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WILL SPUD IN NEXT FEW DAYS

February 11 was set for the spudding in of Sears well, but on account of a break in the pump, the date was postponed until the 12th. When the boiler was fired up, a boiler tube blew out, necessitating another delay. It will be next week before they will be able to spud in. We believe and hope that when they get started everything will move forward with great rapidity.

It was reported in Abilene and appeared in some of the daily papers that the well had already been spudded in. In the oil game it is easy for the hounds to get ahead of the game. Another week, and we hope for much activity.

The car of material expected so long from Ranger, rolled in Thursday morning. When it started a kitten was closed in car. When it arrived the kitten had become an old cat and had a litter of pretty kittens. Even cats, young and old, are getting into the oil game.

IMPROVEMENTS IN MERKEL

A V Dye has just completed remodeling his residence across the street east of the Woodrum Hotel. It contains six rooms and is modern throughout. Mr Dye is a practical workman and he spares no pains or expense in making his home modern in every respect. Originally it was a block down the street and he moved it to its present location, and practically rebuilt it. It has been papered throughout.

Dr Gambill is adding a room to his cottage in the southern part of town, and is also making extensive outside improvements. When finished, he will have one of the most attractive and convenient little homes in his section of the city.

L R Robbins is also adding extensive improvements to his lovely home in South Merkel. He already had a beautiful place, having spent much time and money in making it attractive and convenient, and now he is adding to it, enhancing its value and making it far more convenient.

We are glad to note these improvements. It has been a long time since we have had the opportunity of recording similar activity.

NEW ERA CONFERENCE

The program given at the Presbyterian church 7:30 Tuesday evening was attended by a representative gathering. Rev. I A Owen, chairman of the New Era Movement Abilene Presbyterian, delivered a very enthusiastic address. He pointed out the wonderful possibilities of united and aggressive effort. He was followed by Rev. Geo P Howard superintendent of Home Missions, who lent inspiration to the service and outlined the dynamic purposes and energising

and reviving effects of the great movement.

The organization is a direct result of a conference with President Wilson, himself an ardent Presbyterian, who advised, when asked how the ministry could serve in war time, to go to the individual church and build it up in every useful capacity. This is what the New Era Movement means, and subscriptions are being taken to raise a fund of several million dollars to further the great work.

The New Era movement gets in behind the Sunday School, the young people's work, the women's organization and every department of church activity, outlines a high purpose and calls on every individual to move forward.

TAG DAY POSTPONED

On account of the inclement weather last Saturday, it was decided to defer Tag Day until next Saturday. The same arrangements will prevail as outlined for last Saturday. Mrs. Groene and Miss Dorothy Duckett will be in charge of the Camp Fire girls, who will sell the tags. The entire receipts will go to the United Charities.

SING SONG PROGRESSES

The Sing Song is proving to be one of the most popular moves started in some time. The people of all the churches are co-operating to the utmost. The respective churches are practically filled when their time comes round every Thursday evening. It is instructive, recreative, and pleasant. It will do more to develop the musical talent of Merkel than anything suggested in a long time. It is practical, rightly supervised and progressively pushed. Everybody is given a very cordial invitation to attend all sessions, and take part, if they will. Usually the song books at the church where the session is held are used. We congratulate the leaders of the movement and trust they will continue to push it to the utmost.

E N. Brown has returned from market, having made ample purchases of choice goods to take care of the spring trade. He says that while in Dallas and Fort Worth he found the people absolutely crazy over the oil situation. It is his opinion that the interest shown here is not a circumstance to what he found there.

Charge For Card of Thanks and Obituaries

A charge of one-half a cent a word is made for all Cards of Thanks and Obituaries. Please remember this and let remittance accompany the copy. Merkel Mail

FOR SALE AT ABILENE—A car of good mules and mares at Abilene Transfer Barn. Also a fine Percheran stallion.—J S. Aledge, Abilene, Texas 14tlc.

Splendid assortment of beautiful designs in wallpaper at Barrows.

MAYOR COBB'S EXPLANATION

Gives Reason for Abolishing Office of City Marshal and Raising Salaries of City Council—Denies Selfish Motives

Owing to some criticism among some of you, I desire to say a few things with reference to the action of the City Council in general. In the first place, let me say that our actions have been an open book, and there has been nothing to "Leak Out". Our every act has been with our eyes wide open and with the very best judgment that we were capable of rendering. We have spent much time in trying to overcome some of the mistakes that have been made, due to the fact that men poorly paid, do things in pretty much the same way; but I do not wish to censure any one, but suffice it to say that if the City Council had been better paid you would have had a much more efficient and economical administration of your city affairs.

Now, as to the raising of the salaries, this was from a point of efficiency and not from any selfish motive whatever, for the fact the Mayor and three of the Aldermen expect at the April term to go out of Office, and gentlemen, we did not want the next set of men to go into these places and be "cussed" and cuffed around, and censured for everything under Heaven, without he got paid for it. Another thing, we are in the midst of a great oil boom, a condition which will necessitate much more time of your City Council, and the days of free work is over, and if you expect your employees to do you good service you must pay them. We did what we did with our eyes wide open; realizing that an election was coming on and that we would be considered from every standpoint and every angle and that if it did not meet with the approval of all the people, that they try to do their bidding. I would have you know, too, that this action was not hatched in a moments time. It was duly considered and was the action of the Board without one dissenting voice.

Now, with reference to the abolishing of the Marshall's office, will say, that while we abolished the office we did not abolish the duties of office; but merely shifted the duties to the Constable on a fee basis.

The Statute provides in Title 22, Chapter 3, Art. 809; that we could do just what we did do, and when you consider that there has been just two fines paid in the City Court since last Christmas one year ago, you will readily see that the Marshall's job is not very necessary. Now the Constable will do all the things that the City Marshall had to do heretofore and receive a fee instead of salary and be un-

der same bond as the Marshall. Now many of the Cities and small towns are doing this same thing, as a matter of efficiency and economy. The City of Dallas has cut her police force down and shifted many of the duties of that force, to the sheriff's office force. It is being done all over the U S. A as a matter of money saving. A commission, for this purpose is being proposed.

This Constable will be required to make bond just the same as the Marshall, and will be required to perform the Criminal Duties, and will probably be made Pound Master, all on a fee basis, and I dare say that it will hardly be a half-job.

Again, You were paying your City Council and your Marshall \$95. per month; under the new regime you will pay them \$90. saving \$5. per month. Further you have been paying 90¢ on the one hundred dollars valuation; under the new you will pay only 65 cents. Now this is not an electioneering scheme, but it is law. The little City of Cisco is now paying her City Council \$375 per month, while we pay \$90.

Now, as to abolishing the Corporation, that is merely a Summer Complaint. Every individual that gets himself displeased with any act of the City Council threatens to abolish the corporation, whether he pays 10¢ tax or not. Even some of the people who do not even live in the corporation threaten to abolish it.

It is not necessary to go into details, to the thinking man and the Tax Paying man and the man who carries Insurance. All you have to do is to make a few figures, and you will be convinced; but the man that does not pay any taxes, has nothing to insure, and nothing else to do, but walk the streets and howl. He is the Man that is eternally howling about the abolishment of the corporation. Yes, we have been threatened, that if we, the City Council, did not do so and so, "We will Get up a Petition and Abolish the D— Corporation Fast Thing You Know."

