



BIG BATTLE STILL CONTINUES

The news Monday was to the effect that the French and Americans had broken through the German line to the northwest of Chateau-Thierry and had advanced over three miles. The advance kept up in the face of the most violent resistance.

One of the most successful exploits up to the time was the successful bombardment of the line of railway communication. The allied pressure continued to grow and every indication pointed to a huge victory of startling proportions. One writer uses this language:

"Before the emplacement are a few American dead. But every man fell facing the enemy. Just to the rear of the emplacement a sunken road which the Boches used as a trench, filled with dead, piled two and three on top of each other"

Germans in Danger of Losing Large Numbers Men And Much Material

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 21.—Chateau-Thierry was evacuated during the night, the French and American troops passing through the town shortly after dawn on the trail of the retreating Germans. Almost simultaneously the French and Americans moved forward the southern part of their line, extending north and west from Chateau-Thierry, until a correction of the entire line from Soissons and southward of that point had been effected—an even advance of something more than seven miles.

The armies of the Crown Prince were retreating tonight while the allied forces of General Foch harassed their rear and continued their smashing drive along the German right flank. It is expected that if the Germans succeed in extricating themselves it will be only at the cost of large numbers of men and of material and supplies.

Germany has already paid a terrible price in the fighting that is going on between Soissons and Chateau-Thierry. The advancing allied forces have passed great piles of dead and many wounded. These sufferers are cared for expeditiously and well and the allied forces are displaying a fine spirit of cooperation.

Among the prisoners captured were a German Colonel and his staff. They had taken refuge in a quarry and refused to obey a summons to come out. After efforts to induce them to surrender appeared to be wasted, hand grenades were dropped down a chimney leading into the quarry. Those unhurt, including the Colonel, quickly emerged.

In the long lines of prisoners along the roads there are many expressing bewilderment. But here and there some of them smile when they happily respond to the query, "Going to Paris?"

Until late today there was little effort to bring pressure to bear against other parts of the enemy line. Both French and American officers appear to be more than pleased with the successes already attained. Full credit is given the plan of General Foch, which already has netted magnificent results and which promise to convert the ambitious plans of the Germans into a fiasco.

Latest reports show allies still gaining against desperate Hun counter attacks.

Roger Hamblett of Abilene was a home visitor Tuesday.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

Ladies and Gentlemen: The duties of my office have prevented me from making a house to house canvass and I take this method of asking your support for reelection if you deem me worthy of the honor I will deeply appreciate any support given me.

J. T. DODSON, Candidate for Sheriff of Taylor County.

Many good things are crowded out this week on account of the near approach of the election, but they will all appear in next weeks issue.

Miss Dimple Counts left last Monday for San Antonio where she will be for some months.

WOMEN HOLD HOBBY MEETING

Last Wednesday afternoon, Mesdames Dallas Scarborough, J. D and G. H. Sandefer came up and delivered addresses at the tabernacle in the interest of Hobby and the candidates who will support the Hobby administration. Mrs. Scarborough made a very interesting talk, going into the different matters concerning the election in a very thorough and intelligent manner. All of the ladies acquitted themselves creditably. They explained how to vote and gave necessary cautions pertaining to laws governing elections.

THE WARREN NEWS

Houston Roberson and wife from Floydada, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Roberson's parents Mr and Mrs. J. D. Hogg.

Hugh Hogg and wife from Crosbyton, Texas are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg.

Braxton Hogg and wife from South Texas are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg.

Mr and Mrs. Loyd Washburn and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Washburn from Col., are visiting A. J. and D. J. Hartley and families

Mrs. E. L. Culver from Kilgore, Texas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Wilkins.

G. L. Turner and wife and Herbert Patterson and wife are visiting relatives in Siloam Springs, Ark.

A LAST WORD TO VOTERS.

This is the last opportunity I will have to speak to the voters before the "Battle of the Ballots" on Saturday. It was at the earnest solicitation of my friends that I entered this race, and not then until the former efficient weigher, J. M. Toombs, told me that he would not run for reelection. At that time the field was open. I was the first to announce for the office. I ran for this office four years ago and lacked only a few votes of winning. I was content to wait my turn, believing that the voters would feel like giving me the position this time.

I have lived and worked among you, there is nothing in my life I desire to conceal; I am running alone on my own merits and not those of another.

If elected, I sincerely promise to devote my energy and time to efficiently conduct the business of weigher as it ought to be conducted.

I think no one in the race needs the office more than I; I know there is none who will appreciate your support more; and further I assure you that I will do my utmost at all times to accommodate the people to the utmost of my ability.

I await the outcome in the fullest confidence of your support.

J. M. GARRETT, Candidate For Public Weigher.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

The following is the official ballot for Taylor County, from State down to precinct offices, which will be voted on in the Democratic primary July 27th. Our ladies, especially, are urged to study this carefully that they may readily make out their ballots when they go to the polls to vote:

- For U. S. Senator:** Morris Sheppard, (Bowie County).
- For Governor:** W. P. Hobby, (Jefferson County) Jas E. Ferguson, (Bell County)
- For Lieut. Governor:** W. A. Johnson, (Hall County) T. W. Davidson, (Harrison County) Jno M. Henderson, (Morris County) S. B. Cowell, (Grayson County) Jno. R. Moore, (Anderson County). L. H. Bailey, (Harris County)
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court:** Nelson Phillips, (Dallas County)
- For Associated Justice of Supreme Court:** Thos. B. Greenwood, (Anderson County) J. D. Harvey, (Harris County)
- Associate Justice Court Criminal Appeals:** O. S. Lattimore, (Tarrant County) William Pierson, (Hunt County) R. H. Word, (Bexar County). F. B. Martin, (Gregg County) C. A. Pippin, (Dallas County)
- For State Treasurer:** Jno. W. Baker, (Crosby County) J. M. Edwards, (Runnels County)
- For Attorney General:** C. M. Cureton, (Bosque County) Jno W. Wood, (Taylor County) Marshall Spoons, (Tarrant County)
- For Railroad Commissioner:** Clarence E. Gilmore, (Van Zant County) C. H. Hurdleston, (Tarrant County) Jno. L. Anderson, (Dallas County)
- For Comptroller of Public Accounts:** H. B. Terrell, (McLennan County) C. C. Mayfield, (Erath County) Sam. H. Goodlett, (Travis County)
- For Commissioner of General Land Office:** J. T. Robison, (Morris County)
- For Commissioner of Agriculture:** H. A. Halbert, (Coleman County) Fred W. Davis, (Cooke County)
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Annie Webb Blanton, (Denton County) W. F. Doughty, (Falls County) Brandon Trussell, (Wise County)
- For Chief Justice of Court of Civil Appeals:** Jas. R. Harper, (El Paso County)
- For Congress 17th Congressional District:** Thos. L. Blanton, (Taylor County). Wm. G. Blackmon (Jones County). Oscar Calloway (Erath County). Joe A. Atkins, (McCullough County).
- For Representative:** Ben L. Cox, (Taylor County).
- For District Judge:** Joe Burkett (Taylor County).
- For District Attorney:** W. J. Cunningham, (Taylor County).
- For District Clerk:** J. N. Roath (Taylor County).
- 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. Miss Fannie Tippett. —Fuller.
- For County Attorney:** W. H. Sewell. W. E. Martin.
- For Sheriff:** John Bond. J. T. Dodson.
- For County Treasurer:** Austin Fitts.
- For Tax Collector:** G. B. Tittle.
- For County Tax Assessor:** John H. Vance.
- For County School Superintendent:** C. E. Sims. J. S. Smith.
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 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.

ROOSEVELT'S DEATH CONFIRMED

Amsterdam, July 21.—The death of Quentin Roosevelt is confirmed by a Wolf Bureau message from the front, according to a Berlin dispatch received here. The message adds that young Roosevelt was buried with military honors by the Germans. The story of the fatal encounter, as told by the Wolf Bureau correspondent, follows:

On Sunday, July 14, an American squadron of twelve battle planes was trying to break through the German defense over the Marne. In the violent combat which ensued with seven German machines, one American aviator stubbornly made repeated attacks. This culminated in a duel between him and a German noncommissioned officer, who, after a short fight, succeeded in getting good aim at his brave but inexperienced opponent, whose machine fell after a few shots near the village of Chambry, ten kilometers north of the Morne.

His pocket case showed him to be Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt of the aviation section of the United States Army. The personal belongings of the fallen aviator are being carefully kept, with a view to sending them later to his relatives. The earthly remains of the brave young aviator were buried with military honors by German airmen near Chambry, at the spot where he fell."

DR. SANDEFER TO SPEAK.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons College, will lecture at the tabernacle, in the interest of Hobby, tonight Thursday, July 25. A general invitation is extended to everybody to attend Remember the hour, 8:30.

