

UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION

Trade Commission Files Charge Against Mail Order House—An Eye-Opener

So deep-seated have the mail order house organs gone down into some communities that the people have learned to swear by them as by the good book. They believe the false impressions that have gone out and have sent their good money entirely out of the community to swell the coffers of the idle rich, thus unknowingly paying high tribute to a trade system that is not worthy of their patronage.

Who ever heard of a mail-order house going broke? Few of them exist but are able to declare dividends that would startle every one who patronizes them. They certainly have "got the wool pulled over the eyes of their customers."

They pay the highest prices for all local produce. They credit their customers in a pinch.

They donate liberally to the churches, schools and all public enterprises, such as improving the cemetery, building roads and feeding the widows and orphans.

They pay taxes whether they have any property in the locality or not just for good measure. They certainly stand for something in a community and are deserving of your patronage.

Lincoln said that you could fool all the people part of the time, part of the people all the time, but you could not fool all the people all the time. Lincoln didn't know what he was talking about. He didn't live in the catalog house day. Why if you told some of the catalog house patrons that it was the policy of the catalog house to never buy a first class article they would get mad. They actually think that a catalog house carries merchandise just as good as any retail establishment. If this is a fact, why is it that the catalog house never makes much headway selling staple articles? Why don't they do a big grocery business? They can not sell the same articles in competition with any first class retail store in the country. In this connection, the following might be of interest:

Washington, March 6.—The Federal Trade Commission issued a complaint against Sears Roebuck Company charging unfair methods of competition. The firm is summoned to answer the charge of advertising sugar at an actual loss on condition that other groceries be bought for which the profit combined made up the loss on sugar sales.

It looks like people would get to the place where they would not nibble at such bates. This is the whole method of the mail order business. What reason for the loyalty of the land? The very principle on which their business is founded is to induce people to be disloyal to their merchants. It has been proven time and again that the mail order business can not do business as cheap as a retail business. Freight and express rates are too high. The Merchant gets the advantage of carload shipments that

apply to mail order houses. If the mail order house can save people money, why is it that they do not build up a thriving business in the cities? Why do they send all their literature to the country? Do they think all the fools live in the country and find it more profitable to go after their business? We resent their implication. We know that sometime the people will wake up to the real situation and say to the catalog house, "begone."

CEMETERY STATEMENT

Table with 2 columns: Date/Description, Amount. Includes entries for Nov. 26th Balance, Nov. 30 Paid out, Nov. 30 Mr. Beckley, Dec. 31 Paid in, Dec. 31 Balance, Jan 2 Mr. Beckley, Jan 29 Balance, Feb. 2 Mr. Beckley, Feb. 18 Paid in, Feb. 21 Paid in, Mar. 1 Paid in, Mar. 1 Mr. Beckley, Mar 6 Balance.

Mr.s R. O. Anderson. The above statement shows that the cemetery funds are getting low. When we look back and see the splendid work done on the city of the dead, we would feel ashamed to allow it to lapse again into its old state. Travelers from far and near are daily heard to comment upon the cleanliness of his beloved spot. No one has been more faithful in this work than Mr. R. O. Anderson. She has sacrificed her time in order to see the work succeed. Not only should every one who has friends and loved ones buried there be interested in the work, but every one who some time may join the innumerable throng ought also to assist in keeping it respectable looking. Let every one do a little to increase the cemetery funds. If any one will make a donation they may hand or send the amount to Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Wm. Brown visited in Fort Worth and Dallas the past week. While in Ft. Worth, he visited his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vinting on Seminary Hill. While in Dallas he selected a large assortment of young men's wearing apparel.

Garden seed at G. M Sharps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR RATES

Table with 2 columns: Service, Rate. Includes District offices (\$8.00), County offices (8.00), Precinct offices (6.00), City offices (3.00), Subscription price, 1 year (1.00).

- For Clerk District Court: J. N. Routh
For County Judge: E. M. Overshiner
For County Clerk: H. Holland Teaff, Henry R. Hicks, J. D. Hilton, J. L. Mingus, G. R. Pain
For County Attorney: W. E. Martin
For Sheriff: J. T. Dodson, John Bond
For County Treasurer: Austin Fitts
For County Tax Assessor: John H. Vance
For County School Supt.: J. S. Smith
For Commissioner, Precinct 2: J. M. Toombs, T. R. Lassiter, Sam Butman, Jr., J. L. Banner
For Public Weigher at Merkel: J. M. Garrett, H. M. Mayfield, James Patterson, Jr., W. R. Britton
Jones County Candidates
For Sheriff: T. P. (Tom) Hudson
For Tax Collector: W. C. Cutrell.

University Interscholastic League

2—SPELLING CONTESTS—2

High School Auditorium, Thursday, March 21, 8:00 P. M.
Thursday, March 28, 8:00 P. M.

Directress of Senior Spelling—Miss Flora Wright
Directress of Junior Spelling—Miss Lillian Allen

A list of 600 words selected by State University to be used—300 for each the seniors and juniors. If, after the list of words submitted by the University shall have been exhausted, the winner is not selected, the adopted speller is used.

The winners to represent the Merkel School in the County Contest held at Ovalo, May 5 and 6, will be selected Thursday, March 28, 8:00 P.M.

Everybody come out to hear the youngsters spell.
NOTE—Admission 10c. Piano Benefit.

CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

- COTTON SEED—I have arranged for some good East Texas cotton seed, that will cost you about \$1.65 per bushel f. o. b. Merkel. If you are interested see me at once. G. B. Brown.
COTTON SEED—About 1000 bushels pure Mebane cotton seed direct from Lockhart community, at \$2.25 a bushel. W. H. Laney. 15t4
FOR SALE—Span of good work mules, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Stith. J. H. Mighsmith. 15t2p.
FOR SALE—Work mare at a bargain. G. L. Baker. tf
FOR SALE—Good work team. Apply to W. H. Laney. 8t4c.
EGGS FOR SETTING—Full blood Rhode Island Reds, 15 for \$1.50. I. C. Holden, Route 2, Trent, Texas. 8t2c.
HOME RAISED BLACK-EYED PEAS—At 10 pounds for \$1.00, for eating or planting. C. L. McNeess. t1p

NO. 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource, Amount. Includes Loans and Discounts (\$249,314.19), U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (6,250.00), U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (5,000.00), U. S. Bonds & cert. of indebtedness owned & unpledged (20,000.00—31,250.00), Stock of Federal Reserve bank (1,500.00), Furniture and Fixtures (3,600.00), Real Estate owned other than banking house (3,132.00), Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank (28,753.77), Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks (54,556.87), Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (738.70), Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 (\$55295.57), Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items (488.78), Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer (312.50), War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned (1,303.77), Total (\$374,950.58)

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in (\$25,000.00), Surplus Fund (25,000.00), Undivided profits (11,454.48), Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid (2,347.64—9,106.84), Circulating notes outstanding (6,250.00), Net amounts due to National banks (2,470.26), Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in 31 or 32) (11,471.08), Total of items 31 and 32 (\$13941.34), Demand Deposits subject to Reserve: Individual deposits subject to check (270,069.68), Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days (200.00), Cashiers checks outstanding (1,507.42), Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 (\$271777.10), Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) (19,142.30), Postal savings deposits (4,733.00), Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45 (\$23875.30), Total (\$374,950.58)

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March 1918. J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, HENRY JAMES, Directors

BIG MASS MEETING.

B. F. Bennett, Secretary-Route Manager of the Ozark Trails, will hold a mass meeting at the Commercial Club rooms, in Merkel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Everybody around Merkel and Trent are urged to attend. Mr. Bennett will explain what this road means to the people. Much enthusiasm will be manifest.

FOR SHERIFF OF JONES COUNTY

Tom Hudson of Anson, son of the late Uncle Ike Hudson, announces in this issue for sheriff of Jones county, subject to the Democratic primary in July. He has never before asked the people for office. He was born and reared in Jones county and is personally acquainted with nearly every voter. For nearly four years he has been deputy sheriff under Sheriff E. K. Register, where he has had ample opportunity to fully acquaint himself with every detail of the office.

Mr. Hudson is a Christian gentleman, believing in the moral uplift of the community, and promises to do everything within his power to eliminate the criminal from his official bounds provided in their goodness the people see fit to honor him with the office he seeks.

We heartily recommend Mr. Hudson to the full consideration of the voters.

W. C. CUTRELL FOR TAX COLLECTOR OF JONES COUNTY

W. C. Cutrell, city tax collector of Anson, has announced for tax collector of Jones county. Mr. Cutrell came near being elected to this office in the last campaign and has a great deal of encouragement in the present race. He has handled the city's business in a highly satisfactory manner, showing well his competency to fill the position to which he aspires.

He is a Christian gentleman of marked moral character. He is personally acquainted with nearly every voter in the county, but if there are those who do not know him, he frankly refers them to any acquaintance as to his ability and integrity. He has been a citizen of Jones county for the past 17 years and is willing that his record as a man and an official be placed before the white lights of publicity.