As to a Petition that is being circulated, I do not know its purpose, but if it has an ounce of merit in it; merit fraught from a progressive standpoint, and from a progressive citizen, men, who are always up and doing; ready and willing to aid, in every enterprise, that redounds to the good of the citizens at large, merit it that shows that you have considered fully, and decided finally, that by signing this said petition, you have by so doing, done the best thing for the citizenship of Merkel; I am here to say

to you that your petition will have the desired effect, and that it will receive all the consideration that can be given it.

We have done, for the past two years, your City Attorney's work, your City Health finance work, absolutely free of cost to any one. We have received for this work all told \$5.00 per month; in the name of Heaven do not ask your next City Council, whoever they may be, to do this for the same money. Remember that we work more than one night in the month, and that we have many more responsibilities than you know about, or at least if you will take occasion to visit some of our meetings you will see that we have many troubles to adjust.

I could say much more and possibly later I will give you some detail facts that will open your eyes; but for the present, We are Very Respectfully,

N D. COBB, MAYOR.

MERKEL VS BIG SPRINGS

Friday afternoon at 3:30 the braves of the high schools of Merkel and Big Springs will meet on the local grounds and tussle for the ascendancy in what is likely to be one of the most interesting and hard-fought basket ball games of the season. The local team is determined to win; the visitors are coming to take home the honors. To say that the conflict is to be a fierce one is putting it mildly. Our boys say they are just bound to win the championship of this district and that they would like to see the color of the eyes of a team that could beat them. Hitherto all antagonists have been laid low. They carried off the honors last year; they mean to do so this time and this year. The local team extends to the visitors a hearty welcome, but gently endeavors to prepare them for the sting of defeat. It is urged that a full attendance of our local people be on hand. Remember the time; consider the interests at stake; be loyal.

Accepts Bank Position

Sam Swann, one of Merkel's most popular young bankers, has accepted a position as auditor of the First National Bank of Wichita Falls, at a handsome salary.

He left to take charge of his new position Monday morning. He will be greatly missed from the business activities of Merkel, but is to be congratulated upon his connection with this reputable institution. We are always glad to see our boys going right to the very front, and predict for Mr Swann marked success.

Visits Market

A. C. Rose left Saturday night for Eastern markets where he expects to lay in a nice assortment of dry goods, clothing and shoes.

H L Propst will leave in a few days to take care of farming and ranch interests in the Panhandle.

Mr Rose assumes complete charge of the business of the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

BOLD BURGLARY IN MERKEL

Some one entered the Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company place of business last Sunday night and purloined about 16 pieces of silk, the value of which can hardly be estimated, through it could be in the neighborhood of \$150. Also six suits were missed. The thief or thieves prized up the back window and crawled in. Evidently they were trained in their nefarious occupation. No clue has been found.

A story is going the rounds, however, that four boys dropped off of a freight train Sunday and were seen hanging about town all afternoon. Some boys met the eastbound train at night and saw them leave, presumably on the blind baggage. It was not noticed that they carried any packages. It is thought that the silk might have been secreted about their clothing. While this theory may be incorrect, it tallies up all right, most stealing of this kind is done by boys and young men.

The boys had a tough appearance, they came in a tough manner they talked tough and there is no evidence to prove that they were not tough. Any alert official would have spotted them and kept an eye on them.

Then, too, our business men ought to use reasonable precaution to protect their buildings, from robbery. Business buildings ought to be barred, or at least screened with heavy steel. The cost would be small as compared with one robbery. It looks like the owner of a building should take this precaution. While Merkel is not subject to frequent robberies, it will be noted that they occur at least annually. Last year the Anchor was robbed. Other robberies have occurred before that.

The business building of E L Rogers was found open also Sunday night. Nothing could be missed, however. Both front and back doors were found open about eight o'clock, an extremely early hour for schooled thieves.

We are glad the robbery was not greater. All the evidence shows that whoever took the goods were well on to their business. They removed wrappers and every trace that would give them away. In the cities there are men who send out parties this way and buy the stolen goods at cheap prices. Abilene has recently been a rendezvous of this kind of thievery, but so far this has not been connected up with the activity in that city. Every effort will be made to ferret out the matter.

Taylor Jennings has received his discharge from the army and is home, with a smile that won't come off, shaking hands with his friends.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOUND—About 2½ miles out on Merkel and Trent road. Pair gold rimmed nose spectacles. Owner may obtain same at Merkel Mail office upon payment of this advertisement.

FOR SALE—Bran New Ford Car. See Geo Woodrum. 14tlp

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. Fresh—R L Bland 14tlc

WANTED—Man to work on farm. See Sam Butman. 14tf

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

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J. M. Dry Badly Hurt
Sunday morning it became necessary for J. M. Dry to go to the top of his windmill to get some water from the tank. A heavy frost was on, and when he reached the top and took hold of the tank, he lost his balance in some manner and fell to the ground, landing on his feet. He is badly bruised up, swollen and sore all over. The full extent of his injuries can not yet be ascertained. He can hardly bear to be touched. It is hoped that he avoided any serious internal injury and that he may soon be up and about.

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.

Cash Tailor Shop Moved
When the Merkel Dry Goods Company went into its present location, Mrs. Cash accompanied them, but finding the room too limited, decided to move. She has secured ideal quarters in the building next to the Pate Barber Shop. Her new quarters are very desirable and convenient to all. She is getting the room shaped up nicely and is prepared to take care of all calls. We predict for her much success in her new location.

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 60¢ Sold by Sanders Drug Company

Cowfeed at Bob Martin's

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak
You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

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Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Card of Thanks
From the depths of our hearts we wish to thank all who assisted us in the loss of our beloved son and brother. The words of sympathy and the offer of help from every source was a great consolation to us in this dark hour. The kinship of humanity asserts itself in sorrow and helps us to get a glimpse into the great eternal beyond. Again we thank you, and pray God's richest blessings upon each and every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens and family.

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

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Plenty of oats and corn—G. M. Sharp.

For the Children

Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful drug and most effectual in curing their coughs and colds. Long experience has shown that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these conditions. It is a favorite with many mothers.

Stith Wins Over Mulberry

The basket ball teams of the Stith and Mulberry school teams played on the ground of the latter last Friday evening. It was a hotly contested game resulting in a score of 48 to 3.

The Mulberry team says there is to be another chapter.

\$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 fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Ethel Russell of Peniel placed her subscription with the Merkel Mail this week.

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

Bill Warren of Anson visited homefolks the first of this week.

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

Mrs. J. S. Bond and daughter, Lena, have returned to their home in Thilene after spending a few days with relatives here.

Misses Lura and Stacy Adkisson are in Dallas where they are working in millinery departments. Miss Lura is with Higginbotham and Miss Stacy is with Ready's.

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

G. D. Bennett of Whiteright visited the Merkel country the past week and while here purchased the Bankston place, one mile West of Stith. The deal was consummated by the Merkel Realty Company.

Cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Mrs. C. A. Bullion of New Mexico is visiting her daughter, Mrs. I. C. Holden.

Dollars and Cents.