YOUR VOTE SOLICITED

I solicit your vote for Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 4 of Jones County. Lee D. Williams.

POLITICAL SPEAKING

Frank Lanham spoke the past week in the interest of Ferguson, and Judge Leslie of Colorado in the interest of Hobby. The battle continues. The real conflict is Saturday.

Misses Mary Reed, Zoe West and May Hart Stephenson spent Tuesday afternoon in Abilene with Miss Agnes Powell at the sanitarium.

Mrs. Geo. Smith of Lubbock, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gibson returned to Lubbock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Arnett of Hamlin visited N. D. Cobb and family Sunday. Miss Maurine Cobb accompanied them home.

B. F. Cox, who is very low with typhoid fever, is slightly improved.

C. F. Thornton, who has been a member of the State Hospital staff about six years, has joined the army and was sent to Columbus, Ohio, where he was chosen as a member of the army hospital and made an officer. Soon he will have to leave the hospital and go to the front. He is an athlete, holding the championship in boxing over 6000 soldiers. He is a son of W. A. Thornton of Merkel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jones County Candidates** County Clerk. T. L. Lollar
- For Sheriff:** T. P. (Tom) Hudson
- For Tax Collector:** W. C. Cutrell.

WILL GIVE ELECTION REPORT

Arrangements have been made to receive election reports in Merkel, as usual. A strict tabulation will be kept on county officers, as doubtless full results may be announced. It is likely that full figures on State officers will not be received for some days. Every one is invited to come out and get the returns.

TO THE VOTERS

Elect me Commissioner and I will give you good service. E. D. Coats.

SUBMARINE IN AMERICAN WATERS

Orleans, Mass., July 21.—An enemy submarine attacked a tow off the eastmost point of Cape Cod today, sank three barges, set a fourth and their tug on fire and dropped four shells on the mainland. The action lasted an hour and was unchallenged except for two hydroplanes from the Chatham aviation station, which circled over the U-boat, causing her to submerge for only a moment, to reappear and resume firing.

The crews of the tow, numbering forty-one and including three women and five children, escaped amid the shell fire in lifeboats. Several were wounded but only one seriously. This happened to be John Botovich, an Austrian, of the crew of the tug. His right arm near the shoulder was torn away by a fragment of shell. The minor injuries of the other were from shell splinters.

The barges were in tow of the tug Perth Amboy, owned by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and were bound from Gloucester for New York. One was loaded with stone, but the others were light, being on their return trip after bringing coal to New England.

The attack was without warning and only the poor marksman ship of the German gunners permitted the escape of the crews.

The one-sided fight took place three miles south of the Orleans coast guard station, which is located midway between Chatham, at the elbow, and Highland Light, at the extreme tip of the cape. The firing was heard for miles and brought, thousands to the beach from which the flashes of the guns and the outline of the U-boat were plainly visible. Possible danger to the onlookers was not thought of until a shell whirled over their heads and splashed in a pond a mile inland. Three other shells buried themselves in the sands of the beach.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

On the third page of this weeks issue of the Mail, I have tried to tell you in a straightforward manner some things about myself as a candidate for COUNTY ATTORNEY, and I hope you will read it, consider it and give me your vote and influence in the election. I have been fair with you, plain about myself, and tried to state my aims and ambitions in the clearest manner possible, and trust same meets with your approval and that you will consider me favorably and if elected I will at all times try to merit your support which will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you I am, Yours very sincerely, W. E. MARTIN, Candidate for County Attorney.

Ira Thornton and wife returned from Putnam after a week's visit with relatives and friends.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

☛ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

☛ This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

BONDS OF THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan are now being turned out by the thousands daily by the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The bonds are similar in form and design to those of the third loan, and space has been left on each bond for insertion of the exact terms of the bonds.

It is believed that a sufficient number of the bonds will be ready to make possible immediate delivery of all bonds of the fourth loan as they are purchased.

Piano Tuner in Merkel

J. T. Cullins, old reliable piano tuner of Abilene, Texas, is in Merkel for a few days. He makes this town twice a year. Phone your orders to Blair Hotel, 39. 26t1p.

Buys Barber Shop.

Jno Pate has purchased the barber shop of Geo. Stewart on Kent Street. He and his son, Milton, will operate the shop. They will clean up the plant and modernize it in every way.

Mrs. D. Coats, who underwent a successful operation at Abilene last Sunday a week ago, was able to return home last Saturday morning. She is rapidly regaining her strength and hopes to soon be up and about.

T. A. Johnson spent several days this week in Fort Worth, Dallas and Mineral Wells.

HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Then you realize the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite and makes work a burden.

To regain your strength nothing has ever equaled or compared with Scott's Emulsion; its blood-enriching properties give energy to the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite in a natural, permanent way.

If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, be sure to get Scott's Emulsion today.
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

BASEBALL IS NON-ESSENTIAL

Professional baseball was held a nonessential occupation under the army work or fight order by Secretary Baker.

I have decided that the work or fight regulation include baseball, said Baker, in announcing his decision.

The secretary also expressed the opinion that the draft regulations should be changed so as to include all persons engaged solely in entertaining within the work or fight provision.

The decision was given on appeal in the case of Eddie Ainsmith, the Washington American catcher, recently ordered to work by a local board, which came up to the secretary with a suggestion from the board that the regulations should be changed to exempt ball players.

In brief, the secretary held that with many players beyond draft age, it is by no means certain that complete disorganization of the baseball business will follow; that baseball players are men of unusual physical ability and alertness, able to adequately provide for their families in productive occupations and that the employment of able-bodied persons in nonproductive work cannot be justified on the ground of the social value of the national game.

Mrs. Winnie Coit and baby of Waco are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, Miss Louise, who has been visiting there for some time, returned with her.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

When you go to vote mark your ballot for Railroad Commissioner this way:

For Railroad Commission:

~~C. H. HENDERSON,~~
of Travis County

CLARENCE E. GILMORE
of Tarrant County

~~JOHN L. ANDREWS,~~
of Dallas County

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business June 29, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$189,633.33
War Saving Stamps	441.86
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds	11,250.00
Liberty Bonds	2,100.00
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	91,276.76
Total	\$308,246.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,857.63
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	241,138.82
Total	\$308,246.45

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

LOCAL NEWS

Misses Eura Allen and Stella Watts have returned home after a week visit at Hodges, Texas. They report a great time.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Mrs. Thomas A. Bearden of Fort Worth is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff. She plans to be here about a month.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. I will buy Mesquite beans. W. P. Duckett.

N. Hancock of Fort Worth was a visitor in Merkel Tuesday. We are hoping conditions soon will be favorable for him to again make his home here and start up the bakery again.

Why be bothered with punctures and slow leaks when Korke will preserve and protect your tires. See E. B. Barnes.

Mr and Mrs. Washburn of Kentucky are visiting Mrs. Washburn's sister, Mrs. J. Hartley, and family.

Vote Ladies—and vote for Teaff.

Arthur Clark, who has been in Fort Worth for several months, was a visitor here this week.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Mrs. West Edwards, who has been visiting in Midland nearly a month, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Lula Sharp visited Miss Ruby Conway at a house party in Colorado the early part of the week.

GET THIS Then Act Quickly

VERY SPECIAL PRICE-REDUCTION ON THE FOLLOWING

Every pair Low Cut Shoes are cut 10 to 40 Per Cent
Men's, Women's, Boys', Girls and Children's

MEN'S AND BOYS' STRAW HATS
at 20 to 50 per cent cut on former prices

BARGAIN PRICES

On Palm Beach Suits
On Summer Pants
On Boys' Underwear

We are constantly using our efforts and capital to make our store the most satisfactory place to deal with

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

Last Thursday afternoon Miss Agnes Powell became seriously ill and called in a physician, who decided that a quick operation for appendicitis was necessary. She was hurried to Abilene where a successful operation was performed and, according to latest reports, she is getting along splendidly. Her many friends here hope for a quick recovery and return to this city.

If you want your cleaning done right, send your clothes to Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Giles of View visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles last Monday.

Holland Teaff is the man for County Clerk.

Misses Ruth and Nell Holloway have returned from a weeks visit with their sister, Mrs. Charlie Hughes.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Watts visited the family of H. P. Allen Monday.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have any thing to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

J. A. Giles Jr. and family of Bells are visiting Mr. Giles' parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles. Mr. Giles is County superintendent of schools of Grayson County.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 6c per bottle.

THINGS POLITICAL FOR THE PRIMARY

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

I have held the office of county attorney only since February 1st, 1918, having been appointed to same by the commissioners' court upon the resignation of Mr. W. H. Graham. Except what time I have given to the Liberty Loan, Red Cross and the War Saving Stamp drives, the duties of the office have received my entire time and attention, and I have therefore not had the opportunity to see the voters of the county personally.

