

## LIBERTY LOAN--OVER THE TOP

We appeal to you who are not doing your best in helping us to get our quota in the 3rd Liberty Loan.

Our two banks have \$500,000 in deposits. We are asked to subscribe 10% of this to this issue of bonds. Are we going to get it?

We especially appeal to the man who has money and has not yet bought bonds, to think of this seriously and help us in this hour of our need. You will be helping yourself and the investment is sound.

We at least want your name on the honor roll.

It is not a pleasant duty for us to beg for these subscriptions and we appeal to your patriotism and good judgement to help us do what the Merkel Country ought to do.

Look at the honor roll and if your name is not there please let us have it at once.

Third Liberty Loan Com.

### Third Liberty Loan Honor Roll

Liberty Loan Subscriptions up to Close of Business Apr. 17.

Jas Bright	\$50
L. G. Ely	100
Christ Braune	50
Henery J. Rauch	50
Jno Sears	50
Geo. Ferrier	50
Miss Amanda Curtiss	100
Farmers State Bank	2,500
C. F. Sears	200
A. B. Highsmith	50
Flora Francis Anderson	50
Jack T. Anderson	50
Chas Braune	50
T. N. Kelso	100
Mrs. Maggie R. Wilson	150
E. L. Turner Jr.	50
J. C. Moore	800
W. H. Gilliam	500
G. W. Ely	50
L. P. Jones	500
Jno A. Pike	50
Robert Beasley	50
J. M. Toombs	50
H. D. Simpson	100
Verna T. Beasley	50
Seth Hamilton	50
Mrs. W. A. McSpadden	50
Mrs. G. J. Jones	50
Ruth Jones	50
Davis Jones	50
Ruby Jones	50
J. S. Swann	100
T. J. Toombs	100
J. W. Wheeler	50
Wallace Bragg	50
Miss Maxie Banner	50
Mrs. Sam Butman Jr.	50
Geo. L. Miller	50
H. A. Handers	50
Arthy Sanders	50
J. C. Mason	100
Mrs. M. J. Dew	50
Jno Dew	50
Mrs. W. E. Lowe	50
Mrs. W. L. Diltz	100
Mrs. Julia Cotton	50
J. H. Ensminger	150
H. K. Sheppard	50
Miss Eva Williams	50
Dr. J. E. Adkisson	50
J. J. Stallings	100
H. A. King	200
W. C. Hunter	100
S. G. Tipton	500
Thos Johnson	250
Name withheld	1500
Sam Provine	50
J. M. Jordan	50
L. S. Tipton	200
C. R. Horton	100
Kev. C. S. Cameron	50
Henry West	50
J. C. Horton	50
H. C. Williams	100
Mrs. S. C. Boyce	2500
F. & M. Nat. Bank	2500
Lee Harrell	100
Miss Florence Hall	300
H. B. Chambless	100
S. J. Grafford	150
J. W. Grafford	350
Stanley King	50
Quincy Payne (Colord)	100
R. M. Parker	50
E. D. Coats	50
Mrs. Ruth L. Browning	50
J. E. Costephens	50

Mrs. H. C. Williams	50
J. A. Woodard	100
W. E. Petty	50
G. M. Sharp	1000
Mrs. W. L. Harkrider	5000
J. L. McRee	50
J. L. Casey	500
Miss Eva Casey	100
L. D. Casey	100
Wade Casey	100
Mrs. J. L. Casey	200
Total	23,500

I take this method of expressing my appreciation to all of those who have come forward so promptly and so patriotically with their subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan. Especially do I want to thank the good citizens of the Nubia community who have today sent in subscriptions through the two banks of Merkel aggregating \$2500.00 and I am informed will likely send in another amount equal to this before the campaign closes. This speaks volumes for the high ideals and standards of this community that has always come forward unselfishly in every time of need. We hope that every man who possibly can do so will send in his subscription at the earliest possible moment and help us to fill our quota. I would not discourage any one for I believe that this is a time when every man and woman should show their courage, it is no time for weaklings, for we are facing a critical world period and every power that we possess should be brought into action at once, at the same time using consistency and moderation in all things. Thos. Johnson, Local Chairman, Third Liberty Loan.

### LIBERTY LOAN MEETING

A meeting in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan was held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. T. A. Johnson acted as chairman. "There was a time," Mr. Johnson said, "When I did not look upon woman suffrage with such favor, but for the past 30 or 40 days I have favored it." H. Rob Keeble was the first speaker of the afternoon. Clearly and forcefully he outlined the principal causes of the war. He said "This war has wrought a great change over the people of the earth. We think of England, France and Belgium as great patriotic people." He emphasized the tremendous importance of coming to the front just now and standing behind our brave boys by "Going over the Top" with the Third Liberty Loan. Mrs. Dallas Scarborough was the next speaker on the program. She brought to mind the fact that when the American Colonies were fighting for their independence, it was more against a German king than an English people. She referred to the many binding ties between America and England; and to our great gratitude to France for her help in the nation's foundation struggle. She called to mind that Germany has always possessed a spirit of heartlessness. Her address was well received by all. Owing to a sandstorm that was raging at the time, there was not as many people present as expected.

### RAINED AGAIN

Last Sunday evening a heavy rain fell in the Shilo and Noodle section and between Merkel and Abilene. Last Saturday morning it rained in portions of the Canyon. Only 2/3 of an inch has fallen in Merkel all told.

Mrs. John Mann underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. She is getting along nicely.

On April 29 another Red Cross play will be given at the Cozy by home talent.

Five pounds fine Peaberry coffee for \$1.00. A. L. Jobe. 12t2c

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

FOR SALE—Tomato plants. Phone 234. 13t2p

BREEDERS—I will stand the Joe Nally Black Percheron at my farm south of Merkel. Prices reasonable. Not responsible for accidents. John S. Hughes. 12t2c

LOST—Hood off Ford car, between Abilene and Merkel. Finder please leave with Merkel Mail. W. P. Meeks. 1tp.

FOR SALE  
1 large roomy kitchen cabinet \$15.00; 1 metal folding bed, 8.50  
1 small ice box, 2.00 Feed fork, 1.00  
These are bargains if sold at once. E. P. McMillen or Asa Shepperd. 19t1p

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

### MISS TIPPETT ANNOUNCES.

In this issue we are pleased to announce that Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene is out for county clerk. Miss Tippett is well known in these parts, having previously made the race for this office and only lacking 150 votes of winning. She also has relatives in Merkel. She has had eight years of experience as chief deputy in the clerk's office and is amply qualified to take care of the affairs. If elected, she promises to do everything within her power to make an efficient officer. Miss Tippett formerly taught in Merkel. She carries the love and respect of a host of acquaintances. We bespeak for her due consideration on the part of the voters.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OUR RATES

For District offices	\$8.00
For County offices	8.00
For Precinct offices	6.00
For City offices	3.00
Subscription price, 1 year	1.00

Always Cash in Advance.

- For Clerk District Court: J. N. Routh
- For County Judge: E. M. Overshiner, H. Rob Keeble.
- For County Clerk: H. Holland Teaff, Henry R. Hicks, J. D. Hilton, J. L. Mingus, G. R. Pain
- For County Attorney: W. E. Martin, W. H. Sewell.
- For Sheriff: J. T. Dodson, John Bond.
- For County Treasurer: Austin Fitts.
- For Tax Collector: G. B. Tittle.
- For County Tax Assessor: John H. Vance.
- For County School Supt. J. S. Smith.
- For Commissioner, Precinct 2: T. R. Lassiter, Sam Butman, Jr., J. L. Banner, E. D. Coats.

- For Public Weigher at Merkel: J. M. Garrett, H. M. Mayfield, James Patterson, Jr., W. R. Britton
- Justice Peace, Precinct No. 5. W. W. Wheeler.
- Jones County Candidate: T. P. (Tom) Hudson
- For Tax Collector: W. C. Cutrell.
- Merkel School District, Trustees: G. M. Sharp, Bob Martin, E. N. Brown.

FOR SALE—One row cultivator and one row planter. Arthur Cranston, Rt. 1. Merkel. 12t2p

FOR SALE—Two bay breed mares. Arthur Cranston, Rt. 1, Merkel. 12t2p.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

NOTICE  
Don't forget to bring your chickens, turkeys ducks, geese, guineas, eggs, butter, beeswax, hides, friers, towsacks, old iron, bonec rags and the like to W. P. Duckett and get the cash for all you bring. Thank you in advance. W. P. Duckett.

WANTED—Sacks, 13¢ for 2-bu. sacks and 20¢ for 5-bu. sacks. E. L. ASH. tf.

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows; one fresh. Apply to Merkel Mail Office.

