1) The amount of new taxation should be limited to \$1,250,000,000—of that at the outset to \$1,500,000,000. To do more than this would be as unwise as it is unnecessary. To do even this would be to do more than has ever been done by any civilized Government in time of stress.
- (2) The excess-profits tax based upon a sound system ought to yield about \$500,000,000.
- (3) The income-tax schedule ought to be revised with a lowering of the rates on earned incomes below \$10,000, and with an analogous lowering of the rates on the higher incomes, so as not to exceed 34 per cent. A careful calculation shows that an income tax of this kind would yield some \$450,000,000 additional.
- (4) The tax on whisky and tobacco ought to remain approximately as it is, with a yield of about \$230,000,000.

These three taxes, together with the stamp tax at even the low rate of the House bill, and with an improved automobile tax, will yield over \$1,250,000,000, which is the amount of money thought desirable.

The above program would be in harmony with an approved scientific system. It will do away with almost all of the complaints that are being urged against the present. It will refrain from taxing the consumption of the poor.

It will throw a far heavier burden upon the rich, but will not go to the extremes of confiscation. It will obviate interference with business and will keep unimpaired the social productivity of the community.

It will establish a just balance between loans and taxes and will not succumb to the danger of approaching either the tax-only policy or the loan-only policy. Above all, it will keep an undisturbed elastic margin, which must be more and more heavily drawn upon as the war proceeds.

RED CROSS COLUMN

"A CALL FOR WORKERS."

Since our county is so thinly settled to make it almost impossible to organize Branches or Auxiliaries to extend our working capacity, we are taking this method to reach as many of our members as possible.

Our work rooms at the Courthouse are open six days in the week, from 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. A unit for each day, consisting of 8 or 10 workers has been pledged, in order to make certain a working body. Outside of this we need EVERY ONE that can come at all, at any time to call and do their bit. We must increase our working force.

Out of town members are especially solicited to come any time they may be in town or any time they can come by special effort to the workrooms, and learn the work, so it may then be taken into their homes and much be accomplished in this way. The knitted articles and refugee garments are made principally in the homes and instructions for making them all can be obtained in the workroom.

If it be possible for any community to organize a Unit of workers to come once a month or oftener if you think practical, it will be arranged for you to have a place.

The Surgical Dressing room will be open for work after next week and more workers will be needed as the demand for articles made there is great. Volunteers to make up the units in this work will be needed as in the work room for Hospital garments.

"Interminable folds of gauze, For those whom we shall never see; Remember, when your fingers pause, That every drop of blood to stain This whiteness, falls for you and me; Part of the price that keeps us free. To serve our own, that keeps us free. For shame that other women know, O' saviours we have never seen, For give us that we are so slow! God if that blood should cry in vain, And we have let our moments go."

Extension Committee.

The Knitting Department announce that on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays yarn will be distributed to those who will take it, and are anxious to enlist as man workers as possible. Mrs. W. H. Dial is superintendent for this department.

The Surgical Dressing room is now quite a nice scene to visit. If one should happen to unexpectedly enter room, they might become frightened at the ghost like dresses and caps the workers wore. All the workers in this department wear white aprons and caps, and they are a very busy bunch. The twelve who studied recently to qualify for this department are now doing their two weeks actual work which is required, and their products will go into headquarters at once for inspection. This two weeks is required of them before they will be allowed to give instructions to others. They are now working every afternoon, and are producing about 50 dressings per day.

Mrs. R. W. Wright donated five rolls of absorbent cotton to this department.

LATER—Instructions were received this morning that the surgical dressing department could begin at once to receiving assistance from anyone who wanted to work, and they will be glad to have all who can work to report at once, so that all may be properly arranged.

I will purchase your hides and furs at a good market price. See me before selling. H. C. HILL

FARM FOR SALE. My farm and equipment is now for sale. Being horses—mules and implements and far machinery. Will be off the market March 15th p. 4. t. David E. Warner.

TIRES FROM FACTORY TO CONSUMER. Look at these Prices:

30 x 3	\$10.35
30 x 3 1-2	\$11.25
32 x 31-2	\$18.25
31 x 4	\$19.35
32 x 4	\$21.00
33 x 4	\$22.70
34 x 4	\$23.40

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