The office of county attorney is one of the most important and should be filled by a lawyer with several years experience of actual practice, and in selecting a lawyer to fill this position you should use the same judgement and discretion as you would in selecting a lawyer to represent you in your private affairs. When you come to cast your vote for one of the two candidates aspiring to this office you should consider only his fitness and qualifications to successfully discharge its duties. It is true, as charged by my opponent, that I have had several years experience in the practice of the law, upon which fact I base my claims for your suffrage. The county attorney is required to contend in the court room with the ablest, most skilled and experienced lawyers at the bar in the trial of criminal cases, and how well he succeeds depends upon his skill, experience and ability. I have, during the short time I have held the office, succeeded reasonably well, having lost only three contested cases.

Especially is the county attorney's office important at this time, because the county attorney is the government appeal agent, representing the Government before the exemption appeal board in the classification of registrants, and to this work I have given considerable time and attention, and it has been my purpose to have all registrants justly and fairly classified. I have endeavored to see that both the Government and registrants receive a fair and square deal. For this work I receive no pay, but I am glad to be of service to our Government in these perilous times.

I need the office as well as my opponent, or I would not be running for it, and I should like to hold it at least one term. If you think me competent and qualified, I will very much appreciate your vote, and I promise to do my best in the future, as I have in the past six months, to enforce the laws of the State.

Respectfully,
W. H. SEWELL.

TO THE LADY AND MEN VOTERS OF TAYLOR CO.

If a CLEAN LIFE and a CLEAN RACE is worth anything, "Don't forsake a friend in this his time of need." Vote and work for me July 27th for County Clerk.

Yours for clean service.
Henry R. Hicks.

To The Voters of Taylor County

☐ In seeking your support for COUNTY ATTORNEY I have asked you to investigate my record as a man and a lawyer. I hope you have done so. I have not been able to see all of you personally owing to the time and expense necessary to do that, but have tried to put my candidacy before you in such a manner as to merit your support.

☐ I have always lined up on the moral side of all public questions and expect to do so in the future. I have had to study law at night while most people were asleep or seeking amusement, because, like most of you who work for your living, it took all my time in the day to make a living for myself and family of a wife and children. I have traveled the hard road to learning in my chosen profession, having had few opportunities, and am now asking for a chance to prove to you that I have done my work well enough to make good as your County Attorney.

☐ I need the office. It is in my line of work, and I can make a living out of it and gain the knowledge and experience necessary to fit myself for higher things which I expect to attain. It is not a difficult place to fill, and I know the duties of the office and know that I can make good and if elected I promise to do my best.

☐ I will give you a vigorous prosecution of all wilful violations of law, but will not waste the time of the Court and burden you with taxes prosecuting little trivial matters where there was no intention to violate the law.

☐ To the women, and mothers of children, I promise if you will honor me with your first vote I will so fulfill the duties of the office as to safeguard to the fullest extent of the law your rights, your property and the morals of your children. I have been out in the world myself and know the needs of your boys and girls and their temptations, and I promise you now that everything possible to be done to make Taylor County a better, cleaner place to rear your children will be done, as far as it is in the power of the County Attorney to do.

☐ This is a young man's office. Young lawyers are always elected to fill it. My opponent does not need it. Owing to his long years of practice at the bar and his standing in the financial world he ought not to ask for it.

Give an Ambitious Young Man a Chance
and you will not regret it

W. E. MARTIN

Candidate for County Attorney

A LAST APPEAL

Dear Voters: This is my last appeal for your support. Whatever you can find in your heart to do for me, please do now. I am in the race to win and am counting upon you. I have not called upon you often, feeling that I would be taking up too much of your time, which doubtless you would not appreciate. Further I have had home obligations upon me on account of the lack of labor. You can doubtless well appreciate my situation. I assure you, if elected, I will devote my time and energy in making you the very best commissioner you ever had. I believe I have the ability. You who know me know I am not afraid to work.

I am terribly in earnest. I want the office. I don't want to get beat. I am working day and night. You have the power to further or hinder my ambition. I am counting strongly upon

you HELPING A YOUNG MAN ALONG. The day is fast approaching. If I am honored with your vote, I assure you that you will never be ashamed of your act.

With the fullest confidence in my success, I am
Yours to serve,
SAM BUTMAN, JR.
Candidate For Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

It comes to me through my friends that some of my opponents and their friends are spreading FALSE reports to the effect that I am avoiding military service, doubtless hoping to help their own campaign. I tried to make this matter plain when I entered the campaign. I have kept nothing back. My life is absolutely an open book.

I was the first candidate to enter the race in this campaign for County Clerk. I felt my neighbors, my friends and my entire locality would stand by me, and am indeed thankful for their promised support.

I know if these reports were true, I ought to be beaten in the race, but as they are entirely FALSE, I feel it a duty I owe to my friends and myself to enter a strong and vigorous denial.

In further explanation, I wish to say: It was my fond ambition to enter the Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, but on taking the matter up, I failed to pass a physical examination. I was examined twice and disqualified for military service. Under the next ruling of the draft, I was again examined and disqualified for full military service. I refer any voter to the Local Board to prove the correctness of this statement.

I made the above plain to the voters early in the campaign.

When my opponents and their friends found they could not make headway with this charge, then they said that I could do clerical work. I looked into this feature also and found no openings that I was qualified to fill.

Now frankly, plainly and to the point: I have stated that I am disqualified on physical grounds; my opponents are disqualified (no not disqualified, but protected) on age grounds. If, as some of them say, I could do duty in a clerical capacity, then, voters, in all candor, could not they do the same? If I can not pass an examination to serve my country, as I would greatly like to do, how can they criticize me, if they could pass an examination and don't? Frankly, aren't they simply hiding behind their age?

They further say that I employed legal advice to avoid the draft. That is absolutely FALSE in every way, hatched in the imagination and intended to mislead the voters favorable to my candidacy, and not one of my opponents, their friends or any one else will make this charge over his own signature.

If the government has need of my services, I am ready and willing to go any minute. But as there is no place now for my service, I aspire to the office of the County Clerk. If the voters of Taylor County will honor me with the office, which I believe they will, it will enable me to contribute in a much larger way in doing my bit in helping with the war.

I am seeking this office strictly on my own merits and not on the demerits of any of my opponents. I solicit your most earnest consideration for this place. Your vote may seem a small thing, but I assure you it will mean much to me. If you feel like giving a young man a chance, I will appreciate your

support.

It is with the fullest confidence I leave the result with you.

Very truly yours,
H. Holland Teaff.

TO THE VOTERS

My last words to you before we gather at the polls must be full of optimism. I am profoundly thankful for the voluntary assurances of support from hundreds of voters in every part of the county. Every minute of my time, aside from some pressing personal affairs that for a short time took me out of the State, has been devoted to my candidacy. I want the office; I need the job, and, if you can find it within your goodness to cast your vote for me, then I assure you of the gratitude of my heart. If elected, as I have said before, I will be the sheriff of the whole county, performing my duties according to law and showing preferences to none.

Those who know me know the principles of my life, know something of my ideals, know that I will not knowingly stoop to any mean thing. If elected, every moment of my time will be devoted to the interest of the office, and it shall be my greatest ambition to have it said when I am through that "John Bond has made the best sheriff this county ever had."

Yours to serve,
JOHN BOND,

Candidate for Sheriff of Taylor County.

TO JONES COUNTY VOTERS

It will become your patriotic duty on Saturday to cast your ballots for democratic officers, and I am taking this last opportunity to assure you that whatever you may be able to do for me, will be appreciated in the highest terms. Consider well my qualifications and standing as a worthy citizen, and I shall anxiously await your decision.

W. C. CUTRELL, candidate for Tax Collector, Jones County.

TO THE WOMEN VOTERS AND OTHER VOTERS

OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS DISTRICT

Judge Joe Adkins, of Brady, Texas, candidate for Congress in this seventeenth district, is a man who stands for clean politics and good government

Rev. J. H. Taylor, Pastor of the Baptist church.
A. W. Tipton, Member of Methodist church.
A. B. Carrithers, Member of Christian church.
Dr. J. B. Granville, Jr., Member of Presbyterian church.

John E. Brown, County Judge McCulloch Co.
J. C. Wall, Sheriff, McCulloch County.
P. A. Campbell, District Clerk, McCulloch Co.
W. J. Yantis, County Clerk, McCulloch County.
H. R. Hodges, Tax Assessor, McCulloch County.
Mrs. E. Strickland.
Mrs. Clara Millerkin.
Miss Nettie Bellamy.
Mrs. Nora Montgomery.

And over three hundred of the leading men and women of Brady and McCulloch County, whose names are omitted for lack of space.

McCulloch County Atkins Club

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C. E. SIMS

For County Supt.