We recommend his claim for a full consideration of the voters of his county.

Rr Rosser To Speak Sunday Afternoon

Under the direction of Secretary McAdoo, Rr. C. M. Rosser will speak at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4:30. His subject will be "America's Part In The World War." Everybody is invited to attend. The Doctor is said to be a splendid speaker, and as he will have a splendid subject we bespeak for him a crowded house.

FARMERS WHAT HAVE YOU TO SELL

I am in the market for your chickens, turkeys, ducks, guineas, eggs, butter, hides, furs, sacks, rags, paper, old iron, castings, beeswax, and tinfoil. Will pay you cash for all you bring. Clean up your place and get money out of what is going to waste. (Conserve.) I am at the same old stand. W. P. Duckett.

PROMPT DELIEVRY

If you want your express, or anything else of light weight, delivered promptly, phone 252 and I will be right on the job. The express office has no phone. E. L. Ash. 15t2p.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

GREAT INTEREST IN OIL PROSPECTS

All over the country the people are talking of oil; they are getting enthusiastic; they are demanding that something be done. A few citizens met at the Commercial Club rooms last Friday evening and talked the situation over. It was their opinion that the people generally would be interested. It was therefore decided to call a meeting for Tuesday night, March 19 and go thoroughly into the matter.

It is the idea of those interested to secure a large acreage of leases, organize a company and induce a driller to come and drill or do the drilling themselves. Those meeting are of the opinion that it is worse than folly to lease land at 25 cents an acre without promise of development. It merely ties up land and keeps out drillers. A great many people are holding back their land, and these are the people who are hopeful of oil, and what is necessary is to secure their cooperation. Representative citizens all over the Merkel country are urged to be on hand next Tuesday night to go over the situation.

If there is oil here we all want to know it. We are willing to go up against the experience of an oil boom. We don't know of a more beautiful sight right now than the black fluid pouring from a derrick.

SUPT. PARKER RE-ELECTED

Splendid Progress Made in Public Schools—Faculty Complimented

The School Board met the past week and attended to the usual routine of business. In reviewing the work of school the members of the board felt that they had just cause to congratulate themselves upon having one of the best faculties that could be obtained. In appreciation of the high esteem in which Superintendent Parker is universally held here, he was unanimously re-elected to the position for another term. He accepted the offer and we are glad that he is to remain at the helm. Under his supervision the school system has steadily progressed.

The election of teachers will come up for attention early. It is the idea of the board to attend to this matter sooner than usual, as it will likely be of benefit both to the school and to the teachers.

The best schools in the country are raising the salaries of their teachers, but nothing has been given out here to that effect. Doubtless this feature will have to be given consideration. So many of the men are leaving for the army that industrial and business opportunities are rapidly opening up for women, paying far more for twelve months in the year than for teaching. The board has always met such situations in a very business-like, agreeable and forward-looking manner, and in this instance they will not be found wanting. Our school system is our proudest possession. Let us stand back of it and help push it to the very forefront.

The Red Cross will stage a 2-act melo drama at the Cozy, on Thursday night, March 21, and at Trent High School, Friday night, March 22.

ICE CREAM

Or anything else in the confectionery line at A. C. Boney's.

ON ALL DAYS WITH EACH PURCHASE OF WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOUSE USE YOU MUST BUY ALSO AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF OTHER GRAINS

ON WHEATLESS DAYS USE NO BREAD CRACKERS PASTRY OR BREAKFAST FOODS CONTAINING WHEAT

Statement of Condition
The Farmers State Bank
 Merkel, Texas
 At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

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| Loans | \$235,867.77 |
| Banking House | 9,200.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures .. | 3,950.00 |
| Bonds, Cert. and Stamps .. | 3,004.26 |
| Interest in Guar. Fund.... | 3,003.57 |
| CASH & EXCHANGE..... | 88,388.02 |
| Total | \$343,413.62 |

LIABILITIES

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Surplus and Profits | 31,660.25 |
| DEPOSITS | 269,547.37 |
| Rediscouunts | 7,206.00 |
| Total | \$343,413.62 |

The above statement is correct.
 R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

Production of Rifles and Ammunition Meets All Requirements

Rifles and cartridge production in the United States has developed in volume and in quality on a scale assuring the satisfactory equipment of the Army, according to a statement authorized by the Secretary of War.

To achieve the rifle and ammunition production program the Government has expended or has obligated itself to expend, during 10 months of war, \$400,000,000, and 200 officers, 80,000 men, and 10,000 women have been engaged exclusively in the manufacture of rifles and three privately owned plants are engaged in making rifles and one Government plant and nine privately owned plants are engaged in cartridge manufacture. Ordnance experts in this country and in Europe are in agreement that the United States Army is being equipped with two of the best three rifles in the world.

Bad Taste in Your Mouth

When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with.

Geo. A. Smith, Battery C, 345 Field Artillery, Camp Travis, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant. Sergeant Smith has taken an eager interest in his duties since his assignment to the Battery and justly deserves the promotion.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

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

GOOD FARM—For Rent, 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

A DREAM OF PEACE

Some soldiers lay a sleeping
 Upon the ground so bare,
 When Mercy came a weeping
 An angel bright and fair.
 Such awful scenes of horror,
 Such heartrending cries,
 They fill her soul with sorrow
 While tears well down her eyes.

 Their guns are stacked aslanting
 Like Indian Teepee poles,
 Their fires so softly crackling
 A melting down to coals.
 Their comrade, guard is keeping
 A watch upon the foe,
 He dares not yield to sleeping
 While marching to and fro.

 Then Mercy goes so softly
 Upon the battle plain
 A seeking out the wounded,
 That lie among the slain.
 Now here is one a bleeding,
 She stoops to bind his hurt
 And hears his piteous pleadings.

 For death to take him soon.

 And there's another groaning,
 She closer comes to see
 Who makes that painful moaning,
 He struggles to get free.
 For onto him have fallen
 Several comrades dead.

 And here he lies so helpless,
 Can only raise his head.
 She lifted off the others,
 Those grim and heavy men,
 And thus she helps a brother
 Escape from death again.
 And many other helpless
 Attended she that night,
 O'er all the field of battle,
 Sweet Mercy showed her might.

 She now returns to sleepers,
 So happy in their dreams,
 Sees one o'them a smiling,
 In perfect bliss it seems.
 She looks into his vision,
 As doth his joy increase,
 And Lo! an Angel Sister!
 Whom mortals worship—
 PEACE.
 Hichcock, Okla.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK
 MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loans | \$222,641.17 |
| War Saving Stamps | 1,303.77 |
| U. S. Certifics of Indebtedness | 20,000.00 |
| U. S. Bonds | 11,250.00 |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank | 1,500.00 |
| Five Per Cent Redemption Fund | 312.50 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 3,600.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 3,132.00 |
| CASH AND EXCHANGE | 111,291.79 |
| Total | \$375,031.23 |

LIABILITIES

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Surplus and Profits | 34,106.84 |
| Circulation | 6,250.00 |
| DEPOSITS | 309,674.39 |
| Total | \$375,031.23 |

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct
 THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Cowfeed and oats G. M. Sharp
 Dr. J. T. Pue of Brownwood visited his family last Sunday.

I buy hens and roosters. A. L. Jobe, Kent Street Wagon Yard.

J. S. Thomas has returned from an extended visit trip to Fort Worth.

Hooverize and keep your clothes cleaned and pressed. Best service by Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Harvey Warren and family of Knox City were visitors in the city Sunday and Monday.

Plenty corn, corn chops, oats, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal mixed feed at Crown Hardware Company.

John Sears has eight Herefords at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

My cash system will enable me to give you the benefit of my cash discount, and a reduction of my expenses. E. L. Rogers

S. A. Coats and family visited Mrs. Coats' brother, J. N. Haas, at Huckaba, in Erath county the past week.

Plenty corn, corn chops, oats, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal mixed feed at Crown Hardware Company.

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.

Boschee's German Syrup.
 will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

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QUALITY MERCHANDISE

Prices look high but the Quality brings up all the good points as to colors, styles and construction of weave THAT MAKES THEM CHEAPEST AFTER ALL

SEE OUR \$1.45 OVERALLS

Ladies Middies, Skirts and Dresses
 Prices are low for Make and Quality

Good Assortment of Ginghams
 at 15c, 22½c and 25c per yard

SEE
 New Silks
 New Lawns
 New Suitings

SEE
 New Ties
 New Suspenders
 New Socks

Always Glad to Show You

The Brown D. G. Comp'ny

FARM SEED
 Orders are coming in rapidly for red top cane and feterita. Only a limited amount of seed are ordered. Every one ordering seed are urged to place their orders with the Commercial Club without delay.

