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NOTICE.

The Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, will, at its February Term, the second Monday in said month, said Monday being the 10th day thereof, and being the February Term next succeeding the General Election which was held at Sonora, in Sutton County, Texas, on November 5, A. D., 1918, receive bids from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in such county that may be desired to be selected as the Depository of the funds of said County for the ensuing two years.

This notice shall be published over my name once each week for at least twenty days before said second Monday in the Devil's River News, a newspaper published at Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; and one copy of this notice shall be published by posting same at the Court House door of Sonora in said Sutton County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 13th day of January A. D. 1919
W. E. HODGES,
County Judge, Sutton County Texas. 72-3.

FOR SALE.

About 2000 cedar posts for sale. Seven feet, 30 cents. See 37 J. E. Grimland, Sonora.

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SUBSCRIPTION \$1 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Sonora, Texas, February 1, 1919.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Answering inquiries from the trade as to its policy in disposing of wool stocks held by the government, the department announced today it would continue to sell at public auction such wool as manufacturers might require but that it would not compete with domestic producers.

M. E. Blackburn of Junction, representative of this district, has been appointed Chairman of the Criminal Jurisprudence committee. Representative Blackburn is a lawyer of note, a foremost criminal attorney and one who has closely applied himself to detail matters regarding criminal procedure.

Hon. R. M. Dudley, of El Paso, Senator from this district, has been named on eight important senate committees, namely: Finance, Agriculture, Affairs, Counties and County Boundaries, Mining and Irrigation, Claims and Accounts, Land and Land Office, Senators' Districts, Stock and Stock Raising.

Newswid—Did you run short of flour, Hebe? The pie crust doesn't cover the pie! Mrs. Newswid—I know, dear, you mother told me that you liked your pie crust very short.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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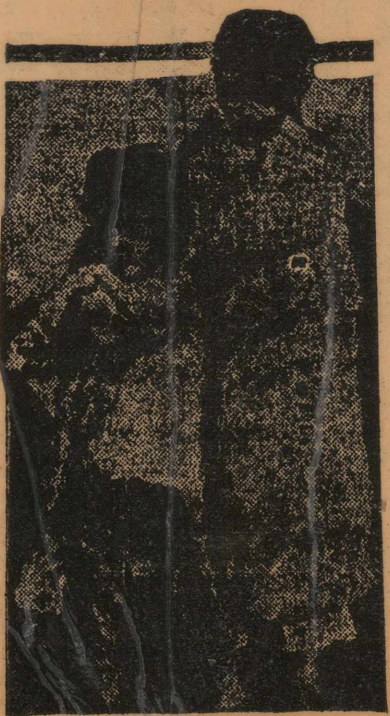
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BUYING AT HOME HELPS

"Military Necessity"



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

To save the lives of four million such refugees—Armenians, Greeks, and Syrians—the American people will be asked to give at least \$30,000,000. The week of February 3-19 has been set for the campaign in the Southwest.

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

That's hunger for you.

To relieve the sufferings of the subject peoples of Turkey a nationwide campaign to raise \$30,000,000 will be conducted by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. The dates of the campaign for the Southwest will be February 3-19.

WEDDING BELLS FOR SAM.

Tours, France, Dec. 12, 1918
Miss Laura Merck,
Sonora, Texas.

Dear Sister.—I am very glad to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 26th and a so of Sept. 24th which affords me great joy to night. I have seen some action and was gassed and am now in the Base Hospital and am getting along nicely. Nothing to get excited over or alarmed about. I am expecting to be sent back to the dear old U. S. A. the best place on earth. Just a little Texas home for me. I have hunted wild game on Devil's River and when I compare it with hunting the Boche in France there is as much difference as day and night, for hunting in Texas is joy and happiness and the other is—ll. My first experience in fighting the dirty Boches was in the well known Argonne Forest which no doubt you have read about in the home papers, and believe me we gave them—ll to a natural farewell. We met good men and well prepared positions and in fact pretty fair fighters, but we just outclassed them in nerve and had fighting so we drove them back and those who would not retreat will never tell the story for they are real good Boche soldiers now, never more to bear arms against the good old U. S. A. for they are now pushing up daisies. You can hardly imagine how your soldier Bud felt the morning of "over the top" following the artillery barrage as it makes one feel a little shaky when the big guns go boom! boom! boom!!! so fast you cannot count them and the worse part they are shooting just over our heads and it makes one feel he was real small and down near the ground. But what of fear, we could not think of danger or chert as we were going to kick the Boche at any cost and give him his dues. The Boche has some good nerve and a real good opinion of the American soldier, as he rather than a good sport. They would even shoot at us with machine guns until we were about to capture him and then he would run out, hold his hands high up and call out "kamerad" and then expect us to give him a smoke and take him a prisoner of war. But really Sis, I think some of them were badly fooled for they too are pushing up the daisies. My Captain was very unfortunate and had me hard luck.

Tell Lee I wish I was there to help him hunt wolves as I believe I could catch them, for after hunting Boches I could teach him to catch wolves. I would open up a good barrage and then go over and get them. I would like to see a few of those happy days gone by when we were kids at play on the old ranch for I believe I could be a kid once more. Sis a horse and a saddle would look like home west of me to your soldier brother in France. Do you know if Johnnie Martin has been discharged from the Navy? Tell the folks they might as well fix up for Soldier Sam because when he returns home there will be another big wedding so I hope no one will be surprised. Tell Jack to see that eve ything ready for when I come back I am going to make up for lost time. point the town red and step about to the tune of There's a Hot Time in the Old Town. I hope for and wish you all a Merry Christmas and I wish I could be there.

Sis, tell the folks the Red Cross are mighty good people for on Thanksgiving they gave us boys here in the hospital a royal big turkey dinner, and if you could have seen how Sam made the turkey you would have laughed big; or it was honest to goodness fun, to what we were accustomed to getting. So you see it's honor to the Red Cross for me and my best of to the Red Cross nurses for mine is fine. I often think of the little song we all know well: "I'd Ant to Get Well." But I guess I am joking for just to get back to Texas again is what I want and I don't think a wire fence will be necessary to keep me there. Tell Willie Mae I will be ready to play that game of High Five she spoke of when I left.

Lovingly your brother,
Sam C. Merck.

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HALF RATE ON FEED DISCONTINUED.

The half rate on feed shipped to the stockmen and farmers of Texas which has been in effect for several months, is to be withdrawn on and after January 26 by an order of the Railway Administration just received by R. Walter Davis, Sutton County Agent. The order is as follows:

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 14, 1919.
 Eff. at close of business January 25, 1919. Under instructions of the Director, Division of Traffic, United States Railroad Administration, the freight rates for reduced rates on feed, authorized by circular No. 1-C dated Oct. 20, 1918, on shipments to points in Texas as described in circular is hereby canceled.

Yours truly,
 J. L. West, Chairman,
 Dallas District Freight Traffic Committee.
 Please make this announcement in your local paper. It is my estimate I think advisable for you to state that the Department of Agriculture did not discontinue the rate. We were anxious that this rate be continued. However, the Railroad Administration did not see their way clear in retaining the same after the date as indicated above.