Counting it only in dollars and cents, how much did that last cold cost you? A man may not always stop work when he has a cold but perhaps it would be better if he did. It takes about ten days to get completely rid of a cold under the usual treatment. That time can be much shortened by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and proper care of yourself, in fact, a bottle of this remedy in the house is a mighty good investment during the winter and spring months.

The Brown Dry Goods Co. Back From Market

The buyer found the market steady. Some few items have been reduced in price but the great majority of goods have not declined, and whatever declines yet to come will be very small.

We are Selling Goods

in many instances cheaper than we can buy them at the mills today

COME SEE

New Patterns in Silks

Beautiful new Gingham

New Patterns in Sox and Ties

White Goods and Notions

Good sensible and stylish Oxfords and Shoes

All of the above we are expecting to arrive this week

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bradley and son and daughter of Gainsville are visiting Mr. Bradley's mother, Mrs. W. A. Bradley and other relatives.

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

Mrs. H. F. Jones, daughter of and Mrs. J. S. Swann, and children, who have been visiting her parents two or three weeks left for her home at Tulia several days ago.

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

O. J. Adcock is the delighted recipient of a nice box, brought by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere, who have just returned from California. The box contained oranges, grapefruit, egg plant radishes, cauliflower, beets, lettuce and fresh english peas, right fresh off the tree, vine, etc. If Mr. Adcock fails to make his round for a day or two, the people of Route 5 will please be a little patient, and ask themselves in what sort of a condition would they be if treated likewise. We think, however, that he will recover.

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

Chronic Constipation

There are people who never have a movement of the bowels with it is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease. There are means to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and then is not so likely to be followed by constipation.



When You Can't Sleep

and you get up as tired as when you went to bed, it is a sure sign that your nerves are out of tune. If this continues long, a nervous breakdown and a train of ills are bound to follow.

The experience of Mrs. H. L. Redman, of New Haven, Conn., will interest you. She says:

"For several months I suffered from extreme nervousness and sleeplessness. My nerves were completely unstrung. After doing light housework I was completely fatigued, and loss of sleep made the nights long and tiresome. I began taking DR. MILES' NERVINE and the first night I slept soundly all night. I can truthfully say DR. MILES' NERVINE completely cured me."

DR. MILES' NERVINE is a safe, reliable medicine for all nervous disorders, such as sleeplessness, nervousness, hysteria, headaches, neuralgia, etc. It is non-alcoholic and contains no harmful drugs. It has been helping nervous, distracted, discouraged sufferers back to health for 30 years. Ask your druggist about it.



SGT. J. R. BROWN WRITES

Rugny, France, Dec. 2.—Dear Father and Mother: Emmett and I are well, and enjoying a rest after a twelve days march which ended Nov. 30th. We sailed from N. Y. July 18, on the Geo. Washington, the second or third largest ship afloat, landing at Brest, France, on July 28th, going ashore Aug. 1st, and spending two days in a rest camp

and some rest it was, pitched tents in quite a bit of rain.

Leaving Brest by rail to, Bar-Sur-Aube, three days and nights travel in cars, marked 40 men or eight horses, reaching there about 6 a.m. Aug 6th. Then hiked nine kilometers to a small village in the North East part of France. Here we were billeted, some in barns, others in houses, all buildings made of stone. All had very comfortable places. I had a very nice room with fire-place and

Our Company (Co. E) was supporting Co. G and often when we were in our position

iron cot. I was luckier than some of the boys.

We drilled or trained about seven hours daily until Sept. 28, when we rolled our packs and at 12 o'clock we were going hiking, which lasted until four p.m. We had supper and started again at mid-night and arrived at a town, where we took the train at 6 a.m. and traveled about seven hours to Eperrnay, and since then we haven't been riding at all. So if any of the boys say anything about hikes tell them they don't know what hike means.

We marched each day, and at night slept in our tents, and we were glad when camping time came for our pack did not get lighter. On October 1st we arrived in Vraux, about 11 a.m. and were billeted here. The barn I was in had 64 men in it. A place where the French had stayed and had very good bunks. Here some of our men were sick. Must have been the "Flu". However I didn't have it.

We marched out of Vraux Oct. 5th and we learned we were going to the front.

On the morning of Oct 8, we ate dinner on the Hindenburg line. Here we found the earth torn to pieces by shells. Some of the shell holes were six feet deep and ten to fifteen feet wide and masses of wire entanglement with a few bodies of French and German soldiers among it.

We marched through towns destroyed by artillery fire into our support position on Mt. Blanch, at 1 o'clock Oct 10th

Here we rested and were supplied with necessities, and keeping under cover from Boche planes by staying in our dugouts. Here we cleaned rifles and got ready to go into the front line during the night. We had supper and then formed and started out hunting the square heads.

I was in charge of an Automatic rifle squad with two Browning guns, and a good bunch of men who were on the job.

Our Company (Co. E) was supporting Co. G and often when we were in our position

the Germans would put their artillery in action, with some gas mixed. We only wore our masks a few minutes, but still we were naturally excited never being in shell fire before. We all hit the ground, and later went into a trench and stay until day break when we moved to our position.

We relieved either the 4th and 5th or 7th Marines of the 2nd Div. That is the 36th division. The 144th and 143rd relieving the 141st and 142nd Infantry.

When day light came on Oct. 11th. I saw quite a number of Americans that had done their bit. It isn't at all pleasant to see this sight, which I will always remember, and as I saw them, I thought that probably a mother or, or some loved one is waiting to see him again. But they were some of the unfortunate ones. There can't be battle without deaths.

Early on Oct. 11th a few machine gun bullets came over our heads and also, a few shells from Fritz's Artillery. At 9:30 we went over and started our first attack.

I wanted Emmett to be along, but he was sent to school on Sept 23 and didn't return to the company until we came out and had been relieved by the French.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Oct. 11th we were held up by Fritz's machine guns in a small Cedar woods. All of us fell to the ground and got under cover and making use of our small Strauch and I still have mine, think I'll try to keep it, as it is the only souvenir I care for.

The machine guns were soon put out of action. Only one of our men being hurt. He only slightly wounded and continued the advance.

We struck another machine gun nest late Oct 12th and were held up. We dug in, and about 3 a.m. Oct 13th we received our first meal since late Oct. 10th. We had advanced so fast the kitchen could not get to us, for they could not travel in day time on account of being shelled. We certainly were ready to get to the kitchen for cabbage soup and stew, but the main thing was coffee. We could not smoke or have any lights after dark. I remember one night a light or cigarette was exposed, and in a few minutes we were in our holes for the Boch had discovered us and were shelling us. Some of the shells fell pretty close.

I shall never forget Sunday Oct. 13th, about 2:30 we had shelled some more Germans on the north side of the Anse River and in Attigny, our last objective, but I will wait and tell you more of this day when I get home.

When we had reached the river Cuse, we had reached our objective, which was about 32 kilometers from our starting point. It was certainly some drive. We have heard that it is said to be the longest advance in such a short length of time that had ever been made on any front.

Before we went into the front line we wore all the clothes we had, over coats and all, with light pack carrying our reserve rations, sox, rain coats, and toilet articles and when we struck the first machine guns, some only had their rifle, and if a fellow wanted to start anything just pick up some other fellows shovel.