He is Capable, Worthy and Deserving

His opponent is asking for 4th term

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As we go to press the heart of many a candidate is beating with anticipation, mingled with just a little tinge of dread, although he knows he can not be defeated. We guess we can hardly sympathize with him, as we have never had the courage to walk just where he is walking. Candidates don't have any feeling, else they wouldn't be in the race. Some times you have to knock one down before he would know you were against him. Others count every one that says, "Howdy" for him. At any rate that is his right, and we believe he ought to count all in sight until it is proven otherwise.

We admire the courage of a candidate. He is human, we believe, and in spite of the fun that is always poked at him, down underneath is a human heart that is yet unseared to the touch of sympathy. We can not be elated over the success of our choice candidates to the fullest extent, because at the same time we know that some other good man must go down in defeat. Defeat is severe enough on a candidate, so let us caution ourselves a little and not "rub it in."

Mrs. R. M. Woodrum and son, Harry, left Friday for Dallas to visit Bob Russell, who is taking treatment at the Baptist Sanitarium. They report his slightly improved. From there Mrs. Woodrum went to Winfield, Texas, where she will spend about ten days with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Traylor. She sent three bushels of the most beautiful Alberta peaches we most ever saw, to her daughters from that country.

r. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and children left last Friday in their car for Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and children accompanied them as far as Tulsa, but returned Sunday. The Rose family expect to be gone some time.

WANTED

Before July 27th good able bodied men to work in Copper Mines Miami, Ariz. Transportation advanced. Wages \$5.65 for 8 hours a day. See W. A. McSpadden.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

McLaughlin Baby Dead

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McLaughlin, of Dickens county, died last Saturday a week ago at Clayton, N. M., and was brought back to Dickens for burial, which took place Monday afternoon. The baby's mother is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, both of whom, accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. Brooks Patterson, and son, Fred, attended the funeral. They returned Thursday, following the burial.

The little fellow had been seriously ill for about two weeks, and the parents took it to New Mexico in hopes of an improvement to its health. Both parties have lived here and have many friends in these parts who are pained to learn of the death of their little baby.

Lame Back Relieved

For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

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You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

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TO THE VOTERS

Owing to the requirements demanded of me by my crop, and out of consideration for you in a mighty busy time, there was a short while I could not get out and work my campaign. As a result I will not be able to complete the work in a way that I would have liked. There are some places I have not been. Please remember that if I do not reach you, I want your vote. It will be necessary to my election. The time is fast drawing to a close, and I assure you from the bottom of my heart I will appreciate your support.

W. R. BRITTON.

GLYCERINE MIXTURE FOR APPENDICITIS

Merkel people can prevent appendicitis with simple buchothorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes the entire bowel tracts so completely it relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler-i-ka surprises both doctors and patients. Leaves stomach clean and strong. Sanders Drug Store. adv. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Leach left Friday for Esto, Ky., where they will visit relatives for a month.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

Mrs. Harry Bullock of Strawn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Harris, the early part of the week.

Cleaning and pressing done promptly. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott left Tuesday morning in their car for Hamlin to visit his father. He says he will return in time to vote.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Methodist Missionary Society.
The Missionary Society of the Methodist church, gave Monday, July 22, to the work of the Red Cross. Eleven of the members spent the afternoon at the work rooms.

The Society will hold its regular business meeting Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, August 12. A full attendance is desired as important business will be transacted.

Publicity Supt.

Classes Enjoy Picnic.

On Thursday afternoon, July 18, the Sunday School classes of Mesdames T. A. Johnson and W. A. McSpadden, went out to Mulberry Creek for a picnic, and they had a fine time.

On arriving at about 6 o'clock, the girls and boys explored the regions about climbing the hills and enjoying themselves as only girls and boys can.

Soon the pangs of hunger began to gnaw and they said 'twas time to eat.

A most bountiful an appetizing lunch, consisting of fried chicken, deviled eggs, salads, pickles, fresh home made light bread, cakes and many more good things too numerous to mention, it is needless to say they did justice to a spread like that.

Those enjoying this outing were:

Lucile Edwards, Alyce Bigham, Hazel Harkrider, Iola Armstrong, Evelyn Hamm, Lillie Pratt Sears, Rosa Laney, Maurine Cobb, Elizabeth Harkrider, Madden Brown, Davis Jones, G. B. Brown, Jerome Hutchinson Harry Tucker, Buford Smith, Pagie Johnson, Lynn McSpadden, John Mann, Lewis Tucker, Marion Johnson, Roy Tucker, and W. L. Harkrider Mesdames G. J. Jones, M. V. Mitchell, W. L. Harkrider, T. A. Johnson, and W. A. McSpadden.

Use Korker and stop punctures and slow leaks. E. B. Barnes.

G. L. Baker, who recently returned from the burial of his little grandchild at Dickens, reports varying crop conditions. On the plains crops are in good shape. They drove some distance in mud. In many places they are beginning to need rain. He said if they do get rain many of them will have to pay an income tax. In the vicinity of Aspermont, conditions are just as bad as they can be. He says he has 40 acres of cotton, that is needing rain very bad, but will make far more if he gets no rain than for 30 miles in the Aspermont county, on both sides of the road. The reports from everywhere are to the effect that we should be very thankful for the slight prospects we have here as compared with by far the larger portion of Texas.

Save by keeping your clothes clean. First class service guaranteed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman returned a few days ago from a fishing trip at Butman. They report fish plentiful and a royal good time.

Plenty of oats and corn at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. E. C. Snyder and three children, who have been visiting Mrs. Snyder's mother, Mrs. E. A. Campbell, left Friday night for her home at Hermanas, N.M.

Obey that impulse—vote for Teaff.

Denzil Cox and Lee Tipton, who recently joined the navy at Dallas, passed through Merkel Friday night on their way to the navy training station in California.

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

THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

Trent, Texas, Route 2. —Merkel Mail: As Mr. Ferguson and his supporters are claiming that Mr. Ferguson has done more for the rural schools of Texas than any other Governor, I am enclosing clipping from the Gainsville Signal of July 19, comparing his school record with former Governor Colquitt, for several months North Texas counties and I am sure if some of our West Texas editors had investigated the records for our West Texas counties they would have found about the same comparison here as in North Texas.

The clipping as follows:

"James E. Ferguson has boasted much as what he has done for the little red school house and has declared himself the greatest friend the country schools of Texas ever had and some people really believe this statement. Figures from the state comptroller's office at Austin show, compared with Colquitt, Ferguson decreased the amount of money Cooke county received from the State of Texas \$9,063, giving this county that much less in his first term than Colquitt gave it in his last term. This is true even when Ferguson is credited with that portion of the rural aid fund Cooke county received. Not only is this true, but Cooke county paid in to Ferguson during his first term \$15,361 more than it paid to Colquitt in his last administration, making his administration cost Cooke county some \$24,000 more than Colquitt. Other counties had like experiences. Wise county's school fund lost \$5,789 and the taxes were increased \$23,000. Tarrant county got \$5,820 less school fund and paid \$65,000 more in taxes. Lamar county lost \$11,000 in school funds and paid \$30,000 more in taxes. Johnson county lost \$17,000 in school funds and paid an increase in taxes amounting to \$20,000. Grayson county lost \$15,636 in school funds and suffered an increase in taxes amounting to \$65,000.

"Could any set of facts more effectively destroy Ferguson's claims that he is the greatest friend to the country schools and that he was the only governor who ever did anything for them? Is a man a friend of these schools who decreases the amount of support they receive from the State, to say nothing of the big increase in taxes paid to the State by the counties?"

Yours truly,
G. M. Byrom.

Mrs. Harvey Booher, and two children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Guthrie, and her sister, Mrs. G. W. Ely, have returned to their home in Slaton.

Mrs. E. A. Campbell and Miss Ruby, left early Monday morning to visit relatives in Cleburne and other places. They will be away about a month.

SPECIAL TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FURNISHING FREE TEXT BOOKS.

House Joint Resolution No. 27. Proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Sec. 3, providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing free text books in public schools of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, be so changed as to read as follows (creating a new section 3):

SEC. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and

collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts, and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in part of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State, and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas."

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

SEC. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not

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otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

(NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 27 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 108, nays 22; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 4.)

Approved March 19, 1917.

(A TRUE COPY.)

C. D. MIMS.

Acting Secretary of State.

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TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES

House Joint Resolution No. 2.

To amend Section 10, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions, and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the testimony of the witness for both defense and prosecution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section (10) of Article (1) of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

SEC. (10). In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself and shall have the right of being heard by himself or counsel, or both, shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and shall have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, except that when the witness resides out of the State and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this State, the defendant and the State shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the Legislature may hereafter provide; and no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense, unless on an indictment of a grand jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fine or imprisonment, otherwise than in the penitentiary, in cases of impeachment and in cases arising in the army or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of this State at the next general election for State and county officers.

