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## TELLS OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S RECEPTION

The following letter was received recently from Earle Norwood by his mother at Vernon and was handed to us by his grandmother, Mrs. Bettie Thompson:

U. S. S. Texas, New York, Dec. 29, '18.  
Dearest Mother:

Have just received two letters from you today and I sure was glad to hear from you again. The box also came O. K.—many thanks to all for the things—they were fine. The cigarettes did not come. I hope to be at home by next Christmas for good—that will be fine. Have been having quite a busy time since we anchored here. Parades, entertaining visitors etc., takes up most of your time. They have treated us mighty nice.

Well, dear, I failed to get on the first furlough party so will have to take the second one. It leaves here somewhere around the 15th of January. Will wire you the day I leave here for home, and if I am alive and the trains are running I sure will be there. It sure was a grand sight when we met the President. There were ten big battleships, scores of torpedo boats, airplanes, dirigibles, craft of all kinds, also a squadron of French cruisers came out and rendered honor to him by 21 gun salutes. We left him there and they brought him up to the mouth of the harbor. The next day we steamed away from Brest, France, for New York which took us 12 days, after traveling 3,752.6 miles we finally anchored here. I don't know just how long we will be here either. It is extremely cold here which hits us pretty hard as we had just begun to enjoy the warmth of the Gulf Stream. We were in this stream nearly all the way over. I sure am glad my stay in England and Scotland is over—I never wish to see either of them again. I did not see enough of France and was not in contact with the French people enough to draw any conclusions about them. I mailed you a post card from Brest and I hope you have received it by this time. I am glad all at home are keeping so well. The Fla. seems to have killed them by the families around New York. I have been having the very best of health all along. Received the Records and enjoyed reading them very much. Joel Fain came aboard ship today to visit me. I sure was glad to see some one from Vernon. It had been over 10 months since I had seen him last. He says he is going to Washington, D. C.

Well, dear, must stop now as I am left in sole charge of the office today. With lots of love to all and wishing all a very happy New Year, I am,  
Your son,  
EARLE NORWOOD.

## O. H. HUTCHISON DEAD

A wire came to C. E. Hutchison Tuesday morning that his brother, O. H. Hutchison, of Covina, Cal., was very low with pneumonia and was not expected to live. This was followed by another message later in the morning that he died Monday evening at 8:30.

This came as a great shock, since only a day or two before his death a letter had been received from the Hutchisons which said they were all well and had escaped the influenza epidemic. Whether the influenza preceded pneumonia in this case or not is not known here. He must have had a very severe case of pneumonia, to say the least of it.

O. H. Hutchison was younger than C. E. by some two or three years and was about 37. He moved from Crowell to California some seven or eight years ago and has resided in the Covina country ever since, though for some years at one time on a ranch about 20 miles east, but for the past three or four years he and his family have resided in Covina, he being employed by the Irwindale Citrus Association.

Deceased is a son of J. R. Hutchison, who also lives in California near Chico, and is survived by his wife and two little girls, Lennis, about 12 and Catherine, about 5 years of age.

The friends of the family regret to hear this sad news and extend deepest sympathy to them in their great loss.

## RECEIVES GERMAN HELMET

M. S. Henry received a German steel helmet Monday sent to him by Lieut. F. M. Dougherty, who is now in France. Lieutenant Dougherty is a son of W. H. Dougherty of Gainesville. It seems that one American soldier is permitted to send only one of these German helmets to America. Mr. Henry has this on display in the window of his store. It shows what appears to be two bullet marks, one in front and the other

## STANLEY WALKER TO PARENTS

Supply Co., 142nd Inf., Dec. 15, 1918

Dear Father and Mother:

I will write you a few lines this evening to let you know I am still well and hope you all are the same. I would sure like to be at home with you all and am waiting patiently for the time to come when we will board the ship to home. This is Sunday and it has been a beautiful day and we have just gotten through with supper and I am a little tired and am going to bed pretty soon and get a good night's rest, as I have to get up at four in the morning and have breakfast earlier than usual. Our regular time for breakfast is eight o'clock dinner at twelve and supper at five. I am sending you all some Christmas cards and views of the town we are located in. I haven't seen any stickers anywhere I have been, as most of the towns were deserted, practically all of them near and on the front were nothing but ruins, as that was the way the Boche left them if they had time to burn them and blow them up. When they were rushed out of a town before burning it you could then look out for the big shells for they would throw them back into the towns and blow them up after they had gone from 5 to 15 miles, and they could put them almost where they wanted them, and when one of them hit and bursted it sometimes blew a hole in the ground that you could cover up a wagon and team in, and when they hit buildings, even the strong stone buildings, they tore them all to pieces and left a great pile of dirt and rock. They had plenty of big guns and you can imagine about how long a good sized town or village would last with them throwing shells into it.

After we made the first big drive, Oct. 7, and were traveling, we stopped about half an hour and were looking at the boys that lay dead on the battle field and were just where they were when they fell as they hadn't had time to bury them. They lay in bunches all over the field and we were looking down into a ditch where there were two Americans and one German and one of them was Lester Powers. He was lying on his face and a big shell had bursted right on the edge of the hole they were in and I raised him up a little to see what killed him and it must have been a shrapnel from the shell. We found one of his letters by him and that was the way we first identified him. Gordon Ford from home, Bert Bell's brother-in-law, was lying only a little ways further down out on the road and was killed by a shrapnel also. I can't begin to tell you all half that I could if I were with you and I will tell you all when I come home.

Hoping to come home soon, I am  
Your son and brother,  
STANLEY WALKER.

## CURTIS RIBBLE TO PARENTS

Gievres, France, Nov. 28, 1918.

Dear father and family:  
I will write you a few lines today. This leaves me O. K. and hope it will find you the same.

This sure is a dreary day here. It is raining and awful muddy. Wanted to take a hike this afternoon but it is too bad for me.

I went out on a mounted pass last Sunday afternoon, visited a French family and ate supper. I was about 3½ miles from camp, got lost and wandered all over the country. I must have rode five miles when I saw a light and started to it. My horse fell with me when I was about one half mile from a town, two miles east of here.

All we think of now is going home. Some of us are almost ready to go now. We are all getting along fine and don't have to work as hard as we did. We have on hand about 2,230 head of horses, about 200 surgical cases. At one time we had on hand about 1,200 surgical cases. All the horses that don't get well in 60 days the French Government will take over. We have about 200 ready for them now. We got in one shipment of 480 horses, and over 400 were surgical cases.

The 15th Veterinary Hospital Corps is here with us, and three troops of the 6th cavalry. One of the cavalry boys stole a horse out of the hospital and went off and got drunk, bogged the horse down in a swamp and left him. That sure ruined our good times. We can't hardly get a mounted pass at all. The boys was tried by court martial and given three months in the guard house.

I met Delmer Hulse of the 15th Hospital. I used to go to school with him. He lives around Paducah now. I sure was glad to meet some one I knew. I had a letter from Will Jarnigan this week. I have not heard from you all in 10 or 12 days.

It was four months yesterday since Lee, but hope I will land

## ARCH HART WRITES PARENTS

Dear Dad:

Finally got a letter from you. First one since I came off the front. I wrote you this morning but will write again and explain about the Christmas package labels. We were given the coupons and lots of them, but we were upon the front and had no way of getting them sent back to be censored, so none of the K 142nd got to send them home. When we came off the front it was too late to get them to you by Nov. 20th, so corned beef and beans for us Christmas.

