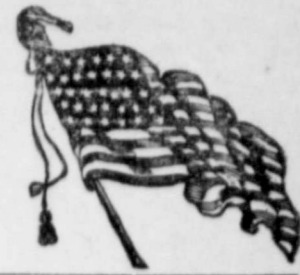




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OFFICE OF CITY MARSHAL ABOLISHED

At the meeting of the City Council last Monday evening, it was voted, upon motion, to abolish the office of City Marshal at the end of the present tenure. The duties of the office afterwards will devolve upon the Constable.

At a previous meeting the salary of the Mayor was raised from \$60 to \$400 a year and the salary of each alderman from \$60 to \$120 a year.

There is some criticism of the Council's action, and some commendation. The matter leaked out. We do not criticize the Council in not coming out and giving publicity to their actions. Our Council is composed of good, sound business men, and we trust the reason for their action is well founded in fact we know it. We are sure a full explanation will be given, and for the good of the city and the unanimity of its people, we caution patience, believing that when explanation is made every one will thoroughly understand and uphold our officials.

DISTRICT COURT OPENED

District Court for Taylor county opened at the courthouse Monday morning with District Judge Joe Burkett sitting, and the regular court staff present. The grand jury was empaneled and charged by Judge Burkett along general lines, stressing the closest investigation of charges of murder, of gaming, of Sunday selling and through the category of general crimes.

The grand jury which retired shortly afterward to deliberate is composed of the following gentlemen:

W A Campbell, Merkel; L F Bynum, Abilene; W A McBride, Abilene, Foreman; L H Vaughn, Tuscola; J D Harrison, Guion; C B Hurt, Wingate; E C Perry, Buffalo Gap; W L Morris, Ovalo; Fred Graham, Guion; J M Dry, Merkel

POLL TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED

Taylor county's voting strength in elections to be held this year will be 2427, divided as follows: Poll taxes, 2390; exemptions, 37. The voting strength last year was about 3500. The discrepancy this year is ascribed to the fact that a large number of poll tax payers were absent from the city in the army camps and in France and Germany.

The office of Tax Collector Tittle was a busy place Friday and Saturday and the clerks were kept occupied making out the receipts and taking in tax monies.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

For good syrup at right prices go to A. L. Jobe's

LITTLE OIL NEWS

There is little oil news for publication this week. We are constrained to hold up on our oil news service until the oil people catch up with what we have already said. They have the invoice for the casing now and it is looked for on every train. They have hauled oil out to the Sears location and expect to spud in just as soon as the casing arrives. Other developments are continually looked for, being based on the theory that "Hope springs eternal in the human hearts." However, the leases will expire on the 28th of May, and we are profoundly impressed with the idea that the holders of the leases will not permit them to go by default. It is not long now, and we can but expect at least four locations in a short while, all of which we would hasten by all the wishes which we can think or hope.

OVER MILLION MEN DEMOBILIZED

Washington, Feb. 1.—Demobilization of the army passed the million mark during the last week, General March announced today, with 61,337 officers and 952,411 men actually disbanded. Of the officers mustered out, 2,444 were on duty in Washington.

The demobilization has proceeded to such a point that general officers are being discharged from the war organization. General March announced the honorable discharge of thirty-three Generals, all except four of them being regulars who return to their rank in the regular establishment.

Three National Guard officers ordered mustered out are Brigadier Generals Charles X Zimmerman, who commanded the Seventy-third Infantry Brigade; Roy Hoffman, who was temporarily in command of the Ninety-third Division, and Leroy S Sweetzer, Brigadier General John A Johnson, a former regular appointed from civil life, is the fourth other than the regulars to be discharged.

General March said 10,706 officers in the United States had passed back into the Reserve Corps, furnishing a strong reserve of trained men in this important branch and with the overseas forces yet to be heard from. He said 4,293 Reserve or National Guard officers had now applied for permanent commissions in the regular army.

Another Well Located

A location has been made by A A Trath and associates for the Balberry No 2, on section 234, block 2, H & T C., Taylor County about two miles east of the Balberry No 1, which is now shut down waiting for casing. The No 2 test will be for 3,000 feet, and will be spudded in on March 1.

Fish and oysters sold or served. Fresh shipment every Friday. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Warren Bros. have just received car of good prairie hay.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOUND—Bay and a Gray horse both about 15 1/2 hands high. Bay horse has had a cut on the right fore foot. They are 13 or 14 years old. Now in my pasture. Owner may obtain same by paying feed bill and this advertisement. John Henry, Route 1, Merkel, Texas. 24t2p.

FOR SALE—Fine mare. Call at Merkel Mail.

FOR RENT—100 acres in cultivation 4 room house, good water, small pasture. Three miles east of Comper. A. B. Cranston. 7t2p

FOR SALE—A good surry and harness and a good single buggy and harness —W W Wheeler

Pigs—Pigs—Pigs At Merkel Monday and Tuesday at John Bells lot—Collins Bros 5t1p

Cowfeed at Bob Martin's

LOCAL BASKETBALL TEAM ARE WINNERS

It was a jolly bunch that gathered at the depot Friday morning to take the train to Abilene. The High School Basketball team were on hand and feeling fine, and the entire High School accompanied them to the train, a few going with them, and most of the rest following in cars in the afternoon.

They met the Abilene High School team in the afternoon, and in a hotly contested game, came off victorious, 26 to 9.

The bunch that returned, were in high glee. They won the county championship last year, and hope to win the district championship this year. As yet they have not met with defeat.

The Merkel line-up was as follows: Doyle Garrett, forward; Howard Laney, forward; Russell Pike, guard; Frank Counts, guard; Willie Stevens, captain and center; Roy Moore and Clifford Roscoe, substitutes.

The Abilene line-up was as follows: Fred Harkrider, Henry Hall, Valentine Cook, Roy Dodge, Will Riney, Morris Oliver, Ernest Hardy, Leonard Scott, Paramore Sellers, George Paxton, Graves McGee, Claude Gentry. D M Major of Abilene refereed the game. The entire faculty of the Merkel High School was present.

DECREASE COTTON ACRAGE

The West has been up against the drought for two years. Prices have been high, but our farmers could not enjoy the high prices. Now the crop prospects are bright. At the same time cotton prices are unsteady, showing signs of slumpage. This can hardly be accounted for in face of the natural demand of the Central Powers. It is believed that final peace will give an impetus to the price of cotton. The safest and best procedure, however, is to cut the cotton acreage. If only half a crop is raised, it will in all probability bring as much as a big crop. The price of feed stuff will likely remain high, and our section particularly needs feed-stuff. Low cotton prices would be disastrous. It would be well for our farmers to look into this matter closely and use their best judgement about a decrease in the cotton acreage.

Gone to Market

Mr and Mrs T G Bragg left Wednesday for Eastern markets, where they will buy a general line of new goods. They are very optimistic over the prospects for a good year and state they expect to buy accordingly.

Mr. Brown Goes To Market
E N. Brown left Monday for market. He expects to return in a few days. Mr. Brown says he believes conditions warrant the laying in of a good assortment of spring and summer merchandise.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—Car expected by February 10 from Lockhart, the genuine, machine culled, Mebane cotton seed. You will save money to see me before you buy. Call or phone orders in at once.—J. S. Hughes, Elair, Texas. 10t4p

FREE MAP & PHOTOGRAPH BURKBURNETT TEXAS Showing world's wonder oil field, sent absolutely free upon request. Ask for it today.

BROWN-WORTH OIL CO. 1015 1/2 Main St. Ft. Worth Tex. Jan17t7c.

FOR SALE—5 hens and cock, fine stock, Plymouth Rocks. Will take \$8.00 for the outfit. Apply Merkel Mail. 6t1

FOR SALE—Good buggy and harness in good shape. Used one year. Cheap See Taylor Davis. 6t2

MISS SWANN ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Willie Swann has accepted the position as milliner for Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company. She has worked as assistant milliner for the past two seasons, and for the past two weeks has been employed by the Higginbotham Millinery Company at Dallas, where she has had the opportunity of acquainting herself with the very latest creations in the millinery line. Miss Swann not only merits the position from this progressive local house, but also returns with the highest commendations of the Dallas house.

It is pleasing to know that Woodroof-Bragg decided to employ a local girl, who merited the position, as against the assumption that it is necessary to employ a stranger. We congratulate both and predict a highly successful season. Miss Swann is not only capable, but at all times will do her utmost to please. She will return the last of this week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Merkel Dramatic club meets Tuesday night Feb. 11 at the Commercial Club room and every one who is interested in the dramatic work or charity work are especially invited to come and join in the club work. The club has a play started and by the aid of a competent director expect to be able to render the play at an early date.—Club Reporter

Presbyterian Conference

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 1, 19.—Rev. S R Standifer is attending the Conference of the Presbyterian New Era Movement, and is reported as enthusiastic over the way in which the Church is rising to its opportunities, to meet the great problems of confronting it as a result of the world war.