Cut prices on groceries at A. L. Jobe's. 12t2c

Miles West of Route 1 dropped in and placed a subscription with the Mail this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Diltz and Mrs. Earl Diltz and Phala have gone to Hastings, Okla., after a visit to their parents. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

J. N. Shelton is just up from a very severe spell of sickness.

J. C. Mason, who has been in his old home in Deport for several months, has returned to Merkel. He stayed away longer than we expected. We don't know whether the shower or feminine attractions brought him back, probably both.

Private Roscoe E. Sharp of Battery C 345th Artillery, Camp Travis, Texas attended a program of musical and readings given by the young ladies of San Antonio, Texas on last Monday evening.

Shorty Holloway of Camp Bowie was a very welcome visitor to homefolks a few days ago.

Mr and Mrs. Lee Stevens visited their son in Camp Travis the past week.

H. L. Propst and Davis Beasley left Sunday night for a few days visit at Tulia.

B. F. Houston of Arlington visited his sisters, Mrs. Walter Jackson and Miss Emma Houston last Sunday.

Geo. White of Camp Bowie came in last Friday morning. He remained several days. He is a typical soldier boy, strikingly handsome in his spotless uniform.

Sargeant Frank Ferrier of Camp Bowie showed his smiling face in the midst of his friends and acquaintances last Saturday. He remained for several days returning Thursday.

Oscar Walker of Blair was operated on at a sanitarium in Abilene the past week for appendicitis. He was very low for a few days, but is much improved now.

Willie Patterson and Charley Hobbs returned from Fort Worth a few days ago. They report fine rains in that section. They witnessed the parade of the opening of the liberty loan.

A Mexican was arrested a few days ago for stealing brass from the oil mill. He has been bound over to the county court. Sam Swann returned from Tulia a few days ago. He says there is plenty of feed up there. They are mighty dry, however. A small rain fell while he was there.

Mrs. Lytton Howard is visiting her parents in Abilene for a few days.

### SCHOOL TEACHERS ELECTED

At a recent meeting of the School Board, the following teachers were elected for the next school term.

Misses Alice Burns, Lorena Dry, Amber Lewis, Ruby Campbell, Emma Houston, Lillian Allen, Alma Wells, Flora Wright and Anna L. Smith.

It is thought now that two places will have to be dispensed with, one of the first and one of the fourth grade teachers, as the scholastic census will not justify the same number of teachers another year.

The School Board is delighted with the report coming from the Superintendent. They felt that the efficiency of the school was better than it had ever been. Every teacher was highly complimented for the efficient manner in which they have directed their respective affairs. It is hoped that little change will have to be made in the teaching force.

### TROPHY TRAIN TO STOP IN MERKEL

T. A. Johnson has received a telegram from Dr. Hoopes, stating that he has conferred with Congressman Blanton and had his reply giving assurance that the war trophy train would stop in Merkel on the 22nd. It is not known just when the train will stop, though it is thought that it will possibly be in the late afternoon. Remember the time, next Monday, doubtless at four or five o'clock in the afternoon. The train carries weapons used in battle and is said to be of great interest. Where the train has been, people from all over the country have flocked to see it. It will likely remain here for some time, giving all a chance to go through and learn something first hand of just what the war means. The people are urged to come out.

### RED CROSS PLAY AT TRENT

The Trent Red Cross will give "The Womanless Wedding" at the school auditorium at Trent at 8:30 P.M., April 27th.

Eleck Williamson will play the part of the bride and Dr. W. H. Watkins the part of the groom. Other business men of Trent will be bridesmaids and flower girls.

The play is highly recommended, and those taking part have given a great deal of time and effort to present it to best advantage. A full house is expected. The price of admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

In the afternoon of the same day a goat roping contest will be held on the school ground. Admission ten cents. All are urged to come and help the Red Cross work.

Rev. C. S. Cameron returned Tuesday evening from a trip to Fort Worth, where he witnessed the soldiers review; Cleburne where he visited his mother; San Antonio, where he went to see his son at the camp, and other points.

He will be in his pulpit Sunday, morning and evening where he hopes to see a full attendance of the membership, and extends a general invitation to others to attend the service.

Sid Criswell of Noodle reports about three inches of rain last Sunday afternoon. While a good deal of the high land slicked off considerably, owing to the heavy downpour, yet the lowlands, or the larger part of the land had a good season and planting will be pushed to the utmost.

R. M. Parker, Chas Orr, Sam Butman, J.J. Stallings and Walter Jackson were in Abilene last Friday meeting with a committee in the interest of food conservation, war gardens, etc.

Raise a garden, can what you don't use. Help win the war.

## SCHOOL PLAY GREAT SUCCESS

Under the splendid direction of Mrs. J. G. Hale the Senior High School Class played "The Noble Outcast" to a full and appreciative house last Friday night. Such a hit was made by the play that a demand was made for its repetition, which was given Saturday night.

Promptly at 8:50, the orchestra started the program. So efficient has the orchestra become that no show or entertainment is quite complete without it. It is a great addition to every occasion where the people come together in common cause.

Bourdon Smith played the leading roll of Gerald Weston, known as Jerry the Outcast. Before he had spoken a dozen words, it became apparent that he was a master at the art. His personation work was superb. Clearly he appeared as no amateur.

France, a disputed possession, was a part particularly suited to Miss Julia Martin. She played her roll to the entire satisfaction of the audience. She appeared equally well as a dutiful child to her foster parents in their wealth and to her real father in his poverty as she did to her lover in their youth.

Col. Matthew Lee, a Southern banker, was impersonated delightfully by Vernon Coats. Naturally possessed of due reserve he filled the niche in the play particularly adapted to him.

Equally well did Miss Beulah Walker appear in the person of Mrs. Lee, the Colonel's wife. She made a charming matron, full of youthful loveliness, well deserving of the plaudits that fell to her efforts.

Miss Bessie Tucker was Sadie, faithful but true. She certainly did herself credit. Her handling of the villain was magnificent and brought forth abundant applause. She was indeed beautiful in her roll of maid.

Hugh McRee handled well the part of James Blackburn, Col. Lee's nephew, the vile villain of the plot. His make-up suited the part to perfection. This is always a hard place in any plot, but McRee handled it so well that he aroused the "Irish" of the audience throughout his part.

Wade Ensminger appeared as Jack Worthington, Blackburn's rival. He needed no make-up for his manly appearance won the hearts of the crowd. He also showed compassion on the poor tramp, and at the crises proved to be France's protector. So well did he carry out his part that we are just a little suspicious that this is not his first love making attempt.

A couple of extras appeared between acts. Misses Virginia and Dorothy Duckett gave a butlerly dance, that in the dull, soft light of the stage, "made a great hit," bringing forth a hearty encore.

Melba West and John Mann "brought the house down" with a "quarrel song". It was so real in childhood and so prettily rendered that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Expecting car of ear corn to arrive any day. Those who have orders in may expect the phone to ring any time. Anchor Mercantile Company.

See us before you buy your oats and bran. Bob Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Eck turned from Lawton, O past week and will make home here their son, R. remained at Lawton, being ed as a plumber at good w





## What Does "War Time" Mean To You

Are you complaining because "war time" means coal shortage; less sugar in your coffee; bad business; less money than you think you ought to make?

*What about the boys who are fighting for you in France?*

For you—a little economy and deprivation. For them the trenches; the pitiless storms of rain and sleet; the ceaseless deafening bombardment of the guns; hunger, cold and fever; wounds and death.

That you may dwell in peace, plenty, and security, they sacrifice everything, give everything, brave everything, and face a nameless grave with a smile and a song.

*What are you doing, or giving, or sacrificing for them?*

### The Third Liberty Loan

is your opportunity to prove the patriotism that is in your heart and on your lips.

Your opportunity to show yourself worthy of the heroism, the devotion, the self-renunciation of your soldiers and sailors.

Your opportunity to share, in some small degree, the sufferings of those who stand ready to make the supreme sacrifice for you.

All you can do is little enough. You simply lend your money. Do it, and be glad that you can do so much and sorry you can do no more.

obduracy, which must be utterly obliterated.

We have a task of no little proportion before us. The share of changing the very heart and nature of the German people is one which no mediocre effort will accomplish. It will require a major concerted effort by all of us, synchronously exerted: then victory, throne shaking, will glorify our enterprise. Americans have never been slack in meeting their nations obligations. Of course there has always been plenty of room for their response being more pronounced than it was. But we'll invariably rise to the occasion in time. If you'll remember in one of my former articles to the Mail, I predicted that our third liberty loan would be heavily over subscribed. Many cities—and large ones, too, over subscribed their quotas before the sun sank on the first day. This was grand in them—illustriously grand.

We're willing away no time in proving to our valiant allies that we're not in the war because of the lure of lucre. They know now that the call for democracy's redemption is the major motive that impelled us to come to their succor. They are sure, also, that our share of the burden of war will be unmeritingly borne.