J. F. (Shorty) Holloway, Riley White, and Foster Banner came in from Camp Bowie last Saturday morning, returning Sunday night. They report everything lovely at the camp.

Persons owing me accounts please call and settle at once as I have discontinued the credit business, and must turn my accounts into cash. E. L. Rogers.

For a Bad Cold
 Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon.

Chaplain William U. Shannon of Co. 52, 13th Battalion 105th Depot Brigade, who, before joining Uncle Sam's Forces, lived near here, has been detailed on special duty with the first group. Chaplain Shannon goes to help trim the rookies into shape.

Send in those spring clothes and have them cleaned and pressed to look like new ones. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

J. W. Mathews and son, Dan of Route 2, were visitors at the Mail office the past week while in they selected a number of papers, on our clubbing offers, with the Merkel Mail.

GOOD FARM—For Rent, 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

For Diseases of the Skin.
 Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Savle. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all Dealers.

A Happy Mishap

By
GEORGE ELMER COBB

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"Hi! out of the way there!"
Bob Grinnell, the proudest boy in Leighton, made the welkin ring with his sturdy tones. He was running, or rather was made to run by a younger helper, to the neck of which he had attached an eight-foot rope. Every time the nimble animal made a spurt pedestrians crowded aside, for twice Bob was dragged sprawling. He held on like grim death, however, for to him the scrawny, long-limbed animal was a treasure inestimable.

A month previous a state commission had advertised that at a certain date, a three-month-old heifer would be entrusted to the keeping of any school-attending boy or girl in the town, who would bring a letter from their parents agreeing to guarantee the care of the animal.

Bob had been allowed to pick out a brindle calf that caught his fancy. He had now conveyed it away from the group about the courthouse square. Suddenly, as he was crossing the street, a puffing automobile came rushing around the corner. His captive acquisition gave a wild dash. Clear around a square the animal coursed, and then sank exhausted and placid where an alley cut in from the main thoroughfare.

"Whew!" panted Bob and sank down beside the cowed and quivering animal. Just then a man carrying a fair-sized satchel came along. He was old, bent and cross-looking.

"Hi, there, Bob!" spoke this man, Ezra Grinnell.

"Yes, sir," responded Bob.

"Mind this satchel while I go up to my lawyer's office a minute, will you?"

"Sure, Mr. Grinnell," accommodatingly acquiesced Bob.

"And mail this letter on your way home past the post office and I'll give you a dime."

"Thank you, sir," bobbed Bob.

The old man stumped along and disappeared up the street stairs of a nearby building. Bobby noticed that the heifer had stretched out upon the ground as if thoroughly tamed. A bright idea struck him.

"I'll have to go out of my way homeward to get to the post office," he reflected. "Besides, I want to keep off the crowded streets with this wild and woolly brindle of mine. I've got it!"

Bob proceeded to tie the loose end of the rope through the handles of the satchel. Then he made a dart two blocks down the street, mailed the letter and hastened back to the starting point.

"Oh, now!" cried Bob in stupefied consternation.

"Hi, Bob! Where's my satchel?" hailed him and there was Mr. Grinnell at his side.

"Oh!" gulped Bob, glaring down the alley—"she's gone!"

"Who's gone?" challenged Mr. Grinnell.

"Brindle. I tied her to your valise and she's bolted, satchel and all!"

Grinnell let out a roar. His eyes blazed, his face reddened.

"Boy!" he thundered in an awful tone, "there was ten thousand dollars in that valise. Find it, get it, or I'm ruined!" and he sank to an ash box, the picture of desolation.

Bob was weeping by this time. The loss of Brindle, the added catastrophe of the valise completely overwhelmed him. He ran down the alley, glancing anxiously into backyards. Where it opened into another street he met a boy chum and breathlessly imparted his deplorable situation.

"Heifer and satchel?" excitedly observed his friend. "Yes, sir, I saw it!"

"Where—where?" projected Bob.

"Beating it lickety-split toward the baseball grounds," and Bob dashed on. His tear-stained face was woe-begone as he came back downtown an hour later. He had to inquire as to the whereabouts of Mr. Grinnell, for the latter he knew, had given up his old home a week previous, pursuant to moving to the city. At length, Bob found him at the village hotel. He narrated his dismal failure as to locating the heifer and valise.

Mr. Grinnell dismissed him with a scowl and rushed forth to search himself for the precious satchel. He put in two hours with spying into all kinds of odd corners in yards and lanes and making inquiries. He was passing a stretch behind some houses facing the street beyond when he gave a great gasp of hopefulness.

"The heifer!" he shouted and swung over a fence with the nimbleness of an agile schoolboy. Yes, there was the heifer, its rope trailing the ground, nosing in a neat garden bed, but—where was the satchel?

Grinnell looked eagerly all about. There was no trace of his missing valise. He ran up to the animal and seized it, shook it frantically as if to make it speak. Then he turned at a speedy hail.

"Why, Uncle Ezra!"

Immediately the old man forgot his money loss. He drew back with a chilling expression of face.

"I asked you once never to address me again," he began sternly.

"Nonsense! See here, now you're

NOW IS THE TIME

For You to Acquire a Splendid Occupation Quickly and Cheaply

Young men and young women must step into the business and industrial life of the country and keep things moving while the boys are at the battle front. The army has called from the offices the men of military age. Many business institutions are already hampered. There are many boys and girls in this vicinity who are looking for an opportunity---for a career.

Why not use the art of stenography as a stepping stone? It leads, when backed by true principles, courage and ambition, to the very highest positions in the land. It leads to professional life. Without it law would be minus many of its leading lights. In the halls of Congress may be found many who were given their great life's opportunity by being thrown with men of power and influence through stenography. It is an art not to be despised.

And to think you can get the very best training to be given anywhere right here at home, without having to pay high board elsewhere, and at a very moderate rate of tuition. If you live near here you can take the course. Board can be secured here very reasonable.

You prepare for years to teach---any occupation usually requires years of time. What other line of work can you engage in that will lead to such quick results?

We have a class that is making rapid progress in this art. Several more are contemplating starting at once. We expect to start another class right soon. Don't defer this matter. Learn to do something that will gain you a situation to be of help in time of war, for the war is not yet near the end and will not be for some time to come. Act now.

Life Scholarship \$50.00

Merkel Business College

WALTER JACKSON, PROP.

A \$2,000,000 GUARANTEE

That this \$49 Typewriter was \$100

The Sales Policy Alone is Changed---Not the Machine

One year ago the Oliver Typewriter Company announced its revolutionary selling plans. They discontinued an expensive sales force of 15,000 salesmen and agents. They gave up costly offices in 50 cities. Other wasteful methods were discarded.

By eliminating these terrific expenses, they reduced the price of the OLIVER NINE from the standard level of \$100 to \$49.

This means that you save \$51 per machine. This is not philanthropy on our part. While our plan saves you much, it also saves for US.

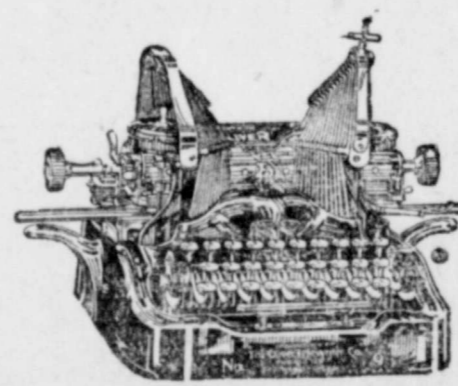
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here, you must come in and see my wife."

"Must I?" snarled Grinnell. "Humph! when they take me in it'll be on a stretcher, yes! Go your way, I'm through with you."

"Whoof—avast! you greedy intruder!" shouted Warren Morse abruptly, discovering the heifer in among his rare garden stuff, and he drove the animal from the spot where it was contentedly luxuriating. Grinnell viewed the proceeding with a dark scowl and a suspicious eye. Then he moved slowly away.

"I hear you are going to leave town, uncle," spoke Warren, following him.

"Won't you, at least, shake hands?"

"No, I won't!" snapped the old man. "You would go away and marry against my will the daughter of my bitterest enemy. Now make the best of it."

"The best of it?" repeated Morse, with a radiant face. "Oh, uncle, it's all best! She is the loveliest woman in the world and as to her father being your enemy—nonsense! Look out! They've been digging a ditch there."

Too late Morse spoke. His uncle had crossed a broken stretch beyond the garden, everywhere dug up and covered with the debris of a burned-down building. Grinnell had stumbled over a tilted log, dropped two feet among a litter of old iron and wood and lay there, groaning and helpless. Morse was at once all solicitude and interest. He examined the fallen tyro. Then he said:

"It's a broken leg, uncle, I'm afraid," and ran to the house. Inside of five minutes on an improvised litter the old man was carried into a room hastily prepared for him, a surgeon was sent for, and amid his pain and fright and existing confusion Grinnell did not have time or thought to analyze what was going on about him.