SEC. 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature shall vote upon said amendment at the said general election and at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot the following: "For amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, or indictment and taking of testimony of witnesses by deposition, under certain circumstances," and those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against the amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution."

SEC. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expense of publishing, proclamation, and election.

(NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 4; and passed the Senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 4; and the House concurred in Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 0.)

Approved March 10, 1917.

(A TRUE COPY.)

C. D. MIMS.

Acting Secretary of State.

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WILLIAM PIERSON OF HUNT CO. For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals. His Training as District Judge is JUDICIAL, NOT POLITICAL. He Seeks a JUDICIAL Position.

A TERRIBLE CRIME

In less than six hours after a negro had entered Mrs. Wolford's bedroom, at Rose Hill in Dallas County an tried to assault her and mortally wounded her an arrest was made. By noon the following day the Dallas County grand jury, acting in accordance with instructions of Judge C. A. Pippen, had indicted Will Jones, a negro, 28 years old, a farm hand. Two counts were in the indictment. One charged criminal assault, the other murder. Each carry capital punishment as a penalty. Judge Pippen, seventeen hours after the attack took place, set Jones's trial on the charge of murder for Monday, July 22, and he ordered a special venire of 250 men, returnable Monday.

Mrs. Wolford, nee Sears, lived long enough to tell the name of her assailant. She died from excessive loss of blood five hours after she was attacked. Her husband, Gene Wolford, who is the foreman of a thrashing gang, was away from home and Mrs. Wolford was alone with three children. The youngest, a baby, lay in bed with her, witnessed the attack and was saturated with the blood which ran from the unstanched wounds of the dying mother. The other children were nephews.

Will Jones had been a farm hand for Mr. Wolford, but later was a tenant farmer on the plantation where lived the Wolfords. When Mr. Wolford left with his thrashing gang for Collin County he employed Jones to look after the barnyard stock and fowls during his absence. The negro attended to his chores Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Wolford believed he had left the farm. His hand, clutching for her throat through an open window, announced his presence.

The negro ordered her not to scream. She pulled away, but had not gotten out of bed before Jones was in the room grappling with her. Mrs. Wolford resisted the negro, who struggled with her through three rooms and on to the porch. She was screaming but the Wolford home is a mile distant from the closest neighbor, and only the children, the oldest of whom is 9 years old, heard. On the porch the negro slashed her with a long-bladed pocket knife. Deep cuts were about the chest and arms, slash-

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The most scientific and most wonderful facial preparation of the modern age. It imparts to the skin a velvety softness and delicacy which is delightful in appearance and pleasing in effect. Used during the day it is a protection from the Sun and Wind. In the evening its use assures a faultless complexion. Write and Please. All dealers, 25c, 50c and \$1.00, or sent post paid on receipt of price. Sample for the asking.
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EXTRA SPECIALS

For Saturday July 27

We are making a bid for our share of the Dry Goods business of Merkel on July 27. On that day we are going to close out on some of our summer lines far below present wholesale prices.

Men's Straw Hats

All the latest shapes in straw hats at EXACTLY HALF PRICE

Kool Kloth Suits

All palm beach and Kool Kloth suits at ONE-THIRD OFF for Saturday only

SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES

We are still selling our low cut shoes for men, women and children AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

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Big assortment of men's silk shirts ONE-THIRD OFF, Saturday only

Fancy Lawns

One big lot fancy lawns and tissues at 15c to 75c per yard

Overalls

A good blue striped overall, while they last at \$1.50

Parasols

One-Third Off on all fancy parasols. All new patterns—bought this spring

Anchor Mercantile Co.

es across her face rendered it near unrecognizable and her throat was cut from ear to ear. The bleeding from the prostrate woman was left on the porch by the negro, who rucked to his home, a mile distant.

There he told Georgia Johnson, negro cook, that he wanted to bathe, obtained some soap and went to a near-by stream, and today officers found a board where the negro had washed his shirt. Washed blood stains were on the board.

The children, only one old enough to realize the tragedy of the home, came to Mrs. Wolford's side and witnessed her try to stop the flow of blood and save her own life. She refused to permit the oldest, a boy 9 years old, to leave with the message of the tragedy until she began to fall into unconsciousness. Then he was dispatched to the nearest neighbor.

To the children she gave the name of the negro.
"If I die before Gene comes tell him who did it," were her words to the children who delivered the message to the stricken husband and father, who reached his home too late to hear the story from his wife's lips.

The residents of the Rose Hill community knew nothing of the event until early the next morning. By 9 o'clock a group of unarmed citizens came to Dallas, where Jones had been lodged in the county jail, to confer with county officers. They asked that the law be allowed to take its course and said that in this request the relatives of the murdered woman joined. "Uncle Jim" Lyons, a leader in the community, headed the committee, who talked with District Judge C. A. Pippen and District Attorney Mike T. Lively. Quick action followed the conference and Mr.

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Lively, in company with First Assistant District Attorney Wilis Pierson, went to the Wolford home to gather evidence for the trial of the negro.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.
"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I then bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

G. R. PAIN
Candidate For County Clerk Of Taylor County

To the Voters of Taylor County: Ladies and Gentlemen:—When a person makes application to a business house for a position of trust, that business house is going to require from that said person some data regarding his habits, his fitness of character, ability etc. Likewise the public should be informed when aspirants are applying for public offices.

In this connection I wish to say a few words in my own behalf with reference to my candidacy for County Clerk. I have tried to make a personal visit to every voter in the county, but realizing how difficult this is, I am using the medium of the press, and thus hope to reach all the voters of the county in the few days which remain before July 27th.

Have resided in Abilene ten years, and since taking up my residence there have always sought to promote and further what I considered for the best interest of my town and county. Have a wife and two children. Engaged in the grocery business shortly after coming to Abilene. Conducted same for nine years. Sold out last November. Prior to that time kept books for Swift and Company for seven years, and know that

I can maintain the County Clerks Office in the highest standard of efficiency.

For reference will refer you to any business house in Abilene, either wholesale or retail.

We are living in a progressive age. Our Dreadnaughts, Superdread-naughts, Submarines, Long Range Guns, Airplanes, Automobiles, Improved Agricultural Machinery, and Good Roads all spell progress. Like everything else the office has kept abreast of the times. Old methods have been discarded and new systems have been put in their place. Systems of record, systems of reference etc. All with the same view; convenience, simplicity, and information acquired with as little loss of time as possible.

Considering the importance of the County Clerks Office, it is presumed the most knowledge a person has of detailed office work, the better fitted he will be to fill the position.

Having spent the greater part of my life in the performance of office duties, I place myself before you as I would before a business institution in as candid a manner as I know how. If elected to be your next County Clerk I assure you of courteous treatment, proper and careful recording of instruments, and the fulfillment of all duties pertaining to the office in a thorough and satisfactory manner. I will appreciate your vote.

Yours truly,
G. R. PAIN

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

W. Clarence Melton is home on a thirty days furlough from Newport, R. I. While he was mighty glad to get home to see his young wife, relatives and friends, he says he likes the service fine. He is in fine health.

Vote for Holland Teaff.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report.

	Attendance	Col
Methodist	154	\$3.65
Baptist	150	397

Over At The Baptist Church.
"Everybody's Day" next Sunday in the Sunday School. That means that we desire "everybody" of our own forces and as many visitors as can be induced to come. The Cradle Roll is growing fine and announcement about it will be made Sunday.

The pastor will be in the pulpit both morning and evening. In the morning the sermon will be on "Election." At the seven o'clock service the subject will be, "An Old Testament Moving Picture." "On the dot" is the way both services will run.

"What Christ Means to Me," will be the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting topic. Something good in store for all who attend this mid-week service.

Come on in: the service is fine! We need you; you need us. Let's work at the task together.
E. E. Dawson, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. Program July 28.
Topic, Winning the World to Christ.

Song, Prayer, Song.
Leader, Mrs. Walter Jackson.
Scripture Psalm 46.
Our Missionary Topics, Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. Miss Willie Swann.

Our Missionary Topics, Paragraphs 4 and 5, Miss Ola Sharp. Piano Solo, Miss Ruth Boden. Some Suggestions, Paragraphs 1 and 2, Wilma Garrett. Some Suggestion, Parag. 3, 4, 5, and 6, Earl Thornton. Home and Foreign Fields, Rev. E. E. Dawson. Selected Music, Miss Lula Sharp.

A Prayer in Khaki, Miss Louise Warren.

Election Returns Sunday Morn.
We will have the election returns on state officers up to eleven o'clock Sunday morning read at the morning service.

No need of anybody staying away from church on account of interest in election results.