We need fear no alarm about the outcome of the war being derogatory to us. But knowing this, we shouldn't relax our strenuous measures to win. Simply, the victory is ours if we'll only avail ourselves of the opportunity to acquire it. Another good thing which augurs well for us: Japan is with us, not against us. It has lately developed that all the sentimental fear of this nation and Japan going to war, was augmented by German propagandists in this country to keep our minds weaned off of Germany. Considering the German disposition to sow the seeds of strife in a nation she fears is likely to become her enemy, this explanation is given great plausible credit. Amicable relations were never friendlier between us and Japan; and before Japan will see us go down in defeat, she will come to our relief. With us defeated it is inconceivable to think that Japan could hold out against such odds. For Japan to avoid war with Germany by allying herself with Germany, is also preposterous. To do such a thing would only invite Japan's subjugation at the hands of Germany, Austria, Turkey, Bulgaria, with the aid of all their defeated enemies, in future years, when Germany's war scars have been healed, and the memory of this terrible war is not so fresh in her peoples' minds. So much for this.

Let all good Americans, but the name of these implies that they will exert every ounce of their energies to win the war; and bad Americans—well, make them do what they're reluctant to do, what ever it is. The war must be won; and we're going to win it. Just you wait!

Grove Lewis

**Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured** by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Misses Geneva Brown and Nell and Lucy Tracy were home visitors from Simmons last week, returning Tuesday morning.

#### Do You Sleep Well?

To be at his best a man must have sound, refreshing sleep. When wakeful and restless at night he is in no condition for work or business during the day. Wakefulness is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Try a dose of these tablets and see how much better you feel with a clear head and good digestion.

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THE industry and the thrift of American farms, American factories, American shops, American homes—the industry and thrift of every citizen in the land—the industry and thrift that invest in Liberty Bonds—this is the sure foundation of American Victory.

*"We must lick or be licked"*

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### WARREN BROTHERS

Wood, Coal and Auto Accessories.

**GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER** has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for indigestion, intestinal trouble, bilious liver and the general feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia or trouble, bringing on

headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

Another home talent play will be given at the Cozy in interest of the Red Cross, April 29

#### WAR SPECULATIONS

To The Merkel Mail.

Here I come again; I simply can't desist from my customary contributions to the press, it is a feature of my propensity which I can't restrain myself from evincing.

My reading is so copiously voluminous and being so, I naturally grasp ideas which I deem worth passing on to others. The art of educational propogation is infinite. When Mr. Wilson makes a speech orators, newspapers, not excluding the man on the farm and on the street pick it up and discuss it for weeks, even years. So with every thing else of more than passing moment.

The great battle of picardy, now raging in Northern France, will stand out boldly in our memories as the most tragical and eventful circumstance that the cours of events ever occasioned. It is too vast and stupedous for our meager minds to sound out wholly. We can only take a casual cognizance of it, and leave its analization for defter minds.

More men will lay down their lives without obstnacy in the espousal of democracy's cause this present year than have died in any two previous years of this war. To all apt and susceptible minds this is very obvious. The present stage of the war, the critical and decisive moment brought about by the intense suffering and privation occasioned by the tense strain of war, has induced in the peoples minds a burning desire for a cessation of the destructive catastrophe. There's no other feasible way of ending the struggle, but by the sword, if we're to not leave the Kaisers nation with strength and punch enough to make the recurrence of another such war possible. So there are no opologies to be made for the great bath of blood in Gaul today. It is indispensable, there being no other consistent alternative, owing to the German spirit of inflexible

# WRIGLEYS

Six reasons

WHY it's a good friend:

- 1—Steadies nerves
- 2—Allays thirst
- 3—Aids appetite
- 4—Helps digestion
- 5—Keeps teeth clean
- 6—It's economical

Keep the soldiers and sailors supplied!

Three Flavors



Chew it after every meal

The Flavor Lasts!

## Bevo

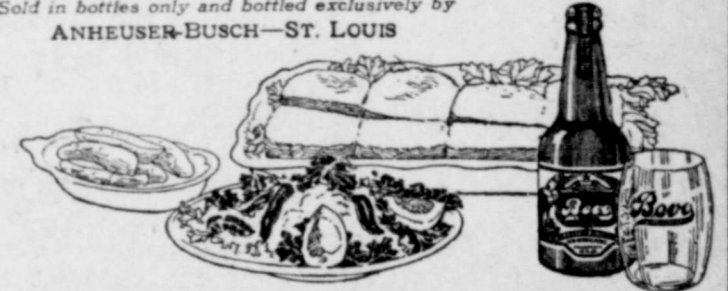
A BEVERAGE

Put on the Bevo Glasses when you set the table for the bite you've prepared for the guests of the evening. As a suggestion for a dainty lunch: Cream cheese and chopped olive sandwiches (on brown bread), Dill pickles, Shrimp salad, Ice cold Bevo.

Itself a nutritive drink, Bevo makes an appetizing and delightful addition to any meal—hot or cold, light or heavy.

Bevo—the all-year-round soft drink.

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WHY EAT ELSEWHERE

## SCRAP IRON, BONES AND RAGS

Plenty Ear and Shelled Corn  
Rags per 100 lbs. \$1.00 Bones 70c  
Scrap Iron 50 cents per hundred  
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Bring in your wheat—will buy or grind it

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For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness  
Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

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Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.



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# Lend Him a Hand!

*Here Is YOUR Boy*—going over the top, his gun in hand, his jaw set, his heart on fire. It is the most dramatic moment in the life of this soldier—and in the life of this nation.

*His heart and mind are set on one thing*—VICTORY—victory over an enemy who stands for acts and ideas which this soldier despises—which he is ready to give his life to destroy.

*We here at home hate these things, too.* We are pledged to their destruction—to our last dollar and our last man. But this soldier can actually—get-his-hands-on-them—and root them out of the world forever—if we will *lend him a hand.*



## This Boy Is the Symbol of Fighting America

He stands for the aspiration, the conviction of a hundred million people translated into *action*. He is *doing* what the rest of us are *dreaming*. Only through him can we win the Victory.

*But He Can't Do It With His Bare Hands!* He asks you to back him up with guns, shells, tanks, airplanes. Let's lend him a hand by lending our dollars. Then no power in the world can prevent him from winning the Victory.

*The long fighting ages of the world have never seen a better soldier than this boy of yours—your son—your husband—your brother—your friend. He stands for the sons of America, hundreds of thousands strong, soon to be millions. He is doing his part—we must do ours!*

**He Is the Symbol of the Liberty Loan**

***Lend Him a Hand!***

***Buy Liberty Bonds!***

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A pig in the pasture is worth  
two in the pen.

Not only do your bit, but do  
your best.

The boys at the front need  
substantial rations; rations;  
raise grain and meat.

We were greatly disappointed  
last week in not securing the  
full batch of liberty loan cuts.  
Some of our merchants were as  
badly disappointed as we. Nearly  
every business man in Merkel  
took space in this issue, but be-  
ing unable to obtain the cuts,  
we did the best we could. We  
want our readers to know that  
our business men stand solidly  
behind the liberty loan and  
would have been represented in  
last week's issue if we could  
have secured the cuts.

Roy Adams of Camp Bowie  
is very low with pneumonia at  
the camp hospital.

J. H. Entsminger reports a  
heavy rain on his place in the  
Canyon last Saturday morning.

### Advertised Letters.

Allen R. L.  
Duncan, L.  
Sandell, A. J.  
Tompson, S. A.  
Withworth, Sam.  
Sent away May 1st.  
H. C. Williams, Postmaster,  
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In use for over 40 years!  
Thousands of voluntary  
letters from women, tell-  
ing of the good Cardui  
has done them. This is  
the best proof of the value  
of Cardui. It proves that  
Cardui is a good medicine  
for women.

There are no harmful or  
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## CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report		
Attendance	Collection	
Methodist	118	\$2.86
Baptist	88	2.08
Rock Crossing	23	.16

**Services at Baptist Church.**  
Rev. Albert Venting of the  
Seminary at Fort Worth will  
preach Sunday morning and  
evening at the Baptist church.  
Rev. Venting is an able preach-  
er. A cordial invitation is ex-  
tended to all to attend the services.  
Rev. Venting is a great violinist  
and will render a violin solo at  
the services. Come and hear him

**Epworth League Program**  
Topic, What and How to Read  
Leader, Mrs. Perminter.  
Song Service.  
Apostles' Creed, recited by all  
Prayer by Leader.  
Scripture Lesson.  
Leader's Remarks.  
Talks By Leaguers, "Good  
Books I have Read the Last  
Year and How They Have Helped  
Me."  
Special Music. Pearl and Earl  
Thornton.  
Talk, Good Books for Young  
People, Miss Mamie McNeese.  
Talk, How to Read, Pastor.  
Miscellaneous.  
League Benediction.