About 9 p.m. Oct 19th a fellow and myself was in our dug-out, having a very good one after working on it during the day. The Germans shelled us for a while. One shell hit only three steps from our hole, and jarred us up a bit, throwing dirt on us, leaving a hole five feet wide and two feet deep. This was getting close and a fellow thinks of the things he has done, and some he should have done, when under artillery fire, so the fellow with me said, when another shell came just over us, but failed to fire, "O Lord if you will just get me through this I know I will be a better boy." I felt the same.

On Oct 20th we had relieved the French. I was then Sgt. in charge of thirteen men. We were out post about one half mile from my platoon in some woods, and there the ground was wet and this is the only time I was sick. I think I had fever a day or

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Screen Wire all widths and meshes.

CORNELL BOARD, used for walls and ceiling.
We have samples of this board showing how same can be painted and finished---makes the best looking and most modern wall out.

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Also Rubberoid Roofing and Building Paper.

Would be glad to have you come around to see us whether you buy anything or not

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E. W. KELLEY, Manager

two, but finally got over it. Nothing came our way there but a few whiz bang shells when we would get out and move around any, so we kept low. We had to go for our meals in the dark, and only got two meals a day. October 22nd at 9 o'clock we received orders to join our platoon, which we did and our boys took up position in reserve, and got three meals per day and slept in dugouts, until 1 a.m. Oct 28th when we were relieved by the French. This made twenty-two days under shell fire or in range of the German artillery.

We marched till 6 a.m. Oct 28, to a German camp we had taken, and spent the day and night there resting and eating. Moving out at 8 a.m. Oct. 29th. While there I walked over the ground where we were first held up and saw the hole I was in while the machine guns were firing on us. It looked larger than it seemed it really was.

After starting out Oct 29th we marched six days landing at Senard, where we were equipped and rested 12 days, and started again Nov 18th and ended a 12 days march Nov 30th at this place. I will tell of the marches later and give the town we stayed in and when I come home we will fight the whole battle over. I think I can tell it more interesting than I can write it.

It has been interesting, exciting, very exciting at times, dangerous and very tiresome, still I am glad to have made it, but don't want any more unless it is necessary.

Your loving son,
Sgt. James R Brown, Co. E.
144th Inf A E F France.

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

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

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

NOTICE

Teachers of Taylor County Who Desire to Enter the University Interscholastic League in the Spelling Contest at Trent during the County Meet:

Rules in Spelling

1. Eligibility—Each school in the county may enter two contestants (boys and girls) in the final contests in spelling, provided such contestants are eligible under the rules in Article VIII of the Constitution of the League

2. Classification—In the county contest there shall be a Junior and Senior division. Each school is entitled to two spellers, one must be a Junior, the other may be either a Junior or Senior.

3. Sources—The words will be the Junior and Senior list from the University, and the adopted speller, beginning with the Fifth Grade. The adopted speller to be used after the university list shall have been exhausted.

4. County Contest—In the county contest the last three to spell down in each division shall be declared winners of First, Second and Third places respectively. The three highest in the Senior division and the Juniors winning second and third places shall then engage in a final contest for the District meet. To these five contestants selected words from the Adopted Speller shall then be pronounced for not longer than half an hour. If at the end of the half hour the contestants are still not spelled down, the list will be continued from the Adopted Speller. So pupils desiring to enter the spelling tryout should study the Junior and Senior List by the University and then study the Adopted Speller, beginning at the division for the Fifth Grade.

R. M. Parker, County Director of Spelling for Taylor Co.

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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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL, who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

Yes, we had a little sandstorm Wednesday and our craws are full of sand. But then we will need it to be able to withstand great prosperity that the big production of oil is to bring.

It is about dry enough to sow oats and hundreds of acres are being given over to this crop. Wheat is looking good and is affording nice pasturage. Already the lark of prosperity is beginning to dull the sensibilities with his sweet lullabies.

And suffrage failed in the Congress of the U. S. by only one vote. Dangerously near becoming law is this measure. It cannot be stopped. There is little hope off the anti-suffragettes. When the Congress of America only lacks one of having two for one for a measure, that measure is bound to become a law sooner or later. Just well let a man stand on the railroad track and try to stop a runaway engine. It is going to come, so it matters little how one may make a fool of himself opposing it. Just as well stand up and try to kick off the side of a mountain.

When the armistice was signed the world rejoiced because the greatest war of history was thought to be at an end. Right now when the peace delegates are in session, it seems that Japan must show her hand. There is no use to be hoodwinked. Japan in the far East is just exactly what Germany was in the West. It is passing strange that Japan did not see fit to become an ally of Germany. We doubt not that she would had it not been for the English fleet. Japan has sought to impose on China for years. Her hand will have to be called sometime, and now while armies of the world are in arms would be the best time ever to call it. We are against war. We only believe in war for the promotion of peace and justice and right and progress. The great Russian problem will doubtless be solved easily, but we doubt if the fangs of Japan do not have to be clipped sooner or later. Her attitude towards China seems unjust to the liberty loving people of the world. Developments will be watched with interest.

It is amusing to hear a man talk about being the "Boss" about home, and then see how faithfully he clings to that old obsolete homestead law. He will pay an exorbitant rate of interest, he will subject himself to every inconvenience, and for what? Simply to acknowledge that his wife has got more real good business sense than he has. He would resent the direct charge, yet he practices that very thing. Many a man would gain independence and wealth if they could only use their homestead as capital. We do not believe in removing all restrictions. Only about one time in a thousand does the homestead law help the wife, when instances without number could be recited showing where men took ad-

vantage of this law to beat their fellow man. The homestead law ought to permit owners to borrow for the purchase of more land, stock, improvements and even feed. Money could be borrowed at six per cent and have plenty of time to pay it back. Not so now. Why?

Our City Council is meeting with some criticism. A petition has been circulated calculated to further the criticism. We believe the petition is entirely wrong, that it emanated from sources that would use any pretense for criticism. As to abolishment of the corporation that is all tommy rot. Those who advocate such a move belong to that class of citizenship that always try to pull down, and never try to build up.

The reason a petition was out of order at the time was because it presumed upon the intelligence of our citizens. A full statement had never been issued by a member of the Council. The people that signed such a petition under the circumstances, without going to the bottom of the matter, committed a great error. Such a petition means nothing. Many who signed it would sign a counter petition calling for just exactly the opposite thing if presented to them in a different light.

In this issue appears a statement. Now the thinking people of Merkel have something on which to base their opinions. There is no use of being hot-headed. Cool reflection can be used. If the Council has erred, the error can be corrected and ought to be corrected; if not, then it should be supported.

HELP LIBERTY LOAN

Here is a real story of interest in any community where wheat is grown. Government figures show that there was planted in Texas in the fall of 1918, 2,109,600 acres of winter wheat. The condition of the crop December, 1918 was 100 per cent. It follows then that on a conservative basis of ten bushels to the acre over twenty-one million bushels of that wheat will be placed upon the market. Today's price of wheat is around \$1.50 and the price is very unlikely to rise. With government guarantee of an average of \$2.25 per bushel, it follows that the farmers of Texas are likely to receive a bonus of nearly sixteen million dollars over and above the current market price when this wheat is ready.