At The Methodist Church
I will be in my places next Sunday morning and evening I believe every Methodist should be in their place, in the Sunday School and in church, next Sunday. All strangers visiting in our City have a cordial word of welcome in our church.
C. S. Cameron.

Tom Largent and R. L. Bland left Tuesday for a short business trip to Dallas.

Last report from Dr Rosser of Dallas states Bob Russel is improving and hopes to arrive at home on Saturday or Sunday.

WANTED
Before July 27th good able bodie men to work in Copper Mines Miami, Ariz. Transportation advanced. Wages \$5.65 for 8 hours a day. See W. A. McSpadden.

YOUR VOTE SOLICITED
I solicit your vote for Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 4 of Jones County. Lee D. Williams.

H. T. Merritt, our foreman, took a day off Monday and worked on his Rabbitt Ranch.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic
restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Grady Collins writes from England that he and his comrades arrived safely. The letter will doubtless be reproduced in next issue.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Miss Sophia Howard returned a few days ago from an extended trip to Dallas, Hillsboro and other points.

FOR SALE—One second hand 12-inch Disk Fan. See Merkel Power Company.

Mrs. J. B. Shannon of Coleman is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. J. S. Swann is at Abilene attending the bedside of Miss Agnes Powell.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Miss Beatrice Nidever of Coleman is visiting friends in Merkel.

Lame Shoulder.
his ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles. All that is needed is absolute rest and a few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it.

Brackston Hogg and family of South Texas are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg. Hugh Hogg and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Roberson of Floydada are also visiting Mr. Hogg.

Don't forget to vote for Holland Teaff.

H. C. West and family returned Saturday from an extended visit to Mineral Wells. He is very much improved in health.

Cowfeed and cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bankhead returned a few days ago from Coryell County, where he has been for the past two months. He says crops in those parts are absolutely no good.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER
has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver 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.

CALIFORNIA GIRL BACK OF THE FRONT

But now at last I am at Toul, with a perfectly dandy motor job. Up above us on the hill is an anti-aircraft station and about ten miles to the north lie the trenches. They say with field glasses you can actually see the smoke puffs from the front line guns. At any rate, at night, the sky in that direction is lighted with continual flashes and lovely big star bombs are always going up and making the landscape as bright as moonlight, while projectors sweep the skies for boche airplanes.

An American aviation section has taken over a French aviation field near Toul. They had not been in possession more than ten minutes, literally, when two boche planes sailed overhead, having doubtless received word of the change and been given orders to fly over and either bomb the camp or merely make observations. When the boches come over like that without warning they usually turn the air-crafts loose on them, but those spunky old Yanks said "Nothing doing!" Two of them jumped into their "busses," as they call them, and rose up directly under the two boche planes, an unheard-of proceeding, as the boches had absolutely the drop on them and fighting planes never go up unless they have time to rise to an equal altitude with their adversary before encountering him. Everybody thought the Americans had lost their minds. One of them literally stood on his tail and pointed skyward like a rocket right under the boche and just peppered him with his machine gun and the boche came toppling down though a cloud bank and smashed dismally on the ground. Then our men whanged away at the other plane and wounded it so that it went limping home as fast as possible, but the second Yankee overtook it and brought it to earth and forthwith both planes

were dragged in triumph into the Place in the middle of Toul and there was great rejoicing. The popularity of the Americans in Toul that day was beyond believing.

I was in Paris the day the first American troops arrived. Everybody had American flags and there was much enthusiasm although among the crowd we saw scarcely any Americans or English. The French cheered wildly and yelled "Vive l'Amérique!" and Dorothy and I yelled like mad English and were rewarded by several side long glances and suppressed grins of recognition (of the English tongue). Our soldiers in khaki color and Stetsons were the brownest, most business-like looking citizens you ever laid your eyes on, eyes dead ahead, solemn as tombstones, fighters every inch. —Marion Otis Mitchell in the Sunset.



T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

CASH TO ALL

COUPONS ARE CASH ON DELIVERY. THE ICE MAN HAS TO PAY FOR YOUR COUPON BOOK THE END OF THE DAY YOU PURCHASE. YOU WILL DO US A GREAT FAVOR IF YOU WILL HAVE THE MONEY READY FOR HIM WHEN HE DELIVERS YOUR ICE OR COUPON BOOK IN OUR ICE BUSINESS WE DON'T KNOW MR. "CHARGE-IT". NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER 6:30 P.M. OR ON SUNDAY. OPEN SUNDAY FROM 8:00 TO 9:00 A.M. MERKEL ICE CO. ICE

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For Your Drug Wants.

We carry a complete line of Drugs and Sundries.

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A coal famine will follow this fall. Our ships are to be supplied at any cost. You save money and insure your coal supply by buying now.

WARREN BROS. All Orders C.O.D

Specialty in Farm Loans

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W. O. BONEY West of Farmers State Bank

TRENT ITEMS

Miss Lola Harkins of Roscoe, is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Odessa Moon, of Breckenridge, is visiting Miss Geta Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. Salome of Roscoe, was the guest of T. C. Donnell and family Sunday.

Last Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs.

J. A. Armour, and Stanley, Tom Williamson, Misses Odessa Moon and Geta Beckham, went to the Clear Fork, fishing, they spent the night, and caught lots of fish. They had a good time in general.

Winslow Beckham, who has been home on a furlough for the past twenty days returned to his station at Newport, R. I.

"Slim" Bonner, formerly of

this place, passed through here on his way to California, to work in the ship-yards, he having to pass into service after having tried several different times.

The Misses Scott's of Abilene spent the week end with Miss Irene Donnell.

The Red Cross ladies will give a patriotic program on Friday night, July 26, no admission, every one invited, a surprise is offered for the men.

Albert Vessell and Jim Skillern left Sunday for Abilene where they entrained for Camp Travis.

Mrs. Will Craddock moved to Abilene Saturday, where she will enter school.

Othell and Mina Wadkins are visiting their grandparents at Sipe Springs, they will be gone 30 days.

S. E. Trevathan of Vernon, visited his uncle C. T. Beckham and family the past week.

Mrs. Ideal Howell of Fort Worth, who has been visiting her parents the past two weeks returned to her home Monday morning accompanied by her husband, who came in Sunday.

Misses Myrtle Sipes and Maud Skillern are attending College at Abilene.

Miss Maga Smith is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Chamberlain's Tablets

These tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. If you have any troubles of this sort, give them a trial and realize for yourself what a first class medicine will do for you. They only cost a quarter.

H. B. Strode of College Station was a visitor in Merkel last Saturday and Sunday.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. 60c.

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Skillful Operators—The Very
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PRINTERS OF HIGH-CLASS STATIONERY

Fresh Supply of Typewriter Ribbons and Carbon Paper

Visiting Cards, Business and Political Cards

The Merkel Mail Printing Company



Fresh Beef Travels on a Rapid Schedule

Fresh beef for domestic markets goes from stockyards to retail stores within a period of about two weeks. Although chilled, this meat is not frozen; hence it cannot be stored for a rise in price.

A steer is dressed usually within twenty-four hours after purchase by the packer. The beef is held in a cooler at the packing house, at a temperature a little above freezing, for about three days.

It is then loaded into a refrigerator car where a similar temperature is maintained, and is in transit to market on an average of about six days.

Upon arrival at the branch distributing house, it is unloaded into a "cooler", and placed on sale.

Swift & Company requires all beef to be sold during the week of arrival, and the average of sales is within five days.

Any delay along the above journey means deterioration in the meat and loss to the packer.

Swift & Company, U.S.A.

HONOR ROLL

Following is a list of our boys who are in Uncle Sam's service.

Willie Leo Miller, Trent.
Lester Earl White.
G. C. Hodges.
Z. T. Lamar.

Ulric Forrester.
Andrew Archer.
Roy Adams.
Britt Baker.
Fauss Banner.
Edgar Breeze.
W. B. Brown.
Arthur Derrington.
Frank J. Ferrier.

De Gorsus.
Wm. R. Green.
James F. Holloway.
B. Jobe.
Pete Meek.

F. O'Brien.
Herbert Ricker.
Paul Stamford.
Bill Sheppard.
Paul Turner.
George White.
L. B. Wells.
Riley White.

L. Powers.
Emzi Burroughs.
Thos Bearden.
Jas. Brown.
Emmitt Grimes.
L. M. Hutchins.

Chester A. Duncan, Trent.
John T. Morris, Trent.
Joe L. Evans, Trent.
W. W. McElmurray, Trent.

Herbert J. Swan, Trent.
John Moore, Merkel.
Lieut B. B. Brown
Chester Hall.
Stuart Grimes.

Jas. Clyde White.
Lloyd Shepard.
L. A. Dudley.
Robert Vernon Boring.