"I want you to get me to the hotel or to the hospital, doctor," he declared.

"You'll stay right here for a week or two, I'm thinking," observed the



"Yes, Sir," Responded Bob.

physician, "or you'll risk never using that leg again."

"Then send me a nurse," directed Grinnell. "I do not wish to be beholden to the people who occupy this house. You arrange to pay for what trouble I make, as if they were strangers."

The nurse arrived, young, pretty, attentive. She saw that no intrusion was made upon her patient during a week's attendance upon the whims and wants of the old man. From being half human, in his crusty, crabbed way, he grew positively kind, and then grateful.

"I have some news for you, Mr. Grinnell," she said one day. "They've found your satchel where it broke loose from the calf, in a rut in the next lot."

"Good! grand!" cried the old man. "Fetch it here, to this room right away, under my eye. Don't let my nephew or that wife of his or her rascally old father get their clutches on it."

"I won't," pledged his gentle, patient nurse.

"I want to get away from here as soon as I can and then I intend to make a new will. You have been very kind to me, Miss Littleton, and I wish to mention you in it. What is your first name?"

"Grace,"

"Grace Littleton? Very good," he memorized.

"No, no," corrected the smiling nurse—"Grace Morse. Don't be angry, Uncle Ezra, but I am the wife of your nephew, Warren Morse."

And within the hour there was a grand general reconciliation.

Shot by His Friend.

Surely nothing can discourage a man who knows his own friends. There was a rattle of revolver fire in a hallway on an East side street and a policeman ran for it. He found a man lying in the hallway and two other men bending over him. With drawn revolver the policeman ordered the men to step aside. Then he addressed questions to the wounded man on the floor regarding his identity and how he came by his wound. The man gave his name and added: "A friend of mine shot me in the stomach. I won't tell you no more. Your job is to get an ambulance, mine is to get well and his to get some life insurance before I get out again."—New York Times.

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... This paper has enlisted
with the government in the
cause of America for the
period of the war

Every cent taken in by the
Red Cross play, Thursday night
March 21, will go towards main-
taining the Red Cross work.

It would not be at all surpris-
ing if women were allowed to
vote in the coming primaries.
If they do, we would bet a dollar
that every Taylor county
candidate would buy a new tie,
wear standing collars and a
nice fresh bouquet. Let them
vote.

Last week we called attention
to the growing evil of trading a-
way from home. We held and
still hold that this is a magnifi-
cent way to butcher a town. We
know of some people who go a-
way and buy goods that they
can buy cheaper at home. On
the other hand there's some com-
plaint that our local merchants
do not carry a sufficient quantity
to fit all parties, that their vari-
eties are not large, that they do
not stimulate enthusiasm in
their advertisements by running
the latest fashion cuts. The criti-
cism is well taken. But remem-
ber war is on, that new adjust-
ments are necessary and that
our supreme loyalty must be for
our town and our country. There
is no need of a misunder-
standing between our business
men and their rightful custom-
ers. If our business men need
criticising, why criticise them.
It will make them better busi-
ness men and better enable them
to get your view of the situation.
We must be advocates of home
trade, and we bet some of our
fellow citizens who have to meet
the bills are strong advocates of
home trade, too.

Merkel Man's Lucky Find.

Will interest Readers of the
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Those having the isfortune to
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ders, will read with gratifica-
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er, Kent St., says: Dona's Kid-
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N. Y. adv9

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Notice is hereby given that on
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tween the hours of 10 a. m. and
4 p. m., I will offer for sale to
the highest bidder for cash all
of the assets of The Southern
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5,500,000 pounds, or more than 28,000 barrels. If this saving was made
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You can do your share in effecting this saving and really help to win
the war by omitting white bread from one meal today and baking in its
place muffins or corn bread made according to this recipe:

Corn Meal Muffins

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/4 cup corn meal | 2 tablespoons sugar |
| 1 1/2 cups flour | No eggs |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 cup milk |
| 4 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder | 2 tablespoons shortening |

Sift dry ingredients together into bowl; add milk and melted
shortening and beat well. Bake in greased muffin tins in hot
oven about 20 minutes. Same batter may be baked as corn
bread in greased shallow pan.

New Red, White and Blue booklet, "Best War Time Recipes," containing many other
recipes for making delicious and wholesome wheat saving foods mailed free.

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

Mrs. Viola Clinton Writes

Terminal Island, Cal. Mar. 1
Merkel Mail—As it has been
quite a while since I wrote you
thought I would tell you a few
of the most interesting facts of
Terminal Island. The island is
only about one mile wide and 4
miles long, off the coast from
Los Angeles. It consists mostly
of fish canneries, and lumber
yards. To you Texas people, who
have never seen very much
water. It is truly a wonderful
sight. For the last week we have
been having some unusual
weather for Cal, rain and wind
and the ocean was on a great ram-
page. The waves were some-
thing grand and wonderful, and
none of the fishing vessels
dared venture out. Hence the
canneries were at a stand still.
Now a few facts about what
kind of fish are being canned
and how. The canneries work
from two to three hundred men
and women, they are now can-
ning the small and large sardine,
the small is a tiny fellow about
3 inches long and the large 7 to
9 inches. They are carried thro
quite a lot of hands before
reaching the table for packing.
First unloaded from the boat by
a large basket, which carries
them up to an elevator, this in
turn carries them to a machine
which distributes them on a
long table, which has the Jap-
anese fish cutles ready to cut
the heads off, the fish are then
carried to a large vat soaked in
strong salt brine and placed in
trays where they are carried
from these to other long tables
where the packers are ready to
put them in cans or flake them
as the case may be. They are
placed on a belt which carries
them to the cooking vats and
then the tops are soldered on
when they are ready for load-
ing, which is done mostly by
machinery. They are then pack-
ed in boxes ready for Uncle
Sams boys. Its a very interest-
ing sight to go through a can-
nery. You would think the smell
would be very disagreeable, but
every thing is sterilized each
day in strong lye water and
you don't notice it very much.
The heads of fish that are too
large or small to can are used
as fertilizer. Several of our boys
Howard Miller, Louie Miller
and Vauce Clinton took a short
voyage on the ocean, and were

gone two days and nights, and
you can ask them who it was
that got sick. They were out in
the Tillican, a fishing vessel. It
went dead on them about 40
miles out, and they almost mad
a new engine of a tomato and
oil cans. But they had some fun
just the same and brought back
some fine fish as trophies of the
trip. The harbor is a scene of
many wonders, vessels of every

kind coming in port. The lum-
ber yards employ a number of
men. The large lumber transport
from Washington and Oregon
brings in the lumber. The cli-
mate is truly wonderful al-
though we are surrounded by
water we never use a fire only
to cook with.

Well I am hoping for Texas a
bumper crop for 1918.

Mrs. Viola Clinton.

AMONG THE BREAKERS

Red Cross Entertainment--Some Things You Should See

- Lary and Biddie—Luddy and Lassie of Ireland. They will keep you wondering what's next.
- Mother Carey, Fortune teller—She will make it so plain that you will want a reading.
- David Murray—Keeper of Fairpoint Light House. He is the man who put the O in Oratory.
- Seud—The black face cloud. Seud is there.
- Hon. Bruce Hunter—The Captain of the Racer. He will show you how to fight the Breakers.
- Bess Starlight—Rover of the Sea. Life preserver and the girl who is worth while.
- Peter Paragraph—Jack of all trades. Reporter to a preacher.
- Minnie Daze—The brightest of all days. This little beauty will make you love her.
- Clarence Hunter—The man who proves that every cloud has a silver lining.

This entertainment is a Two-Act Melodrama that
will keep you spell-bound for two hours

MUSIC

The music lovers can not afford to miss this,
as special music will be heard. A Spaniard will
sing in his native tongue. The music will be su-
pervised by Mrs. L. B. Howard, which is enough
said.

