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## LAW REGARDING PAYMENT OF POLL

Held by Courts That Payment of County and State and City All Are Required

There has been more or less discussion lately concerning the legality or illegality of suffrage when one has failed to pay either city or county and State polls, some claiming that you may vote in county and State elections without having paid a city poll, and vice versa. This is not true. One must pay all the specified polls before February 1st of each year in order to become a qualified voter. That the point might be definitely settled The Reporter requested our accommodating county attorney to look up the law on this subject. At considerable trouble Mr. Haag has complied with this request, going to the extent of quoting excerpts from opinions of the higher courts. Mr. Haag writes:

Dear Mr. Watson:

At your request I have made a thorough investigation of the authorities on the question of holding a city poll tax receipt or an exemption certificate, as a necessary qualification, or requirement of suffrage.

Article 2939 of the Revised Civil Statute of 1911, touching the question, reads as follows: "Every male person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications who shall have attained the age of 21 years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector.... and all electors shall vote in the voting precinct of this residence; provided that the electors living in an unorganized county may vote at an election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and provided, further, that any voter who is subject to pay his poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas or ordinance of any city or town in this State shall have paid said tax before he offers to vote at any election in this State and holds a receipt, showing the payment of his poll tax before the first day of February next preceding such election; and if he is exempt from paying a poll tax and resides in a city of 10,000 inhabitants or more, he must procure a certificate showing his exemption, as required by this title," etc.

Article 2943, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, reads as follows: "Every male person who is more than 60 years old or who is blind or deaf and dumb, or is permanently disabled, or has lost one hand or foot, shall be entitled to vote, without being required to pay a poll tax, if he has obtained a certificate of exemption from the county collector when the same is required by the provisions of this title."

Following are excerpts copied from the opinion of the Court of Civil Appeals in the case of McCormick vs. Jester 115 S. W. 278, which is the recognized case in Texas on this question. Speaking pointedly of an elector's disqualifications because he failed to pay his city poll tax, the court said: "Please Buttrell lived in Corsicana, and had not paid a poll tax to the city. He was not shown to be over 60 years of age. The court properly held him to be an illegal voter." Again the same court said: "There was no error in holding Cap Dawson an illegal voter. He lived in Corsicana, and had not paid his city poll tax." Again, "J. H. Williams lived in Blooming Grove, and voted there. He had not paid his poll tax to that city, and the trial court properly held his vote illegal."

The law is quite plain and cannot be misunderstood. Midland, having a city ordinance requiring every elector, not exempt under the law, to pay a poll tax, it is therefore conclusive that one who lived within the corporate limits of the city of Midland on the first day of January 1917, was subject to a city poll tax which should have been paid before February 1st, 1918. Those who have not complied with said requirement are disqualified to vote in the coming election.

It may be added that the same condition would obtain in the event one who had not paid his county and State poll wished to vote in a city election.

## MUST REGISTER WITH THE LOCAL BOARD

Boys Who Have Become Twenty-One Since June 5th, 1917, Must Register June 5th, 1918

The local exemption board for Midland County has received, this week, from Major Jno. C. Townes, Jr., the following notification:

"We have today received a telegram from General Crowder announcing that Congress has passed the Act providing for the registration of men who have become 21 years of age since June 5th, last, and further advising that a proclamation by the President will be issued shortly, naming June 5th, 1918, as the day of registration. General Crowder requests that the widest publicity be given to the fact that all men who have attained the age of 21 since June 5th, 1917, will be required to register on the day mentioned, and you are requested personally to see that each local newspaper in your county publishes this fact. The press can assist us very materially in notifying each young man, who is subject to registration and I feel sure the press will co-operate with us to the fullest extent."

"Every person of the designated age (with certain exceptions to be defined in the President's proclamation and regulations) will be required to register under the supervision of the local board having jurisdiction of the area in which he permanently resides."

The above seems sufficiently clear. It means just what it says, that boys who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5th, 1917, must register for selective service on June 5th, 1918. It is estimated that this will add more than 800,000 men to the drafted number of a year ago.

## ENROLL IN MIDLAND FOR SEA TRAINING

The United States shipping board needs 50,000 young men in the new mercantile marine. Experience not necessary. Enroll at The City Drug Store, T. A. Fannin, enrolling officer. Those who have reached their 21st birthday are eligible for training.

Alvin Johnson left last Sunday for sea, where he will work for some time.

## AGAIN MIDLAND IS "OVER THE TOP"

Designated Quota Raised Night of the Rally When Mr. Chitwood Delivered Forceful Address

The heart of Midland is pure gold, so are those of our sister towns, round about, and our esteemed townsman, W. R. Chancellor, who is the Red Cross district chairman for this district, is rejoicing that he is able to announce that his whole territory is far "over the top."

Hon. R. M. Chitwood delivered a wonderfully forceful address on the subject in the Christian church last Tuesday night, when our Red Cross drive started. In the meantime, however, the executive committee of the Midland Council of War Work had matters in charge and had deadened a good deal of timber preparatory to the accomplishment of the splendid results that were realized on this occasion, and the raising of the required quota was just a simple one, two, three work of merely moments and the meeting adjourned in high good humor. The amount raised was several hundred dollars over the \$9500 designated.

Wednesday night Judge Chas. Gibbs went to Odessa, Judge J. M. Caldwell to Seminole, and Attorney H. A. Leaverton to Stanton, to assist in these several rallies, and all report glowingly. Judge Gibbs and Mr. Leaverton noting their stations as substantially "over the top."

We especially commend Odessa. This splendid little town on the west of us climbed to a magnificent sum, more than \$3000, which is ahead of Midland, when population is considered.

But the matter is not ended yet. It will continue until tomorrow night, and when all is done The Reporter will publish Midland's honor roll. If you have not already subscribed, go to either one of our banks and do so. We want to swell the subscription from Midland to the greatest possible extent, and your name, absent from this honor roll, will not make you feel very well satisfied with yourself.

## COMMENCEMENT AT MIDLAND SCHOOLS

The commencement exercises of the Midland city schools have been in full

## WHEATLESS PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED

County Administrator J. E. Bentley Has Been Instructed to This Effect by Fed'l Administration

The wheatless period for Texas has been extended from June 1st to the next harvest, due to the fact that the shortage of wheat has become so acute that the National Government must use every conservation measure in order to secure sufficient wheat to meet the European needs, is word that has been received by County Administrator J. E. Bentley. On Tuesday at noon, in reply to a suggestion from U. S. Food Administrator Hoover that Texas continue its wheatless program until the next harvest and not lift the ban on June 1st, Administrator Bentley wired the National Administrator as follows:

"Hoover Food Administration, Washington. Complying with your message I am requesting district and county administrators to explain situation and feel safe in assuring you Texas will cheerfully continue on wheatless basis until next crop. Our people genuinely enjoy making this sacrifice for our Allies and our boys 'over there.'"

The State administration will be assisted in making a complete wheatless observance by the Southwestern Milling Division, all mills outside of the State being instructed to ship no flour into Texas. This will cancel trouble now being experienced by Texas mills who have suspended sales while outside mills were shipping into State.

swing this week, with elaborate programs almost every night, since the beginning, last Sunday. The exercises will close tonight, with the biggest and most elaborate program of them all. The printed announcement occupies twelve pages, though in it there is a general summary of the work of the whole week.

The work has been very interesting and large audiences have been attendant upon every occasion.

In that the exercises have not yet been concluded, The Reporter will forego a specific comment upon the several programs until next week, when the matter may be taken up in detail.

No wood or coal will be unloaded unless paid for on delivery. Midland Fuel Company, phone 216 or 270.

## FAIR AUDIENCE HEARD DeBOGORY

Speaker Presented New Phases of Ferguson Misconduct That Was of Interest to Hearers

Despite the fact that our stores stay open on Saturday nights until 10 o'clock and that last Saturday night was stormy and threatening, a pretty good audience greeted Hon. Eugene DeBogory in our district court room, when he came to present his indictment of Jas. E. Ferguson. In fact the room had in it about all the people it would seat, and the interest was very fine and the applause frequent and enthusiastic.

Circumstantially, and yet without a direct declaration to that effect, Capt. DeBogory almost literally proved Ferguson's pro-German alliance, made plain the man's antipathy to President Wilson's war propaganda, and a perfect storm of applause greeted his declaration that "the defeat of Ferguson is a patriotic duty of almost equal importance to a response to our government's demand upon us for men and money."

The speaker emphasized the unanimous endorsement of Ferguson by the German citizenship of Rhineland, Texas, and of the pro-German element wherever found.

The Captain's address was unimpassioned, but strong. The array of that the effects thereof will endure and hearers was staggered, and we feel that his coming to Midland has been helpful to the cause of Gov. Hobby, that the effects there will endure and redound to the strengthening of a victory that we feel is certain and right.

## CARELESSLY DELAYED CARD OF THANKS

Last week two of our ladies called at The Reporter office and requested the publication of an expression of thanks to all those who participated in and helped to make the recent Red Cross-carnival so great a success. The Reporter forgot the matter. These ladies stated that the Midland Chapter of the Red Cross particularly wish to thank all who participated in any way. They are gratefully appreciative, and would mention those who have been so liberal, were it not that some one might be overlooked, for there was general harmony and whole-hearted co-operation, and the affair, from every point of view, was a thoroughly satisfying success.

## OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM CAMP TRAVIS

The "Rookie" Newly Drafted Into American Army Must Show Cause For Being Accepted

The newly drafted men now being received into the National Army at Camp Travis certainly ought to be the pick of the land if they pass all the examinations and inspections to which they are subjected. It doesn't make much difference whether the rookie has a prolapsed transverse arch in his foot or decent molar in his head there's a specialist waiting for him to find it out and give directions for setting it right.

The first thing that happens to him after he gets here is the preliminary physical examination. This is more or less hurried, but in times past local boards have been known to send in men minus a foot or one lung—though these oversights are less common now that the draft machinery has been in operation for some time—and the purpose of this examination is to cull out those who are hopelessly defective or contagiously ill.

Next comes the rigid examination at the infirmaries. By the time he has been thumped over and stethoscoped and poked into and inoculated for typhoid and paratyphoid and vaccinated; even the healthiest specimen feels like a confirmed invalid. But it must be worth while, for as a result fevers of the type sought to be prevented are as rare in an army camp as leprosy or cholera infantum.

The new soldier is then taken in hand by the personnel office and quizzed about everything imaginable, so it seems to him. He tells his birthplace and age, of course, that sounds simple, but when he happens to have a foreign name with about five consonants where vowels ought to be, it takes a patient soldier to make the clerk understand aright. Down on the record he goes, whether he is a steamfitter or a minister of the gospel, whether he is married or single, whether he can do a song and dance act in the local talent entertainments that soldiers are encouraged to stage at the "Y" buildings, whether he prefers artillery to the quartermaster corps and why—in short, a pretty fair word picture of the man gets onto the cards the personnel file prepares for each soldier in the army. And he gets his army name, thus, "Hiram J. Harrison, No. 33245321," and the name goes with him through all his army life. It must always be Hiram; J. H. Junius went so.

There's a special tuberculosis board. When a man gets by these keen eared gentlemen he is pretty likely to have a sound chest. If they are suspicious of any soldier, that soldier gets special care and observation with only such work as is suited to his physical condition. The dental board looks after the army's mouth, and the army has clean—and capable mouths as a result. Each soldier gets a toothbrush along with other toilet articles, and he is expected to use it.

The psychiatric and psychological boards have their inning, too, on the theory that a prospective "shell shocker" or malingering, discovered before the terrific strain of trench warfare proves too much for him, is just that much man-power saved to the nation. Such men are placed where their work is suited to their capabilities.

Feet are looked over and after by the orthopedists. It has been found that not all cases of flat foot are disqualifying by any means. The foot specialists decide upon individual cases and prescribe exercises or appliances where such measures seem to be necessary. Then there are the hook worm specialists—but why continue with the list? If you have a soldier in the army he is being looked after as he never was before in all his life, and if there is anything wrong with him that will be looked after too. You may be sure of that, for it pays the government to keep its fighters able to fight.

Dr. W. K. Curtis left Tuesday afternoon for a business trip to Fort Worth.

We would like to accommodate everybody, but can not possibly do so. Midland Fuel Company. adv16 tf

## Special For Next Week Boys' Summer Suits--Keep Kool Cloth

The thing for Summer wear Sizes range from 5's to 17's

One lot only \$4.15—One lot only \$5.00

Neat Styles---Good Material

If your Boy needs a Suit, Don't miss this Opportunity

## Midland Mercantile Company

"The Store that Saves you Money"

Grocery Phone No. 6

Dry Goods Phone No. 284





**For Summer Wear  
The New Korrach Pre-Shrunk  
Wash Skirts**

JUST IN

You cannot help but appreciate these new Summer Wash Skirts for their real value and style.

First, they are pre-shrunk, this means they will come from the tub just the same size. No shrinking, sagging and binding and the materials and styles are such that put them in a different class to the ordinary wash skirts. In fact they are different because they are better than any wash skirts you have known before.

**\$2.85 \$3.50 \$3.85 \$5.00 \$6.85**

**A New Pump**

This week brought a new number in Pumps that you will be delighted with. A military heel, square throat, flexible welt sole, made of a beautiful soft chocolate leather that will give both wear and comfort. The pair **\$6.50**

Desirable merchandise of almost every kind is becoming more and more scarce every day and you will appreciate the store that is making every effort to keep and to have what you want. The wonderful business that this store is having is due to the fact that we are keeping our stock up and our prices down.

**This Store Wants Your Business**

**Wadley - Patterson Co.**

One Price--the Lowest--for Cash Only

**LEFTENANT PAT O'BRIEN**  
(By Albert H. Laidlaw)

Well, his name it's Pat O'Brien,  
And he's done a heap o' fysin',  
Has Leftenant Pat O'Brien  
Of Momenca, Illinois.

Not long back from darin's doin's  
Over Teuton-battered ruins,  
And he's death on peaceful spewin's  
Till we've canded the Kaiser, boys.

Got to hand it to 'im, rookie;  
Pat sure takes the Irish cooky.  
Make ye feel a little spooky  
When ye think about it, lad?

How he ran the high-sky gamut,  
And the Boches cursin' "Dammit!"  
For his plane, they couldn't jam it,  
Though they tried it mighty bad?

Even when a German pellet  
Plugged his jaw, he couldn't tell it—  
Not a Boche ace could excel it—  
For he slept eight thousand feet.

When a Kaiser's war physician  
Got him back in fair condition,  
Pat O'Brien, he was wishin'  
He had grub 'twas fit to eat.

"Prison poison? No for Paddy,"  
Says our Irish flyin' laddy;  
"Me for beef and finan haddie,  
And perhaps a hunk o' chop!"

They'd been after just entrainin'—  
Pat toward prison camp a-gainin'—  
When he thought that, maybe, feignin'  
Thiek-head guardsmen he could drop.

So he started out a-plannin',  
First a-coughin', then a-fannin',  
Stiffin' air he started pannin',  
Till the window he got up.

Out the window he was gasin'

From the train the scenery praisin';  
Told his guards it was amazin'  
What was done by guns from  
Krupp.

Then, without hesitation,  
Paddy severed his relation  
With the Hohenzollern nation  
By a dive right into space.

While the train kept right on goin'  
Never stoppin', never slowin',  
Engineer not even knowin'  
Pat was skatin' on his face.

Sleepin' days and sneakin' nightly,  
Takin' hunger brave and lightly,  
Pat O'Brien figured rightly  
He'd soon shake a friendly hand.

Dug a tunnel under wires,  
Charged with death and electric fires,  
Did O'Brien, king o' fliers,  
At the Holland borderland.

There he knew, he'd found a haven,  
Though a bum he looked, unshaven;  
One square meal he was a-cravin'—  
Then a dash back to the fray.

Pat a hero? Pat O'Brien?  
I'll say so, and I'm not lyin'!  
There's a lot that's owed O'Brien  
By this good old U. S. A.

**STOCKMEN, READ THIS**

Small buy lots for lease in Eastern Colorado. Good grass, plenty of water and convenient to railroad. Possession when deal is closed. Can give easy terms, 6 per cent. Would be glad to show you and will appreciate your business.

E. F. Connell,  
adv. 32-2t.  
Hereford, Texas.

J. C. McCormick, of Hurley, N. M., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. D. C. McCormick.

**WEST TEXAS WAS  
BIG BOND BUYER**

Farmers and cattle raisers in the drouth-stricken section of Texas had two scorching years. They did not whimper or beg. They asked for State aid in the shape of financial loans. Financial assistance came a year after they had petitioned the lawmakers to do something without delay. The Houston Post says:

"West Texas has been hard hit these last months. Never in twenty years has that section of the State suffered such crop and cattle losses. Thousands of people have moved away. But the thousands who are left are as brave as they are generous. Almost the whole of the drouth country is showing up with the allotted quotas in the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds.

"And many of the counties have already gone over the top and are helping out the more fortunate sections of Texas in keeping the reputation of the State at par among the people of the world.

"The West is no place for the financial slacker. The people of the West do not like his kind. And the westerner has a way of expressing his likes and dislikes in a manner that will not be misunderstood."

Better than three out of every four cars leave the factories on Goodyear cord tires. Let the Western Auto Supply Company put a cord tire on for you the next time that you need a tire.

The fact that the Racine tire sales have increased month by month, even in what some call hard times, is conclusive evidence of their superiority. W. H. Spaulding.

**TO HAVE  
AND TO HOLD**

You have read and heard the word "Patriotism" a thousand times during the last few months. Just what does it mean? It means sane, sensible, enlightened selfishness. Being patriotic means that you realize that a certain line of conduct will mean sacrifice, hardship, for you, but that if only you will make the sacrifice, and endure the hardship, it will bring lasting good and happiness to you, your neighbors, your whole country.

By buying a Liberty Bond you have shown that you have the right view-point. Now the thing to do is to see your resolution through to the finish. The soldier who volunteered for service, went over the top with a cheer and then stopped, disheartened, in the middle of "No Man's Land" would be considered a peer soldier.

The man who stays at home must take this lesson to himself. It is not sufficient to merely enlist in the army of Bond Buyers, the fight must be fought to the bitter end. In other words, pay your installments on your Bonds promptly. Sacrifice and save during the month of June for your July installments; sacrifice and save during July and August to pay your August installments. Even then you will have done only half your duty. The command of our officers then will be "Keep your Bond," and as good soldiers and patriots we must obey.

Liberty Bonds are not money, and therefore, should not be used as such. They are mortgages on all the land, all the wealth in the United States. When you lend money on a mortgage, you do not take the papers to the grocery store and pay your bills with them, you place them in the bank, and if you actually need money to conduct your business, you borrow money on the mortgage. The same course is quite permissible in the case of a Liberty Bond.

Remember when you hold a Liberty Bond you are a patriot, bearing your share of the National burden; when you sell it, you have ceased to bear your share of the burden and have handed it on to some one else to carry. This is not good Americanism, nor again is it good business, for where in the world today is there a better investment for the man who knows nothing of stocks, shares, bonds or financial matters, than a Liberty Bond?

An investment without an element of risk, which pays 4 1/2% per annum, is a pretty good thing to have and to hold.

**A MESSAGE TO LIBERTY  
BOND BUYERS.**

Have you ever heard of a soldier, returned from the war, who complained of his lot, or ever for one moment regretted having fought?

Men have come back without their sight, without their limbs, and in various stages of physical disability, but the first case has yet to be recorded of one who complained.

There is something in our imperfect human nature that makes us glad we have done a good thing.

The Liberty Bond buyers of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District will feel as the soldiers did—nothing but satisfaction, and the greater the sacrifice the greater the satisfaction.

I want to congratulate every man, woman and child who has bought a Bond and sent this district over the top.

J. W. HOOPES,  
Federal Reserve Bank.

**EVER MEET THIS MAN?**

The fellow that listens to all the stock salesmen who want to sell stocks in exchange for Liberty Bonds, has only to go on listening long enough, and one of them will offer to sell him the State Capitol for \$100.

Tell these fellows, "I don't know you, but I do know Uncle Sam."

Keep your Liberty Bonds.

**WRIGLEYS**



Helps  
teeth,  
breath,  
appetite,  
digestion.

"Give it to me,  
please. Grand-  
daddy."

"Why Bobby, if  
you wait a bit for  
it you'll have it  
to enjoy longer!"

"Poo-poo! That's  
no argument with  
**WRIGLEYS**  
'cause the flavor  
lasts, anyway!"

—After every meal



**INTERVIEWED BY  
WASHINGTON POST**

T. J. O'Donnell, President M. & N. W. Reviews Condition of Short-Line Roads in Texas

The following is an interesting interview with one of our townsmen, taken from a recent issue of the Washington Post:

"If the government leaves the short-line railroads of the United States to shift for themselves while the big lines are under government control these little lines, which have been the real developers of the country, will go into bankruptcy, taking with them business men and farmers whose prosperity is contingent upon the operation of these short lines," declared T. J. O'Donnell, president of the Midland & Northwestern Railway of Texas, at the Raleigh. Mr. O'Donnell, with N. H. Ragland, general manager of the Paris and Mount Pleasant Railroad; Homer A. Dotson, president of the Cairo Northern Railway, and Allison Mayfield, chairman of the Texas railway commission, came to Washington to confer with Director-General McAdoo on the situation facing the railroads.

"Texas railroads have been built by a slow and painful process," continued Mr. O'Donnell. "Citizens getting together intent upon the development of their sections have built these lines, later connecting them and finally seeing a trunk line developed from these short lines. There are hundreds of short lines in the United States, with an aggregate of 35,000 miles, 3,000 of which are in Texas. Now, the situation in Texas is not different from that in the other States. Under the apparent present plan a property investment of \$2,000,000,000 in these lines will be wasted, and this is only a small part, for the people living along these lines will also be bankrupted, for without an outlet to market land worth \$200 an acre would not be worth \$10.

"Eventually all the trunk lines would also suffer by this action, for if all the tributaries to a river are dammed up the water in the river would become very low. It might be charged that we are attempting to have the government carry roads that are not self-sustaining. This is not a fact. The roads under ordinary conditions are self-sustaining. It must be remembered that on these short lines are located wheat elevators, cotton gins, flour mills, the products of

the farms and even factories manufacturing war essentials. The margin between income and outgo on these roads has always been small, but careful management has kept most of them on the right side of the ledger. But now, left out in the cold, these roads are struggling against the most adverse circumstances and attempting to do their part in keeping the nation efficient. Citizens have settled along these lines and invested their all. They have been buyers of Liberty Bonds and supporters of every war measure. Their plight will be a desperate one unless every railroad in the United States, large and small, is put on a parity."

**Piano Tuning**

I will be here for a few days and would be glad to tune your piano. With each piano tuned, I will give the instrument a thorough cleaning, free of charge. F. M. Denton, phone 359.

Joe Jones returned from San Antonio this week where he has been on an extended visit. He will reopen his barber shop soon.

**HIGH STANDARD PAINT** OTHER PAINT

**Costs less to use this paint**

Cheap paints cover only 200 to 250 square feet per gallon, two coats.

**Low's Another HIGH STANDARD LIQUID PAINT**

covers 300 to 400 square feet, two coats.

Measure your house; then figure how much less it will cost you to use HIGH STANDARD—the investment paint.

Ask at our store for color card.

**Burton-Lingo Co.**



# How About It?

You may not contemplate any extensive building at this time, but there are always a few necessary repairs and little improvements that must be done.

## Attention to Detail

We figure bills for the slightest repairs to the largest building contracts with the same painstaking care. We guard against mistakes, not alone for our protection but for yours.

May we not Figure  
With You

# Burton-Lingo Co.

## PART OF CHRISTIANITY IN WINNING THE WAR

Dear Editor of The Midland Reporter:

I wish to express through your splendid paper, my praise of the excellent work being done in our town and throughout the entire country to win the war. Also to speak in defence of the rights of our young generation. The call is being made for more money, more nurses and doctors to help win in the gigantic struggle against Prussian tyranny and for universal freedom. We need it all, and will get it. The wholesome manner in which our people are responding to the call of our government on every line, holds the nations of the world in consternation.

The Red Cross is performing wonderful feats and adding great success to the desired accomplishment of the peace of the world. It is beautiful to see hearty co-operation of all classes in the call to duty and patriotism. Such unity and eagerness to help has excelled all history. We stand in awe at the magnanimity of our beloved President's influence over his people. The greatest responsibility rests upon him of any man on earth today, and his Christian fidelity in meeting the demands of the world, and adjusting the different troubles that almost momentarily arise is beyond the conception of the human mind. We have not a shadow of doubt but that God has chosen the United States of America as his beacon light, and His and our most trustworthy servant, President Wilson, as his central agent to carry out His great plan for universal freedom from autocracy. The United States of America is held up to all nations as the strongest protestant nation on earth. The fleeing refugees who first inhabited her shores, were readily organized against Roman Catholicism, whose predominant influence has ever been tyranny and there will be no peace until this as well as political autocracy shall have been destroyed.

God is honoring our efforts as best He can, but are we not hindering and crippling His success, to a great extent? When we do those things that any sinner, saying nothing of Christians, can see in direct contradiction to the Holy Spirit? Namely, in making up the much needed help, and in giving our boys a send-off to face death and eternity, we sacrifice the virtues and morals of our young boys and girls in the dance halls. Would Jesus approve it if he could speak audibly? Do the consecrated churches endorse it? And are not the sacred rights of the Christian home sacrificed to join the parade and thereby give the devil a part in the last struggle God is making to set up His Kingdom of peace and righteousness? I fear that we have not ample time to repent and do our first works over. Six Presbyterian preachers went to President Wilson and asked what they might do to help him win the war. His answer was, "Go home and keep the fire burning bright on the altars of your churches."

How plainly the noble masterpiece of Christian fidelity realized his utter inability to accomplish the sacred task resting so heavily upon his human shoulders, without the prayers and constant Christian help of his nation. When we sacrifice true Chris-

tian principles on the altar of God's holy covenant we are no more with Him. Again do we stop to think of cruel violation to our church rules. Does not such hinder the spiritual progress of a Christian nation? Was not President Wilson unconsciously preparing for his favorable success before God when he refused the display of ungodliness and extravagance produced through the inaugural balls that have always been indulged in by other presidents. He bore much ostracism in his disapproval of the same. But this is not the only deadly weapon being used to dwarf the characters of our young people and retard their social welfare. A deeper dyed infamy is portrayed in the ingratitude for God's mercy by a goodly number of people who will lend their influence in putting men into responsible offices such as governor or congressman, men who have proven that they have no scruples in slaying mothers and helpless children through the advocacy of the liquor traffic. Men who will hold out until the last minute for the continued curse of rum and offer his depraved, slimy heart on the altar of the peoples' vote to support his hellish desires is no more worthy to be a citizen of the grand State of Texas than a pro-german, spelling with it with a little g, and one that would cast their vote for them, say by their action that they are the worst enemy to their irresponsible and helpless children. My prayer is that every candidate who would indulge in the sacrifice of the rights of the people by indulging in their individual and political rot may receive a death blow by the usurping of power by the good voters of Texas and that the stench and filth of corrupt politics may receive purification. One who will cast their vote, (which is their principle) for a whisky advocate, is still drunk on the old wine, and evidently need an humble penitent's place at the altar. To the women who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of voting, let us hold up the feeble hand of our nation by putting clean men in office. Let us never stoop to vote for an immoral character, if we have to not vote at all. There are many in the field that decent women can not afford to support. People usually vote as they live, so their present condition shall determine their eternal destiny.

Mr. L. J. Stilwell.

—w.s.s.—

### UNIQUE THEATRE

Regardless of the many conflicting attractions last week and this, the crowds at the Unique have been remarkably large. Since the rains we believe that it would be a paying proposition to put on the show every night now as the crowds seem to take so heartily to the show.

All the pictures have been up to the high standard of excellency this week and last. Marie Walker in the amusing comedy drama entitled "The Kid," last Friday night scored a success and the crowd was greatly pleased by the antics of this unique actress.

The five reel feature on Saturday night entitled "The Calendar Girl," was something different from the general run of pictures and together with the aftermath, a rollicking comedy, made up a pleasant evening's entertainment.

Helen Holmes in "The Railroad Raiders," grows more interesting as the end approaches. This is shown every Monday night, and is set off with a red-hot comedy.

Some exceptionally good features are booked for June. Something pertaining to the present great world war. The first will be Sergt. Hicks, the wounded hero of Ypres. This individual will be here in person with three reels of official government war pictures. He has seen three years in actual service, is a Canadian officer and comes to us fresh from the front. This attraction will be here June 3rd. Watch for further notices.

—w.s.s.—

### Do You Enjoy Life?

A man in good physical condition is almost certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and dyspeptic are despondent, do not enjoy their meals and feel miserable a good share of the time. This ill feeling is nearly always unnecessary. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improve the digestion and regulate the bowels is all that is needed. Try it. Sold by C. A. Taylor & Son. Im

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A nice line of groceries delivered to any part of city. A modern, sanitary restaurant where the best the market affords, is served to eat. An up-to-date confectionery, where choice confections and soft drinks are dispensed.

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300 PHONES 71

## WHAT HAS YOUR RED CROSS MONEY DONE?

In the first place, it has enabled the American people, through the Red Cross, to help care for its army and navy.

Secondly, it has enabled America to hearten her Allies' fighting forces and to keep up, among the civilian populations, the spirit to win the war. That, alone, has made the American Red Cross one of the largest factors since our entry into the war.

Canteens which provided food and hot drinks—more than a million meals to soldiers in December; warehouses, crammed with materials, situated all along the French line, all along the Italian lines, at seaports and at places where our soldiers are going to fight; institutions for the care of consumptives, institutions for the re-education of maimed men—these are a few of the concrete accomplishments abroad.

At home—the millions of woolen sweaters, mufflers, socks and other comforts for the men in camps; the work of sanitation around cantonments and the help and advice given dependents of soldiers and sailors—these are things which will "make you, your children and your children's children, in whatever part of the world

they may be, proud of being Americans."

Will you do your share to keep this Hand of Mercy at its work?

—w.s.s.—

### Serve and Prosper

—w.s.s.—

Money put in War Savings Stamps now saves the lives of men. Less than five years from now the same money will be paid back to you with added interest. You can't lose if you invest in War Savings Stamps, but if you don't buy War Savings Stamps the boys over there will lose—lose their lives, lose the war. Their loss will be yours—what then belongs to you will be the property of the Kaiser. Buy War Savings Stamps now and you and the boys will never lose. Save the boys and save yourself by saving and investing in Thrift Stamps and their bigger brothers, War Savings Stamps. What more could one ask than the privilege of doing his duty and adding to his pocket-book at the same time? War Savings Stamps give you the opportunity. They are Government bonds of small denomination; they differ from other Government bonds only in price. They bear interest for the owner.

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## Women!

Here is a message to suffering women, from Mrs. W. T. Price, of Public, Ky.: "I suffered with painful... she writes, 'I got down with a weakness in my back and limbs... I felt helpless and discouraged... I had about given up hopes of ever being well again, when a friend insisted I

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## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I began Cardui, in a short while I saw a marked difference... I grew stronger right along, and it cured me. I am stouter than I have been in years." If you suffer, you can appreciate what it means to be strong and well. Thousands of women give Cardui the credit for their good health. It should help you. Try Cardui. At all drug stores.

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# Swat the Kaiser?

Yes, in every possible way.

# Swat the Fly?

Certainly, they are both enemies of humanity. Let us furnish your needs in Screen Doors, Window Screens and all kinds of screen fixtures. Also Disinfectant Lime for use on breeding places for flies.

## ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

(Midland Lumber Company)

### BUT ANOTHER DAY AND ALL IS OVER

The last issue of the Gulf Coast Lumberman has a Red Cross Drive article in it from the pen of J. C. Dionne, and it hits hard the fellow who holds back in giving to this second drive for \$100,000,000 for Red Cross war work. Lee Bradshaw, of Burton-Lingo Company handed it in and we reproduce it in the following: The drive for the Third Liberty Loan is over. The country went "over the top," as of course it must. It did not go as it should have for if it had, no drive would have been necessary. Nor did it "go over" as it will the next time, because public sentiment in this good old kindly, charitable, lenient, peace-loving land of ours, had not quite reached the boiling-point when the drive ended. When the Fourth Liberty Loan comes along next fall, public sentiment will have been further intensified by those daily lengthening lists of casualties from "over there," and the nation will be in just the right mood to go out after her quota—"pronto"—as the greasers say, and we will have passed the point where we will—with ladylike courtesy—suggest to the tight-fisted, narrow-souled, selfish-minded, pitiable, pro-Germanic, Bond-refusing, bowel-lacking buzzards who fail to buy their share, that it might be a good idea for them to help Uncle Sam and our khaki-clad army, just a trifle.

Instead of that we will have reached a point where the despicable two-legged human who—by failing to line himself up as a patriotic American—becomes automatically a right-hand bower to that fell-beast who rules Berlin and the other territorial acquisitions within the boundary lines of Hell—will be stripped of his clothes, decorated—to hold the next-to-be administered coat of feathers which so becomes the buzzard—with

### DON'T Slow Up Advertising NOW

Never has there been a time when the public looked more keenly for MERCHANDISING NEWS than now.

Never has there been a time more auspicious for the enterprising tradesman to secure his full share of trade than now.

People must continue to eat, to wear and to use.

The tendency is to cut out luxuries, and luxuries are only a relatively small proportion of your business. For every luxury cut out you have a chance to increase your movement of staples.

How short-sighted is the policy of reducing advertising expense to "save money." You will only lose trade. You will only lose prestige.

Advertise to increase sales and make more money; don't cut it out to save money.

Study your advertising as you never did before—do it wisely and well.

Be prosperous and let the people know that you are prosperous.

Success was NEVER achieved by stopping advertising or by wearing old clothes and talking pessimism.

**Be Wise—and Advertise**  
Stewart-Davis Advertising Agency, Chicago

### EYES OF TEXAS IS UPON ITS WOMEN

Believe That All Will Justify Their Enfranchisement by Burying in Oblivion All Evil Forces

Editor Reporter: The eyes of Texas are upon the women of the State. There is the privilege and the duty to elect a governor who stands for the best ideals of the people and the welfare of the State.

We have worked for the right to participate in the election of the men who control the policies, enact and enforce the laws of our State. We now have that privilege. It carries with it serious responsibilities. Especially is this true when we are faced with the knowledge that opposed to the governor who is responsible for our enfranchisement are the combined forces that have fought the political freedom, protection and advancement of women. We know from our own experience how strong is the organized liquor traffic, and its allied interests. We know how bitterly they resent the laws that Governor Hobby was instrumental in securing for the protection of the State, the army and the homes of Texas. We know too how industriously they are working against him seeking to overthrow him and all the good laws that he has been instrumental in having enacted. Let us prove worthy of our responsibility.

So that the record may be kept straight let it be known that Governor Hobby when he entered politics in 1914 declared himself in favor of suffrage for women. He has consistently preserved that attitude against the wishes of some of his best friends and close advisors. He stood for what he believed to be right and just and today it is in our power to justify his belief in our ideals and our standards.

Mr. Ferguson's opposition to suffrage and his action in fighting that measure at the Democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1916 are matters well known to the women of Texas.

Governor Hobby is responsible for some of the most progressive legislation ever placed upon the statute books of any State. The zone law, the prohibition law, the primary suffrage law, the alien law, the literacy law, the delinquency law, the vice bills, the age of consent law and the educational laws for the benefit of the schools all passed at the recent special session are measures in which every woman in Texas is vitally interested. Shall we preserve these laws and re-elect the man who advocated and assisted in their passage.

It has come to me that those opposed to Governor Hobby are seeking to mislead women who are not well informed on these matters in an endeavor to prevent his receiving the unanimous support of the women. I believe that these efforts will be in vain. I have confidence in the intelligence, integrity and appreciation of the women of Texas. It has been my belief in their integrity and intelligence and their sense of justice and right that has caused me to work for the laws giving them the rights they now possess. I know that they will prove true to the ideals for which they stand, to the principles of political integrity, honesty and civic duty which they wish their children to follow. I know that they will vote for clean politics, clean government, the continuation of prohibition and good morals, for the elimination of the liquor traffic and the vice interests. That they will vote for Hobby.

The women of Texas are concerned with what a man is and how he has fulfilled a public trust than the technicalities of an impeachment proceeding. It is not whether the legislature had the authority under the constitution to declare Mr. Ferguson guilty but that Mr. Ferguson is guilty as charged of acts that render him unworthy of public trust and confidence. The misappropriation of public funds, the violation of State banking laws, the \$156,000 currency which he refused to account for, the unlawful handling of State funds, the use of public funds to pay his personal obligations, the appropriation of escrow money deposited in his bank to his personal use and his refusal to return it; his attempts to influence the supreme court and the court of civil appeals at Beaumont in his own behalf and his vetoing an act of the legislature increasing the salary of the supreme court judges when they refused to be "coerced by him"—these matters that women are concerned with. The supporters of Mr. Ferguson do not deny his guilt. They only insist that though guilty, the legislature had no authority to convict.

We believe that honor, integrity and civic responsibilities are the test for public office. We are concerned with the ideals we set for the youths of this country and the women of Texas

# Special Summer Sales

## Summer Shirt Showing

We are selling Men's and Boys' Shirts as low as they can be bought today at wholesale. It will pay you to buy a year's supply. We have all sizes and sleeve lengths, in all styles, from \$1.00 to \$7.50 that are worth that price on the market.

## Men's and Boys' Summer Union Suits

We have all styles in Union Suits priced from 50c to \$3.50, in any style. We invite you to compare our line with any other.

## Boys' Summer Suits

You can buy at this store---

- \$5.00 Palm Beach Suits at \$3.65, with two pairs of pants at \$4.45
- \$6.00 Kool Kloth Suits at \$4.65, with two pairs of pants at \$5.65
- \$7.00 Kool Kloth Suits with two pairs of pants at \$5.65
- Extra good values in medium weight suits priced at one-fourth off

## Fine Showing in Men's Oxfords

You can save money by buying your Oxfords here.

- One lot in all lasts \$ 4.00
- One lot in all lasts 5.50
- One lot in all lasts 10.00

All of these are worth 25% more than these prices today. We have prorated the cost on Spring Oxfords and can save you money on staple styles.

# EVERYBODY'S

J. H. BARRON, Prop.

Midland's Quality Store

will not vote for a man who admits his guilt and pleads lack of authority to enforce punishment.

The women of Texas will not be misled or deceived. They know how hard has been the fight to eliminate liquor and how difficult it has been to secure legislation regulating the saloon and its allied connections. Women will question closely any falsehoods that may be circulated to mislead them. Women will remember to register between June 26th and July 12th and they will vote July 27th, if they live in towns of 10,000 or more. They will vote for prohibition—for good morals, for honesty and integrity in high office, for loyal support of the government, for the protection of the nation, the army, the home and the children. They will vote unanimously for Hobby. They will justify their enfranchisement and they will bury in oblivion those interests that have so long endangered not only their own lives and homes but the very foundation of a free State and a free people.

Eyes of Texas will smile approval upon its womanhood.

Hortense Ward.

### JAYNES' PLATFORM HERE ANNOUNCED

Last week we mentioned a visit by our young friend, Joe Jayne, of Fort Stockton, and suggested that he would likely make the race again for the legislature from this district. He is going to do it and he here presents his platform:

To The People of The 120th Representative District

I am a candidate to represent this district in the 36th legislature, and ask the support and co-operation of the Democrats of the district. I believe that if I am elected, I can be of service to the State and a benefit and assistance to the people of the district. There are some important matters which vitally affect the interests of West Texas, which I have studied carefully for the past years.

The State can and should grant immediate relief to the citizens of this and other districts who have been so severely stricken with the prolonged drought. There are a number of ways, this can be done. They can be relieved

from accrued taxes and from taxes for a reasonable number of years in the future, and by doing this, it will help them to recover the losses that they have sustained, at least to an extent. The State granted relief to Galveston and Paris in their disasters, such as I have indicated, and why should they not grant the same relief to the people of West Texas? Another way the people of this section can be relieved, is by proper statute affecting a long extension of interest due the State on lands heretofore purchased from the State.

I favor the most liberal appropriations for all our educational and eleemosynary institutions. Especially do I favor giving the most liberal assistance to our country schools, so that whenever the citizens and the boys from the country are called to defend their government, they will carry with them a liberal education given them by the State. I desire and want to see our educational institutions removed from politics.

I am unalterably opposed to the creation of any more offices, and in this connection I favor the abolition of unnecessary offices. Taxes in this State have gone to the limit and we must save and conserve, and reduce taxation. If elected, I will do all in my power to reduce taxes. Twenty-five million dollars is more money than should be necessary to run our State government for two years.

I heartily endorse the recent laws passed by the last legislature in removing the evil influences from our boys in the army cantonments in this State. And, if elected, will favor any laws that will improve the moral conditions of our soldiers in this State.

I favor amending the mineral laws, so they will invite prospectors to come to West Texas and develop our mineral resources. I will also favor such laws as will improve and help develop our irrigation systems in the State.

I will vote, if elected, to improve the labor conditions in this State and especially as they may apply to the women who enter fields of labor. The women have been given the right to vote in the primaries. I hope they will all qualify and vote, and take part in running our government. I will support and vote to submit a constitutional amendment giving the women full suffrage rights.

I assure the people, should I be

elected, I will be found trying to carry out their wishes in all matters that come before the legislature.

Respectfully,  
Joe Jayne.

### RED CROSS WORK IN THREE WEEKS PAST

The following work was done in the sewing room during the past three weeks:

Baptist Ladies' work Tuesdays, April 23rd and 30th, and May 7th and 14th: 20 garments made; May 14th 16 ladies present, 7 sewing, 3 making button holes, 3 cutting, 2 inspecting and 1 knitting.

Ladies of 99 Club, 3 Wednesdays in succession: 20 garments made; May 15th 12 ladies present, 7 sewing, 2 cutting and 3 inspecting and packing.

We regret that various things have prevented other clubs from doing their usual and regular work. Now that we have been so greatly blessed with funds we hope to do a great deal more work and will always have material so long as we have a fund.

We have received five pairs of nice home-knit socks from Mrs. D. Fasken, and one sweater by the Wednesday Club.

Shipped May 16th, one box patients' clothing, consisting of 100 bed shirts, 40 helpess case shirts and 40 suits of summer pajamas. A box of knitted garments, consisting of 20 sweaters, 5 pairs socks, 10 pairs wristlets, 2 mufflers and 8 helmets.

Received from Seminole for April to 16th of May: 4 sweaters, 21 suits of pajamas, 36 refugee garments, 42 bed shirts and 6 towels.

Received from Odessa: One bolt domestic, 6 suits pajamas and 3 refugee garments.

May 22nd, 99 Club work: 18 refugee garments made and 42 button holes made.

Methodist ladies' work: May 23rd, 9 refugee garments made.

Received from Seminole, 18 bed shirts.  
Southside Grocery this week is receiving lots of good things to eat. We want your business, also your eggs and butter and other country produce.