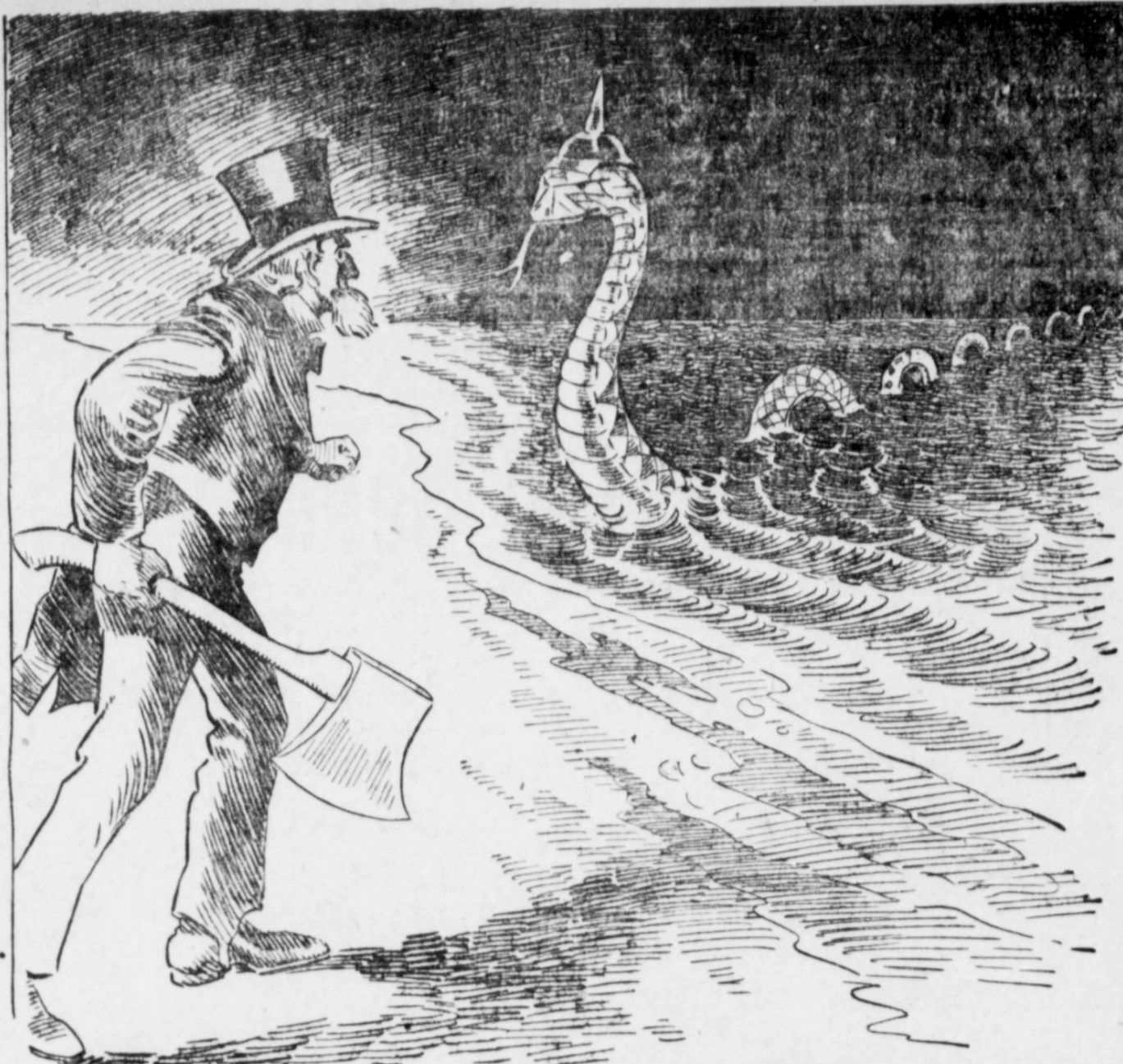
**Ladies A. and M. Program.**  
April 22 1918.  
Subject, Cuba and Panama.  
Leader, Mrs. J. M. Garrett.  
Song, "Send The Light".  
Prayer for Present Need of  
Field, Cuba the Land and Its  
People—Mrs. J. S. Swann  
Hymn, "My Faith Look's Up  
To Thee."  
Mission in Cuba, Mrs. Meeks.  
Mission Tracts, Mrs. Ragan.  
Panama, Mrs. H. T. Merritt.  
Prayer.

**I. C. E. Program April, 21.**  
Leader, Ona Fay Bland.  
Topic, How and What to Read  
Read The Bible, Deut. 17:14-  
20, Burdon Smith.  
Read Thoughtfully, Ps. 119:  
17-24, Charlie Tucker.  
Read For Guidance, Matt. 7:  
24-29, Lola Armstrong.  
Read History, Rom. 15:4, Uva  
Baxendale.  
Read Biography, Ruth. 1: 1-  
18, Loyd Dry.  
Read To Become Wise, Prov.  
2: 1-11, Evelyn Hamm.  
Misses Sophia and Elsie Wal-  
ker and others of Baird attend-  
ed the funeral of Z. T. Lamar.

**To Call Pastor**  
Conference will be held at the  
Baptist church next Wednesday  
night with view to calling a  
pastor. Every member of the  
church is urged to be present.

**B. Y. P. U. Program April, 21.**  
Subject, What's wrong with  
the world? How did it get into  
this fix? Is There A Way Out?  
Songs, 70, 150, 65, 114, 136,  
236, Prayer.  
Scripture Reading, Rom. 3:  
10-18.  
Introduction and symptoms,  
by Leader.  
Spurious Answers, Wallace  
Bragg  
What The Real Trouble is,  
Miss Mammie Ellis  
Solo Geneva Brown.  
The Remedy of a Sinsick world,  
Miss Dovie Teaff.  
What Shall We Do, Claude  
Riney.  
Violin Solo, Mr. Venting.  
The Path to Christian Heri-  
sism, Miss Wilma Garrett.

**MISS ARMSTRONG DEAD**  
Last Thursday afternoon  
death came to relieve the great  
suffering of Miss Eunice Arm-  
strong, daughter of W. A. Arm-  
strong, at the home of her uncle,  
Dr. M. Armstrong. Funeral ser-  
vices were held at the home at  
noon, Friday, Rev. O. F. Sensa-  
baugh of Abilene, presiding.  
Sad indeed is this death. Miss  
Eunice was just reaching the  
proud state of glorious woman-  
hood. She possessed a brilliant  
mind, and had she remained in  
school this year would have  
been a shining light in the grad-  
uating class. She was well read



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☛ The Electrical industry, perhaps to a greater extent than any other industry, has answered the call of the nation for men. As this is a war of engineers, naturally the technically trained men in the electrical industry have been in great demand and they have responded with splendid patriotism.

☛ This is the duty of every public utility. If our country can be benefitted by our technical training, we must not slack.

☛ It's our duty to help at home, to promote Liberty Bond sales, War Saving Stamps, Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. Our boys are now gripping with the barbarous Huns. We must win. Let's all put our shoulders together and go over the top with our Third Liberty Loan. Let's DO-IT-NOW.

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and knew history from start to finish.

As others have done before her, and as many of us do today, she misinterpreted life. Brilliant beyond her years, she doubtless failed to appreciate the environments with which nature had endowed her, doubtless had reached forth to a mythical world in visionary conquest.

Always of a happy disposition in an unguarded moment she surrendered to a morose state of mind and while in Fort Worth a short time ago, took a deadly drug that did its work slowly but effectively.

We all make mistakes. Let us be charitable. A young, sweet girl, with the wonderful possibilities of life stretching out before, is gone to her long home, passing away in the full confidence that it would be all right. Her last hours were full of ghastly pain, and yet she bore it without a murmur. Possibly the fault of the society to which we belong failed to hold out a

restraining, loving hand to you, dear child, and in the rashness of your deed of taking your life, we have not the heart to criticize nor the soul to bemoan, but our higher natures cry out in sympathy for you and for those who loved you and whom you loved, to your family and friends.

Help in the war by raising all the food and feed products possible.

Mrs. Bob. Popham was operated on for appendicitis a few days ago. She is doing splendidly.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### SENIORS ENTERTAINED

The Junior Class entertained the Senior Class Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, with a tacky party. Everybody appeared in "tacky attire." The evening was delightfully spent with music and jokes. Delicious punch was served to the following guests:

Misses Virginia Duckett, Ora Bryson, Myrtle Reeves, Essie and Jess Tucker, Edna Watts, Beulah Walker, Julia Martin, Dixie Howard, Hazel Bridgeman, Mary Campbell, Louise Warren, Julia McDonald, Flora Wright and Mrs. P. Messrs. Bourdon Smith, Hugh McRee, Vernon Coats, Wade Ensminger, Howard Laney, Claude Riney, Clifford Rose, Minor Burns, Frank Counts, Guy Dorsey, Jack Embury, Nim Teaff, Mr. Chandler.