Opera House Thursdy Night
March 21

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- Gross, Mrs. Edna.
- Gaither, B. C.
- Garrett, J. M.
- Hellum, W. A.
- Holmes, Joe.
- Hamilton, Seth.
- Hamilton, Mrs. Seth.
- Hogan, Mrs. F. T.
- Hendricks, J. F.
- Hendricks, Mrs. N. S.
- Highsmith, Mrs. Willie.
- Harris, A. B.
- Harris, W. A.
- Hogan, Maude
- Hogan, Posie.
- Hogan, Mrs. Tom.
- Hogan, Tom.
- Hartley, A. J.
- Hartley, Mrs. A. J.
- Hicks, Robert.
- Hogg, J. D.
- Higgins, Jess.
- Hickman, O. A.
- Humphreys, J. T.
- Humphreys, Mrs. J. T.
- Hunter, Knox.
- Hunter Edith
- Hogan, Miss Vera
- Hays, Mrs. W. M.
- Hall W. A.
- Huddleston, C. F.
- Hughes, Chas
- Hogan F. T.
- Hart, Frank.
- Hellum, Aaron.
- Hellum, Mrs. W. A.
- Hicks, H. R.
- Haynes, Frank.
- Haynes, Gladys,
- Highsmith, M.
- Hicks, Vestal,
- Harris, Geo.
- Harris, Mrs. Geo.
- Horton, Thelma.
- Horton, J. C.
- Horton, Mrs. J. C.
- Higgins, Joe.
- Higgins, Lula.
- Harrell, Mrs. Roy.
- Horton, Earnest.
- Horton, Mrs. Earnest.
- Hoge, C. F.
- Harkrider, Hazel.
- Hall Mrs. Cynthea.
- Haynes, Hollis.
- Hutchins, J. P.
- Hutchins, Mrs. J. P.
- Hodge, Chester.
- Hodge, Mamie.
- Harris, Mrs. J. S.
- Hays, W. M.
- Hayes, C. F.
- Hunter, W. C.
- Highsmith, T. W.
- Henson, Mrs. Ralph,
- Haynes, W. T.
- Howell, G. W.
- Hunter, J. W.
- Hamm, Mrs. Frank.
- Hutcheson, Mrs. D. C.
- Hutcheson, Vivian.
- Hutcheson, Chester.
- Harris, Miss Hattie.
- Haynes, Comer.
- Holloway, G. R.
- Huddleston, S. S.
- Hunter, A. W.
- Hale, J. G.
- Hutcheson, W. D.
- Hamm, F. P.
- Harris, Mrs. Arch.
- Hunter, C. W.
- Hunter, R. D.
- Hutson, J. S.
- Hamblett, W. F.
- Hamblett, J. B.
- Howard, Lytton,
- Parson, C. R.
- Hillinsworth, Mrs. Pearl
- Hutchesson, J. P.
- Horton, Aaron.
- Ingram, Jim.
- Johnson, Ona.
- Jones, Mrs. General.
- Johnson, T. A.
- Jones, G. J.
- Johnson, DeVeirl.
- Jones, P. C.
- Johnson, W. O.
- Jones, S. P.
- Jones Mrs. S. P.
- Johnson, G. W.
- Jenkins, Vera
- Jenkins, Ruth.
- Porden, Jim.
- Jonson, D. S.
- Keith, S. C.
- King, Henry A.
- Kenny, Miss Lizzie.
- Knox, J. B.
- Knox, Mrs. J. B.
- Knox, Miss Pearl.

To be continued next week.

CHURCH NEWS

| Sunday School Report | Attendance | Collection |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Methodist | 178 | \$4.32 |
| Baptist | 119 | 3.45 |
| Rock Crossing Meth. | 38 | .88 |

The newly organized Methodist
Sunday School at Rock Cross-
ing is making rapid progress.
C. L. McNees is superintendent
and Charlie Curb, secretary.

Baptist Church Services Sunday
There will be no preaching at
the Baptist Church Sunday. The
matter of electing a pastor will
be up for attention at the 11
o'clock hour, and every member
is urged to be on hand.

The Sr. B. Y. P. U. at the Bap-
tist church will be at 5:30, in
order that those attending may
go to the Methodist church at
4:30 to attend the address of
Dr. Rosser, and get back to the
Union also.

C. E. Program March 17.
Leader, Uva Baxendale.
Topic, The Art of Living with
Others. 1 Pet. 3:16—24, Ruby
Hamm.

Living at Peace, Rom. 14:18
—19, Newton Cobb.

Art of Co-operation, Jno 4:
31—38, Ruth Boden.

Be Generous, Gen 13:5—11,
Russel Pike.

Be Patient, Num. 12: 1—13,
Lillie Pratt Sears.

Be Silent, Prov. 17:27—25,
Hicks Swafford.

League Program March 17.
Leader, Miss Hattie Smith.
Song, Scripture, Prayer.

Intemperate Drinking, Miss
Vivian Hutcheson.

Intemperance in Eating, Miss
Mabel McNees.

Intemperance in right kind of
Amusements, Preston Guthrie.

Solo, Miss Rosa Laney.

Intemperance in Dress, Tom
Allday.

Intemperate in Conversation,
Frank Counts.

Song, Benediction.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

**An Appeal to the Patriotic
Public**

The time has come when we
must help. Will you do your bit
willingly, or wait and perhaps
be forced to do it?

What we have got to do is to
financially maintain our Red
Cross work rooms. On Thursday
night, March 21st the local Red
Cross will stage a play at the
Cozy Opera house, and Friday
night, 22 this month, at the
school building, Trent.

At Trent half of the proceeds
will go to the Trent Red Cross.
This entertainmen will go for
the sole benefit of the work
rooms of the Red Cross. All
characters are local talents, who
so graciously giving their time
and money, and under the effi-
cient and hard worker, Mrs. J.G.
Hale, Director, which is enough
to say that it will be the best.

Your local officials of the Red
Cross have planned every way
possible in the financing of this
work room. They have spent
\$662.72 since it began opera-
tion. They have not yet asked
for a monthly donation, as has
most chapters.

Merkel work room has ship-
ped 7564 pieces of various kinds
to the Red Cross headquarters.

It is every one's, duty to pat-
ronize these entertainments. You
get your money's worth, and at
the same time help a good cause

We are striving to keep away
from asking you for monthly
donations as long as we can.
Don't think you can get by al-
ways by not doing your part, as
the officials know Who is Who.
They have names and facts.

The play to be staged is a very
popular 2-act Melo Drama, and
will make you and laugh.

Elder W. G. Cypert has just
returned from Temple, where he
visited his daughters, Mrs. Mon-
nie Raughton and Miss Hollie
Cypert. He also held a meeting
a Oeneville, near Temple. He
says everything is looking real
fine in that section.

Place Your
Order Now
For

That Spring Suit

Cleaning and Pressing
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L. J. Renfro

At City Barber
Shop
Merkel, Texas

TOUCHSTONE REACHES CHINA

(Continued from last week)

Jan. 24 1918—I believe I closed the last "chapter" by promising to tell in the next one of my trip to the interior of Japan. My Japanese schoolmate, Mr. T. Motoyoshi is pastor of the Methodist Church at Okayama. He sailed from San Francisco one month before I did and went directly to that place to take charge of the church. From Tokio I sent him a card asking him to meet me in Osaka, but he wired me it was impossible for me to come down to see him. I wired him as soon as I knew definitely I was going, which was only a short time before my train left. Of course I expected him to meet me at the station, but when I rolled into the station not a familiar face was to be seen. However this did not upset me much as the Japanese tourist bureau has offices at all stations of importance, and at every place I had been I had gotten what information I wanted in fairly good English. However, this being a town some distance from a sea port, the Tourist Bureau man could not speak English. Neither could any one of the hundred ricksha men who swarmed around wanting to pull me to my destination. I picked out a big strong looking fellow and tried the new word "English" on him, trying to indicate that I wanted a man who could speak English. I do not suppose he knew what I meant exactly, but he did know I was a foreigner and he did his best to find someone who could talk to me. ... was failing miserably so I decided to try for myself. One of the "boys"—boy is adopted in Japan for porter—had a fairly intelligent looking face and so I approached him and asked him if he understood English. He said "leetle bit"—and it proved that the emphasis was on the "leetle." Whenever a foreigner gets into a conversation with one of the natives, for instance a dispute over a ricksha fair, or any thing else, there is soon a crowd gathered around. So the "boy" soon had a good group gathered around us trying to help out. I kept repeating the name of my friend, then Methodist Church, then Christian and any other word I could think of that might give him a clue. I finally wrote it down, thinking maybe his eye was better trained than his ear. For be it known, English is a required subject in the Japanese schools, just as much as Latin is in America. First one and then another in the crowd had something to suggest—none of them had much of what was wanted. I am sure—till finally my ricksha man indicated that he was ready to start with me. So off we went up the main street, which was a very good one as streets go in Japan, being about forty or fifty feet wide and having a street car track running down the middle. He took me to what I think must have been the far side of the town to a church. I joyfully alighted and asked the man who came out "Motoyoshi?". But he did not seem to know what I meant. My "coolie" talked to him and was soon ready to start out again, it being very evident this was not the place we were looking for. We then went across to another part of the town, about twenty minutes I suppose to another church. The very neat, intelligent looking Japanese lady who came out of the pastor's study had never heard of Mr. Motoyoshi—she spoke broken English—but she knew where the Methodist Church was to be found. I thanked her and we started out again, almost in the direction from which we had just come, only a little to the left. In the course of fifteen or twenty minutes we came to a very modest little chapel, as it turned out to be, and my "coolie" pointed proudly

Try This For Sour Stomach
Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all for supper. If you are still troubled with sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed.

Do You Pay Your Bills

☐ The world's estimate of a man is his past record—HIS REPUTATION.