Sherley King.
O. A. Horton.
Ira Huss.
Archie Rose.
Fred Harrell.

Chas. C. Jones.
Glen Thompson
Roscoe Sharp.
John Ware.
John D. Dudley.
John Edward Hunter.
E. M. Harris.
George Smith.
Geo. N. Reynolds.
J. H. Rister, Tye.
Wayne Abernathy, Trent.

H. W. Beckham, Trent
Dee H. Donnell, Trent
Hollis Brown, Trent.
Royce Dowdy, Trent.
Robt. B. Parker.
Frank E. Smith.
Luther Grimes.
W. L. Diltz, Jr.
William B. Tarpley.
Arthur E. Windland, Tye.

James O. Dulin.
Kirby L. Vidrine.
Leonard Morrison.
Joseph A. McMurray.
Rufus H. O'Neal.
Willie E. Pool.
Ennis Grimes.
Charley Fitzgerald.
Berry Forrester.

Joseph A. Pruitt, Trent
John T. Mattingley, Noodle.
Reuben C. Hall
Henry D. (Doc) Hall
R. O. Stevens.
Tom Smith Martin.
Leland L. Martin.
T. J. Bird.
R. E. Harris
Robert Rainbolt.

Lee Raymond Campbell
Euleus McNeas.
John P. Gibson.
Leonard Wills
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.
John Rex McClain.
O. R. Burns.
Joe Thomas Hartley.

John Robert West.
Robert Grady Collins
Jim F. Winters.
Arthur McMurray.
Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.
Fred Pribble, Trent.
Ernest Massey, Trent.
Lee Massey, Trent.

WOMEN URGED TO VOTE EARLY

Who Will Be The First Woman To Vote In Merkel?

No provision is made for additional help at the polls, so the women are urged to vote early. The men usually wait until the afternoon to vote and for hours the polls are congested. We think it would be better if the town people, men and women, would vote in the forenoon. It will help avoid a rush in the afternoon and will also enable those who do the counting to make some progress during the day without having to wait so long.

A report is being circulated to the effect that the women vote will be thrown out. There is nothing to such report. To enjoin the women from voting would necessitate the making of bonds that might lead to the breaking of the whole finance system of Texas. The women can vote; they must vote; they will vote; their vote will be counted, and one quiet, modest, woman's vote will count just as much as a loud talk man's. So, women, come on and vote. It is your duty.

Every woman must be sure to bring her registration slip with her to the polls. Every man his tax receipt.

- Hosea Winn, Trent.
- Skyler Dunn, Trent.
- Eimer Dunn, Trent.
- Will E. Smith, Trent.
- Leldon Goode, Noodle
- Jas. Harmon Peterson.
- W. Clarence Melton.
- Dalton Blackmon, Trent.
- Otto Blackmon, Trent
- John W. Hasrey, Trent
- Roy Stevens, Trent.
- Spurgeon Scott, Trent
- Robert W. Kelly.
- Jno. Earnest Costephens.
- Wm. Roy Costephens.
- Jake Eason, Noodle.
- Henry Eason, Noodle
- Guy Bradley, Stith.
- Guy Sibley, Trent.
- Wm. Wills.
- Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
- Claude Rosson, Trent.
- Alfred Wesley Costephens.
- Ulyses McNees.
- W. Clarence Cameron
- Vessie E. Browning.
- Clyde Garrett.
- Bailey Frazier
- John Coomer.
- Bailey Frazier.
- Leo Shepard.
- Frank Millican.
- Dem Rusk.
- Q Rusk.
- Tucker
- Horton.
- John Tucker.
- Wilba Whitaker
- Rufus McLean.
- Dillard Snow.
- Vernon Simpson.
- Dr. Robert I. Grimes.
- Floyd Dean
- Guy Bradley.
- Cecil McRee, Trent
- Clayton Hall, Trent.
- Samuel D. Swann.
- Lee Harrell.
- W. P. Banner.
- M. G. Russell.
- J. M. Tucker.
- David M. Floyd.
- Dee Ash.
- Lake J. Renfro.
- H. B. Strode.
- Dr. Wm. M. Gambill.
- Vernon Sublett.
- Yates Brown.
- Dean Robinson, Trent.
- Orville Foster.
- Clyde Foster.
- Jodie Bright, Trent
- Barney A. Garrett.
- P. M. Hutchins.
- Roger F. Haynes.
- O. S. Burns.
- Roger V. Wells.
- Jas. Parker Sharp.
- Will Brown.
- Judson McRee.
- Frank Hart.
- Albert Vessell, Trent
- Jim Skillern, Trent.
- Denzil Cox.
- Lee Tipton.

RED CROSS

STONE ROOT AND BUCHU COMPOUND Of unexcelled value for the treatment of kidney diseases. Pains in the back and burning sensations are symptoms of kidney troubles, which are quickly overcome by use of this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

TO THE FARMERS—If you want a loan on your land at any time from now until next January, from the Federal Land Bank, you should put in your application now so as to have the Loan ready by the time you need the money. See or write W. C. Lasley, at Buffalo Gap. 19t4p.

FOR SERVICE — Thoroughbred Poland China male, H. D. Simpson, Rural Route, Trent, Tex.

FOUND—A good pair of spectacles, near Tye. Owner may recover same upon description of same and payment of this advertisement at office of the Merkel Mail. 26t2c.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

LOST—Confederat cross of honor. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. It is marked "W. H. P." is a bronze cross, made out of an old confederate cannon. It is highly prized by owner. Reward given.

FOR SALE—Ford Touring Car worth the money, See J. T. Warren. 19t2c.

LOST—Gold Service Pin with Engineer's Insignia attached. Finder please return to Merkel Mail or Miss Lula Sharp and get reward

REWARD—Will give \$5 for return or information leading to return of year old black horse mule. R. L. Bland.

FOR SALE—Second hand furniture. See Miss Geneive Rust. 26t2c.

LOST—Small purse, containing \$1.50 in silver and stamps. Return to Merkel Mail.

ADVERTISE—If its lost the Mail may find it. Several lost articles have been returned to the owner lately. Use the classified columns when you have anything to sell. Sales are being made daily through these columns. State your wants through these columns, and the people will know about them.



T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

RED CROSS FAMILY REMEDIES

Many able Chemists and Doctors were called into service in perfecting this line of Red Cross Remedies. This is an age of Specialists, and while one may have distinguished achievements to his credit in one particular line, another is excelling in something else. That very thing makes it possible for us to have a Red Cross Remedy for each ailment, and enable us to give the consumer more than we promise or charge for. Each formula is compounded with as much care and precision as if our entire success depended upon that one Remedy. That's why NEURO-TONE repairs shattered nerves, and Red Cross STONE ROOT and BUCHU puts your kidneys in a normal and healthy condition. Medicines. The formula is printed on each carton in plain English, so you know what they are composed of and what you are taking. More than one hundred Red Cross Remedies and Toilet Preparations are sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

IMPORTANT ELECTION LAW CHANGES.

Election officials and voters are warned that since the last election there have been important changes in election laws. First, ONLY AMERICAN CITIZENS CAN VOTE. Other provisions are:

Not more than one person at a time shall be permitted to occupy a booth. No assistance shall be given by election officials in preparation of ballots except to (a) those physically incapable of writing; (b) those more than 60 years of age; (c) persons who have been citizens of the United States 21 or more years and are unable to read and write.

Two Judges Must Assist each person entitled to assistance, but they must first take oath. Election supervisors may be present, but they must remain silent except in case of irregularity or violation of law.

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value To Every Merkel Citizen.

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ill of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary disorders, or any form of kidney trouble, the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a nearby resident who has used them and publicly tells of the benefit derived?

W. M. Robinson, 803 S. Seventh St., Abilene, Tex., says: "My back was so bad I could hardly get around. My feet were swollen and I felt drowsy. I tried different remedies, but they failed to do me any good. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills in a short time my back was stronger, the dropsical swelling left and I felt better. I was entirely cured after using seven boxes of Doan's."

Price 60 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Robinson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. 19Jly.

VOTING PLACE.

The local voting place this year will be moved from the city hall to the Commercial Club rooms, opposite the post office. There is ample table room for the women to properly study their ballots when voting. Then this building is on the ground floor and far more convenient for every one. The change was thought advisable on the part of many as an especial convenience to the women, and was authorized by T. A. Johnson, chairman of the local Democratic committee and Judge Scarborough chairman of the County Democratic committee.

ALL BANKS TO HELP

The report that only banking institutions qualified as United States Government depositories would be allowed to take subscriptions for the Forth Liberty Loan has been emphatically denied.

"The Treasury Department," says Secretary McAdoo, "desires that all banking institutions shall continue in the future as they have in the past patriotically to assist and co-operate during the various campaigns for the sale of Government securities."