He says he will bring home to this community a message of the great forward movement which is sure to interest everyone.

Great plans are laid out for the future.

W C Proctor, Chairman of Conference Committee.

Miss Ola Sharp, who has been visiting her uncle, John and Charley Edwards of Odessa, returned home Saturday.

Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

See Warren Bros. at once for good prairie hay. Car just received.

Plenty of Bliss Triumph, and Gobler seed potatoes at A. L. Jobe's.

REMINISCENCES OF WAR

Sergeant Bob Wilson, brother of Mrs. Henry Rose, of Stephenville, just back from overseas service, paid the Mail a visit this week. He was in foreign service about five months, most of his fighting being in the Flanders field in the vicinity of St. Quentin. While in the big attack in October he was wounded in the arm and shoulder. This was his last activity, as he was laid up in the hospital until the armistice was signed. He says it was the awfullest place he ever saw; that he believed Sherman was right when he gave his definition of war. He says he saw a great deal of the barbarism of the Hun; Women with arms cut off, some with an ear off and other disfigurements; children with one or both hands cut off; towns unnecessarily bombarded and torn up; a game was played, where some Huns cornered some little children on a bridge and ran in on them and stuck their bayonets through one at a time and see how far they could throw them down stream, the one throwing the farthest would get a drink of wine, and while at the game the Canadians came up and the Germans threw up their hands and cried Kamerad, but no mercy was shown them. He said he could have given other individual instances of brutality, some too horrible to mention.

He said that it was hard to hold the boys back; that after they went over the top for the first time they got used to warfare and without hesitation pushed forward to the utmost. He says from a standpoint of pleasure, the trip was a failure. He said the worst enemy was the machine gun. The boys were in mud all the time, sometimes up to their waists, that it rained every day.

He is of the opinion that the Huns are more than satisfied when it comes to fighting. For one time he is sure they have enough. He said the German people did things that people in this country could yet hardly believe. That the German soldiers would do anything in the world before he would face cold steel.

He said he had gone muddy and wet for ten or twelve days without having a chance to even change clothes. There is no doubt but that the war would have gone against the allies if it had not been for America; that the good bayonets of America won the war. The Germans were brave enough, but could not stand their ground against the Americans.

The object of the Hun barbarity was to make the people fear them. It was their idea that it took this to make them supreme. Further they figured that the war was theirs, that they would win and that there would be no hereafter to call their hand.

He said the boys had orders not to touch anything. He gave an instance of where a watch was seen lying on a floor, loaded and a small wire leading to it; of a dead American boy that was stood up, with a bomb connected to be discharged when the body was removed and a thousand and

SATURDAY TAG DAY FOR CHARITY

Saturday has been designated as Tag Day for Charity. The Camp Fire girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Groene, assisted by Miss Dorothy Duckett, will have charge of the work. We bespeak a kind reception for the workers, as they will be laboring in the name of humanity.

The United Charities of Merkel is to be real aid to the people. They want to be of assistance to the poor and needy, and they want to avoid giving aid to the imposter. It is about as much a duty to withhold from the latter as it is to aid the former.

The business men have subscribed liberally for this purpose already, and we doubt not but that every one of them will respond to tag day. It is the business of this organization to seek out and assist those who are timid and will suffer before they will let their needs be known. It is not purposed to give less charity, but to give more effectually.

The Merkel Dramatic Club is also preparing a play, the receipts from which will go to this purpose. It is the hope of the officials in charge of the United Charities that the subscriptions will reach fully \$1500. Let us go over the top, so that when there is need there will be ample funds in the treasury to meet the need.

Cards have been passed through the business section, stating that all calls for charity are to be passed to committee in charge for a full investigation. In this way the miscellaneous calls for charity from time to time will be referred to the committee who will go about the matter in a systematic manner, striving always to help the needy to where they can help themselves.

Let every one wear a tag Saturday.

Changes Business Name

The Anchor Mercantile Company is changing its name to the Merkel Dry Goods Company. There is no change in ownership, but it is thought that the change will be more suitable for a dry goods line. The firm completed moving to its new location early this week and has everything well arranged for active business. It is to be hoped that the building vacated by the firm will not remain vacant long. It is a mighty fine location for an oil exchange of vast proportions and we hope to see it utilized soon.

See Warren Bros. at once for good prairie hay. Car just received.

Just received car of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

one other things that would ordinarily have a tendency to make one's hair stand on end.

He is glad to be back again and hopes there will be no more wars to break the peace of the world.

Special Subscription RATES

We can let you have the

Merkel Mail

AND

Star Telegram DAILY

To December 1, 1919 for

\$5.25

Both publications without the Sunday Telegram to Dec. 1

\$4.50

Rates on All Other Papers

A Newspaper Subscription Bargain

The Abilene Morning Reporter

the paper which reaches you first and regularly with the Associated Press dispatches with the worlds latest news and

The Merkel Mail

Both publications to December 1, 1919, for only

\$3.25

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

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN TEXAS

The United States Chamber of Commerce gets out a bulletin every month which purports to show the crop outlook and business conditions in the several States of the Union. It uses text and map, the office of the map being to illustrate the text. The map presented by the current number of the Chamber's bulletin is interesting. It is interesting because it shows the conditions to be "good" in something like twenty-nine of the States; "fair" in fifteen or sixteen of them, and "poor" in only two of them. It is very interesting because of the further fact that Texas is the only State, which, almost in its entirety, is pictured as being in the midst of a "poor" condition, facing a "poor prospect." Oklahoma, to be sure is painted in colors almost as dark, but "fair" is applied to a much larger part of Oklahoma than of Texas. One gathers from this map which the United States Chamber of Commerce has just promulgated that there is a island of present and prospective prosperity down in the vicinity, as one would guess, of Nava sota or Hempstead, surrounded on all sides by a condition of poor business and poor prospect. What makes this part of the Chamber's map particularly interesting is of course, that the report it makes is so radically at variance with the notions which we in Texas had formed.

The fact is, we believe, that business conditions in Texas are better than they ordinarily are at this season of the year, and few people would think it an ex-

CAN CLEAN OIL SPOTS, TOO

Remember that no job in the cleaning and pressing line is too difficult for me. You oil enthusiasts will have lots of work, but please rest assured that I can and will give entire satisfaction.

Mrs. C. L. Cash,
Cleaning, Pressing and Mending,
Phone 124. At Anchor Mercantile Company.

aggeration to call them "good." What would make them good if all other causes were lacking is that Texas has a larger quantity of cotton on hand than ever before at this time of year, and cotton which commands a higher price than was ever obtained for any crop. As to the crop outlook, it was never more promising as this season. The Chamber's bulletin recognizes that Texas has a larger acreage in wheat than ever before, but it makes no note of two other facts, one that the condition of the crop is unprecedentedly good, and the other, that it is as sure of a price more than twice the normal. More important still a drouth that lasted as long as three years in some parts of the State has been ended, so abundantly ended that the season in the ground is everywhere probably better than any that can be recalled. On the whole, Texas contemplates the present with complacency and the future with confidence, and the bulletin of the United States Chamber of Commerce utterly misrepresents both the fact and the prospect.—Dallas News.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

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

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs O C Cooks, Macon Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs James A Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H J Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure.

STATEMENT

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of
Business December 31, 1918

RESOURCES

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| Loans | \$154,920.50 |
| U. S. Bonds and Certificates | 43,359.35 |
| War Saving Stamps | 406.72 |
| Stock in Fed. Res. Bank | 1,500.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 3,132.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 3,600.00 |
| 5 per cent Redemption Fund | 312.50 |
| Cash and Exchange | 92,331.72 |
| Total | \$299,562.79 |

LIABILITIES

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Surplus and Profits | 33,331.08 |
| Circulation | 6,250.00 |
| Due Federal Res. Bank | 25,000.00 |
| Bills Payable | 6,000.00 |
| Deposits | 203,981.71 |
| Total | \$299,562.79 |

YOUR BANKING BUSINESS IS INVITED

Every accommodation granted in line with good business methods and conservative Banking

J. T. Warren President
G. F. West Vice President
Henry James Vice Pres.
Thos. Johnson Cashier
Booth Warren Asst. Cashier
DeVerle Johnson Asst. Cash.

THE AEROPLANE.