Any one over-cropped and wanting to let out 25 to 150 acres of land on halves near Merkel will please apply to Merkel Mail. 1tp.

A complete stock of up to date groceries for sale cheap, at E. L. Rogers.

W. H. Frazier, who has been at Granbury for several months could hardly wait until he could get his belongings together to return to Merkel. He is wearing a smile that simply wont come off.

Everything in feed and seed line. G. M. Sharp.

F. G. Shell, wife, daughter, and grandchild of Tulia, agent for T. & P. here many years ago, visited Uncle Bill Sheppard last Thursday.

Expecting car of ear corn to arrive any day. Those who have orders in may expect the phone to ring any time. Anchor Mercantile Company.

Big shipment of new styles in millinery arrived this week. Woodroof-Bragg Company.

Mary Rogers has been right sick for the past week, but is much improved now.

WANTED Sacks, 13¢ for 2-bu. sacks and 20¢ for 5-bu. sacks. E. L. Ash. tf.

Miss Gergia Moore has just returned from Rotan where she has been teaching. She will leave Friday morning by way of Ranger, where her father will join her, and they will go to Ft. Worth to visit her brother at Camp Bowie.

WANTED—Sacks, 13¢ for 2-bu. sacks and 20¢ for 5-bu. sacks. E. L. ASH. tf.

SEVERAL Of my East Texas neighbors want to buy cheap land in this section. See J. C. Mason. 19t2p.

Take anything you have to sell to W. P. Duckett. He will buy it.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kind deeds and sympathy during our recent bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar and family and Lula Sharp.

### HATS! HATS!! HATS!!!

Ladies and Gents Panama and Felt Hats Cleaned, Bleached and Reblocked and made to look like new. Leave your hats with Mrs. C. L. Cash at Anchor Mercantile Co. and they will be shipped to me and returned looking like new. All Hats blocked in the latest shapes unless we are instructed otherwise. All work will be returned in 2 or 3 days time and guaranteed to be satisfactory. —Otho Barbour, Abilene's Oldest Taylor and Hatter. Established 1903

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In times like these every man, woman and child should be loyal by saving, producing more and wasting nothing. Dry Goods are a necessity, but should be bought with the object in view of making dollars count for most. Keep in mind at all times that the cheapest price does not always mean the most economical. For your consideration we quote a few prices that will assist you greatly in making your purchases for the coming summer months.

## Footwear For Men

The very latest styles in Oxfords in all the new leathers and lasts.

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Black and tan vici and gunmetal Oxfords in both lace and button at **\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6**

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## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Ruth Wheeler is on an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Johnson in El Paso.

Be sure and figure with us before you buy your bran and oats, Bob Martins Grocery Company.

S. G. Houston visited his daughters, Mrs. Walter Jackson and Miss Emma Houston last Wednesday.

See our special bargain table of shoes. All kinds and sizes at less than half price. Woodroof-Bragg Company.

Sargent Smith of Camp Trav Sargent Smith of Camp Trav is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, and family.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

W. T. Walker, who lives just west of Noodle, reports from two to four inches of rain and a heavy hail. This is the second big rain in that section within ten days. They have a season now and great crop prospects.

We weigh our oats to you; don't guess at them. Bob Martin.

Rev. Parks of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

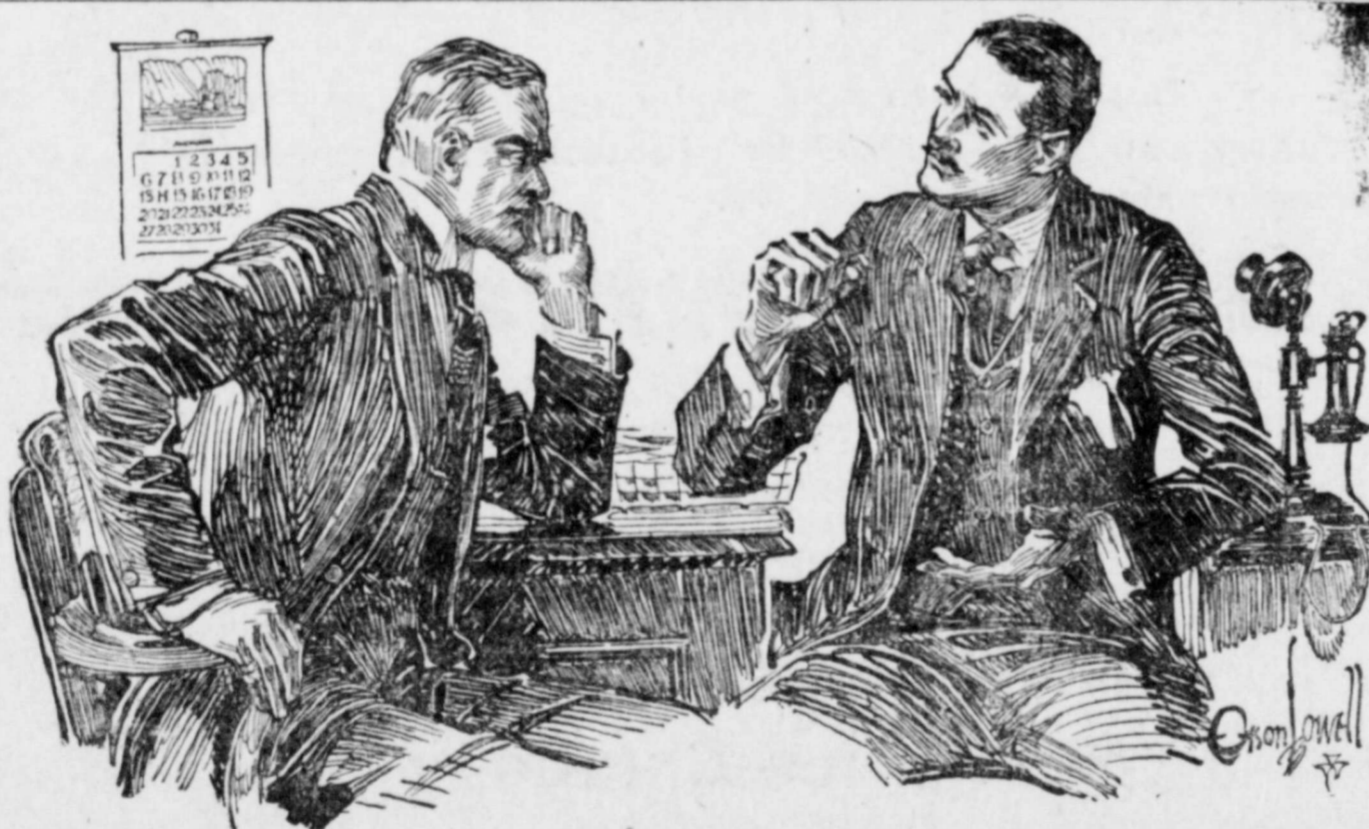
Watch the SHUMAN system mark the prices down at E. L. Rogers.

Misses Edith Brown and Gladys Haynes visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Goods as good as the best, and cheaper than the rest. L. Rogers.

Rev. F. H. McDonald, formerly of Stith, but now of St. Francis, Ark., sends in a renewal subscription to the Mail. Since it has rained, we are looking for him back on every train.

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.



## A CONVERSATION

Between Mr. Doubtful and Mr. Right

**Mr. Doubtful:** "I don't see how I can buy any more Liberty Bonds. I bought all I could last fall. I'm not a rich man and I don't think it's fair or just to expect me to do anything more than I have done."

**Mr. Right:** "Let's see—your next-door neighbor's boy enlisted, didn't he?"

**Mr. Doubtful:** "Yes, he's over in France now. Mighty fine, stalwart boy, that!"

**Mr. Right:** "Exactly, and some day that splendid boy, the pride of his parents' hearts, may go 'over the top' in a gallant charge, stop a German bullet, and fall in the mud and debris of No Man's Land. Isn't that asking too much of him, and of his family? Is that 'fair'? Is that 'just'?"

**Mr. Doubtful:** "Why, it's awful, of course, but it can't be helped. This is war, and men have to be killed in it."

**Mr. Right:** "You've said it—this is war! To win the war it might be necessary for the government to take your factory away from you, and ruin your business. It might be necessary to take your house and turn you out in the street. What of that? Is that as great a sacrifice as your neighbor makes, or stands ready to make, when he gives his boy to his country? Yet you don't think it's your duty to pinch and save, and borrow if need be, in order to buy Liberty Bonds, and thus help shorten the war, make victory certain, and save the lives of thousands of American boys who will otherwise be uselessly sacrificed."

**Mr. Doubtful:** "I guess that's true, Mr. Right, I have been thoughtless. I'll stop complaining and criticising, and put up my last dollar if need be, to help win this war."