☐ HIS REPUTATION is the outward expression of HIS CHARACTER.

☐ Are you proud of your reputation? DO YOU PAY YOUR BILLS? or do you consider your debts and obligations as mere scraps of paper, to be met or turned down at your pleasure?

☐ When the merchant sold you the goods, he honored your name by giving you credit, holding your name as good as your money. YET you betray his confidence and enter the ranks of the "Dead Beats" and "Poor Pay."

☐ You would not allow any man to besmirch your name, yet YOU lower your

name in the eyes of others by not paying your bills.

☐ You can come back. No man ever sunk so low that he could not come back. Pull yourself together, brace up now. It won't be as hard to come back today as it will tomorrow—for the simple reason that you haven't gone as far.

☐ Resolve to pay your bills, resolve to get out of the mire of the "Dead Beats" and "Poor Pay."

☐ Go to each of your creditors and arrange to take care of your bills. If you are honest, with yourself and him and want to come back, he will be more than glad to stand by you and lend the helping hand.

☐ Be a Free Man once more.

house and knocked. After what seemed to me a long, long time, the door opened and to my great joy out walked my friend. "Hello Touch," I have just been to the church to see if there was a telegram from you and did not find it." Then he told me that he had only sent one Sunday in the city when he arrived a month before, and had then gone home to visit his mother, (having been absent in America five or six years) and had only been back in the city a few days. Then it was no wonder that no one knew him by name. Well it had not taken me much more than an hour to find him so that was not so bad. He was keeping bachelor's hall, so entertained me at a hotel, because he had not got his house straight yet. So beginning with five o'clock in the afternoon and lasting till after breakfast the next morning, I lived real Japanese style. I have already said that the only fires the Japanese have in their houses are charcoal fires to warm their hands by—a mere handful of coal in ashes. The floor of our room was covered with matting which had some sort of padding under it probably an inch thick, so that it was soft to walk on, yet, to sit on too, for they have no chairs. Our meals were served in the bed room on a little table about ten inches high, as we sat on cushions with our feet doubled up under us. Most of the food, though different from any I had ever eaten except the rice, was good, to a fellow who had been out in the cold wind any way.

(To be continued.)

Forgot What He Needed

From the Republican, Mt. Gilead, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for," we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.

A FALSE REPORT

Since my return I have learned of a report that has been generally circulated during my absence. This report is to the effect that I have been connected with the German Spy System. Its falseness is exceeded only by its absurdity and I do not think that it has had any weight with the people who know me, but in justice to my friends and myself and to disabuse the minds of those who may have been wrongly impressed, I will state that there is not a grain of truth in it, that I have never been suspected of any such connection, have never in my life been arrested and that I am a loyal American.

I have been away in the interest of my profession and have returned as usual to continue my practice.

When such false reports are circulated to injure another's reputation, they have the opposite effect. The public will always disapprove of such motives and treat the promotor of such report accordingly.

The thief in the night is more honorable than the would-be dispoiler of good names.

Geo. L. Miller.

The Red Cross play will be given at the Cozy Thursday night, March 21. Popular prices.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

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One year after date for value received I promise to pay to the order of _____ the sum of ten dollars with interest from date at the rate of ten per cent per annum. This is a conditional note and is to be void if the mare described below, which has been served by my horse—jack—is with foal and bears a colt which is able to stand and suck. If said mare is not with foal this note is to be in full force and effect.

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to the sign in front with a smile as much as to say "I have found it". I could not read the characters so I did not know. The only people to be found were some little girls who seemed to be cleaning up the room for services the next day. They gave the fellow another "dose of directions" and we proceeded on our way. I took it for granted he was now going to take me to the pastor's residence. He seemed not to be quite sure of where he did want to go. Needless to say I was by this time becoming a little impatient, not to say nervous. I said to myself, if I don't find him there is plenty of time to go back to Kobe and there is a train every two or three hours. Then it occurred to me that I had neglected to change my good American gold for the "coin of the realm" and perhaps would not be able to purchase a railway ticket. While I was reasoning thus, it began to sprinkle rain, and the coolie borrowed for me an umbrella from a woman who was trying to tell him the way. She finally brought out a little girl who went with us as a guide. In about ten minutes, possibly not so long, we stopped before a

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To whom it may concern: To all creditors other persons interested in either of the Estates of W. A. Hall deceased or R. E. Hall deceased, we the undersigned were appointed Administrators jointly of both of said Estates by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas sitting for Probate business on the 19th day of February A. D. 1918 and all persons having claims against said Estate or either of them will present said claims to us within the time prescribed by law. We each reside in Taylor County, Texas and our Post Office address is Merkel, Texas, Rural Route.

W. A. Campbell, Route 5.
George Moore, Route 3.
Administrators of the Estate of W. A. Hall and R. F. Hall, Deceased.

TEACHER EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES
Outline of Work.

In order that the student-teacher may work to the best advantage in preparing for the teacher's examinations, this outline of work is submitted for the year 1918. It should be remembered that the best preparation is a result of thorough study and the prospective teacher should learn early in her career to avoid hasty preparation or the "cramming" process as it is often called. Neither can any school worthy of a good name make "certificate getting" for its students its principal aim, and no student has any good chance to become a great teacher whose primary object is simply to get a certificate. Thoroughness makes examinations easy.

Second Grade Subjects

Agriculture: Warren's Elements of Agriculture should be used as the basis of work. Supplement with Ferguson & Lewis' Elementary Principles of Agriculture.

Arithmetic. Sutton & Bruce's Higher Arithmetic should be used. Every student-teacher preparing for examination in arithmetic should master the fundamental principles as given in this text.

Geography. Descriptive: Tarr & McMurry's The World Geography, Second Book, should be used as a basis of the work in Descriptive Geography.

Grammar. English: Smith's Our Language Grammar should be used as a basis of the work.

History. Texas: Barker, Pott and Ramsdell's A History of Texas should be made the basis of the work.

History. United States: Hall, Smither and Ousley's The Student's History of Our Country should be made the basis of the work. Supplement with Cousins & Hill's American History for Schools.

Physiology and Hygiene: Ritchie's Human Physiology, together with Hartman and Bibb's The Human Body and its Enemies, should be the basis of the work.

Reading: The question in Reading will be based on Huey's History and Pedagogy of Reading (The Macmillan Company, Dallas, Texas.)

School Management: Bruce's Principles and Processes will be the basis for all examinations in the subject of School Management (C. A. Bryant Company, Dallas, Texas.)

Spelling: McCallum & Horn's The New Century Spelling Book should be made the basis of the work.

Writing: The grade in writing will be given on the specimen of handwriting found in the Methods and Management paper, consideration being given to neatness, simplicity of form and legibility.

First Grade Subjects

Algebra: Wentworth's New School Algebra, together with Hopkins & Underwood's Elementary Algebra, should be made the basis of the work in Algebra.

Civil Government: The work in Civil Government should be based on Triplett & Hauslein's



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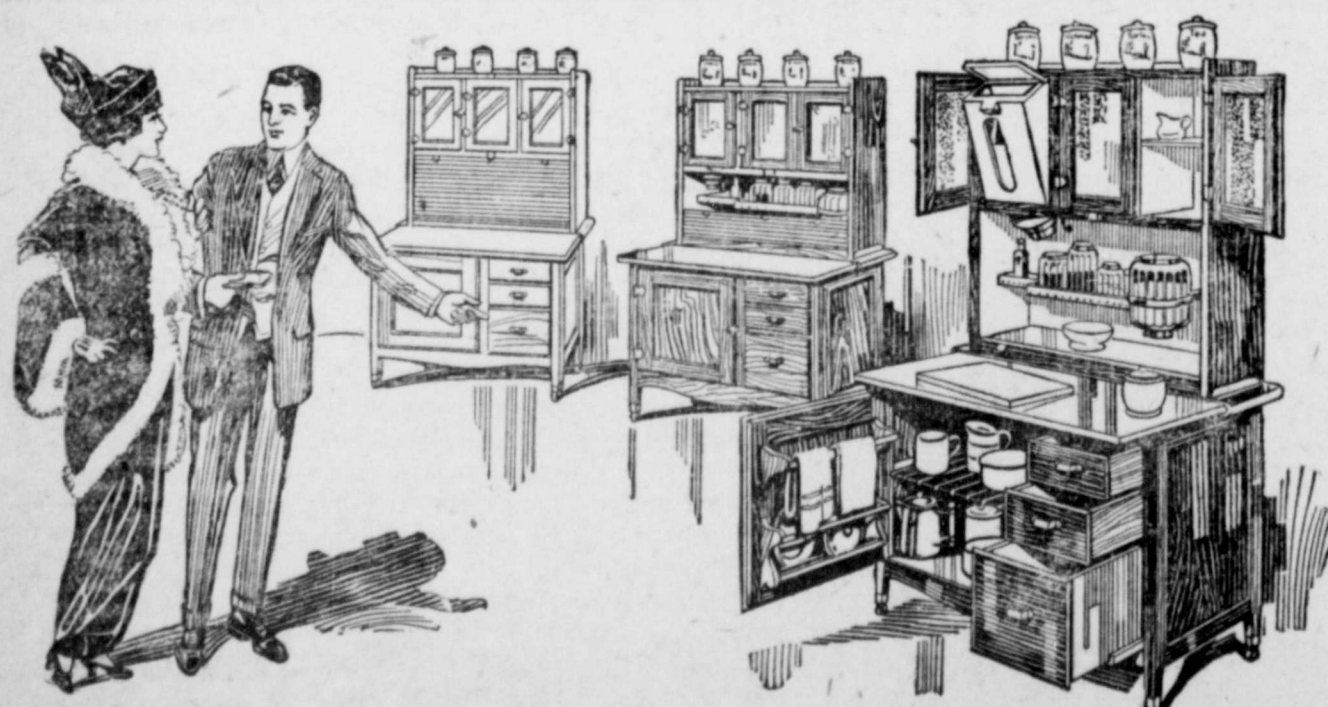
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That Texas shall not be classed among the lagging states, all forces are now being concentrated upon the organization of war savings societies. Washington has set March 15 as the day for the count and it is desired that every Lone Star dweller be enrolled as an active war savings club member by that date.