Yours very truly,
 M. T. Payne, State Agent.
John Meincke Dead
 John Edward Meincke, aged 27 years, died at his home in Ozona January 18, of pneumonia following influenza. He was born in Sonora October 15th, 1891, the eldest son of W. and Mrs. Chris Meincke who moved to Ozona in 1892. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Mary Meincke, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Chris E. Davidson and by a baby boy deceased was the grand son of Capt. P. Huns and a nephew of Mrs. Robt. James and John Hurst of Sonora.

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lays ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 A. F. CLARKSON,
 Sonora, Texas.

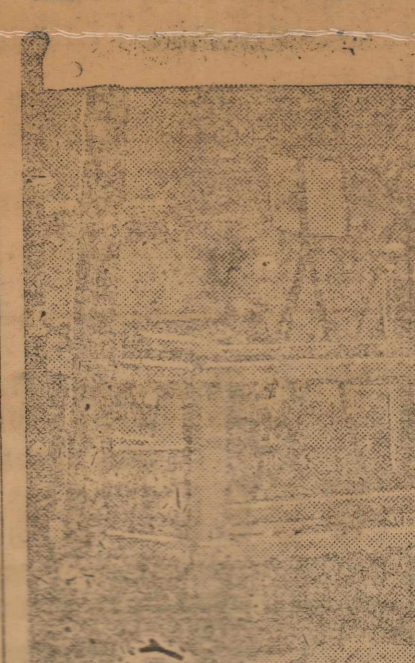
Notice to Trespassers
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 W. J. FERRIS, Sonora, Texas.

Citation by Publication.
 In the County Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas.
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, Texas, GIBBELL: You are hereby summoned and directed to appear in the County Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to show cause why the will of the late John W. Pickett, deceased, should be admitted to probate in said County of Sutton, Texas, and to show cause why the same should not be set aside. The said will was admitted to probate in said County of Sutton, Texas, on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1919, and there is contest said application of G. W. Pickett, should be set aside, which is a matter in dispute between the said G. W. Pickett and the heirs and assigns of said John W. Pickett, deceased. Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the County of Sutton, Texas, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1919.
 J. D. Lowrey,
 Clerk County Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas.

BUYING AT HOME HELPS

GERMANY MUST PAY
Kaiser's Men Responsible for Millions of Murders.
CANNOT PAY FOR LIVES LOST
Nation Must Be Forced to Pay and Pay and Pay, Until it Has Learned That Might is Not Right.

By WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.
 There are in France and Belgium today very close to 3,000,000 soldier graves that would not have been there had Germany not started a war of conquest to gratify the selfish ambitions of a selfish people for world domination. In these graves are buried the heroes of America, of England, of France, of Belgium, of Italy, of Canada, of Australia, of South Africa, of India, of Portugal, of Morocco, of China and other parts of the world. These heroes gave their lives that the cruelly selfish plans of the Boche might be defeated; that the world might be a dwelling place for freemen and not for the slaves of autocracy. And the war in which they made



Burial Place of Americans in Lorraine.

the last great sacrifice was started by Germany only to gratify the selfish greed of a people who had been taught that might is right.

I realized the tragic interest of America in these graves as I walked over the hilltop at Guillemont farm, near the village of Boisy, and found there two large cemeteries in which American dead lay buried. I realized it even as Gen. Henry Rawlinson, commanding the Fourth British army, recounted to me the incidents of that battle in which American troops made the first break in the Hindenburg line, and when he told me of the wonderful gallantry of those American boys, "the most gallant troops that ever fought on a battlefield."

Today more than 1,000 of these gallant American boys are buried in soldier graves on that battlefield, and little wooden crosses mark their resting places.

Severe Lesson for Germany.
 German money cannot pay for those lives, but that spirit of greed, of wantonness, of selfish ambition, that produced the senseless, needless war in which they died, must be crushed, and it can be crushed only by making the German pay, and pay, and pay, until he has learned that might is not right and that war for the purposes of conquest and domination is not profitable.

An American regiment, to which I had belonged some years ago, and in which were enrolled many personal friends, had fought on that field. As I walked beside the long rows of wooden crosses, and knew that some of them marked the resting places of my friends, I felt, as any other American would have felt under the same conditions, that Germany must pay in order that Germany should learn that might is not right.

I am sure that every father, every mother, every brother, every sister, every relative and friend of those American boys who are buried on European battlefields will feel that Germany must pay and pay heavily for the desolation she has caused throughout the world.

There is on the Somme battlefields, not far from what once was the beautiful little city of Peronne, a soldiers' cemetery in which British troops are buried. On each little wooden cross had been painted the name of the soldier buried beneath it, as well as the letter of his company and the number of his battalion. In the month of the Huns last March this cemetery was taken, and the wanton cruelty of the Boche is nowhere better illustrated than by the fact that he went through that cemetery and painted out the names of these British dead.

Should Pay to the Limit.
 Should the Boche not pay for such dastardly work as that? Should he not pay for attempting to deprive the relatives and friends of those British soldiers of knowing their final resting place, even though, thanks to the British graves commission, the attempt will not be successful? He must pay the penalty just as any other criminal must pay the penalty for his crimes. The world cannot send an entire nation to jail, but the world can today

punish the nations that have committed the most terrible crimes known to modern times, at least, by making the people of these nations work only that they may pay.
 Among the saddest sights to be found in the battle areas of Europe today is the lonely grave, the little cross that stands by itself and marks the spot where a soldier met death by a stray shell. There were many, many thousands of these seen along the sides of the thousand miles of roadways I covered in Belgium and northern France, and in very many cases they marked the spot where a German shell had caught a transport driver as he guided his truck to or from the front. The boys who lie in these lonely graves were heroic American boys, heroic French boys, heroic British boys, and they have paid the great price that the Boche might not destroy the freedom of the world. They gave their all, and whatever the Boche may be made to pay will be small in comparison with this sacrifice.

Near what was the city of Noyon one may see a striking comparison between the methods of the Boche and those of the nations that have been fighting the Germans. Here lie buried side by side both French and German soldiers. Around each cemetery the French have built a fence. Over each French grave flies a French flag, and on each German grave green boughs have been placed by the French. Such

treatment for the German dead only emphasizes the need that Germany pay for the desecration of the graves of the Allied soldiers committed by her troops in France.

Further Display of Impudence.
 Just at the edge of the little French city of St. Mihiel, held by the Germans for four years and retaken by the American troops late last summer, is a German cemetery that stands as an insult to the French people. Here are buried a large number of German officers. In this cemetery the German government erected a magnificent marble shaft commemorating the valor of these German officers, and over the grave stand elaborate marble and granite monuments erected to the memory of these German officers.

These monuments have been erected on what has always been French soil, and they stand there as one of the greatest pieces of impudence committed by the German nation in this war.

This is but another of the many, many incidents that add to the seriousness of the crimes committed by the Boche, and for which he should pay.

A very considerable portion of the soil of Belgium and northern France is today given over to the graves of soldiers of the allies, and these soldier graves would not be there, these graves would not be there, millions of homes would not today be in mourning, had not our selfish people started a war for the purposes of conquest and loot; a war conducted with all the wantonness and cruelty of savages. Why should they not pay, and pay, and pay, until they find that an unhealy war, such as this waged, is the most unprofitable business in which man can engage?

SPARROWS' NESTS IN A SHIP
 Attracted by Grain and Not at All Affected by Noise, Birds Make Home There.
 A large tramp steamer had been towed into a northeast coast port for repairs. After having discharged her cargo of grain, she was placed in a dry dock, situated in the middle of a large ship-repairing establishment, with all the usual accompaniment of noise from pneumatic hammers, steam whistles, shouting of men, and other noises common to all such works.
 The grain, of which there is always a good deal left after the holds are swept up, attracted the sparrows in large numbers, and, as if guided by instinct, they commenced to build nests in various parts of the ship. Undeterred by the noise or by the constant going and coming of the workmen, they reared their broods before the repairs were completed, and the vessel sailed. This is believed to be a unique case, for although the sparrow is a bold bird, it needed some pluck to undertake home building in such circumstances. The workmen admired the pluck of these boisterous, cheeky birds, and watched the proceedings to the flight of the young birds with great interest.

ROAD BUILDING
GOOD HIGHWAYS HELP TRADE

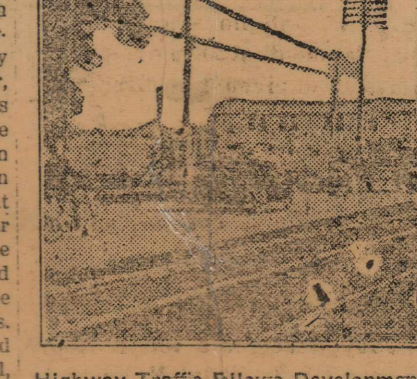
Act as a Spur to Business Besides Giving Pleasure to Motorists—Benefit Everybody.

To some people good roads mean simply an advantage for the motorist, a convenience that was created and is maintained for the motorist's benefit, enabling him to get from place to place without racking his car to pieces or experiencing the necessity of being towed out of a mud-hole.

Yet there is another side to this subject of the value of good roads, writes L. J. Oller in Chicago Tribune. Good roads mean more than an opportunity to get out on tours from the health-giving and pleasure standpoints. Good roads are closely allied with progress and prosperity. They promote the more widespread use of automobiles, and statistics prove automobiles and prosperity always go together.

It is fair to say that good roads benefit everybody: the city dwellers, those who live in towns, and those who live on farms. Of course, the fast-growing use of motorcars—the fact that automobiles are now considered practically a necessity for everybody—has been the biggest single influence in awakening this country to the fact that money expended in good roads extensions and improvements is money well spent.

We can all remember how only a few years ago city people paid little attention to good roads, and how farmers were even opposed to the expenditure of funds for the betterment of highways. That, of course, was before automobiles came into such widespread usage. In the days when motorcars were considered an extravagance and were owned only by the rich.



Highway Traffic Bypasses Development.

Good roads and the automobile have taken people out into the country. They have banished forever the isolation of farm life. They have increased health and prolonged life. They have enabled people to dig in and put better

efforts into their work as a result of the relaxation and broadening-out experiences of the week-end trip into the country.

The prospect of being able to buy an automobile and receive the benefits of good roads has spurred the ambition and quickened the imagination of the man who walks uses street cars. He wants to get away from the limited vision that of necessity must be his just as long as he is bound to a life of pounding pavements and clinging to street-car straps. He works harder and achieves more, with the prospect of spinning over good roads in his own automobile. For traveling only around town he may feel that he cannot afford an automobile; that he cannot get his money's worth. There is where good roads come in, enabling just such a man to get out into the country and broaden out.

Good roads have been a stimulant of business. By means of good roads an outlet to the congestion of cities has been afforded. New towns have sprung up.

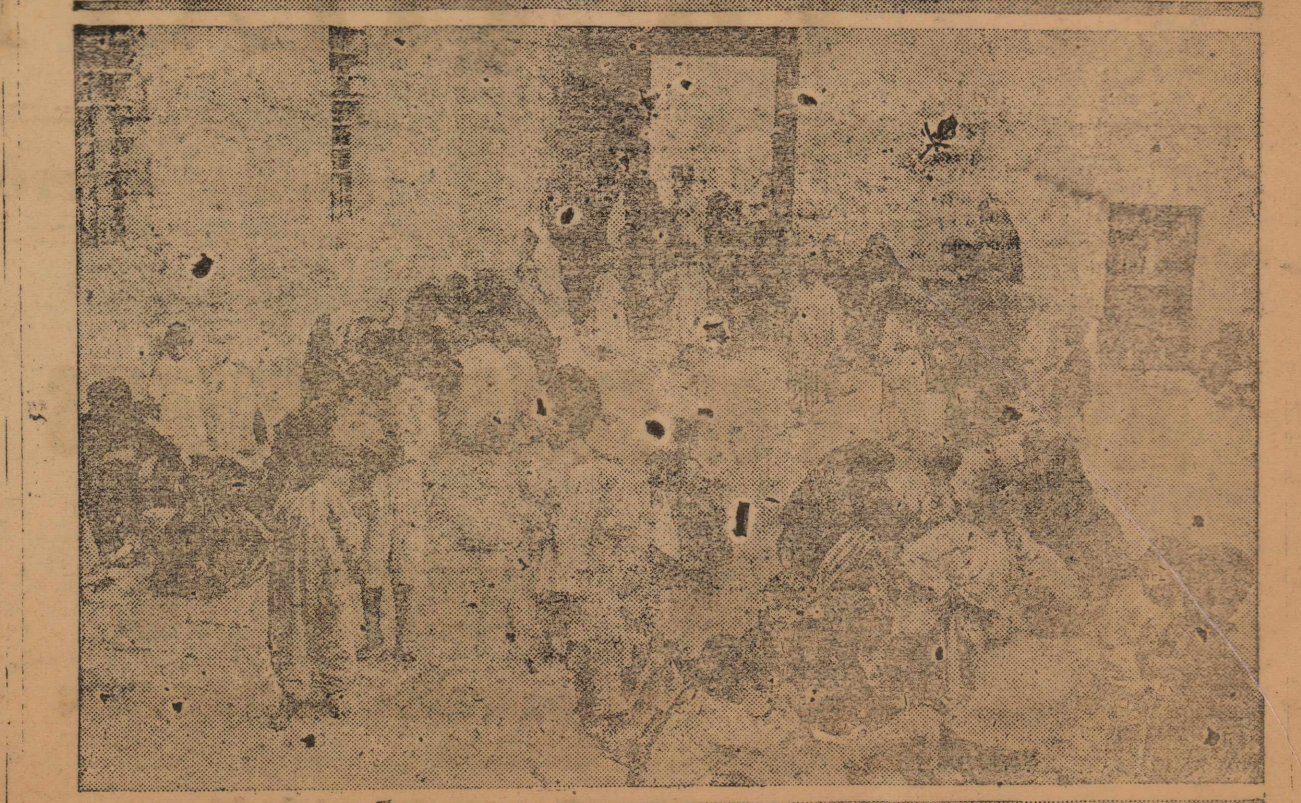
FUTURE NEEDS OF HIGHWAYS
 Road Built Today May Not Stand Requirements of Tomorrow—Truck Will Show Weakness.
 Roads should be built with an eye to the future needs as closely as the future needs can be figured. A road built for today may not stand the requirements of tomorrow. The same holds true of bridges and culverts. The truck will soon show up this weakness of the old road policy.

Work Needed After Rains.
 There are many times when a day's work can be spread on the road. After heavy rains the road may need certain repairs or improvements when the overseer is not ready to call out the hands.

Crooked Road Dangerous.
 With modern means of traffic a crooked road is a dangerous road, therefore, every road builder should endeavor to straighten his gutters. Besides, crooked gutters have a bad appearance.

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting, or in any way injuring the same, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 D. B. CUNEBARY,
 Sonora, Texas.

Americans Are Feeding These Children



A relief station in the Holy Land where Armenian and Syrian war orphans are being fed and clothed. Immediately after the Turks left Jerusalem, American relief workers took twenty-five homeless children in charge, gave them old-fashioned Saturday night baths, clean clothes, and something to eat. Many of them were wearing the same clothes they had on when driven from their homes two years before. The week of February 3-10 has been set for the time when the Southwest will raise its share of the \$30,000,000 which has been asked of the American people for relief of the terrible war sufferers in the Near East.

THEY LIKED CANARIES.
 Eleven million acres of "logged-off" timber land on the Pacific coast might be reclaimed and used for agricultural purposes, according to the statement of Walter H. Graves, whose appointment by Secretary Lane as an engineer of the reclamation service was recently announced. Mr. Graves has been instructed to make a study of the large districts of cut-over timber land in the West for the purpose of determining its availability, when cleared, for farms for soldiers after the war. The land denuded of timber would have to be cleared of the encumbering logs, stumps and brush.

The redemption of this vast wilderness, it is estimated, would add \$2,000,000,000 to the farm wealth of the Pacific states. The cost of clearing the land would be less than the value of the land if improved mechanical devices were used, Mr. Graves said.

WELL HAVE TO EXCUSE HIM.
 "Say," said the man with the constant grouch, "that guy I was just talking to has more nerve than anybody I ever saw. The impudent fellow had the audacity to ask me all the details of my personal affairs."

"Well, old chap, you'll have to overlook that trait. He'll get over it. You see he's been connected with a draft board, helping registrants to fill out their questionnaires."

RELIEF AT LAST.
 Chronic Ailer—Our old family doctor went to war and I had to try another one.
 Friend—Did he relieve you?
 Chronic Ailer—Well I should say he did. He relieved me of \$25 the first crack out of the box.

FORGIVENESS.
 "Of course, you want to forgive your enemies."
 "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "but having to forgive the same enemy over and over again does grow a little monotonous."

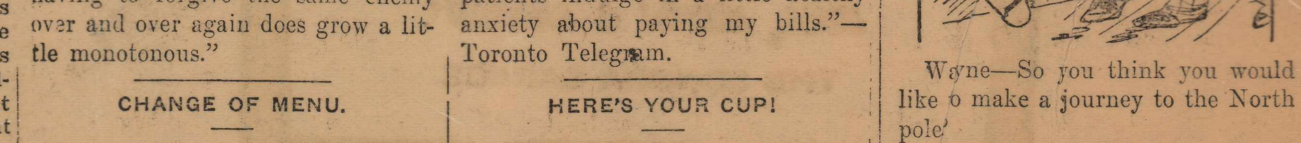
CHANGE OF MENU.
 Diner (just entered)—Hallo, Jim! Anything new on the bill of fare today?
 The other—There's a grease spot I didn't notice there yesterday.—Boston Evening Transcript.

OTHER SIDE OF THE COUNTER.
 "Do you mean to tell me that eggs are 80 cents a dozen?"
 "Yes," replied the imperturbable dealer. "It seems outrageous, doesn't it, to part with anything so precious as a dozen eggs for a paltry 80 cents?"

APPROVES ONE WORRY.
 "Doctor, do you approve of all those don't-worry theories?"
 "Well, I always like to have my patients indulge in a little healthy anxiety about paying my bills."—Toronto Telegram.

HERE'S YOUR CUP!
 Socrates—Believe me, Xanthippe, you'll yet drive me to the henlock.
 Xanthippe—You dear old Soc! My friends often tell me that I look perfectly stunning in black.—Buffalo Express.

A RELIEF



Wayne—So you think you would like to make a journey to the North pole?
 Wayne—Yes, I think I would. It must be restful to get to some place where nobody cares whether the snow is cleaned off or not.

Will There Be Enough to Go Around?



Hundreds of hungry war sufferers making way for the arrival of truck bearing food. Demand is always greater than supply in the starvation districts of Western Asia, the region which was bled and starved by Turkish German warfare above all other regions of the earth. The campaign to raise funds for these war sufferers will be launched in the Southwest February 3 and continue for one week.

Phone No. 3, for honest loads of any kind of wood Hauling to any part of the county. 51	For the best K'd Swivel on the market see what Ernest Q. King has to say at the City Grocery, Sonora, Texas.	Frank D. cher, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas. Also with L. Benson Agency
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Sonora, Texas, - February 1, 1919

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club will have meeting Feb 8. Important business. Full attendance requested.

B. B. Girls Fun

The "Reds" of the Baker-Bell girls were royally entertained, on Eaton's Hill last Friday night, by the "Blacks," at a Weenie roast and a Marsh-Melton toast. All members were present except two. The "Blacks" proved to be far better entertainers than players as the "Reds" had won in the series of games. All enjoyed the feast and songs and each went home feeling proud that she was a member of the team.

District court at Rock Springs was continued till February 10 a.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemer Wilkinson were in from the ranch in the O'enville country Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Orndale who ranch a few miles north of Juno were in Sonora Tuesday.

B. B. Duobar returned Tuesday from a visit to San Angelo. He was road bound for several days.

Rev. O. J. Cole of Merzon will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Diney returned Thursday from a visit to San Angelo.

Mrs. Mae Murray took charge of the Sonora post office Thursday, January 23 d, succeeding G. W. Smith resigned.

Eve-o Morris was in from the Stephenson ranch on the Pecos Monday and reports everything in fine shape out there.

District Attorney Blaydes of Ft. Stockton and C. D. Poffitt of San Angelo, stenographer of the 33 d Judicial District Court were in Sonora Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Earwood of Del Rio, who ranch in the Juno-Camstock country were in Sonora Sunday. Mrs. Earwood was formerly Miss Lorena Hall a niece of Mrs. Genard Stephenson.

Mrs. J. W. Trainer is in receipt of letters from Mrs. E. A. Walters State Chairman, Child Welfare Department, State Council of National Defense, in which the Woman's Club, Parent Teachers and similar organizations meet and pass resolutions endorsing the proposed measures now pending before the Legislature relative to child welfare child labor, minimum wage for mothers, back to school, etc.

The News extends its sympathy to Miss Lela Johnson of Ozona who was operator of the Sonora phone exchange for a few months last fall, in the loss by death of her sister Annie Bell aged 16, and her brother William, aged 11 years which occurred at the home of their parents M. and Mrs. William M. Johnson at Ozona on January 16 and 17th respectively.

NO TRESPASS.

Notice is hereby given that trespassers on my farm and pasture adjoining Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted according to law. Please tell your friends and relatives of this notice and they will avoid prosecution.

T. L. BENSON.
Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1918.

VULCANIZING!

AND
EXPERT TIRE & TUBE REPAIRING

Many Years Practical Experience

Your Patronage and a Trial Requested

W. A. ROGERS,

At Clarkson's Garage, Sonora

STOCK NEWS.

Geo. S. Allison has re-shipped a lot of feed from San Angelo to Menard with the hope of getting it hauled to the ranch.

Aldwell Bros., of Sonora had on the Fort Worth market Jan. 24 b. 63 cow weight 627; brought \$6 65 47 cows weight 663; brought \$6 65 6 bulls weight 975; brought \$7 00

W. J. Fields was in from the ranch Wednesday. He recently returned from Glascock county where he is pasturing 900 steers. He says they have done splendidly and the venture has been a profitable one.

Twenty six head of range cow from Sutton county, sold Tuesday by John S. Allison of Sonora on the Ft. Worth market, brought a record price of ten cents. They weighed 881 pounds. One hundred and forty four cows, weighing 721 pounds, brought \$8 35 per hundredweight, while 58 animals, at 593 pounds, were marketed at five and seven cents. Nine of Mr. Allison's bulls sold for \$7 50, and weighed 970 pounds. Another one tipped the scales at 99 and commanded seven cents. Sid Martin of Sonora accompanied the shipment to Fort Worth.—Standard.

Rev. S. O. Dunn and Lester Thorp expect to attend the meeting with the Bishop of the Methodist church in San Angelo Sunday.

A meeting was held in the directors room at the First National bank Monday night and resolutions passed requesting the passage of the bill now before the Legislature removing the cloud to school land titles because of mineral oil claims.

W. E. Hodges came up from his ranch in Val Verde county Tuesday night. He says he never saw the grass and weeds grow so fast at this time of the year. The grass in the thickets is tall enough for cattle and everything is spring like.

The Government says half the cost of post road construction; the State pays one fourth the cost why not the County pay one fourth and have at least one good road. You of course understand that the tax payers pay the Government and state part anyway so why not have the benefit.

Mrs. B. M. Hahbert gave a reception Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. R. D. Trainer. The attendance was very large and the shower given the bride contained many useful and handsome presents.

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GEO. MURDOCH McDONALD HEARD FROM.

George Murdoch McDonald, son of Mrs. Josie McDonald of Sonora and who was reported by the War Department as "Missing in Action since November 4th," has been heard from. Murdoch wrote his wife, who re-idea with her mother in Fort Worth, that he is well and happy at having received her letters and letters from home. His letter is dated December 28th, Germany, and he is on a bike into or from Berlin. This information was received by phone from Mrs. Geo. M. McDonald at Fort Worth to Mrs. Josie McDonald at Sonora Tuesday Jan. 28. The letter will probably be forwarded to Sonora when particular will be known.

WALLACE KESSEE HEARD FROM.

Mrs. W. B. Kessee is in receipt of a letter from her son Sgt. Wallace B. Kessee 66th Co., 5th Reg. U. S. Marines dated Germany, Dec. 20. Wallace was wounded about June 8th and was five months in the hospital but was returned to the ranks for the cleaning up of Helms. He is now billeted in a little Dutch burg, north of the Rhine between Coblenz and Colon. He has received a couple of copies of the News and is distressed to learn of the many deaths and illnesses. He says he is all fed up sight seeing European plans and will have sour front with his X-mas turkey and a big Dutch girl to take to the dance. He writes of having received a very nice letter from Lieut. Roy E. Aldwell a few days ago that had been written some time back. He also saw in the News that Eddie DeBoer had written him but had not gotten it yet. He has lost the addresses of all his friends and is writing only to home folks. The German people are friendly but don't like the English or French.

This was the first letter from Wallace in several months and it was a great relief to his mother and friends to learn of his whereabouts.

Dred Martin returned Thursday from San Angelo where he has been stationed at Keiley Field. He has been given his discharge.

Capt. G. Nevill's Wheat, who has been in France with the Sanitary Engineers, arrived Saturday to join his wife and babies who have been the guests of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Merriman on Saturday received a letter from their son O. E. (Baby) Merriman. He writes that he is with the first Lt. Mayen, Germany. This was the first letter received since Oct. 27.

E. C. DeBoer who was wounded in France, writes his mother Mrs. Robert James, that he is convalescing at Viehey France. Viehey is one of the world's famous health resorts.

C. F. Adams received a letter Thursday from his son Willie G. Adams of the 1st Bat., 59th Inf., dated December 31st, on the Moselle river in Germany, stating that he is well. He had been on the front practically all the time from July 18.

Mat. Kinner received a letter from Eddie D. Boer Wednesday in which he stated that he was at St. N. Zaire, in class B waiting return to the United States. St. N. Zaire is now one of the large ports of France, made so by the Americans. According to Eddie D. Boer will be the first of the wounded to return home.

T. D. Word who, resides about 20 miles west of Sonora was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Beam were in from the ranch in Edwards county Wednesday.

Mrs. C. S. Holcomb was the guest of Mrs. W. C. Bryson in Sonora this week.

L. W. Elliott of the law firm of Wardlaw & Elliott attended court at Rock Springs Monday.

Marlin Taylor was in town Saturday from the Robbins ranch on Cupperas.

D. J. Wyatt the ranchman returned Tuesday from a business visit to San Angelo.

C. S. Holcomb the Edwards county ranchman returned Tuesday from a business trip to San Angelo.

W. H. Campbell of Cleburn, Wyo., arrived Tuesday on a visit to his sister Mrs. C. S. Holcomb whom he has not seen in 15 years.

"The Great Love"

Produced by the supreme dramatic director of the world

D. W. GRIFFITH!

A picture better in every way than "The Birth of a Nation" and with practically the same cast as appeared in that production

Included in the cast are:

Lillian Gish, George Fawcett, Robert Haron, George Seigmann, Henri Walthal, Maxfield Stanley, Rosemary Theba and Gloria Hope

A story gripping in intensity, swift in action, and through it all runs the silver thread of a deathless love—"the great love"—in service for country and the great cause of democracy—the magic hand of the world's supreme dramatic genius, D. W. Griffith, will take you to France in one night.

"THE GREAT LOVE" does not tell of "Over there" it IS "OVERTHERE"

This great production will be presented at the

HAPPY HOUR THEATRE

Sonora, Saturday, February 22

Afternoon and Night Admission 50 cents

This picture is being shown all over the world at \$2.

NEW TELEPHONE TOLL RATES

EFFECTIVE JAN 21 '19

Announced December 13, 1918
By Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

[This does not change the rates or handling of calls within the Local Service Area.]

A new method of computing charges on telephone toll calls (points outside the local service area) under which all toll rates throughout the United States are placed on a standard basis, becomes effective 12:1 A.M., January 21, 1919.

A brief description of this new method and of its application to the several classes of service offered, is given in this circular.

A more detailed description showing actual rates to certain toll points and including information with regard to initial talking periods, overtime charges and other features, will be found in the next issue of the Telephone Directory.

"STATION TO STATION" RATE.

When a person makes a toll call without specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person, and the connection is established and conversation held, the "station to station" rate applies.

The rate is determined by the air line distance between toll points and is computed on the basis of 50 cents for each 6 miles, up to 24 miles, and 50 for each 8 miles beyond that distance.

"Station to station" calls should be made by number wherever Telephone Directory information is available. Where this information is not available at the calling telephone, such calls may be made by giving the toll operator the name and address of the subscriber at the telephone called.

"PERSON TO PERSON" RATE.

When a person makes a toll call, specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person and the connection is established and conversation held with that person, the "person to person" rate applies.

As this service requires a greater amount of operating effort, the rate for such call is about one fourth greater than the "station to station" rate.

No appointment call is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"Report charge" apply under the same general conditions as specified for "person to person" calls.

MESSANGER CALLS.

When a call is made on a person to person basis and a messenger is required to secure attendance of the designated person at a public pay station at a distant point, the "messenger call" rate applies.

This rate is the same as the "appointment rate" for the same distance, plus a charge for messenger service.

The "messenger call" rate is computed on an hourly basis between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 25c.

"REPORT CHARGE"

When a "person to person" call is made and the particular person desired is not in or will not talk, or when an exact telephone address of the particular person desired has not been given and he cannot be reached at a telephone within one hour, "report charge" applies.

Such a charge so applies if the calling party is absent when the connection is established within one hour, or if he refuses to talk.

This charge into covers compensation for the operating work performed, and is usually about one-fourth of the station to station rate.

In any case where a "report charge" applies, the minimum charge is 10 cents and the maximum \$2.00.

"APPOINTMENT RATE"

When the calling party in placing his call appoints a definite specified time at which he will talk on a "person to person" basis and the conversation is held at the specified time, the "appointment rate" applies.

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Collect calls are calls for which the charges are reversed; that is, are to be collected from the subscriber at the distant station at which the call is completed.

Such "collect calls" or reversed charges are allowed only in connection with "person to person" calls.

The minimum of time is three minutes.

Ask Central for rates when placing a call.

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LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ORDER.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Sutton.

Be it rem ordered that on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1919, at a Special Session of the Commission Court of Sutton County, Texas, called for the purpose of reviewing the returns of the Local Option Election before ordered by this Court, and held on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1919, at the several voting places in Sutton County, Texas, for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within said Sutton County, Texas, under the provisions of Title 83, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Articles 5715 to 5730, inclusive.

And the Court having reviewed said returns, that 149 votes were cast at said election, and that 114 votes were polled "For Prohibition", and 35 votes were polled "Against Prohibition", and that a majority of said votes were in favor of Prohibition.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the sale of intoxicating liquors within said Sutton County, Texas, shall be absolutely prohibited, except for the purposes specified under the regulations specified in said Title 83, Revised Statutes of State of Texas, Articles 5715 to 5730, inclusive, until such time as the qualified voters of said County may at a legal election held for that purpose by a majority vote decide otherwise.

It is further ordered by the Court that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in the Devil's River News, newspaper published in Sutton County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Sutton.

I, J. D. Lowrey, County Clerk in and for Sutton County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Order made by the Commission Court of Sutton County, Texas, on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1919, as the same appears of record in the Minutes of said Court, in Volume 2 (pages 129 and 130).

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 22nd day of January, A. D. 1919.

J. D. Lowrey,
Clerk of the District Court of Sutton County, Texas.

NOTICE IN PROBATE.

In the County Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, Texas Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be posted for ten days exclusive of the day of posting before the return day hereof) in three of the most public places in Sutton County, one of which shall be at the Court House door, and two of which shall be in the same city or town; and you shall further cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Sutton County, Texas, the following notice, to wit:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Sutton.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MRS. LILLIE LIGHTIE OT, DECEASED:

Know ye that George B. Hamilton, having filed in the County Court of Sutton County an application for letters of administration upon the estate of Mrs. Lillie Lightie Ot, deceased.

Now, therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next term of the Honorable County Court, to be held and held at the Court House of said County of Sutton, in Sonora, Texas, on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1919, then and there to contest said application should you desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you and those before said Court this you with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the town of Sonora, Texas, this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1919.

J. D. Lowrey,
Clerk County Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas.

EYES TESTED FREE.

Have your eyes tested and old lenses changed at no charge and throughout. Ask me for the best sight the eye has.

T. L. MILLER, Optician,
414

GERMANY MUST PAY

Boche Entitled to No More Sympathy Than Any Criminal.

WRECKED CITIES AND LIVES

Many Girls in Lille Are Mothers of Babies Whose Fathers Are Germans—Punishment Cannot Be Too Severe.

By WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

When a robber breaks into your house and steals that which he can carry away and then destroys that which he cannot steal, you expect that when caught he will be punished both for what he stole and for what he destroyed.

So it is with Germany. The German army, acting under the orders of the German government, stole everything it could carry away in the invaded sections of Belgium and France, and what it could not carry away it destroyed.

It was in the city of Lille, shortly after the retreating Germans had evacuated it. Before the Germans had been one of the busiest and most prosperous manufacturing cities in all of Europe. Its great factories, producing linens, cottons, ribbons and woolen goods, had, from all over the world, and its huge chemical plants supplied much of France with these products.

For four years, during the German occupation, the factories of Lille had been idle, they are idle today, and they will be idle for many months to come. The reason is that Germany stole the machinery from all of these factories, or in the very few cases where theft was not possible or profitable, they destroyed the machinery. The people of Lille told me that theft of machinery had been carried to such lengths that the Germans had taken from them their sewing machines.

Germanic Fathers of Their Babies.

The German army looted this beautiful French city of more than 200,000 population. It stole not alone the machinery from its factories and its homes, but even its people. French mothers told me of how 8,000 young girls of twenty-two years of age and under had been carried away at one

time. They were taken to Germany and there they were beaten and raped, and the business of the city of Lille, and through the payment of this money and labor the people of Germany will learn that might is right, and that war for the purpose of gratifying a selfish ambition is not profitable.

Why Lille Was Not Destroyed.

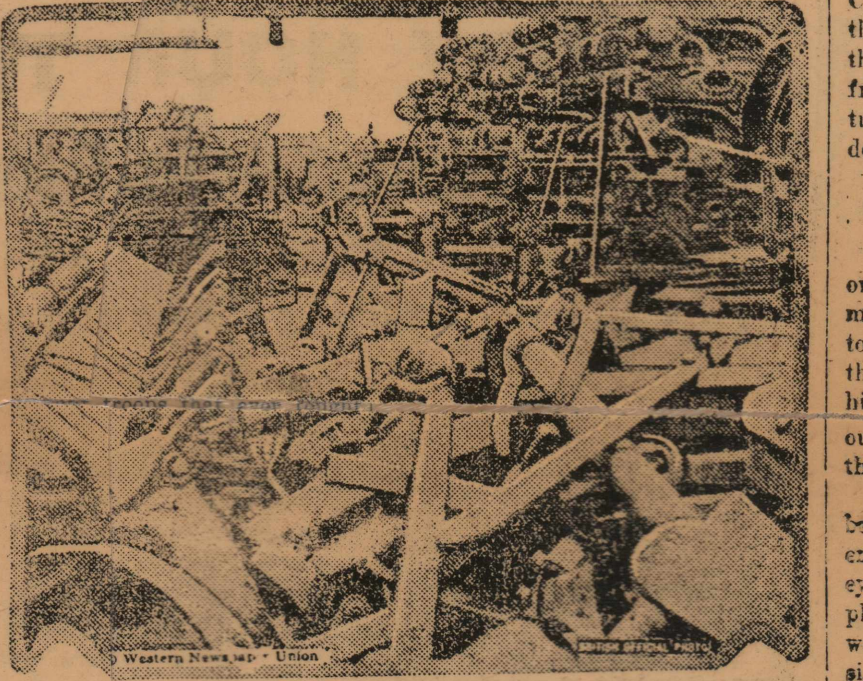
The German retreat from Lille came near the city of the war when the Germans were beaten and their city itself was not destroyed. But the fact that it was not destroyed is but another evidence of German selfishness rather than of virtue. There are hundreds of cities and towns that have been destroyed after they were looted; Lille was looted; hundreds of towns where even the material of which they were built has been carried away that might be used in the construction of fortifications behind which the German army might defend itself and its ill-gotten gains. For all of these Germany should pay now, and for generations to come.

No sympathetic pardon board should sit on Germany's case. No sentimentalist should have a voice in deciding her punishment. There is no more, if as much, reason for leniency in fixing the punishment of Germany than there would be for leniency in fixing the punishment of the ruthless slayer of your son or your daughter. Germany must pay all that she has taken and for generations to come she will even then have explained her crime in a small degree.

Any Demand Not Too Great.

I am sure I know the desire of the American people for fair play in all things, including the settlement with Germany. They would not wish to do the German people an injustice in the demand for reparation. As I rode mile after mile over the devastated fields of Belgium and northern France, as I passed through towns after towns that had been destroyed because of a mad craze for loot and world domination, I felt that could the American people but see the things I was seeing, they would feel, as I felt, that any demand that might be made could not be unfair. Could they have seen the ruins of the beautiful cities of Ypres, Arras, Amiens, La Bassée, Peronne, St. Quentin, Noyon, Lens and many hundreds of others, they, too, would say with one voice: "Germany must pay."

The boche will appeal, and in fact is appealing, for the sympathy of the



British Official Photograph of an Elaborate Mass of Machinery in a Lille Linnen Mill That Was Completely Wrecked by the Germans.

world, but the boche is entitled to just the same degree of sympathy that the world accords to any other criminal. We feed and clothe the criminal that he may live to expiate his crime, and we will feed and clothe the German people that they may live to expiate their crime, and that after they have done that they may again be entitled to the place in the world's civilization that only those who are cleansed may occupy. Germany is entitled to nothing more than this, and this is fair play.

BRITISH HONDURAS HOT SPOT

Steam-Heating Plants and Heavy Overcoats Never in Demand in That Part of the Earth.

British Honduras keeps its Christmas in the shade. From its position, pretty near to the equator, and wedged in between Yucatan and Guatemala, it is always hot in that country, and especially so when it is midwinter with us. It is a land of costly woods, innumerable semivarieties of them, and of lovely flowers. It is one of the native homes of hummingbirds and gorgeous butterflies. In fact, nature is rather more gaudy than most in that part of the world. English people settled there from Jamaica as long ago as 1667, but it was not until over a century later that treaty arrangements with Spain made their position secure as still inhabitants of the British empire. A good deal of the country is marshy, but the Cockscow mountains which run into Honduras from Guatemala are in places 2,000 feet high, and wherever really dry land is found the ground is wonderfully fertile. Mahogany grows there to perfection; so does the logwood used for dyeing, also bananas, plantains and coconuts. The capital, Belize, is the chief port of entry, and the center of the rubber industry, which depends upon regularly tended plantations.

METAL PLATING ON PAPER

Simple Method, Originating in Spain, Is Said to Have Given Most Excellent Results.

An interesting method of metal plating is announced from Spain, where a large number of small decorative articles that are manufactured in clay, glass, wood and papier mache are now being incased in a thin "skin" of metal, which greatly improves the appearance and permanence of the articles.

The method employed is simple. A small compressor supplies air at a pressure of about seven atmospheres to a receptacle filled with metallic powder (generally lead). At the moment the metallic powder emerges from the jet it is melted by an oxy-hydrogen flame, and a spray of molten metal encases the object to be "metalized," which is placed on a revolving platform. The object then goes to the electrolytic bath and receives its new skin of copper, silver or gold. Glass articles are first treated by a sand blast to insure the necessary roughness for the adhesion of the lead.

BEST WAY OF DRYING CORN

Final Results of Experiments Recently Given Out May Be Said to Be Conclusive.

Corn has proved very popular for drying. At Fremont 91 bushels were handled in the community dryer. It is wise to set the milk by boiling the corn for three minutes and then plunging it in cold water before cutting and placing it in the dryer. Dried corn has been found superior to canned corn.

Usually no heat should be used in the drying process. It has been found in tests conducted in Nebraska that where no heat is used in connection with the drier the product has a more natural taste. The only exception to the rule would be in the case of moist or humid weather or a rainy climate. Then the best plan is to heat the room in which the drier is located. Care should be exercised not to have the fire too close to the drier, since the strong draft might easily set the framework afire. If the temperature goes much above 115 or 120 degrees the products discolor.

HE WAS CAREFUL.

A story is going the rounds that originated in a draft board at Richmond. A dorky who was eager to evade the draft had been told that the easiest way out was to declare his eyesight was poor. "But watch out, because they'll do everything they can to trick you."

Sam had this in mind when they began to question him, and sure enough, after he had declared his eyesight was poor, the examining physician pointed to a card on the wall and said, "How much of this sign can you read, Sam?"

"Sign? Say boss, where am da wall?"

STRICTLY UP TO DATE.

Lady—I don't think this house is well built. The floor shakes when we walk and those stairs are terribly creaky.

Agent—Er—yes. That's the new kind of spring floor for dancing, and we furnish this new patent burglar-alarm staircase without extra charge.

ANYONE WOULD KNOW THAT.

The Camp Visitor—What's the meaning of this here taps?

The Bugler—That means "lights out, go to sleep."

The Visitor—Of course, I see. Taps on the point of the jaw will do that every time.

OF COURSE NOT.

"What is Miss Seroleaf's age?"

"It's very uncertain."

"Yes?"

"She won't admit that she has ever ridden on a horse-drawn street car."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

GAS WITHOUT METER.

The Editor—My dear sir, we can't publish someone like this—it's not poetry at all, it's an escape of gas.

Poet—Ah, I see. Something wrong with the meter.—London Tatler.

NATURAL OFFICIAL.

"Pop, when the German soldiers poisoned the wells—"

"Yes, son?"

"Did the drill sergeants do it?"

NEW YORK SLAYS BRITONS

Otherwise, American Cities Which They Visited Impressed Business Men as "Knee Lengths."

Some of the many public men of England who have been engaged in war work in America, it must be confessed, were not so much impressed by the business methods they found in New York as in other parts of the country; as, for example, in Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and the various busy cities of the mid-West. Frank Dilnot writes in the Saturday Evening Post. There was a certain leisureliness in New York that was piquant. The work was carried through, but nobody was in any hurry. A lively open-mindedness here, as elsewhere, was a motive force; but in everyday executive detail I have heard more than one English business man remark that there was a slowness alien to the rest of America, even as it was alien to London.

That bustling New York should give this impression is indeed strange; but the fact remains. It was one of the unexpected things in America to the European. There has, however, not been one, whether he be banker, ship constructor, munition expert or organizer, who has not spoken privately with enthusiasm of the cordiality in the Americans heart and the vivacity in his mind.

RABBITS HURT WOOL SUPPLY

Feeds Said to Cause Enormous Loss to Raisers of Sheep in New Zealand.

Rabbits keep down the wool supply in New Zealand, according to authentic information received at Philadelphia. At a discussion of what to do in order to eliminate or reduce the rabbit pest in New Zealand, a member of the New Zealand council of agriculture mentioned an area in the Auckland district of some 70,000 acres which carried, on a low estimate, 350,000 rabbits.

Inasmuch as ten rabbits will eat and destroy as much pasture as would feed one sheep, it was pointed out that these rabbits had destroyed the feed which might have kept 35,000 sheep, worth \$127,746 a year to the country. Rabbits are being slaughtered by the millions and their skins prepared for export, of which the United States has taken very large numbers during the last year. A large number of rabbits are also being placed in cold storage awaiting shipment to Europe.

CASUS BELLI.

"I fear these two citizens are having a warm argument about the war."

"You are mistaken. Each is trying to convince the other he has the better furnace."

"Is that anything to quarrel about?"

"It wouldn't be if they had the same make, but they haven't, and since each one regards himself as an authority on heat units, hostilities are liable to begin at any moment."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

ADVANTAGE OF WEALTH.

"When airplanes become the everyday mode of conveyance the gentleman with a jug is going to get into trouble."

"Not necessarily."

"No?"

"For a long time, at any rate, a person who can afford an aerial limousine will also be able to hire a dependable aviator to drive it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

THE LESSONS OF WAR.

The Aitken—So you're saving up to buy a airship? You're quite an ambitious little boy.

Yes, sir; I want to fly over Jimmie Mack's bak yard and drop bricks on him."

CASH IN.

"What became of the village belle whose face was her fortune?"

"She cashed in."

"Yes?"

"Married a millionaire."

HARD TO DO.

"Now, Willie, draw me up a list of the kings of Europe in alphabetical order."

"But, pop, nearly all of them are ex-kings."

SHEEP FOR SALE.

1000 Broad Ears and 50 Best For particulars write Gibbs Gilman, Wellington, Texas.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

We have installed a long distance booth and Pay Station at T. L. Miller's office for public use.

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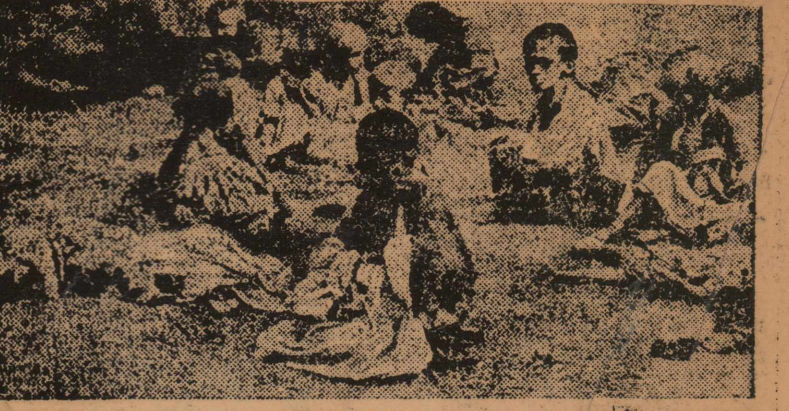
LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few doses of Black-Draught."

Seventy years of successful use has made Theford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member of every family, at times need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. G.

Starving, But Sunning Themselves



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

Here are some Syrian children, emaciated, on the point of death from starvation, sitting out in the sun, trying to keep body and soul together with the pitifully small rations allowed them by insufficient relief funds. Additional funds for relieving these victims of war and famine will be raised in America by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, a minimum of \$20,000,000 having been pledged to this work.

The week of February 3-10 has been set by Southwestern campaign directors for raising their quota of the \$20,000,000.

IDEA FOR CONCRETE VESSELS

New Mixture, It is Claimed, Will Enable Them to Be Built Lighter and Stronger.

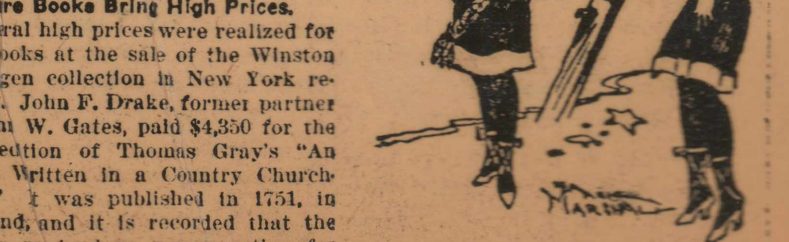
Remarkable claims, which will have far-reaching consequences in the shipbuilding world if substantiated, are being made for a new concrete mixture, with which it is proposed to build vessels that are much lighter than those now being built, and yet far more durable. It is said that the emergency Fleet corporation has been interested in developing this new aggregate. Its ingredients have not been made known. The assertion is made that vessels built of the new material will be one-fifth lighter than those of wood, and at the same time more durable than those of steel. It appears that the discovery can also be made use of in applying a covering for concrete ships now under construction, for the purpose of giving them greater power to resist impact.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

WITH THE OTHER PRESERVES

Making Tin Plate in Australia. The supplies of tin plate for Australia, the value of which amounts to over \$12,000,000 per year, are drawn from Great Britain and America; but recently the lack of shipping and other difficulties have led to a serious shortage in deliveries. A leading Australian producer of steel has accordingly arranged to establish tin-plate works which will eventually supply the whole of the antipodal demand. Plenty of tin is available in Australia as well as the necessary steel. The company in question, in addition to supplying steel for Australia, has sent considerable quantities of munitions steel to Great Britain and has also opened up trade with South Africa by supplying 200,000 tons of steel rails.—Scientific American.

Rare Books Bring High Prices.

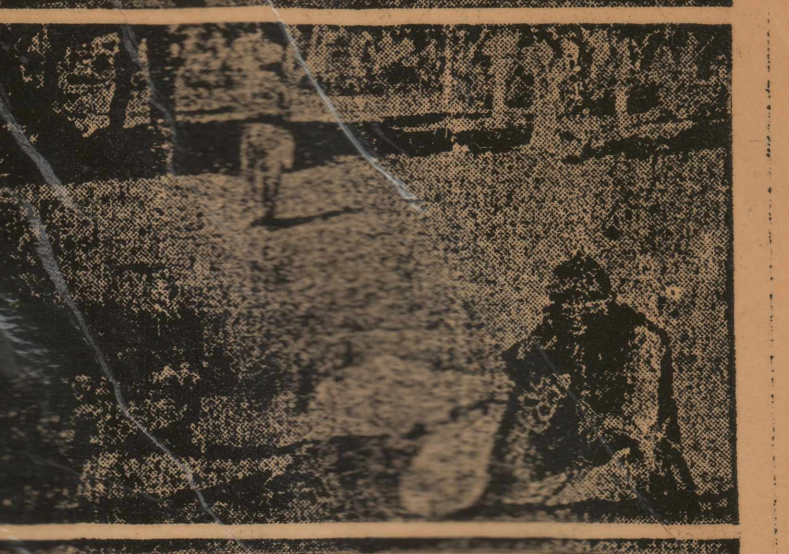
Several high prices were realized for rare books at the sale of the Winston H. Hagen collection in New York recently. John F. Drake, former partner of John W. Gates, paid \$4,350 for the first edition of Thomas Gray's "An Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." It was published in 1751, in England, and it is recorded that the author received no remuneration for the work from the publishers. The receipts from the sale amounted to \$76,770.



"Helen is certainly well preserved."

"Yes, and laid up on the shelf."

The Sole Survivor



A mother before her sons' dead bodies in the woods of Eichmadsien, Eastern Caucasus, one of the regions of the Near East, where the Germans and Turks have converted a rich country into a land of famine and misery. America will be asked to give \$50,000,000 for the relief of these war-torn peoples, a campaign for that purpose being planned by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. The drive in the South will take place February 3-10.

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