The government which has singled out the wheat grower for special treatment and made a present to him of this kind has every right to expect that a very large proportion of this gift will be reinvested in Bonds of the Victory Liberty Loan.
F. P. CLAYTON

Soldiers Manners Just Awful

The home folks are warned they may be shocked by soldiers manners when the boys come back. In camp a soldier always eats his cereals last at breakfast. It is a habit with him to feed with only one hand at a time, holding up an empty dish with the other yelling "K. P., more dog," or cake, or spuds, as the case may be. Then he will finish with his cereal and tip up or drink a swallow or so to empty the bowl, climb over the back of his chair and retire munching a bit of fruit as he goes through the door. At night if it is chilly, he'll be likely to crawl into bed without removing his shoes or his clothes. In the morning he'll suddenly jerk all the bed clothes to the floor, stand up in bed, put on his hat and in case he has taken his shoes off the night before reach up to the picture nail in the wall on which he has hung them, then dash madly out of the door as he has been in the habit of doing at reveille.—Paducah Post.

Plenty of feed, oats, corn, chops, and cowfeed. The Crown Hardware Company

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Exclusive Listings

WANTED

☛ 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.

SOME SPECIAL BARGAINS

☛ 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.

☛ We have a small piece of royalty, amounting to about \$86, about three miles directly east of the Sears well, on about 147 acres, at the rate of \$2.50 for half royalty.

☛ We want listings of some cheap dwellings in Merkel. Also listings of lots.

☛ We have the facilities to serve you well. If you are in the market, call upon us; if you want to sell, see us.

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ROY COSTEPHENS WRITES

Cardiff Wales, Jan 12. 19.

Dear Annie Mae—

It is almost like a summer morning. I can look out from my window and see the green grass and leaves on the trees. I guess it is different there at this time.

I haven't received any mail from you yet. Just three letters and a Christmas box from Chicago, and believe me it was some box. A fruit cake, box of candy, box of cigars, toilet soap, tooth paste and a dozen other things.

We are still playing daily at the hospitals, except on Saturdays and Sundays. We play two concerts a day here in the hotel and practice for a couple hours each day. So you see we are playing for about five hours a day.

We have with us some of the best music going, large selections and one rather hard one to play, but we handle them very well.

Last week I went through a captured German Submarine. It sunk several of our ships.

In the summer time the sun comes up at a little after three in the morning and sets around nine at night. At this time it comes up about eight and sets around four thirty, and at noon

looks about ten feet high. We will get a five days leave sometime soon and when we do I am going to London. If I am here long enough I want to go to Paris, Switzerland and Scotland.

I would have gone to church this morning, but could not have gotten back in time for chow and concert.

There is a Church right right down town here, that was built in the fourteenth century, and they still use it, but there are some of the most beautiful Chimes played there I ever heard. They play for about 30 minutes before services and can be heard all over the business section. I enjoy hearing them.

We have two large trucks now with fine seats on each, for our haul wagons. One day last week the streets were very wet, as usual and one of the trucks slid into some kind of an old wagon and knocked it about forty feet and struck a kid and knocked him against an old man and down they both went. Quite a bunch gathered in a few minutes and among them was an old woman, who shook her finger in one of the boys face and said you many be able to get away with that stuff in American, but you can't do it here. The boy

showed her the stree and told her to beat it. A cop got our drivers name and car number and so far we have heard nothing from it. If we do tho, we all will swear of course we were not going over 12 miles an hour, insted of about forty as we were.

I hear the "flu" has been bad in the States again.

Hoping all of you feel as good as I do.

Your Bud
Roy Costephens

REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

Dallas, Feb. 11.—A call for a general meeting to be held in New Orleans Feb 22 when a definite effort will be made to reduce by one-third the cotton acreage in all Southern States, was sent out here today at a meeting of representatives of agricultural, commercial, financial and industrial interests of Texas.

The governors of all Southern cotton growing States will be asked to issue proclamation setting aside Feb. 22 as pledge day and all farmers will be asked to pledge themselves to reduce their acreage by one-third.

FOR SALE—Typewriter Ribbons at the Merkel Mail office

ADVICE TO "FLU" CONVALESCENTS

SPAIN AND ENGLAND REPORT INCREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS AFTER INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

U. S. Public Health Service Warns Public Against Tuberculosis. One Million Cases Tuberculosis in United States—Each a Source of Danger.

Influenza Convalescents Should Have Lungs Examined—Colds Which Hang On Often Beginning of Tuberculosis. No Cause for Alarm if Tuberculosis is Recognized Early—Patent Medicines Not to Be Trusted.

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- * Beware tuberculosis after influenza. No need to worry if you take precautions in time.
- * Don't diagnose your own condition. Have your doctor examine your lungs several times at monthly intervals. Build up your strength with right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.
- * Don't waste money on patent medicines advertised to cure tuberculosis.
- * Become a fresh-air crank and enjoy life.
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Washington, D. C.—(Special).—According to a report made to the United States Public Health Service, the epidemic of influenza in Spain has already caused an increase in the prevalence and deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. A similar association between influenza and tuberculosis was recently made by Sir Arthur Newsholme, the chief medical officer of the English public health service, in his analysis of the tuberculosis death rate in England.

In order that the people of the United States may profit by the experience of other countries Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States Public Health Service has just issued a warning emphasizing the need of special precautions at the present time. "Experience seems to indicate," says the Surgeon General, "that persons whose resistance has been weakened by an attack of influenza are peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis. With millions of its people recently affected with influenza this country now offers conditions favoring the spread of tuberculosis."

One Million Consumptives in the United States.

"Then you consider this a serious menace?" was asked. "In my opinion it is, though I hasten to add it is distinctly one against which the people can guard. So far as one can estimate there are at present about one million cases of tuberculosis in the United States. There is unfortunately no complete census available to show exactly the number of tuberculosis persons in each state despite the fact that most of the states have made the disease reportable. In New York city, where reporting has been in force for many years, over 35,000 cases of tuberculosis are registered with the Department of Health. Those familiar with the situation believe that the addition of unrecognized and unreported cases would make the number nearer 50,000. The very careful health survey conducted during the past two years in Framingham, Mass., revealed 200 cases of tuberculosis in a population of approximately 15,000. If these proportions hold true for the United States as a whole they would indicate that about one in every hundred persons is tuberculous. Each of these constitutes a source of danger to be guarded against."

What to Do.

In his statement to the public Surgeon General Blue points out how those who have had influenza should protect themselves against tuberculosis. "All who have recovered from influenza," says the Surgeon General, "should have their lungs carefully examined by a competent physician. In fact, it is desirable to have several examinations made a month apart. Such examinations cannot be made through the clothing nor can they be carried out in two or three minutes. If the lungs are found to be free from tuberculosis every effort should be made to keep them so. This can be done by right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Danger Signs.

The Surgeon General warned especially against certain danger signs, such as "decline" and "colds which hang on."

These, he explained, were often the beginning of tuberculosis. "If you do not get well promptly, if your cold seems to hang on or your health and strength decline, remember that these are often the early signs of tuberculosis. Place yourself at once under the care of a competent physician. Tuberculosis is curable in the early stages."

