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THE DROUTH RELIEF FUND RECEIVED

The Drouth Relief Committee organized by Gov. Hobby for the administration of his drouth relief fund has sent me \$1000.00 I have appointed on the committee for handling this fund W. A. Minter and R. G. B. Fain. The committee will meet each Saturday at two o'clock in my office and pass on the applications until the fund is distributed.

This money is to be used only for food and clothing for the applicant and his family and feed for his livestock. It is to be loaned to the applicant who will give his note payable in six, twelve or eighteen months, bearing five per cent interest. Because of the small size of the fund it is thought best to limit the amount loaned at present to \$25.00 per family. This money is to be loaned only to the most necessitous, people who have no credit or banking collateral. It must not be used for the payment of debts. Application blanks will be printed and placed at all banks in the country. The applicant should call at the bank and have his application filled out in triplicate and execute the note on one of the blanks and have the papers sent to the undersigned. The committee will pass on the applications in the order in which they are received.

The following local administrators of the fund have been appointed Abilene, Henry James, Owen Shelton, Oscar Parker; at Merkel, Thos Johnson, and R. O. Anderson; Trent, L. E. Adrian; Ovalo, J. B. Wilkinson; Tuscola, Walter Taylor; Lawn, B. M. Holland; Bradshaw, C. M. Hunt; Buffalo Gap, W. C. Lasley; Shep J. R. Crayton. All applications should be approved by one of the foregoing men.

E. M. Overshiner.

DOWN WITH THE SHOW

One of America's spectacular shows is to visit Abilene next week. It comes, usually as a welcome guest, with its trained athletes, animals and various amusement features, but this year, at the close of two years of drouth, when the people are up against adversity, when the State is raising funds to relieve suffering throughout this great section, it does not seem in keeping with the spirit of the occasion to attend such an institution. If we were in the best of circumstances and not effected by the drouth, we would have enough respect for our fellows that had suffered not to patronize a performance that would take thousands from our section at a time like this. It would not look good in the eyes of the people who have donated so liberally to help our people. This is one time the circus made a great and unpatriotic mistake by coming to West Texas on such a day. Then, too, the Liberty Loan Drive starts on the 23th, circus day, and if for no other reason, that is enough.

The Council of Defense, at its last meeting, made a vigorous protest against the show being patronized, intimating that it would not be good reading in other portions of the State. And then most people need the money they have any way, therefore it was deemed unpatriotic to attend the performances.

The government is paying high salaries for competent stenographers and typists. Take a course now at the Merkel Business College.

Coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, cakes and bread baked daily. Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

ONLY ONE ROAD TO PEACE AMERICA MUST GO ON WITH WAR UNTIL IT IS WON

(By Robert Lansing, Sect. State) Prussianism and the idea of enduring peace among nations can never be brought into harmony; compromise cannot ever be considered.

It is a fact not generally known that within six weeks after the German government had, in the case of the Sussex, given this government its solemn promise that it would cease ruthless slaughter upon the high seas, Count Bernstorff, appreciating the worthlessness of the promise, asked the Berlin foreign office to advise him in ample time before the campaign of submarine murder was renewed, in order that he might notify the German merchant ships in American ports to destroy their machinery, because he expected that the renewal of that method of warfare would, in all probability, bring the United States into war.

How well the ambassador knew the character of his government and how perfectly frank he was. He asked for the information without apology or indirection. The very bluntness of his message shows he was sure his superiors would not take offense at the assumption that their word was valueless and had only been given to gain time and that, when an increase of Germany's submarine fleet warranted, the promise would be broken without hesitation or compunction.

In view of this spirit of hypocrisy and bad faith, manifesting an entire lack of conscience, we ought not to be astonished that Berlin foreign office never permitted a promise or a treaty agreement to stand in the way of a course of action which German government deemed expedient. I need not cite as proof of this fact the flagrant violation of the treaty of Brest-Litovsk. This discreditable characteristic of German foreign policy was accepted by German diplomats as a matter of course and as natural, if not a praiseworthy method of dealing with other governments.

We must go on with the war. There is no other way. This task must not be left half done. We must not transmit to posterity a legacy of blood and misery. We may in this great conflict go down into the valley of shadow because our foe is powerful and inured to war. We must be prepared to meet disappointment and temporary reverse, but we must, with American spirit, rise above them; with courageous hearts we must go forward until this war is won.

BE PATRIOTIC

One is not entirely patriotic if he does not wear patches on his clothes. Bring out your old duds and let me patch and press them. The war is on, but when I serve you nobody knows that your clothes are old. I will make them look new. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

ATTENTION REGISTRANTS

Assistance to all registrants under the Selective Service law will be given by the Legal Advisory Board at the Commercial Club room at Merkel.

When you receive your Questionnaire, do not attempt to fill it in, but study same carefully and be prepared to answer your questions promptly. Where deferred classification will be claimed, it is necessary to have the persons present who will execute the supporting affidavits.

W. P. Mahaffey, Chairman, Legal Advisory Board, Taylor, County, Texas.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

TO DRILL OR NOT TO DRILL THAT IS THE QUESTION NOW

Slowly but surely the cumbersome machine leading to drilling operations in this great Merkel Country has nearly reached the stage to be put squarely up to the oil men. Many people have been holding, in fact far too many. During the past few days nearly all the local parties have leased. A few have not. We refrain from severe criticism of them, feeling that it is in a measure their business whether they lease or not, and yet taking a broader view of community interest, they ought not to stand in the way of public development. And, too, some of these parties are business men, men who have made their money off the people whom they absolutely refuse to co-operate with. However, there are so few of them, we hope and trust it will

not hinder the larger plans of the oil operators. It is the great desire of the oil people that no untoward incident appear.

Meeting Called for Friday night

The oil men here hoped to make a final report Thursday night. They received a telegram stating that other members of their organization could not reach here until Friday. At the Commercial Club rooms Friday night a definite answer will be given. Every citizen in all this country is urged to attend. On this occasion our hopes are to be sustained or vanished. On this night fortune will stand on tip-toe before the gaze of all, or the darkness of disappointment will weigh heavily upon every soul. Come out and let us laugh or cry together.

BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WANTED AT MARYVILLE.

Recruitment of unskilled labor for the government aluminum plant at Marysville, Tenn., is engaging the energies of the United States Employment Service this week. Junior Examiner D. Sidney Smith is holding down the local office work while Examiner W. H. Wright is at Ranger assisting in the recruiting of laborers for Maryville this week. Representative Biggerstaff of the concern is also at Ranger.

Shipment leaves Abilene Saturday morning. It is necessary for those wishing to go to be registered at the local U. S. Employment office not later than 10:30 p.m. Friday. Wages are good. Arrangements have been made for families to go. Transportation and expenses en route are advanced and later deducted. However, if a worker remains four months all deductions are returned. Women can work in the hosiery mills at Maryville. New houses can be rented at \$9.25 per month, including running water and electric lights.

Elder Cypert Leaves.

Elder W. G. Cypert and family recently left Merkel to make their home in Temple, after residing here a number of years. Elder Cypert has been the faithful pastor of the North Side Christian church for the years he has been among us. He was greatly beloved, not only by his congregation, but by all who knew him. His genial disposition made him welcome guest in every gathering. This loss of this good family is distinctly felt in Merkel, and their friends wish for them all the joy and happiness that their new field and old home affords.

VOLUNTARY HIGH SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTION

The Merkel High School is a patriotic bunch. Last Tuesday morning the High School pupils met and voluntarily raised \$67.50 for some very needed improvements to their work. A nice teacher's desk and chair will be placed in the study hall, a nice cover of green felt will be purchased, and also a scarf for the piano. Another feature of patriotic effort will be the placing of a service flag in the building and an honor roll. Some new books for the history and English departments will also be purchased.

This is a splendid movement in the right direction. In spite of the hard times, the pupils responded nobly to their own desires for these things that so much enhance the surroundings of their place of study. The enrollment of the entire school has reached 400, and will fully equal last year's attendance. All the people have not left yet. We are confidently looking forward to a very prosperous school year, one that every parent will be proud of. We are further hoping that conditions will be such as to amply insure a full nine months term. This is one institution in which we are all interested.

Allied Attack Upon Bulgars.

Paris, Tuesday, Sept. 17.—Allied forces on the Macedonian front have penetrated to a depth of nearly four and a half miles on a front of fifteen and a half miles and have captured 4,000 prisoners, according to an official statement issued tonight by the War Office.

The statement adds: "Thirty guns, numerous mine throwers and machine guns and considerable booty have been taken."

Why not look at that 160-acre farm 15 miles north of Merkel. It is a big bargain at \$26.50 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

THE NEW ST. QUENTIN DRIVE CARRIES

London, Sept. 18.—In their attack today northwest of St. Quentin the British scored an average advance of from two and one-half to three miles on a fifteen-mile front, according to reports up to this hour.

Villeret was taken by the advancing forces, as were Le Verbur, Ronsoy and Berthaucourt.

The town of Hargicourt was captured by the British. The front under attack ran from Holnon Wood, west of St. Quentin, northward to Gouzeaucourt.

The British attack took them far nearer to the line from which the German offensive started on March 21 last. The latest reports placed Field Marshal Haig's troops at an average distance of about a mile from this line. Prisoners to the number 1, 5000 are reported.

The town of Epehy, toward the northern part of the front under attack, was almost surrounded by the British.

The British have crossed the Hindenburg line at two points—at Villeret and at Gouzeaucourt.

Bulgarian resistance on the Macedonian front is weakening and the Allied troops have advanced an average of ten miles, according to the latest reports received from Saloniki. Fifty guns have been captured.

The Bulgarians fought well when the Allied attack was launched, but their resistance has become less formidable as the Allies have moved northward.

Council of Defense Denounces Circus.

"The Taylor County Council of Defense requests and urges the people of the county to refrain from patronizing the circus, which is coming September 28th.

"Inasmuch as this country is in the midst of a prolonged drouth, which has depleted our finances, that our people have pledged themselves to buy W. S. S., many are still indebted on the Third Liberty Loan, and further that the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign begins on the day set for the showing of the circus; we do not consider it patriotic to spend for amusement and entertainment the money which should be loaned to our Government.

"Parts of the state of Texas are planning to help in a financial way the drouth stricken West. Then would it not be ironical for this same drouth-stricken West to willingly give a circus from 10 to 15 thousands of dollars to carry away from our midst?"

"Taylor Co. Council of Defense."

Cotton Gin Badly Damaged

A few evenings ago some person or persons entered the cotton gin of the Planters Gin Co. and cut the belts to threads. It was a mean trick, and the company has offered a liberal reward for the apprehension of the guilty parties. The gin was preparing to start operation for the season, but on account of this damage could not get it repaired in time to do business and decided not to operate. It is hard on a town and a community to know they have some one who will do a thing like that, so we must insist that the party did not live here, until it is proven otherwise. One who will do such a thing would also burn a house, perhaps kill, or do any mean, low down trick that came his way. He is a person that should be shunned.

That 190-acre farm near Trent is an exceptional bargain at \$35 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

War Time Sweeteners



AMERICA has several excellent war time sweeteners that will be used largely during the shortage in the sugar supply.

They are maple sugar, syrups, honey and molasses and may be used in preparing desserts and other dishes requiring sweetening.

When a cup of syrup or honey is used to replace a cup of sugar the liquid in the recipes should be decreased one-fourth. One-third of a cupful of sugar is equivalent to one-third of a cup of honey, about one-half cup of syrup and about one-half cup of corn sugar. One-fourth of a cup of sugar is equal to about one-half cup of syrup or one-third cup of corn sugar. One tablespoon of sugar is equal to one tablespoon of honey, about one and one-half tablespoons of syrup and one and one-third tablespoons of corn sugar.

Sugar may be saved by the use of raisins, dates, figs, dried pears and fruit pastes used on the breakfast cereals.

Fruit marmalades, butters and jellies should be used to take the place of the ordinary sweetening at a meal and not as accessories to it. Fruits may be preserved without sugar. It may be added when sugar is more plentiful.

Preserving demands this year a thin syrup instead of a heavy syrup.

If sugar is used one-half of the amount may be replaced by another sweetener.

Drying is a means of preserving (without sugar) apples, cherries, strawberries and black caps.

When ready to use they may have added the needed sugar in the form of a syrup. When sugar is more plentiful fruit juices may be made into jellies or may be used as fruit juices with or without sugar, as beverages, fruit gelatins and frozen desserts.

Fresh fruits supply the place of sugar in the diet. They should be used freely. Desserts where sugar is scarce may be made of gelatins, junkets, custards, puddings and cakes.



CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

FOR TRADE—Fine 6-passenger auto. Worth \$2165 to trade on farm worth the money. See The Merkel Mail.

We are going to place our exclusive listings in book form and send agents to the moneyed centers "where there is something doing." If you really want to sell list with us quick. The Merkel Realty Company, at the Merkel Mail office.

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good wagon for sale cheap, or will trade for cows or hogs. Jas Patterson, Jr.

Call on us for your heaters, stove pipe, etc. Crown Hardware Company.

Ladies don't fail to see the new Selby Boots in all the late colors at Woodroof-Bragg.

Good for Biliousness. "Two years ago I suffered frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly." Miss Emma Verbryke, Lima, Ohio.

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

An Affectionate Tribute To The People of Merkel.

It has come to pass in the midst of these important years, almost universally so, that every one afflicted by the death of a loved one, commonly feels an indispensable obligation for the writing of a "Card of Thank" to the special public for blessings received in a time of great need. And this "Card" if it brings with it the idea of repay, also brings with it a larger task than one might suppose. It is better then that this shall not be regarded as a card, but really as a tribute and a true token returned in much love to you.

As you come with song, and prayer and words of sympathy, all fraught with blessing, you have furnished my very heart an outlet.

Oh, how faithful the promise of God, and helpful the sympathy of His chosen ones in the trying hour.

How still, and lonely, and sad is home since my dear wife has left it. She was one of the Churches purest, one of Heavens best, and when you memorialize to her memory, you truly and fully commend yourselves, to my heart as a band of Christians much appreciated.

Suffer me now to remain ever and forever in grateful and deathless love for you all.

S. R. Standifer, Merkel, Texas.
Sept. 16 1918.

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

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owen a fine 8½ pound boy, on last Sunday morning. Both mother and baby are getting along splendidly.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

THE BEST COTTON MARKET

When it comes to the cotton market, Merkel is by long odds the best in all this country. She simply can't be beat. A few days ago a party from a neighboring community about 30 miles away, and a railroad town, came into Merkel and investigated the cotton market. He found that he could haul his cotton to Merkel and make \$8.50 a bale over the market of his own home town. This is the way Merkel always treats the cotton market. She stays at the top. Her merchants and cotton buyers are enterprising and they are not afraid to pay the price. The party reported that he would make 11 bales, had already marketed two bales, and would bring the rest to Merkel. Merkel farmers, aren't you glad your home town is thus viewed by outsiders?

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

Miss Agnes Powell left Wednesday for a few weeks visit to her home at Leonard. Miss Powell recently underwent a severe operation and is just recovering.

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.

Tan-No-More THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER

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. Tint: White and Flesh. All dealers, 35c, 50c and \$1.00, or sent post paid on receipt of price. Sample for the asking.

BAKER-WHEELER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
DALLAS, TEXAS

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business August 31, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$192,797.58
War Saving Stamps	591.86
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds	9,750.00
Liberty Bonds	2,150.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	101,990.33
Total	\$320,824.27

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	34,511.98
Circulation	6,250.00
Contingent Liability to Fed. Res. Bank	29,537.35
DEPOSITS	225,524.94
Total	\$320,824.27

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Doris Hamner of Trent is visiting Miss Vivian Hutcheson this week.

Will pay highest price for good fresh eggs. Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

C. L. Tucker came in from Caddo to register and visit the home folks last week.

There is always something new and fresh at Rogers. Come and see.

Miss Julia Martin leaves this week for Abilene to enter Simmons College.

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

Mrs. Melton is in receipt of a card, stating that her husband, Clarence, has arrived safely overseas.

Touch typewriting and Pitman shorthand taught at the Merkel Business College in the shortest time possible.

BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN MERKEL

People are surprised at the instant action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes the entire bowel tract 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. It removes foul matter which poisoned your stomach for months. Sanders Drug Store, adv 5.

Why do you want to pay out several hundred dollars for a business course when you can take shorthand and typewriting at home by an experienced teacher and at a nominal cost? See The Merkel Business College.

ABOUT PRICES

ON DRY GOODS, SHOES AND SUITS

CALICO 10c	PERCALES 19 to 38	GINGHAMS 22½ to 30
BLEACHING yd. wide 22½	SHIRTING 25 to 35	DENIMS 50c

Mens work shoes	\$3.40 to \$4.40
Mens Dress-Up shoes	4.50 to 7.85
Ladies heavy shoes	3.40 to 5.00
Ladies dress shoes	3.50 to 9.00

MENS SUITS
\$16.50 to 35.00

SUITS

LADIES SUITS
\$16.50 to 25.00

Ladies and Misses COATS Ladies \$10 to \$25
Misses 6 to 18

ONE PRICE TO ALL
You can trade quickly with us

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

C. C. Foster visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

Hugh McRee left Saturday for Austin where he will attend A & M. College.

We cater to ladies trade. Light lunches, coffee, cakes and dough nuts, Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

Miss Minnie Ferguson left on Friday for Ricardo, N. M., where she will remain several months, holding down a land claim.

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

If you want a feal farm, we have it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Good for Billiousness
"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for billiousness. For sale by all dealers.

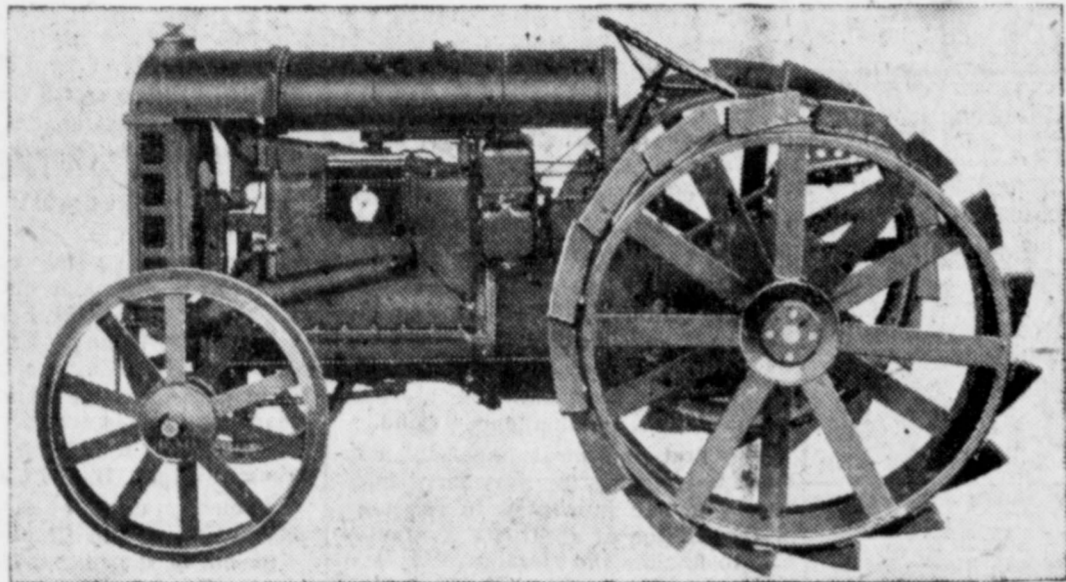
Mrs. I. D. Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, and two daughters, Mary Olive and Loessa, left Friday for Ricardo, N. M.

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. 60c per bottle.

DRAUGHON'S
PRACTICAL
Business College
ABILENE, TEXAS
Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

FORDSON

Tractor Demonstration



Friday, Sept. 20, 1918

Made by Henry Ford
the man who makes the Ford car

We expect to hold a Fordson Tractor Demonstration on this date and wish to invite every one to be present on this occasion. This demonstration will be in charge of competent men from the factory of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works and from our own organization.

Demonstration will be just west of south end of Oak street, near E. D. Coats residence. Plowing will be in progress all day, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Merkel Motor Co.

PHONE 84

MERKEL, TEXAS

G.B. Frazier Writes

I have seen many sights and places on my trip. In one place the shells began to burst and I surely did get out of there. I was at a small town about 10 miles from _____ and I went back through _____. I went to another town that night and the airplanes boomed that town. From there I went to _____ it is a nice town as the river runs through it. I stayed there for a week then I came to _____ which is a small town. The second night I was there a plane dropped two bombs about two hundred yards from me. What a noise it made. I wish you could have seen me, I was fixing to go to bed when I heard it coming. I watched him come over and when he dropped those bombs I fell behind a big log. It is a sight to see the way these towns are shelled. There are lots of them that are ruined and the people run out.

You don't have any idea what a sight it is from _____ I went on to another place and there was not anyone living there. All the bridges were blown up and the buildings were shot to pieces. There is lots of beautiful scenery over here.

I don't stay at one place long, but glad that I can travel around I have had a nice time, of course there are times when the shells begin to fall around, then _____ are not so good, it makes you think and feel lonely. I fear the airplanes most for you can't tell when they are going to drop a shell, and you know when they are over you that they might drop one. I like to see them shoot down. I have seen several and some of them comes down in red flames of fire.

Give my best regards to all

the people there.

G. B. Frazier, Truck Co. A. 117 Supply Train, American E. F. France.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, but is also pleasant to take, which is important when a medicine must be given to young children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use for many years and has met with much favor wherever its good qualities have become known. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. Wm. Scruby, Chillicothe, Mo., writes, "I have raised three children, have always used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it to be the best for coughs, colds and croup. It is pleasant to take. Both adults and children like it. My wife and I have always felt safe from croup with it in the house." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic.

Women Replacing Men For Military Service.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Women by the thousands are responding to the appeal of employers to take the place of men entering the army to fill new positions created by industrial expansion, according to the monthly business review of the Federal Reserve Board. Indications are that in a few more months the number of women entering industry will be greater than the number of men withdrawing for military service.

The review, as made public today, shows that women are spending more of their earnings for clothing. Retail dealers in all

cities where many women recently have left homes to work report booming business. This is contrary to the policies of economy urged by all government agencies as a war measure.

For a Weak Stomach.

The great relief afforded by Chamberlain's Tablets in a multitude of cases has fully proven the great value of this preparation for a weak stomach and impaired digestion. In many cases this relief has become permanent and the sufferers have been completely restored to health.

Reduction on Freight Assured.

In our opinion the Commissioners Court will meet immediately and see that arrangements are made to secure the freight reductions on feed allowed by the government. Such a course will be highly appreciated by all our farmers and stockmen. It will mean dollars saved to this drought-stricken section, and dollars saved will help enable our people to go up against another season.

Boschee's German Syrup.

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

Grave's Tasteless Chilli Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 50c.

PICTURING VICTORY IS UNIQUE THEME WACO EXPOSITION

1918 COTTON PALACE SELECTED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR GREAT WORK

Waco, Texas.—Sixty representative American illustrators have contributed decorative panels to the U. S. Food Administration, and these have been divided into five sets of twelve each to illustrate twelve points in a speech recently delivered to the Pittsburgh Press Club by Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator. A set will be included in the Food Administration display at the 1918 Cotton Palace Exposition in Waco.

Some of the "axioms of patriotism" illustrated, follow: Our bodies may die, but our souls are unconquerable.

In the cause of freedom refuse nothing.

United in sacrifice, saving and sharing, we dedicate the work of our hands during all our working hours to winning democracy.

On the reverse side of the screens on which the panels are displayed, charts show the following:

Return to the farmer for the various cereal grains by states on December 1, 1917, compared to the average return for the three pre-war years.

Cost to the consumer of a pound loaf of bread.

Consumption of beef and pork.

Production, domestic consumption, and allied requirements each of rye, wheat, corn, barley, oats, hogs and beef.

The toll of human lives exacted by the sword and by starvation since the world war began.

Boundary lines of European nations as drawn by the gaunt hand of hunger.

Where England gets her wheat.

The war map of 1918.

Other exhibits will deal with important phases of the work of the Food Administration, including a treatment of the subject:

"Noble England, valiant Belgium, splendid France, gallant Italy, take courage, we send you our best in men and our best in food."

KHAKI IN ACTION AT COTTON PALACE THIS YEAR

Every Branch of Service to Be Shown in Gigantic Exhibit.

Waco, Texas.—America's war efforts at home and abroad—soldiers and sailors at the fighting front, in camp and aboard ship, farmers striving for increased crops in this country, and hosts of others engaged in backing up the fighters—are to be shown in motion pictures at the 1918 Cotton Palace Exposition at Waco in connection with the combined exhibits of the government.

The military, naval and food production and conservation films are to be supplemented by beautiful views of America as seen in the national parks, and by pictures showing reclamation of arid lands, highway construction and other governmental activities.

Because of the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to stimulate increased food production, probably more films will be shown on this subject than any other. Pictures have been taken in many parts of the country to illustrate improved methods of agriculture, stock raising, home economics and forest management. The best and most appropriate of these will be shown at the Cotton Palace Exhibition.

The Washington horse show, showing types of pure bred horses from the fastest trotter to the draft animal, was filmed at the capital. Pictures of boys' nig clubs, taken in Louisiana and Texas, are expected to interest every farm youth for they show the steps in forming one of Uncle Sam's pig clubs, and how a boy earned the price of his first pig, which later took a blue ribbon and brought money enough to start a real herd of prize hogs. Poultry fanciers are expected to find interest in films of the government poultry farm in Maryland.

\$50 Reward

¶ We will pay the above reward to anyone supplying us, the City or County Officials with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of guilty party or parties, who cut our Gin Belts to pieces on the night of September 13th.

¶ We hope the citizenship in and around Merkel will understand that we do not intend to cast any reflection on them as regards their loyalty in supporting the law, but will understand that we are simply willing to pay anyone for their trouble who will bear this outrage in mind and report any possible clew, as we confidently believe the perpetrator can be located, and dare say/will be.

¶ We regret to announce in connection with this offer of reward, that we will not operate our gin, as since we have been endeavoring to get started, we have been hindered by one circumstance or another, until it is getting so far advanced into the season, that we will not operate; and, too, we have just received notice from Fuel Administrator that they desire us to close.

¶ We hope you will appreciate our honest efforts to get started, and remember us with your patronage another season. 20t4

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If you are looking for a square deal in investment that really pays you'll find it is War Saving Stamps.

The soldier who deserts and the person who will not pay his War Savings Stamp pledge are birds of a feather.

A Head-On Collision.

Springfield, Mo., Sept. 18.—Wrecking crews of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad were working early today to recover additional bodies of soldiers killed last night when a troop train collided head-on with a freight train near Marshfield.

The exact number of dead is not known, but eleven bodies have been recovered.

A military guard is posted around the train and in undertaking establishments here. Names of the victims have not been given out.

P. S. Stoneman of Colorado Texas, was among the injured.

May Try Felix Jones In Dallas In October.

Dallas, Sept. 17.—Further arrangements for trial of Felix Jones in the charge of murder were made Monday when Mike T. Lively, District Attorney, returned from his vacation. Jones will be brought here this week. His trial may be held next month.

Instructions about bringing Jones from El Paso were sent to Jeff Wilson, Deputy Sheriff, who is due there Monday or Tuesday on his return from California with another prisoner. To make sure of service, another warrant was sent to the El Paso County Sheriff.

Jones is to stand trial for the alleged murder of Miss Florence Brown in July, 1913. The young woman was killed in a Field St. real estate office, where she had been employed as a stenographer. Jones was indicted last summer while in El Paso, where he recently was convicted of murder. An appeal has been taken and his bond was set at \$10,000.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
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F. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

It has been talked that John Guitar had caused the Fuel Administration to close down a certain gin in this town, which is altogether a misleading statement and in justice and in the spirit of fairness the people should know truth in the matter. This is no time for misunderstandings. Below you will find letter from the County Fuel Administrator, who has Merkel in charge, relative to the operating of the gins:

W. O. Wooten Grocery Company Wholesale Grocers.
Abilene, Tex., Sept 17, 1918.

To Whom It May Concern:
I understand that a rumor has been circulated in and around Merkel, Texas, that Mr. John Guitar of Abilene, Texas had something to do with the closing of certain gins at Merkel.

In behalf of justice and fair dealings I want to correct this report in so far as the undersigned had anything to do with the closing of gins at Merkel. The facts are that the undersigned never at any time had a conversation with Mr. Guitar or any man in his employ in reference to which of the gins should be closed, and it was done purely in the interest of the conservation of fuel and the good of the public, and as I believe, for the good of the owners of all gins at Merkel.

Yours truly,
H. O. Wooten, Advisory Committeeman, Federal Fuel Administration.

I would appreciate a fair part of your ginning, and I promise as good ginning, and as fair treatment as any one can give anywhere.

Thanking you for past patronage,
I am your friend,
Fred Guitar.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

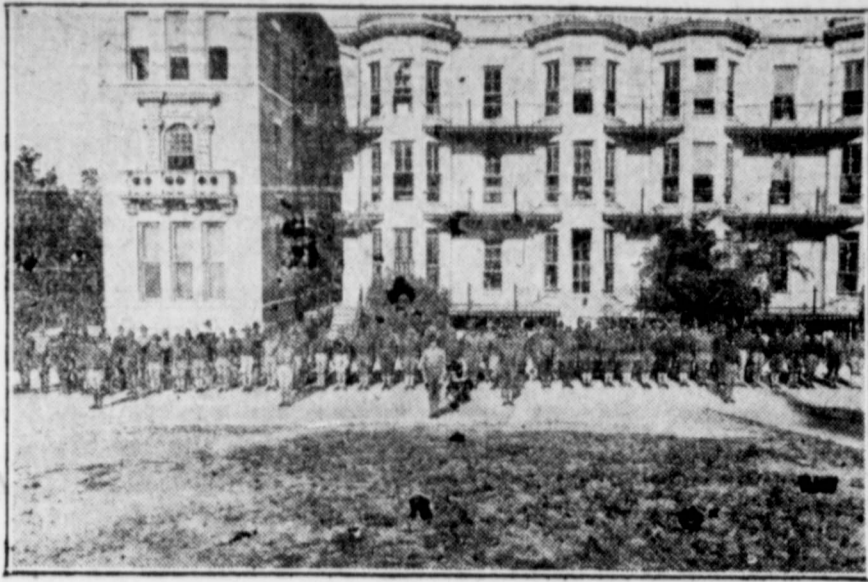
Mrs. Maude Hunter and children, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Moore and other relatives, left Saturday for New Mexico, where they will join Mr. Hunter and will make their home.

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 Gorcus.
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.
Hubert J. Swan, Trent.
John Moore, Merkel.
Lieut B. B. Brown.
Chester Hall.
Stuart Grimes.
Jas. Clyde White.



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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. Pruit, 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 McNeess.
John P. Gibson.
Leonard Willis.
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.
Hosea Winn, Trent.
Skyler Dunn, Trent.
Elmer Dunn, Trent.
Will E. Smith, Trent.
Leldon Goode, Noodle

Jas. Harmon Peterson.
W. Clarence Melton.
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.
Otto Blackmon, Trent.
John W. Hassey, 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. Willis.
Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
Claude Rosson, Trent.
Alfred Wesley Costephens.
Ulyses McNeess.
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.
Jim Burford.
Homer Tye.
Roy R. Coats.
Denzie Cox.
Lee Tipton.
Jas. Dent Gibson.
Roy R. Coats.
Sydney B. Coats.
Chas. F. Thornton.
Albert Vessell.
Jim Skillern.
Fred B. Deutschman, Noodle.
Will Merritt.
Louis Swann.
Arl Sharp.
John T. Morgan.
Frank Cook.
Will Brown.
Joel Counts.
Homer Laney.
Mason Pee.
Sam J. Gafford.
Joe Owen.
Wm. Cox.
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Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

Sentiment won't win the war, but munitions and supplies will. Pay your War Saving Stamp pledge and send the goods over to the boys.

Winter is coming. Don't wait until a norther hits and then want all those old clothes cleaned and pressed in fifteen minutes. Bring them in now.
Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

When New Year's Day rolls around in 1923 are you going to be well-off in self-respect and money? If you buy War Saving Stamps now the future will have no regrets for you. Every time you purchase a War Saving Stamp you are laying aside for the future.

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

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

FACTS ABOUT TULSA AND BIG REUNION

FINANCIAL STRENGTH IS EQUAL TO ANY UNDERTAKING

BANK STATISTIC SHOW WEALTH

Ready to Entertain Old Confederates
September 24-27 inclusive—
A Solid Week of Pleasure.