From the days of "Darius Green and his Flying Machine" to the present, what a wonderful development in the art of flying there has been! When we see the aeroplanes rising above us, wheeling, circling, obeying the movement of the rudder, we certainly realize that man is beginning to dominate the powers of the air.

Development and improvement both in the machine itself and the mastery of it is in great measure due to the war. Up to that time the use of aeroplane had largely been for experiment and for exhibition. Its possible fields of transportation and of practical use were already efficiently occupied by other agencies.

With the war came the need, and mechanics and aviators responded to it. More improvement was probably made during the four years of war than twenty years of peace would have brought about.

Now that the war is over the development and skill gained will probably turn the aircraft to practical everyday uses.

The aeroplane is already utilized for carrying mail, and its field will undoubtedly be gradually increased to transportation of all kinds. Despite its present high cost of construction it requires neither franchise, rail nor trolley, and so it can compete favorably with other transportation agencies.

It is difficult to predict how general its use may become. It may some day become a customary thing for mankind to "fly upon the wings of the wind."

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. 30c.

GD. Bryant has plenty of cord wood in French Pasture at \$2.50 a cord. See the man on the farm. 31t2p

Same goods for less money.
More goods for same money.
A. J. Jobe

MILL-PRICES SOME LESS

We here pledge you that prices offered you below are in every instance at or less than the manufacturers are selling same goods for today

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 35c Outings, our price | 28c |
| 25c Percales, our price | 19c |
| 37½c Percales, our price | 28c |
| 27½c Gingham, our price | 19½c |
| 30c Gingham, our price | 25c |
| 35c Cheviot Sheeting | 28c |
| Men's Union Suits | \$1.70 |
| Ladies' Union Suits | \$1.30 |
| Misses' and Boys' Union Suits | 90c |
| Men's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers | 55c |

GET OUR PRICES ON SHOES : BIG SAVING IN CLOTHING

STRAIGHT DEALING IS OUR MOTTO

The Brown D. G. Co.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

CHILD LABOR

The revenue bill now under consideration in the senate contains a provision for a ten per cent tax to be laid on the profits of products in interstate commerce which are made with aid of child labor under certain legal standards. This will probably receive favorable action by the senate.

The purpose of this is not to raise revenue, but to prevent the employment of child labor by making it unprofitable.

The war has brought home the fact that the man power of our country is her greatest wealth. It is not only the most valuable, but the dearest possession of all.

We cannot have strong manhood and womanhood unless childhood is protected. It is only thus that development of mind and body together can proceed to the fullest extent.

Any money gain produced by placing a child at monotonous labor which dulls his powers instead of developing them is in the long run not a gain, but an economic loss.

A hundred and forty years ago came a period when much attention was given to formulating and securing the Rights of Man. It is the duty of our day and generation to secure and protect the Rights of the Child.

Quick Cure for Croup

Watch for the first symptom hoarseness and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once prompt and effectual Chamberlain's Tablet

Burkburnett Oil Stock 10 Cents a Share While it Lasts

We believe we have a 100 to 1 Shot right here. Read on, and if you don't agree with us, we won't ask you to buy

The Golden Goose and Refining Company

which is capitalized at only \$45,000, and whose stock is selling at only 10 cents a share, has 20 acres in the center of the new district in the BURKBURNETT OIL FIELDS where the frenzied rush for acreage is now going on. There is virtually a stampede for acreage in this immediate vicinity. Now, there must be a reason for this intense scramble for acreage. You follow us, and we will tell you the story. In this locality, and adjoining the holdings of the Golden Goose Company's 20 acres, the Quanah Oil Company has 21 shallow wells that are paying handsome dividends monthly, but, the big, important reason why Golden Goose stock should go extremely high is that large companies are putting down deep test wells practically around this 20 acres, and one of these companies on Monday, January 20, struck a sand at 775 feet which the drillers estimate will produce 100 bbls. of oil per day, and the drillers say the formation is identical with that of the big gusher near by. Now, this company is going on down after the 1900 foot sand that produces the big gushers, many of which are flowing at the rate of 1000 to 3000 barrels daily. These wells have been known to pay as high as 12 per cent daily on the investment, or in other words a \$12 a day income on a \$100 investment. Think for a minute what it means to the GOLDEN GOOSE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY and its shareholders for the big companies to spend practically \$200,000 on these deep tests, which will beyond a doubt prove up the GOLDEN GOOSE COMPANY'S 20 acres as to deep oil. If these big companies strike gushers, as their geologists say they will,

Golden Goose Stock will Go Sky High

because, it is only natural to expect to find gushers on the adjoining holdings of the GOLDEN GOOSE COMPANY also. But, even in case the big companies fail to strike gushers, as they expect, the GOLDEN GOOSE COMPANY can still make big dividends for their shareholders by developing the shallow depths, as it is only about 100 yards from their holdings to the producing wells of the Quanah Oil Company, where the 775-foot sand is producing 100 bbls. a day. Now, frankly, if these big companies that know the oil game can afford to spend \$200,000 betting that they will find gushers in this locality, haven't you got nerve enough to bet \$10, \$50, \$100, or more, that the

Golden Goose will be a Big Dividend Payer

The Officers of the GOLDEN GOOSE COMPANY are very highly endorsed by both State and National Banks.

Write your decision on your check book. Don't Procrastinate

Make all money orders, bank drafts and checks payable to BURKBURNETT OIL & TRADE EXCHANGE.

We reserve the right to refund the money in case the stock is oversold.

Fill out the blank today. Send in your money order or check.

Don't delay or you will be too late.

REFERENCES:—Any bank in Fort Worth or Wichita Falls, Texas.

Liberty Bonds Accepted at their Full Face Value

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| \$5 buys | 50 shares |
| \$10 buys | 100 shares |
| \$25 buys | 250 shares |
| \$50 buys | 500 shares |
| \$100 buys | 1000 shares |
| \$250 buys | 2500 shares |

(No subscription for less than \$5.00)

Burkburnett Oil & Trade Exchange,
112 East Ninth Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

I herewith enclose \$_____ for _____ shares of the capital stock of the GOLDEN GOOSE OIL & REFINING COMPANY, at 10 cents a share

Name _____
Town _____
State _____

JUST BACK FROM FRANCE

Some news of France: On the 11th day of November when the city of Bar Sur Robe, France, received the word that the battle was over the French sure were some happy people, not saying anything about us boys there in the hospital, but of course we had our fun. While the French ring their church bells, we were going about with tubs and pans and horns to help them. They began to get zig zag, drunk in French, and they would come around and say "legor finish", which means war finished. Some would say, Oo, la la, a French word, and they passed the wine around to us boys. They also had fireworks going up until midnight. We need some of their rain over here. I don't believe it failed to rain but just a few days for months. In farming, they work their horses after one another—one drives and the other

holds the plow. The girls do more work than men. We might start that here. What do you girls think?

The girls all ride bicycles. I think the U. S. girls have been afraid that the boys would take the French girls, but don't you worry. There is not much danger. The best of all, we found us a fine friend wherever we went. He was gray and had about four legs. Of course we thought lots of him as he would keep you good company. These friends are what we call cooties, some friend. At times we traveled in box cars. The 8th day of December we left Brest for the good old U. S. A. Everything went fine until the boys began to get seasick. When we had been three days out we ran into a nice storm. The waves would come up on the front end of our ship, the Leviathan. It has 19 decks, is 962 feet long. We landed December 16 and went to different places. Com-

pany 310 went to Camp Funston, Kans., and was mustered out there on January 3. We sure were a happy bunch of boys. The Red Cross met the train all along the route with good things to eat and smoke. At Camp Merritt we lost our great friend cooty. We had to be dipped and get new clothes. No one cried when we left him in the vat. The trip was fine. I would not take millions of dollars for the trip and for what I saw, but of course do not want to make it again. We were 14 days going over. Had some sub trouble, but no one was hurt, but one man got scared and jumped overboard. We did not stop to pick him up. He should have stayed on the ship.

Pvt. Fred B. Deutschman. Note—Mr. Deutschman lives at Noodle and has just returned from the front. He has promised to write further of his experiences.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

PREMIUM LIST OF STOCK SHOW MUCH LARGER THAN 1918

More Money and More Attractions Offered for Fort Worth Exhibitions Than Ever Before—Dates March 10-15

Fort Worth, Texas—Prizes aggregating \$25,000 have been hung up for livestock awards at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held here March 10 to 15.

This much is gained by scanning the generous premium list, the largest in amount of money ever offered, which has just been completed and issued to stockmen at all points of the compass, in Texas and surrounding states.