"For every company of soldiers on the battle field or in training there should be a war savings society here at home," says Louis Lipsitz, State Director of the National War Savings Committee. "Let's make every fighting man know and feel that he has this country behind him, backing him up to the last ditch. Only by becoming a war savings club member and investing regularly and intelligently in the little Government bonds will we be performing in part our duty as true, patriotic Americans."

"By enrolling ourselves as active members of war savings societies we will be helping the men in the fighting ditches of Flanders, making it possible for them to do their job thoroughly, quickly and with greater safety to themselves. Every household should be a thrift center, every citizen a saver and a society member. It's time to quit talking and get down to business. The job of the stay-at-home is to increase the efficiency of the fighting machine and aid the Government in winning the war. It's the least they can do."

"That Texans shall not be classed as slackers it is our personal duty to see that we have joined a war savings club and have gotten someone else to enroll. The Ides of March must not find Blue Bonnet State residents classed as non-Americans."

War savings societies may have as few as ten members and as many as desired. There are two officers for each society, a president and a secretary. When it is desired to organize a society the County Chairman of War Savings, or the State Director, Dallas, Texas, should be asked to supply a sufficient number of postcard pledges to enroll the members and a war savings society application. In joining a society the sole requirement is that the applicant shall sign a pledge to be thrifty and save as he can.

The purpose of war savings societies are:

1. To awaken a realization among men, women, and children of America that in their hands lies the key to the successful prosecution of the war; that they can render the most far-reaching patriotic service through refraining from the purchase of unnecessary articles, confining themselves to the use of such things as are necessary for health and efficiency, thus releasing labor and materials for the support of our armies in the field; that there is not enough labor in the United States to produce the great variety of articles needed to support our soldiers and at the same time provide all the comforts and luxuries we enjoyed before the war.

2. To lay the foundation for thrift and economy throughout the United States and to bring home to the people the fact that intelligent and consistent saving is not a dry problem in economics, but is the most vital step toward personal success.

3. To obtain for the Government a large amount of money through the sale of Thrift Stamps and War-Savings Bonds—the safest and best investment in the world, and at the same time provide a method by which the small investor may put his savings at the immediate service of his country.

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NOTICE ROAD BONDS ELECTION

Notice is hereby given of a road bond election to be held within and for Road District No. 2, Taylor County, Texas, on the 30th day of March, 1918, in accordance with the following order of the Commissioners Court of said county:

Abilene, Tex. Feb. 13, 1918. "Order of Commissioners Court Ordering Bond Election For Road District No. 2."

On this day was presented to the court the petition of M. Armstrong and others asking for a road bond election for Road District No. 2. And it appearing to the court that said Road District No. 2, has been heretofore laid off and defined by metes and bounds by order of this court made and entered on the 11 day of Feb. A. D. 1918, and that said petition is signed by more than fifty resident property tax paying voters of said district, and that there is a necessity for said road bond election in order to provide funds for the construction, maintaining and operating of macadamized graveled and paved roads and turnpikes and in aid thereof and that there is a necessity for such roads in said district. It is therefore ordered at this regular session of said court, all commissioners and the county judge being present that an election be held on the 30th day of March, 1918, within and for Road District No. 2, said county, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District shall be issued in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and to mature at such times as may be fixed by the commissioners court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes and in aid thereof, and to determine whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the taxable property of said Road District to provide a fund for the purpose of paying interest on said bonds and the redemption of said bonds. Said Road District No. 2, is particularly described by metes and bounds in the order of said court dated Feb. 11, 1918 which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said metes and bounds being as follows, viz:

Beginning at the intersection of the N. line of Sec. 58, Blk. 19, T. & P. Ry Co. surveys with the west line of Taylor County Texas, Thence north with the west line of said county to its N. W. cor. Thence East with the North line of Taylor County to its intersection with the west line of the David Bruce Sur. No. 135; Thence southward along the west line of David Bruce sur. to the N. E. cor. of Jose Gabo sur. No. 128; Thence southward along the east line of Jose Gabo Sur. and the east line of the John McSherry Sur. No. 129 to the S. E. cor. of Shelly's Subdivision No. 4 of said McSherry Sur. Thence westward along the

south boundary lines of subdivision Nos. 4 and 3, Shelly's, and south boundary line of Drummond's subdivision and south boundary lines of Rister's subdivisions Nos. 7, 5, and 4 and M. B. Toole's sub. of said McSherry sur. to west boundary line of said sur. Thence northward to N. E. cor. of Willis Avery Sur. Thence along the north boundary line of said Avery sur. to its N. W. cor. Thence continuing in same direction across N. B. Teaff sur. to east line of W. R. Willis League; Thence southward along east line of said Willis sur. to S. E. cor. of Henry Sayles Jr. Subdivision No. 29 of said W. R. Willis sur. Thence westward along the south boundary lines of subdivisions Nos. 29, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, and 21 of the said Henry Sayles Jr. Subdivision to the W. B. line of said Willis sur. Thence westward along the S. B. line of Sub. No. 11 Grimes County School Land League No. 146; Thence northward along W. B. lines of subdivisions Nos. 11, 10, and 1 of said league No. 146; Thence westward along N. B. lines of said League No. 146 and S. B. line of Sur. No. 4, Blk. 18, T & P. Ry. Co. surveys to S. W. cor. of said sur. No. 4; Thence northward along W. B. line of said Survey No. 4 to its N. W. cor. Thence westward along the N. B. lines of sur. Nos. 5 and 6 Blk. 18, T. & P. Ry Co. surveys to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 6; Thence Northward along the E. B. line of Sur. 62, Blk. 19, T & P Ry Co. sur. to its N. E. cor. Thence westward along the N. B. lines of Secs. Nos. 62, 61, 60, 59, and 58, Blk. 19, T & P Ry Co. Surveys to the place of beginning.

All resident property tax paying voters of said Road District No. 2 shall be entitled to vote at said election which election shall be held in conformity with the general election laws of this state and Art. 628 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, the general election laws governing where no special provisions are made with reference to road bond elections. The polls shall be opened at the following places, and the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, viz:

Election Prec. No. 6, City Hall, Merkel, W. O. Boney, Presiding Judge; J. Van West, Henry West and J. J. Stallings, Assistants.

Election Precinct No. 11, School House Trent, T. J. Williamson, Presiding Judge; C. T. Beckham, W. A. Abbott, and E. D. Massey, assistants.

Election Prec. No. 20, Tye-Merkel at S. Y. Reese, Residence; J. B. Thomas, Presiding Judge, S. Y. Reese, assistant.

The qualified property tax paying voters of said Road District shall vote at their usual voting places in their respective precincts, except those who reside in election Prec. No. 26, Blair and who are embraced within the bounds of said Road Dist. No. 2, shall vote at City Hall, Merkel.

All voters voting at said election who desire to support the proposition of issuing the bonds and levying the tax shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the Issuance of Bonds" and those opposed to the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Issuance of Bonds."

A copy of this order signed by the county judge of said county shall serve as a proper notice of said election and the county judge is directed to cause said notices to be posted and published as prescribed by law. Passed Feb. 13, 1918 at a regular session of the commissioners court in testimony of which witness our hands on said date.

Now therefore, I, E. M. Overshiner, County Judge of said county in pursuance of said order hereby order said election to be held at the time for the purposes at the places by the officers and in accordance with the stipulations and provisions of the foregoing order and issue this notice which shall be posted and published as prescribed by law.