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**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

B. B. Brown, of Fort Sam Houston, has been raised from second to first lieutenant. His promotions have been rapid and we predict for him a great future. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. Brown. He is in the mechanical department. Writing recently, he said that they had had an abundance of rain in that section.

The SHUMAN system sells the goods, because it "delivers the goods" and marks the prices down, E. L. Rogers.

Rev. D. J. Dodd was a visitor in Merkel last Saturday and Sunday. He stated that he would leave for McAlester, Ok., on Tuesday and would likely be away two or three months.

Shoe the whole family from the bargain counter at Woodroof-Bragg Company and save money.

Mrs. M. E. Cody and daughter, Grace, of View, were in Merkel on business Monday. She says they have had a fine rain and everybody is busy planting crops. She reports considerable interest in the liberty bond sale. They are trying to sell \$1500 worth of bonds. They organized a Baptist Sunday School at Hillside Sunday with a large attendance. T. D. Chapman was elected Superintendent and Mr. Aviant, assistant; Miss Flossie Whisenhunt, secretary; Miss Ida Lou Martin, assistant; Miss Lucy Cody, organist, and Miss Mammie Whetsel, assistant. Before leaving Mrs. Cody placed a subscription with the Mail.

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### ROCKCROSSING NEWS

**Campbell-Brown Wedding**  
Cupid wins 2 to 0.

One of the most skillfully played games for the past years resulted in a final triumph Wednesday, April 10, of cupid over combined forces of society for several miles around. The winners, who were Miss Eula Campbell of this community, and Will Brown of the Blair community are to be congratulated on their success. The game has been in progress for some time but with out much interest to spectators and only a few tackles by the opposing society until the latter stages when excitement became high and a great deal of speculation as to the outcome. The opposing side became nervous and their work seemed a failure while the winning side held their nerve and played the secrets of the game to perfection, not letting the progress or the time of the final rally be known until time to make the forward plunge. This was accomplished amid excitement and skilled when two or three of the nearest friends of the bride-to-be, often voiced excuses their parents, ranging from going after bean seed to attending a Red Cross play, succeeded in meeting at her parents home where they found her dressed in a most beautiful costume, too exquisite for the feeble mind and language of the writer to attempt to describe, as to color, style etc. and the groom-to-be dressed in the usual conventional black, in which the young ladies present say he looked so handsome. The die was cast. The race was run. The time had come. The game won. Alas for the losers of Society. The winners and attendants drove to town hurriedly where Rev. Baker, completed the nuptial that crowned them victorious and bid them God speed on to live together and fight the battles of life to as glorious and happy an end as their first battle had terminated. The party returned and started life right by attending prayer meeting at church here that night. They appeared complete with joy and content in which we congratulate them again. While we can not but feel a small bit of sympathy for those present when the question was asked, "If any one has any objection let them now speak." Who could only by force hold back the words, "I object." However we must accord these members of the losing side, a small portion of congratulations for their self-sacrifice in holding back the objections.

Mrs. Brown came from one of the best and most influential families of the community, one of the pioneer citizenship of the country here, have lived and done well for these many years farming and raising stock. The bride herself being an accomplished, spiritual, and lovely young lady, with a large circle of friends. To know her was to love her.

Mr. Brown came from another pioneer family of Taylor County being an important pillar in the up build of the Canyon Country. In the groom we find an intergetic and prosperous young man known and loved by a large circle of friends throughout the country.

We understand they will live on Mr. Brown's father's farm in the Canyon community. We join the rest of their friends in wishing them much success and a life full of happiness.

A friend.

**FUNERAL OF Z. T. LAMAR.**

The body of Z. T. Lamar reached Merkel, from Camp Bowie, Thursday morning, the 11th, accompanied by his father, J. R. Lamar, his brother, J. O., and his sister, Mrs. Will Orr of Putman, and Thos. Bearden, a fellow in arms and also one of our own soldier boys.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church at 5:30 in the afternoon, conducted by Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder of Abilene. The popularity of the young soldier, the deep patriotic fervor of the people and the solemnity of the occasion brought together a concourse of

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Get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one tablet each night for a week. Relief will follow the very first dose, but a few days will elapse before you feel and realize the fullest benefit. When you get straightened out and feel just right again you need not take medicine every day—an occasional NR Tablet will then keep your system in good condition and you will always feel your best. Remember, keeping well is easier and cheaper than getting well.

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people such as is rarely witnessed in Merkel. The church building was crowded to its capacity, and it seemed that as many were on the outside as were on the inside.

He is survived by his wife and mother, three brothers, J. O., H. C. and Cleo, and five sisters, Mrs. Will Orr, Putman, Mrs. R. C. Tyler, Baird, Mrs. J. E. Kelly of Oktaha, Ok., Minnie Maud and Lou Nell. Out of town relatives present were John Lamar, Santo, and Mrs. John Crouch, Strawn, Mrs. Pearl Gorth, Tolar, R. C. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler of Baird.

The ceremony was simple and touching. The grave was covered with floral decorations from life-long friends. He was laid to rest in a plot adjoining that of his cousin, Earl White, who preceded him to his eternal reward by only a few months.

Z. T. had long been a professor of religion, but had aligned himself with no church. When stricken down he said he had a premonition that he would never leave his sick bed alive. He was brave to the last minute and went out full of confidence in the great unknown future.

Here we are brought face to face with an example of noble sacrifice to the cause of liberty. He died for us just as truly as other of our boys will likely die on the war-torn battle fields of France. It is an example for us to strive more nobly to meet the needs of those who have to face the bullets abroad. It is hard for us to give our best, but any sacrifice is better than submission to a condition worse than death.

His name is immortalized. He will live in the honored memory of his friends and loved ones until they too are gathered within the embrace of the eternal. Not only is his loss felt by his family and loved ones, but every person in all this section in whose body flows the red blood of patriotism. We stand with bowed, uncovered heads in sorrow at his going, but full of the assurance that we are to meet again.

Torn from his family in the morn of young manhood leaves a sorrow deep rooted and painful, but rent assunder the trying period of hope's fond dream, the shattering of the ideals of home, the long separation from his brokenhearted lover, presents to our minds a condition so heart rending as to tear our own hearts in pain, and yet to mellow them with the kinship of loving sympathy. We share our tears with Miss Lula Sharp, brave girl that she is, bearing her trials nobly, feeling that she has made the greatest sacrifice possible to the cause of freedom. May God's tenderest blessings be upon her and all sorrowing relatives and friends.

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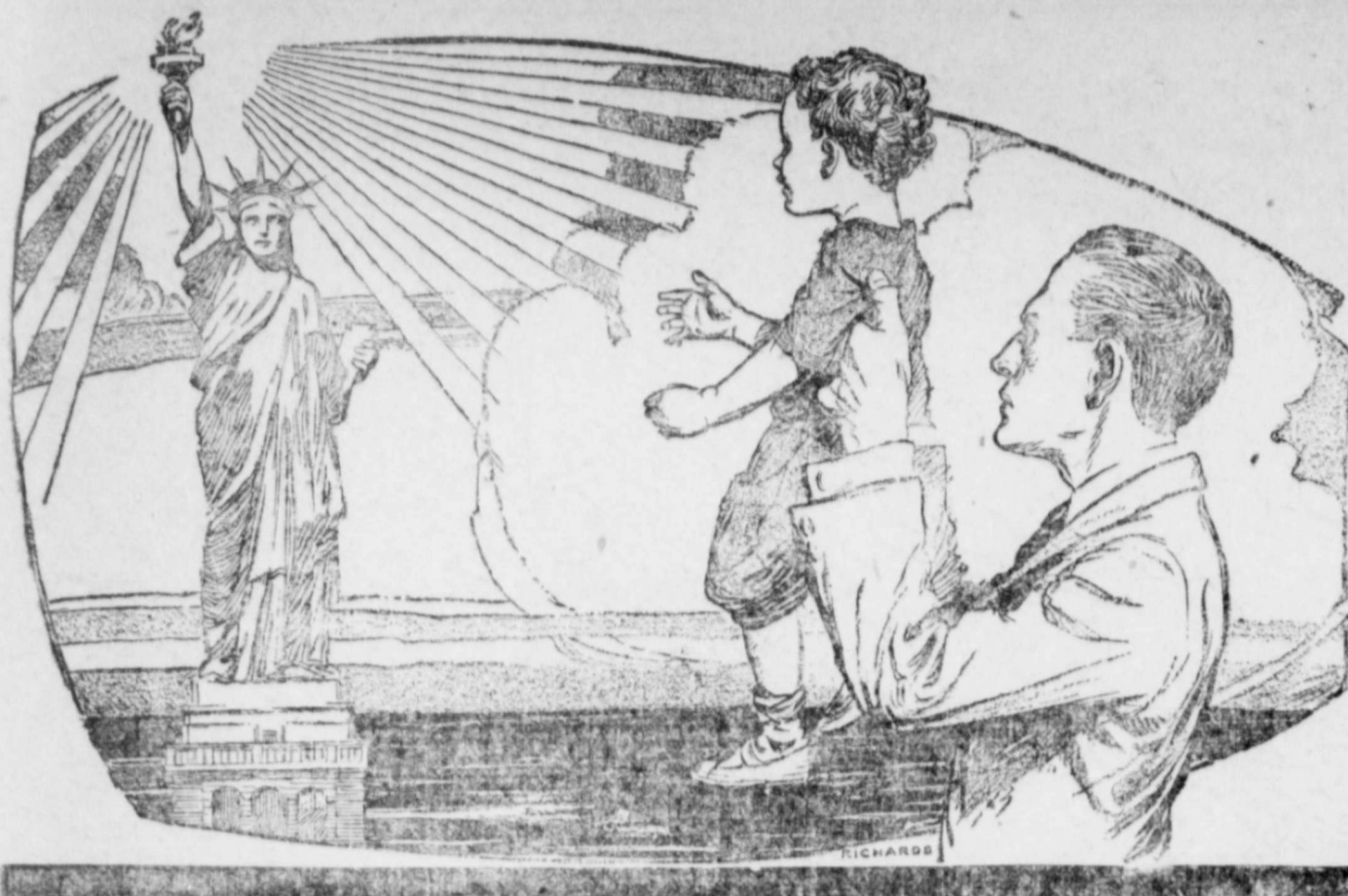
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They are your hold on the future, and America is fighting to make their future secure. They are too little to realize this now—but some day must learn to reverence the traditions of America, the ideals of America, the great cause for which the men of their father's day gave their lives.