Increases have been made in every department of the show. These additional sums will do much towards fostering the government's plan for encouraging the production of better livestock, they will insure entry lists in all divisions that will surpass previous shows. In fact, this is already assured by the letters from breeders from all over the country that have been arriving in a steady stream at the office of the show management.

Greater emphasis than ever before has been laid upon the dairy cattle department. Through the co-operation of Jersey and Holstein associations, the amount of prize money in these divisions has been doubled this year. Indications are that the number of entries will more than justify the prizes offered.

M. Sansom, Jr., of Fort Worth, one of the best-known stockmen of the Southwest, a man with a wide knowledge of the livestock game and the show end of it, as well, has been selected as secretary manager. S. B. Burnett again is president, while the executive committee in charge of the show consists of A. B. Case, M. Sansom and John I. Burgess.

While the livestock exhibits form the central attraction of the Southwestern Exposition, as has been the case ever since its establishment twenty-two years ago as the National Feeders and Breeders show, there will be numerous other attractions that will serve to divert and interest those numerous classes for which livestock has only a passive interest. A magnificent carnival—the combined attractions of J. George Loos and the DeKreko Bros. shows—will pitch their tents upon the show grounds.

Most unique and interesting of all, perhaps, will be the Rodeo, which Webster's dictionary defines correctly as a "Round Up." Secretary-Manager Sansom has secured the services of Bob Tadlock to act as chairman of the Rodeo committee and no money is going to be spared to make this event loom up alongside the great exhibitions of Cheyenne, Tucumcari and other Western cities where frontier celebrations have been made much of.

All that can be said right now is that the Rodeo is going to be an "all contest" affair. Every entry—and they are coming from every section of the Great West—will have to win money before he or she can secure it. And entry fees will be charged, as well.

A host of other features of entertainment, including a magnificent industrial display, are being arranged. The show management feels safe in promising a variety of entertainment such as has never before been offered here.

Surgeons agree that in cases of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds the first Treatment is most important. When an Efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Ozone is the Ideal Anti septic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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The Turk played the war game very much as his friend, the Hun, only more so. Here are two Armenian orphans. Their father was one of the thousands of Armenians butchered in cold blood as a measure of "military necessity", and when the entire Armenian population was later exiled to the desert by the Turk, the mother died of starvation and brutal treatment.

To save the lives of four million such refugees—Armenians, Greeks and Syrians—the American people will be asked to give at least \$30,000,000. The week of February 3-16 has been set for the campaign in the Southwest.

Immediate Relief Necessary.

These tragic stricken people of the Near East need food so badly that they fight for carcasses and garbage for delicacies.

That's hunger for you.

To relieve the sufferings of the subject peoples of Turkey a nation wide campaign to raise \$30,000,000 will be conducted by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. The dates of the campaign for the Southwest will be February 3-10.

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The privilege of continuing your Government insurance is a valuable right given to you as part of the compensation for your heroic and triumphant services. If you permit the insurance to lapse, you lose that right and you will never be able to regain it. But if you keep up your present insurance—by the regular payment of premiums—you will be able to change it into a standard Government policy without medical examination. Mean time you can keep up your present insurance at substantially the same low rate. The Government will write ordinary life insurance, twenty-payment life insurance, and other usual forms of insurance. This will be Government insurance—at Government rates.

The United States Government—through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of the Treasury Department—will safeguard you and your loved ones with the spirit and purpose of a Republic grateful of its gallant defenders. To avail yourself of this protection, you must keep up your present insurance. Carry back with you to civil life, as an aid and an asset, the continued insurance protection of the United States Government.

Hold on to Uncle Sam's Insurance.

W. G. McAdoo, Secretary.

Early Starting of Vegetables.

The tomato, pepper, egg plant, cabbage, collard, onion, cauliflower, celery, lettuce and sweet potato will not produce either the quality or quantity of edible food if not started to growing before their season. The tomato will not set fruit, the cabbage or lettuce will not head or sweet potato does not have many tubers when grown out of their season.

In the north the growing season goes through the summer for most of the vegetables, but in Texas the best season is in the spring and fall. The sun during the summer, kills most of the plants mentioned in many sections of Texas. Many of these vegetables take so long to produce that they have to be started by artificial means.

The hot bed is the method in which to start vegetables to growing before their season starts. Many gardens use the cold frame to start their plants off, but it is best to use the hot bed and then "to harden off," the plant in the cold frame. The construction of the hot bed and the cold frame is discussed fully in Farm and Home Hints No. 190.

After the tomato, pepper etc., are transplanted to the cold frame or the field, the sweet potato can be planted in the hot bed.

The vegetable plants which are planted in the hot bed and then to the cold frames are better than the bought plants which are only grow in the hot bed.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 60¢ Sold by Sanders Drug Company

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TURN THE BOYS' THOUGHTS HOMEWARD, SAYS FOSDICK, ASKING CO-OPERATION

Washington. — (Special.) — Just before leaving for France to superintend the demobilization activities of those organizations which recently took part in the United War Work Campaign, Raymond B. Fosdick, Chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, was interviewed with regard to the present situation of our overseas forces.

"The problem presented by the gradual demobilization of more than two million men three thousand miles from home is one which will tax all our social resources," said Mr. Fosdick. "It is above all a morale problem, and it must be faced as such, with the full co-operation of families and friends here in this country, if it is to be solved successfully. Every one who has a son, a brother, must help."

"While the war was on our boys were fully occupied; they were still filled with the spirit of adventure, looking forward rather than back. Now, however, the fighting is at an end. They are going to remain, most of them, many months doing work which will be neither exciting nor particularly interesting. They will get lonesome, bored and terribly homesick."

"The \$170,000,000 raised in the recent United War Work drive is to be used precisely to bridge over this period by providing recreation and amusement. But no amount of mere money expended in such a way will be enough. What these boys really want is not diversion, but human interest and sympathy. These things expressed in letters from home will warm their hearts and create a home atmosphere around them, even while they are absent from the family circle."

"Such letters may be a very necessary sheet anchor to windward in the case of some boys. The thought of some one waiting for them, counting on them, will, more than anything else, make them hold back and think twice before plunging into situations which might mean harm and unhappiness for them."

"We have raised the cleanest army in the world. We have kept it clean. We hope to bring it back as clean and strong as it was when it left us. But while we believe our soldiers will stand the present test—the hardest of all in some ways—as bravely and successfully as they have stood every other test of their manhood and endurance, it is our duty to give them all the help we can."

"This, as I have said, can best be rendered by means of letters which will begin now, at once, not only to satisfy their home longings, but to turn their thoughts from tasks already accomplished to the long years of life ahead of them."

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 30¢ Sold by Sanders Drug Company

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Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.
Oran Edwards
Nall Perkins.
Fauss Banner.
Clyde Garrett.
Roy O. Stevens.

Earnest Yancy
W. A. Hellums.
Geo. Ferrier.
Will Cox.
Sydney Cox.
John Kyle Blair.
Wm. A. Bond.
John Clyde Bond.
Luna W. Tittle, Jr.
Jas W. Mayfield.
Ora L. Mayfield.
Birt Mayfield.
Paul McMurray.
Ulric Forrester.
Andrew Archer.
Roy Adams.
Britt Baker.
Edgar Breeze.
W. B. Brown.
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Frank J. Ferrier.
De Goccus.
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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.
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Joe L. Evans, Trent.
W. W. McElmurray, Trent.
Hubert J. Swan, Trent.
John Moore, Merkel.
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Chester Hall.
Stuart Grimes.
Jas. Clyde White.
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L. A. Dudley.
Robert Vernon Boring.
Sherley King.
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Archie Rose.
Fred Harrell.
Chas. C. Jones.
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Roscoe Sharp.
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E. M. Harris.
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Dee H. Donnell, Trent
Hollis Brown, Trent.
Royce Dowdy, Trent.
Robt. B. Parker.
Frank E. Smith
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James O. Dulin.
Kirby L. Vidrine.
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Leland L. Martin.
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When Swift & Company paid, say,—13 dollars per hundredweight for live beef cattle last year, the profit was only 13 cents! In other words, if we had paid \$13.13, we would have made no profit.

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This, and many other points of interest, are found in the Swift & Company Year Book for 1919, just published which is brought out for the public as well as for the 25,000 Swift & Company shareholders.

The Year Book also represents the packer's side of the Federal Trade Commission investigation, upon which Congress is asked to base action against the industry.

Many who have never heard the packer's side are sending for the Year Book.

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☐ We have made several nice deals to East Texas parties recently and have calls for more.

☐ If we have your exclusive listing, we can afford to advertise your property and take plenty of time to properly develop a sale.