Patent Medicines Dangerous in Tuberculosis.

Do not trust in the misleading statements of unscrupulous patent medicine fakers. There is no magic medicine for the cure of tuberculosis. The money spent on such things is thrown away; it should be used instead for good food and clean air."

AT THE NEW STORE

Our stock is now so arranged that we can show our new goods to the best advantage. Our buyer is now in the Eastern markets laying in an ample supply of the very newest and best the market affords.

For the next two weeks we will be busy opening up these new goods, but will always be glad to show them to our visitors whether you wish to buy or not. We give the public a most cordial welcome in our new home.

Below we quote prices on a few staple goods. At all times you will find our prices a little below competition.

Bleached Domestic, Advertiser Extra, per yard.....	19c
Sea Island Brown Domestic, per yard.....	15c
10-4 Bleached Sheeting, per yard.....	49c
A C A Full 8 ounce Ticking, per yard.....	33c

Merkel Dry Goods Company

THE BIG CASH STORE

Successors to the Anchor Mercantile Company

Resolved

That peace will find us backing Uncle Sam as strongly as we backed him in war.

That between now and April we will lay every possible stone of the groundwork for the Fifth Liberty Loan and leave no act undone which will tend to keep alive and, if possible quicken the consciousness of the nation that Saving and Thrift are Peace essentials as well as War essentials.

That we will exert our every effort to stop trafficking in bonds of the first four loans and will keep our War Savings Stamps.

That we will carry out our War Savings Pledge if that is unfulfilled, and make and keep new Savings Pledges this year.

That we will work tooth and nail from now till the last day of the April drive to oversubscribe that Fifth Liberty Loan.

That we will finish our job.

PAY YOUR PLEDGE; GET THE THRIFT HABIT

All pledges made to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps during 1918 have been automatically extended to 1919 by the Government, which has made official announcement that persons who, for any reason, did not complete their pledges by December 31, 1918, may and are expected to liquidate these pledges by investing in War Savings Stamps of the new 1919 issue.

The 1919 United States Government War Savings Stamps are blue in color and a trifle smaller than the War Savings Stamps issued by the Government last year. They bear a likeness of Benjamin Franklin, the American apostle of thrift and economy. The 1919 War Savings Stamps, which yield their owners four per cent interest, compounded quarterly, may be obtained from any postoffice, bank, or other authorized agent. The price of each 1919 War Savings

Stamp is \$4.12 during January. The cost price increases regularly one cent each month, so that in February the cost is \$4.13, in March \$4.14 and so on.

The same old Thrift Stamps and Thrift Cards used last year remain in use during 1919 and filled Thrift Cards, that is, Thrift Cards on which sixteen Thrift Stamps have been affixed, may be exchanged for 1919 War Savings Stamps upon the payment of the few additional cents which represent the difference between the price of a War Savings Stamp and \$4, the value of the sixteen Thrift Stamps. This difference is 12 cents in January, 13 cents in February, 14 cents in March, and so on.

Purchasers of 1919 War Savings Stamps should bear in mind that 1919 War Savings Stamps are to be affixed only to 1919 War Savings Certificates. Although one may have a 1918 War Savings Certificate (a War Savings Certificate is the parchment on which War Savings Stamps are affixed) which has some blank or unfilled space on it, such 1918 Certificate should not have 1919 War Savings Stamps pasted on it; nor should 1918 War Savings Stamps be placed on the new 1919 War Savings Certificate. Keep the two years separate.

Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director of War Loans and Savings, has issued earnest requests to the public to note carefully the few simple directions outlined. He also pointed out recently that should a person be in doubt about any of the details of War Savings methods a word to the local secretary of the War Savings Society or any postmaster will insure the matter being made clear.

All War Savings pledges made in 1918 are personal, binding obligations made to the Treasury Department, and the Government expects the completion of all 1918 pledges by the purchase of 1919 War Savings Stamps.

The American people have learned to make their savings count for them. The War has taught them the lesson of Thrift; the real joy of saving is theirs forever if they keep in mind the knowledge of economy gained through the Investment in United States Government securities.

Buy War Savings Stamps and the joy of saving is yours.

WSS
YOU PLEDGED
NOW PAY

Opens New Garage

Have opened up a garage in connection with the Geo. Woodrum filling station.

Have had four years experience as a mechanic and guarantee my work.

Will strive to serve you faithfully and well at all times and will appreciate your work.

Remember that courtesy and efficiency are my business mottoes.

Eugene F. Nix

U. S. HEALTH SERVICE ISSUES WARNING

Increase in All Respiratory Diseases After the Influenza Epidemic Probable.

Influenza Expected to Lurk for Months. How to Guard Against Pneumonia. Common Colds Highly Catching—Importance of Suitable Clothing—Could Save 100,000 Lives.

Washington, D. C.—With the subsidence of the epidemic of influenza the attention of health officers is directed to pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system which regularly cause a large number of deaths, especially during the winter season. According to Rupert Blue, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, these diseases will be especially prevalent this winter unless the people are particularly careful to obey health instructions.

"The present epidemic," said Surgeon General Blue, "has taught by bitter experience how readily a condition beginning apparently as a slight cold may go on to pneumonia and death. Although the worst of the epidemic is over, there will continue to be a large number of scattered cases, many of them mild and unrecognized, which will be danger spots to be guarded against." The Surgeon General likened the present situation to that after a great fire, saying, "No fire chief who understands his business stops playing the hose on the charred debris as soon as the flames and visible fire have disappeared. On the contrary, he continues the water for hours and even days, for he knows that there is danger of the fire rekindling from smoldering embers."

"Then you fear another outbreak of influenza?" he was asked. "Not necessarily another large epidemic," said the Surgeon General, "but unless the people learn to realize the seriousness of the danger they will be compelled to pay a heavy death toll from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases."

Common Colds Highly Catching.

"It is encouraging to observe that people are beginning to learn that ordinary coughs and colds are highly catching and are spread from person to person by means of droplets of germ laden mucus. Such droplets are sprayed into the air when careless or ignorant people cough or sneeze without covering their mouth and nose. It is also good to know that people have learned something about the value of fresh air. In summer, when people are largely out of doors, the respiratory diseases (coughs, colds, pneumonia, etc.) are infrequent; in the fall, as people begin to remain indoors, the respiratory diseases increase; in the winter, when people are prone to stay in badly ventilated, overheated rooms, the respiratory diseases become very prevalent."

Suitable Clothing Important.

"Still another factor in the production of colds, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases is carelessness or ignorance of the people regarding suitable clothing during the seasons when the weather suddenly changes, sitting in warm rooms too heavily dressed or, what is even more common, especially among women, dressing so lightly that windows are kept closed in order to be comfortably warm. This is a very injurious practice."

Could Save 100,000 Lives.

"I believe we could easily save one hundred thousand lives annually in the United States if all the people would adopt the system of fresh air living followed, for example, in tuberculosis sanatoria. There is nothing mysterious about it—no specific medicine, no vaccine. The important thing is right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Droplet Infection Explained in Pictures.

"The Bureau of Public Health, Treasury Department, has just issued a striking poster drawn by Berryman, the well-known Washington cartoonist. The poster exemplifies the modern method of health education. A few years ago, under similar circumstances, the health authorities would have issued an official dry but scientifically accurate bulletin teaching the role of droplet infection in the spread of respiratory diseases. The only ones who would have understood the bulletin would have been those who already knew all about the subject. The man in the street, the plain citizen and the many millions who toil for their living would have had no time and no desire to wade through the technical phraseology."



COLDS, INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE SPREAD THIS WAY

Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

KEEP YOUR BONDS

The following statement by Secretary Glass on matter which is fast assuming the proportions of a public scandal

"My attention has been directed to the activities of unscrupulous persons who have been operating extensively throughout the country and who are swindling the owners of Liberty Bonds at prices far below their actual worth.

"These swindlers get the attention of Liberty Bond owners by publishing advertisements calculated to make the unsuspecting Bond owner believe that the highest market can be secured for his bonds through the agency of the advertiser. Such is rarely, if ever, the case. Records of transactions of this character, brought to the attention of the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department, prove conclusively that these swindlers take every advantage of Bond Owners who are forced into their clutches by paying the lowest possible price which the owner will accept, and generally far below the actual value of bonds.

"Owners of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps should in no circumstances part with these securities unless necessity compels, and then they should deal only with reliable banks, trust companies, banking institutions and others whose reputation for integrity is beyond question.

The Treasury Department will welcome information concerning the operations of these swindlers in any part of the country.

Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury

Periodic Bilious Attacks

Persons subject to periodic bilious attacks will observe that their appetite fails them just before an attack. That is, hey do not really crave food but eat because it is meal time. If they will eat a light meal and no meat, then take two of Chamberlain's Tablets the attack may be avoided.

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

HONOR ROLL

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

Willie Leo Miller, Trent.
Lester Earl White.
G. C. Hodges.
Z. T. Lamar.
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.
Arthur Derrington.
Frank J. Ferrier.
De Gorsus.
Wm. R. Green.
James F. Holloway.
B. Jobe.
Pete Meek.
F. O'Brien.
Herbert Ricker.
Paul Stamford.
Bill Sheppard.
Paul Turner.
George White.
L. B. Wells.
Riley White.
L. Powers.
Emzi Burroughs.
Thos Bearden.
Jas. Brown.
Emmitt Grimes.
L. M. Hutchins.
Chester A. Duncan, Trent.
John T. Morris, Trent.
Joe L. Evans, Trent.
W. W. McElmurray, Trent.

Hubert J. Swan, Trent.
John Moore, Merkel.
Lieut B. B. Brown
Chester Hall.
Stuart Grimes.
Jas. Clyde White.
Lloyd Shepard.
L. A. Dudley.
Robert Vernon Boring.
Sherley King.
O. A. Horton.
Ira Huss.
Archie Rose.
Fred Harrell.
Chas. C. Jones.
Glen Thompson
Roscoe Sharp.
John Ware.
John D. Dudley.
John Edward Hunter.
E. M. Harris.
George Smith.
Geo. N. Reynolds.
J. H. Rister, Tye.
Wayne Abernathy, Trent.
H. W. Beckham, Trent
Dee H. Donnell, Trent
Hollis Brown, Trent.
Royce Dowdy, Trent.
Robt. B. Parker.
Frank E. Smith
Luther Grimes.
W. L. Diltz, Jr.
William B. Tarpley.
Arthur E. Windland, Tye.
James O. Dulin.
Kirby L. Vidrine.
Leonard Morrison.
Joseph A. McMurray.
Rufus H. O'Neal.
Willie E. Pool.
Ennis Grimes.
Charley Fitzgerald.
Berry Forrester.
Joseph A. Pruit, Trent
John T. Mattingly, Noodle.
Reuben C. Hall
Henry D. (Doc) Hall
Tom Smith Martin.
Leland L. Martin.
T. J. Bird.
R. E. Harris
Robert Rainbolt.
Lee Raymond Campbell
Eulless McNeas.
John P. Gibson.
Leonard Wills
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.
John Rex McClain.
O. R. Burns.
Joe Thomas Hartley.
John Robert West.
Robert Grady Collins
Jim F. Winters.
Arthur McMurray.

Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.
Fred Pribble, Trent.
Ernest Massey, Trent.
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ORGANIZATION OF BIG STOCK SHOW IS NOW COMPLETE

Secretary-Manager Sansom and Associates Plan to Give Public Full Money's Worth at Fort Worth Mar. 10-15

Fort Worth, Texas—M. Sansom, Jr., leading Texas stockman, who last year put Fort Worth on the map as a "Round up" city with the magnificent Rodeo, held in connection with the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, has been named as secretary-manager of the show this year and has gathered around him an array of the very best talent he could secure to make the event that will be held here March 10-15 a memorable one in the minds of everyone who visits it.

Mr. Sansom and associates have been busy since the first of the year working up features of entertainment and educational value. They are now able to promise a variety and round of amusement unparalleled by previous expositions. More than \$25,000 has been hung up for livestock exhibitors alone.

For the first time in the history of the show, women will participate as superintendents of departments. Mrs. Juliette B. Crabb of Fort Worth has accepted the post as superintendent of the Holstein department, while the superintendency of the Jersey division has been tendered to Mrs. J. Riley Green.

Ray H. McKinley, general manager of the Reporter Publishing company, who has been active in making the stock show a great success for the past ten years, has accepted the place of assistant secretary-manager. Mr. McKinley's long familiarity with the livestock business and his intimacy with the show will serve to redound most favorably this year.

Bob Tadlock has been chosen as chairman of the Rodeo committee and he has associated with him in this department Ed R. Henry, last year's secretary manager, Gil Whittington, Wad Ross and W. O. Rominger. These men are getting ready to make the "all contest" Rodeo something that will make Cheyenne and other "Round up" cities "sit up and take notice."

Departmental managers are Ward Farmer, cattle; Tom Frazier, hogs; J. M. Jones, sheep; W. H. Furses, horses, jacks and mules; C. M. Evans of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college, registered cattle sales; John I. Burgess, ringmaster; R. H. Moorman, gates and tickets; C. R. Hamilton, office, concessions and exhibits.

Superintendents thus far selected are: Herefords, John F. Lee, San Angelo; Shorthorns, Garrett T. King, Taylor, now head of the Fort Worth office of the government bureau of markets; Angus, Will H. Hill, San Angelo; Red Poll, J. W. Mann, Waco; mules, jacks and jennets, John W. Hines, Venus.

The students' livestock judging contest will be made a greater feature than ever before. Besides the usual entries—Texas and Oklahoma A. & M. Colleges—there will probably be entries from one or more other Southwestern A. & M. Colleges. Invitations have been issued to all of them. J. Kirven Fisher of Swift & Co. has been made superintendent of this department.

Besides the livestock features, there will be many other forms of entertainment. Among these will be the combined J. George Loos Carnival and De Kreko Bros. Shows, which will be here all during show week. And there will be one of the best poultry shows ever staged here, under the direction of Walter Burton of Arlington.