These are pictures of a little village four kilometers from here. I was over there this morning and got them. The Supply Co. of the 142nd is located there. I have been Supply Sergeant since the fighting stopped. Jack Waddell was Supply Sergeant but he was severely gassed and the last time I saw him was spitting up blood. Tidwell, whose photo I sent you from Ft. Worth, was captured by the Germans but I think is on his way to the states now. Some boys from the hospital at Paris saw some other prisoners who were confined with him. He went to flank a machine gun nest at St. Etienne and the Dutch made a big counter attack and cut him off. We thought he was killed. Those Dutch swarmed over the hill like cattle, but they didn't have much luck. When a Boche sees one American uniform and a bayonet he thinks there are ten million more near and kamarrads fronto. Tidwell had a Browning gun and no bayonet. K Co. when reduced to 54 men went up and relieved a French battalion of 300 and got more results than they ever could have. We went over the top Sunday, October 27th and captured more prisoners than our total strength was, by far. That was our last time over and was smooth work. But our own artillery fell short and killed some good men for us. A French aviator finally got it raised for us and we went over on schedule.

Guess I had better stop trying to tell that, however, or I will write all night. Have some souvenirs of the occasion, though.

We chased the Dutch out of the Panvaes after the St. Etienne fight and lived in their barracks three days. By the time they halted and put their big guns in action and we had to leave and go out in a little valley and dig in. Stayed there one night and a Boche aviator got a snapshot of us so at dark we moved again to a little patch of timber down in a swamp and dug in in the mud and rotten leaves. That was where we got our Xmas coupons. When we left there we relieved the French battalion and cleared out half a dozen Boche dugouts and got a citation from the French corps commander.

Yours,  
ARCH HART, Sgt.,  
Co. K 142nd Inf. A. E. F.  
A. P. O. 796.

back there before four more months I think we will get back by spring alright.

Will close for this time. Write soon and a long letter.

Love to all,  
CURTIS.

Gievres, France, Dec. 11, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I will answer your letters I received last night. Was glad to hear from you, and to know that you are all right.

This leaves me O. K. and hope it will find you the same.

I have been touring France in a box car for the last ten days, accompanied by eight mules.

I left Gievres the 1st day of December. We went to a large camp just behind the lines. When we arrived at this camp we were given more rations and went to the real battle ground. I was at St. Mihiel and on up the line to Verdun and further on north about 30 kilometers where they were fighting when the armistice was signed. Believe me, that country is sure torn all to pieces. I was in the German trenches and dugouts. It is sure some sight. I can see the two holes where the Germans blew up their ammunition dumps. You could put three houses like ours in it.

We brought back a few souvenirs from camp. The boys went wild over them. I got three helmets and let a Lieutenant have two of them. They are not much to me.

Two Lieutenants of the 15th Veterinary Hospital invited me over to their room to tell them all about the front. I saw two dugouts 'hat held 200 men each. We watered our train of mules, 352 head, out of one shell hole.

As taps is blowing will close for this time and will write again soon.  
With love to all,  
CURTIS.

## BAPTIST TRAINING CAMP FOR MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 12th to 19, 1919.

Pastor J. B. Henderson of the Baptist church of Crowell was in to see us the other day and gave us some important information with reference to the plans of his great denomination for 1919. The Baptist forces now have more than 400,000 white Baptists, and the negroes have not yet been counted since their last baptizing. Texas Baptists are out for the largest program the present year they have ever attempted.

They propose during 1919 to seek the better enlistment and training of all their missionaries and pastors. A larger Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Woman's Work program than ever before, putting on a big and far-reaching program for the production and distribution of the right sort of literature, the sale of a million dollar loyalty bond issue to relieve their schools from debt, raising in the spring \$340,000 for Home and Foreign Missions, raising in the fall half a million dollars for State Missions, Sanitariums, the Old Ministers', Christian Education and other matters.

Some of these are new features of the work, and the old ones will be so emphasized as to give them appearance of being entirely new. Besides this, all other forms of work, educational, missionary and benevolent, will be pushed as never before.

It is evident that the success of all these departments of work will depend upon a large enlistment, lining up of new forces and making more efficient those already at work. So this Enlistment Training Camp becomes one of outstanding and vital importance. It will be state-wide in its influence and possibility for good, and will be followed by many such training camps to be held in various sections of the state.

Information is already at hand to the effect that it will be very largely attended, and will mark an epoch of advancement among this great and conquering people.

## MEETING OF COTTON GROWERS

After advising with the Commissioners' Court, Community Chairmen and business men it has been decided upon to call a meeting of all the cotton farmers and others interested in the cotton industry to be held in the district court room Tuesday evening, January 14th, at 1:30. Mr. Walton Poteet, assistant in cotton marketing, has assured me in a letter that Mr. S. F. Harrill of his office will be present at the meeting and will discuss the most profitable varieties of cotton and their plans for co-operative marketing service for next season. Mr. Harrill is also a cotton classifier and will grade and staple samples of cotton brought to him while here.

Everyone who is acquainted with cotton marketing conditions knows that cotton growers in Foard and Wilbarger counties are paying a penalty in prices because some inferior staple cotton is being grown. The reason is that many of the large cotton farms will not buy cotton from a firm in which half and half is true. This will be especially true next season since the war being ended, the demand for a longer staple will increase, while the demand for short staple will decrease. I am convinced that 90 per cent of the cotton farmers in Foard County would sign a pledge to grow only the longer staple varieties if the opportunity were presented them. This would establish a reputation for Foard County for a better staple cotton and would create a competitive market which would mean thousands of dollars to the farmers.

It will pay every cotton farmer to be present and help put this over.

W. C. ORR,  
Emergency Dem. Agent.

## OPENS CONFECTIONERY

Carpenters have been at work for several days putting in shelving in the building, recently vacated by Ellis & Lanier, groceries, preparatory to the opening of a confectionary by Frank Hill. Mr. Hill, it will be remembered, disposed of his business when he thought he was about to be called to the training camp early in the fall, but since peace has come he will take up his business where he left it off as nearly as possible and continue in the confectionary business.

He will have a better building and more room in his new location and will have things more convenient generally than where he was before. He will be open for business today.

He is one of the best confectionery men ever in Crowell and deserves success, and we predict for him a good business. He has an announcement elsewhere in this issue.

## BRO. MERRILL GOES TO PAMPA

Bro. P. J. Merrill who has been at Camp Travis for several months was discharged Jan. 1, and he and Mrs. Merrill, who has been with him, came home Sunday. Bro. Merrill preached at the Methodist church here Sunday night to a large congregation, which met to greet him on his return, in spite of the mud which has so much hindered travel for several days.

He is not going to remain in Crowell, however. He has accepted the call of the Christian church at Pampa, Texas, and Bro. Merrill himself has gone to make preparations for Mrs. Merrill's going. She will remain here for a short while.

Bro. Merrill's going to another field was not the choice of his church here, for he was loved by his people and was held in the highest esteem by those of the other denominations, and all regret to see him and his faithful wife leave Crowell. He will have a wider field in the country to which he is going, and all the friends of Bro. Merrill and his wife wish for them the greatest success in their new location.

Bro. Merrill was very anxious to go to France, and had orders to go when the armistice was signed, so he was deprived of that privilege in connection with his duties in the Y. M. C. A. work.

## B. J. SMITH WEDS

Announcements have been sent out announcing the marriage of B. J. Smith of Colorado Springs, Colo., to Miss Margaret Walker Price on January 1, 1919.

Mr. Smith was until a year or two ago a resident of this county and still has real estate interests here. He and his family moved away to Colorado Springs where Mrs. Smith died shortly afterwards.

The friends of Mr. Smith are pleased to learn the news of his marriage and wish for him and his wife a happy union.

## MRS. J. H. SELF GETS WRIET

BROKEN BY FALL

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. J. H. Self happened to the misfortune of getting her right wrist broken when she fell on the ice. She had been to the home of J. W. Beverly and was returning to her home and was taking a near route through the alley near her house where there was some ice. The fall caused the fracture and also hurt her hip but this only amounted to a bruise. She has suffered considerable pain but is reported to be getting along very well.

## SPRAYING AND PRUNING DEMONSTRATION

I have been notified that C. J. Foster, Special Field Agent, will be in Crowell January 14th and I have arranged for him to give a demonstration in spraying and pruning of orchards at Lee Ribble's orchard 1 1/2 miles northwest of Crowell at 10:30 a. m.

Mr. Foster will have his truck and spraying outfit with him if the weather permits and will discuss any problem you may have pertaining to the care of orchards.

W. C. ORR,  
Emergency Dem. Agent

## ABOUT OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Theodore B. Hall came in Tuesday from Camp Travis. Theodore was wounded in the Metz drive September 13th, losing two of his fingers by a machine gun. He was in the hospital in France two months before being returned to the United States about five weeks ago. He has a month's furlough after which he will return to Camp Travis to receive his discharge. His parents have lived in Crowell for about two years.

Mrs. Clark received a letter from her husband, Capt. Hines Clark, dated December 16th in which he stated that all were well and that he thought they were preparing to move. Whether to Germany or back home he did not know but hoped that it would be home.

The News is in receipt of a letter from Robert E. Marnard dated Dec. 7 at Malicain, France. He says he is well and has seen a great deal of France. He also says that if they had been a little earlier they would have gotten into the front lines.

Mrs. P. P. Cooper tells us that she had a letter from her son, Roy, last Sunday and he is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry have received a letter from their son, Jesse, who is in France, the first time they had heard from him since September.

The recent epidemic of influenza is reported to have cost the insurance companies more than \$100,000,000.

## EDGAR LOGAN TELLS ABOUT GOING OVER

Melisey, Yonne, France.

Dear homefolks:

As I have never told you about this country I will try to tell you something of our trip and the country.

As you know, we left Camp Bowie July 8th for Jersey City, via Detroit, through Canada and Niagara Falls. We stopped off at the Falls for a few hours taking in the scenery. From there we were routed over the Lehigh Valley. Saw some beautiful scenery. On arriving at Jersey City we crossed over and went down to Camp Mills for a short time. On July 16th we went back to Hoboken and went aboard the good ship George Washington, the second largest ship afloat. The Washington is a German boat. As the President is coming over on the Washington you will no doubt get a history of it from the papers.

Well, we sailed July 18th 2 p. m. The water was calm all the way and very little sea sickness. We had some submarine excitement on the way. We pulled into harbor at Brest July 30. We were all tickled to get a glimpse of "Sunny France." I think it about the only sunny day we have seen since we landed.

From Brest we went by rail to Ville Sur Terre where we trained until September 26th, then we started to the front, had to hike most of the way.

On October 9th we hiked up to the old Hindenburg line. There we waited for darkness so that we could go into the new line under cover of darkness. It was there that the boys got a glimpse of what had been hell and destruction. The dead were piled on the ground. We could see the Boche in the dugouts where they had met with har (granaries) grenades or perhaps some of America's gases. As soon as night came the companies took the lead. As we had our French rolling kitchens along I had to be with the kitchen in the wagon train. Soon after dark the Boche began to shell the road behind us, gradually moving up as we moved along. Two of the boys with our kitchen were hit by shrapnel but were not hurt. One was hit on the helmet and the other on the foot. We were lucky to get off on the road for the road we should have taken was being shelled heavily and the truck train ahead of us lost six men and several wounded in one truck. The boys went into support some time in the early morning of October 10th and that evening took St. Etienne. We only lost one man that day. On the 11th we followed the Boche to the Aisne River and there the boys had another hitch. Lost two men killed and several wounded.

I saw many dead Boche on the way. I will never forget the sound of those shells. I was never under heavy shell fire but the shells were passing over me day and night. All the heavy artillery was behind us and the Germans were shelling our battalions. On the 18th our battalion pulled back a few kilometers but not out of gun range. On the 26th the Division was relieved. We hiked six days to La Chemin. There we were all guessing whether the armistice was going to be signed or if we would have to go back to the front. We all had a tip that we were to be shock troops and were bound for the Verdun front. We had two citations for bravery from the French generals, so you see the 36th made a hit with the French when they hit the Prussian Guards, the cream of the German army.

Well, after the armistice was signed we started out for another little walk, taking all our equipment lest we should find another place we liked better and wouldn't want to go back after it. We hiked eleven days. The last four days we had plenty of rain. We had our Thanksgiving dinner on the march, served cold sliced (monkey meat) "corned Willie," as some call it, but better known in civil life as "corned beef." Well, the boys all took the joke fine for the most of them remember our last Thanksgiving spread.

We arrived at this place Nov. 29, sore-footed and worn out. After cleaning up and taking a few days rest we are feeling fine.

We hope to be among the first to come home. I will try to tell you more about the country and the people in the next letter.

EDGAR.

Cook William E. Logan,  
Co. A, 144th Inf. A. E. F.

This week has been unusually fine on the wheat, since we have had an abundance of warm sunshine.



# Moulded to Your Form

are the clothes we make for you. We give you an exact fit, allowing for each individual peculiarity in the figure, and giving your form a most distinguished appearance. The fabrics are the latest weaves from the best mills, in the choicest designs. Our styling is thoroughly up-to-date and the finish perfection. Yet you do not have to pay us a high price.

Cleaning and Pressing

## THE MAGEE TOGGERY

### MELL HOUSOUER WRITES

#### FROM FRANCE TO SISTER

Saint Mazaire, December 17, 1918.  
Dear Sister Iva:

I will try and write you a few lines to let you know that I am well, as I hope you are.

It has been six months and three days since I left the good old U. S. A., but it will not be long before I am there. I am at a seaport waiting to be shipped out. I think I will get back there in time to help eat the fatted pig this winter all right.

They call this "Sunny France," but I can't see that way. I have been here a little over two weeks and the sun has only shone three days. It has rained almost every day but it is not very cold.

I certainly am glad the war is over, but I am glad that I was in it. I would not have missed seeing what I have seen for anything but I would not give a cent to see any more of it.

I am not going to get to bring my souvenirs home, as most of them were stolen from me. I have a few left but not many. It sure was a shame the way the Huns destroyed the towns they were in. At one place we went through we could hardly tell there had been a town there. There were only piles of stone where the buildings had stood and there was nothing too mean for them to do. They would hold up their hands and yell, "Camrad" and then try to throw a grenade at you. And they would snipe our wounded and shell our dressing stations. I hope that they put such an indemnity on them that they will never get over it.

Ford Car for Sale—1916 model with 30x3 1/2 wheels all around, good tires with Gates Half Sole Tires applied, shock absorbers, extra tire carrier pump, jack, mud chains. See me at the General Auto Supply filling station.—W. L. Finn.

Stray horse—There is a stray 2-year old, brown horse branded on left hip, at my place 8 miles north of Crowell. Owner can get same by paying pastue and advt.—J. W. Swindell. 33p

Cleaning and pressing.—Arnold Rucker, Phone 199. tf

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### GLORY OF TURKISH CAPITAL

Great Mosque of Santa Sofia a Marvel in Beauty of Architecture and Rich Decoration.

The great mosque of Santa Sofia towers majestically over Constantinople, dominating its surroundings by sheer thick-set ponderousness. Its bulky dome and tacked-on minarets are, however, only the shell which covers a vast cathedral justly famed for beauty of line and rich ornament.

From the outer court you pass through a heavy bronze door and stand within a hall of such cavernous proportions that it seems impossible that even the exterior, that seemed so massive, could contain it. Above, the dome rises in a sweeping curve. Once mosaic figures of Christian saints adorned these higher regions of the hall, but the vandal Turks long ago covered the saints with plaster through which in certain places they still can be seen smiling dimly but serenely.

The mosque has not always been a Mohammedan temple. The original Santa Sofia, a Christian cathedral erected by Constantine, was destroyed by fire. It was Justinian who rebuilt it in the sixth century, decorating it with such lavish magnificence that he was himself surprised at the result and cried out: "Solomon, I have surpassed thee!"

In Justinian's day the new temple was a veritable Aladdin's cave. Its walls and columns were of marble brought from foreign quarries and from other temples. Famous shrines of Diana, Apollo and even the Temple of the Sun at Baalbek contributed their statues and jewels, willingly or not, to the glory of Justinian's cathedral.

Into this treasure vault in 1463 burst the conquering Turks, wrecking, plundering and claiming possession. From that time on Santa Sofia, Church of the Divine Wisdom, has been a Turkish mosque, with minarets added and the crescent over all.—Chicago Daily News.

### DEPENDS ON ONE'S THOUGHTS

By No Means Always the Part of Real Wisdom for Persons to Say What They Think.

Whether we are to say what we think, or not, depends entirely on what our thoughts are and how they will affect others. There are some thoughts it is a sin to hide. The people who smother a good thought because they are afraid of being misunderstood or laughed at, take upon themselves a dangerous responsibility. To conceal a kind thought is something for which there is no excuse.

There are other thoughts which it is a pity to allow to get beyond your own brain. It is unfortunate indeed to have them, but at least you can resolve that they shall never get outside of your birthplace. If you think this world is a dreary, dismal place, what is the good of saying so? If morbid, angry thoughts have taken possession of you, stamp them out as you would a breed of snakes.

Be brave enough to speak the thought which should be spoken, no matter whether it is likely to be popular or not. And be strong enough to hold in a leash the thought which, if it should escape, would work harm to others.—Selected.

### Way of a Japanese Woman.

Lafando Hearn was a very critical man. For instance, when he was doing business with publishers in foreign countries, and because he was so far away, the publisher would take the liberty of deciding the arrangement of such things as book covers and illustrations without consulting Hearn, who was very particular about all details. At such times Hearn was often made furiously angry. When he received a letter from the publishing house he would immediately write back a fierce (sic) answer in anger, and order it to be mailed at once; but I would say, 'Yes,' and hold it over a mill. Two or three days afterward, when he had become calm, he would forget that he had written too severely, and would say: 'Mamma-san, have you mailed that letter? I would answer 'Yes,' and watch to see whether he really regretted it. If so, I would give him the letter. He would be immensely pleased, and say: 'Mamma-san, you are the only one!' and would bring a new letter in a milder tone.—Mrs. Hearn in Atlantic.

### First Automobile Patent.

The first application for a patent for an automobile was filed in the United States patent office by George B. Selden, 39 years ago. Selden was a patent lawyer in Rochester, N. Y., when he first began to experiment with the idea of a vehicle propelled by a gasoline engine. Considering that his "road engine" was not yet perfected and that the times were not ripe for it, he secured delay after delay, and the patent was not definitely issued until 1895. From the first, doubts were cast on the validity of the Selden patent, but it earned a fortune for the astute inventor-attorney and for a long time dominated the motor-car industry of the United States.

### Lieutenant Colonels.

Combinations of the word "lieutenant," such as lieutenant colonel, mean an officer subordinate, an assistant to the rank to which lieutenant is prefixed. In European armies the lieutenant colonel is often the real commander of a regiment, its colonel being some royalty whose duties end with having himself photographed in the uniform.

## RED CROSS CALLED ON TO CONTINUE ITS WORK INDEFINITELY

CHAPTERS AND BRANCHES WILL BE CENTERS IN EACH COMMUNITY FOR GIVING AID TO DISTRESSED HUMANITY.

### ACTIVITIES NOT CURTAILED

Membership Campaign Each Christmas Will Be Means of Calling Americans Together to Show Spirit of Love.

Henry P. Davison, Chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, has issued to the 3,854 chapters and the 22,000,000 members of the American Red Cross the following statement outlining the future policy of the American Red Cross:

"The whole American people will be invited in the week preceding Christmas to enroll as members of the Red Cross. It is confidently believed there will be no further campaigns for Red Cross funds, but instead the annual roll call will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross. The people should therefore know as definitely as possible the plans of this their national humanitarian society.

"Since the armistice was signed I have had an opportunity to confer in Paris with the heads of all American Red Cross commissions in Europe, and later, in Washington, with the President of the United States, the War Council of the Red Cross, the managers of the 14 Red Cross divisions of the United States and with the heads of our departments at national headquarters. I am, therefore, able to speak now with knowledge and assurance in saying that the beneficent work of the American Red Cross is to go forward on a great scale—not alone, as heretofore, for purposes of relief of war, but as an agency of peace and permanent human service.

"Since America's entry into war the purpose of our Red Cross has been primarily to aid our army and navy in the care of our own men under arms, and secondly, to extend relief to the soldiers, sailors and civilians of those nations which were fighting our battles along with their own. With the funds which have been so generously contributed by the American people this war work of the Red Cross will continue and be complete with all possible sympathy and energy.

"Wherever our soldiers and sailors may be, the Red Cross will stay with them until they are demobilized. Nothing which we may do will be left undone, either. For the men in the war zone, for those returning, for those in the camps and hospitals or for their families at home the Red Cross will continue its ministrations. In this latter effort 50,000 trained Red Cross workers are now engaged at 2,500 different places throughout the land.

"The problems of reconstruction, involving feeding and caring for the distressed civilian population of Europe, are of such magnitude that necessarily they must be met very largely by the governments of our allies, with whom our own government will cooperate. "The great task of fighting tuberculosis, promoting child welfare and caring for refugees, with which the American Red Cross has concerned itself so effectively in France, Italy and Belgium, will at an early date be assumed by the governments, the Red Cross organizations and the relief societies of those countries, which, now that they are released from the terrific burden of waging war, naturally desire to take care, as far as they can, of their own people.

"The war program of the American Red Cross will thus steadily and rapidly merge itself into a peace program. The wake of war will, however, reveal the prevalence of disease and give rise to epidemics and emergencies which in all parts of the world will call for unlimited voluntary effort, the cutting of red tape and the manifestation of those qualities of human sympathy which government action cannot display.

"Here will be the opportunity for the American Red Cross. But even our Red Cross must not and cannot act most effectively alone; we must labor in co-operation with the National Red Cross and relief societies of other nations, to the end that not alone the heart of America but the heart of all mankind may be mobilized on behalf of suffering humanity.

"While, therefore, the plans of the American Red Cross in this direction cannot be formulated specifically, in advance of the general relief program of the Allied governments, the American Red Cross is nevertheless planning to develop its permanent organization in this country upon a scale never before contemplated in time of peace.

"The commissions which are now conducting the activities of the American Red Cross in foreign countries, as well as the temporary war organization in this country, will as a matter of course ultimately merge their energies with those of the permanent organization of the Red Cross.

"With the war has developed the striking and important fact that many men and women, some of whom have met with great success in devoting their lives entirely to business, came into the Red Cross organization at the outset of the war simply that they

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No. 551.  
Official statement of the financial condition of  
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at Crowell, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1918, published in the Foard County News, a newspaper printed and published at Crowell, State of Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1919.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$137,115.40
Loans, real estate	2,000.00
Bills of Exchange on Cotton & Cot. Seed	15,322.27
Liberty Bonds	7,650.00
Real Estate banking house	10,000.00
Warrants School	2,467.58
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	10,989.10
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas	1,500.00
Cash Items	946.18
Currency	4,790.00
Specie	2,203.20
War Savings Stamps	641.20
Interest and Assessment Depositors	2,963.75
Guaranty Fund	\$197,146.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$197,146.81</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$0.000.00
Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	8,842.87
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	3,000.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	106,935.48
Cashier's Checks	376.89
Bills Payable and Redemptions	30,606.09
Reserved for taxes	1,530.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,487.66</b>

State of Texas, County of Foard, ss:  
We, R. R. Waldrop, as president, and M. L. Hurlston as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. R. WALDRUP, President.  
M. L. HURLSTON, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Jan. A. D. 1919.

BUNA STOVALL,  
Notary Public Foard County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
J. W. ALLISON,  
J. H. SELF,  
M. F. CROWELL,  
Directors.

### Old Church Deserted.

It is interesting to note that in the old Lebanon Presbyterian church, near Alma, S. C., which church has gone down, a good church organ was allowed to remain in the church building and rot.

It has been very many years since any services were held in the building, which in its day was one of the best church buildings in this entire section. The carpet still remains on the floor, the old Bible is still on the stand and the organ was never claimed by any one. The building is almost rotten, the doors having rotted and fallen down.

### TWO BURNED TO DEATH WHEN TENT COLLAPSES

Clarendon, Texas, Jan. 4.—A 15-year-old girl and a baby were burned to death and five other children, their mother and their father. Manuel Cortiza, were burned and bruised here last night when the tent in which they were sleeping caught fire and collapsed. The family, Mexicans, had been picking cotton in this section.

The survivors are being cared for in the Girls' Honor Guard building in this city.

**MOTHER! DON'T TAKE CHANCES IF CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED**

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, clean little liver and bowels

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coat-crish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, you will have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." 58

**LEMONS MAKE SKIN WHITE, SOFT, CLEAR**

Make this beauty lotion for a few cents and see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to whiten the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons. 39

More people are using electric lights all the time. Get in line and use the best.—D. P. Yoder.

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### CONSERVATION THE GREATEST NEED

The organization of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce with its program of intelligent effort for the constructive development of the West is a movement of the greatest significance, not only to West Texas, but to the entire State.

Conservation of natural resources and reclamation development constitutes the greatest need of the State and should be the greatest issue before the people. The impounding and utilization of flood waters, and the development of water supplies by cooperative measures under State encouragement and direction, offers a certain protection against disastrous droughts, and the failure heretofore to provide adequate legislation for the promotion of such means of protection constitutes a serious indictment against the progressiveness of our Governmental policies.

The present movement in the interest of reclamation is timely and may be of great service in aiding in the passage by the next Legislature of a statute adequate to the requirements of conservation and reclamation effort and needs throughout the State and which will bring to the people all of the advantages assured to them by the liberal and progressive provisions of the constitutional amendment adopted in 1917.—Leonard Tiltonson.

**The Pioneers of Progress**  
The West Texas farmer and the oil man are kindred spirits; both are pioneers; both are builders; both are attempting to wrest from Mother Nature the wealth that lies hidden in

her breast.

Just as the adventurous pioneer farmers and stockmen moved into an unknown and apparently inhospitable land, so the oil men, wildcatters and early developers, are staking their labor and their money in opening up new territory.

The fact that the first big oil development came immediately after a heart-breaking drought made it possible for the oil men, at a time of greatest need, to aid the farmers of the district. Thousands of these farmers have received from leases on their lands sums that made them quickly forget the hardships they had been through. Thousands of others found employment in the oil industry at the best wages.

When the oil men prosper the farmers prosper. Their interests are identical. The West Texas farmer doesn't quickly forget a friend. Farmers and oil men allied will constitute a group that must be reckoned with in the future progress of the Lone Star State.

### GERMANY'S SHIPS WILL BE USED TO RETURN TROOPS AND CARRY FOOD

Paris, Friday, Jan. 3.—Herbert C. Hoover, who has been appointed director of Allied food relief in newly liberated, neutral and enemy territories in Europe, talked about the work before him to the Associated Press today. He said that German ships totaling nearly 3,000,000 tons will be used to carry food to Europe and that German passenger boats will be utilized to send American soldiers home.

"Food worth \$1,500,000,000 must be imported into Europe to provide

against actual needs between now and July 1 and the financing of the project is a stupendous task," said Hoover. "Liberated territories will be fed first, but much of this territory has no other government than that of scattered municipalities, it has no credit and is unable to pay for food."

"Poland, Armenia, Czechoslovakia and the Jugo-Slav republics are in this condition as well as many other suffering sections. Most of the necessary food must come from the United States and representatives of that Government are conferring with those of the Allied powers as to means for paying for this food."

### Davis Also Member

When asked how the United States will raise the money to meet the immediate demands of liberated territories, Hoover said that the President has the matter under consideration and that is outside the domain of the Food Commission. Norman Davis was named as the other American member of the council, while France has announced the appointment of Etienne Clementel and M. Vilgrain. The British and Italian members of the council have not been named as yet.

Replying to an interrogation as to whether Congress would be applied to in a special message, Hoover said that President Wilson alone will determine how to raise the funds, but he added that the amount probably would be wholly beyond any sum that might be contributed by individuals or organizations.

The problem of financing food supplies for neutrals, the Central Powers and the Entente nations is less difficult than that involved in feeding liberated territories. Although the credit of the Central Powers is shattered, they have securities to pay for food. In liberated countries alone Hoover said, there are 125,000,000 persons to be fed, living chiefly in towns and cities. Rural populations generally have stored food and will be able to care for themselves.

### U. S. Probes Conditions

In discussing the food situation in Germany, Hoover said that the United States has thirty-eight officers traveling through that country conducting an investigation. He said that he had received from officers of Entente nations reports stating that the supply of fats presented the chief trouble. As yet reports are not sufficiently complete for a definite statement of the German position but he thinks that immediate relief will probably not be imperative. In any event, he indicated that Germany must wait un-

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til the other sufferers are fed.

In exchange for the use of German shipping, Germany will gradually be allowed to have food, Hoover said adding that the United States will grant to Germany the use of freight tonnage equivalent to the passenger tonnage required to transport American troops home. Hoover said that two ship loads of food are now en route to Finland and that several cargoes are on the way to Rotterdam to be distributed by rail to Poland and the Baltic provinces as soon as financial arrangements have been completed.

### MADE BY SUN WORSHIPERS

Theory Advanced Concerning Apertures in Walls of the Casa Grande Ruin in Arizona.

According to a National Park newspaper bulletin issued by the department of the interior, there is much speculation and concern on the part of tourists and archeologists over two pairs of holes in the walls of the Casa Grande ruin in Arizona. The holes are about an inch and a half in diameter, and are bored through walls four feet thick. They occur in pairs, each pair on opposite sides of a great central room. The holes in each pair are in line with each other, so that one standing in a dark first-floor room behind the center room may look through the innermost holes at the sky. One pair points due east, the other pair points north at a declining angle.

One can only assume that the tribes which built this most ancient of pueblos were deeply religious people and worshippers of the sun. An interesting theory was recently advanced to explain the holes. It is said that these holes form what might be called a seasonal clock. Twice a year, once as the sun works north and once as it works south along the eastern horizon, it rises in line with the eastward pointing holes and on one morning, possibly for three minutes, throws a bar of light into the dark inner rooms.

From this the ceremonial calendar could be dated and certain festivals would fall on the same day year after year. One is reminded of Stonehenge, in England, where the sun at its summer solstice shone down a long alley of stone monuments upon an altar placed in the center of a series of circles of stones.

### GLOOMY OLD 'FRONT PARLOR'

Mid-Victorian Furnishings Served to Remind Beholders of Particularly Solemn Mortuary Chapels.

The mansard sheltered the accumulations of two or more Garland house-

holds of mid-Victorian tastes. It was a debauch of black wainscot and harelath in a twilight of heavy lambrequins and large figured wall paper. Never in all my twenty-two years had I beheld so many marble-top tables gathered under a single roof. There were three in the parlor alone. One bore a Rogers group—"Coming to the Parson," it was called; another a stereoscope with views of the Yosemite and the centennial of 1876; the third served as pedestal for a case of pallid wax flowers. On the walls hung "oils" of mountain scenery which it would have crazed a geologist to classify.

"The sitting room across the white hall was even worse. It was bulled by the ugly bulk of a secretary with vicious rams' heads carved on its lower doors. Second in massive gloom was a black marble mantelpiece crowned by a black marble clock with a timpling tick and an asthmatic chime. Tables filled the spaces unclaimed by harelath sofas and chairs, and a what-not bestrode a corner. I was now prepared to find 'The Maiden's Prayer,' and I did, poor maiden, neatly done in best female academy style. There was also a bronze plaque of 'Washington Crossing the Delaware.' It was a bad crossing. None of the pictures were inspiring, but one at least was appropriate. It portrayed the youthful Victoria in her nightie receiving the news that she was now queen of Great Britain, defender of the faith and high sponsor for art.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Salutation Accorded Sneeze.

In France, in earlier days, a sneeze was greeted by the removal of the hat, and when the paroxysm was over the sneezer formally returned the salute of all present. In England, also, in the seventeenth century, a sneeze was saluted by the removal of the hat. Joseph Hall, bishop of Exeter, in 1627, wrote that a man no longer reckoned among his friends those who failed to uncover when he sneezed. The Chinese have a peculiar idea of their own that the gods are continually turning over the pages of the judgment book, and that when they come to the page relating to any particular person that individual invariably sneezes. Their salutation is, "May the judgment be favorable to you."

### A Grand Passion.

"She seems interested in that aviator."  
"That is hardly the word for it."  
"No?"  
"She says she loves the very air he flies through."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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## THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, OWNERS AND PUBLISHERS

Entered at the Post Office at Crowell, Texas, as second class matter.

Crowell, Texas, January 10, 1919

President Wilson is now in Italy and is receiving great ovations wherever he goes.

It will be a great peace convention at Versailles when 27 countries are represented.

The recent drought caused a reduction of \$95,000,000 in 1918 over that of 1917 in crop values.

It is estimated that Texas furnished 100,000 men who went overseas. The State had 200,000 men in the service at home and abroad.

It was good work for the American aviators to bring down 814 German airships during the war, losing less than 300 airplanes.

The recent cold weather extended to the extreme southern portion of Texas, killing practically all the growing vegetables and young citrus fruit trees of that country.

One of the new problems now confronting France is what to do with Alsace and Lorraine. These are so strongly German in their people that about all that is worth anything is the ground.

Captain Robert A. Bartlett wants to take an airplane expedition to the North Pole this year and is asking for \$250,000 with which to make it. If we had that much money we would not care about going to the North Pole.

Mr. Hoover says the United States must ship one and a half billion dollars worth of food to European countries by July 1. Of this Germany is to come in for a share, but not until the other countries have been fed.

Secretary Baker favors raising a regular army of 500,000 men by voluntary enlistment. A bill will be introduced to that effect he says. This is to be only a temporary military establishment to tide over the period until peace is re-established.

A Rhode Island hen was put on exhibition recently in Dallas whose owner valued her at \$500. She was said to have laid 14 eggs in 14 days. That was one egg a day, which was better than the record of our hen by only one egg a day.

The total number of deaths of all the belligerents during the war amounted approximately to six millions. Russia suffered the greatest loss, with 1,700,000 killed; Germany second with 1,600,000 killed, while each of the others lost less than a million.

Personally we think the Government has had control of the railroads long enough to prove that it is a poor manager of such public utility, and Mr. McAdoo's proposition of a five-year test would only result in making things even worse than they are at present.

President Poincaré of France contemplates a trip to the United States this year, perhaps in the middle of the summer. If he comes to Crowell he is likely not to have much of a time, for in the middle of the summer everybody in this town expects to be camping in the harvest fields, and will have no time to give President Poincaré a party.

The Allies captured or destroyed 202 German submarines during the war. Besides these, fourteen were destroyed by the Germans themselves. The number of German subs brought into the British ports is 122 and 58 are still to be surrendered. It is said the Germans are still building subs, but these also will be disposed of by the Allies.

Pershing's politics, if he has any, is a matter of great worry to some politicians. So long as there is hope that he is of our political convictions we shall think he is good timber for the presidency, but if those hopes prove to be groundless Pershing will be the sufferer in that he does not measure up to our ideals. Everything depends upon what a fellow is, don't it?

The Government is doing a great thing in establishing a Federal Board for Vocational Education of the disabled soldiers. Heretofore such dis-

abled soldiers have only been pensioned. Hence they have been helpless to take their places in business life and have been regarded, in a sense at least, as objects of charity, which is humiliating to ambitious youth. The Government proposes to fit them for the trade or vocation for which each is best fitted by natural inclination and place him where he can earn an independent living as well as to become an asset to the business life of the country.

Large business interests see a probable decline in merchandise within the next few months and they are making big advertising contracts. It is the wise merchant who looks far enough ahead to meet that condition. Some, however, will not see the advisability of spending a few dollars to advertise their stuff and may get caught with a housefull of high-priced goods when everybody is watching the decline.

There are sufficient evidences that Germany is in need of food, and that seriously, to dispell all doubt as to her needs. One eye-witness, a journalist, writing in the New York Times, says he has traveled over a large part of Germany gathering information as to their condition and finds that millions are actually starving. According to this man nearly half the German population lives in a rich agricultural country, while the remaining half, or nearly that number, must be fed by those of the better agricultural districts, and the fact that crops have been cut short for the last few years by reason of the war and the fact also that transportation has been greatly demoralized renders those in the less productive regions helpless. The situation is becoming known generally and the United States will be called upon to feed Germany as well as other European countries. It will be our duty and our privilege to help, even though we must help what was only recently our foe. We can not allow sentiment to rule us in this matter but we must be actuated by principle. The United States can not afford to allow people to starve, it matters not who they may be, so long as it is within our power to save them from starvation.

### TO THE PEOPLE OF FOARD CO.

With the dawn of 1919 I wish to thank you for your patronage, words of encouragement and sympathy during 1918. May the New Year unfold for you all you have anticipated.

I shall leave Crowell January 12th for a month's rest and study. I hope to return to you a more efficient photographer, and with my studio remodeled and a new equipment, I shall be better able to serve you.

MRS. H. T. CROSS,  
Photographer.

### O. L. KLEPPER TELLS EXPERIENCE AT FRONT

The following letter was written by O. L. Klepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Klepper and was taken from the Denton News-Chronicle. Mr. Klepper is a nephew of J. W. Klepper of this place. The letter follows:

I suppose each one is thankful for something today. I am. I am thankful that I am where I am instead of pushing up daisies somewhere on the old battlefield. \* \* \* Since the war is over we are allowed to write most anything we want to, so I am going to relate a few little experiences I have had. It was on May 15th that the First Division, better known as the Blacksnake of which I am a member, took over the Cantigny sector. It was rather nice weather and we had only a few days of rain. We held this sector until July 6th. During our stay there the Twenty-eighth went over the top at 5:45 on the morning of June 28th. We took and held Cantigny against counter attacks. We were faced by some of Germany's best troops, the Prussian guard.

We took and held with one regiment a town that the English and French failed to hold with a division. This little, but hot, battle opened the great offensive of the allied armies. When we were relieved on July 6 we were supposed to have three months' rest, but on account of the Dutch's push on Paris we were again thrown into the Soissons front. We also did heroic work here. We advanced under the never-ceasing machine gun and light artillery fire. It was here that I almost lost a finger and my stomach.

We were relieved from this front and shipped to a quiet sector on the St. Mihiel front. Nothing of importance occurred here. We were relieved by the 90th Division and it was then I saw some of the Denton boys. Just by luck I jumped on a motor lorrie and asked where the outfit was from and they said Texas and Oklahoma. I then asked if anyone there was from around Fort Worth and one fellow said, "yes, I am from

Denton." I asked him where he lived in Denton and he said on Fulton Street. I asked him if he knew the Fulton family and he said, "sure, I do, for my name is Ed Fulton." I told him who I was and I found that I knew four of the boys in that truck. I didn't have much time to talk with them and have not heard from or about them since.

Well, we left that sector and went over the top at Schiesprey, the same old place we held down in November of 1917. This was a walk-over. We were relieved from there and sent back to rest. We got it. We hiked all night and part of the next day with full packs through rain and mud. It was awful, but it was war time and not time for thinking. We did rest a couple of days, but were then shoved into a truck and rushed up in support of another division. This was the night of all nights. We rode about 150 kilometers in a cramped position, with no sleep and no breakfast or supper. We unloaded from the truck, ate one meal, dinner, such as it was, and pulled out that night, hiking. We hiked all night and along about daybreak we camped in a wood. We stayed there the next night in our pup tents and lay and listened at the rain playing taps on our shelter halves. It was an awful night, but we managed to live through it. We stayed in the wood two days and were fed up pretty fair. We then hiked up to the lines and relieved another outfit. This was on the Argonne front. We lay in our holes like rats, coming out only at night, for three days and during the third night we moved up and went over the top at 5:45 on the morning of October 4. I made it through that day somehow, but the next day I got it. My battalion was relieved the night of the 4th and came back to regimental headquarters. I asked for permission to go back to the kitchen to get some smoking tobacco. I made it O. K., got the tobacco and was almost back to the line. I was going across an open place when the Fritzies saw me and began to ship me a package. A gas shell hit about fifteen feet in front of us and caught me and a companion napping. I suppose you want to know what happened. Well, I'll keep it and tell it in person on my birthday, Feb. 11.

The Farmers' Loan Association will meet at the court house Tuesday, Jan. 14. This is their annual meeting and the association will elect its directors and officers at that meeting. This association is doing a great work for the farmers of the state.

### GIVES DEFINITION OF POWER

Being a Description of That Which Knows No Variableness, Nor Shadow of Turning.

Power was the beginning. It dates back to the sun. Always it has been twofold. Alternately it is repose and effort, alternately growth and birth, and always progress. Emerson Hough writes in Pictorial Review.

Readiness and action in one, it is both, it is neither, it is either. The man-made motor of power purrs gently on the level, but, opposed by the activity, it summons itself, rouses and roars alike its protest and its plea.

The God-made river is power, endless and renewed, dating back to unceasing snows on eternal and unchanging hills.

At times, it is silent, and at times tempestuous when opposed. Always it is progress.

No power ever was or ever can be lost. It goes from the primal unit, into the Monad, and it endures, twofold. There is no divorce in the union of power. The woman mated to the man really strong never leaves him, never ceases to entwine her arms about his neck.

It is the strong who give courage and who offer faith, the weak who are loose lipped and unending.

In the monogamy of purpose there is no wavering. The lion and the eagle are strong; the rabbit and the guinea pig are weak.

Power is the law. We love it in its calm, fear it in its wrath. Our arms never cease to embrace it, our souls never cease to implore it.

Rightfully we reverence it, rightfully do more than admire it. It is law itself, twofold—progress and birth, twofold.

It is the ancient of days, knowing no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

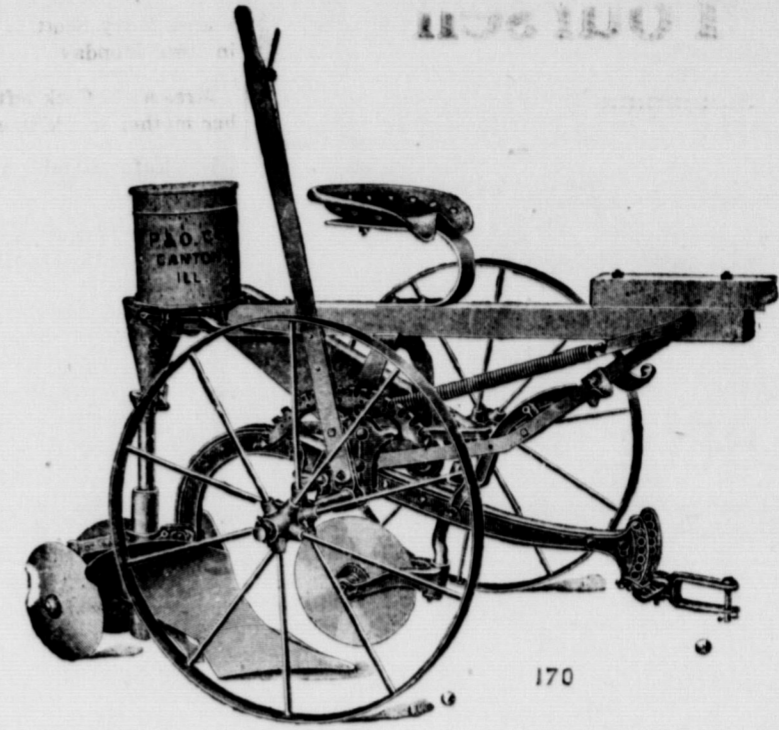
It is the law. It is life!

### LET SIGNATURE BE PLAIN

Mr. Blinkinton Has Many Reasons for Advising Young Men to Acquire the Habit of Legibility.

"I like a man who writes a legible hand," said Mr. Blinkinton, "and I should be inclined to trust a man who wrote his signature so plainly that it was unmistakably clear in each and every letter."

"The best letter of recommendation that I could receive for a young man would be one written by himself in which each and every word, including his signature, was absolutely legible and clear, the signature being of especial importance. An older man might, perhaps be pardoned for sur-



Plow early, prepare your land well, and with this good season you can't help but make a good crop.

Here are just a few points about the new No. 111 P. & O. Lister. You know there never has been anything that would handle the dirt like it does. Then, with the concave wheels, long bearings, adjustable wheels and a one drop planter, but if you don't like a one seed drop, we can give you the regular style drop. What more could you ask?

Price is \$90.00 on time, \$85.00 cash

## M. S. Henry & Company

Successors to  
Allee-Henry & Company

### BEDOUINS AND THEIR HORSES

Nomads of the Desert Ride the Most Beautiful Animals Ever Subjugated by Man.

Charles Doughty describes a meeting with some Arab horsemen in the desert. These came near; they approached his party and proved to be three long-haired Bedouins, who bid them salamu (peace). Then he tells of how "a fourth shock-haired cyclops of the desert, whom the fleetness of their mares had outstripped, trotted in after them, uncouthly seated upon the rawbone, narrow withers of his dromedary, without saddle, without bridle, and only as a herdsman driving with his voice and the camel-stick. His fellows rode with naked legs and unshod upon their beautiful mares' bare backs, the halter in one hand, and the long balanced lance, wavering upon the shoulder, in the other. We should think them sprawling riders; for a boast or warlike exercise, in the presence of our armed company, they let us view how fairly they could ride a career and turn; striking back heels, and seated low with pressed thighs, they parted at a hand gallop, made a tourney or two easily upon the plain; and now wheeling wide, they betook themselves down in the desert, every man bearing and handling his spears as at point . . . so fetching a compass and we marching, they a little out of breath came gallantly again. Under the most ragged of these riders was a very perfect young and startling chestnut mare—so shapely there are few among them. Never combed by her rude master, but all shining, beautiful and gentle of herself, she seemed a darling life upon that savage soil not worthy of her gracious pasterns; the strutting tail flowed down even to the ground, and the mane (orfa) was shed by the loving nurture of her mother nature."

The Star-Telegram until December 1st and the Foard County News for one year for \$6.00.

### Courtesy a Business Asset.

Courtesy is the life of trade. To be sure you must have the goods, but courtesy helps to sell them. A certain big establishment has a man whose chief business is to meet people and make them feel at home. He has a pleasant post a short distance from the door and it's his business to see every one that comes in. He has a handshake and a smile for everybody. When people come in that do not seem to know where they want to go he talks with them and learns their needs and sees that they get in touch with the proper clerks. The crowd buys there because it is made to feel that the store is interested in them. And they pay less for the goods, too, because they buy in such large quantity that the store can afford to sell at lower rates and still make money. That's the reason it sells more furniture, carpets and general furnishings than all the other stores combined in that town. Courtesy and service is the watchword and they find there's money in it.—Pennsylvania Grit.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

### LET US SHOW YOU The Southern Marble and Stone Co.'s Line of Monuments

They are Texas' largest monument manufacturers and can supply you with any design or quality of either marble or granite you may want. W. O. W. monuments a specialty. All work guaranteed both as to quality and workmanship. J. B. HENDERSON, Agent Crowell, Texas

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Practice Limited to  
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat  
Eyes Accurately Tested for Glasses

## Just Groceries

Groceries is what you buy at this store, the service is thrown in free. We ask no pay for courtesy and as little as we can for Groceries, but you will always get what you buy in that line, both in quality and amount. Then why should we not ask for your trade? We do.

## Crowell Gro. Co.

Successors to Ellis & Lanier.

## Ask Yourself

if your work shows an accumulating bank balance—some net profits for the year.

If not, a bank account during 1919 will analyze, audit and systematize your affairs.

We solicit your account, built with this idea in view—regardless how small the beginning.

**"Let Our Bank Be Your Bank"**

## The Bank of Crowell

(UNINCORPORATED)

County Depository. Let Our Bank Be Your Bank. Crowell, Texas

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

**Overlands—B. W. Self.**  
Mrs. Ed. Taylor died at Margaret Wednesday.  
Hides bought at the City Meat Market.  
Mrs. H. T. Cross returned Monday from Quanah.  
Dressed chickens, candy and cakes at post office building Saturday, Jan. 11.  
Monthly installments will pay for installing electric lights.—D. P. Yoder.  
W. C. Perry and daughter, Mrs. W. O. Brown, left Wednesday for Wichita Falls.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moncus left Wednesday for Harlingen, Texas, where they expect to make their future home.  
Found—A pastboard box containing men's and women's clothing. Call at News office and pay for this ad and get clothing.

Candy and bakery sale at Postoffice Saturday.  
Mrs. M. O'Connell went to Margaret Wednesday.  
Sell your hides to the City Meat Market. Highest prices paid.  
Dr. McCrary was here this week from Hamlin looking after his patients.  
Miss Lois Taggart left Thursday for Denton to resume her studies at the C. I. A.  
See the City Meat Market when you want to sell your hides. Highest market price paid.  
Mrs. Ben Winingham is here this week from Wichita Falls visiting the Applegate family.  
Use electric lights, the safest, brightest and cleanest light obtainable.—D. P. Yoder.  
J. C. Thompson has returned from his work in connection with surveying on the Orient. He says the weather has been too bad to do any work lately.

Fire Insurance.—B. W. Self.  
Miss Leona Young left Sunday for Dallas.  
Miss Mary Scott of Good Creek was in town Monday.  
Mrs. A. L. Cock left Sunday to visit her mother in Oklahoma.  
Mr. Rufus Gamble and Miss Beulah Hollis were married Tuesday.  
Mrs. R. L. McCormick left Monday for Fort Worth where she will visit relatives.  
Mrs. J. D. Leeper returned yesterday from a visit with her mother at Farmersville.  
The Ever-Ready storage battery is guaranteed to last 18 months. For sale by D. P. Yoder.  
Archie Williams has returned to Crowell to make this his home. He will farm on the S. J. Long place this year.  
Mrs. Henry McLarty and sister, Miss Daisy Campbell, left yesterday for their homes in Lubbock and McLean.  
Ab Miller was here this week from Clarendon looking after his farming interests in the eastern part of the county.  
Dr. Schindler went over to Vernon last Saturday to visit his brother who is very sick. He returned the first of the week.  
Mrs. F. E. Shornick from Clarimore, Okla., came in Monday on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Frank Ferguson.  
Rev. J. H. Hamblen was called to Grand Saline, Texas, the first of the week on account of his brother, Ben, being seriously ill.  
C. A. McLarty of Rayland was here Tuesday and Wednesday. He says the epidemic has about subsided in that part of the county.  
Dr. J. M. Hill visited patients at Margaret Sunday afternoon, going over on the passenger train and returning on a freight.  
Bro. Holmes was here yesterday afternoon and night from Vernon to assist the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to confer degrees.  
Mrs. Pearl Carter is helping in the Tax Collector's office. The people are very busy now paying their taxes and the collecting force is worked to its capacity.  
Senator W. S. Bell left Tuesday afternoon in his car for Austin. He stopped over in Vernon Tuesday night to attend a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce.

# Our Store

This space belongs to the Self Dry Goods Company for the year 1919, and we shall endeavor to have something of interest for you each week, and we trust that by reading our ads you will be benefitted as well as ourselves.

This year we will strive to make our store a place where you will like to trade and we hope to please in every instance.

We solicit YOUR TRADE for the year nineteen nineteen.

## Self Dry Goods Co.

A boy has arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allan Beverly.  
L. K. Johnson was here this week from Vernon looking after his cattle.  
A new girl arrived recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reynolds.  
If you want your storage battery repaired and the work guaranteed see D. P. Yoder.  
Buy your Sunday dinner from the Methodist ladies Saturday at Post office building.  
Don Watson came in Saturday from Normangee, Texas, and will be assistant postmaster.  
Time and money saved by having broken castings, auto frames, etc., welded by D. P. Yoder.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Smallwood left Sunday for Matador where they will make their future home.  
Mrs. W. R. Womack returned Saturday from Moran where she had been to see her mother who has been very ill.  
Mrs. Flora Motsinger left Tuesday for her home in Atlanta, Ga., after several weeks' visit with her brother, E. Swain.  
Thomas Hughston left Monday for Dallas after several days' visit with relatives here. Thomas is working for the Collins Drug Co. in Dallas.  
Mrs. W. B. Carter and little daughter of Fort Worth are here visiting Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mitchell, and other relatives.  
H. L. Hlavaty was in the News office Monday morning. He had just come in from Camp Mabry and will farm this year. He is a son of L. Hlavaty of the Margaret community.  
Charlie Patton and mother, Mrs. Ann Patton, came in the latter part of last week from Fort Worth. