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State and General News

Successful flying through clouds is one of the hardest feats an aviator is called upon to perform. Many flying men have lost their lives by losing control of their machines in cloud banks.

The Australian wheat crop for the season of 1917-18 is estimated at 114,020,000 bushels, compared with last season's yield of 152,565,000. The 25 per cent decrease is a result of reduced acreage and unfavorable conditions.

Within the next month the United States will increase measurably its own exports of corn to the allies, and will cut down on wheat shipments. Special arrangements have been made for moving daily to seaboard 500,000 to 750,000 bushels of corn daily for shipment.

Thirty-five cent cotton was almost within reach in Houston Tuesday following an advance of 55 points, which ran middling up to 34.75 cents per pound, a new high record. Sales of 394 bales were reported.

Fifty horses are dead of poisoning in Covington and many more are expected to die out of a government shipment of 726 horses from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., consigned to Newport News, Va. Dr. L. E. Crister, veterinary surgeon, Covington, pronounced the death of the animals to be due to belladonna and croton oil poisoning. Deaths of the horses generally are said to be ramifications of German plots,

and every movement of the consignment after it left Camp Grant until the horses commenced dying, will be traced, it is said.

A new ship-building yard, solely for the construction of concrete ships, will be established soon by the shipping board. It will be located in some Southern city, where frost will not handicap the work, probably in Wilmington, N. C., or at New Orleans.

Nine billion dollars is the approximate cost to the United States of one year of war. More than one-half has gone in loans to allies and will be repaid eventually; over one-third has been spent for the army and military establishment; one-tenth for the navy and one-fifteenth for ship-building.

The U. S. army has more than 100,000 "Smiths;" 1,500 William Smiths; 1,000 John Smiths and 1,000 John A. Smiths. It has 15,000 Millers, 5,000 Wilsons and 262 John J. O'Briens, of whom 50 have wives named Mary. There are 1,000 John Browns, 1,200 John Johnsons and 1,040 George Millers.

Plans for putting capital and labor on a war basis have been completed and laid before Secretary of Labor Wilson. Workers and employes agree to bury the hatchet in common cause until the war is won, strikes are rendered virtually impossible. Creation of a nation war labor board is recommended. It will sit in Washington until peace is de-

clared to hear and adjust disputes along principles accompanying the recommendations. Working through local boards to be appointed by it, the central body will attempt to bring together conflicting parties when all other conciliation efforts have failed.

Muskogee, Okla., April 3.—"Spies should be court-martialed, lined up and their citizenship ended by bullets; those who express treasonable sentiments should be tried and punished, but in all cases law should be obeyed and mob violence such as practiced in certain parts of the United States should be everywhere condemned that the United States may not sink to the lawless savagery of the Germans," William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, declared here today.

Curtailement of wheat consumption to 50 per cent of normal which the food administration has determined upon, will be effected through the administration's control of licensed mills and distributors. Instead of 30 per cent of the country's output of flour being taken for export, practically 50 per cent is being purchased by the food administration, which in turn sells to the allies, according to their actual needs.

Plans are being made by State Treasurer J. M. Edwards to buy not less than \$2,000,000 additional United States war certificates and securities. The State, acting under an act passed at the last special session of the legislature, purchased \$5,000,000 of short term securities, which will mature May 28, and the interest will yield the State \$56,000.

Leonard Dodd, sentenced to die on May 24, for criminal assault in Dallas county, addressed a letter on last Thursday to Sheriff Reynolds, announcing that he is drawing plans for the scaffold on which he is to die. Three men, Dodd, Walter Stevenson and Emmett Vestal, are to die for their crimes, and plans were ordered Thursday for a scaffold that will drop the three men to their deaths at the same moment. Stevenson told the sheriff last Thursday he expects to make a model prisoner. "If I was in your place and you were in mine I would hang you," Stevenson told the sheriff.

Representative Garrett, Texas member of the house military affairs committee, has introduced a bill which complies with the resolutions of the Americanization conference called by Secretary of Interior Lane and attended by the governors of all the States or their representatives, wherein they ask that drastic measures be taken in handling spies and German sympathizers in this country. Congressman Garrett's bill provides the death penalty upon conviction by a court martial or military commission, and applies to all spies and all persons found lurking about any government building, wharf or dock, munition plant, plant engaged in manufacturing arms and munitions for the government, fortifications, posts or camps of the army or quarters of the navy.

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At a time when our government is calling on us for all our available cash, and we should all respond and buy a Liberty Bond, it behooves you to spend your money where it will go the farthest.

We invite you to come to our store. We have a complete stock of DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, LADIES and GENTS FURNISHINGS.

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BRING US YOUR PRODUCE. We will pay the highest market price.

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RED CROSS WORK IN CIVILIAN RELIEF FULL OF ROMANCE

PATHOS ALSO IS MIXED WITH
THE TASKS THAT ORGANIZA-
TION SOLVES DAILY.

NO RED TAPE AND NO DELAY

Soldiers and Their Dependents Made to
Feel That They Are Entitled to
Assistance and It is Ex-
tended Cheerfully.

One division of the Red Cross about which little is known is that of Civilian Relief. It bears that name to distinguish it from the Military Relief, but the work it does is closely akin to military relief because it always has a khaki-clad figure in the background if not directly to the fore.

The Civilian Relief Division is primarily aimed to help the soldiers in their private affairs, to aid them by aiding their families, to relieve mental distress and to solve domestic problems so that the soldier can proceed about his task of winning the war without being bothered by thinking of what is happening at home.

The importance of the work of civilian relief is readily understood when one knows what it does. When the next call for soldiers is made every one of the hundreds of thousands of young men who are called from their homes will receive a letter from the Red Cross. This letter will say, in effect:

"Is there anything we can do for you? Are there any questions concerning insurance, allotment of pay, provisions for those left behind that we can answer? Do you want advice? Call on us and we will help you."

Local Addresses Given.
These letters will give the local addresses and the names of those having the work in charge. These individuals have been furnished with handbooks explaining in detail all the rules and regulations of the government on the subjects interesting to the recruits, and, armed with these handbooks, the Red Cross worker can answer as correctly as the Attorney-General of the United States. This information is given fully and without charge.

On his arrival at camp the recruit finds notices posted giving the name and location of the camp headquarters of the Red Cross, and he is invited to write or call if he has any troubles. The persons in charge of these camp offices are trained social workers, sympathetic and of a character inspiring confidence. The soldier tells his troubles and advice is tendered and assistance is given if it is needed. When the interview closes the Red Cross person asks:

"Is there anything else we can do for you?"

That question, with its "anything else," often brings out the real purpose of the visit, a purpose that diffidence or some other feeling may have kept unspoken. When the "something else" is mentioned it is often a matter that the Red Cross finds easily adjusted, a trifle in itself but of vast importance to the persons most concerned.

Tragedy of the War Brides.

In the towns adjacent to every camp and cantonment are scores of relatives of young soldiers who have followed to be near their loved ones as long as possible. Often a bride follows her husband, only to find that his stay in the camp is about completed, his period of training is over and he is leaving for the front. Living in these camp towns is expensive, the population has doubled or trebled within a few months, rents are high and the cost of food soon exhausts the slender means the bride brought with her.

Perhaps she is looking forward with mingled feelings of joy and anxiety for the advent of a little stranger who may never see his soldier father. Perhaps she married against the advice of her parents—girls are prone to do that sort of thing—and does not like to appeal to her relatives. What can she do?

She can come to the Red Cross and tell her story, and right there her anxiety may end. The Red Cross will communicate with her relatives and with the relatives of her husband who has started for the front, from which he may never return. These relatives are urged to make some trifling sacrifices on the altar of civilization and patriotism. They usually respond quickly to the call.

Should the relatives fall the local chapter of the Red Cross in the town

from which the soldier came is notified and assistance is asked. With a concrete case needing assistance the local chapter never has any trouble in raising funds to care for the expectant mother.

Assistance is Certain.

But if relatives and local chapter fail the Red Cross does not fail, and financial relief is extended—not as a charity but as a right, as something for which the soldier at the front is paying with his time, his body and perhaps his life. The young wife is able to write to him and tell him that she is all right, that he need not worry about her. This message makes the man at the front a better soldier, it improves the morale of the army, it is a service so important that its value cannot be overestimated.

Families of soldiers, left behind, often find it difficult to adjust themselves to changed conditions. The allotment of the soldier's pay and the allowance by the government is often insufficient for family needs, especially if unexpected sickness comes. Often a younger member of the family needs only a little time to become a breadwinner.

The Division of Civilian Relief investigates each of these cases. If necessary, a loan is made to meet an insurance premium or to pay the tuition of a young daughter at a business school to fit her for an office position. Is medical attention needed? It is furnished, many physicians doing work for a nominal fee when the request comes from the Red Cross.

These are merely suggestions of the problems that the Red Cross is called upon to solve. Multiply them by thousands and you have some sort of an idea of the work of the Civilian Relief Corps, work that touches towns, villages and farms all over this broad land. It is work worth doing and it is being done, and done well.

WORK OF RED CROSS IS DESPERATELY NEEDED

It is Up to the Civil Population to
Determine Length of the War,
George W. Simmons Says.

It is right up to the civil population of the United States to determine the length of the war.

This is the stirring message sent to this country and particularly to the people of the Southwest by George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross, who is in France on a tour of observation for the War Council of that organization.

Simmons has been at the front with the American forces; he has seen what the boys from the Southwest and other portions of the country are doing; he has seen the work of the Red Cross "over there" and he sends the message that if the people of the whole United States only will realize that this is a war of nations, not of armies; remember that the American army and navy will do their part, then we can make sure of a victory for America and her allies by acting as a nation, thinking as a nation, fighting as a nation. If we do that, Simmons says in his message to the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross, America will be the deciding factor in the war.

Nothing else matters if we do not win the war, Simmons says in a final appeal for harder Red Cross work and more ships with which to transport our men and supplies and munitions.

WHAT RED CROSS GIVES TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS

The following are the contents of a Red Cross "patient equipment" and a Red Cross comfort bag. These are given each patient upon his entrance into a Red Cross hospital:

Comfort Bag—Six shirts, four pillow cases, two hot-water bags, three suits pajamas, two pairs bed socks, four hospital shirts, four pairs socks, one pair slippers, one bathrobe, three washrags, four face towels, two bath towels.

Comfort Bags—One tube tooth paste, one toothbrush, one cake soap, three shirt studs, one spool black thread, one spool white thread, one package needles, one thimble, six clothes buttons, 16 pins, four safety pins, one handkerchief, one pipe, one pencil, one pad paper, six envelopes.

A "system regulator" is a medicine that purifies and strengthens the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is one of the best of these. It drives out unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

RED CROSS NEEDS 30,000 NURSES FOR WAR WORK

Four Thousand a Month Must Be Sup-
plied if America is to Do
Her Share.

More than 2,000 American Red Cross nurses have gone to Europe for active service since last Easter, quietly, as American soldiers have gone and are going; under orders of obedience, like the soldiers; and, like the soldiers again, for the duration of the war, in the face of danger and hardship, prepared for any sacrifice to protect the lives of our fighting men.

The tasks of these women, who have gone on the supreme adventure of their lives, are the very embodiment of the Easter message. And still there is a call for more nurses. Moreover, many of them must be recruited from the Southwest.

Even though more than 7,000 Red Cross nurses are on active duty in military and naval hospitals and in public health work at home and abroad, it is probable that 30,000 more will be needed for the American army alone. Five thousand are needed by June 1 of this year and 4,000 more each month until the first of January. The Surgeon-General of the United States is urging the American Red Cross to do its utmost to provide these nurses.

Will Women Emulate Men?

Washington headquarters of the Red Cross believes that women of the Southwest do not realize the vital need of America for their services, else the response would be much greater. Red Cross headquarters recently made this announcement:

Nurses, and more nurses, if America is to win the war, is the cry of the nation to her women today. There are at present about 7,000 nurses in active service. And the first contingent of the American Army is scarcely in the field. Men are being called to the colors by the hundreds of thousands. Whether they will be protected and cared for when sick or wounded depends on whether American women are willing to make the same sacrifices their brothers are making. Failing in this, they will have done incalculable harm to the efficiency and morals of our troops.

Requirements For Applicants.

Requirements for enrollment as a Red Cross nurse are as follows:

An applicant must be a graduate of a school for nurses giving at least a two years' course of training in a general hospital.

Registration: In states where registration is provided for by law, an applicant, to be eligible for enrollment, must be registered.

Age Limits: An applicant must be at least 21 years and not over 40 years of age.

Indorsement: An applicant must be a member of an organization affiliated with the American Nurses' Association and indorsed by the Executive Committee, or by at least two officers of such organization. She must also be indorsed by the present superintendent of the training school from which she was graduated or the one under whom she trained. Her application must be approved by the Local Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, and before being forwarded to Washington must be indorsed by at least two members of the local committee.

Southwestern division Red Cross officials believe there will be a ready response to the appeal for nurses once the women of the Southwest realize the imperative need for their services.

The course in home nursing offered by the American Red Cross is a definitely established chapter activity of importance equal to any Red Cross activity.

Milton C. Work, a bridge authority, who is trying to raise \$100,000 for the Red Cross, is conducting a series of lectures, lessons and tournaments in St. Louis. He has obtained more than \$40,000 of the sum desired, and has turned it over to the Red Cross. His activities are taking him to all parts of the country.

RED CROSS HOME SERVICE WORKERS GUARD SECRETS

Home Service workers for the Red Cross naturally learn much of the private affairs of those whom they assist. They guard these secrets closely and never talk or gossip about matters that concern them only in an official way. Instructions on this point are explicit and emphatic. A recent communication says:

"How long would your physician last in your community if he told even one person the confidential, private information his patients had revealed to him? As a Home Service worker you are, in a sense, a physician to your families; therefore, take heed and reveal not a thing! Keep the trust they give you and hold sacred the intimate family matters they tell you about. You absolutely must do it!"

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP.

Salvage of waste materials which still have a market value appeals to young and old alike. Many Red Cross chapters are making large sums of money by collecting salvage and disposing of it at the best market price. This work is being done in the Southwestern Division by the Junior Red Cross.

Of the almost endless list of possible salvage the Bureau of Junior Membership has selected certain classes of waste material upon which it seems advisable to begin. The selected list includes only material which is really waste. No temptation must be placed before the children to get improperly any material which has not yet been condemned. Waste material to be handled by children must not be unsanitary or otherwise dangerous. It must not be subject to decay, it must not be too bulky, it must have a fair market value.

The authorized list is as follows:

1. Tin foil of all kinds.
2. Collapsible tubes which have contained tooth paste, cold cream, shaving cream, extract, vaseline and other toilet articles.
3. Old gold and silver and broken bits of jewelry for the "melting pot."
4. Silver-plated water pitchers, castors, teapots and trays.
5. Scrap zinc.
6. Clean dry-cell battery zinc.
7. Battery lead from storage batteries.
8. Rubber boots and shoes.
9. Arctics.
10. Rubber tire casing of all kinds.
11. Inner tubes.
12. Old wringers.

No old iron, glass of any kind, brass, copper, heavy lead, lead pipe or old clothing other than rubber will be received.

The tinfoil should be pressed firmly into bricks of 25 pounds' weight and wrapped in paper with the name of the auxiliary on the outside, and the weight.

The collapsible tubes should be packed as compactly as possible in a cigar or pasteboard box, wrapped in strong paper and tied and marked

plainly with the name of the school auxiliary and the exact weight of the material enclosed.

The old gold and silver and bits of jewelry should also be packed in a cigar or stout pasteboard box, wrapped in strong paper and tied and marked with the name of the school on the outside.

The proceeds of all these sales will go into the treasury of the Junior Red Cross chapter fund, to the credit of the auxiliary contributing.

Thousands of dollars should be realized from salvaging these three kinds of waste materials alone. Hardly a family can be found that does not have on hand broken or out-of-date jewelry that should be doing service in buying yarn to make into garments for the soldiers and sailors.

Each auxiliary should provide for the delivery of its own collections at the places designated. In case of inability to do so, assistance will be given by the chapter school committee.

For further information concerning the collection and sale of salvage apply to MRS. J. H. HOSKINS, Director of Salvage, 1617 Railway Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.



GO OVER THE TOP UNTIL THE NEW CROP

On the same day that the announcement came that 200,000 men had been killed in the Gigantic Battle of Flanders there came an announcement from the United States Food Administrator that the wheat-flour product ration of America had to be cut exactly in two, if America was to fulfill her obligation to sustain the Allies; and to sustain her own morale at home.

This means that where we were using 42,000,000 bushels of wheat a month, we are now to use 21,000,000.

Prior to Washington's order reducing the American rations one-half on wheat-flour products Texas had adopted the plan of six pounds to the individual per month; and the stores of the State were designated as the commissary and the check.

Briefly: The request for a State consumption applied less to Texas than other States in the Union, as the six-pound basis had virtually placed the State of Texas on the half ration.

NOW: If every Texan will do his and her part and remain absolutely within the requirements of the Administration, to use not more, and, if possible, considerable less than the six pounds, WE SHALL HAVE SUFFICIENT FLOUR TO CARRY US THROUGH TO THE NEW CROP.

It's worth trying, isn't it? And the answer is that day after day entire communities are adopting a complete ration basis on flour—even to the extent of a card.

If all communities place themselves on a voluntary ration of six pounds, and police themselves, without having to be policed by the dealer—WE WILL GO OVER THE TOP.

AND for every drop of blood shed over there in the name of Liberty—we'll balance the scale with a loaf of bread for their babies and their women. TEXAS can and must do it. There is no other way.

Why it Pays to Read the Ads

There is every advantage in trading with the firms that advertise. The non-advertiser who tells you he can sell cheaper because he spends no money for advertising, shows by that very argument how little he knows of modern methods of merchandising. You, yourself, know he is wrong. Do you ever go out of town to trade? If you do, you do not go into the city and hunt up the stores whose advertisements you have never seen. You hurry to the stores you are familiar with through their ad-

vertising. Ask yourself then, if advertising pays. It pays the store, and it pays the customer.—Exchange.

Utilize Perishable Products

Now is the time to plan how you will utilize the perishable products, such for instance as vegetables and fruits. If you will wait till these products are ready for use to think about the way they are to be disposed of, then you will most surely lose much of the surplus. Plant to use, market, can and dry and get the full benefits of a heavy yield.—Farm and Ranch.

To get rid of that Tired, Bilious, Half-Sick Feeling, take a dose of

HERBINE

It Cleanses the Stomach, Liver and Bowels

It's a man's remedy that goes to the right spot. Puts life and activity into the torpid liver, strengthens the stomach and digestion and purifies and regulates the bowels. A timely dose of this excellent system regulator and bowel tonic will oftentimes ward off a spell of sickness. **Price 50 cents.**

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YOUR Home Tailor knows the styles and he takes a delight in making his customers look like they have just stepped off of Broadway. And the customers who have patronized the shop in the past are the strongest friends we have right now. Tell us what you want in the way of clothing, and we will give you quick service, correct information and a square deal. Your old clothing will be made to look new if you will bring it to this shop. Let us serve you.

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After a long winter the system becomes filled with impurities caused by dry, strong diet. In hot weather these impurities cause sickness. Get rid of them now by taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It will purify the blood, liver and bowels and put the body in shape for summer work. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

TEXAS DRY

Think of it, my countrymen! August 1st will find Grand Old Texas as dry as the proverbial powder house. From the pine hills of the east, where the white perch steal all the fishermen's bait, to the golden west, where the real estate agents never sleep and two-year-old frogs haven't learned to swim—yea from the black belt of North Texas, where the boll worms hold high carnival every August, to the green southern coast country, where the oil geysers fling petroleum at the angels of heaven, not an oasis can be found. He who hath a thirst must spit cotton all the way from El Paso to St. Louis; and from the gulf of Mexico to Kansas City. The worm of the still has been trodden into the earth, and Bevo is to be the nearest approach to the brew of Gambrinus. Throw away the decanter and plow up the mint bed, for we are right up against a Toddyless Texas.—[Jim Lowery, in Honey Grove (Tex.) Signal.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting:—You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for at least twenty days in some newspaper printed in your county, if there be one, if not then by posting copies of this notice, one at the court house door of said county and at two other public places in said county not in the same town or city, for at least twenty days before the return day hereof, to wit:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all creditors, heirs, devisees, legatees and to all other persons interested in the estate of J. B. Luker, deceased:

You are hereby notified that in the matter of the estate of J. B. Luker, deceased, No. 1419 on the Probate docket, pending in the county court of Houston county, Texas, A. H. Luker, administrator of such estate, has on this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918, filed in said court his account and exhibit, under oath as required by law, for final settlement of the said estate, and that said account and final exhibit will be examined and heard by the judge of said court at the next regular term hereof at the court house of said Houston county in Crockett, Texas, beginning on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1918, the same being the 6th day of May, A. D. 1918, when the same will be approved by the court if found correct, and all interested persons are hereby notified to appear at said time, and contest the said account and exhibit if they see proper to do so.

Witness: A. E. Owens, clerk of the county court of Houston county, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Crockett, Texas, this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918.

[Seal] **A. E. OWENS,**
Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas.

By **W. D. Collins, Deputy.** 6-t3

I am in the market for all your speckled peas; also will buy fresh butter in block. Highest market prices paid.

5-tf **J. W. Howard.**

When we denounce the enemy spy, don't think for a moment that he is regarded as anything approximating the American profiteer in low, vulgar depravity. The enemy spy does serve his country; the profiteer is a traitor and a strangler.—Houston Post.

JUST "SPUDS"

State Food Administrator Peden has been greatly worried over the restricted consumption of Irish potatoes in Texas, and the papers of the state have been devoting considerable space to extolling the virtues of the succulent tuber and urging a more general use of it as a substitute for wheat products.

At one time last week it is alleged that twenty-four car loads of Irish potatoes were sidetracked in Fort Worth, rotting on the tracks for want of a market. Such a state of affairs calls for an explanation, and this is most readily found in the disinclination of the people of Texas to make use of them. This explanation is all right except for the fact that it doesn't explain anything. Irish potatoes are nutritious and, when properly prepared, exceedingly palatable, and they should be cheap with an over-supply glutting the markets of the state. The real explanation should be sought not in the mere fact that they are unused, but in the reasons why they are not a popular food with the people of Texas.

There are two prime reasons for such a state of affairs.—The first is, that, as a general thing, the cooks of Texas do not know how to properly prepare them for the table. The writer has had a long, varied and sometimes strenuous experience among the "beaneries" of Texas and, with few exceptions, has not met his old friend, the Irish potato, properly togged out to appear in polite society. The ways in which the potato may be prepared for the table are legion—the way in which it most frequently appears at a Texas table is in the form of a slushy mush, unpleasing to the eye, unappealing to the palate and unsatisfying to the appetite. The writer is not a cook, but he has expended several thousand dollars in sampling cookery (not exactly in idle curiosity either) in several states and two foreign countries and may therefore, with all due modesty, lay claim to a certain degree of proficiency as a gastronomical expert. He spent several years of his checkered career in a country where the Irish potato was one of the chief crops and principal foods of the people—where it appeared in some form at two and generally at all three of the daily meals. Corn bread was but little used, and when served at all, lack of knowledge as to how to properly prepare it made it as unpopular as is the potato on the Texas table.

There is an art in preparing either corn or Irish potatoes for human consumption—the first is possessed in its perfection in the South and the latter in the North, yet the preparation of either in a multitude of ways is a simple matter if one will but take the trouble to learn how.

An Irish potato boiled in its jacket, or without its jacket, is an ideal food, containing more of the food needed in the human economy than any other known vegetable, but to be palatable as well as nutritious it should be served dry and "mealy," not cooked to pieces and "doped" with lard, butter, cooking oil or any other substance, except salt, until it reaches the diner's plate. Of course there are many ways of preparing this vegetable in which seasoning is properly added in the course of its preparation, but boiled or baked are the simple standard ways of serving it where it is used as a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.

County Offices-----\$6 00
Precinct Offices-----\$3 00
District Offices-----\$12 00
Congress-----\$20 00

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

For Representative:
E. Winfree.

For County Judge:
Nat Patton.
S. A. Denny.

For Sheriff:
Preston Lively.
E. B. (Bud) Hale.
R. J. (Bob) Spence.

For Tax Assessor:
Will McLean.
John H. Ellis. (Re-election)

For County Road Superintendent:
G. R. Murchison.
F H Bayne

For County Treasurer:
Willie Robison.
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)
Mike McCarty.

For Tax Collector:
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)

For County Attorney:
Earle Porter Adams

For District Clerk:
B V (Barker) Tunstall

For County Clerk:
A E Owens (Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
J. S. Long.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
R. T. Murchison.
(Re-election)

For County Supt. Public Schools:
J. N. Snell.

Constable Precinct No. 2:
Will Brumley.

staple food taking the place of bread.

The second reason that potatoes are not a popular food in Texas is because of their unusual high retail price. Perhaps this is unavoidable; if so it is useless to attempt to increase Irish potato consumption here. There is too much lost motion between wholesale centers of distribution and the retail stores in the small towns where the greater portion of the consumers must purchase their supplies. Last week with the wholesale price in Houston around \$1.10, on the track, the retail price in Grapeland was 4 cents per pound, which is at the rate of \$2.40 per bushel. At the latter figure potatoes are too expensive to become a common article of diet. It is probable that more than two hundred per cent had been added since the potatoes left the producers. Numerous profits, transportation and unnecessary waste had made the plebeian "spud" a luxury not to be indulged in lightly. Unless these intermediate charges can be largely eliminated it is useless to attempt to popularize the Irish potato in Texas.

In this stern, war crisis the American people ought to awaken to the danger of the Prussian power and remember this: That short production, waste, refusal to labor, profiteering and high prices will lose the war. The United States can not win the war and starve our soldiers at the front. She can not win the war with strikes and profiteering. These things are bordering on treason and there must be more work, less profiteering, more production and less disloyalty in the country.—Georgetown Commercial.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, - - - Editor and Owner

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6 MONTHS--- .75
3 MONTHS--- .40

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1918



--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war-----

Our guess is that the German soldiers on the Russian front will be reluctant to go west and blow up with the country.

If Mary only had that little lamb now, she would realize quite a handsome fortune by leading it to the butcher shop.

The principal reason why we should grow a war garden is that soldiers have not yet discovered a way to fight on empty stomachs.

Union school reports that the two war saving societies organized some weeks ago have purchased over \$100 worth of war stamps. Good for Union!

Each soldier in France will require nine pairs of shoes a year; so we guess that soldiering in France is almost as hard on shoes as going to school in GrapeLand.

As rich as this country is, there is one thing it can not afford to lose, and that's the war. Thrift stamps are on sale at practically every business house in GrapeLand.

It is beginning to dawn on congress that the folks "back home" are getting restless, and are demanding that something be done to curb the activities of spies and enemies.

Remember the Lusitania! Remember the Tuscania! Remember the American boys in the mud and blood-soaked trenches in France! They are giving their lives. Back them up with your money—buy Liberty bonds.

Germany is having a picnic, a vacation with pay, a ten-course banquet and one long, sweet dream, compared to what we'll have in this country if we let the Liberty loan or the Thrift campaigns fail. The bonds and stamps are on sale now. Buy yours now, and help make the world a decent place in which to live.

Once in a blue moon, a war suggestion is made that actually has some merit, the latest which has greeted the eagle eye of the writer, as he searched the weary wastes of war-time literature, was a brain leak that escaped into the columns of the Houston Post to the effect that it would be an exceedingly good idea to test the war food recipes which are appearing in such profusion, on our German prisoners. Before that could be done, however, the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals, would have to be repealed.

Get ready to swat the fly. If you can't hit him in the solar plexus, hit him between the eyes.

What has become of the old fashioned GrapeLand woman who used to have prunes on the table three times a day?

"God certainly has something in mind for the Germans," says the Kaiser. That's the surest thing in the world.

We can get along without wheat entirely, and if the government needs the available supply, we are willing for it to commandeer it. It makes us tired to hear folks say they can not eat corn bread. Why bless your soul, we'd rather see a few civilians here at home go hungry than have our army in France do without bread.

ORGANIZED TO PUSH THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the F. & M. Bank Monday afternoon, which was largely attended by business men and others. D. O. Keissling, county chairman of the Liberty Loan Drive, and several others from Crockett were present.

C. W. Kennedy was named as local chairman, and Geo. E. Darsey, W. A. Riall, T. H. Leaverton, W. F. Murchison, W. E. Keeland, W. H. Long and T. S. Kent were appointed to assist him.

The county's quota of the loan is \$348,200.00 of which this section is expected to raise about \$68,000.00. The local committee is planing an exhaustive campaign, which, when over, every man in this section of the county will have been personally solicited to buy bonds.

NAMES OF DELINQUENTS TO BE REPORTED

The following is published by request of Mr. D. O. Keissling of Crockett, county chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee:

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Texas.

March 25, 1918.

To the Organizer Addressed:

As you are aware, the third Liberty Loan campaign is going to be conducted in a much more thorough manner than any previous loan, and the personal responsibility of every citizen is going to be brought home to him in a manner never attempted before.

In this line of thought, we want you to be prepared, after the campaign has been in progress for about two weeks, to give us a list of the names and addresses of every man in your county who is well known to possess wealth, and who has not done his full share in the purchase of Liberty Bonds. That is to say, who has not purchased just what you consider his individual quota. We trust you will have the names ready for us on call.

You will realize the necessity and advantage of such a course and you will recognize that it will call for you watching the subscription lists very closely—that is one of the duties we ask you to assume in this campaign.

We ask you to realize that records and data relating to the third Liberty Loan campaign must be of a permanent character, and we ask you to keep these records subject to our call at any time.

We know that we will receive your hearty co-operation in these very important matters.

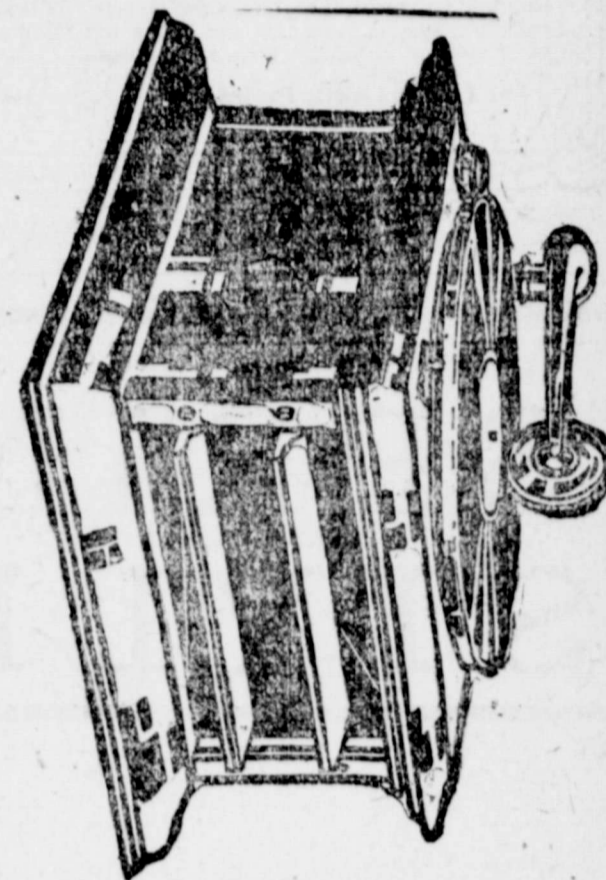
Very sincerely yours,
J. W. Hoopes,
Deputy Governor.

Are You 100 per cent American? Prove it--buy Liberty Bonds.

Great Spring Drive is Now On!



Columbia Grafanolas
Assembled here in great order



The original Disc Machine
Play it while you pay

We have prepared to meet the heavy demands of the people of this town and community with a well stocked department in these world famous talking machines. They are popular priced and sold on liberal terms. It is easy for you to pay for one.

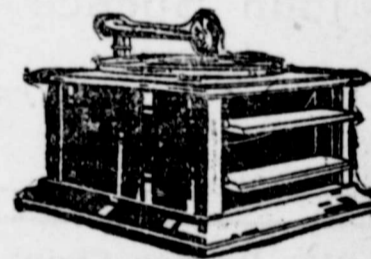
THINK of the pleasure; the untold joy that will be brought to your very home. THINK of the artists, world leaders, you have at your command in song and music. THINK of the gathering of friends at your home during the long summer evenings. These and many other pleasant features will be brought to your home and your family by the purchase of a Grafanola.

It is not an unnecessary luxury but an obligation you owe to your children. And the buying of one of these highclass talking machines is just as pleasant as talking to one of your best friends. We will be glad to have you visit this department at our store and have the Grafanola demonstrated to you. Or if you had rather, you can carry a machine home with you and play it with new records right in your very own room without a penny cost to you. We want to help you get more out of life. Why don't you buy that Grafanola today or this week?

Grafanolas are Today in the Trenches in France



This Machine \$45



This Machine \$30

Columbia Grafanolas are sold in all price ranges. Whether you purchase a machine at \$18, \$30, \$45, or more, you have the same assurance of perfect workmanship and mechanism and absolute satisfaction, backed by this store's guarantee. We make terms to suit purchaser on Grafanolas and Records.



This Machine \$18



Double Disc Record 75c up

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE

LOCAL NEWS

Try Wherry for dry goods. 5tf

Wooly Boy suits won't rip. See them at Darsey & Co's.

See the spring suits for men and boys at W. H. Long & Co's.

RUMY-B-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

A beautiful assortment of silk waists at Darsey & Co's.

Buy your next bill of shoes from Wherry. 5-tf

Styleplus clothes—\$21 and \$25 at Darsey & Co's.

Mrs. J. O. Phillips has re-home from New Waverly, where she visited relatives.

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf

John Frisby and his sister, Miss Ora, of Prescott, Ark., visited Mr. and Mrs. John Frisby this week.

Bring us your produce. We pay top prices.

McLean & Riall.

Esq. John A. Davis has been employed by the school board to assess and collect taxes for the school district.

For oil, grease and GENUINE FORD PARTS, come to Hughes & Son's Auto Shop. Phone day and night. tf

Jimmie Shaver and Miss Wilma Robinson were married Saturday at the office of Esq. John A. Davis, who officiated.

Look out for the big line of Panama and Leghorn hats now displayed at W. H. Long & Co's.

John Masters of route 1, was in to see us a while Saturday, and renewed his subscription for another year.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walton, on Wednesday night, April 3, 1918, a boy baby.

Mrs. John Muckleroy of Grapeland, spent Tuesday in this city with her daughter, Mrs. Dan McFadden.—Alto Herald.

Knitting needles, knitting needles, knitting needles at W. H. Long & Co's.

M. L. McPherson returned Monday from Camp Bowie, where he had been to visit his son.

A complete line of men's headwear, including Stetson's and Worth's, Panamas, Bangkoks, Leghorns, etc., at Darsey & Co's.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb of Augusta, returned last Friday from Fort Worth, where they had been to see their son, Charles, who is at Camp Bowie.

Dr. G. H. Black and family have returned to Grapeland from Fort Worth, where the doctor has been taking a course in theology in the Baptist Seminary.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Bring your eggs to Wherry. 5tf

Parts for Ford cars at Darsey & Co's.

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. tf

A beautiful lot of organdy waists at Darsey & Co's.

See McLean & Riall for farm implements, bolts, sweeps, etc.

C. M. Ellis of Crockett was here Saturday on business.

Ladies low shoes in pleasing shapes at Darsey & Co's.

See the line of silk shirts at W. H. Long & Co's.

McLean & Riall have just received a line of men's fancy shirts.

Mrs. Edgar Bramlette of Austell is here on a visit to the family of her brother, W. E. Keeland

Special prices on middies for Saturday only at W. H. Long & Company's.

We have plenty of mixed fertilizer, acid phosphate and meal. See us at once and get what you need. J. W. Howard. 5-tf

Ladies, you will find anything in dress goods, from cotton checks to the finest silks, at Wherry's. 5-tf

If you are a red blooded American and have the money to spare, you'll hustle over to the bank and buy a Liberty Bond.

Grigg's famous peanut candy, is now being manufactured and offered for sale by the Grapeland Bottling Works. Try it; you will like it. 6-tf

Miss Mary Lou Darsey, who is attending Baylor college at Belton, spent from Friday until Sunday night here visiting her parents.

Miss Lucy Irwin of Garrison, who has been visiting her brother, W. N. Irwin of San Pedro community, returned to her home Saturday.

NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland next Tuesday, April 16, for the purpose of threshing peas. Bring in what you have. It W. M. WEISINGER.

Last Thursday and Friday nights this section received good rains, an inch and a half in all, which will make crop prospects one hundred per cent better.

FOR SALE

Pulleys of different sizes; one driving belt 42 feet long, 10 inch face; one 10-horse steam boiler; one new oil burner engine, 10-horse power. T. H. Leaverton, 4-t12 Grapeland, Texas.

Notice to Stock Raisers

I will stand my thoroughbred Hambletonian stallion in Grapeland, beginning April 15. Foal guaranteed, \$10. It W. D. Taylor.

W. G. Darsey, D. N. Leaverton and M. E. Darsey were visitors to Houston the first of the week.

TRUSTEES ELECTED

In the election held Saturday the following were elected school trustees: W. D. Grandberry, M. D. Murchison, E. E. Hollingsworth and D. N. Leaverton, were re-elected and J. W. Howard was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. R. Wherry.

DATES SET FOR THE LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Speakers for the Liberty Loan will be at the following places on the dates named:

Grapeland, at the auditorium, Sunday night at 8:30 p. m.

Augusta and Percilla Monday night at 8:30.

Weches and Waneta Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Lockout and Livelyville Tuesday night at 8:30.

Rock Hill and Daly's Wednesday night at 8:30.

Reynard and Hays Spring Thursday night at 8:30.

New Prospect and Union Friday night at 8:30.

STRAYED

1 red Jersey mooley heifer, about 10 months old, left home about three weeks ago.

Frank Leaverton, It Grapeland, Texas.

Miss Glennie Bush returned Friday night from Chester, where she had been visiting her parents, and left Sunday for Palestine to resume her duties in the Palestine Sanitarium as nurse.

TAKEN UP

At my place at Augusta, 1 light-bay mare mule, about 15 hands high, owner may have same by calling. It

WALTER NEWMAN

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have. tf

J. W. Howard.

Bring in your old Panama hats and have them cleaned and re-blocked. They look as good as new. Have winter hat re-blocked before you lay it away. 6-tf

M. L. Clewis.

Chloerine!

A GUARANTEED REMEDY in Tablet form for Cholera and white Diarrhoea in chickens.



We are Headquarters for Livestock Remedies

HONESTY AND QUALITY

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WADE L. SMITH

FOR DISTRICT CLERK

John D. Morgan authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk, a position he has held for several years. Having been re-elected from time to time over strong opposition is proof that the people are pleased with him as an official and the efficient way in which he has conducted the affairs of the office. He is always courteous and accommodating to the public.

He is thankful to his friends for past favors and assures them if he is re-elected he will do all in his power to render

them good service in the future. To the ladies who will participate in the primary, Mr. Morgan asks them to investigate his record and will appreciate their support in his race.

A large number of people from this community went to Fort Worth Tuesday and Wednesday, some on the train and others by car, to be present Thursday at the great parade staged by the soldiers at Camp Bowie.

NOTICE

On and after April 1, I will be in my office Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, until further notice.

5-t4 C.L.Cromwell, D.D.S.

TELL THE KAISER!

Germany wants to know what the United States is fighting for.

She thinks the sinking of neutral ships without warning isn't enough to bring us in. All right! Let's tell her!

We're going to fight for outraged women! We're going to fight for crucified nuns!

We're going to fight for little children with hands and arms missing!

We're going to fight for namelessly mutilated soldiers!

We're going to fight for innocent thousands strewn upon the bottom of the sea!

We're going to fight for Belgium—outraged and desecrated as no nation in the previous history of the world has ever been!

We're going to fight for France—that magnificent nation of heroes—bled white defending civilization against the Power of the Beast!

We're going to fight for England—which chose the path of honor black-tinted with despair—when the little nation she had sworn to defend was set upon as by a wild beast!

We're going to fight for Italy—which took up the cause of Right against the power of Wrong—terrible though she knew the cost must be!

We're going to fight for those principles of human liberty which were laid down nineteen centuries ago by that first great teacher and preacher of human rights—the MAN of GALLILEE!

Every iota of the philosophy and creed of HATE, and BLOOD, and VIOLENCE, and BEASTIALITY and diabolic CRUELTY and

human ENSLAVEMENT that mark every footstep of the Kaiser and his cohorts of hell—are in direct and damnable opposition to every thought, word and deed of the MAN of GALLILEE!

This is therefore no fight of DEMOCRACY against AUTOCRACY.

It is no battle of nation against nation. It is no contest of man against man.

It is a titanic struggle between RIGHT and WRONG; between the philosophy of Jesus Christ and the powers of EVIL, thru the earthly defenders of each.

And we're going to FIGHT—FIGHT—FIGHT side by side with our fellows in the cause of humanity, until there is no vestige left on all this great earth, of the powers that—defying God and man—precipitated this cataclysm of blood and tears.

There is only one sentiment in this whole broad land today, and the man who does not recognize it must indeed be deaf, dumb and blind, and that sentiment is a dogged determination deep down in the heart of every man that we are going to fight until we have justified Italy; saved England; swept immortal France free of the Hun; liberated Belgium; avenged so far as within human power the countless crimes of Germany against civilization; broken the Hindenburg line and swept the army of the BEAST as chaff before the wind; humbled the EMPIRE of HELL; and—please God—rid the earth of the Kaiser and all his fell bred!

If anyone asks you, tell them that is what we're going to fight for!

And those of us who cannot fight are going to buy LIBERTY BONDS

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

I WILL UNLOAD THIS WEEK Two Cars of Buggies

Will have the best assortment
of **BUGGIES** in Houston county

If you contemplate buying a buggy this year it will pay you to come to Grapeland and come now. Prices will be very much higher later on. In fact, you might not be able to get one at all. The buggy people are just like all other manufacturers having a hard time getting material and labor to build them.

I have a fine stock on hand now to select from and urge you to **BUY NOW** and save the advance later on.

A. B. Guice

REYNARD BY ZACK

April 8.—Some of us have to work just like we knew it would rain again, and it did actually rain, and my, everything looks good! Some say it was the best season in two years; at any rate it is a plenty for the time being.

Crop are well advanced. There is more February corn and more March cotton than was ever planted before; most all have a fair stand. Gardens are fine. We saw our first blooms on March 18 and April 4 had a mess of peas. Those who planted potatoes early will have them to eat by April 15th.

There are two things we are afraid we are going to be short on this fall, and that's, sweet potatoes and pork. So many have lost hogs and many did not have any to lose, and so few potato hills. A great many have ordered slips.

Tom Kent is the chicken man. He has about 260, with ten hens setting, and has ordered 100 little fellows.

We are glad to report a "clean alley" of measles at the West home and all practically out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Taylor and children of Grapeland spent the day at the West home; also the writer.

The minutes read fifty present at Sunday school and four visitors.

Tom Kent and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Kent's parents on the bayou.

A few of our ladies will exercise their right to vote.

Douglass Beazley was elected school trustee Saturday.

The river shows a 5 or 6 foot rise and from the drift coming down, it is still rising. While there is no danger, it is fuller than it has been in a year.

LIBERTY HILL SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Miss Cordie Holcomb, Charlie Ramey and Bernard Avera went to Crockett Thursday afternoon to take the teachers' examination on Friday and Saturday. They have the best wishes of their friends for their success.

Vivian Avera spent Wednesday afternoon with his parents and friends. All were glad to see him.

Kate Young spent the weekend in Crockett.

Several from this community attended the quarterly conference in Percilla.

We are glad that the measles has run its course and is gradually dying out. We are glad to welcome the children back to school and everyone back to Sunday School and church.

The young people are getting up a play for the benefit of the church.—"Mrs. Subbs Does Her Bit." Watch for the date in a later paper.

Honor Roll

Below is a list of those in this county who have bought or have agreed to buy \$1,000 worth, the limit that one person can own, of War Savings Stamps, and are entitled to have their names on the honor roll. Other names will be added to this list as rapidly as they qualify:

Mrs. C. N. Corry, D. A. Nunn, Arch Baker, C. L. Edmiston, Henry H. Dailey, T. W. Thompson, Mrs. G. B. Lundy, J. C. Millar, H. F. Moore, James S. Shivers, Mrs. S. A. Taylor, J. H. Smith, C. C. Warfield, F. G. Edmiston, F. A. Smith.—Crockett Courier.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay.
J. W. HOWARD.

Mrs. Reta Marshall, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, returned to her home near Rusk Sunday.

LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Stevens Point, Wis., Apr. 5.—As the greatest war in history is now going on, of course the world is making history as never before and the United States is having a hand in the making.

I read war, war, war, and try to read after the best writers. Not long ago I read an article by Gov. John J. Cornell of West Virginia. It struck me as being so good I thought I would like for each reader of the Messenger to read it, so I copied it and here it is as printed in The Roycroft:

"I do not admire an envious man. Enviousness and covetousness are hateful things. But I confess I envy just now a great many men. They come into my office wearing the uniforms of their country. They salute me and stand erect, hand to cap and eyes forward. They are soldiers—officers and privates. They are here in the making, in the embryo.

"Here I sit at my desk in citizen's clothes; off yonder in the camps are life and energy and patriotism in action.

"Over there railroads are building, supplies going forward; the soldiers are taking on the final touches of training and going into the trenches.

"The airmen mount their winged steeds and go wheeling thru space with their bombs suspended, machine guns peeping out and cameras loaded.

"All, all at work to stay the tide of scientific barbarism and to save civilization and free government from death at the hands of autocracy.

"I am tied down at a desk with books and papers and problems to solve while my fellow-men are out in the open doing and dying that I and others back here at home may continue to sit in offices, to work and to earn money and to enjoy the blessings of our own homes, the cheeriness of our firesides, the presence of our loved ones, the society of our friends.

"I am too old, they say, to be a soldier, to drill and fight and fly, and so I must sit behind a desk and allow yonder men to make sacrifices and suffer for me.

"Age and gray hairs, I was taught, were honorable things. I loathe them, for they have sentenced me to soft seats, to quiet and to indoors while all the world throbs and sobs and stirs outside.

"And then come other men daily, who tell me of their sons in service, show me letters and pictures. Their faces beam with pride. They are fathers of men, men who are saving civilization, defending me and mine. How I envy them!

"Then I turn from my desk and gaze upon a picture, a picture of one so young, so fair, clad in the uniform of a cadet, and wonder why it was written that he was to be denied me for support and solace in my declining years, that he could not have lived a little longer and died in defense of his country. I wonder why it was denied me to grasp the hand of my fellows and say, 'I, too, have a son in the service,' or to say, 'I, too, have given bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.' And having wondered thus, I turn back again to try to lose myself in my work, while from outdoors come the echoes of activity



SCRATCH OUT WORRY AND RISK

about your money by opening an account with this bank and settling your accounts with checks. You do not have to be a man of large affairs to be welcomed as a depositor here. We shall be glad to have your account and to advise and assist in any financial matter that we can.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

reaching from camps and all the way across the ocean from 'over there' where men are doing and dying for me."

The above article by the governor was very forcefully impressed on my mind yesterday. I was on a train and there was a gray haired lady across the aisle from me. At one station a man and two women came into the same coach. They were old acquaintances and had not met in thirty-five years or more. They exchanged the usual greetings and in less time than it takes to tell the story, the first mentioned lady began to tell about her son being an army officer. The others had no sons in the service and the lady who did was the happiest of the three. Her face just beamed with joy and pride. Her entire talk was of this boy—this soldier. It made me think of my mother, who loves each of her sons, but well do I know she is especially proud of her boy who is now wearing the U. S. A. soldier's uniform. I do not blame her. It makes me feel proud of him, for as the governor said, he is fighting that I may live and enjoy my fireside, family and friends. I never lose an opportunity to say that I have a broth-

er in the service. I wear two Liberty Loan buttons, one of the first and one of the second, and will have one of the third, and one for each time Uncle Sam asks for a loan.

I know the hearts of the fathers and mothers of the boys sometimes ache, but then the blessed thought I am sure comes to them "that my boy or boys are away from home, as men the world will be delighted to honor and respect." They are defending the greatest nation under the sun, helping keep the grand old Stars and Stripes waving "over the land of the free and the home of the brave," that we at home may enjoy the pursuit of peace, prosperity and happiness. May God bless the fathers and mothers as well as the boys.

H. A. Tyer.

NOTICE

I will make the session of 1918 at my place with my black Spanish jack, 3 1-2 miles northeast of Grapeland. Fees, \$10. 5-t3p Eugene Lively.

We simply can't see the merit of a "kiss-the-flag" penalty for disloyals. The flag is entitled to some consideration, and tar and feathers are not expensive.—Houston Post.

PURE DRUGS

IF It's Drugs pure and fresh,
It's Patent Medicines of any kind,
It's a Prescription that needs careful compounding,
It's toilet Articles of popular name,
It's Rubber Goods of known quality,
YOU WANT, YOU ALWAYS WANT THE BEST TO BE HAD.

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There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

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CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . .," writes Mrs. Mary E. Vesie, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

J. 70

A TORPID LIVER KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

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Proprietors
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NURSING SERVICE.

The course in home nursing offered by the American Red Cross is a definitely established chapter activity of importance equal to any Red Cross activity.

The American women are not ALL going to be able to knit, they are not ALL going to make surgical dressings, they are not ALL going to nurse, and our Red Cross offers opportunities for such varied activities that no woman can escape giving service and may serve according to her special qualification.

The course in elementary hygiene and home care of the sick, with its 30 hours of lectures and demonstrations and 240 hours of practical work in hospital wards, equips the young American women with a very necessary practical education. Women thus qualified are going to be called upon for service each year as the war continues—service that will be of real vital importance to war relief work. This course is a prerequisite for nurses' aids. About 100 aids are in service in France, assisting the A. R. C. nurse in infant welfare work, in the care of refugees and children and to act as interpreters. In the future they will be called upon to assist and supplement the professional nurses in their many branches of usefulness.

Each chapter should immediately organize to take care of this work. Chapters located in isolated communities, where no nurse is available as an instructor, are advised to appoint their committee, with a chairman who, realizing the value of this instruction, will stimulate the interest of all the women, organize classes of about 15 members each, then secure from some near locality an experienced teacher to remain with them the time it is necessary to give this instruction. The

proceeds from the class will warrant an instructor's exclusive time and attention and will not burden the chapter financially in any way. Where this class work has been successfully conducted the women taking the course have contributed in a very definite and very vital way to the activities of the Red Cross chapters.

The privilege of giving the practical work to the students who have successfully completed their course as per the textbook, "Elementary Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick," has been heretofore confined to such chapters as have organized a base hospital unit. With interest in this work growing as it has in the last few months, other hospitals will be located throughout the division to give this practical course.

The practical course of 240 hours in hospital wards will be offered by several hospitals in the Southwestern Division and it will be possible for every student of these classes to have this very valuable course of training. We must be prepared for a condition that is sure to arise in the future, though we are not able to see it just now.

LYDA M. ANDERSON,

Director of Nursing Service, 1617 Railway Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.

JUNIOR RED CROSS IS DOING SPLENDID WORK HELPING TO WIN WAR

Hundreds of Thousands in Southwestern Division Are Toting for Men in the Trenches.

Hundreds of thousands of children in the Southwest are helping to win the war for America and her allies. There are not better patriots in the United States, in the whole world.

In cities and towns the children, a majority of whom are members of the Junior Red Cross, are working in thrift gardens, knitting sweaters, socks, etc., for our soldiers, turning old paper, rubber, metals and bottles into cash and investing the returns in thrift stamps and liberty bonds, making refugee activity of the Red Cross in which they can be of service.

In the country the children, who also generally are members of the Junior Red Cross, are raising pigs, sheep, rabbits, chickens, making gardens, doing general farm work to aid in the production of foodstuffs, canning and preserving, and like their city cousins they are buying Thrift Stamps and Liberty Bonds, knitting and making refugee garments.

Schools Close to Aid Juniors.

Many rural schools already have suspended until next fall and thousands of children have begun Spring and Summer campaigns which have for their purpose the doing of everything possible to win the war. In a majority of the towns and cities of the Southwest the schools still are in session and the children are taking their knitting to school with them and working on it at recess time and the noon hour, then doing other Red Cross work after school hours.

The pupils of 3,500 schools in the Southwestern division of the Red Cross have joined the Junior Red Cross since the membership campaign started early in February.

More than 100,000 children of the St. Louis schools are on the Junior membership rolls and 225,000 will have enrolled before the end of the campaign. This will make St. Louis 100 per cent Junior Red Cross. In other words, every child of school age who is in school soon will be a member.

Counties Use Unique Plans.

Tens of thousands more children will be enrolled outside St. Louis in the Southwestern division within the next few weeks.

Many counties in the division have enrolled every school, and many unique methods have been employed to raise the required membership fees. In Johnson County, Kansas, for instance, 5,000 children were enrolled

as members of the Junior Red Cross. In order to raise money with which to pay the enrollment fees of the children, a cherry pie making contest and auction was staged. Hundreds of the good women of the county baked cherry pies. The pies were auctioned at a social, and \$2,500 was raised. A committee decided that the most delicious pie was the product of a woman 85 years old, who is ardently interested in Red Cross work. Her pie was bid in by a man, also 85 years old, for \$12.50.

Vetch as Cover Crop.

An expert says that winter vetch does best as a cover crop if a little rye is seeded with it. One bushel of vetch to one-half bushel of rye per acre is about right.

Bad Habit of Cow.

Once a cow finds out she can get over an old fence there will be trouble perhaps for all time.

Rats Are Expensive.

Fifty rats on a farm will cost the owner \$100 to \$300 a year.

THE EVIDENCE.

"Biggins says he is a self-made man."

"There! I knew it the minute I saw how he bagged at the knees."

HEARD IN A HOTEL.

"Guzzler says he is color blind."

"Well, I'll bet he knows when he has a dark brown taste in the morning."

THE MAIN POINT.

"This horse, I'll guarantee will go without a hitch."

"That's all right, but will he stand without a hitching?"

BETWEEN GIRL FRIENDS.

"What foolish things a young man will do when he's in love."

"Oh, Marie! I'll bet Jack proposed."

A MISAPPREHENSION.

"Miss Jaggs is very attenuated in her figure."

"Do you think so? I would call her real thin."

ONE EXCEPTION.

Brother—Young Jobbins is going some.

Sister—You can't notice it when he calls here.

GIGANTIC FRENCH WAR EXHIBIT TO VISIT CROCKETT

In the interest of the third Liberty Loan, a French war exhibit is touring the state, and will arrive in Crockett at 6:15 p. m., Sunday April 14. Prominent speakers will be with the exhibit, and it is planned to hold a great Liberty Loan Rally at the Baptist church that night. The people of Houston county are urged to see this exhibit.

In the exhibit is shown the type of torpedo that sank the Lusitania, airplanes, parts of Zeppelins, and every description of rifle and canon that is being utilized. They look as if they had been through every kind of warfare.

The big French 75 millimeter canon, a part of this exhibit, was damaged at the battle of the Yser. This immense gun is so perfectly balanced that one man can move it around. The barrel is perforated with machine gun holes, made in close quarter fighting. These are the guns that helped save Paris at the Marne, when the Germans were within fifteen miles of the capital.

A captured German airplane of the "Albatross" type, with a speed of 125 miles per hour, is shown.

There is a large German mortar of the "Minniewerfer" type, which was captured by General Joffre's men at the Marne. This gun is used to break down heavy defenses.

There is a collection of German 12 inch shells, and a French

400 millimeter gun that shoots a 16 inch shell 24 miles and is effective at 20 miles. A notable relic is a Zeppelin bomb weighing 175 pounds. There are liquid bombs for incendiary purposes.

A peculiarly interesting piece is the gun carriage of one of the giant 120 millimeter French siege guns. This particular gun carriage was recognized recently by a French officer visiting at Waco, who declared his promotion was gained in action around this gun. He shed tears of emotion when he satisfied himself of the gun's identity.

For trench warfare, gun rests with periscopes are shown, so that the gunner can fire his weapon without putting his head in jeopardy.

The desperate character of the fighting above the earth is depicted in a vivid way by a close examination of the captured Albatross biplane, whose canvas wings are perforated in hundreds of places and whose control wires are all wrenched and twisted into tangled masses.

The big Zeppelin bombs, the aerial bombs with fluted rudders tell their grim story of death to women and children. The whole atmosphere of this hallowed collection of battle sacred relics is redolent of deeds of valor, of sacrifice, and the determination to put out of the way for all time, this damnable octopus whose poisonous tentacles must be loosed once and for all.

BE A CHIN UPPER

We know that men are worth only about three dollars a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousand a year from the chin up, selling brains. There is no room for chin downers in the high salaried class; be a chin upper. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There is a famine of high priced men who are worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few are worth ten thousand or a hundred thousand. The late Prof. James of Harvard, declared that the average man uses only ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man; you are using only twenty per cent of your maximum power, only one fifth of your greatest possibilities. Eighty-five per cent of the men in this country are earning only fifteen dollars or less per week. Ninety two per cent of those in business fail between the ages of forty and fifty. Ninety five per cent have no money at the age of sixty. The measure of your success or failure is the extent to which you obey or violate the laws of business. Our business is to take you out of the eighty-five, the ninety-two and the ninety-five per cent class. We have been very successful in raising salaries, as shown by our former students' letters in our catalogue. Take our thorough, practical course of book-keeping, business administration and finance, shorthand, cotton classing, or telegraphy. Learn to think and act better. Our large catalogue is free for the asking. Fill in and mail the following blank:

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Name of publisher, editor, managing editor, business manager, A. H. Luker, Grape-land, Texas.

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A. H. Luker.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of April, 1918.

J. R. Richards,
Notary Public.

STATEMENT

of the ownership, management, etc., required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of the Grape-land Messenger, published weekly, at Grape-land, Texas, for April, 1918.
State of Texas }
County of Houston }

Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared A. H. Luker, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Grape-land Messenger and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, to wit:

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, greeting: C. W. Kennedy, Administrator of the estate of Steve Bolton, deceased, having filed this day in County Court his final account of the condition of said estate together with an application that same be approved, said estate closed and he and the sureties on his bond as such Administrator be discharged, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for at least twenty days in a newspaper regularly printed in the said county of Houston you are to give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to appear and contest same if they see proper, and to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the May term, A. D., 1918, of the County Court of said Houston county commencing and to be holden at the Courthouse of said Houston county in the city of Crockett on the 6th day of May, A. D., 1918, the same being the first Monday in said month of May, when said account and application will be considered and acted upon by the said court.

Witness, A. E. Owens, Clerk of the County Court of Houston county, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at my office in the city of Crockett, this 8th day of April, A. D., 1918.

[SEAL] A. E. Owens, Clerk, County Court, Houston County, Texas.

By W. D. Collins, Deputy. 73t

ROCKHILL
BY NORMAN

April 8, 1918—We are still having a few showers all along. We now have plenty of moisture, and would be glad to see it stay fair until we need more rain.

Sunday School and prayer meeting were called off last Sunday on account of measles in the community.

The hogs in this neighborhood are again dying rapidly with the cholera. The majority of them have now been vaccinated and it is hoped that they will do better from now on.

A meeting was held Saturday to vote on a bond issue for the purpose of building a \$1,600.00 school building. The proposition carried unanimously and a nice new school house will be built as soon possible.

Miss Ola Willis has the measles. It is hoped she will soon recover.

We have heard of the fellow who knew nothing but to "rustle" and we think we have one in this community.

Q. F. King is trying to do his bit. On February 11th he planted some Irish potatoes and on April 7th he ate a mess, lacking four days of two months from the time of planting. If everyone would do the same thing that he did we would have plenty of food-stuffs.

ROOSTERS WANTED

Will pay 15c per pound for Roosters. Now is the time to separate them from your flock and market infertile eggs. It will pay to do so. Remember—15c a pound for roosters.

J. W. Howard.

BEEES FOR SALE

15 large, thrifty colonies, in nicely painted box hives with supers; will begin swarming in two weeks. A bargain at \$4.50 each, here.

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W. T. Pridgen.

SPRING SHOWING

OUR Spring Showing of everything in the Dry Goods Line will only make the spring time seem more beautiful to you by seeing the pretty new spring goods that are now on display at our store. Pay us a visit and see our new goods and you will be pleased.



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Be sure of value
Be sure of style

You know that it is easier sometimes to give an example than a definition. That's the way we feel about the word "value."

It would take a lot of space to tell you about the value you'll get at this store, but it would only take a few minutes to show you and convince you.

In the picture you will see one of the new Varsity styles by

Hart Schaffner & Marx

You won't find any better all-wool quality anywhere, nor finer tailoring, nor smarter style, well worth having. These clothes will wear a long time and look well as long as you wear them; real values.

In the interest of national economy, it is your duty to look for value in everything you buy. Don't buy less of the things you need, buy better things, and the less you'll need.

Selby Shoes
Comfort Paramount

A beautiful shoe that fits comfortably is our first thought in buying.—A beautiful shoe may be made comfortable—a comfortable shoe may be made beautiful. Sibly Shoes answer all requirements—Sibly shoemakers know how, that's why we sell Sibly Shoes. See that your next pair of shoes are SIBLY Shoes.

Skirt Styles

The very many perfectly new and deft pocket and belt innovations in themselves afford widest variety. There are serges, satins, wools and poplins in all colors. See them.

The Proper Corset

Madam Grace Corset is the correct corset for your figure as it will give your figure the correct lines at the same time giving you the utmost support and excellent service. See that your next corset is a Madam Grace.

Silk Hosiery

That adds that final touch of style. Silks in the new colors, that will please you. Call and look them over

Felts and Straws

That new Spring Hat that you will want, we have---John B. Stetson and Lion Special you will find in the newest shades and shapes in this season's offerings. You are especially urged to see the new styles of Straws, Panamas and Bannocks. Come in and look them over.

Men's Shoes

You will find in our line of Men's Shoes the very latest styles in lasts that will make your feet smile because they are so comfortable and so stylish, too. See the good values in them and be convinced.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

WANETA
REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

April 8.—A fine rain fell here last Friday which was greatly needed and very much appreciated by the farmers.

Miss Anne Lizzie Vickory, of near Slocum, visited at the home of Mrs. Charlie Killgo Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Ruby Sheffield, of this place, Bonnie Sheffield, of Tyler and Leta and Luna Frank Lively of Grapeland, were guests of Miss Mary Lively, of this place, Saturday and Sunday.

Grandfather and Grandmother Sheffield, of Grand Saline, are visiting with relatives at this place.

J. R. Forston, wife and family, of Slocum, were guests of Mr.

and Mrs. J. E. Harrington, Saturday and Sunday.

Jno. Penick and family and Willis Scoggins and family, were guests of C. H. Scoggins and wife Sunday.

Bob Cliburn and wife were at Lewis Foster's Sunday afternoon.

We still have a great deal of sickness in our community.

W. B. Moore and wife visited at Mr. Edmondson's, near Slocum, Thursday and Friday.

To cleanse the blood, strengthen the kidneys and regulate the stomach, liver and bowels, Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy that has proved its worth. It promotes activity in body and brain. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.