☐ If you do not wish to give exclusive listing, of course we are glad to know that you will sell and want full description of your property.

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☐ We have an 80-acre tract, nearly all in cultivation, well located, that is a genuine bargain. It should be seen to be appreciated.

☐ We have a 120-acre tract that must be sold at once. Terms attractive, improvements splendid and a give-away price.

☐ We have a ¼ royalty just one mile north of Trent at the ridiculously low price of \$2.25 per acre on 160 acres.

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THIS MAN WANTS TO TALK TO YOU



FRANK M. SMITH
Federal Director War Loans and Savings

Suppose you were attacked by a gang of ruffians who nearly killed you, and you were saved by some plucky doctor who himself was injured in the struggle, but who stayed by you night and day until you recovered.

Would you refuse to pay the doctor's bill on the ground that the danger was now past and that paying for past services was an unpleasant task, anyhow?

You would not. You would regard it as a sacred duty to liquidate that debt.

I see no difference between the situation described and the position of every man, woman and child in this country today. At the cost of life and magnificent effort we have been saved by our fighting men and our intelligent, hard-working statesmen from something quite as bad as death.

A Most Solemn Obligation
rests upon us to pay the bill. There is so much owing that we can never repay that there should not be heard one murmur about settling the financial part of the obligation.

I do not believe that there will be any difficulty. The American people are just people who pay their debts, they are grateful and generous people.

The Government paid out the stupendous sum of Two Billion and Sixty Million Dollars in war expenses during the month of December alone and the expense will go on for many months to come. Of course the Government was borrowing all this money from the banks, and must soon pay it back—and, of course, we must find that money.

We Are Going to Do It
by buying Thrift Stamps, Savings Certificates and Liberty Bonds on a scale bigger than ever before. We are going to economize and save, not because we are afraid of the Hun getting his foot on our neck, but because we are grateful to Almighty God, our sainted dead, the boys who are coming back with victory in their hands, to our beloved President and his helpers, to all of whom is due the credit for the glorious result.

We Are Going to Save, Too,
because we have found out that it is just the grandest thing in the world for us, mentally and physically. We are going to save because it brings us a solid satisfaction and peace of mind.

The fighting has ceased, the bands do not play or the flags wave now, but the earnest purpose behind our effort in the great world war remains yet to be accomplished. Much effort and billions of dollars have yet to be spent before this objective is attained. Millions of lives, the agony and sweat of untold thousands has been the cost of victory. It is for us to see that this priceless purchase is not thrown away. In such a task we cannot, dare not, do less than our very best.

FRANK M. SMITH.

OUR NEW LOCATION

¶ We have moved to the Gaither Building, one door north of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Our stock is straightened out and in fine shape. We are prepared to serve our patrons as never before.

¶ We have enjoyed a liberal patronage in our dry goods department. We appreciate this more than words can tell. We know the need of specializing, and it is our purpose to specialize to the utmost in the lines we carry. It is our ambition to have the very best dry goods store in all this part of Texas. More attention will be paid to the buying and selling ends of the game. Greater pains will be taken in the selection of seasonable goods and attractive designs.

¶ In carrying out our plans, we have decided to change the name of the company to the

MERKEL DRY GOODS COMPANY

as we believe that name will best suit our needs. ¶ The new location is open to all comers. We welcome you. We are rapidly getting everything in fine shape and it will please us mightily to show you through.

¶ AND PLEASE REMEMBER—That we just got moved in time to unload our new goods in our new home. They are coming in now. They will interest you. And then we have some extremely fine bargains left. Make your selection now.

¶ We did not move in order to do less business, but in order to obtain a building better fitted to our needs, and where we may be able to do more business. If we have served you before, be sure to remember us and call in, and if you have not previously traded with us, you have a most cordial welcome. Remember the location and call at your pleasure.

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WOMEN KNOW JOY OF INDEPENDENCE



MRS. E. B. REPERT
Federal Chairman Woman's Liberty Loan Committee

Thrift and economy, championed by the womanhood of America, have won the struggle against greed and rapacity. Cannons and guns and men did their part on the field of battle but it was the savings of the men and women at home that put them there.

Out of the four-years tragedy has come the lesson of thrift. Not the niggardly hoarding of the miser, but the knowledge of the value of economy that produced the sage advice of Burns:

"Save money not for to hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a train attendant;
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

Women have always been the saviors in the home, from necessity, but "the glorious privilege of being independent," gained from the fulfillment of a patriotic duty, has given them an incentive to economize and save for the sheer joy of saving.

A far-seeing government has provided us with a means of saving—Thrift Stamps, War Savings Certificates, Liberty Bonds—which, apart from their use in winning the war, have proved to be one of the greatest moral and material blessings ever devised.

There has been no letting down of effort by the women of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District because the Fourth Liberty Loan was put over successfully and war was declared ended soon after. It has ever been the part of woman to do quietly, but effectively, those duties requiring persistent effort, with a thought only for the final result. Patiently and steadily the officers of the Women's Liberty Loan Committees have been preparing the way for the next great demand, unchecked by the fact that bloodshed has ceased.

As chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, I ask every woman in the district to be true to the traditions of our sex. Through necessity we learned to save. We can now put to use the knowledge gained of independence through saving. We owe this duty to our children, our families, ourselves, and our country.

(MRS.) E. B. REPERT.



Your Government asks you very earnestly not to sell your Liberty Bonds unless you have to. To part with your Liberty Bonds means giving up your pledge of patriotism and citizenship, and handing your responsibilities and privileges over to some one else. Liberty Bonds will be worth much more money presently and it is good business to hold them.

If you must sell, get the full market price. Go to a responsible banker and let him give you information and advice. Do not sell to just anyone, who may not treat you fairly.

CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church

In spite of soft mud and weeping skies last Sunday's attendance was fine. One hundred-seventy-seven reported for Sunday school and the Departments at the Annex had several perfect classes. It is believed that we will soon have every resident member in some department of the Sunday school.

An interesting time is in store for the Khaki Klass and the Philatheas on St. Valentine Day. All the regular services next Sunday. The object sermon at the morning hour.

Our Sunday evening services will be at 7:30 now. Male quartette at the evening service. Everybody invited.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.
Walter Jackson, supt.

Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at 9:45. Every member present, on time, with a prepared lesson and an offering. Preaching at 11 A.M. Subject, The Transfiguration of Jesus. At the morning hour Miss Eva Williams will sing, "The Golden Bells." The time of the evening service will be changed to 7:30. Number at prayer meeting last Wednesday night was 65; our goal 100, come and see.

W. M. Murrell, pastor.

League Program for Feb 9
Subject, A Hundred Years of Methodist Missions
Leader, Claude Riney.
Scripture and Comment, Rolie Hill.

Piano Solo, Annie Mae Costephens.
The Centenary Celebration, Leader,

Africa Overseas, Rosa Laney.
Africa at Home, Roy Moore.
The League's Part, Hazel Harkrider.
The Centenary Hymn
Song, Benediction

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

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SATURDAY SPECIALS

Every Saturday we have
Fresh Cream Puffs
Yeast-raised Doughnuts
Saratoga Chips
and other good things to eat

Nice assortment fresh Candy
always on hand.

Fish and Oysters
in season

Met. Cafe and Bakery
PHONE 4

Willie Joe Largent, who has been real sick for some time is now on the road to recovery. He is the proud father of a fine baby girl which came to make her home with them some two months ago. Mr and Mrs. Largent named the little one, Clara Francis.

Plenty of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

R R Jones and Bert M Davenport just returned from overseas service, and are visiting Mr.

and Mrs J G Jones They have a number of souvenirs picked up on the field of battle.

See Warren Bros. at once for good prairie hay. Car just received.

For That Terrible Itching
Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Q. Brown Dead
Following swiftly upon the heels of the death of her little boy, Mrs. Q. Brown, last Saturday, followed him to the grave. I was one of life's solemn tragedies when this devoted mother slipped out into eternity and away from her baby and several small children. Loving hands ministered to her every want and tenderly watched by her bed side, but the disease was beyond the power of human aid, and quietly she passed away.

She is survived by her husband and children. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev W. M. Murrell officiating.

We know that her going fitted exactly into the plan of the maker of the universe, but why we do not know. The justness of it can only lie in implicit faith in the fact that He doeth all things well.

COMPERE NEWS

The farmers are happy over the good rains which have fallen the past months.

We are sorry to report Mr. Luther Winters sick with pneumonia.

The School is progressing nicely under the supervision of Misses Nora Hooser and Bess Tucker. A very interesting program was rendered at the school last Friday afternoon, and they are planning another to be rendered on the 22nd of Feb.

There was small attendance at Sunday school last Sunday.

The Baptist preacher could not fill his appointment on account of the weather and mud.

Rev Calloway will fill his regular appointment at 3:30 Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr Ellington and family have moved to Merkel.

Ed Spurgin and A B Cranston are attending District Court in Anson this week.

Frank Windham and family left Friday morning for Eastland.

Brer Rabbitt syrup at G. M. Sharp's

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The snow came; it keeps raining. Surely prosperous times are on the way for the drouth stricken portions of the West. We are looking for some old pessimist to say that he is afraid it is going to rain too much, that the bugs will eat the cotton and the rust will get the wheat. Well, at any rate, we may be able to have sufficient oil production to enable us to sprinkle the potato vines with the fluid.

The oil business is picking up about Merkel. Several leases and royalties changed hands the past week. It will likely increase in interest from now on. Good reports are coming from some of the wells being sunk in the country, and local drilling prospects and getting brighter every day.

It is high time our people, especially of West Texas, begin to think of the old Homestead laws that hamper the development of this great section. These laws were intended to help the people on the farm, but in West Texas they serve to break him. We know dozens of good men who have been tried by the drouth and who needed money to make a crop, but who could not pledge their land for a loan. We have known some of them who have moved off of their farms and bought other property to enable them to secure a loan on their farm. We have known instances where to borrow \$1000 on their farm, they have had to spend from \$400 to \$600 for other property. We would like to know what they think of the old, moss covered, out of date homestead laws.

The Legislature is in session. Wisely and well the great Governor of Texas has lived up to his promises. Prohibition and woman suffrage, the uppermost questions in his mind and in the minds of the thinking people of this country, have been submitted already to the lawmaking body. They will give it quick consideration. The law makers have met under favorable auspices. It looks like there is going to be considerable constructive legislation. The enemies of the Governor will have to hunt their holes. Helpful criticism will serve to keep the proper ballast, but degrading criticism wrecks its own discomfiture. They said Hobby was an anti and would never submit the question of prohibition to a vote of the people. Now we guess they will say he betrayed the infernal liquor traffic. At all events he goes right along, doing what he thinks to be his duty and there is not the usual stink about the capital city. Go right along, governor, the people of this State are with you in your constructive legislative plans, and when matters of constitutional amendments are submitted to the people, they are going to vote for what they believe to be right and helpful.

There is lots of worry over the country about the proper entertainment of the soldiers upon their return. People are a great bother to themselves sometimes. This matter of entertain-

ment need bother no one. The big fellows will be properly entertained. Oh, the joy of the reuniting of friends and loved ones! The sublimity of the souls will be poured out in common fellowship. What will a little cheap entertainment mean to men, real men, men who have grown from boys into the big things of life in a day, men who have resolutely faced the cannon for their country? It makes us tired. Then these boys are resourceful. They will bring entertainment with them. We watch for their return with joy. The love of the populace will be showered upon them. The boy in khaki thrills us. We envy him. We feel that he has offered his life in our stead. It may be marked down right here that the boy whose very soul has been tried by fire will not be hard to entertain upon his return to the bosom of the land that delighted to honor his exploits.

It is time for the people of Texas to look into the stock selling oil companies. Many of them are worse than a gamble. As long as there is an even break, the game may be played fair, but if there is no chance at all, it is not an equal gamble. It is said that dry holes have been drilled in some of the oil centers and the drilling outfits removed and yet stock is sold for no other purpose than to go into the pockets of the promoters. Doubtless before this legislature adjourns, every company selling stock will have a high degree of fairness in it. It is a standing joke that a little peace of land of little value may be made the basis of a big company, and the promoters owning that land retain the big interest. Such is not right. The people need protection. When the oil boom is over, thousands of people are going to find that they have been putting their hard earned money into a sink hole. A few make good. That is what adds zest to the gamble.

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New York, Jan. 20.—First hand testimony regarding the reported practice among the Germans of rendering human bodies to obtain fats and oils was given by Capt. Robert W. Hudgens of Laurens, S. C., who arrived today on the Hospital Ship Comfort. He is a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Infantry and was wounded in nineteen places by a high explosive shell. Although his body was mutilated from head to foot, he is now able to walk.

Captain Hudgens said that during the German retreat his regiment passed over the Hindenburg Line near Bellecourt. The Germans had been retreating rapidly for days and had not had opportunity to remove equipment.

At Bellecourt the American troops discovered a tunnel which Captain Hudgens said he him-

self entered, in which there was found a large chopping block and beside it a huge cauldron. When he visited the place he saw in the cauldron hands, fingers, feet and parts of the torsos of human beings, while the bodies of two Germans lay on the chopping block.

In an adjoining room, Captain Hudgens said, many bodies of German troops were found piled up like cord wood, while on barges in a canal which cut through the tunnel were found other piles of bodies.

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By virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, on the 27th day of December 1918, by A. J. Keer, Clerk of said Court against J. T. Brown, C. L. Brown and J. M. Norris for the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars and cost of suit, in cause No. 3105 in said Court, styled The State of Texas versus J. T. Brown, C. L. Brown and J. M. Norris and placed in my hands for service, I, J. S. Bond, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of January, 1919 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, described as follows, to-wit: Its tract, Lots Numbers Fifty-three (53) and Fifty-four (54) R. A. Miller Subdivision of the W. 1/4 of Lot No. Eighteen (18) Section No. One Hundred Forty seven (147) Grimes County School land, as described in deed recorded in Volume Ninety-seven at page 209, deeds records, Taylor County, Texas.

2nd. Tract. One Hundred-twenty (120) Acres off the East Side of the S. E. Quarter (S. E. 1/4) Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. Section Number Sixty-nine (69) Block Number Nineteen (19) at page 551, deeds records, Taylor County, Texas.

3rd. Tract. Thirty (30) acres off the South-east quarter (S. E. 1/4) of section Sixty-nine (69), Block Number Nineteen (19), Texas & Pacific Railway Co. land, as described in deed recorded in Volume 98 at page 574, deeds records of Taylor County, Texas.

and levied upon as the property of said C. L. Brown. And on Tuesday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1919, at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said above described land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. L. Brown by virtue of said levy and said Alias Execution and in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1919.

J. S. Bond, Sheriff,
Taylor County, Texas.

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Starving, But Sunning Themselves



Sunlight is about the only necessity of life left to the starving peoples of Armenia, Syria, and other Eastern countries which have been ravaged by the Hun and the Turk.

Here are some Syrian children, emaciated, on the point of death from starvation, sitting out in the sun, trying to keep body and soul together with the pitifully small rations allowed them by insufficient relief funds. Additional funds for relieving these victims of war and famine will be raised in America by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, a minimum of \$30,000,000 having been pledged to this work.

The week of February 3-10 has been set by Southwestern campaign directors for raising their quota of the \$30,000,000.

The Sole Survivor



A mother before her sons' dead bodies in the woods of Etchmiadzin, Russian Caucasus, one of the regions of the Near East, where the Germans and Turks have converted a rich country into a land of famine and misery. America will be asked to give \$3,000,000 for the relief of these war stricken peoples, a campaign for that purpose having been planned by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. The drive in the Southwest will take place February 3-10.

NERVES "ON EDGE"?

Merkel People Will Find Encouragement in the Statement of a Merkel Resident

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Feel dull, shaky, tired?

Are your kidneys working right?

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The Department Of Labor Has Great Task

By February 1st at least a million and a half able-bodied men, housed, fed and clothed by the government, will be thrown upon their own resources. While they are being mustered out of the army, opportunities for employment are steadily decreasing. For instance, almost immediately upon the signing of the armistice the immensely expensive task of cutting spruce

for airplanes on the Pacific Coast was partially suspended and 12,000 men were thrown out of a job in a day. A short time later contracts for 116 and, after another short interval, for sixty more wooden ships were cancelled. Night and Sunday work in all the shipyards of the country was ended, releasing perhaps 50,000 more men. It is safe to assume that between now and March 1st American industry, American farms and transportation system will be asked to find employment for at least three million men.

It is most important that these men be placed in suitable jobs speedily, smoothly and without delay. If many of them are out of employment and in distress for long periods, trouble must inevitably be the result. The industries of peace need the labor of these men, yet it will be a herculean task to distribute and place them in fourteen weeks, a task the size of which becomes apparent when it is remembered that it requires eighteen months to pull an equal number out of their jobs into the army.—From the January Sunset.

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R. L. MASSEY WRITES
Bordeaux, France Nov. 29.

Dear folks at home:
Had a very good time yesterday, a good turkey dinner. I thought of the good dinner I had last year with Mr. Tittle. I got up this morning and cooked our breakfast and have been working ever since and it is now nine, but the censor ship has been taking off the letters so I thought I had better write a Christmas letter home, now here is Dad's "Christmas Letter".

We can now tell most any-

thing we like for the first time. I will start from the beginning and tell you a little of the past. You well remember I left home April 1st, and landed at New Port, R. I. April 7th. I spent from the seventh of April to the seventh of August in New Port, and was then transferred to Boston, where I had a very good time for nearly a month. I was removed to Philadelphia, where I spent two weeks and a half of pleasure. On September 2nd, I was notified to be ready to leave for Naval Base No. 7 at Brest, France. On Sept-

ember 5, I was notified to get ready. We left Philadelphia at 7 o'clock in the evening. We had good berths that night, but had to hit the deck at 4 A. M. at Cape Charles, Va. We went from there to Norfolk, Va., where we arrived at two o'clock, having had nothing to eat since the day before. We waited around the station at Norfolk for four hours and caught a Ferry to the Transport, U.S.S. Huron. We were so hungry we ate like hogs and got our stomachs out of order for the sea.

On the morning of the eighth we sailed from New Port, Va. It was raining so we were soon out of sight of land. Everything passed nicely the first day with a little rough sea. Next day we met a Convoy of about seventeen ships, consisting of eight transports carrying about 40,000 colored troops and the remainder of the ships were torpedo boats, destroyers, Battle Cruisers. Everything passed along fine for the first week at sea, outside of a little sea sickness. I worked in the butcher shop on the way over, and I had to work sick or well, which was the better for me. Nearly all the troops were sick and being in such a close place made things smell a little unpleasant. It was really a great trip after all. We had plenty of amusement. The Y. M. C. A. man sang and we had a colored quartette which afforded plenty of laughter. We also had boxing and pictures in the afternoon. About the 10 day out we sighted our first submarine. We fired several shots and the destroyers dropped depth charges, which put everything out of sight. We had two other attacks like this, but every one was carried out with an abandon ship drill, we were quiet again and soon forgot our position. Owing to the zigzag course we took and the slow speed of some of the ships in the convoy, we were 13 days coming over. We landed September 21, in Brest, France. The saddest thing of the trip was the death of two soldiers, one Lieut. These men were embalmed and sent back to the states for burial.

We were kept aboard the ship two days before we were put off. On Sept. 23, we were sent to the Naval Base at Brest. The Base is in an old Chateau of which some of the buildings were built, B. C. 49. These buildings seemed very old to us but they are as firm as they were when new. I have pictures of these places, which I will show and relate the history later in person. The next day we made our first liberty in France. We first went to the American Y. M. C. A. and had some of our money changed to French money, also learned the value of the money, which was on the same table as I had learned in school, but the value had decreased owing to war.

We soon learned the nature of the French people, which is very interesting. They are slow, easy and quiet dispositioned, but are firm and do things well, but it takes them three days to do the work an average American does in a half a day. They are great friends and lovers of the American people and will do anything to favor them. After being in Brest a few days and getting liberty every night, we soon picked up a few French words, also met a few French girls that could speak a little English, so we passed the time very pleasantly while there, although our liberty was up at nine o'clock on account of the war being on and the lights are put out for fear of air raids. Just as soon as we were acquainted well and things were getting a little monotonous we were notified to be ready to leave for Cordiff, Wales.

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On the morning of Oct. 15, we packed up and were ready to leave. There were about 800 of us. We loaded our bags on trucks and were marched through Brest, down to the station to the cattle cars. We distributed some corned beef and hard tack through the train in each car and loaded our baggage, then the officers called for volunteers to move some special cars up for the officers. Ernest and I volunteered, to assist as usual. After we moved the cars up and the officers were in their cars, there were two special cars left and we, who had volunteered got to ride in the first class cars, while the other fellows had to ride in the cattle cars, which read on the door "40 men or 8 horses." We left out of Brest about seven o'clock in the afternoon and traveled through France by way of Paris, for 4 days and nights. We were seeing lots of country, but having to eat hard tack and corned beef, or "cornbill" as it is called in the navy. The worst of this trip was after traveling four days and three nights we landed at La Harve, France in an English rest camp, where the boys from the front come for a leave after being in the trenches for a while. We arrived at this place about one o'clock in the night, tired, hungry and sleepy.

They marched us into some sheds where we slept on iron beds with one blanket to cover with, but here is where Ernest and myself had it over the other fellows, being brothers and together, laid his blanket down to sleep on and covered with mine and slept close together, fared very well that night. The only thing we rested here was our stomachs. We stayed here two days and nights and had a good opportunity to learn how things were at the front, also there were lots of our boys there from the front. The soldiers seemed to think that the "chow" was good, so we got a taste of what the boys were going through.

I thanked myself for enlisting in the Navy, although we have buffed a few of the waves.

On the afternoon of the 21st, we left the rest camp and were marched aboard a ship with about 2,000 German prisoners. We were not allowed to talk to them, but we managed to get a few souvenirs off them. They would give you anything they had for a cigarette. The next morning we landed in South Hampton. Here we took the train for Naval base 29 at Cordiff, Wales. We were kept in a large hotel called the "Angel Hotel", which had been taken over by the U. S. government for 99 years. We didn't do very much while here. We took our meals at Cafes and Hotels and fared fine for about three weeks. I liked here better than any place I had been because I could understand, also the girls are good looking and love the sailors and say they are coming home with us. After being here three weeks and having a very easy time, and having a regular girl I regretted to leave.

Ernest and myself went up and requested to be sent aboard ship together, and the Lieut. asked us several questions about how we worked together, and did we fight etc. We told him we had been working together all our lives and never fought, and he said "I will send you together." We came aboard the U. S. S. St. Clair the 29th of Oct. This time the ship was loaded with wood, which was brought from France to Eng-

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land, unloaded and the ship loaded with coal, which we brought to St. Malo, France. Here was an American rest camp, and we sure had a pleasant time there. The soldiers were very nice to us. We unloaded the coal and sailed back six miles from Cordiff, where we loaded on 1010 tons of coal and sailed to Belfast Ireland, and loaded on spuds to finish out our load.

The Irish people are sure fine people, and were nice to us and showed their appreciation of our work. We stayed in Ireland for three days and were well pleased with the town and people, that we hope to go back there soon. After we had finished out our load with spuds, we sailed to Bordeaux, France, where we are at the present time. They are unloading the spuds now and it is nearly one o'clock at night. You see they work here night and day. Colored soldiers are doing the work.

Bordeaux is the best place in France that we have visited. The population is about 500,000 you see it is a good town. It is located on a river in the South-eastern part of France. After

we have unloaded here we will load on again with wood and take it to England or Wales, the eastern portion of England, to make paper out of.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Would certainly like to be with you.

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Pvt. R. E. DOWDY WRITES

Floguy, France Dec. 18.—Dear Grandparents:

As I am here all alone and haven't written you in some time, I will spend a few lonely minutes in relating to you some of my experiences. I am sure you have a curiosity to know just what we boys have and are now going through with and experiencing.

Well I do not know how to value my experiences, some of the people say I wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for it. Well if I get back safe, I wouldn't take that for mine, but if I don't get back, I would be willing to take a clime for it. But as highly as I value it, I would be willing to give Uncle Sam all my experience and a little boot to get to come back now.

When I first came to France, I didn't like the people very well. They were so different in every respect to the Americans, but since I have become better acquainted with their manners and customs, I like them much better.

They remind me of the Indians. The women do most of the hard work. Such as pushing the wheelbarrow, milking the cows, and goats, hearing the sheep, and taking care of the money. They also, do the cooking, but that is a very small task as they eat nothing but soup, rabbit and bread. They buy all their bread with bread tickets. They are allowed just so much to the person. The bread is already baked. There is no flour in France. They keep their rabbits in pens and care for them like we do our chickens or hogs.

There are very few chickens in France and of course they are valued very highly. I bought one egg yesterday and gave 10 cents for it "raw". I hired a lady to cook it for me with two or three potatoes and my bill was 60 cts. So you see every thing is very high priced.

They pile all their waste, such as straw, ashes, manure, and trash in one mound, where ever it comes handy, if it is in the front yard all right, if in the back yard allright. They care nothing for the out side, but they keep the inside very clean and nice. They do most of their hauling on wheelbarrows. A person able to buy a pair of wooden shoes and a wheelbarrow is equipped for carrying on trade in what ever occupation he desires.