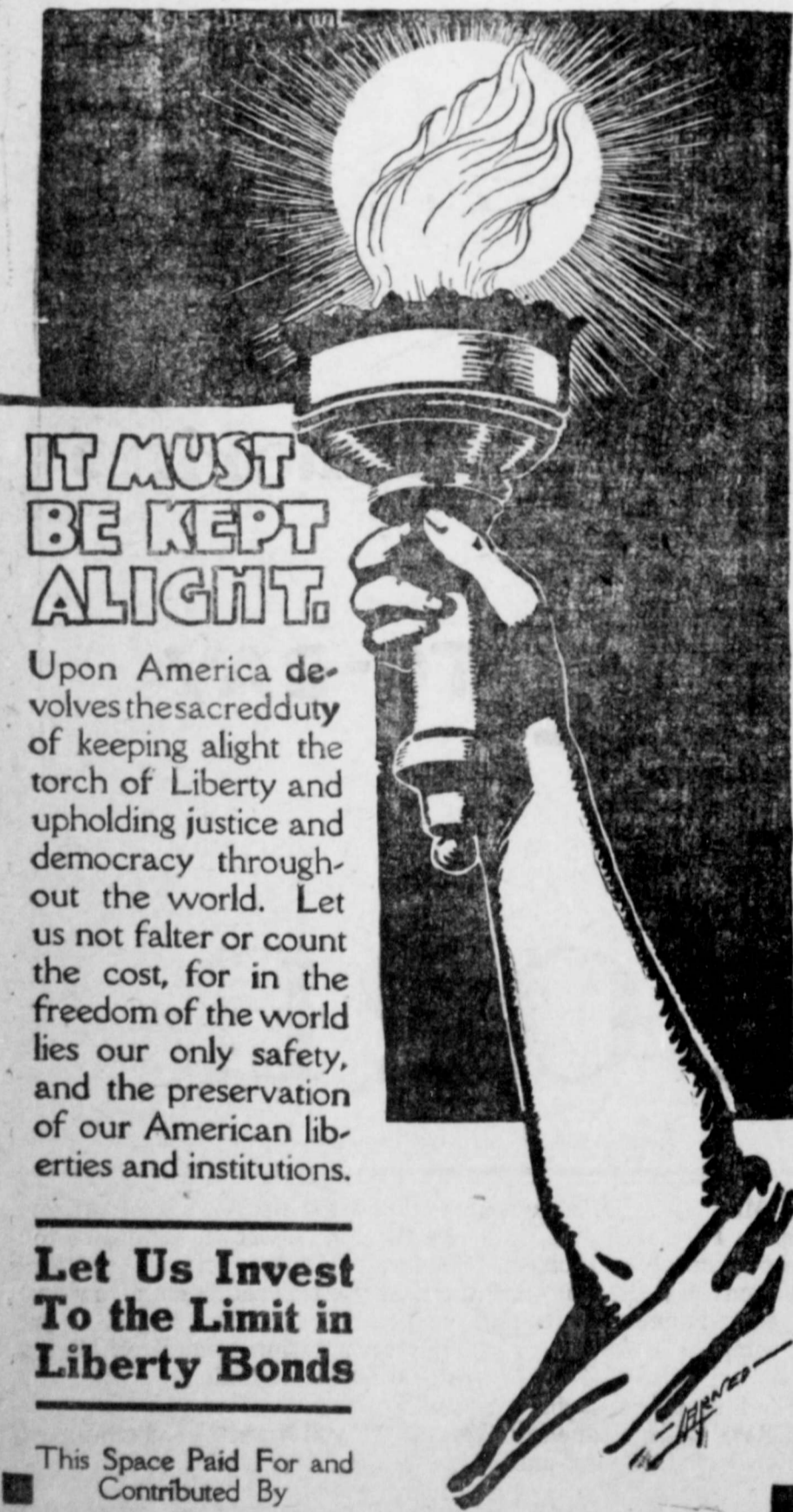
Be ready then to put in their

hands bonds of their government. They will be for them inspiring evidence that their fathers planned sacrificed and invested for their sons' future. Liberty Bonds will mean more to them than money. They will make them proud of the fathers who in America's day of great need proved themselves true American patriots.

Invest in Liberty Bonds for Your Little Ones

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Upon America devolves the sacred duty of keeping alight the torch of Liberty and upholding justice and democracy throughout the world. Let us not falter or count the cost, for in the freedom of the world lies our only safety, and the preservation of our American liberties and institutions.

**Let Us Invest To the Limit in Liberty Bonds**

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gnats in the summer, and is well known as a nice little summer resort, and has a goodly number of visitors each summer from various states who spend from a few days to all summer. The apple orchards are a very beautiful sight. The strawberries will be ready to pick about 15th of May and we will have fresh fruit from that time on. We have had plenty of moisture so far and wheat and oats are looking fine. "Garden Sake," will soon be in and if we can get a little meat and bread with it we will be lucky.

A number of cattle are raised here and is a very profitable business. Good cows sell for \$75 to \$100.

"The American Hen" occupies a very prominent place in this Country and yields her owner good returns, there being very few insects to disturb, making the poultry a very paying business.

If you want to live in a country where you are surrounded by nature's Handy-work, where, corn, oats, wheat, clover, and cow-peas are your feed crop; and when you raise beans, peas, potatoes, tomatoes, and all other vegetables; and have abundance of fruits, such as apples, pears, cherries, strawberries blackberries, dewberries and huckleberries, and where you can rest in the shade of the trees and shake your thirst from a sparkling fountain of fresh, free flowing water and be relieved of the dread and worry of repeated failures and have the assurance of raising your living at home, you will make no mistake in choosing Benton County, Ark. We should like to be with our good friends and neighbors of Merkel and Merkel country, but we do not feel that we could afford to exchange our Ozark home for a Texas one. We are well pleased with our new home and would be glad to have our Texas friends visit us, but owing to "Hooverized," conditions, kindly request that you do not all come at once.

To day Liberty Loan day in Siloam Springs, and all places of business were closed until 11 a. m. and a drive made resulting in the sale of \$125,000.00 Liberty Bonds. This was all done in about three hours. So you see this part of the country is wide-awake and brim full of patriotism. The allotment for this place was way over subscribed in three hours.

I am employed as Traveling Salesman for The Fountain City Wholesale Grocery Company of Siloam Springs and I make my territory each week. Although we had 12 to 18 inches of snow with Thermometers standing at Zero to 15 below, with very few exceptions I made the territory regular in a "Tin Henry," without suffering any from cold. With best wishes to The Mail and its many readers, I am, most respectfully yours, Hayden Turner, Box 66, Siloam Springs, Arak.

#### FOR CONSTIPATION

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation. Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25cent. For sale by all Dealers.

#### A Healing Salve for Burns,

C. S. Meredith, Texas representative of the American Drug Mfg. Co., St. Louis, sole owners and makers of the Red Cross (registered trade mark) line of family remedies and toilet goods visited the Mail last Tuesday and placed publicity contract under local agency of the popular Grimes Drug Store Announcement of the arrival and display of the goods will be made on arrival through these columns.

