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Washington, June 9.—General The 142d Division were billed Cabell, commander of the South- to arrive at Camp Bowie, Fort ern Department, has wired the Worth, Thursday. Many of our War Department from San An- own boys are in this division. We tonio that there is no unusual expect their immediate disdisturbance along the border charge and arrival home. Soon making it necessary to call into nearly all of them will be at Federal service for border patrol home, after experiences such as duty the Texas cavalry.

War Department in part as fol- Fourth of July be a day set a-

troops."

The report was in answer to a partment regarding the recommendation of Governor Hobby of Texas that the First and Sec- ported here late today that Gen-Guard Cavalry be called into customs at Juarez, had removed Merkel, Texas. service to reinforce the border the official funds of his office to WANTED-A man with family guard.

lery from Camp Upton, NY., to bridge nection with the border situation wrecking expedition. but is in line with the normal demobilization program.

the promise of oil in paying quan found that retail prices for food titles at the Andy Urban test reached their peak in December, the well There is no doubt about ary, but advance in two succeedthe existence of oil. A conserva- ing months. In April the cost of tive estimate is from 15 to 25 twenty-two articles of food combarrels per day. Other estimat- bined was for the United States

this territory, and those interest cent higher than in April, 1913. ed in leasing and drilling will "It is my belief that the range look forward for increased acti- of prices for the necessities of vity in the near future.

organize a company to begin says Julius Rosenwald, head of drilling another test in that vici- Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago, in nity at an early date and there discussing price tendencies. "Of is good prospects that the com. course, there will be some exceppany will be organized and that tions, but I do not look for a sudwork will be started within den or violent reduction in the that the Urban well proves the which have been artificially stim territory and that Abilene peo- ulated." Mr Rosenwald's view is ple who are able to put the pro- similar in this respect to that of position over should and will John J Arnold, vice president of drill the test.

#### Gift Land Now Worth \$300,000, modity prices.

Oil Company two years ago and obtained on application to that given to that company for the service. drilling of four tests wells, is now worth at a conservative est- Nation-Wide Phone Strike Calmate the neat sum of \$300,00,-000.

Gas and Oil Journal.

E. L. Horton and family mov- immediately." ed from Ennis to Merkel this nearly two years ago.

# THE BOYS ARE RE-

men never had before.

General Cabell telegraphed the Let us again suggest that the part for the celebration of the "No trouble anticipated on the homecoming of the boys. Why border except very small raids can't we have a big picnic, or for purposes of stealing, and per- barbecue that day. The time is sonal feuds. Situation can be con fast approaching and the peotrolled by troops there. In gene- ple are mighty busy, but if we ral there is peace on the border ever had cause for real thanksand has been for the last eight giving, we have cause this year. months At present see nothing a With prosperity before us and larming in the situation and no nearly all our fine, brave boys at season for calling out Texas home, we ought to take the day off and have a good time.

#### BATTLE

El Paso, June 9.— It was re-Transfer of the 340th Artil- family across the international \_\_C. M. Largent.

Shop from Camp Lee, Va., to in Juarez seemed to be that the shape. T. E. Ragan. that the movement has no con- were out on a railroad track

#### Prices Remain High

Price problems have been und PROVING OIL EXISTENCE er investigation by the Department of Labor of late. The at the Metropolitan Bakery and next week. S H L Swafford. 1tp tion. All eyes have been directed to Bureau of Labor Statistics has es run as high as 150 barrels. as a whole 18 per cent higher This will prove up the field in than in April, 1918 and 85 per

life will average little, if any, A movement is now on foot to lower than at the present time," the First National Bank of Chicago, who says it is futile for industry to wait for prewar com-

Further expressions of opin-Thirty thousand acres of leas- ion on price tendencies have been es within five miles of the town collected by the Information and of Ranger that were blocked up Educational Service of the Defor the Texas & Pacific Coal & partment of Labor, and may be

#### led Off

Springfield, Ill .,June 9 .- Ord-Public-spirited citizens appoint ers issued a week ago calling for ed a committee and the acreage a national strike of telephone was obtained. Wells were drilled workers, including operators and and the big Ranger oil boom was maintenance men, has been resthe result C C Moorman was larg cinded, Charles P. Ford, interly responsible for getting the national secretary of the Interand oil company into the oil national Brotherhood of Electria sig banking institution. The be necessary for some local unstimate above given is his- ions to adjust their differences by strikes, he asserted, "but there will be no national walkout

week. He formerly resided here, Get your shoes shined at The where he was engaged in the au- Pate Barber Shop. Best of facilitomobile business, leaving here ties offered for ladies and gentle-

#### WEEDS WEEDS

eous mosquito lurks, and in the an epidemic? dull evening ventures forth with Another thing: There are

ample, but Merkel relies upon in- responsible.

To heights unknown the weeds dividual effort and the individual unchecked merrily push their does not reach the vacant lots. vay upward. In the damp defiles Weeds and health do not usually of their underbrush the outrag- go together. Is Merkel inviting

out fear or favor. In his deadly many towns that have grown up embrace there exists the poisons rapidly in the oil section It would of death Small in its make-up, be a miracle if they avoid a tybut with dastardly effect this phoid epidemic this year. When pushing the bit, however. creature of the jungle rules such an epidemic breaks out where unsanitary conditions go there the people are going to We can not keep come here. The cities have declared war them away. We can cut the against the pest; most of the weeds and not let an epidemic go towns have followed their ex- unchallenged. Somebody will be

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

NOTICE—Fishing and hunting FOR SALE—Trustees of Mulstockholders.

FOR SALE—One large rebuilt Moore and J A Horton, trustees. FLOODS WASH OUT RAIL. ville. ond Brigades of Texas National eral M M Murieta, collector of Cypress tank cheap. M. L. Estes.

Fort Bliss, Texas and of the No uneasiness was manifest FOR SALE-Ford for \$200. 111th Mobile Ordnance Repair among the 3,000 troops Feeling Good casings, engine in good FOR SALE-Good jersey milk

rags, Merkel Mail.

Fresh candy, cake and bread WANTED-Cotton choppers for

is strictly forbidden at Warren's berry School District No. 40 will of old building. Usual rights re- be a great deal of activity. served. S. T Anderson, W B

I.OST-Led snap pocket book El Paso and also had sent his to do farm and ranch work. shange Reward offered. Bring to Merkel Mail Office.

13t2c.

6t4c cow with young calf. Seven Camp Bowie, Texas, has been Villistas reported at Samalaycua WANTED—Will pay 5 cents a Price \$85. S. L. Grayson, Phone 2012 Price \$85. S. L. Grayson, Phone 201

## titles at the Andy Urban test reached their peak in December, well south of Abilene. Prepara- 1918 and that there were slight tions are being made to shoot declines in January and Febru-

- AND -

#### CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT

At the Cozy Theatre

Tuesday Night, June 17 8:45 P. M.

#### Benefit Methodist Church

Mr. Bernet Directing

#### thirty or forty days. It is urged near future, aside from those Under the Auspices of the Kings Daughters did some good playing, but were it the largest ever grown.

ADMISSION 25c and 35c Seats on Sale at Grimes Drug Store

SCENE 1.