Tulsa, Okla., August—When the ex-Confederate soldiers, and their allied organizations, select a city in which to hold a reunion, if they have never met in that city before, desire for information concerning the new meeting place is widespread throughout the southern states. The Confederates last year in Washington city selected Tulsa, Okla., as the place for the reunion of 1918. It was the first time an Oklahoma city had been selected as a reunion city, and the interest already mentioned attaches to Tulsa first, to Oklahoma second.

The first and most important consideration among the very large number of people interested in reunions, is the matter of ability of a reunion city to finance the meeting. It is well known that, to properly entertain a Confederate reunion, from \$75,000 to \$100,000 is necessary. The question, therefore, in the minds of the people of the south is, "Can Tulsa furnish the money?"

No Confederate reunion city has more money, population considered, than Tulsa. Few of them have as much, with no consideration as to the population. A brief statement of Tulsa's financial strength should dispel any doubt that may have arisen on this score. In fact, the fund for entertaining the reunion is already subscribed and assured. One hundred thousand dollars, if necessary, will be expended to entertain the reunion.

A consolidated bank statement reveals the strength of the community in money. Under the comptroller's call for bank statements of the date of May 10, 1918, the banks of Tulsa showed the following wealth:

Total capital and surplus, \$3,080,000.
Total undivided profits, \$490,159.23.
Total deposits, \$52,336,215.57.
Total resources, \$59,682,974.02.

Examine now the table of bank clearings. In the month of June, 1918, the total clearings, as shown by the report of the clearinghouse association were \$47,982,045.17. Taking these figures as a monthly average for the year, the total clearings for 1918 will be \$564,984,540. This statement is under, rather than above, the figures for the year, because the clearings are increasing every month. It is safe to estimate the total bank clearings for 1918 at six hundred millions. The clearings in June, 1918, were 60.8 per cent above those of the same month of 1917.

While Tulsa is the great money center of the southwest, her people are patriotic also. They are giving and lending their money to the government for war purposes in large volume. At the close of the campaign for the third liberty loan, the community had donated and loaned to war purposes \$18,607,900. This statement includes three or four comparatively small donations to educational and charitable institutions, altogether amounting to less than a million dollars. So, Tulsa has contributed more than \$17,000,000 to the various war loans and straight donation funds. Her quota of \$4,600,000 in the third liberty loan, was subscribed in less than a week.

A community that enjoys the financial strength that these figures indicate, can finance any undertaking it may invite. Tulsa invited the Confederates to come here with their 1918 reunion, fully understanding what it would cost. And Tulsa will pay the reunion bill.

Tulsa will not only pay the reunion bill, but she will pay it ungrudgingly. She will also extend the glad hand to all reunion visitors. The dates of the reunion are Sept. 24-27 inclusive. The railroads have granted a rate of one cent a mile each way, tickets to go on sale September 19, good for returning home as late as October 31.

HEAD OF THE VETERANS



Gen. George P. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans' Association.

TULSA'S REUNION CAUSES INTEREST

MANY INQUIRIES CONCERNING ORIGIN OF THAT CITY'S NAME

FACT OF HISTORY BRIEFLY TOLD

Reunion Visitors in September Will Be Surprised and Entertained By Historic Surroundings of the City.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug.—In view of the fact that people all over the south are beginning to talk about Tulsa, and the Confederate reunion, it is not surprising that interest is attached to the name and that people of an investigating turn of mind should make inquiries about it.

Some years ago Dr. Fred S. Clinton published a pamphlet on this subject and a copy of it has been preserved in the public library. From this pamphlet it appears that the word "Tulsa" is not descriptive of man or beast. It means nothing in itself. It is simply the name of a former clan of the Creek Indians. Dr. Clinton says:

"Anciently, clans, or secret societies, existed among the Creek Indians out of which, in the march of progress, a constitutional form of government was framed, and these clans sent their representatives to the councils of the Creeks. There was a time when this oligarchic government was very strongly established among the Creeks, or Muscogees, because the members of the clans were not allowed to intermarry and representatives were hereditary. One of these clans was known by the name of Tulsa, and in this manner the settlement took its name."

The first settler within the present limits of the city of Tulsa was Archie Yahola, a full-blooded Creek Indian. He was a man of fine physique and possessed a superior mind. He came here from Georgia in 1836, and was selected town chief of the Tulsa Lochapokas. His followers idolized him, and when he died, in 1850, he was buried in the southern part of the city near the amphitheatre erected by the clan for the practice of their religious rites.

Tulsa's growth has been very rapid of recent years. It is now a modern city with an estimated population of 80,000. It has bank deposits of \$53,000,000, with total resources of \$60,000,000. The monthly bank clearings are approximately \$50,000,000. The greater part of this wealth comes from the oil industry, total daily shipments of oil from the city being 300,000 barrels. It may be of interest to make note of the fact that Tulsa is the center of the M34-Continental Oil belt from which the nation is receiving a large per cent of the oil necessary to the prosecution of the European war.

Tulsa is also a patriotic city. At the close of the drive for the third Liberty Loan, the community had invested \$18,607,900 in various war funds. Every demand on the community for war purposes has been promptly met. Tulsa's quota of the third Liberty Loan was subscribed in less than a week.

The community will redeem its pledge to the ex-Confederates like it redeems all of its obligations and meets its responsibilities. That the reunion here Sept. 24-27 inclusive will be one of the best in the history of the United Confederate Veterans' association, is assured. It is believed that the attendance will reach 100,000 and arrangements are being perfected to entertain that large number of people.

Tulsa has an interesting historical background. A corner of the Cherokee, Creek and Osage nations was within a few hundred yards of the center of the business section of the city. The Albert Pike highway, and the historic Ozark trail cross each other here. Washington Irving stopped here in 1832 while making his American tour. Sam Houston, the celebrated warrior-statesman left records of his wanderings around the city. Some of the old frontier forts that figured conspicuously in the early history of the southwest, were located near the present site of the city and their remains are yet to be seen. All along the Arkansas river, there are points of historic interest that visitors to the reunion will see with pleasure and profit.

But it is modern Tulsa that will interest the visitor most, because it is a marvel of enterprise and thrift. The new portion of the city rivals in beauty and magnificence anything on the continent. The most modern skyscrapers west of the Mississippi river are to be seen in Tulsa, and its skyline is ever changing. Development of the oil industry has made it possible for these modern buildings to be erected. Vast fortunes have been made in this one industry. Yet, there are a variety of industries here that generously repay those who have their money invested in them.

Reunion visitors will find the surroundings at Tulsa entirely different from any place where reunions have been held in the past. It will be a new world to many. Oklahoma is a wonderful section of the country, and its development of late years has been marvelous. Reunion visitors will be surprised at the growth of Tulsa and the development of the oil industry hereabouts.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

A few evenings ago Miss Eva Williams entertained in honor of Mrs. Walker and Miss Genevieve Rust. Those present were Misses Sophia Howard, Genevieve Rust, Ona Hamblett and Eva Williams, Mesdames Walker and Wedimyer and Williams; and Messrs. J. C. Mason, T. L. Grimes, E. Q. Warren, Jinks Winters, R. M. Parker and H. C. Williams. A delightful time reported.

Farewell Party.

Honoring Miss Julia Martin who left Wednesday to enter Simmons College and Hugh McRee who left Saturday night to attend A. & M. College, Misses Essie and Bess Tucker entertained a few of their classmates and friends at their home Friday evening. Selected music and various games were interesting features of the evening. As almost all young people are on such occasions, these were so delighted that they hardly realized the time had arrived for departure. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following:

Misses Julia Martin, Edna Watts, Vida McNeese, Pearl Thornton, Eunice Russell, Inez and Elsie Sharp, Essie and Bess Tucker, Messrs. Hugh McRee, Wallace Bragg, Clifford Rose, Earl Thornton, and Roy Tucker.

Bland-Allen Wedding.

Mr. Arthur Bland and Miss Eura Allen played a march on their friends, when, last Saturday, they slipped away to Abilene and were married. This was quite a surprise to every one.

Both parties were reared in Merkel and have a host of friends here. They are from our very best families. Mrs. Bland is a beautiful, accomplished young woman, possessing rare charm. Mr. Bland is one of our most highly respected and energetic young men, full of worthy ambition and possessing high ideals. We wish for them years of happiness and prosperity.

Garland-Johnson Wedding

Monday afternoon at 6:30, Mr. J. H. Garland was married to Miss Loys Johnson at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of Merkel, Rev. C. S. Cameron officiating. The couple left immediately for their new home at Ranger.

Miss Johnson is a Merkel girl, accomplished and attractive. Mr. Garland is to be congratulated upon winning her.

The best wishes of their friends go with them into their new home.

Camp Fire Hike.

Friday afternoon promptly at seven, the Camp Fire girls started on foot to Evilla Villa, where they were to spend the night with their friend, Miss Dota Garrouette. The hike proved to be the longest the girls have taken, but this did not in the least dampen their spirit, only encouraged their already hearty appetites.

Supper was spread in picnic fashion on the lawn and it is needless to say there was not a crumb left. After supper various games and music were enjoyed in the moon light and the hostess proved a most accomplished story teller. These sports continued until a late hour when a regular game of "Pussy wants a corner" was engaged in to see who should have the most desirable sleeping places. Breakfast the next morning was cooked and served in the open air and it was with deep regret that the girls had to say good bye to their amiable hostess, for the hike in home.

Plenty of oats at G. M. Sharps

If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

TULSA REUNION OLD CONFEDERATES

COMMITTEE PREPARES TO ENTERTAIN ONE OF LARGEST REUNION CROWDS

DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 24-27

Committee Busy With Organization Work and Large Fund Secured to Defray Expenses of Big Meeting.

Tulsa, Okla., August.—The Confederate veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Southern Confederate Memorial Association, hold their annual reunion this year at Tulsa, the first time the reunion has selected Oklahoma as the state in which to meet. The dates of the reunion are September 24-27 inclusive. Railway rates of one cent a mile each way from all parts of the country, have been granted by Director-General McAdoo of the railway administration. Tickets will be placed on sale about September 19, good for return passage until October 31.

These rates will apply to all members of the associations named above and to members of their families. Tickets are to be purchased on the signed certificate of department, state and camp commanders and adjutants. The certificates were supplied to the reunion committee by the railway authorities at Washington, and the committee sends them to the officers of the various Confederate organizations throughout the country to be used in securing the low rates for all entitled to them. No ticket can be purchased unless the certificate is shown to the ticket agent. It is, therefore, important that all who intend coming to the Tulsa reunion provide themselves at once with the necessary certificate, by applying to commanders and adjutants.

The Tulsa reunion promises to be one of the most successful meetings the old Confederates and their families and friends have ever enjoyed. A fund of \$100,000 has been provided by the people of Tulsa to entertain the reunion. W. Tate Brady is chairman of the general committee and Nathan Bedford Forrest is general secretary. The committee is composed of a number of Tulsa's most enterprising citizens, and they are taking much interest in their work.