Secretary McAdoo's often expressed gratitude and appreciation of the patriotism and the wonderful effectiveness of the work of the banks of the country in the past Liberty Loan campaigns would seem absolutely to negative any idea that he would refuse to avail himself of their assistance in future campaigns.

The Joy of Living

To enjoy life we must have good health. No one can reasonably hope to get much real pleasure out of life when his bowels are clogged a good share of the time and the poisons that should be expelled are absorbed into the system producing headaches and indigestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets will move the bowels, strengthen the digestion and give you a chance to realize the real joy of living. Try it.

PRICES FOR GINNING COTTON

Prices for ginning, which many ginners declare were needed to put the business on a stable basis, have been restored as originally fixed by the Federal Food Administration. The price for ginning picked dry cotton is put at 30 cent per 100 pounds, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties.

Dabney White of Tyler, who had called a conference of ginners and farmers here Wednesday, announced last night that the conference would not be held. The conference was for the purpose of formulating a protest against the decision of the prices fixed and since they had been restored, he said, the reason for the meeting had disappeared.

The price of 30 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning picked dry cotton.

The price of 40c per 100 pounds of seed cotton plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning snapped or pulled cotton.

The price of 50c per 100 pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning premature, unopened 'bollie' cotton.

It has been found impracticable to determine the just and fair charge for the service of ginning long-staple cotton, sea island cotton, and such other cotton as may require special care, time, or readjustment of machinery. However, the charge made for this service must be justifiable in comparison with the standard charge of 30c for the ginning of 100 pounds of picked dry cotton.

Ginners are to keep a correct record showing the name and address of each party for whom they gin cotton, the amount of cotton ginned in each case and the actual charge made for such service. They must be in position at all times to furnish detailed information to the United States Food Administration.

It is necessary that ginners perform this service in such a way that the seed cotton shall be cleaned and the lint removed from the seed in an efficient manner. Such foreign substances as are removed from the seed cotton shall not be returned to the seed, but the seed shall be kept in a clean condition. Ginners are not permitted to mix any foreign material with cotton seed during the time that it is under their control or in their possession.

The charge for ginning shall be the same whether or not the cotton or the cotton seed is purchased by the ginner.

Ginners are to gin as rapidly as possible, consistent with good work, all dry seed cotton tendered them, and upon demand they are to return to the owner the cotton and seed ginned by them. If cotton seed is purchased by the ginner he must be guided by our rule No. 5 and circular No40

Ginners are to keep a careful record, showing the name and address of each party from whom they purchase cotton seed together with the quantity and price paid for same.

In issuing these instructions we realize that there may be counties in which prices made effective may be too high or too low, but it will be impossible to arrive at a fixed price that will be fairly applicable to every country, therefore, we have decided to fix the prices as above given, and in these counties where it can be shown that the prices are not fairly applicable to the business a hearing will be given to determine a fair price for that particular country.

"Yours very truly, E. A. Peden, Federal Food Administrator for Texas.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAIN OMENTUM fails to cure Itching, Burning, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Sale Began
July 19

Shoes for the
whole family on
the bargain table

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

AT

The Woodroof-Bragg Store

Sale Closes
Aug. 3rd

A wonderful lot of
bargains on the
remnant table

THERE IS NOTHING SENSATIONAL ABOUT THIS SALE EXCEPT QUALITY AND PRICE

We realize that there never was a time when people felt more keenly the need to spend their money to advantage than today. There never was a time when this great cut price clearance sale could perform so great and needed service to people over the entire country than today. This is the time we give every thing in summer goods the final mark-down stroke. It's the last call. You make money by saving money in this sale

MEN'S HAT SPECIALS

\$5.00 Panama Hats	\$3.50
\$3.50 Panama Hats	\$2.45
\$3.00 Straw Hats	\$1.95
\$2.50 Straw Hats	\$1.45

Men's Straw Sailors

One Lot Men's Straw Sailors Worth Up to \$3.00, Clearance Price	49¢
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Men's Black Tennis Oxfords

One Lot of Black Tennis Oxfords at .	49¢
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Men's Union Suits

A Few Dozen Men's Summer Union Suits, Regular 75¢ Kind, at	59¢
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Men's Overalls

Best Grade Men's Overalls at	\$1.75
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Men's Palm Beach Suits On Sale

\$10.00 Palm Beach Suits	\$7.95
8.50 Palm Beach Suits	\$6.95
7.50 Palm Beach Suits	\$5.95
6.50 Palm Beach Suits	\$4.95

SUPPLY YOUR SHIRT NEEDS

Good Work Shirts at Less Than Wholesale Cost, Priced at	85¢ and 75¢
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MEN'S HATS

One Lot Cloth and Silk Hats for Men—Worth \$1.00—Sale Price	49¢
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MEN'S AND BOY'S CAPS

One Lot Men's and Boy's Caps, Regular 50¢ Values, at	19¢
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MILLINERY

Any Hat in Our Millinery Department at One-Half Price

GEORGETTE BLOUSES

Beautiful Models in New Fall Styles	\$6.00
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BARGAIN REMNANT TABLE

Our Remnant Table is Loaded With Bargains. Shop Here and Save Dollars.

SALE BEGINS JULY THE 19TH

Shoes at Less Than Wholesale Cost

All ladies low cut shoes, oxfords, pumps and baby dolls offered in this Clearance Sale at a big saving to the purchaser. Every price an important one. Every saving a worthy one.

\$7.50 White kid pumps	\$5.95
6.00 Kid and patent leather pumps	\$4.95
5.00 Pumps and oxfords	\$3.95
4.50 Pumps and oxfords	\$3.45
4.00 Pumps and oxfords	\$2.95
3.50 Pumps and oxfords	\$2.65
3.00 Pumps and oxfords	\$2.25
2.50 Pumps and oxfords	\$1.95

One hundred pair of ladies oxfords and pumps, small sizes only, sold at \$3.00 to \$5.00, clearance sale price

One lot of ladies white canvas oxfords and pumps, worth \$2.50 and \$3.50, your choice in this sale at

Misses and Children's Low Cut Shoes

The following low prices on all misses and childrens low cut shoes. An opportunity to buy early school shoes at less than wholesale cost

\$3.00 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price	\$2.25
2.75 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price	\$2.10
2.50 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price	\$1.95
2.00 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price	\$1.65
1.50 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price	\$1.15
1.25 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price	98c

Big Reduction on all Men's Low Cut Shoes

\$5.00 Oxfords, clearance sale price	\$3.95
4.50 Oxfords, clearance sale price	\$3.45
4.00 Oxfords, clearance sale price	\$2.25

LADIES KNIT UNION SUITS

One Lot Ladies Knit Union Suits—Regular 50¢ Kind—Sale Price	25¢
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OIL CLOTH

One Lot Oil Cloth, Slightly Soiled	15¢
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LADIES LACE HOSE

One Lot Ladies Lace Hose, Colors Black and Tan, Sale Price	10¢
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CHILDREN'S LACE HOSE

One Lot Children's Lace Hose on Sale at	5¢
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BABY CAPS

Three Dozen Baby Caps, Slightly Soiled, 10¢

CHILDREN'S HOSE

A few Dozen Misses and Children's Pink and Blue Hose—25¢ Kind—At	15¢
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CORSETS

One Lot Corsets, Values to \$2.50, on Sale	50¢
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PARASOLS

One Lot Fancy Parasols at HALF PRICE.

CORSET COVERS

Six Dozen Ladies Corset Covers, Well Worth 50¢, Clearance Price	19¢
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BEAUTIFUL VOILES

A Final Clearing of Dainty Figured and Plain Voiles, 25 and 35¢ Values	21¢
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LADIES SILK HOSE

One Lot Ladies Good Quality Silk Hose, Colors White and Black	85¢
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LADIES SILK DRESSES

All Ladies silk dresses at 1/3 off.

CURTAIN SCRIMS

Curtain Scrims, worth 25¢ on sale at	19¢
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Don't overlook the extra ordinary bargains in shoes, you make money if you buy shoes from our bargain table.

THIS SALE CLOSES AUGUST THE 3RD.

Big Savings in Ready-to-Wear

One hundred ladies and misses dresses, skirts, silk middy blouses, voile waists kimonas and night gowns on a table down stairs for convenience. You will wonder how we can afford to sell these garments in our clearance sale at

Another lot of childrens gingham and white dresses. Also middy blouses on a table to close out at

All summer skirts at a big reduction

Extra Specials in Embroidery

44-in. embroidered voiles and flouncings, sold last season at \$1.00, your choice per yard in this clearance sale

Several pieces embroidery flouncings 44-in. wide, beautiful patterns, sold for \$3.00, clearance sale price

One lot embroidery flouncing 36-in. wide, values 75c to \$1.50, your choice on sale at

One lot embroideries

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