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SHERIFFS SALE

The State Of Texas, County of Taylor

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. 6105 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 Alias Execution and in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Charlie and Roy Curtis of Sweetwater have just received their discharge from the army and came by to visit their aunt, Miss Amanda Curtis, who joined by Ola Smith, accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Plenty of feed, oats, corn, chops, and cowfeed. The Crown Hardware Company.

Troy Eiland, who has just returned from France, visited at the home of T. L. Smith the past week.

We can make immediate delivery on Ford Cars. See us at once if you expect to buy a car. Merkel Motor Co. Phone 84

Miss Mary Craddock was operated on at Abilene Tuesday. She is reported resting nicely.

We beat the mail order prices on every thing. Come in and compare quality and prices with us. Barrow Furniture Company

LuNell Lamar, who was operated on Sunday, is doing nicely.

Plenty of feed, oats, corn, chops, and cowfeed. The Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Willie Swann returned from Dallas Monday morning and is now on the job in the millinery department of Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Mr. Simmons, who is traveling in the interest of an oil company, is visiting his family, who are for the present living with his wife's parents, Mr and Mrs A. L. Jobe

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West have returned from Wichita Falls, where they have been the past six months.

Get your spring paint, varnish and stains from Barrow Furniture Company.

Tierec Horton came in Wednesday night from Virginia. He expects to remain some weeks.

Brer Rabbitt syrup at G. M. Sharp's

Mrs. Raymond Demere has just returned from California, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. P. B. Franks

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

Mr Bailey of Abilene spent Wednesday in Merkel on business.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nix of Fort Worth have moved to Merkel and are at present at the home of Mrs. Nix's parents, Mr and Mrs. W. A. Shepperd. Mr Nix has opened up a garage in connection with the Woodrum filling station, formerly occupied by the Grimes Garage. He is an old Merkel boy and has had many years experience as a mechanic.

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

Chronic Constipation

There are people who never have a movement of the bowels with it is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

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Gold Medal Broad Brim Sailors, values up to 12.50.....	\$9.00 to \$9.50
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Broad Brimmed Sailors, pleasing designs	\$3.50 to \$8.50
Small and Poke Shapes, variety of styles.....	\$3.25 to \$6.50
Splendid assortment of children's and misses' hats tailored and fancy	\$1.95 to \$5.45

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Card of Thanks

If words can express our gratitude we desire to thank our many friends for the kindness and assistance shown us during the sickness and death of our daughter, Gladys. May God's richest blessings be upon you all. Mr and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and children.

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All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Burton Howard Doan Dead

Last Tuesday death came to the home of Mr and Mrs. J. H. Doan, of the Blair community, and took their little son, Burton Howard, aged six months and eleven days. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Wednesday afternoon, Rev. F. T. Johnson of Trent, officiating.

We greatly sympathize with this young couple in the loss of their baby. It had only remained on earth long enough for its very heartstrings to become firmly bound up in the hearts of its parents. It has gone to its reward, and its parents may follow after. The day is dark for them, however, and they have the deepest sympathy of their friends and neighbors.

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PVT ROBERTSON WRITES

The following letter has been received by Mrs. W. J. Bicknell from her brother, Pvt. H. L. Robertson, who is in the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Dec 6, 1918. Dear Sister—I will write you a few lines to let you know I am still living. At present I am doing just fine. I am having very good health, considering everything. Since I wrote you or heard

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from you there has been a period of sadness in my life I received a letter from Fanny telling me of Father's death. I did not know he was sick. Of course I could not have done him any good, but I believe I could have been better satisfied if I could have been with him in his last days, but God's will be done, not ours. Sister I am satisfied about him. I know he was a good man. He was a good father to us all and I will always miss him, but his dear face will always be plain to me. I am glad you was at his funeral. I would have given anything on earth to have seen him once more, but I can not help it. This world is made up of troubles. Sister, I have seen a lot of trouble in the last six months, but were there is a bitter there is a sweet. I know something of the horrors of war. I was on the front the day that the guns ceas

ed firing. I tell you there was some rejoicing. I am now stationed about 150 miles from Verdun, that is the front I was on. We hiked from Verdun here. Was on the road 15 days. We were a tired crowd when we arrived here. I would like to tell you more, but have not the time. Will tell you more when I get home. God be with you is my prayer. Pvt H. L. Robertson Co. E. 506 Eng France

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NOODLE

The health of the community is very good now.

Marvin Green and wife, Jess Green and family were guests of Mrs. R. W. Green Sunday

There was a small attendance at Sunday school Sunday as the weather was bad. Lets have a full attendance next Sunday and make this the best year in our Sunday School work.

Dellis Green spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mr and Mrs. C. W. Seage spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. R. W. Green

Elder and Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Williams Floyd Williams and Selma Hendrix were guests of Parker Hendrix Sunday.

Bertha Ely spent the latter part of last week with her brother, Alfred Ely

Word reached here Saturday to the effect that Lela Wasson had died at her home in Abilene, Friday. Interment being there Saturday evening. This came as a great shock to her many friends at Noodle, as she lived here two years and to know her was to love her. We offer to the bereaved ones our tenderest sympathy

A. B. Ely and family visited relatives at Stith Sunday.

Odell Herring is visiting relatives at Stamford.

Dollars and Cents.

Counting it only in dollars and cents, how much did that last cold cost you? A man may not always stop work when he has a cold but perhaps it would be better if he did. It takes about ten days to get completely rid of a cold under the usual treatment. That time can be much shortened by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and proper care of yourself, in fact, a bottle of this remedy in the house is a mighty good investment during the winter and spring months.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharp's.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Camp Fire Girls Entertained

Last Friday evening at the beautiful home of Mrs. Fred Groene, the Camp Fire girls were entertained with a delicious dinner, cooked and served by Miss Lucile Edwards. The object of the dinner was to complete the requirements to the ranks of Fire Maker, which, Lucile has just accomplished.

Before the arrival of the girls the guardian had prepared slots for the dividing of the work and entertainment for the evening, which was all cheerfully and willingly done by each girl. After all traces of the supper were cleared away the rank of Woodgather was conferred on Iva Bragg and Ruth Boden. The rest of the evening was spent in lively and instructive conversation concerning The Camp Fire Work and plans for the future.

GRAVE ATTITUDE OF JAPAN

Washington, Feb 11—Japan's attitude toward China in the peace conference is causing grave apprehension among the representatives of the other associated Powers. According to official diplomatic information reaching here, Japan virtually has threatened war, if China makes public secret treaties between the two countries and fails to carry out an agreement to make Japan the successor of Germany in rights, property and concessions held by Germany at the outbreak of the European war.

China is relying on the peace conference where her delegates are said to have made an excellent impression and is seeking support from the United States and Great Britain

Advices from the Orient diplomatic channels say American Minister Reinsch at Peking, seeking to reassure the Chinese Foreign Minister with statements of the friendship of the United States Government, was told frankly that the Foreign Minister did not see how at this time the United States or Great Britain could divert their attention to the Orient when the European situation demanded so much attention.

When the Chinese peace delegates arrived in Paris, the information now available discloses, they reported that the copies of the secret treaties were stolen from their baggage while they were passing through Japan and consequently they were unable to carry out their purpose of making them public at the conference.

Officials of the State Department declined to make any formal comment today on the situation. The impression was given that the whole matter was being handled in Paris.

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