The usual mess hall and sleeping arrangements have been provided for from 6,000 to 10,000 old Confederate veterans who are to be preferred guests of the reunion committee. Owing to demands for tents in the army, it was impossible to secure tentage for these old soldiers, but probably a better arrangement than this has been made. The school authorities of Tulsa, at the request of the reunion committee have ordered the public schools to be suspended for the entire week of the reunion, and the old soldiers will sleep in the school houses. These buildings are of brick, one story high, and they are provided with ample toilet facilities, water and electric lights. Five thousand double mattresses have been purchased by the reunion committee, and other necessary bedding provided. A large tent will be used as a mess hall. It will be located within a block of the convention hall in which the business sessions of the reunion are to be held. E. A. Pickens, the man who has successfully catered to many Confederate reunions, has been engaged by the reunion committee to do the honors for the old soldiers. He is now in Tulsa waiting for his friends to come. He will serve his guests three meals a day free of all charge.

The convention hall in which the business sessions of the reunion will be held is new and attractive. It seats more than 6,000 people, is well ventilated and so situated as to not be interrupted by the noise of street traffic. The hall is equipped with a fine pipe organ, one of the finest in the southwest.

Ample arrangements have been made to accommodate all reunion visitors, in hotels, rooming houses and private homes. The city is full of good hotels and rooming houses. Restaurant facilities are as good as any city affords.

Tulsa is situated in the great oil belt of Oklahoma. It is a wonderful section of country. The surroundings are entirely different from any other reunion city. It will be a new experience to thousands. Tulsa will extend a cordial welcome to every reunion visitor, and put forth her best energies to make the week the greatest one the Confederates and their friends have ever enjoyed. "On to Tulsa," is the watchword throughout the south and southwest.

Every mail brings to the reunion committee hundreds of requests for reservations of rooms at the hotels, boarding houses and private homes. Applications for certificates upon which tickets can be purchased keeps two stenographers busy attending to them. The heads of departments and divisions report increasing interest in the Tulsa reunion all over the south and southwest. The demand for rooms is not confined to one section. It is widespread. Tulsa expects a large attendance and is making preparations accordingly.

To Lend the Way They Fight

Dedicated to Our Boys "Over There" By the Central Liberty Loan Organization Eleven Federal Reserve District.

To lend the way they fight—for me,
What splendid lending that would be!
Such radiant strength of heart and hand
Lights up the waste of No Man's Land!
Such scorn of danger as they go
With smile and song to meet the foe,
Such zeal to know the VICTORY won,
To know a soldier's duty done;
To lend the way they fight—for me,
What splendid lending that would be!

To lend the way they fight—for me,
What selfless lending that would be!
For ever through the battle's haze,
The bullets' hail, the field-guns' blaze,
They dream of home and love and life,
Of child and mother, sweetheart, wife;
For these they fight and laugh at pain,
And blind with blood fight on again;
To lend the way they fight—for me,
What selfless lending that would be!

To lend the way they fight—for me,
What glorious lending that would be!
For ever with them as they fight,
Flames out the great white sword of Right;
And up above the bursting shell
The pall of smoke, the war's red hell,
It writes some message in the sky,
That makes it even sweet to die;
To lend the way they fight—for me,
What glorious lending that would be!

U. S. Judge, Edward Meek, Speaks Plainly to His Fellow-Citizens

Though removed from the danger zone of war and carnage by continent and ocean, our hearts are there, for our own flesh and blood are there fighting in a Cause we hold dearer than life itself. All agree that the sacred right of self government is the issue. There is complete unanimity among the patriotic citizens of this country that the war must be won no matter how long or what the sacrifices it takes to win it. There is also a conviction that the war will not be won until the Allies are in position to dictate the terms of peace to Germany at Berlin.

The daily reports coming to us from the fighting front in France reveal the splendid morale of our soldiers, their hardy endurance and intrepid courage and an enthusiasm in action so big, so real, so genuine that it imbues and inspires their brother soldiers of the Allies. Have we not much cause to be proud of our own?

And this is the young manhood of our American civilization, reared in the days and ways of liberty and peace, suddenly summoned to war. These men are the rare product of one hundred and fifty years of Republican Democracy in this continent. And now, what is required of us civilians who remain at home? To live within the law; to observe the regulations imposed by constituted authority; to give loyal and whole souled support to our Government. We realize more

and more through these weeks and months of stress and strain that the Government of our fathers is founded upon the Mighty and Everlasting principles of Liberty, Equality between man and man, and Justice alike to the high and low, the rich and poor. It is to preserve these our soldiers are fighting overseas. Our first great continuous and ever-present duty is to supply the sinews of war, the material funds, the money needed to prosecute the war to a successful issue—this most tremendous war in world history.

We are not called upon to give, to donate this money. We are called upon to loan it, to invest it in bonds to bear interest and the principal to be returned to us at a stipulated time.

Under these conditions, when called upon again by the United States to invest in Liberty Bonds, can we do less than loan to them for the prosecution of our war to the utmost sum of money we can reduce to our possession within the stipulated time, having first made provision for a simple and abstemious living and for the bare demands of trade or business. If we fail in this duty and of its performance in the stated measure, then we fail to do our level best in a material way for the great world cause, the cause for which our soldiers are ready to make the supreme sacrifice. Ready? Yes, willingly and gloriously ready.

EDWARD R. MEEK.

LEND AS THEY HAVE GIVEN

By T. Q. MARTIN, Chairman Dallas County Registration Committee

It is unfortunate that the heart can be stirred in times like these by only the direct calamity.

If appeals to reason could reach the deepest emotions, our Government would have all the money it needs.

The torpedoing of one of our troop ships would bring it, in a grim determined hurry, but at the same time it would be perilous for our future. The wrath of our country would be aroused to the fury of hell, and we might commit some overt act that would count against us at the peace table. To avoid such a possible tragedy, and consequent result, it is the duty of every citizen to furnish our Government with all the funds it needs without the asking, so as to eliminate the enormous expense of these Bond drives and release for other war activities the splendid services of the hosts of men thus engaged.

I want to say a word to the hundred dollar a month man without dependents, in an endeavor to bring you to a realization of his responsibility in this great war, which we will fight, and what I say to him can be

applied, in the same ratio, to every man earning one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and upwards, per month. It costs our Government close around eighty dollars per month to maintain each brave man that is fighting for the liberty of the world. Based upon the cost of the most menial labor the soldier is, at least, a hundred dollar man. He, therefore, is not only giving up his home ties; is not only offering his life, but he is actually giving our government, with no expectancy of return or hope of reward, twenty dollars every month, in order that you may have an opportunity of earning your one hundred dollars per month in perfect safety.

Are you giving twenty dollars per month to our Government to help win the war? No? Well, will you not lend our Government twenty dollars every month for the duration of the war at 4 1/2 per cent interest? Is it not the least you can do, and, honestly, is it not your duty to do the most you can?

After this war is won, probably before, there is going to be another Draft. A Draft before the Board of Public Opinion, and all men are going to be classified. There will be a class for the miser and a class for the slacker, and—may God pity them—for their fellow-man will not.

GOVERNMENT NAMES COTTON PALACE AT WACO FOR EXHIBIT

COMPLETE U. S. TRAVELING DISPLAYS OF PUBLIC WORK COMING THIS YEAR

Waco, Texas.—The United States Government has combined its traveling displays of public work and is to exhibit them at the Cotton Palace Exposition this fall so as better to inform the people concerning the work of their government toward winning the war. The combined display will be a war show from beginning to end, for every activity of the government now has a bearing, more or less direct, on the national aim of preserving popular rule for the world. Thus, not only will there be a vital interest in the exhibits of the War and Navy departments, but in the displays of the work of the Department of Agriculture in stimulating increased production of food; the activities of the Food Administration in encouraging the conservation and equitable distribution of this fundamental war munition; the addition of new food sources through the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce; the safeguarding of human life and indirectly increasing of coal production through the work of the mine rescue cars of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior; and the spreading of official news through the Committee of Public Information.

The Joint Committee on Government Exhibits, acts for the various departments in administering the displays and is headed as chairman by F. Lamson-Scribner, of the Department of Agriculture.

The government exhibit material is of such magnitude that no fair has been able to offer more space than will be filled. The Army and Navy exhibits have been made up in five duplicate sets. In fact, practically the only variations of note in the displays will be in those of the Department of Agriculture, which has planned, in addition to its exhibits of general interest, displays of particular importance for specific regions. For instance, where wheat-growing is all-absorbing, wheat will be featured, and where the cattle fever tick is sucking blood and destroying meat, special emphasis will be placed on the fight to rid American territory of this parasite.

The government exhibits will have much to detain even the idly curious, but informing the people of government work and of important aid which the public can render the government in the national crisis are the big aims. All exhibits are educational and those of purely technical interest are rarely used. Displays are the product of years of experience in exposition methods and every effort is made to visualize subjects in such a manner that observers will be informed as well as entertained.

ALLIED EXHIBIT OF WAR MATERIAL AT WACO

Waco, Texas.—The great Allied War exhibit which will form one of the 1918 Cotton Palace chief attractions in Waco this year, comes direct to the South from San Francisco, being routed by the United States government by way of Omaha. The 1918 Cotton Palace exposition is the only exposition of the Southwest that will show this great Allied War exhibit this year. Special arrangements to handle it are now being made by Cotton Palace directors. It is said to surpass anything of its kind offered to the public since the beginning of the great world war.

COTTON PALACE DATES NOVEMBER 2 TO 17 INC.

Waco, Texas.—Dates of the 1918 Texas Cotton Palace exposition have been announced as November 2 to 17 inclusive. Already plans are well under way for what will undoubtedly be the greatest exposition ever held in the Southwest. It will be primarily a war exposition, war features, war work, food conservation and other similar features predominating.

CHURCH NEWS

Over At The Baptist Church The regular services on next Sunday. The pastor will fill the pulpit both morning and evening hours. Everybody cordially invited.

The Juniors meet at 3 p. m. The B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. The evening service is held at 6 p. m.

The Woman's Society meets Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 o'clock.

All these hours of service are fixed until we have change of time again on the last Sunday in October.

Where do you worship, neighbor? A man said the other day, Nowhere. But then he reconsidered and acknowledged that he did worship. All men worship—somewhere and sometime and something. God has said, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Are you an idolater or a true worshiper?

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. Program Sept 22

Introduction, Leader. The State Needs Redemption From Industrial Greed, Willie Swann.

The State Needs Redemption From Illiteracy and Political Corruption, Lula Sharp.

The State Needs Redemption from Social Vice, Ola Sharp.

Reading, Louise Warren. Redemption of the State thru Christian Workers, and Sunday School, Walter Jackson.

Through B. Y. P. U. and Multiplication of Churches, Earl Thornton.

The members of the Union had an old time 'line up' to see which side would quote the most scripture. This test was enjoyed by all. Review up on your memory verses and come out and take part.

Methodist Church News

We had a fine day at the Methodist church last Sunday. Fine congregation, the pastor preached out at Rock Crossing at 4 p. m. Our Sunday in town was fine—that 166 attending that day looked good.

Our splayed Supt. was sick in bed last Sunday, but he is better and will be in his place next Sunday. Thanks to Bro. Browning for conducting the school on last Sunday. Let us make it larger next Sunday. We can if we will.