Mr. Meredith, now a resident of St. Louis was formerly druggist merchant and mayor of Calvert, Robertson Co., and is a warm friend, and compatriot of Merkel's chief executive, Hon. Newton D. Cobb, formerly prominent in the affairs of Robertson County.

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Early in the world war experience proved the extraordinary value of cod liver oil for strengthening soldiers against colds, pneumonia and lung troubles.

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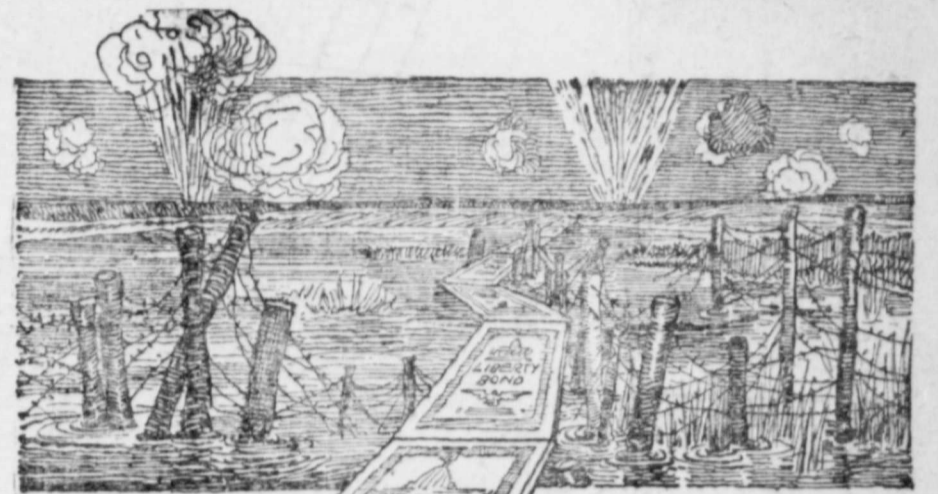
Because it Guarantees the Purest Norwegian Cod Liver Oil

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Beware of Alcoholic Substitutes.

The imported Norwegian cod liver oil used in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities. Scott & Downe, Bloomfield, N. J.



**THE PATH TO VICTORY**

**LIBERTY BONDS** paved the way to VICTORY in war,—an early, complete, triumphant VICTORY. If we are to win the war abroad we must first learn to spend wisely, to abandon luxury, and invest every dollar we possibly can in the bonds which provide the materials and equipment without which the war cannot be won.

**Save and Serve!**  
**Buy Liberty Bonds**

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### FEATHER YOUR NEST

WHEN you invest your money in Liberty Bonds you are not giving money to your country. You are making the safest investment in the world, and your money will come back to you, with interest, at a time when you may need it far more than you do now. And remember—

Every Bond You Invest In May Save a Soldier's Life

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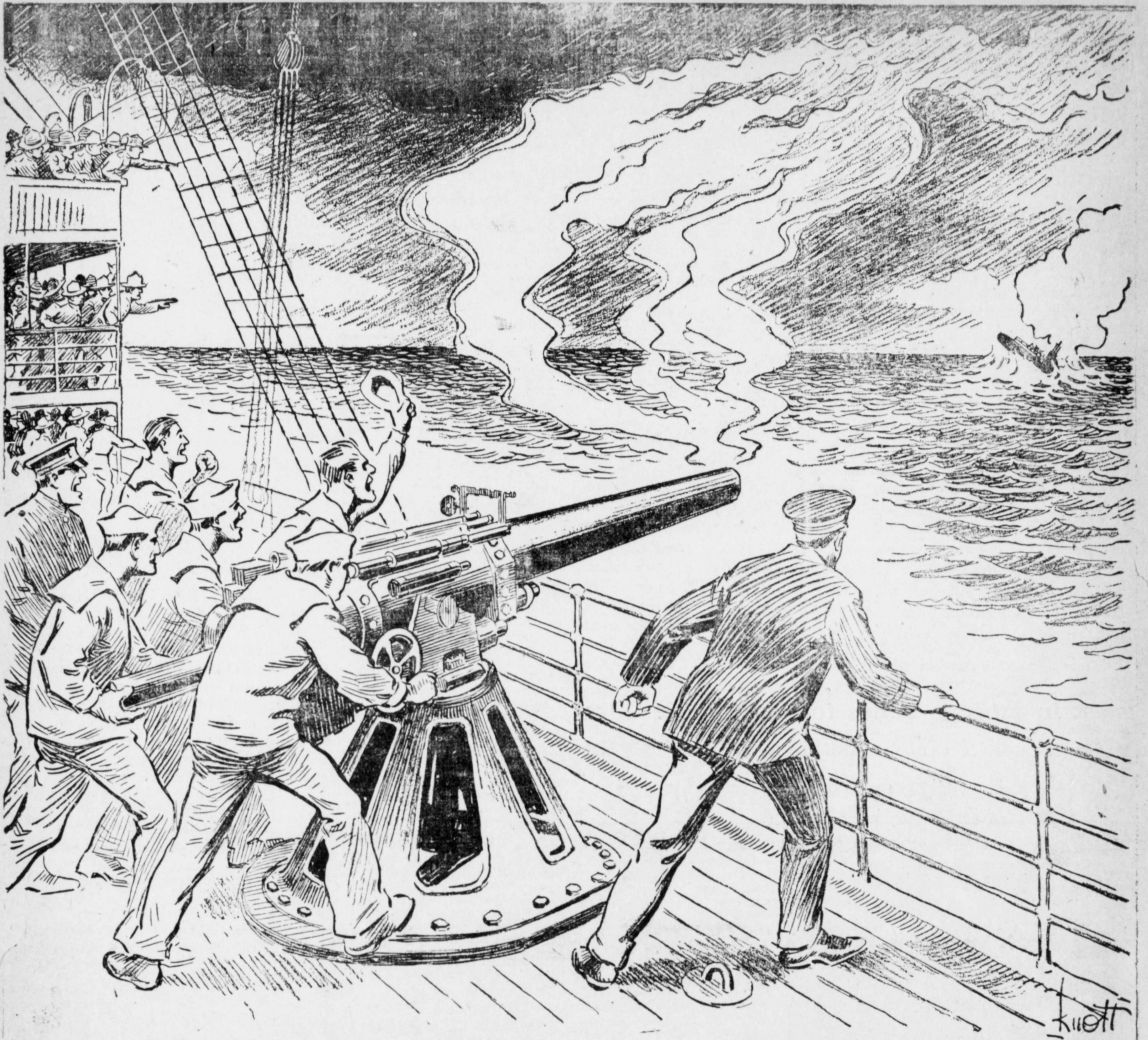
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The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates blad-

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**Your Money May Buy the Shell that Sinks a Submarine**

**BUY YOUR LIBERTY BONDS TO-DAY**

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**THE STAR STORE**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mrs. G. R. Holloway and children attended the exercises under the auspices of the Liberty Loan Campaign in Abilene last Saturday. They report a delightful time.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps. Miss Emma Houston and Ona Jackson visited relatives in the past week.

to go to W. P. gs. He will

John McClary who is working at Rangel, visited his parents last Sunday.

Expecting car of ear corn to arrive any day. Those who have orders in may expect the phone to ring any time. Anchor Mercantile Company.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown a fine girl last Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Mother and child are doing splendidly.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps. W.C. Reid of Weatherford placed his subscription with the Merkel Mail the past week.

Rev. Johnson, pastor of the Church of God at Big Springs, visited with Q. Brown the past week, leaving for Coleman Wednesday evening.

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

Miss Mary Garvin of Colorado sends her subscription to the Merkel Mail. She formerly lived in Merkel.

E. L. Rogers the spot cash grocer. Where the \$ buys the most.

Sargent William U. Shanno, of Camp Travis, has been trans-

ferred from Co. 52, Depot Brigade, to the 1st Group, where he has been acting 1st Sargent. His promotions are coming fast, but he has shown that he is capable of keeping up the pace.

Try our prices they can't be beat, because we sell for cash. CASH is the leaven that brings the prices down. E. L. Rogers.

Jesse Scott, Abilene father of Beryl Scott, was a visitor at the latter's home last Wednesday.

We will buy your sacks. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. L. H. Nixon is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. W. D. Haynes of French Pasture, and will be there about three months. Her husband is with the military forces in France as captain of his company.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lassiter's little girl got her thumb caught in a pump a few days ago, injuring the thumb so badly as to make amputation necessary.

Best Peaberry Coffee at G. M. Sharps.

Lester Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, happened to a very painful accident by falling on the railroad track a few days ago. The knee was badly cut, necessitating several stitches to close the wound.

If you want good bran see G. M. Sharp.

We acknowledge receipt of a subscription from C. E. Cordill of Bryson, Jack County.

**Whooping Cough.**  
Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent.