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RED CROSS MEETS.

The Executive Committee of the Sonora Chapter of the Red Cross meets on the first Monday in every month.

Notice to All Auto Owners.

Those who have not paid their 1919 automobile license tax are not only liable for a penalty already out-are subject to criminal prosecution and heavy punishment. This law will be strictly enforced, and all delinquents arrested and tried. Even if you have paid your license tax you are warned to display the 1919 blue tag on your car as provided by law, or else you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for that.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

In the matter of County finances in the hands of E. W. Hodge, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas, Commission's Court, Sutton County, Texas, in regular quarterly session, February term, 1919.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Sutton County, and the Hon. W. E. Hodges, County Judge of said Sutton County, constituting the entire Commission's Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 11th day of February A. D. 1919, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of E. W. Hodge, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 10th day of November, 1918, and ending on the 10th day of February, 1919, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commission's Court of Sutton County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order reads separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court and for and during the same covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 10th day of February A. D. 1919, and have ordered the proper credit to be made to the accounts of said County Treasurer in accordance with said order as required by Article 567 Chapter 1, Title XV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And weand each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Sutton County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on the 10th day of Feb. A. D. 1919 and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

	DR.	CR.
JURY FUND 1st Class		
Balance on hand December 2nd, 1918	486 57	
To amount received since said date	81 00	
By amount disbursed since said date		153 79
By amount to balance		413 90
Total	567 57	567 57
To balance in fund		413 90
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 2nd Class		
Balance on hand December 2, 1918	2374 45	
To amount received since said date	990 73	
By amount disbursed since said date		24 76
By amount to balance		1349 42
Total	3365 18	1374 18
To balance in fund		1374 18
GENERAL FUND 3rd Class		
Balance on hand December 2, 1918	5029 93	
To amount received since said date	9 00 87	
By amount disbursed since said date		2087 01
By amount to balance		12893 78
Total	5139 79	14780 79
To balance in fund		12893 78
COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND 4th Class		
Balance on hand December 2, 1918	518 91	
To amount received since said date	15 5 10	
By amount disbursed since said date		39 62
By amount to balance		2189 45
Total	229 07	2229 07
To balance in fund		2189 45
ROAD FUND 5th Class		
Balance on hand December 2, 1918	3807 28	
To amount received since said date	8490 69	
By amount disbursed since said date		885 01
By amount to balance		1181 99
Total	1,296 97	1296 97
To balance in fund		1181 99
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND		
Balance on hand December 2, 1918	1683 45	
To amount received since said date	600 96	
By amount disbursed since said date		15 02
By amount to balance		2254 39
Total	2284 41	2269 41
To balance in fund		2254 39
TICK FUND [Special]		
Balance on hand December 2, 1918	27 10	
To amount received since said date	3962 89	
By amount disbursed since said date		201 67
By amount to balance		3785 42
Total	3990 99	3989 99
To balance in fund		3785 42

Date	RECAPITULATION	Amount
Feb 10	Balance Jury Fund on this day	413 90
Feb 10	Balance to R & B fund on this day	1374 18
Feb 10	Balance to credit of General Fund on this day	12893 78
Feb 10	Balance to credit of Court House & Jail Fund on this day	2189 45
Feb 10	Balance to credit of Highway Maintenance Fund on this day	1181 96
Feb 10	Balance to credit of Highway Maintenance Fund on this day	2254 39
Feb 10	Balance to credit of Tick Special Fund on this day	3785 42
	Total Cash on hand belonging to Sutton County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us	36262 33

ASSETS
In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to-wit: 10 Sonora Independent School District school house bonds \$500.00 each—\$5000.00.

	Amount
The bonded indebtedness of said County we find to be as follows to-wit:	
3 Road and Bridge Bonds (1000.00)	\$ 3000.00
20 Court House and Jail Bonds (1000.00)	20000.00
Total	\$23000.00

Witness our hands, officially, this 11th day of Feb. 1919, W. E. Hodges, County Judge, E. S. Long, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; J. W. Wilson, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; W. H. Kelley, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by W. E. Hodges, County Judge, and E. S. Long and J. W. Wilson and W. H. Kelley, County Commissioners of said Sutton County, each respectively, on this the 11th day of February A. D. 1919.

(seal) J. D. LOWREY,
County Clerk, Sutton County, Texas.

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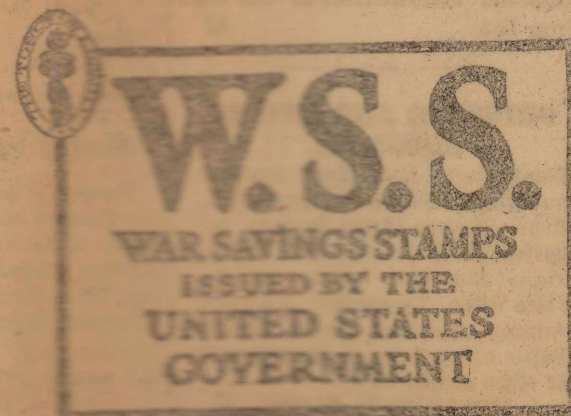
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SONORA, TEXAS. - February 22, 1919.

J. T. EVANS DEAD.

J. T. Evans, aged 76 years died at his home in Sonora at 10 o'clock p. m., Thursday, February 20, 1919.

All of his children excepting his youngest son Sidney were present when he died. Sidney was on his way home from California and did not arrive before his father died.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Women's Club will meet Wednesday instead of Saturday.

Julius Jarrell was in from the Geo. B. Allison headquarters ranch several days this week.

Tom Green county will vote at an early date on the issuance of \$500,000 bonds for bonds for good roads.

Kimble county is to vote on the issuance of \$150,000 for road improvements and it is believed the vote will be in favor of good roads.

WANTED:—To trade a 7 room residence in Menard for house in Sonora, or sheep or goats. Lock Box 124, Menard, Texas.

John Robbins of Eldorado and his sons Edwin and Randal who ranch in the eastern part of Sutton county were in Sonora Tuesday.

Dr. J. S. Hixon of San Angelo, was in Sonora Thursday to consult with Dr. Carver in the treatment of J. T. Evans Sr., and R. H. Chalk.

Wade Grimland returned Thursday from Brownwood where he has been at school. He is home to recover his health after an attack of pneumonia.

Will Whitehead the well-known stockman, banker and oil man of Del Rio was in Sonora Sunday. He was on his way home from a business trip to Barabart and San Angelo. Jap Lowe also of Del Rio accompanied him.

McClelland & Scott the contractors have started on the Joe W. Trainer's residence on the ranch six miles east of town. The building will be seven rooms and gallery the rock foundation is already completed.

The new voters and those who believe in progress should know why Sutton county has such poor roads at a cost of \$10,000 a year for 20 years.

Milton Puckett who has been stationed at Paris Island in the Marines, has received his discharge and is now seeing the eastern cities before returning home to Sonora and re-engaging in the stock business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Chalk and daughter Miss Annie Chalk of La Grange are in Sonora to attend their son and brother R. H. Chalk who is seriously ill. They are also visiting Mrs. Joe Bradford who is their daughter and sister.

J. S. Allison and Sam H. Hill of San Angelo were in Sonora Thursday on business. Mr. Hill thinks all of West Texas would be benefited by good roads particularly the ranchmen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Evans of Groveton, J. P. Evans of Eden, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bedford of Fort Townsend, Okla., J. T. Evans Jr. of Edwards county, Mrs. M. E. Bowers of Dallas and Mrs. H. R. Wardlaw of New York are here to attend their father J. T. Evans Sr., who is seriously ill.

J. S. McComb of Grandbury, was in Sonora this week representing an oil company that is at present putting down about 20 wells in Texas. Mr. McComb had the option on a tract of 20,000 acres in order to make a drilling on that tract an additional 10,000 acres of drilling was necessary and this he was unable to get because it was already under lease.

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The Sonora date has been postponed until Saturday MARCH 8th, Afternoon and Night

However not to disappoint the public who had arranged to be in Sonora we have secured a thrilling

WILLIAM S. HART

FIVE REEL FEATURE at regular prices for Sonora, Saturday, February 22

HAPPY HOUR THEATRE

WARDLAW & ELLIOTT Attorneys-at-Law, SONORA, TEX. Will practice in all the State and Federal Courts.

Miss Terah Smith, proprietor of The Style Shop, returned Thursday from Dallas where she bought a most attractive line of millinery and ladies ready-to-wear garments and had them shipped to be here by the first of March.

Merten Shanley who has been a valued member of the Q. M. C. at Camp Travis since the early part of the organization of the National Army, has received his discharge and arrived home Saturday.

J. M. Fox of Marfa formerly of in the State Ranger service, was in Sonora Wednesday en route to Austin.

Miss E. L. McDonald returned Thursday from a visit to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Ewing Avera, representing the Baker-Hemphill Co. of San Angelo was in Sonora Thursday.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake 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 hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A. F. CLARKSON, Sonora, Texas.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC. We have installed a Long Distance booth and Pay Station at T. L. Benson's office for public use. San Angelo Telephone Co.

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 let your friends and neighbors of this notice and they will avoid prosecution. T. L. GANNON, Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1918.

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LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY

Galician Cottages Shelter Men, Women and Children and Domestic Animals Without Apparent Discard.

The villages of Galicia are especially interesting on Sundays and holidays, when the national costumes are donned.

The cottages are generally made of stone or board plastered over and are then covered with a coat of whitewash.

The straw roof is frequently crowned with green growing moss which adds to its pictureque appearance if not to its healthfulness.

Water is drawn from the wells by a long pole balanced near the center. These wells have a decided old-world appearance.

The interior of the cottage is usually divided into two rooms. In one room the entire family lives, eats and sleeps; in the other, in more or less harmonious contentment, dwell the cows, pigs, chickens and geese. No household would be complete without a number of geese.

Around the cottage a number of children are sure to be seen playing. A dozen or 20 or 30 of such cottages, each separated only by a small yard, make up a village. If there is a marriageable daughter in the house the lintel of the door and the window surroundings are ornamented with little irregular bands, which is a notice to the marriageable young men.

HAVE HIGH PLACE IN WORLD

City-States of Greece Long Ago Earned Appellation of the First Nurseries of Real Democracy.

The first nurseries of democracy were the city-states of Greece. They bequeathed to the modern world both the name and the practice. The cause of democracy at the present day has no greater enthusiast than the modern Greek, who is proudly conscious that his was the race that gave it to the world.

When modern civilization slowly emerged from the welter of destruction which attended the disruption of the Roman power, democracy developed many new nurseries in Europe, for Greece had made it the inalienable heritage of the soul of man. In the Anglo-Saxon town, in the mark of the German forests, in the communes and free cities of Italy, in the cantons of Switzerland, and even in the "mir" of the Russians, it arose to embody the instinct of man to govern himself.—Chicago Journal.

REAL RICHES.

That man or woman is rich who has acquired sound, seasoned, lasting friendships, true through thick or thin. Any other sort of prosperity is much affected by fair weather or foul. When mere money has taken wing out of the window the attacks of the heyday of sunny prosperity decamp, even as rats flee from a sinking vessel. But the assets of character that link those we love to us enduringly, with the grappling hooks of steel, are proof against corrosion or burglary and will stand any strain that is put on them. Who dares to call me poor if I can keep the unbroken circle, on earth or heaven, that love has once established?—Exchange.

'TWOULD SEEM SO.

"Is there a proper time for a man to kiss his wife in public?"

"Well, there are circumstances in which it might be regarded as improper, but it seems to me that if a wife must be kissed in public her husband is the logical man to do it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

NOT THE OLD DAYS.

"Your campaign expenses were not very heavy."

"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "Times are different now. Where spending money once made a man popular it now causes people to be suspicious of him."

STRATEGY.

"Having any trouble about a home for the winter?"

"No. I'm the only man in the whole building the landlord is trying to persuade to remain. I managed to get the job of janitor."

CHANGES.

"War has certainly changed many things."

"Yes. In the old days our dog used to have fleas. Now they're cooties."

DR. C. R. CARVER, Physician & Surgeon. Office with Dr. E. E. Wardlaw, SONORA, TEXAS.

ALL SOUGHT HIDDEN ENEMY

Various Ways in Which "Chasers" Went After the Pirate Which Struck the Coward's Blow.

The organization of the numerous ocean and coastal convoys coincided with the appearance in French waters of a large number of motor-driven submarine chasers, built in the United States for the French navy, said a review of the war made by an expert for the Scientific American. These vessels embodied all the desired characteristics of high speed and seagoing qualities, and they proved ideal "vedettes de patrouilles" for the coastal work on which they are employed.

Mention should also be made of another type of antisubmarine craft, which in its design and construction is wholly Gallic. This is the "avis," which has its counterpart in the British "sloop." In the "avis," the French naval constructors have developed a motor-driven, ocean-going cruiser, which exceptionally well embodies all the characteristics considered essential to offensive anti-U-boat operations, namely, high speed, heavy armament, high free-board, excellent sea-keeping qualities, and a maximum steaming radius.

The machinery of the "avis" may be said to be a product of the war, and it is mainly due to its excellence that these vessels have proved so satisfactory under all conditions of service.

EXPLOSIVE IMMUNE TO SHOCK

Invention Perfected in South Africa Would Seem to Be Invaluable in Mining Operations.

The manufacture of a new explosive, known as Sengite, to meet the growing shortage of nitroglycerin explosives, now used by the mining industry in South Africa, has been recently commenced.

This new explosive, which has a gun cotton base, is the result of experiments conducted by Kynoch, Ltd., at their Umbogintwini (Natal) factory. This explosive is said to be so insensitive to shock as to be quite safe if hammered with a steel tool. Accidental explosions in mining, caused by drilling into unfired holes, would not occur when this explosive was used.

The name Sengite originated with the manufacturers. The first four letters were derived by using the initial letters in the following words: "Substitute explosive, no glycerin." The last three letters are taken from the word "dynamite."

BLOWN THROUGH VENTILATOR.

The story of how a fireman was blown through a ventilator and landed on the deck unhurt was brought to New York by a member of the crew of the United States transport Mount Vernon, which was damaged by an enemy torpedo off the French coast. "It was early in the morning when we were attacked," said the seaman. "The torpedo struck with terrific force and 37 men were killed outright. I shall never forget the fireman who came out through the curved ventilator. He came through an opening which was so small he could not have believed a man could go through it if I hadn't seen him with my own eyes."

AN AFFLUENT CITIZEN.

"My boy, I'm afraid you'll never make an automobile salesman," said the manager.

"Why, sir?"

"You showed that fellow in overalls a \$7,000 limousine. Men in overalls don't buy that kind of car."

"This one did. He's a ship river."

LEFT OUT OF THE RECKONING.

"Did you have plenty to eat in your house?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Meekton; there was plenty, though not the kind I should have selected. Henrietta's supplies ran mostly to bird seed, fish food and dog biscuits."

INFERENCE.

"Why do they say, 'Nobody loves a fat man?'"

"There's bound to be a suspicion that anybody overweight just now is getting more than his share of the food."

NECESSARY FALL.

There is one class of men who, no matter how hard they try, are bound in the end to go down hill.

"Who are they?"

"Mountain climbers."

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GAVE HIM NEEDED LESSON

Also a Tip as to What Might With Profit Buy Book on "Etiquette and Deportment."

"Madam," he began, as the door opened. "I am selling a new book on 'Etiquette and Deportment.'"

"Oh, you are?" she responded. "Go down there and clean the mud from your feet."

"Yes'm. As I was saying, madam, I am sell—"

"Take off your hat! Never address a strange lady at her door without removing your hat."

"Yes'm. Now, then, as I was saying—"

"Take your hand out of your pocket. No gentleman ever carries his hand there."

"Yes'm. Now, ma'am, this work on 'Etiquette—'"

"Throw away your pipe. If a gentleman uses tobacco, he is careful not to disgust others by the habit."

"Wait. Put that dirty handkerchief out of sight and use less grease on your hair in the future. Now you look a bit decent. You have a book on 'Etiquette and Deportment.' Very well, I don't want it. I am only the servant girl. Go up the steps to the front door and talk with the lady of the house. She called me a down-right, no-doubt-about-it idiot this morning, and I think the book you're selling is just what she requires."—Irish World.

DISPATCH RIDERS OF TODAY

Successful Use of Airplanes in a War of Movement Was Strikingly Demonstrated.

As we drove up the hill near Nancy on September 12 to the nearest corps headquarters a two-seater airplane coming from the St. Mihiel front volplaned down toward us, William Slavens McNutt writes in 'Lollier's.' We could see the observer in the rear seat standing up and looking down over the fuselage. As the plane buzzed over us not more than 200 feet above, the observer swung his arm and a small white object with a two-foot linen tail spread out behind the speeding plane and came to earth like an arrow. An orderly picked it up and sprinted with it to headquarters.

It was a report from the front not ten minutes old. It would have taken a foot runner the entire day to collect the material in that report and return with it; it would have taken a dispatch rider on a motorcycle hours; it took the airman minutes, and as the orderly picked up the message the plane above was banking around and heading again for the battle line.

Planes are more than the eyes of the army in a war of movement. They are the means of communication as well. The army that owns the sky holds a short and certain mortgage on the earth below.

NOW JUST PLAIN "BILL."

William II had more than fifty titles—more probably than any European sovereign except the Austrian emperor. He was German kaiser and king of Prussia, margrave of Brandenburg, grand duke of Lower Rhineland and Posen, duke of Silesia, Glatz, Saxony, Westphalia, Engern, Pomerania, Luneburg, Holstein-Schleswig, Magdeburg, Bremen, Geldern, Cleve, Juliers and of the Casubias, landgrave of Hesse and of Thuringia, prince of Orange, count-prince of Henneburg, count of the Mark, of Ravensburg, of Hohenstein, of Lingen and Mecklenburg, of Mansfeld, Sigmaringen, Verdingen, and of Hohenzollern; burgrave of Neuremburg; seigneur of Frankfurt, Rugen, East Friesland, Paderborn, Prynont, Halberstadt, Munster, Minden, Osnabruck, Hildesheim, Verden, Kammin, Fulda, Nassau and Moers.

FOBIDDEN DIET.

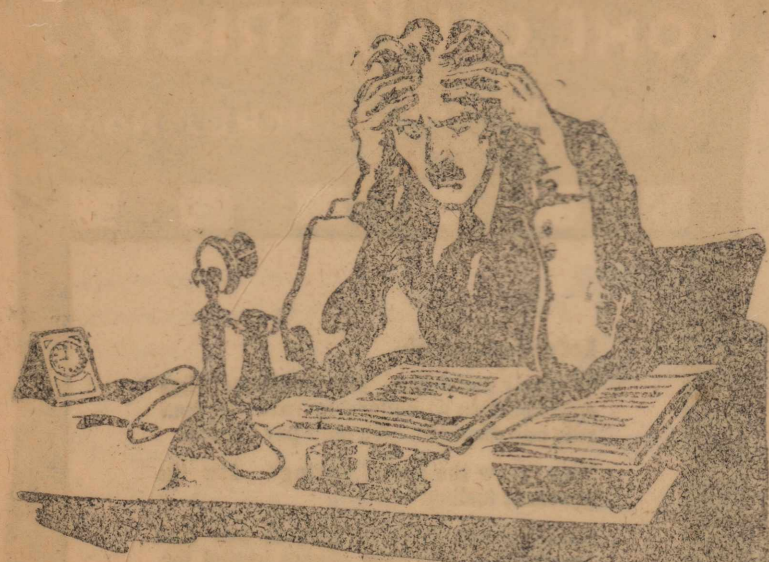
"Now, getting down to brass tacks," continued the sideshow manager, "why—"

"I daren't," interrupted the Human Ostrich, who had been ill. "The doctor says I mustn't touch solid food for at least a week yet."—Buffalo Express.

MAYBE SO.

"Any, Any Old Place I can Hang My Hat Is Home, Sweet Home, to Me." Do you remember that song? "Yes. What brings it to mind?" "The kaiser. He's said to be musical. I wonder if he's singing it now?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NEWTON HOTEL OVER MASSIE FURNITURE CO SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. Nice Rooms, Clean Beds. 50c. MRS. LENA MERIWETHER, New Proprietor.



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NEW BOAT OF ODD DESIGN

Inventor Claims Many Good Points for Craft Which He Has Recently Had Constructed.

Interesting ideas are embodied in a power boat of unusual design that has been constructed in the South recently. A 40-foot hull, which has a beam of only 25 inches, supports a deck 16 feet wide. Adjustable pontoons are provided beneath the latter at its outer edges, but ordinarily these do not touch the water when the craft is under way.

Although equipped with only a 12-horsepower engine, it easily makes 12 miles an hour in a smooth sea. By lowering the pontoons so they take the weight of the vessel, the hull may be raised out of the water. Thus the boat is able to navigate in very shallow water, and also to be towed by a small launch.

The inventor, who has applied for patent rights, thinks that the idea might well be adapted to vessels of large tonnage. Compactness of construction, economy of fuel and safety are among the numerous advantages claimed for it.

IN AFRICA



Pelican—There goes Hippo on the way to the Jungleville basketball. But why all those spots painted on his hide?

Parrot—Oh, that is his ball costume. He's going as a giraffe.

HONEY CROP OF 1918

The honey crop of the United States for 1918 having been placed by the department of agriculture at about 250,000,000 pounds, the American Beekeeper estimates that, as the nectar of flowers does not become honey until worked over and partly evaporated, the bees must move as much as 150,000 tons of material to produce this crop, exclusive of the honey eaten by themselves. Of this product, about one-half is from the nectar of white clover, with two other leguminous plants—alfalfa and sweet clover—as the next important sources. A honey that can be recognized is produced by a few plants, including gotton, basswood, tulip tree, buckwheat, goldenrod and mountain sage.

USING TRUCK AS HOIST

Several concerns which have adopted the industrial truck and tractor system of internal haulage have found novel uses for their vehicles. In a government warehouse a platform type truck is being used to pile corks in tiers. With the use of a simple arrangement of block and tackle the loads are placed at the right point with little trouble and labor. The action is similar to a horse hoist but much faster.

MARKED CHANGE IN ALASKA

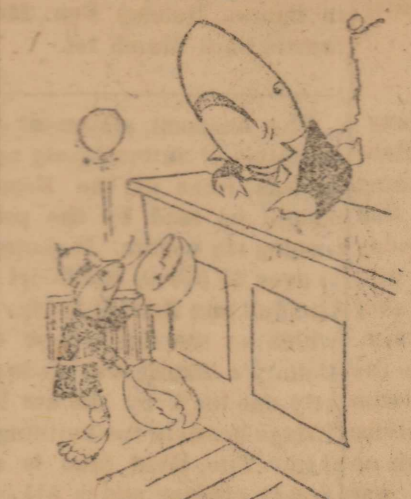
Visitors to Territory Need No Longer Fear They Will Have to Exist on Canned "Eats."

Not many years ago the Alaskan was like a man on a desert island—he had to have his meals sent to him. Now, on a pinch, the northern territory could furnish its own board very adequately. Listen to this all-Alaskan menu, furnished for the dinner given at Anchorage to the special federal commission, sent to investigate the natural resources and transportation problems of south and central Alaska:

Cordova clam soup, Kachemak bay shrimp, Alaska celery and radishes, Seldovia halibut, Cook inlet salmon; Kenai moose, Chitinao mountain sheep, Whitefish ranch fresh pork, Matanuska potatoes, Alaska peas, turnips, carrots, cauliflower, Hope blueberry pie, Anchorage dairy butter and milk, Anchorage roasted coffee.

The wild country of gold rushes and canned cats has progressed to a point where it has productive farms and dairies, is capable of producing its own food, and is beginning to ship a surplus to the States.

DEEP SEA TALK



Judge Shark—What became of the dogfish prisoner, officer?

Officer Lobster—Er—he escaped your honor. Some one handed him a sawfish.

NEW FERTILIZING MATERIAL

The fertilizing material obtained from industrial wastes in the United States is stated by W. H. Ross of the bureau of soils to have included 10 per cent of the phosphoric acid, 8 per cent of the phosphoric acid, and 25 per cent of the nitrogen. The material was obtained from such wastes as tobacco stems, cottonseed hulls, hardwood ashes, wood washings, blast-furnace gas dust, cement dust and sugar residue. The phosphoric acid was supplied by acid materials as bones, sludge, oil waste and basic slag. The nitrogen was from wastes in the manufacture of castor, linseed and fish oils; from animal wastes, as blood, hair, horns, hoofs and hides; from leather and wool wastes; from soap and numerous other sources. The nitrogen is contained in the ash, believed the yearly amount of ash from cement-plant waste to be 10,000,000 tons.

AN ADAGE OBSCURED

"Make hay while the sun shines," explained the ready-made philosopher.

"Yes," commented Farmer Brown, "it's easy said, but the old Soc! could you do with a bunch of hay crates that was every one else's gettin' freckled?"

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ENDED THREE DAYS OF JOY

Privates' Feast of Pancakes Abruptly Terminated When Officer Got on to Their Precious Food.

The average soldier "over there" would trade nearly anything short of his shooting finger for a stack of pancakes, according to all reports, which makes the more interesting a letter which Edwin S. Whitaker of Irvington recently wrote an Indianapolis friend, concerning an experience he and some other of the boys of Battery E, One Hundred and Fiftieth field artillery, enjoyed.

They had been moving rapidly—trying to keep up with the retreating enemy—when they came on a three-room shack, which had been the shelter of a German officer. They found a kitchen complete, with a quantity of food, ready for preparation, and, best of all, with a lot of pancake flour.

For three days the men had all the pancakes they could eat. "But all good things seem to come to an end some time," young Whitaker wrote. "After three days an officer found what a fine thing we had, and we moved out, to let him establish himself there."—Indianapolis News.

NO RETURNS



"I see by your guest book that we entertained 75 people at our summer cottage last season."

"Well, we've been home a month now and not one of them has taken us to the theater or invited us to dinner in return."

WOULD MAKE MANY FARMS.

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 tracts 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 \$3,000,000,000 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.

CLEMENCEAU'S BEST EPIGRAM.

Premier Clemenceau, the "Tiger of France" is a newspaper editor, and in L'Homme Libre he says many wise things in an epigrammatic way.

OTHER SIDE OF THE COUNTER.

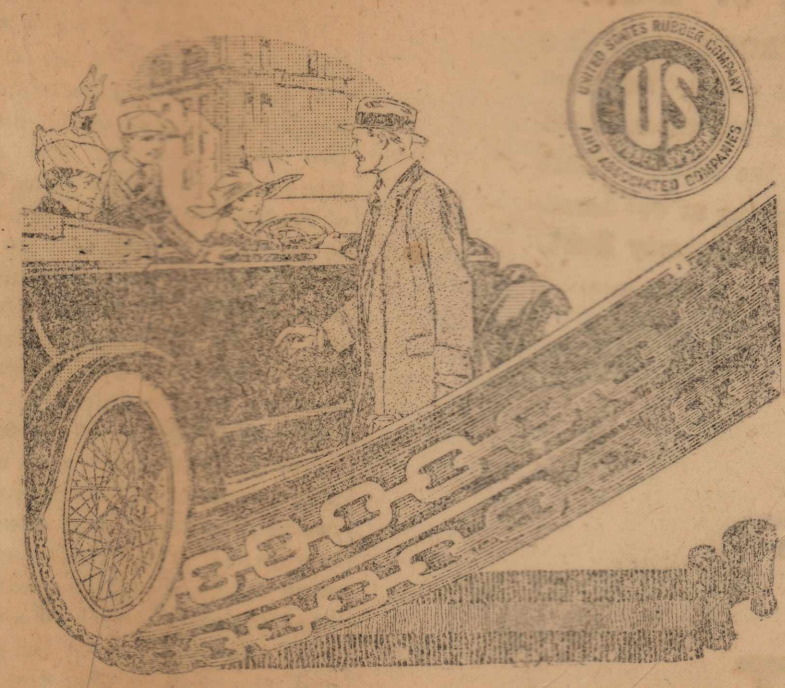
"Do you mean to tell me that eggs are worth a dime?"

APPROXIMATELY ONE WORRY.

"Do you approve of all these 'worryes'?"

THE ICE CUP!

"Yes, Xanthippe, I'm in the hemlock, tassel; it's easy said, but the old Soc! could you do with a bunch of hay crates that was every one else's gettin' freckled?"



The Economy of Buying Good Tires

It's mighty poor economy to put cheap tires on your car.

If you can't depend on your tires, you can't depend on your car.

—and you can't get the high grade of service it ought to give you.

It pays to buy good tires—United States Tires.

They represent the highest value it is possible to build into tires. There are five different passenger car treads—the only complete line built by any tire manufacturer.

Each has the built-in strength that means your money back in extra miles.

Among them are exactly the tires you want for your car, and your driving conditions.

Our nearest Sales and Service Depot Dealer will gladly help you.

United States Tires are Good Tires

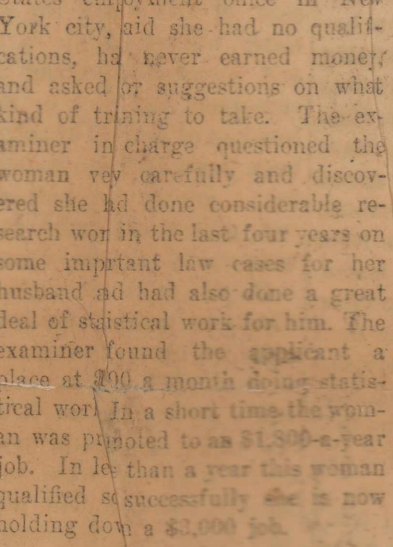


HELPED TO "FIND HERSELF"

How United States Employment Service Is Enabled to Render Aid to Women Who Need It.

The United States employment service not only helps a woman to find a job, but in many cases the service helps a woman to find herself. The average woman who has never earned a dollar in her life is apt often under the impression she is not qualified for any vocation, yet she may have had real training. Here is a case in point. A woman of refinement called at a United States employment office in New York city, and she had no qualifications, but she had no money and asked for suggestions on what kind of training to take. The examiner in charge questioned the woman very carefully and discovered she had done considerable research work in the last four years on some important law cases for her husband and had also done a great deal of statistical work for him. The examiner found the applicant a place at \$90 a month doing statistical work. In a short time the woman was appointed to an \$1,500-a-year job. In less than a year this woman qualified successfully and is now holding down a \$2,000 job.

CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING



Mrs. White—Well, thank you for what were your suggestions for this year?

Uncle George—I was thinking that little Evelyn and that little Clifford ain't

INADVERTENT ADMISSION.

"Did you ever visit Germany?" said Mrs. Snobbles.

"Yes. And I must admit I found some very agreeable acquaintances."

"I thought as much! I was telling my husband today that you had been associating with the common people and not with the aristocracy."

AWFUL THREAT.

Uncle tried to tease Billy by telling him he would have to go home in the street car. Billy coaxed to be taken in his uncle's automobile, finally saying: "Well, if you don't take me in your automobile I'll go in the car and sit next to a sneezer and get dead."

EASILY MOVED.

"Yes, we spent the summer in a portable house."

"Your relatives complain that none of them could find your house."

"I told you it was portable," said the other man with a wink.

IN THE FUTURE.

"There is one time coming when men will really enjoy their wives' biscuits and rolls."

"What time is that?"

"When we look back and remember the war bread mother used to make."

NO NEWS.

"I tell you, young Jones is a marked man."

"Oh, I knew that the moment I saw the big eagle he has tattooed on his arm."

UNCONCERN.

"Do you object to your boy's studying the German language?"

"Not a bit. It won't make the slightest difference. He never learns his lessons."

GOOD-BY, GRACE.

Myrt—I see Grace is going to war work.

Gert—France?

Myrt—No, married.

LIVES OF REAL CRIMINALS

Author Has Shown Up Careers of Enemies of Society Without the Glamor of Fiction.

Fictitious criminals are very familiar, but in "A Book of Remarkable Criminals," H. B. Irving, an English writer, depicts with skill the lives of real criminals. Criminologists will find material for significant comparison in the varied careers of these criminals and the average reader can hardly fail to be interested.

The annals of crime in England, France and America have been searched for interesting cases.

The American reader will, however, find but two familiar names; one of these is Holmes, whose celebrated "castle" in Chicago is still remembered, says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Another American of an entirely different type is Professor Webster of Harvard university. Perhaps the most remarkable case is that of Charles Price, the Englishman, who evidently was born with criminal instincts.

A majority of the crimes related appear to have been instigated by necessity, the perpetrators being forced to greater crimes in an endeavor to conceal lesser ones.

A RELIEF



Wayne—So you think you would like to make a journey to the North pole?

Payne—Yes, I think I would. It must be restful to get to one place where nobody cares whether the snow is cleaned off or not.

THEY LIKED CANARIES.

Mike Schwartz and his wife are epicureans of the first order. Mike, while delivering some goods, noticed a fine Roller canary in the home of Paul Kajpust. Sad Mike: "My wife and I like canaries. I'll bring you a load of wood for him." Mrs. Kajpust turned over the canary and waited several weeks for the wood. None came. She summoned Mike before Judge Cummings to recover the bird.

"What was the canary worth?" asked the court of Mrs. Kajpust.

"Fifteen dollars. He was a fine bird," she answered.

"Where is the bird now?" Mike was asked.

"Oh, we ate him. We like canaries."

The court awarded \$9 damages to Mrs. Kajpust.—Milwaukee Journal.

WE'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE HIM.

"Say," said the man with the constant frown, "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 registrars 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 grass spot I didn't notice there yesterday.—Boston Evening Transcript.

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 hogs without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters received, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition. If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial."

All Druggists

HER SACRIFICE.

"Sislah Maudie Wabbles am puffin' and blowin' round that she has done give her husband to help win the war."

"Husband—huh!" snorted old Aunt Mimsa. "Wait twell she gives a son, a brudder or somebody she keers suppin' about."—Kansas City Star.

MET HIS MATCH.

"What is the matter with Arizona Bill, the gunman?"

"Arizon' got a job in the movies."

"Well?"

"He has just had a set-to with a movie director and the poor fellow's spirit is broken."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

LONG FOOD.

"H-m-m," remarked the fastidious feller, musingly, as he began to explore his noonday meal, "there is no food shortage here." And to prove he was right he pulled out an un-abridged piece of spaghetti a foot long and waved it aloft in triumph.

THE CLASSIFICATION.

"Did you see where in New York they are going to have an aviation section of the police force?"

"I suppose its personnel will be composed of the fly cops."

ONE PLACE.

She—Do you know of any state in the Union where women have the upperhand without the ballot?

He—Oh, yes. The married state.

CHOPPING HIM OFF.

"Ah, how do you do, sir?" saluted the book agent at the door. "I am introducing 'The Famous Orators and Poets of America,' and—"

"I am not making any new acquaintances," interrupted old Gaunt N. Grimm. "G'day!"—Kansas City Star.

THE NEED.

"I see where Moro girls have been graduated as war nurses."

"That's what they want—more—oh, girls!"

ANTIPATHY GRATIFIED.

"Wilhelm insists on calling himself a count."

"I'm glad of it. I have always disapproved of counts."

THE MEASURE.

Fran—I thought you Americans loved peace.

Yank—So we do; we love it well enough to fight for it.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

THERE IS A PESTILENCE RAGING IN EUROPE which is a Menace to Our Financial and National Health. It is called "Bolshevism." It has Russia by the throat. Anarchy sits on the throne with a bloody sword in one hand and a flaming torch in the other. This disease is also working westward. Already it is knocking at our doors. No quarantine will keep it out. Our best remedy is the Liberty Bond.

Let us vaccinate the whole nation with Thrift. It is fundamental that no man will seek to overthrow the Government that owes him money. Let's keep our own bonds and spread the gospel of Thrift.

Your Liberty Bond is:
Your memento of the war
Your pledge of patriotism
Your Service Stripe

STICK TO IT

If in Need of Funds we will Assist You Hold Your Bonds
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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MOHAIR GROWERS ATTENTION.

B. M. Halbert, of Sonora, ex-president of the Sheep and Wool Growers Association and actively interested as a member of the National Mohair Growers Association and kindred organizations in the welfare of the mohair industry is in receipt of the following telegram:

"Boston, Mass., Feb. 11, 1919.
B. M. Halbert, Sonora, Texas.

Activities in Mohair market improving. Have had offers up to seventy-five cents for second combing. Warn growers against market alarmists. Local buyers will try to encourage contracts on present slow market activities. Available information indicates reasonable demand for shearing season. The grower has all to gain and nothing to lose by awaiting developments.

T. L. Morris,
Chairman Selling Committee."

It will be remembered that last season we published a telegram to Mr. Halbert from Washington advising growers as to action of the Government and advising against contracting for less than 75 cents and it is hoped this telegram is as correct as the previous one. It is however encouraging as indicating a strong market for Mohair and as Sonora is the heart of Mohair production all are interested in receiving full value for the product.

R. H. Martin was in town from the ranch near Juco Tuesday.

Mrs. L. W. Elliott left on Monday for Waco where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. Berry Baker of the North Llano was a visitor in Sonora Saturday.

S. E. McKnight the Hereford breeder who ranches 16 miles east of Sonora was in town Friday.

R. C. Robson who ranches the side of Beaver Lake in Val Verde county, was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

WANTED:—To trade 7 room residence in Menard for house in Sonora, or sheep or goats. Look Box 124, Menard, Texas.

William Huff of San Angelo, recently discharged from the Navy, was in Sonora Tuesday. He is now visiting on the Appel ranch.

It is suggested that if Sutton county furnish the drag the freight on the San Angelo road would drag when empty for a small consideration.

W. W. Williams of the eastern part of Sutton county, was in Sonora Monday and reported the sale of 500 muskets to Albert Murr of Kimble county at \$6.35 per head.

An educational rally, in keeping with the day, will be held at the school auditorium Sunday evening Feb. 23. A special address will be given by a representative from the State University.

VULCANIZING!

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EXPERT TIRE & TUBE REPAIRING

Many Years Practical Experience

Your Patronage and a Trial Requested

W. A. ROGERS,

At Clarkson's Garage, Sonora

GOAT AND SHEEP PRIZES.

The premium list for the Sheep and Goat show to be held at San Angelo June 25, '6 and 27th, under auspices of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, offers \$637.50 in prizes and there doubtless will be a supplementary list before the opening of the show. However this will be the best opportunity for the exhibition of choice goats and sheep ever held in Texas. The prize winners at this show will have all standing with the breeders of the country.

West Texas wool growers feel the loss of from 10c to 20c a pound on their 1918 crop as a result of the Government's war program—and the loss a particularly felt because of the high price of feed that had to be bought to bring the flock through two years of drought. It is a conservative statement when the grower says his sheep and goat have eaten their own heads off the last two or three years. The Government fixed the price of 1918 wool on the same level as prices prevailing on July 30, 1917, scoured basis, and the grower made no complaint, feeling that they would begin a fair and equitable appraisal at the hands of the Government wool committee. The committee made its appraisal of the wools in the grease and the range of prices was from 10c to 20c a pound lower than the growers received in 1917. Naturally, the growers feel that they were 'stung' and they feel that the Government has unwittingly played into the hands of the wool trust. The Government's classing committee was selected among buyers or representatives of wool commission houses of the East. For their own satisfaction, but with little hope of immediate relief, some of the growers had a disinterested committee go into the warehouses and get samples of their clips to be sent to a scouring mill. The result of the scouring tests tends to bear out the contentions of the growers that they have not received a fair and equitable appraisal at the hands of the Government's wool committee. —Coleman Democrat-Voice, Jan. 24.

Bob Sherrill of Rocksprings was a visitor in Sonora Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Appel, daughter Miss Audrey and son Oscar Jr., who are residing in San Angelo during the school term, spent Saturday and Sunday on the ranch 25 miles south of Sonora.

Misses Cora Trainer and Blanche Miller entertained Miss Edith Trainer by a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer Feb. 17th. Various games were played throughout the evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Letter From Sam Adams.

"I wish all of you were with me now. I am off on a furlough and in having the time of my life," writes Mechanic Samuel Adams, Co. A 143 I. I., from La Baneville, France, on Dec. 18, 1918 to his sister Mrs. Belle Tiers. The letter continues: There are about 1200 of the 33rd division here and Uncle Sam is paying all expenses. He put us in a nice hotel and I have a room and bed all to myself. And it is a good big bed with nice feather mattress and it is the first real good bed I have slept in since I left home and that's a long time ago. This is a small town but a pretty place and it is one of the biggest summer resorts in France, and it is where all the big rich people come to spend the summer. It is hard to imagine it is a summer resort because as I write these lines I can look out and see the snow covered mountains with the snow falling in great flakes but it is only misting in the valley, but this sure is some grand place. Tell Herman I wish he was here and we would go in the mountains and have a snow ball fight.

There is a big Y. M. C. A. here and they have about ten real, honest to God girls, or at least that is what the soldiers call our American girls. I do not know when we will get to come home but hope it won't be long. I always had a desire to cross the water and the feeling is stronger now than ever before. This is a beautiful country over here, but I prefer the dear old U. S. A. and the Lone Star State and I don't think I shall ever want to leave home again. I will send this Christmas abroad and I should be quite a passable boy, at least for a short time after I get home. Sister I have written quite often to you and don't see why you don't get my letters. I have received four from you. I saw Joe Gardner the other day and it was the first time since we left Fort Worth and he sure looked good to me. I would try and go to see Earl but I think he is in Germany and hasn't heard from him in about a month and that makes me think they are on the move. With Xmas greetings to all.

The Womanless Wedding Monday night Feb. 24th for the benefit of the Woman's Club.

Henry Mittel of Company C, 360th Infantry, arrived home Saturday from Camp Travis where he was given his discharge. Henry was sent to France with the 90th and two days before the St. Mihiel drive was injured by a shell explosion after which he had pneumonia and was invalided to the States in the latter part of November. He has now fully recovered his health. He was in training at Camp Travis only a few weeks before leaving for France.

WAR IS HELL AND THEN SOME.

"First of all war is hell!" writes Corporal Orvil W. Word, Co. A 343 Machine Gun Battalion, from Bengel, Germany, under date of Dec. 23, to his mother Mrs. J. R. Word and sister Miss Lora Word of Sonora and the letter in part is as follows: I have been in four real fights and found them uncomfortable places to be in. On the eve of the St. Mihiel drive our Captain told us we were going in and that some time after 12 o'clock hell would pop loss, and it did. I never in my life heard such noise. Eighteen hundred tons of three to twelve inch calibre laid down the barrage, all trying to shoot at the same time and we had good luck. The sight made me sick for a while but I soon got used to it and could look at anything. The first dead German I saw was shot almost in two and half of his head blown off and that made me sick but the excitement carried me through. On September 26 we met old Fritz in full bloom and then it was I got my horns from mustard gas. While in the hospital at St. Mihiel of San Angelo called to see me and complimented me on being lucky. The 343 M. G. is the best in the 90th division and every time any of the rest need help it is left up to us. We had found out that the Germans were going to attack and when they came we gave them a real hearty welcome. It was the first time we had to fight and I was excited for about five minutes but got settled down and did my bit. We lost a few men and don't let anyone tell you old Fritz won't fight. He will fight every time but our M. G.'s got his goat and one who has never seen a Machine Gun in action can imagine what damage they do to the Germans when they come in bunches—the way the M. G. men like them to—but it is a bad sight to see a bunch of men mowed down like mowing hay, but we did the work well and stayed like we knew every German soldier in Germany couldn't move us. At times I thought we were gone. I have been on the job all the time since I came here and every time my Company went into action I was with them.

On November 1st we were on the Verdun front and went over the top at 5:45 in the morning. We advanced about a mile and then we found Fritz waiting for us, but they didn't hold out long, we soon got them out of the way and went on to a depth of six miles on a 23 mile front and took a large bunch of prisoners, but on the second day we met him in the shape of about 25,000 reinforcements and for about 5 hours we fought them in the same place. The reason we couldn't handle them was the Germans were using artillery and ours hadn't come up yet when it did we had our time. The fighting stopped at night and the next morning we had them going before they knew we were after them and captured all that we left and four of their big guns. This was at Hill 321 and that hill was a sight of horror. Dead soldiers everywhere we must have killed half of them but don't think was one-sided—we left lots of our boys there. I got my worst sore in this fight. A large shell hit right close and a cloud of dirt about the size of a water bucket hit me in the back and knocked me about a dozen meters and a rock hit me on the hand so of course I thought I had been fixed up to be Kaiser's liking but I got up and looked for the lost pieces but found that some had been all that was gone.

On the 4th of November we got orders to take on a patrol and go until we came in contact with the enemy. We had all day and saw only one Boche. On the 9th we went into a little town about 10:30 p. m. and went to sleep as soon as we could find a dry place and about 5 a. m. we discovered we had neighbors, the other part of the town was full of German soldiers and of course it was some boys' messes it was quite a lively place for a while. I sure didn't like the location but we soon had old Fritz out in his underclothes to see who had come. One of them said "Where do you come from, don't you ever let a man rest?"

On Nov 11 we crossed the Meuse river and started them on the move again when we heard the Armistice was signed. We thought it only another trick and didn't pay any attention to it. A lot of the boys said "to hell with the Armistice, it's where we have started for" but we got official orders not to fire after 11 a. m. and we all sure had a joy dance in No Man's Land. But the American boys

crossed the Meuse which is a good thing as it showed our boys had had another bad dream. The Americans didn't get the Kaiser but made him leave home.

I was for ten days in wet clothes and muddy till over and had only bart took to eat but it was good—not a man said a word, and all the water we had was in tin-shell holes, we had a hard time but stood it without complaining. Every night we would dig a place to sleep to and in two or three hours go to some other place.

I know no jokes on anyone but myself. I have been sore all over from falling when shells came over. If a man is in a hole or low place he is almost safe as only a direct hit could hurt him, so I always tried to find a hole and now I can almost hide in a rat hole. I had to stay in a muddy hole but I got so that the deeper the mud and water in the hole the better I liked it. It makes no difference how cold it is those big shells will make a man jump in any place that is handy.

On the Verdun front the country is so torn up the holes lap each other and are from three to twenty feet deep and the towns only piles of rock. When I saw that place I was glad to know my own home and country had not been ravished and ruined. It is impossible to tell how it looks but I am seeing some real country now and having a good time.

The 90th Division is in the army of occupation and I have been in Germany three weeks and the people treat us better than we expected. The little state of Luxemburg is the prettiest country I have seen since I left the U. S. A. Germany also is a pretty country and I am glad I got to come with the occupying army.

The grandest music I ever heard was the Star Spangled Banner as we crossed the Rhine. The river is swift and deep and about 200 yards wide and very pretty. I slept in a bed last night for the first time since I left the U. S. A. The old German lady let me sleep in a real leather bed and is going to fix a Christmas tree for me.

Lora I am in the best of health and feel fine all the time. I weigh 137 pounds and am as robust as a mule. I eat three meals every day and have seven big woollen blankets so you see I sleep warm. And I need or want is the time to come when I board the ship for home. I am glad to have the honor of wearing the U. S. uniform in Germany and also to know that we put old Kaiser on the bum, we didn't get all we were after because they quit to save themselves. I think Germany is a better country than France or England.

Vernon Hamilton, of the Navy who has been stationed at Main Barracks, U. S. Naval Training Station, Goat Island, near San Francisco, arrived home Tuesday on extended furlough. He is well and has been in fine health ever since he has been in the service. The only Sonora boy he met in the service was Bill Shaekelford who has been two years in the service and was on the destroyer Jarvis on the Mediterranean. Vernon was met at Del Rio by his friend Frank Decker and hoped to surprise his parents but Mr. Hamilton got a wire from a friend telling him Vernon was in Del Rio.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Stuart were in from the ranch Tuesday.

Troy White was in town Wednesday from the Geo. L. Aldwell ranch. Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas, office with L. Benson Agency.

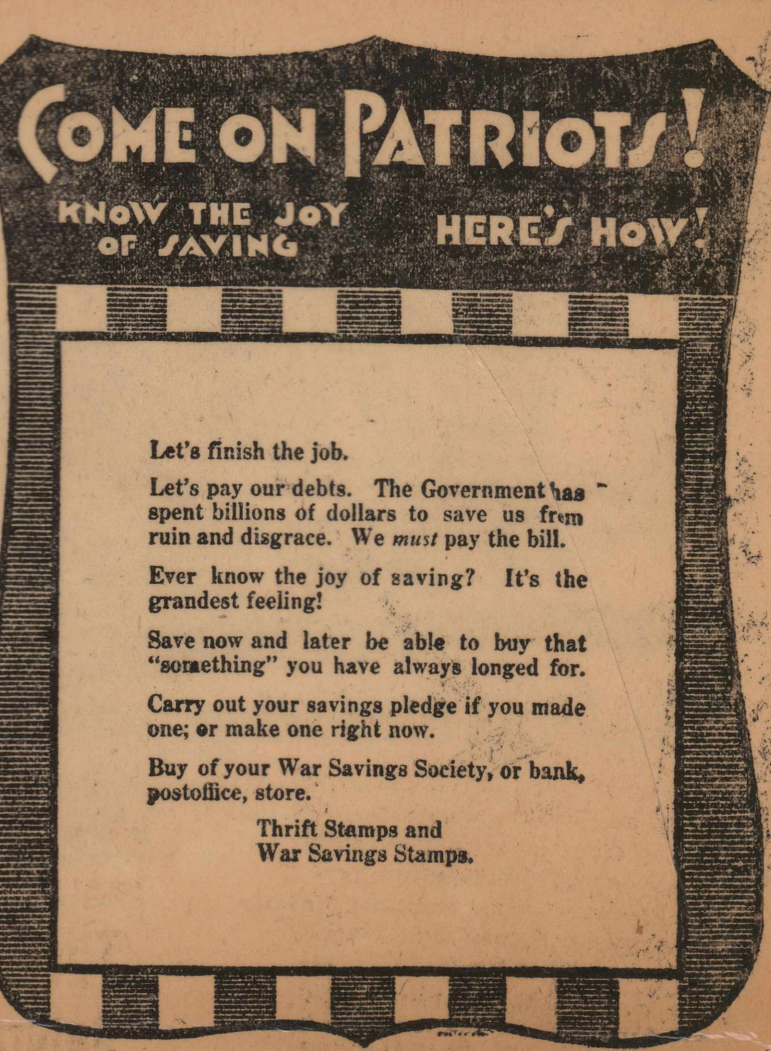
Hi Eastland the Edwards county ranchman was in town this week. He has not leased his ranch for oil or made a drilling contract as yet.

The "Lost Chaperon" given by a few young people for the benefit of the school library Saturday night at the Auditorium was a grand success. The house was full and the proceeds netted \$100.

A half inch of rain Sunday night extended over a large area of the Sonora country to the south and southeast. Wednesday morning a shower of one-third inch added to the slickness of the roads.

Judge James Cornell, J. S. Allison, T. L. Dridale, R. H. Martin, A. D. McKnight and Nat E. Jones attended the meeting of the executive committee of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association at Del Rio last week.

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