Methodist parents should see how our Leagues, both the Senior and Junior are growing in interest and in numbers.

Bro. Standifer, our Presbyterian pastor will fill Methodist pulpit next Sunday morning, the plan was to exchange pulpits on that day. C. S. Cameron.

League Program Sept 22, 1918

Topic, Lessons from Hymns. Leader, Miss Agnes Rister. Song Service. Introductory Scripture Reading. Hymns of Worship, Miss Annie Smith.

Come Thou Almighty King, Miss Mable McNeese.

Duet, Miss Bess Tucker and Mrs. Permyter.

Hymn 420 (Methodist Hymnal), Howard Laney.

Hymn I Love To Tell The Old Story, Miss Essie Tucker.

Hymn of Consecration, Russel Pike.

Song, Benediction.

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If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

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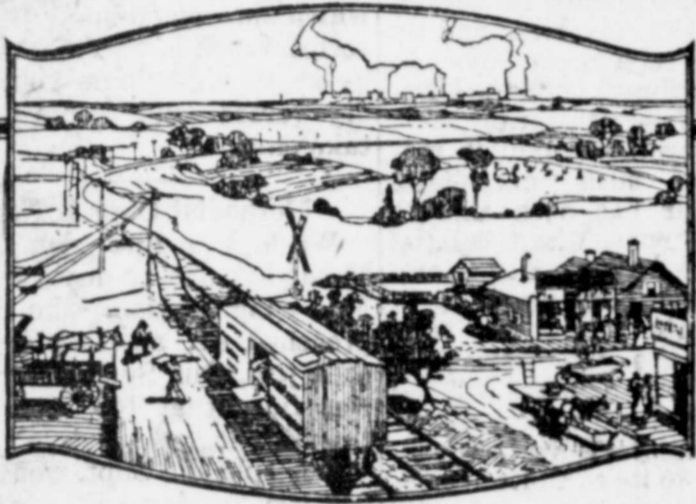
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covering towns—big, little, medium size
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branch house.

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wanted by the dealers in every town.

They are followed by refrigerator cars
loaded with retailers' orders, which are
delivered at each town—fresh, clean, and
sweet—once or twice each week.

Swift & Company operates a large
number of car routes like this, from four-
teen distributing plants.

This is a necessary and natural part
of the packers' usefulness. It fits into
the industry in an orderly, effective way.
It makes better meat cheaper from one
end of the land to the other.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



"PROMISED LAND" DECLARED IRVING

GREAT ENGLISH WRITER
MADE GLOWING PRE-
DICTION

HAS LONG SINCE FULFILLED

Reunion Visitors In September at Tul-
sa Will See Monument To
Irving Who Visited
the Spot in 1832.

Tulsa, Okla., August.—In the early
thirties, the renowned Washington Irving
came over from England and made
a tour of parts of the United States.
His tour to the southwest included
a stop among the Indians at the present
location of the city of Tulsa. Local
history has it that he paused in
an eminence about a mile northwest
of the center of the present business
district of Tulsa, and took a compre-
hensive view of the valley of the Ar-
kansas spread out before him. The
following description of the land
scape, and prophecy of the future
wealth of the community, appears in
his sketches of the American tour:

"This seems to me to be the Prom-
ised Land, flowing with milk and
honey. On the rich herbage of the
prairies will be fed herds of cattle
as innumerable as the sands upon the
seashore. And the flowers that bedeck
the prairies will be a paradise for a
nectar-loving being."

This was written October 13, 1832,
about the time of year that the 28th
annual reunion of the Confederate
Veterans' Association will be held this
year at Tulsa. The dates of the re-
union are September 24-27 inclusive,
or some ten days earlier in the fall
than the dates upon which Irving
wrote his appreciation of the valley
of the Arkansas. Visitors to the re-
union will have an opportunity to en-
joy the same river panorama, made
more beautiful and promising by mod-
ern enterprise and a city of 80,000
people. The greatest agricultural
section of Oklahoma is along the Ar-
kansas, above and below the city of
Tulsa, a land now flowing with milk
and honey, fulfilling the Irving prop-
hecy if not discounting it.

One of the beauty spots around
Tulsa is Irving Circle, on the crest of
a ridge north of the city now beauti-
fied by handsome residences. A
monument has been erected there com-
memorating the visit and prophecy of
Washington Irving made more than
eighty years ago. The idea was orig-
inated and carried out by W. Tate
Brady, chairman of the General Com-
mittee of the Confederate Reunion or-
ganization. In the meantime, the
prophecy of the great English writer
has been discounted many times.

The comparatively ancient settle-
ments of the Indians around Tulsa and
throughout the state are full of in-
terest. The footprints of the Indian
have been obliterated by the march
of modern progress, but his name ling-
ers. Where he formerly had his tent
ed villages, or wigwam abodes, cities
have been built and towns laid out.
His hunting grounds on the Arkansas
have been converted into rich and
productive farms. Alfalfa has taken
the place of prairie grass, and domes-
tic cattle graze in former haunts of the
wild beast.

All over Oklahoma prosperous towns
and cities have been built. They are
laid out along modern lines of city
building, and their people are enter-
prising and patriotic. Tulsa holds
first place among Oklahoma cities for
enterprise and progress. The city
has grown more in the past ten years
than any other city in the great south
west. It is amply able to care for a
large number of visitors, such as at-
tend the annual reunions of the
Confederate soldiers. Had it not pos-
sessed all of the facilities for caring
for the reunion, the Confederates
would not have been urged to come
here with their 1918 meeting. All who
come to the reunion will be cared for
in most satisfactory manner.

U. C. V. HONORS TULSA GIRL



Miss Juliette Hunt, of Tulsa, Okla-
homa, who is Maid of Honor of the
Headquarters Department, Sons of
Confederate Veterans and who will
take a prominent part in the annua
reunion at Tulsa, September 24-27.

They are going to "shoot" an ol
well at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this year a
compliment to the visitors to the
Confederate reunion.

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now
She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For
Her Recovery.

Royce City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kil-
man, of this place, says: "After the
birth of my little girl...my side com-
menced to hurt me. I had to go back
to bed. We called the doctor. He
treated me...but I got no better. I
got worse and worse until the misery
was unbearable...I was in bed for
three months and suffered such agony
that I was just drawn up in a knot...

I told my husband if he would get
me a bottle of Cardui I would try it...
I commenced taking it, however, that
evening I called my family about
me... for I knew I could not last
many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago
and I am still here and am a well,
strong woman, and I owe my life to
Cardui. I had only taken half the
bottle when I began to feel better.
The misery in my side got less... I
continued right on taking the Cardui
until I had taken three bottles and I
did not need any more for I was well
and never felt better in my life... I
have never had any trouble from that
day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, back-
ache, pains in sides, or other discom-
forts, each month? Or do you feel
weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so,
give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a
trial. J. 71

LORING HABLETT WRITES

Editor Merkel Mail:

I feel like it is my duty to let
you all know what is happening
out here in the way of fighting
materials. Now they sure here and
plenty of it. Subs, Sub chasers,
Sea planes and ships. My but it
looks scary when you first
see them, but after a while you
can't hardly wait to get a chance
to go on the high sea, and even
toward Berlin.

My turn to cross is coming
closer every day and I can't
hardly wait till it comes for me
to pack my hammock and Sea-
bag ready for my trip. Boys
leave every day or so and it makes
one want to go so bad it makes
him sick.

We had some excitement the
other night when a California
Prune picker got up out of his
hammock and said something
cross to a boy from Texas. So
the Texas boy just slips him one
in the jaw and now we can do
any thing and the California
boys don't have a thing to say.

I will say this before I go any
further, boy's when you first
come into Detention camp, (we
call it Goofey Camps for a nick-
name) all the boys will gey you
about being a goofey, but always
keep your lips and you will get
by much better by taking it in a
good humor, and if a Boatswain
comes around and says some-
thing go do it for if you think
you can get out of it you are a
good one, he will give you some
kind of work though if you ever
get through, you will always
obey. We get it sometimes for
just one boy or two that always
keep it going, some one falls out
of his hammock and every body
laughs at the top of their voices
and then here comes a Captain
and puts them out on parade
ground on the double for about
50 times and by then you can
sleep good till 5:30 when the old

bugle sounds, (Can't get them up
this morning) then we have to
run out and take Sweedish exer-
cises. Then comes breakfast, drill
and then more drill.

You should see how we boys
are fed and how everything
runs. Just about 160 of us work
in Mess hall, which holds about
1200 at one time and you see we
have to set the table three or
four times every meal to feed the
3500 or 4000 sailors. It takes
some cakes and pies, apples,
plums and even water melon to
go around.

I got liberty for 72 hours not
long ago and went out to Long
Beach. I just felt like I was go-
ing to run across some one I
knew and sure enough I had'nt
gone more than a block when I
saw Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen
and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris,
that once lived at Merkel, a few
years ago. I saw them and walk-
ed up and spoke to them. Mr.
Mack didn't recognize me at
once, but his wife did. Well was
so glad to see them. I invited
them over to see us drill some
on Saturday or Sunday, when
visitors we're allowed to come
out and see their friends.

Ask Jim Black if he is still as
hot as the sheep. When we were
out chopping cotton for the
farmers this summer, Jim, he
was so fleshly and worked so
hard in the weeds and stickers
that he got awfully hot and some
one asked him if he was as hot
as a sheep in July—he said he
was hotter.

I must close and get in my
hammock, and will have more
news of greater interest next
time as I may be where there is
something.

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sure your coal supply by buying now.

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WORLD'S STOMACH AND ITS DEMANDS TO BE OUTLINED

GOVERNMENT UNDERTAK-
ES GIGANTIC EXHIBIT
AT WACO COTTON
PALACE

Waco, Texas.—America must
not feed itself alone. It must
sustain millions of the citizens
and fighting men of our valiant
allies. The Food Administra-
tion, in its exhibits at the Cot-
ton Palace Exposition this fall
will drive that fact deep. Fea-
ture displays will be decorative
panels contributed by represen-
tative American illustrators to
illustrate twelve points in a re-
cent speech by Herbert Hoover,
Food Administrator.

The purpose, scope and ac-
complishments of the Food Ad-
ministration, the situation with
which it is dealing, and work
being done by the Home Con-
servation department will be
shown.

The Bureau of Fisheries of
the Department of Commerce
has displays to urge the utili-
zation of fishery products now
used little or not at all, but
that are available to help sup-
ply the demand for meat.
Samples and posters of whale,
shark, grayfish, sablefish, eu-
lachons, burbot, drums, tile-
fish, skates and rays represent
some of the dining table stran-
gers to be shown.

The fisheries exhibit also will
display tanned skins of aquatic
animals—and most people know
that leather is valuable now—
with a demonstration of pearl
button manufacture, one of the
industries that Germany domi-
nated before the war.

Programs of moving pictures
treating many war-time themes
will be shown in connection
with the other exhibits. They
will screen American soldiers
at the fighting front and in
camp; farmers striving for big-
ger crops in the country; meth-
ods of conserving as well as in-
creasing the food supply, views
of beautiful landscapes in the
national parks; reclamation of
arid lands, highway construc-
tion and other activities, many
of them in direct relation to
winning the war.

At every fair where the com-
bined exhibits will be display-
ed the Four-Minute Men—the
volunteer speakers who are
fighting disloyal propaganda
and urging unstinted public
support for every war move-
ment—will gather in state con-
claves. They will speak the
regulation four minutes be-
tween the official motion pic-
tures, and will assist the sol-
diers and sailors and depart-
ment representatives in explain-
ing displays. The Four-Minute
Men will have headquarters at
booths to be maintained by the
Committee on Public Informa-
tion.

At a number of the fairs
where trackage facilities can be
provided in or near the grounds,
one of the mine rescue cars of
the Bureau of Mines, Depart-
ment of the Interior, will be
open to the public. Full crews
of five men will be on duty to
explain the intricate rescue ap-
paratus.

PIGS IS PIGS AT WACO

AT COTTON PALACE TIME

Waco, Texas. — McLennan
county boys who secured pigs to
the number of nearly half a
hundred through the efforts of
Assistant County Demonstra-
tor W. T. Barbee, are prepar-
ing to exhibit these pigs at the
Texas Cotton Palace Exposition
which begins in Waco, Novem-
ber 2. A comparative estimate
will be made, showing what the
pig of each boy weighed when
bought and the weight of the
pig at the Cotton Palace. Prizes
will then be given for the
greatest percentages of growth
and weight.

FIRE AT COTTON PALACE

MEANS NEW BUILDINGS

Waco, Texas.—Fire which
recently destroyed the huge
grandstand, and poultry build-
ing at the Cotton Palace
grounds in Waco has assured
new structures for the expo-
sition this year. Directors have
announced that a new modern
grandstand will be started at
once and that a new poultry
building will be ready for occu-
pancy by Cotton Palace time,
which this year is November 2
to 17 inclusive.

STAY IN SCHOOL

Prof R. M. Parker received the following letter, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior:

I am pleased to know that despite the unusual burdens imposed upon our people by the war they have maintained their schools and other agencies of education so nearly at their normal efficiency. That this should be continued throughout the war and that, in so far as the draft law will permit, there should be no falling off in attendance in elementary schools, high schools or colleges is a matter of the very greatest importance, affecting both our strength in war and our national welfare and efficiency when the war is over. So long as the war continues there will be constant need of very large numbers of men and women of the highest and most thorough training for war service in many lines. After the war there will be urgent need not only for trained leadership in all lines of industrial, or commercial, social and civic life but for a very high average of intelligence and preparation on the part of all the people. I would therefore urge that the people continue to give generous support to their schools of all grades and that the schools adjust themselves as wisely as possible to the new conditions to the end that no boy or girl shall have less opportunity for education because of the war and that the Nation may be strengthened as it can only be through the right education of all its people. I approve most heartily your plans for making through the Bureau of Education a comprehensive campaign for the support for the schools and for the maintenance of attendance upon them, and trust that you may have the cooperation in this work of the American Council of Education.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
Woodrow Wilson.

Department of The Interior of the Bureau of Education, Washington, Writes:

I am enclosing a copy of a recent letter from President Wilson to Secretary Lane. The policy expressed in this letter has been the policy of the Administration from the time of our entrance into the war. Last year it was fairly easy to keep the schools up to their normal standard both as to work and as to attendance, but for many reasons it will be more difficult this year and until the war ends. Millions more of men will be called into the army, many hundreds of thousands, both of men and women, will be needed for munition plants, shipyards and other industries connected directly or indirectly with the war. The burden of supplying food and raw materials of various kinds for our Allies will continue to increase. Federal taxes must be increased largely, and there will be continued calls for subscriptions to loans. The cost of living is much greater than it was before the war. With the decrease in the purchasing power of money and the increase in the need for labor wages have increased to such an extent that the temptation becomes over stronger for older boys and girls to leave the school work for wages, and for teachers to leave their work for other forms of employment in which the pay is larger. Many good teachers will remain in the service of the schools in the face of temptation of larger pay elsewhere, but we cannot hope to keep the schools up to their full efficiency without a large increase in school revenue, which again must mean an increase in taxation. But for the strength of the country in war and for its welfare and safety after the war is

Best Treatments for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

WE SELL IT

Six Different Sales Made in Past Week From Our List of EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

☐ If you want to sell that old farm that hasn't been producing anything the past two years, that you have been paying taxes on and over which you have sweated, list it with us.

☐ If you are tired of the country and want to leave, we believe we can enable you to go to the land of your choice quicker and with more spending money than any other agency in all this country.

☐ Frankly, we are taking advantage of this oil talk. Remember that the drill has not been started, and that we are possibly several thousand feet from oil, perhaps miles. If you miss this opportunity, it may be a long, long time before you get another.

☐ If you are a citizen, we would be glad to see you stay in the Great Merkel Country, but if you are just bound to go, then let us sell your land for you.

☐ Give us exclusive listing and we will advertise your property, send agents to the money districts, and do everything legitimate to make you glad to list with us.

☐ We have several calls for royalties in the leased section. Let us have your royalty listing as quickly as possible. Name your own royalty price, if it is at all reasonable.

Following Are Some of Our Bargains

No. 311

160-ACRE FARM—This land lies 15 miles north of Merkel. 100 acres are in cultivation; all good land, except a little rough land which is in pasture. Two good wells, plenty of wood, good 5-room house with hall and porch. Church and school within 1 1/2 miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$26.50 per acre for quick sale.

No. 312

UNEQUALED BARGAIN—320 acres, 180 in cultivation; 6-room house, 3-room house and out buildings. \$1100 loan on place for 5 years. Three-quarters of a mile to good school and Methodist and Baptist churches; 16 miles north of Merkel, and about 11 miles of Sylvester on Sweetwater creek. There is some rough land, but this is an exceptional bargain, as the owner will take \$17.50 per acre for quick sale. This place must be turned within 60 days. This land is not many miles from the leased district, and just as soon as a derrick goes in, it will be worth double the price asked.

No. 313

A FINE FARM—190 acres, 15 miles north of Merkel, almost midway between Sylvester and Trent; 135 acres in cultivation, practically every acre the very best of farming land; 4-room house and 3-room house, good well, creek water, 3 separate fields, 3 pastures. \$35 per acre. There are many desirable advantages to this farm. Exceptionally easy terms. Must be sold at once.

No. 314

NICE SMALL PLACE—Must go at once. Fifty acres, 3-room boxed house and weatherboarded, near Blair. Within two miles of railroad station and only a few miles from Merkel. Price is \$2250, with little over half cash, and balance on reasonable terms.

No. 315

160 ACRES NEAR TRENT—Well improved farm 1 1/4 miles west of Trent. This is a good buy. In a well settled community of farm owners, adjacent to the very best school and churches in the country. Price is very reasonable. Lenient terms given. Same party also owns a couple of splendid residences in Merkel at reasonable prices. Royalty alone in 60 days may be worth twice the price of the farm.

No. 316

TWO FARMS—340 acres and 240 acres, owned by same party. Will sell either or both. Of the 340 acres, 120 are in cultivation, balance in pasture, of which about 100 acres are rough. Property fronts on rural route, has two sets of improvements. The price of this land is only \$17.50 an acre. Some trade will be considered. One third must be paid down and the balance will have terms at your own making. This property is 17 miles northwest of Merkel and 11 miles of Sylvester. Good schools and good churches near. The 240 acres can all be cultivated, except about 5 acres. 100 acres of this plot is in cultivation. The price of this plot is \$20 per acre, and a cash payment of \$2000 will be accepted, the balance to be paid at your own terms. Both these places make an exceptionally good buy. Possession can be given at any time.

No. 317

147 1/2 ACRES NORTHEAST OF MERKEL—This farm is four miles northeast of Merkel, 100 acres are in a high state of cultivation, lying in a valley, and is one of the most productive farms in all this country. The place fronts on public road, where a nice elevated gravel plot forms a noll for the residence, a box house containing 7 rooms and two galleries. There is a good well and windmill, fine water, fair out buildings. This place is listed for quick sale at \$30 an acre and is well worth the money. See us at once.

over the means and processes of education must not be neglected nor allowed to become less effective than they are now. No boy or girl must have less opportunity for education because of the war.

If the war is long we shall need very large number of men and women with scientific knowledge and trained skill for the higher grades of service which cannot be rendered by the millions of men and women of a lower grade of education and without which the efforts of these millions would be of little value. When the war is over and the days of reconstruction have come, the call upon this country for men and women of the highest and best training for help in rebuilding the world will be large and insistent. For our own good and for the good of the world, we should be able to respond generously. Conditions in this country and our position among the people of the world will require of us a higher level of intelligence and civic righteousness than we or any other people have ever yet attained. This must be insured largely through the education of our schools.

There are now for us as a people just two tasks of supreme importance: To win the war for freedom and democracy; and to fit ourselves and our children for life and citizenship in the new era which the war is bringing in. Both tasks must be accomplished thoroughly and well, whatever the cost in money and effort and whatever the sacrifice in ease and comfort may be.

P. P. Claxton, Commissioner.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918.
A. W. GLEASON,
(Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
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Sold by all druggists. Be careful.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Word of Appreciation

The following was received by H. F. Groene, from Geo. Woods. We are advised that your city contributed \$185.90 for the Salvation Army War Work and we wish to express our sincere appreciation of this splendid effort in behalf of this cause. Will you please convey to all contributors through the columns of the paper our sincere thanks and say to them that they have employed our workers to represent them behind the firing lines in France and our workers will do their best to merit their support. Will you also extend our sincere thanks to your associates for their assistance in this campaign, and please be assured of our deep appreciation of your efforts as chairman in behalf of the work.

Sincerely Yours,
Geo. Woods,
Brigadier, Chairman.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Merkel Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kidney ills—The lame, weak or aching back The unnoticed urinary disorders That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease. When the kidneys are weak. Help them with Doan's Kidney Pills, A remedy especially for weak kidneys. Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for 50 years. Endorsed by 50,000 people—endorsed by citizens of this locality.

W. J. Hauk, retired farmer, Anson, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills always relieve me when I use them. When my kidneys are disordered or need attention, I get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to benefit me. Another in my family has found just as beneficial results from their use."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same the Mr. Hauk had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

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TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Adkisson left Monday for Fort Worth for a few days visit.

Melons, fruit, candies. You'll find them at Boney's. 29t2c

Hugh McRee left Saturday to enter school at the A. & M. College.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

Miss Louise Warren left Wednesday for Abilene to enter Simmons College.

A big express shipment of smart, snappy fall hats arrived this week at Woodroof-Bragg's.

Miss Geneva Brown left Tuesday for Belton, where she enters Baylor Blenton for the ensuing term.

Call on us for your heaters, stove pipe, etc. Crown Hardware Company.

Be patriotic. Save your wife unnecessary labor. Linoleum will do it. A. B. Barrow & Company.

Miss Genevieve Rust left for Dallas on Monday, where she will make her home for the present.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

Save labor by putting linoleum on your floor. It is the best and the cheapest floor covering. A. B. Barrow & Company.

Mrs. W. R. Walker, who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, left a few days since to join her husband at Breckenridge.

The largest stock of linoleum in the West. Our prices are right. A. B. Barrow & Company.

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

Mrs. Dr. Armstrong underwent an operation for appendicitis at the sanitarium in Abilene Monday afternoon. She is getting along splendidly according to latest reports.

A linoleum pattern suitable for any room. Come select yours, now. A. B. Barrow & Company.

Plenty of corn and oats on hand now. Crown Hardware Company.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

The Church of God.

Because of a conflict with other appointments, I change from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Sunday at the South Side Christian Church. Cordial invitation extended to all. Q. Brown, minister.

Buy your linoleum before cold weather. A. B. Barrow and Company.

See that productive farm just a few miles northeast of Merkel. The Merkel Realty Company.

Plenty of corn and oats on hand now. Crown Hardware Company.

Why not take a business education and be of some help in winning the war. The Merkel Business College can give you the very best training in shorthand and typewriting to be had. A new class is just starting.

W. I. Avery has just returned from a visit to his parents near Lawn, as they are moving back to their old home in Iola, Kansas. He says there was not any crops at all made in that part of the country, and that the people are compelled to leave for other points.

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

COTTON PALACE AS WAR BENEFIT PLANNED AT WACO

EXPOSITION DIRECTORS FOLLOW TREND OF TIMES IN GREAT EXPOSITION.

Waco, Texas. — Something more definite in the way of patriotism will be evidenced at the 1918 Texas Cotton Palace Exposition, which opens at Waco, November 2, aside from the flying of Entente flags from exposition buildings and the playing of national airs by the fifteen musical organizations which Cotton Palace directors have contracted for.

Total receipts of the big Texas exposition for one day will be donated to the American Red Cross. Announcement to this effect has just been made by those in charge of the Cotton Palace Exposition, and a telegram to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross, has just put the exposition management on record to this effect.

The 1918 Cotton Palace Exposition in Waco this year will clearly be a war exposition. In addition to the war service trend which is being arranged for practically in every department of the Cotton Palace, the government, unsolicited, has informed the Cotton Palace management of its desire to install a War Exhibit at the exposition. The offer has been accepted. Details of this war exhibit just announced, show that it will be replete with showings of war machinery, from the Browning machine gun to the latest type of hand grenade or rifle bullet. Over thirty individual exhibits are included in the war department's bureau which will be established here.

FROM BATTLEFIELD TO TEXAS AT COTTON PALACE

Waco, Texas.—The War Department display at the 1918 Cotton Palace this fall can hardly fail to place Americans more closely in touch with their boys who are making uneasy the heads that wear the crowns. There are Browning machine guns for infantry use and Lewis machine guns of the aircraft type, mountain cannon that can be pulled to Alpine heights, figures clothed in regulation uniforms, including an aviator's flying togs; rifles of the latest model used "over there" and wooden blocks showing penetration of the old and new bullets; complete equipment of the beloved "doughboy" and a trench periscope through which he watches for friskiness on the part of the "Fritzes", gas masks that he dons when the Hun spreads his favorite poison; the trench helmet that protects him, and the hand grenade he hurls, the shovel with which he digs a trench and the pump that takes out the water.

Then there are models of the various kinds of tents used by the Army, national and regimental colors in silk, storm and post flags, a portable field wireless outfit, heliograph instruments, lanterns for night signaling, day and night rockets and signal flags.

And if any American hasn't learned yet to distinguish a sergeant major from a brigadier general, he can do so from boards which carry the insignia of officers and the chevrons of enlisted men, with the wound and service chevrons authorized for officers and men serving in France.

The Navy display shows more of the tools that are making this an unsafe place for international burglars, and also some rifles captured from German soldiers. The Navy shows a depth charge of the kind whose bubbles often mean the end for some submarine pirate, a naval mine and anchor, and a big torpedo with its truck. Projectiles of various sizes are accompanied by bombs that airplanes drop. The clothing display includes some worn in winter weather by the boys aboard our submarine. But it is expected that nowhere will the crowds be thicker than around the models of modern battleships, dreadnaughts, cruisers, destroyers and other vessels that will be shown at all the fairs and expositions.

Staples -- Staples

For a few days only we are making some extra specials in our Staple Department. We are after that fall bill that you are going to make in the next week or so. And to be sure we get that bill we are making some inducements in the prices of staples that will interest every thrifty man and woman in this country. We quote only a few of these attractive prices below. Come in. Let us show you through our immense \$35,000 stock of good clean merchandise.

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Bleached Canton flannel, per yard	35c	Special Price	30c
Bleached Canton flannel, per yard	30c	Special Price	25c
Unbleached Canton flannel, per yard	30c	Special Price	25c
Unbleached Canton flannel, per yard	25c	Special Price	20c
Bleached Domestic, No. 64, per yard	25c	Special Price	20c
Bleached Domestic, Miller Long Cloth, per yard	30c	Special Price	25c
Bleached Domestic, Advertiser AA, per yard	30c	Special Price	25c
Unbleached Domestic, Sea Island, per yard	25c	Special Price	20c
Unbleached Domestic, Monroe LL, per yard	25c	Special Price	17½c
Bleached Sheeting, 10-4 Sterling wide, per yard	60c	Special Price	55c
Bleached Sheeting, 9-4 Sterling wide, per yard	55c	Special Price	52½c
Unbleached Sheeting, 10-4, per yard	55c	Special Price	50c
Unbleached Sheeting, 9-4, per yard	50c	Special Price	47½c
Outings			30c and 35c per yard
Prettiest assortment gingham ever shown in Merkel			35c
Good Red Seal gingham			30c
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Big assortment Serge Dress Goods, per yard		\$1.00 to \$1.50	
Fancy cotton suiting, per yard			35 to 65c

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AMERICANS ASKED TO LIMIT USE OF SUGAR

Must Use No More Than Two Pounds Per Person a Month if the Present Meagre Allied Sugar Ration Is Maintained.

Stocks Will Be Short Until Beginning of New Year—Ration May Be Enlarged Then.

Two pounds of sugar a month—half a pound a week—that is the sugar ration the U. S. Food Administration has asked every American to observe until January 1, 1919, in order to make sure there shall be enough for our Army and Navy, for the Allied armies and for the civilians of those nations.

By New Year's the world sugar situation will be relieved somewhat by the new crop. Cuban sugar of this year's crop will be arriving in this country.

Every available sugar source will be drawn on by the Food Administration during the next winter months to maintain sufficient stocks here to keep up our national sugar supply. During October the first American beet sugar will arrive in the markets. By the middle of November some of our Louisiana cane crop will be available. All of this sugar and more may be needed to keep this nation supplied on a reduced ration and to safeguard the Allied sugar ration from still further

reduction. In Europe the present ration is already reduced to a minimum.

Our Situation. The situation which the United States faces in its efforts to maintain a fair distribution of sugar to the Allied world is as follows:

Sugar supplies throughout the country, in homes, stores, factories and bakeries are at a low ebb. We must make increased sugar shipments to the Allies.

Production of American beet and Louisiana cane crops have been disappointing.

Porto Rico crops have been curtailed. Immense sugar stocks in Java can not be reached on account of the shipping shortage; ships are needed for troop movements and munitions.

Army and Navy sugar requirements have increased as well as those from the Allies.

Most industries using sugar have had their allotment reduced by one-half; some will receive no sugar.

Households should make every effort to preserve the fruit crop without sugar, or with small amounts of sugar. Later, when the sugar supply is larger, the canned fruit may be sweetened as it is used.

SUMMER PASSES.

Days are getting shorter and the summer's slipping by. Soon will come October when the blossoms fade and die; Soon the Master Painter will get busy with his brush And tint the orchard apples with their most becoming blush. Then the frost will find the meadow, green will disappear And the bitter winds will whisper that old Winter's near.

Oh, the days are coming closer when we'll reap as we sow. When our worth shall be recorded by the fruits we grow. Soon the Master Painter shall in spect what we have made And, brush our deeds of valor with hue's that never fade. In the glory of life's autumn we shall see our work revealed And know that we have labored thru the Summer in a field.

It's too late when Winter's coming to attempt the work of spring.

Too late for deeds of valor when our youth has taken wing. Too late for words of kindness when old friends are dead. Age must reap as it has labored thru the Summer that has fled.

Oh, the tragedy of Autumn and of age is to behold Life's acres bare and barren when they ought to gleam with gold.

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We will pay up to \$21.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to sender's approval of our offer. Highest prices paid for Old Gold Jewelry, Gold Crowns, Bridges, Platinum and Silver.

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The Spirit of American Business

Nothing we have seen recently so strikingly illustrates the spirit of American industry during this war as an address delivered to 350 representatives of the Southern Pine Manufacturing industry by John Henry Kirby of Houston at New Orleans. The reports of the meeting indicate that the address was received with unbounded enthusiasm, showing that the sentiments expressed were felt by every lumber man present.

The heart of Mr. Kirby's address is embodied in the following paragraph, which we take from the text of it published in the current issue of the Lumber World Review. Mr. Kirby said:

"Our boys this very minute, over yonder—millions of mother's hearts are aching with anxiety—millions of American boys are 'going over the top' and offering themselves as willing sacrifices upon the altar of Liberty, to the end that the blessings of peace and the spirit of Democracy and Liberty may descend to our posterity. Let us not falter, Let us go forward, whatever may be the sacrifice, hold up their hands Let us go forward as one man and cooperate with what ever plans Washington may formulate, not only for our industry, but for all other industries. Let there be no 'slackers' among us, whether we approve or disapprove of the plans that are formulated in Washington. Let us bear in mind that bearded fathers in this country have given their sons to this great cause; that dotting mothers have kissed their boys in khaki fare-well, not knowing but that it was for eternity; that brave young wives have placed the sword in the hands of their young husbands and with tears streaming from their cheeks have bid them 'Charge.' For God's sake, can we falter? Civilization is in the balance. Whatever Washington's plans may be to get men and send them over, provide for them, transport them, whatever bans they may put on industry, or whatever orders they may give out, let us obey. Let us say as true-blue Americans—whether we think they are right or wrong, we know that the more men they send the fewer we will lose—let us say to Washington: 'Win this fight, win it quick, and we will follow you; just point the way!'

We believe that this is the spirit of all America at the present moment. The Nation is solid behind the Government.—Star-Telegram.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

GOOD ROAD PLAN

We came across a plan of road the other day adopted in every community in all the country. The government has adopted the plan in many places. It is for every farm owner where two roads cross or come together to set his corner fence in a round shape, allowing 15 feet clearance. This will enable the building of roads so that the corners may be taken without slackening of speed. Such a method will be worth it to the roads and to the country. We are sure there is no farm owner who would mind making this little gift to the public. As it is, the roads are badly cut at these abrupt corners, where people are accustomed to try to take the turns too quick. As we have said the plan is a good one and many people here favor it. We would like to see it speedily adopted.

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