E. M. Overshiner, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas.

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Bookkeeping and Account-
ing, Part 1 (Southwestern Pub-
lishing Co. Cins. Ohio.) Part 1
of this book is published as a
separate volume and includes all
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Chemistry: Brownlee's First
Principles of Chemistry should
be made the basis of the work.

Geometry, Solid: Wentworth
& Smith's Solid Geometry (Ginn
and Co. Dallas.)

Physics: First Principles of
Physics by Carhart & Chute All
yn & Bacon, Chicago.)

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Friday forenoon: Physical
Geography, Physiology, Compo-
sition, Arithmetic, Literature,
Solid Geometry.

Friday afternoon: Texas His-
tory, Grammar, Descriptive Geo-
graphy, Plane Geometry, Psy-
chology, Bookkeeping.

Saturday forenoon: Spelling,
Writing, Methods and Manage-
ment, Civics, Reading, Chemis-
try, History of Education.

Saturday afternoon: United
States History, General History
Agriculture, Algebra, Physics,
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tion-Rhetoric, should be made
the basis of the work.

Geography, Physical: Tarr's
New Physical Geography should
be made the basis of the work.

Geometry, Plain: Wentworth
& Smith's Plane Geometry
should be made the basis of the
work.

History, General: Myers' An-
cient History, and Myers' Me-
diaeval and Modern History,
should be made the basis of the
work in this subject. The ques-
tion in this subject will be based
on both of these texts.

Literature: The examination
will include both English and
American literature. Questions
will be based on the following
texts and classics:

Long's English and American
Literature (Ginn & Co.) Payne's
American Literary Readings
(Rand, McNally & Co.) Text-
book work should be restricted

mainly to sections having direct
relation to the classics prescrib-
ed for close study.

The following selections from
Payne's American Literary read-
ings, together with the sketches
of the respective authors are re-
commended:

Irving's Westminster Abby,
Bryant's Thanatopsis, To a Wat-
erfowl, The Death of the Flow-
ers, Longfellow's Evangeline,
Excelsior, The Wreck of the
Hesperus, Whittier's Snow
bound, In School Days, Skipper
Ireson's Ride, Thoreau's Brute
Neighbors, Poe's Review of Haw-
thorne's Twice-Told, The Pur-
loined Letter, O. Henry's The
Ransom for Red Chief, Riley's
Afterwhiles, English Classics,
Ruskin's Sesame and Lilies (Any
standard edition)

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.
Histroy of Education: Graves'
Students History of Education
(The Macmillan Company, Dal-
las) Omit Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, 8,
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Psychology: Magnusson's as
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Fifth, Dec. 6 and 7, 1918.

County Examinations
Friday forenoon: Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic, Literature, Solid Geometry.
Friday afternoon: Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry, Psychology, Bookkeeping.
Saturday forenoon: Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading, Chemistry, History of Education.
Saturday afternoon: United States History, General History Agriculture, Algebra, Physics, Plane Trigonometry.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
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Geography, Physical: Tarr's New Physical Geography should be made the basis of the work.

Geometry, Plain: Wentworth & Smith's Plane Geometry should be made the basis of the work.

History, General: Myers' Ancient History, and Myers' Mediaeval and Modern History, should be made the basis of the work in this subject. The question in this subject will be based on both of these texts.

Literature: The examination will include both English and American literature. Questions will be based on the following texts and classics:

Long's English and American Literature (Ginn & Co.) Payne's American Literary Readings (Rand, McNally & Co.) Text-book work should be restricted

mainly to sections having direct relation to the classics prescribed for close study.

The following selections from Payne's American Literary readings, together with the sketches of the respective authors are recommended:

Irving's Westminster Abby, Bryant's Thanatopsis, To a Waterfall, The Death of the Flowers, Longfellow's Evangeline, Excelsior, The Wreck of the Hesperus, Whittier's Snow bound, In School Days, Skipper Ireson's Ride, Thoreau's Brute Neighbors, Poe's Review of Hawthorne's Twice-Told, The Purloined Letter, O. Henry's The Ransom for Red Chief, Riley's Afterwhiles, English Classics, Ruskin's Sesame and Lilies (Any standard edition)

Shakespeare's Julius Ceasar.

Histry of Education: Graves' Students History of Education (The Macmillan Company, Dallas) Omit Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14 and 20.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

TUESDAY

MEATLESS
ONE MEAL
WHEATLESS



B. Y. P. U. Entertainment

A social by the Union was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance and every one reported a splendid time. They played such games as spinning the tin pan, weaving the thimble, fruit basket exchanged, musical chair and various other games, in which all took part. It was a late hour when the merry fun-makers resorted to their respective homes to await a return of the occasion. The host and hostess are always on the job, to the great appreciation of those attending the social.

Second Draft in Small Groups.

Washington, March 12—General Crowder today made the first official announcement of the time of the second draft. It will be ordered as soon as congress amends the law to compute the basis of apportionment among states on the number of registrants in class 1 instead of population. For purposes of computation 800,000 men will be considered as composing the second draft, although no such number will be called to the colors at any one time.

Men in deferred classification the provost marshal general announced, would be called in small numbers as well as men in class 1 for the purpose of utilizing special technical qualifications of sending them to school to acquire such qualifications.

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.

Health About Gone

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore of Mulberry community is very sick.

Plenty corn, corn chops, oats, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal mixed feed at Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Boney and little son, Harold, left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth to visit relatives and attend the stock show.

Trade with the new firm of E. L. Rogers. CASH STORE.

Lieut. Sherley King has just finished his work at Leon Springs and has been transferred to the Kelley Field at San Antonio. He is now visiting his mother, who is quite sick. He will return next Monday.

Best Peaberry Coffee at G. M. Sharps.

E. C. Badley left last Wednesday for Sweetwater, thence to Childress, Shamrock, Colorado Springs, California, Isthmus of Panama and then to Europe. He says he intends to visit the trenches. He says the only thing that will disturb his plans would be ill health or a young lady.

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Mrs. H. L. Davenport and son, of Nubia were visitors at the Mail office last Monday.

Phone your orders to E. L. Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Your attendance at the Cozy next Thursday night and at Trent High School next Friday night will permit the Red Cross to continue its good work. Already 7564 pieces have gone out of the local rooms. Let us help double the number.

Take your dollar to E. L. Rogers, where it will buy the most.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

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The need for this publicity has been apparent to us for several years. The gross misrepresentation to which we have recently been subjected has convinced us that we should no longer delay in putting before the public the basic facts of our business, relying on the fair-mindedness of the American people.

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Swift & Company, U. S. A.

H. C. Burroughs Sr. of Amorrillo writes that they are all well and they like their new location fine, but feel lonesome for Merkel and the good people here.

The Merkel Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will confer the Royal Arch degree Friday afternoon and night, March 15. All visiting brothers will be given a cordial welcome. A banquet will be held at Commercial Hotel.

Biff the Kaiser by attending the Red Cross play.

If you are patriotic you will attend the Red Cross play, or send the price of a ticket.

Dr. and Mrs. McMaster left Tuesday in their car for Port Lavaca, where they will remain during the planting season. They will return in May. The Doctor owns extensive farming interests in that section.

FOR RENT—Large, cool office room for \$5.00 a month, over Woodroof-Bragg store. See the Merkel Mail.

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The war has created a demand for stenographers and typewriter operators. You can prepare yourself for a position by the first of September at the Merkel Business College.

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To anyone who doesn't know of the wonderful advances that have been made in the preparation of smoking tobaccos in the last few years it may sound strange to speak of toasted cigarettes.

Strictly speaking, we should say cigarettes made of toasted tobacco; the smokers of this country will recognize it more readily by its trade name, "LUCKY STRIKE"—the toasted cigarette.

The American Tobacco Company are producing millions of these toasted cigarettes and these are being bought in enormous quantities through the various tobacco funds conducted by the newspapers of the country and forwarded through the Red Cross Society to the boys in France.

This new process of treating tobacco not only improves the flavor of the tobacco but it seals in this flavor and makes the cigarettes keep better.

The Red Cross nurse is always glad to have a cigarette for the wounded soldier, as, in most instances, that is the first thing asked for.

Advertised Letters.

Berry, Mrs. Hattie.
Dupree, Myrtle.
Halo, M. A.
Perry, Mrs. B.C.
Pincham, S. P.
Reynolds, G. W.
White, J. F.
Johnson, G. B.
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A cheerful look, a pleasant word, How nice it makes one feel! It drives all gloom away And fills the soul with zeal. An ugly look, an unkind word, Then oh! how sad we are It only brings us sorrow, and Why should we life's joys mar —Albert E. Vassar.

If you are Kaiser Bill's partner or sympathizer, you will have no interest in the play at the Cozy next Thursday night.

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. For sale by all Dealers. adv.

John Burns of Route 4 is very low with pneumonia.

You donate to the Red Cross work by attending the play at the Cozy, Thursday night, Mar. 21.

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