PLACE: THE COUNTRY STORE TIME: MORNING

CAST

Si Slocum		D. H. Jefferies
		Mrs J. T. Leeson
		Sam Dryden
Willet Itch		Vernon Graves
Mrs. Hard a Hear	ing	Mrs. Jinks McGee
Mrs. Isy Coin		Mrs. Frye
Miss Milley Meter		Mrs Rollins
Heeza Lemon		J. T. Leeson
Mrs. Uneeda Sail		Mrs Tom Mitchell
Mrs. Hard a Stone	e	Miss Etta Thomas
Slim		Harre M. Bernet
Jim		
Sim		C L. McClish

#### SCENE 2.

Place-The Country Church

Time\_Same Evening

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1.	Miss Lizzie Fliver, Reading Mrs T. M. Blaine
2.	O U Singer, Song Graves McGee
3.	Brother and Sister Lythea Waters-Two-cornered piece
4.	Mrs Ura Glink; Reading Mrs. W. J. Young
5.	Mrs Ima Grouch, Song Mrs. G. O. Cresswel

## THE OIL BUSINESS MOVING SLOWLY

No new developments in the oil Brownwood, June 9. - Trial of

well is expected in early next caused veniremen to be excused. week. The machinery is looked The slaying of Colonel Butler for on every train. Tracers are and Mrs. Spanell, which took out, but no report of the lost ship place July 20, 1916, and the subment can be found.

as soon as definite decision has the only daughter of John R Holbeen made as to whether some lan, wealthy ranchman at Alpine of the lessees intend to make Colonel-Butler was a son of

tions on all the wells in the near regular Army officer. Mrs Butler Lake Positively there is no ad- received sealed bids until noon, future, and freely predict that it who with her sister, Mrs. Pollspecific query from the War De- REBELS MASSED FOR NEW mission. This is the order of the June 21 at school house for sale will not be long until there will ard of Nashville, Tenn, is now

#### ROAD BRIDGE

as & Pacific railroad bridge 20 Colonel Butler was a guest at miles east of here near Iatan, the hotel and had been joined by tying up rail traffic. The east-Texas & Pacific is held up here, shot and killed.

1. 86 inches. Indirectly, it has er had been paying undue atten-NOTICE-Trespassing on my caused several deaths in this tions to Mrs. Spanell The evenican Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

pasture is strictly forbidden. Section. Engineer Cecil Peaks ing of the shooting Spanell took died from injuries suffered when his wife and Colonel Butler rid-13t2p his freight engine turned over ing in an automobile. The evinear Judkins, and his fireman, dence was to the effect that D P. Ryssell, is in a serious condi when the outskirts of the town

Stanton, was killed last evening Army officer and Mrs Spanell. The evidence showed Colonel ing at Judkins broke. An uniden. Butler was not armed while tified man was run over by a Spanell had a 45 revolver and an train near here and killed.

Mr. Palmer's mother resided near Merkel, Texas. She left on WHEAT RECORD BROKEN the first train after learning of the accident. No further partic-

#### MERKEL VS CLYDE

ness Men's team on the High June 1. no match for the veterans of the | Condition of winter wheat was able crowd witnessed the game. 83.8 last year.

#### Union School Pienie

district are planning a big picnic for the Fourth of July. Followage this year is 22,593,000. Condance will be held, adjacent to 91.2 per cent of a normal comthe grounds. Sam Martin and pared with 95.2 a year ago. others are making arrangements for the events of the day. The dance hall will be about 20x40. The picnic grounds will be on northeast of Noodle.

#### Inspects Road

showing made

hand furniture on hand. If you Washington, D C. want to buy or exchange, see me. 6. A Ford Horn, Reading ...... Mr John Mougham J. T Darsey.

situation are ready to report. Pro Harry J Spanell on a charge of gress is being made on the work killing Colonel M C Butler at at the Sears well Caving was ex- Alpine, Texas, three years ago, perienced for several days and was continued to the first Monnew machinery had to be install- day in January, 1920, when called They are about ready to begin ed in district court here late today, due to inability to obtain The management of the Bland jurors. Pressing harvest work

sequent trials, attracted nation-The derrick is up at the Trent wide attention. Spanell was a well The promotors say they will former music teacher in Baypush matters to the utmost just lor University and his wife was

the late Senator M C Batler of We hope to see active opera- South Carolina and a well known here, is a member of the well known Howell family of Nash-

Testimony presented in the two former trials showed that Big Springs, June 10-Heavy Spanell was manager of a hotel rains have washed out the Tex- at Alpine prior to the tragedy. bound Sunshine Special of the Colonel and Mrs. Spanell was

was reached there was a quarrell Jack Palmer, a young man of ending with the shooting of the automatic pistol.

Washington, June 9.-A ulars are obtainable at this time wheat production of 1, 236, 000,-000 bushels this year, combining the winter wheat and spring wheat crops, was forcast today An undefeated ball team from by the department of agriculture Clyde crossed bats with the Busi from the condition of the crop

School grounds Monday after- Winter wheat production is noon, where they met their forecast at 893,000,000 bushels, Waterloo. The result was 13 to compared with 899,915,000 bush-6 in favor of Merkel. The visitors els forecast last month, making

home team, who literally ran a- 94.9 per cent of a normal comway with the honors. A consider- pared with 100.5 last month and

Spring wheat production is forecast at 343,000,000 bushels compared with last year's pro-The people of Union School duction of 359,000,000 bushels. ing the picnic, in the evening a ditions of the crop June 1 was

#### Civil-Service Examination

The United States Civil Ser-Clear Fork, about seven miles vice Commission announces open competitive examinations for the positions of assistant in cotton testing, grades 1 and 2, for men Very' tfiker ailt ,1. yffe8v inJi,ii only, on July 1, 1919. Vacancies Capt. Fontleroy, Federal Gov- in the Bureau of Markets, Deernment Inspector, and head field partment of Agriculture, Washman of the Elrod Engineering ington, D C. at entrance salaries Company of Dallas, were here ranging from \$1,800 to \$2,400 Tuesday to inspect the work for assistant in cotton testing started by Sanders Bros. The (Grade 1,) and from \$1,200 to road work is well underway both \$1,800 a year for assistant in east and west out of Merkel. The cotton testing (Grade 2), will be inspectors expressed themselves filled from these examintions. as being highly pleased with the Applicants should at once apply for Form 2118, stating the title of the examination desired, to I have a nice variety of second the Civil Service Commission, at

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

## A SUGGESTION

Those who DO NOT do business with

### THE FARMERS STATE BANK

will find it to their advantage to talk to those WHO DO

Think it Over---There's a Reason

#### FARMS

ment of Agriculture. This furn- turn. ishes the brightest spot in a sit- These figures are the actual re uation that is not yet entirely sult of personal interviews with satisfactory, but that promises each man. It was found also that steady improvements, although a number of men who had prethere is still no indication of a viously been engaged in other decided movement back to the occupations expressed a desire to farm by men who were attracted take up farming. During the from food-production work by three weeks mentioned 2 per high wages in industrial pursuits cent of the men discharged and

camps by the department's farm take up farming. help specialists furnish ample proof to refute statements that Summer Complaint Quickly Rehave appeared in the press that from 75 per cent to 90 per cent of the men who were called by suffering from a severe attack the Army from the farms are of summer complaint, I took not returning to them. In a Vir- Chamberlain's Colic and Dirginia camp the specialists found rhoea Remedy and it relieved that during the first three weeks me almost instantly," writes in April 98.2 per cent of such Mrs. Henry Jewett, Clark Mills, men discharged actually return- N.Y. This is an excellent remedy ed to the farms. During the week for colic and diarrhoea and ending April 5 the specialists in- should be kept at hand by every terviewed 2,021 men at this camp family. I was found that 933 were from farms and that all but 15 of that

#### LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is noth ing serious about a loss of appetite, and if you skip a meal or only eat two meals a day for a Abilene the past week We are few days you will soon have a relish for your meals when meal time comes. Bear in mind that at least five hours should always elapse between meals so as to give the food ample time to digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal it takyou crave and take a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise every day you will not need to ening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be worry about your appetite. When the loss of appetite is caused by constipation as is often the case. that should be correctedat once. lots, your houses, in fact what-A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets ever you have to sell. The Merwill do it

SOLDIERS RETURN TO THE number intended to return. During the following week 2,108 men The majority of soldiers who were interviewed It was found entered the Army from farms that 691 were from farms and are returning to them immediate all but 14 intended to return The ly after receiving their discharg- next week 716 men were interes from military duty, according viewed. Of this number 364 had to reports from farm-help specia- formerly been employed on the lists of the United States Depart farm and all but 5 intended to re

Figures Refute Statement | who were not farming when they Careful surveys made in Army entered the Army intended to

"About two years ago when

Judge and Mrs. W. P. Mahaffey and family have at last become full-fledged citizens of Mer kel, at least for the present. They rented the Sheppard house on Oak Street and moved in from glad to welcome them here. The Judge has practiced law in Merkel for sometime, but on account of his children being in school deferred moving here until now

#### No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unen. Then if you eat no more than healthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regulari; for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, im prove the digestion, and act as a General Strength in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle

> We want to list your vacant kel Realty Company.

## Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

#### Established 1904

This Bank has built up a large business among the substantial citizens of this community by obtaining their confidence through Satisfactory banking service.

If you desire careful and intelligent banking service that you can count on and that will prove mutually profitable, we invite an interview concerning the facilities of this Bank.

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President G. F. West, Vice President Henry James, Vice President Thos. Johnson, Cashier Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier DeVerle Johnson, Asst. Cashier C. P. Warren

#### LOCAL NEWS

Miss Zoe West received a telegram Sunday from Luther Grimes announcing his arrival in America. He expects and immediate discharge.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Com-

Mrs J T Warren returned several days ago from a visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Coit of Waco. Little Henry Warren Coit, her grandchild accompanied her home and is quite the idol of the family. ...

Try a can of our Seal bran of Chase and Sanborn coffee. Bob Martin's Grocery

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney a fine 10-pound boy. Moth er and son are doing nicely. Mr. Boney is about the biggest man in town this week. The baby was born on their wedding anniversary, June 9, 1919 at 12 o'clock N.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett and get 30¢ a dozen .. W. P. Duckett.

Mr and Mrs. Howett Johnson and son, H L. Jr., of Wharton visited Mrs Johnson's sister, Mrs Walter Jackson, and family this week. They formerly resided in Abilene, but have been in Wharton some months.

Summer Complaint in Children

There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say, fully ninety-nine out of every hundred cases recover. Mr W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn,. says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children. It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose."

# News for The Trade

## Dry Goods, Shoes - Clothing -

Prices are being advanced. Some lines in staple dry goods have been marked up 2½c to 6c per yard in past two weeks.

Goods on the Merkel market for the next two months will be much cheaper than you can get them in other towns. Bad crops and nothing to create prosperity caused many goods to be carried by our selves and our neighbors.

#### A HINT TO THE WISE

If you have the cash you had better buy all you can and as quick as you can. Frankness in keeping you posted is the reason for the above statement.

The Brown D. G. Co.

A C. Rose acts as though his wife was away from home.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

Miss Myrtle Saffel of Plainview is visiting her sister, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hard-

ware Company Tom Largent is sporting a new Hupmobile. We expect to hear of him being arrested for speed-

ing any time. Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and

Arthur Thornton left a few days ago for Burkburnett. where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper with a hardware

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Mrs Thomas Bearden received a telegram several days ago advising her that Mr Barden had landed in America and expected an immediate discharge. Mrs. Bearden left Tuesday to join her husband in Fort Worth.

For the best Bread buy Amercan Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

#### NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern: Trent, Texas .-

June 1, Contracts and all previous oil Leases from this date stand forfeited on the following Described land: Taylor County Abstract No. 84, Block 19, Section 32, 64 acres; Block 19, section 34, 10 acres; Block 19, section 38, 80 acres

Nolan County adjoining 40 acres; Jones County Section 32, 200 acres. All parties are hereby warned not to purchase or sell or barter in any way without legal authority. D. S. Howell.

BIG BUSINESS AND THE PUBLIC

For many years politicians have obtained popularity by attacking the large business interests of the country. These attacks were generally based upon isolated cases of wrongdoing by a few corporations or of small groups of exploiters who had obtained temporary control of some transportation line or industry. It was the habit of the politicians to sieze upon these outstanding examples of corporate transgressions and to magnify them to the greatest extent possible while concealing all the great and bene ficent services which many corporations were rendering to the

It thus came about that gradually the people grew to look upon every industry of large proportions as a monster monopoly engaged in exploiting the public and at the same time oppressing the laborers and producers....

For a long time the great industries of the country remained silent under the attacks above mentioned, which caused the peo ple to conclude that these accusations were true and unanswerable And worse yet, many people regarded this silence in the nature of a contemptuous indifference toward public opinion, and this greatly tended to aggravate the hostility of the people toward the big business enterprises of the country. This hostility did not stop with personal expressions of opinion, with attacks in the newspapers and magazines or with mere declaration in political speeches and platforms It was soon translated into legislative acts and administrative decrees, together with court actions in some cases, which restricted the conduct of large business undertakings by private enterprise and even threatened the extinction of some important concerns.

Finally the executives of the railways and of the more important industrial organizations awoke to the necessity of taking the people into their confidence and telling them the facts of the situation They saw that if their organization and methods of op ration were honorable and sound, - the American sense of fair play could be relied upon once the truth was fully presented and understood.

Clearly the attitude of the pub lic toward what is generally called big business will depend, in the last analysis, upon the practices of big business itself. If unsound and especially if they are unfair or dishonest, they will be condemned, as they should be But, on the other hand, if they rest upon sound principles, and are regardful of the public interests and of labor, they will be than in that year. sustained by public opinion. . .

While it is proper that all evils with which big business-or little business, for that mattermay be charged should be brou- tal authorized capitalization of ght to light and corrected, it is equally important and in the pub lic interest that the valid services which the great industrial est- ed in February, 1916, and is alablishments are rendering should most double the indicated investbe recognized and protected ment for April of this year, which from unjust Governmental re- amounted to \$104,469,000. strictions originating in public prejudices created without regard to the facts.

The attitude of the Government toward business, and the re | 000, comparing with | 385 comlations of labor and capitalthese constitute problems of immediate and transcendent importance, and there can not be too much of candid discussion of these weighty matters, so that the situation of all parties in interest may be fairly presented appeared as \$430,480,000. and well understood-conditions indispensable to a just determination of the grave problems which we must face without delay.—The Bankers Magazine.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an fluenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

Hall's Family Pills for constitution

# Paint-Paint-Paint

Now is the best time of the year to paint. We have paint for all purposes-outside and inside wood work, floors, porches, etc. \$1.00 invested in paint adds \$2.00 to the beauty of your home.

#### RUGS

We have just received a shipment of the prettiest Rugs we have ever shown, come see them.

#### REFRIGERATORS

I How about that Refrigerator? We still have a few we bought last year and can save you money on them.

#### **FURNITURE** PORCH

Several sets of porch furniture, consisting of 1 Rocker, 1 chair, 1 settee and table. We will make a special price on these sets for the next 10 days.

### WILL GET IT FOR YOU

Our furniture stock is complete. We can save you money on any thing in our line. If we haven't what you want, we will get it for you.

## Barrow Furniture Co.

PROSPERITY IN OIL

New York, June 6.-More new oil companies were organized last May than in any single Workers from all Denominations month since the outbreak of the European war, reflecting the tremendous boom that is now under way in that industry. If this pace is kept up throughout the those practices are economically remaining months of the current year, the 1919 total of new oil concerns will far exceed the previous high record established in 1917. The monthly average of oil capitalization to date this year is more than \$20,000,000 higher

> The compilation maintained by the Journal of Commerce, shows that last month 199 new oil companies were chartered with a to-\$202,305,000. This compares with the previous high monthly record of \$163,000,000 establish-

In the next five months of this year 110 oil companies have been organized with an aggregate authorized capital of \$472,966,panies representing an indicated investment of \$212,062,000 in the corresponding months of the last year. During the entire year of 1918 only 820 oil companies were launched ,and their aggregate authorized capitalization

#### ADLER-I-KA AGAIN

(Signed) E. H. Beeman, Cali- ment. spell, Wash.

Sanders Drug Store.

SCHOOL CONVENTION

expected in Galveston June 21-24

ride Sunday School Convention held at Galveston, June 21, 22. Hughes Bldg, Dallas.

Special rates of one fare and one-third will be on sale, Friday, Come by railroad or auto part-

Much interest is shown throu-

services and greatmass meeting, Co. afternoon and night. Monday and Tuesday regular Convention addresses, conferences, educational and departmental meeting in which many noted speakers master General Burleson today from Texas and other States will issued an order returning the tel have a vital part.

as should be represented by the ship, effective immediately. "I had a bad case of constipa- Pastor, Superintendent, Depart- In a statement accompanying tion, gas on the stomach, and mental Leaders, Officers, Teach- the formal order, the Postmastother bowel trouble. Twelve ers and Pupils. Schools and Or- er General declared that the exhours, after I took Adler-i-ka I ganized Classes should pay the isting rates would remain in effelt better and after continuing expenses of delegates, if neces- fect and that orders forbidding I consider "syself CURED." sary as it will prove a fine invest- discharge of employes because of

> Workers interested will be Adv-5 ligious Educational Program, Sanders Drug Co.

ANNUAL STATE SUNDAY Week Day Bible Study, Organi- Thrift is not necessarily a habzation, Management, Adminstra- it but a conviction Get convinced tive Leadership, Architecture, now and buy. W. S S. Equipment, Educational Exhibit and many other features.

Delegates desiring hotel and boarding house reservations should address Rev. D. B. Titus, The forty-fifth annual State- Special Chairman, Galveston. Ad dress other inquiries to Texas for all denominations will be Sunday School Assicciation, 408

M H Wolf, President: W D. Bradfield, Executive Chairman; E.C Routh, Vice Chairman; S.J. June 20th, good for ten days. McFarland, Treasurer; Freder-The fine program and attractive- ick Eby, Educational Chairman; ness of Galveston at this season Nehemiah Wiggins, General Sup will assure a large attendance. erintendent; and three hundred other State Officers.

Teething babies always have a ghout the State. North Texas hard time of it when this process delegates are planning to go in occurs in hot weather. They not special cars, leaving Dallas, Fri- only have to contend with painday night, June20th. Other sec- ful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the Saturday will be spent in body uncomfortable. The best sight-seeing, recreation, surf- help you can give the little sufbathing, and a probable banquet ferer is McGee's Baby Elixir on the beach, Saturday night. It corrects sour stomach, cools Sunday delegates will attend and quiets the bowels and helps Sunday Schools and preaching digestion. Sold by Sanders Drug

#### sessions will be held including Telephone and Telegraph Wires Returned.

Washington, June 5.—Postephone and telegraph systems Every Sunday School of Tex- of the country to private owner-

union affiliations also will stand

Adler-i-ka expels all gas and help along lines of the Cradle If you have the itch, don't sourness, stopping stomach dis- Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior scratch. It does not cure the trou tress instantly. Removes all foul Intermediate, Senior, Young ble and makes the skin bleed. Apmatter which poisons system. Of Men andWomen, Menand Women ply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIten cures constipation. Prevents Home Department, Teachers MENT. Rub it in gently on the appendicitis. We have sold Adler Training, Missions, Temperance, affected parts. It relieves itching i-ka many years. It is a mixture Home Visitation, Rural School instantly and a few applications of buckthorn, cascara, glyce- Work, Community Problems, removes the cause thus performrine and nine other simple drugs Week Day Activities, New Re- ing a permanent cure. Sold by

PREPARE GINS NOW

Hundred of thousands of dollars are lost to Texas farmers annually through poor ginning of cotton. This loss to farmers benefits nobody. It is so much value destroyed.

A part of the responsibility for this rests upon ginners and a part upon farmers. Poorly equipped and improperly operated gins lower the grade of cotton and reduce its selling price. Like wise, carelessly picked and carelessly handled cotton results in lower grades and lower prices

In picking cotton care should be taken o keep out leaves, burrs and trash. Seed cotton should be thoroughly overhauled and put in good condition at this season. It is highly desirable that local farmers organizations appoint a gin committee to confer with gin ners and see to it that gins are in proper condition to handle the crop promptly and efficiently. Much of the large quantity of low grade cotton now on the market is the product of poorly equipped and improperly operated gins. The difference in the price of the different grades is so great that the lowering of a farmer's crop one or two grades may mean financial disaster, while the raising of the grade may mean a profit on his year's work.

Farmers who have planted good seed of improved varieties of cotton should arrange now for keeping their seed from being mixed with inferior varieties at the gin where several farmers in a neighborhood are growing one variety of cotton and all have planted pure seed, they should arrange for ginning days for that variety. Otherwise they should arrange to have the roll dropped, the breast cleaned and have the seed run out on a wagon sheet on the floor.

Particular attention should be given by farmers and ginners to the ginning of good staple cotton To avoid cutting and nepping. the speed of the saws should be reduced and the feed so regulated as to keep the roll soft. A hard or tight properly ginned, should command a premium over shorter staple varieties.

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Righteous living is an econom asset to the industrial life of the community and a balm to moral integrity.

A man will suffer any hardship any privation, any danger to protect a woman against anything, but himself.

Some men think that they are upholding the traditions of Southern chivalry when they oppose woman suffrage.

has already had one.

men and women, and therefore at ten shaarp and closes on the think that as long as men are dot at noon. In the absence of permitted to carry their chewin' the pastor, Rev. B. F. Tatum has tobacco she should not be moles- graciously agreed to fill the pul-

And the peace treaty leaked he brings his messages. out. The leakage was found in JJuniors and Sunbeams at 3 Chicago, the windy city. We p m., The B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. think there is little use worry- The evening service will begin at ing about, for as it came from 9 sharp. Chicago nobody would have believed it any way

Carranza had his opportunity. It will mean a blessing to you. With a steadfast purpose, he plunged into the dark night of to worship with us in any of our revolution, from which he arose services. crowned with a hero's glory.But alas! The day has found him wanting, the tides are turning against him, and history will have to write of him that he was not equal to the time in which he lived.

may have figured it out that he "Taking The Measure Of Every er man to say the least, and fur- and get yours. ther that he would never be forgotten, even though the world rings with the curses of him

Some complaint is being made about speeding on the streets of Merkel. It is alleged that a few of the young men of the city take advantage of the night and the absence of a city marshall to phens, Bess Tucker defy the law. These young men are simply acting the fool. It is no credit to them or to any one else to defy the law in this manner. It is cowardly in the extreme, belonging to that particular phase of the criminal nature that would stab a man in the Announcement Song, Prayer. back in the dark. There is not a citizen of Merkel big enough to be condoned in the willful breaking of good and wholesome laws. We believe the city dads will do on the city streets must stop.

Company

### When a Woman Considers

the small amount of baking powder it takes to make a cake-when she compares the small cost of the baking powder with that of the other materials used, when she appreciates the difference there is in flavor, texture and wholesomeness-there is only one decision and that is

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#### CHURCH NEWS

At the Baptist Church.

Things picked up in the Sunday school last Sunday and went fine. Summer adjustments are being made and things will soon It is said that Germany plans be running on summer schedule. a revolution. That is all a mis- Most folks are like a flivvertake. The news is belated. She they have to adjust themselves to each season as it comes on.

The regular services will be held next Sunday at their regu-We believe in equal rigths to lar times. Morning service starts ted in carrying her powder puff. pit. It will be good to hear this ripe-souled saint as out of a rich experience of service and grace

Keep open ears next Sunday for the announcement concerning the circulating library that the church is installing. Get in on it.

Cordial welcome to everybody

E. E. Dawson, Pastor. Walter Jackson, Supt

#### Methodist Church Notice

Another good day last Sunday both in church and Sunday School continues to grow both in numbers and interest, come and The Kaiser goes down in his- join us, if not already interested tory as the greatest monster of in some other school. Time 9:45. any age Had Germany won he Preaching at 11, A. M. Subject would have been the greatest for the morning hour will be man of history. It was a big gam "Just God And Me" At the even ble. He played it and lost. He ing hour the subject will be would be different from any oth- Member Of The Church". Come

W. M Murrell, Pastor

#### Epworth League Program

Leader, Lorena Dry Prayer, Mrs. Permenter Song

Scripture Reading 2. Cor 8:1:15 Mason Pee.

Leader's Address, Lorena Dry The Law of the Tithe, Mable

Vocal Duett, Annie Mae Cost-

McNees.

Systematic Giving, Eva Knight Third Assistants address, Geo rge Moore

#### Scarcity of Teachers Serious

Washington, June 10.—Ameri grain crop. can schools are facing a serious problem because of a lack of their full duty at all times and teachers, P. P. Claxton declared er, Vanilah, spent a couple of trusted them is homeless, thirsty feel sure the law-abiding citizens today in asking Congress for ad- days this week in Fort Worth hungry and perhaps chased by will stand by them. Speeding ditional appropriations of \$2000,- and Handley. 000 to conduct his bureau for

the next fiscal year. Car of blacksmith coal just country are without teachers be- moved. Make fine granary or kill them so they will not be a received at the Crown Hardware cause of enlistments in the army barn or addition to house. and other activities, he said.

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#### ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

another good rain Sunday night, mies, boys, dogs, etc. Cats are day night there was a shower a- owners, and when bereft of both mounting to 1/5 of an inch. Both by the going away of the family, rains are fine for feed crops and heir helplessness, indecision and cotton, and they fell so nicely homesickness are pitiful in the that no damage was done to the extreme How can any one enjoy

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JULIA COTTON, Franco American Hygienic Agent.

#### ROAD WORK IN PROGRESS

Sanders Bros. are on the job in earnest. Grading is being pushed east of Merkel preparing to graveling. The road is to be graded up nicely and well gravelled. It will not be long until Merkel can boast of one of the best highways in Texas This is to be Highway No. 1, and it can not be built in too good a manner.

#### NOTICE TO FRIENDS OF HOTEL

From date of this notice all meals served at Woodrum Hotel will be 75 cents for dinners and suppers each.

Will be glad to serve you at all times. Thanking you for your patronage and solicit you future trade.

Woodrum Sisters.

#### When Going Away For the Summer

With the coming of warm weather in the city folks retreat to cool seaside, mountain or coun try, with never a thought for the family cat, often a pet, left behind with no provision for her ife or comfort.Left to fight against hunger, thirst and loneliness, for on hot city streets and alleys water is not obtainable. They are haunted with the per-The great Merkel country had petual fear of their natural eneamounting to 3/4 of an inch. Mon- intense lovers of home and their a moment's peace at the lovely seaside or mountain, knowing PL.McClary and little daught- that the loving family pet that cruel boys and dogs, bent on their death in horrible fashion. We have a good house for sale Either provide for them while a-Fifty thousand schools of the cheap. It can be torn down or way or take them with you or menace to the town or communi-

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It's a long lane which has no turning but you won't notice the 1919. length so much if you belong to a War Savings Society.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Mrs James West Entertained five until eight last Friday after noon in honor of her sister, Mrs. O. J Shaffer. Those in attendance were Mesdames R. O Anderson. Phones: Of. 168, Res. 187. Nov9 L B Scott, H K Sheppard, L. B. Howard, H. C West, G F. West, Meador and Misses Maude Mar- reinforce the border guard tin, Jess Supthen Agnes Powell, Mary Reed, Elmer Sheppard, Zoe West, Mamie Rister, the hostess and honorie.

A salad course and tea were served with mints.

Sargent-Alexander Wedding

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent at Mount Pleasant, Miss Ora was married to Mr Gordon Alexander Wednesday evening of last week. Miss Annie Roland was bridesmaid and Lee Campbell was best man A number of friends were in attendance. Following the ceremony refreshments were served, and those present enjoyed a social evening

Miss Ora has long been a leader in the religious and social life of her community, possessing rare accomplishments, of a genial disposition and numbering her bition and promise.

We wish for the young couple ong years of happiness and pros ty bad time with my kidneys. perity. They will reside in the There was a drawing ache and ount Pleasant neighborhood

Mrs Meador Entertains

sion of the games.

Howard, Mesdames Grimes and tirely relieved of kidney trouble Messrs A C Rose and Yates to my friends." Erown

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#### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELEC-TION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor.

School Building in Common gin the war early enough when List now. Merkel Realty Co. School District No. 26, of this his opponents were not equipped county of date of 12th day of and takes the viewpoint in favor July, 1914, which is recorded in of preventive warfare. Book G, page 74, of the minutes | The measure provides for a of said court to determine wheth- committee of fifteen members er a majority of the legally from the National Assembly to voters of that district desire to tary leadership prior to and durtax themselves for the purpose ing the war and requires the of supplementing the said school government to produce any docfunds apportioned to said dis-luments needed. trict and to determine whether the commissioners court of this of fifteen members, including county shall be authorized to the President of the Imperial ney and bladder troubles, dissolv levy, assess and collect annually Military, Prussian, Bavarian and es gravel, cures diabetes, weak the taxes on and at the rate of Hanseatic supreme courts, five

All persons who are legally Caranza Troops In Chihuahua in children. If not sold by your qualified voters of this State Mexico City, June 9 .- The city druggist, will be sent by mail on and county and who are resident of Chihuahua, which Villa was rereceipt of \$1.25. One small bot- property tax payers in said ported to hold, was entered Sattle is two month's treatment, district, shall be entitled to vote urday by Federal troops, comman

this and other states. Dr. E. W. the County Judge of this county the office of President Carranza. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St.Louis by order made on the 28 day of It was added that General Die May 1919, and this notice is giv- guez would remain in Chihuahua en in pursuance of said order. to await orders before continu-Dated the 4th day of June ing the campaign against Villa.

EXAS TROOPS NOT NEED-ED ON BORDER

General Cabell, commanding the Southern Department and the port to the War Department to- nervousness and sickness day advises against any increase in forces at this time. The forces and Enriching the Blood. When you feel Mrs. James West entertained now under his command, Genewith a forty-two party from ral Cabell said, were sufficient to it improves the appetite, you will then handle any contingency that appreciate its true tonic value could be foreseen.

specific query from the War Department regarding the recommendation of Govennor Hobby erties never fail to drive out impurities in Tom Largent, G. A Rister, W J of Texas that the First and Sec-Largent, Earl Lassiter, Robt. ond Brigades of Texas National Grimes, T. L Grimes, Ergeal Cavalry be called into serivce to

This excerpt from General Cabell's report was made public:

"No trouble anticipated on border except very small raids for purpose of stealing and perfor purpose of stealing and personal feuds Situation can be controlled by troops now there. In general, there is a peace on the border and has been for the past eight months. At present nothing alarming in situation and no reason for calling out Texas troops."

#### LOCAL MERCHANT HAS A CALLER

J. T. Darsey Visited By Easter-

J T Darsey was one of the many people the New York State man met when he was here | Arizona by the educational departwho had already used Doan's ment of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. Kidney Pills. Mr. Darsey makes the following statement for the friends by the score. Mr Alexand benefit of any Merkel people who tions involved in their efforts to get er is a young man of worthy am- may be troubled as he was. He lands in various states and the ways

"A few years ago I had a pretsharp pains through the small of my back and if I bent over to pick up something I could hardly ders Drug Store and after I had

get Doan's Kidney Pills—the to Mr. Craig. same that Mr. Darsey had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs. Buffalo,

WOULD TRY OFFICER FOR STARTING WAR

Berlin, June 9 .- The constitutional convention has completed consideration of a bill creating a state court, which would try those persons in Germany who accused of starting lengthening and losing the war.

the National Assembly soon.

Notice is hereby given that an sponsibility for the War." de- it. If you want to leave the counelection will be held on the 5th clares that the former emperor's try, we will try to let you take day of July, 1919, at Castle Peak only guilt was his failure to be-the value of your farm with yuo.

qualified property taxpaying investigate the political and mili-

The court would be composed

ded by General Manuel Dieguez, Said election was ordered by it was announced last night from

The official announcement set at J. S. Bond, rest various reports regarding Sheriff of Taylor County Texas. the situation in Chihuahua.

You Do More Work,

Washington, June 9-Major You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on Mexican border, in a special re- the system, causing weakness, laziness,

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHIII TONIC its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how

GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC The report was in answer to a is not a patent medicine, it is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. These reliable tonic propthe blood.

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#### FIFTY THOUSAND SIGN FOR LAND

Soldiers in Camps Organizing Farmers' Forums Are Being Aided by Army Y. M. C. A.

Farmers' forums composed of soldlers desiring to establish homes and farms on land provided by the government are being organized in the military camps of the Southern department, comprising Texas, Oklahoma, Louislana, Arkansas, New Mexico and

Groups of soldiers comprising the forums meet regularly in the Y. M. C. A. buildings and discuss the quesand means of developing the lands after they get them. Literature from the department of the interior and the agricultural departments of the states being studied is obtained and a digest of it given to the groups by

different members. S. N. Craig, representing the depart-Mrs. Ergeal Meador entertain- get straightened up. I had to get instrumental in formulating the plan ed Tuesday evening with three up often during the night, the of operation followed by the soldier ables of "42". Ice cream and kidney secretions passed so often farmers and farmers-to-be. A series cake were served at the conclu- I got Doan's Kidney Pillsat San- of addresses was given by him in the The guests were Mr and Mrs. used one box, my back was outlined the course to be pursued by Willie Joe Largent, Mr and Mrs strong and the kidney secretions the government in assisting soldiers H K .Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs L B passed regularly. I was soon en- to locate on unused government lands in various states.

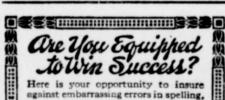
Holt, Miss Mertice Saffel and and I gladly recommend Doan's signed the applications for the gov- business was apprenticed to some But his legs would not obey, ernment land which will be available Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't after congress has passed the bill consimply ask for a kidney remedy taining the recommendations of Secretary of the Interior Lane, according pay and boarding himself, got They were lying ten yards away.

the soldiers have indicated their desire to take advantage of the opportunities to be provided under the proplan depends upon the follow-up work that will be done by the farmers' forums in the various camps being or-

Camp Travis, San Antonio, Tex., organized the first farmers' forum.

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NEWSPAPER "DEVIL"

number of time which one of the office force was the devil? As we Where the grass was sere and very much dislike that name for camps of the Southern department in people who have to work as hard When the world blew up with a the "Y" buildings, during which he as newspaper forces, we will explain its origin and our substi- And the darkness had settled tute for it:

More than 50,000 soldiers have wanted to learn the printing printer for about three years, And he grimly smiled as he reaworking the first year without his board the second year and "It is gratifying that so many of his board and clothes the third Then he thought of paths those year. He was called the "Printer's Devil" at first. Sometimes visions of the new law," said Mr. he was somewhat of a boob, Craig. "The ultimate success of the hence was the butt of much sport from the rest of the force Now, things are different. We ganized with the aid of the Y. M. C. A. have no "devil," these days as He remembered the first pair of all have graduated to a higher position.

Children that are effected by worms are pale and sickly and liable to contract some fatal dissease. WHITE'S CREAM VER-Also list your large places and MIFUGE expels worms promptly With her smiling, comely face; General Frederick A Bernhar ranches with us. We can sell them and puts the child on the road to But many the years and miles he

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HOW JIM WENT "WEST" We have been asked quite a He lay where he fell in No Man's

> Land, brown:

monstrous clash,

down: In former days a boy who He sought to rise as his comrad-

lized

feet had trod Since he stood as his mothers knee;

He smiled as he thought of his first stone bruisa. And the sting of a bumblebee:

red-topped boots hat covered his less of tar, And how proud he was ween his

mother said He was now a grown-up man

Fis mother! Ah, yes, he rement bered her.

had trod Away from her resting place But memories came trooping

heap,

past;

We pay spot cash for eggs. He opened his eyes as the sky grew bright,

And saw her beckoning him,

With arms outstretched at a portal wide, Awaiting her little Jim;

So he hastened away, like a child at play, And he ran to his mother's side And the huddled heap that he

left asleep Was the only thing that died. -W. C. Harbour in Word and Works.

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Of the 1.8 per cent of the sol- One, W P. Duckett, deposes fit them for a class of farm work coat for Sunday. which does not require hard physical effort. Practically the entire ents or were tenants and consid- E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c. ered it too late to farm this year as other help had been secured.

A similar report from the farm-help specialist in charge of Company. the work at Camp Gordon, Ga., April 3,291 farmers were discharged from the camp. Of that to farm work.

were personally interviewed, and recreation, prevention and treat- gross ignorance and miseduca- tive sex instruction among the receipt of their discharge.

Lost A Coat

diers who had been on farms and says that he has lost a coat; previously to entering the Army his Sunday coat; the only coat and who did not intend to return he has, and he is very anxious to the reason given by 1 per cent find it If any one has found it was that the men were disabled and does not need it worse that and therefore unable to do heavy Mr Duckett does, the finder will farm work. At least half of this please return the coat to the own number are taking up vocational er and receive his thanks. It was courses in agriculture which will lost last week. He didn't have a

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza remaining eightenths per cent LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the had been farming with their par cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine."

In Schools ing 866 did not desire to go back General Gorgas of the army, ted.

A regular morning operation | According to the estimates of numbers think that one of the cribed only to their p tiable ignor of the bowels puts you in fine the Surgeon General of the army sex diseases especially disast ance, for which their elders not shape for the day's work. If you one man contracted venereal dis- rous in its effect upon in ocent they, are responsible. miss it you feel uncomfortable ease after entering the service women is "no worse than a bad Most boys and girls are natuand cannot put vim into your to five before entering it. This cold." Most of these men a few rally clean and wholesome. They movements. For all bowel irregu- fact brings home the truth that years ago were boys in the pub- are ambitious to be vigorous and larities HERBINE is the remedy these diseases form a public lic schools and in the homes of manly, or womanly. If they are It purifies, strengthens and regu- health problem for civilians to our country. Their ignorance dealt with honestly and intelli-

been especially serious, but it is shows that early sex practices not nearly the whole loss. The are probably more common than diseases, being highly contagious most fathers and mothers would have entered homes and marri- be willing to believe age relations. Women and child- The most appaent result of ren, not knowing the cause, have this failure to educate children suffered from them for genera- about sex functions is the needtions. Innocent young wives, pre- less worry and suffering among viously healthy, have been muti- thousands of them over such nor lated by necessary surgical ope- mal processes as nightly emisrations, some have been made sions and menstruation. The invalids, many have remained business of quack doctors and childless, and others have lost, patent medicines it built largely life itself. Babes have been born on this youthful ignorance. dead, crippled or defective, oth- But the study quoted from aers have become blind a few bove and many other observahours after birth. Men thinking tions show just as clearly that Every sack of Marechal Neil they were cured by patent rem- the failure to give early sound flour guaranteed, or your mon- edies have been visited years lat- instruction results in sex pracey back. Bob Martin Grocery er by terrible maladies-sterili- tices which, too often, are the ty paralysis and insanity. No first steps in a career of immorarmy and no nation can attain ality and resulting venereal disshows that during four weeks in The Problem Of Sex Education to its full vigor when its young seases. Although sex education men are weakened by venereal aims at more than the elimina-The war has made the people disease, when its women are bar- tion of venereal diseases, it is number 83 were directed to situ- of the United States face frank- ren, and when its children are a necessary part of the national ations on the farms in Georgia, ly the whole problem of sex edu-defective. It seems inconceivable fight against that very serious while 2,342 said they were re- cation. The greatest cause of that with this menace of our na- menace. Public health officers. turning to their jobs or homes disability in military life, accord- tional life, now made terribly who are constantly coming in on the farms, and the remain- ing to the statement of Surgeon clear, it should longer be neglec- touch with the victims of these

has been the venereal diseases. Medical men working among of the principal means of reduc-At another camp 30 farmers Through a program of education inc troops found that there is ing the number of cases is posi-29 stated that they were going ment adopted in the army camps tion on the whole subject of sex young. Some of the cases coming back to the farm immediately on these diseases were greatly re- in life Thousands act on the mis- into their venereal clinics are duced But this has not solvd the taken belief that sex relations mere children whose acts in conare necessary to health. Large tracting the disease can be aslates. Sold by Sanders Drug Co. solve in peace as well as in war, and their diseases are largely gently, if their education includ-

the products of the theory that children are to be kept in a blessed state of ignorance and innocence. The test of war has shown this taboo to be a hideous mistake. The Old System.

Children are naturally curious regarding the facts of reproduction. Only an abnormally dull child can grow up without a vivid interest in the wonderful drama of the renewal of life he sees about him and without experiencing the natural impulses and emotions of adolescence. And so a vast underground educational system has been in operation.Ignorant nurses hear-say and unreliable gossip of companions, advertisements of quack doctors and patent medicines, Iun id motion pictures and personal adventures are its teachers.

A careful and extensive inquiry among young men reveals the following facts:

1. A large majority of boys get their first permanent impression before the age of twelve. Many before theae of twelve. Many testify to the unfortunate effect of these early impressions received from older boys and undesirable sources. One man writes: "It was bad in that it led me to look upon sex as nasty and not to be spoken of to my parents." Another says: "It made me think of nothing but sexual indulgence, and every girl that passed was thought of in a vulgar manner." Many men express bitterness against their parents for having failed to give them clean, helpful information.

2. The ideas received from improper sources have often led to some form of sexual practices most often between the ages of twelve and fifteen year.

3. Instructon in the past generally has been about four to six years too late. When it has been given at all by parent or teacher it has been helpful even though crude and meager. One young man writes: "I think Dr. B-'s lecture would have come in very handy about the age of ten or twelve. It certainly woke me up. Since then I have been trying to subdue a passion acquired at the age of thirteen." Another says 'It gives me a deep sense of responsibility for the protection of womankind." It is hopeful to note that the combination of half-truths and vileness forming the old system has of late years frequently been partially cor rected at a point late in the teens by some sound instruction from a teacher or older friend.

Though no such extensive investigation has been made regarding the influence on young girls of miseducation, such infor-The loss in fighting men has mation as has been gathered

diseases, are realizing that one

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Scope of Sex Education

concerning the hygiene of sex clubs and societies.

es the wonderful facts of repro- can be given in a single talk or duction and sex explained in a interview with a boy or girl at simple manner, if sound and the age of thirteen or fourteen, wholesome interests and amuse- the subject as a whole is much ments are offered them, they will broader. It includes the whole see in sex a source of the richer process of reproduction and nurand fuller life they are all seek- ture of children, the meaning of ng, they will respect mother- marriage ,prostitution, venereal hood and fatherhood, they will diseases, illegitimacy and the regard marriage as one of the hygiene of sound recreation. rost sacred relationship of life. These cannot be taught at one time or place. They must be giv-To eliminate all the sex evils en at appropriate periods from that threaten us and to build up early childhood to mature mana system of sex education that hood and womanhood. And to be will help produce the manhood thorough, this education must and womanhood we desire, is an be accomplished through the coextremely difficult task. Althou-operation of the homes, the the most important facts churches, the schools, the press,

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#### SOLDIERS MAKE SIXTY MILLION VISITS TO Y.M.C.A.

Stupendous Figures Given Out by Southern Department Headquarters—Religious Meetings
Popular.

Stupendous figures showing some thing of the activities of the Army Young Men's Christian Association in the Southern Department during the year ending April 30, 1919, have just been compiled at Southern Department headquarters at San Antonio, Tex. The Southern Department embraces the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Artzona, and according to the figures submitted to Executive Secretary H. H. Simmons by Business Secretary L. G. Williamson, the total attendance at Y. M. C. A. buildings during the year was 60,212,823-or equivalent to more than half the population of the United States. Statistics are based on daily reports covering each of the 365 days during the year just closed.

A most remarkable showing is made by the religious work department, a very positive refutation of the claim on the part of some people that the soldiers dodge religious services. During the year, according to the report, there were 18,092 religious meetings with an attendance of 2,719,719. The movies, with a total of 10,997 showings, had an attendance of 3,914,681. By way of explanation, it is said that it is only fair to admit that many religious services were held immediately after the movies, thus getting the benefit of the movie audiences. It is well known that motion pictures draw attendance as no other amusement fea-

Among the outstanding figures embraced in the report, under the head of the several departments of Y. M. C. A. work, are the following:

General—Attendance at buildings, 60,212,823; amount of postage stamps sold, \$1,022,246.48; money orders sold, \$1,986,006.92; envelopes given away, 31,106,170; pieces of mail handled, 10,212,755; comrades in service committees organized, 2,061; number of men serving on these committees, 6,581.

Social—Number of entertainments other than motion pictures, 16,453; total attendance at same, 5,473,412; number of entertainers participating, 45,865; motion picture programs, 10,997; attendance at same, 3,914,681; socials, 538; attendance at same 78,641.

Physical—Number participating in compulsory athletics, 892,174; participating in formal athletics, 639,278; participating in informal athletics, 2,951,704; total spectators at above, 6,637,461.

Educational—Number of class meetings, 44,382; class attendance, 951,907; soldier-teachers, 13,408; civilian teachers, 5,435; text-books distributed, 11,910; pamphlets, 1,806,707; lectures, 88,727; attendance at lectures, 2,613,923; books loaned, 136,761; total volumes in library, 203,784.

Religious—Religious meetings, 18,-092; attendance at same, 2,719,719; Bible class sessions, 9,913; soldier and sailor leaders at same, 4,497; attendance at same, 213,571; meetings of inner circles or prayer circles, 327; attendance at same, 7,537; normal training class sessions, 255; attendance at same, 1,679; Christian life work decisions, 967; Christian decisions, 71,-175; Scriptures and portions distributed, 384,027; other Christian literature distributed, 816,944; personal Christian interviews, 201,169; visits to sick, 593,404.

## INCREASE NUMBER OF "Y" WORKERS

Five Months After Armistice Signed Welfare Body Has 8,350 "Over There."

Five months after the signing of the armistice the Young Men's Christian association had 8,350 workers overseas, according to an official statement issued by the national war work council of the association. The figure shows an increase of 726 workers since last November, indicating that the Y. M. C. A. has strengthened its forces, despite the return of troops to America, to meet the greater need for its work that came with the end of the fighting.

Of the total number, 5,528 are men, a small portion of whom are directing the "Y" overseas work from the Paris headquarters, while the great majority are scattered from Archangel to Rome, and from Vladivostok to Brest and London and the north of Scotland. There are 2,187 women workers abroad. Most of these are helping to give pleasure to the men who go to the Y. M. C. A. leave areas, on the Riviera, at Aix les Bains, at Cauterets in the Hautes Pyrenees, and elsewhere. More than 40 are assisting in the motion-picture entertainment of the troops.

In the overseas entertainment bureau of the war work council there are 635 men and women workers abroad. Of these, 352 were recruited by the Overseas Theater league workers—125 men and 227 women. The remainder, 283, were enlisted by the "Y" entertainment section.

Since the beginning of its overseas work, the Y. M. C. A. has sent 11,229 men and women abroad—8,338 men and 2,891 women. Of these, 2,645 men and 234 women have returned, eleven were killed in action, three died of wounds and 56 from disease and other causes.

Mrs Robt, Mackelroy of Rogers is visiting Miss Mamie Rister

Peace Maker flour is the best.

G. M. Sharp. W T. Curtis of Dallas visited

friends in Merkel last week.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

Miss Jewel Pate is spending a few days with Miss Madge Hale at Trent.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

John G. Jackson of Abilene was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

When you are in need of a service car, Call Pat Jones. Phone 23t4p

J. C. Mason returned Tuesday from a trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and other points.

Robbin Red Brest Meal at G. M. Sharp's Grocery

E. W Dennis is still right sick, but is thought to be on the road tr improvement.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Miss Dota Garoutte left a few days ago for El Paso to be at the bedside of her sister, who is very

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

Charlie Pennell of Trent received his discharge from the army and returned home this week.

Try one of those skinned hams atBob Martin's Grocery Store.

Melton Pate left a few days ago for Eastland where he has accepted a position in a Barber Shop at that place.

Bring your clothes here to be cleaned and pressed. Will give you quick and good service. Mrs. C. L Cash. Phone 180

Dr and Mrs. O J Shaffer left Thursday morning for their home in El Paso, after visiting relatives here for several days

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs M. G. Wallin and children of Cushing, Okla., is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs Ponder Mrs. Elmer Lowe the past week and Mrs. C. L Cash.

Plenty of Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's Grocery

H A. Parris of Corpus Christi came in Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. J. J Stalling.

List your property with the want it sold.

returned from Corpus Christi a some time. few days ago. He says they had plenty of roasting ears, cotton looks mighty good to him.

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On a table down stairs will be shown a big assortment of ladies organdy, silk and georgette blouses, values to \$3.95\_\_\_\_\$1.98

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25c Vest	15c
15c Vest	12½c

#### **RIBBONS**

One lot hair bow ribbons in morie, grosgrain and fancies, values to \$1.00 the yard, choice for the week\_\_\_\_\_49c

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# SPECIALS

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May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 4th day of June

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELEC TION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th

day of July 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common/

School District No. 26 of this

of the Commissioners Court of

this county, of date the 12th day of February, 1914, which is re-

corded in Book G pages 74 of

Minutes of said Court, to deter-

mine whether a majority of the

legally qualified property taxpay

ing voters of that district desire

the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common

School District, in the amount of

\$2400 the bonds to be of the de-

nomination of \$100 each number

consecutively from one to 24,

with option of redemption after

10 years from their date, both inclusive, payable 20 years from

their date, and bearing 5 per

cent, interest per, annum, pay-

able annually on April 10th of

each year, to provide funds to

be expended in payment of ac-

counts legally contracted in con-

structing and equipping a public

free school building of wood ma-

terial within said District and to

determine whether the Commis-

sioners Court of the County shall

be authorized to levy assess and

collect annually, while said dis-

interest on said bonds and pro-

vide a sinking fund sufficient to

qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident

property tax payers in said

district, shall be entitled to vote

Said election was ordered by

the County Judge of this county

by order made on the 28 day of

legally

pay the principal at maturity.

trict sufficient to pay the current

All persons who are

at said election.

county as established by order

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Merkel Realty Company, if you of Mr. and Mrs E N. Brown, re- Mrs Terrell Winters of Shiloh, with her Another daughter, Mrs ceived his discharge and return- received his discharge from the S. A. Duckett of Snyder is visit- received at the Crown Hardware ed home this week. He is feeling army and returned home Friday ing also, and so is Mrs Ada Wat- Company J M Jones of French Pasture fine and expects to remain here He was right in the thick of the kinsfi a niece of Electra.

O. A. Horton was a visitor in blooming etc. Says this country the city this week, having just returned from Galveston. After a visit with relatives here he will go to College Station to enter School.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

Drug Store.

Through the Merkel Realty been right sick, is up and about. Company the home of Rev and Godwin this week

Sgt. Major Yates Brown, son John Winters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertha Duckett, returned fight. He was gassed and for six weeks could not speak He passed! through several hairbreadth ex-turned to their home at Nubia a

## LER

heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 35cts. the Merkel Mail his way. And all Blood Sucking Insects Your money back if not absolut-

> S T Anderson reports six or eigth farms badly damaged by hail last Saturday. The damage started about Salt Branch school house and extended two or three miles east The grain crops are considered damaged about onethird. Some cotton will have to be planted over. It is believed to do much shocking, but the feed crops will grow out. They had a good rain Sunday and Mon day nights.

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Sheriff and Mrs. Bond were visitors in Merkel Monday, their daughter, Lena, having been up here several days, returned home with them. Accompanying her was Pearl Motley, who also re- CARBON PAPER-At Merkel turned with them.

A Correction

A short time ago when we pub the correction.

Earnest and Lee Massey of Uncle Joe Harris is mighty But eliminating all such dup- Also, the person who possesses was home on a furlough from found that Mrs. Harris had re- ple now own a bond. of a clean plate. Their daughter, rying about the Bolsheviki.

John Dew and his mother re-

Misses Sophia and Dixie How-9My6m ard left Tuesday afternoon for a visit to relatives in Dallas and Hillsboro They expect to be away dent to drop their old-time to induce regular action. It Stimulates and several weeks.

Fred Guitar, T G. Bragg and E. M McDonald went out Tuesday afternoon to shock wheat on Mulberry. It is alleged that they remained too close to the water way they pulled catfish from the muddy water was shocking to the fish family. We didn't ask them about their catch as we do not like to tempt our friends into statements that might have to be labeled "A Fish Tale."

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Mail office.

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"Girand's Talk of the Day" toward their stockholders and Mrs. McDonald was sold to R. L. lished a list of the honor pupils, in Philadelphia Press: It is pro- the public, does it not behoove in some manner the name of bable that more people own Unit- the young man of ambition to Ruth Wells for first honors of ed States bonds than own any ponder well the advantage of Mr. and Mrs A. L. Jobe receiv- he Eighth Grade was ommitted. other security on earth. There frankness and the disadvantage If you are going to want a ed a telegram from their son, The error was made in the office were 65, 000,000 subscriptions to of secretive ways? loan on that farm you had better Brittain that he was at Camp as we find the name was turned the five Liberty bonds. Of course Frankness pays-ask the ex-Mills, and will be home in a few in with thelist. We gladly make millions of persons bought all Kaiser what the wages are of five, and millions more bought secrecy and intrigue and doublemore than one issue.

Mrs Lowe accompanied her home Pilot Point spent the week end spry and has a smile that will licate purchases, it is likely that the habit of being entirely frank

Car of blacksmith coal just

#### FRANKNESS

E H Cary, head of the world's few days ago. He says he has a largest industrial enterprise, de- commend us to others and theregood grain crop and will put in a clares that if there had been by make easier and pleasanter MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KIL nice acreage in feed. They had a frankness instead of secrecy and the climb toward the hilltops of good rain Sunday and Monday underground wire-pulling in success.-Forbes Magazine. Kills Worms, keeps off flies, nights. He has already started 1914, the war could and would have been avoided.

Ntaions are emerging from the "dark ages" of secret, stealthy plotting and scheming.

secrecy, if business concerns are per bottle.

and will remain there several with friends in Trent. Earnest not come off. Upon inquiry, we at least 20, 000,000 different peo- enjoys life infinitely more than the one who has to think twice be the Navy and Lee has been at turned from a several months When that many folks hold a fore opening his mouth lest he restores vitality and energy by purifying and en- tending Christian College at visit to her daughter at Groes- first mortage on their country, contradict some previous misbeck and he was now eating out you need not lose any sleep wor- statement or give a clue to something going on, of a questionable nature, under surface.

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