I cannot give France credit for but one thing, and that is good roads. They have good roads all over France, but if they didn't have good roads they would never get their wheelbarrows anywhere, as it rains all the time.

There are many things I would like to tell you about, but I haven't time now.

I will say the first German soldier I saw was a dead one, I shall never forget how that bugger looked and how I felt.

While on the front I witnessed several sleepless nights and one fight, but it lasted from the time I went on the front until I came off. You can say what you please about war, but I say Sherman was correct when he said, "War is Hell."

Well I must go to what is called a bed.

Lovingly your grandson,
Pvt. Royce E Dowdy,
Hq Co 142 Inf 36 Div. France.

HOME FOLKS MUST HELP.

Washington.—(Special).—The War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities has hit upon an important and entirely new idea in the "Letters-from-home" plan just announced.

Pull the boys through the most trying period of their service by writing the right kind of letters, letters full of the home feeling, the mother feeling. This appeal is made to mothers, fathers, sisters and sweethearts by the War Department. It is hoped that millions of inspiring letters will be written the week of December 15, designated as "Letters-from-home" week. Pulpit and press are co-operating to make a great success of the plan.

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. No cure will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY

The Woodroof-Bragg Company

have received their first express shipment of new spring millinery and invite you to visit their millinery department, where you will be shown a most exclusive stock of the newest styles to be found in the eastern markets. The new spring styles are tempting in exclusiveness and attractive in prices.

White Goods

☐ We have the exclusive sale of "Lin-weave" white goods, the only white goods that retain the luster of linen after washing

New Gingham

☐ Big shipment of Red Seal and York Gingham just received. Also a shipment of romper gingham and play cloths.

Shoe Specials

☐ We have a large stock of new shoes ordered and in order to make room for them we have decided to sell off a large assortment of blacks, whites and tans for ladies and misses. Lowcuts, pumps and oxfords in values from \$3.00 to \$4.00 special ----- \$1.95

Mens Hat Specials

☐ About 3 dozen cloth and velvet hats in small shapes, \$1.50 values for only ----- 79c

Lace Specials

☐ One lot of laces, consisting of linen bands, val. bands and edges, widths 2 to 12 inches, values to 35c, special per yard ----- 9c

Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Sam Butman of Ranger spent several days here this week.

Plenty of oats and corn—G M. Sharp.

Oakel Reed has received his discharge and is back home again.

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

Leol Merritt has been right sick this week, but is reported much improved.

High priced home made candy sold cheap. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Depheda McClary little daughter of Mr and Mrs. P L McClary, is right sick.

Three pounds of Breakfast Delight coffee for \$100 at G. M. Sharp's

Henry Brighth has received his discharge from the army and is now at home.

Goods delivered to any part of the City, will appreciate your business Call me up Phone 134. A L Jobe 7t2c

Mr and Mrs Plair and children are leaving for Ranger, where they will make their home in future. Their furnishings have already preceded them. They will engage in the hotel business in that thriving oil city. They have been in the hotel business here for a number of years, and have many friends who dislike to see them leave. We wish them great prosperity in their new home.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, burning, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels, of Trent, had the pleasure of having their three son's, William A. who received his discharge Jan 8th, at New York; Dexter H. who received his discharge Jan. 28th, at San Antonio and Vallie E. who received his discharge on Dec. 2nd at Abilene, to eat Sunday dinner with them for the first time in two years. The two older boys have been away in the service of their country. This was indeed a happy occasion for them all and it is useless to say it is one never to be forgotten.

A scald, burn or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Sold by Sanders Drug Company

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Mrs. U B Wheeler writes they have moved from Tulia, Texas to Bovine, Texas, to make their future home. She says they like their new location fine and requested the Merkel Mail be sent to their new address. She also, states they have quite a lot of snow on the ground, and prospects are good for a fine crop this year.

Warren Bros. have just received car of good prairie hay.

East Texas ribbon cane syrup at G M. Sharp's

W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

Reason Enthroned

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For Sale by all dealers

ROY ORAN STEVENS DEAD

Another One Of Our Boys Made The Supreme Sacrifice

As yet the toll of life from the dreadful war is not finished. The signing of the armistice lent hope to every parent that their boys might come home in safety. But last Friday news were flashed over the wires that Roy Oran Stevens, son of Mr and Mrs T L Stevens of Trent, was dead. The shock to parents and loved ones was exceedingly great, for Roy was a perfect specimen of manhood. He enjoyed unusual good health, and his last letter to his parents was full of hope.

The body reached Trent Tuesday night, accompanied by one of his companions, who remained for the burial services. The funeral took place at the Methodist church at Trent at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, Rev. F T Johnson, officiating. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel, as soon as the cortege reached there.

The burial ceremony was participated in by a number of returned soldier boys who acted as pallbearers and fired a salute as the body was lowered. This is the first military funeral that has been given to any one of our boys, who preceded him because this is the first time there has been enough of our boys here to thus honor the dead.

Roy enlisted at Fort Worth in July, 1917, and joined his command the following August. He was then transferred to Camp Travis, where he remained until April, 1918, when he was transferred to Camp Merritt, N.J. From what information that has yet come to hand, it seemed that he was taken with the "flu" Monday, January 27, and his parents received the first message that he was ill on Wednesday. Pneumonia developed in a malignant form, and death occurred at 4 o'clock, Friday morning, January 31.

Roy was one of the most popular young men of his section always pleasant and agreeable, loved devotedly by all who knew him. While he was not a member of the church, he claimed to be a Christian and when his mother visited him at Camp Travis just before he left there, he told her not to worry over his future, for whatever came to pass, he was prepared to go.

He is survived by his parents, three sisters, Mrs. R L Reeves, Campbell, Tex., Misses Lula Mae and Laura Renner, and two brothers, R. F and J. P.

Here we have another sacrifice to the cruel effects of war, another of our best and strongest young men gone to join that innumerable army that has preceded him to the great beyond. He died for his country. He paid the price for world liberty, as many another has done, and we stand with bowed heads about his honored grave. We can but add our mite of sympathy to the bereaved ones. Their sorrow is great; but they have the sweet memory to linger with them that he died in the discharge of his duty and for his country. His going is a distinct loss to his family, to his friends and to the whole community in which he lived.

To the family we extend our heart felt sympathy

Miss Flora Riley of Trent is visiting Mrs C Melton.

Cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 60c Sold by Sanders Drug Company

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Chas L Gass and family have moved to Merkel from Quanah. They reside on Oak Street

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

A Belated Wedding Announcement

We don't know how long it would have remained an unsolved mystery; it happened a long, long time ago; in fact long enough to have been forgotten by some people. In some mysterious way it leaked out. Possibly if it had not, no one would have ever known any difference. They courted, they loved, they married, yet people said it had gone on so long that they never would make a match. They did.

On August 17, 1917, at the arch of the Santa Fe, this side of Sweetwater, Miss Geta Beckham became the wife of Alex Williamson, the ceremony being performed by Rev W. T. Hammer, who was at that time pastor of the Baptist church at Trent. Only one or two other parties witnessed the performance.

Mrs Williamson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs C T Beckham of Trent. She is talented and popular. Mr Williamson is one of Trent's most enterprising young business men.

They fooled the wise ones; they captured cupid and defied him to scream; they played the game of silence to a finish. Now you fellows who say a woman can not keep a secret come forth and shell down the coin. One instance there is on record where she has kept a secret.

We congratulate them upon the secret being discovered, for we can but doubt that they will experience a life of far greater happiness. They will reside in Trent. May their lives be full of love and blessed with prosperity.

Congress is sending out many letters and bulletins, urging gardeners to make adequate preparation for spring planting, so as to increase the yields. The earlier the seed bed is prepared, the more moisture will be stored in the soil and the better the prospects for a good garden this spring and summer.

The plentiful use of well rotted barnyard manure, thoroughly worked into the soil, is being encouraged; it is one of the best fertilizers that can be used for the home garden, and is generally available. It supplies a great deal of plant food, helps the soil to retain moisture and adds humus which makes the soil porous, thus permitting the sun and air to permeate the ground.

Joe Owen is down with the "flu"

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Bob Martin's Grocery is to be commended for serving the people with a new Automobile delivery service.

Not oil, but home made candy Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Miss Edith Brown has returned home after spending a few months in Burkburnett

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

C L Mullins of Lamesa is visiting his sister, Mrs L T Stone. Mr Mullins received his discharge from the naval service on January 29 at Norfolk, Va.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Warren Bros. have just received car of good prairie hay.

Robert L Wilson of Stephenville is visiting his sister, Mrs Henry Rose. He is just back from overseas service.

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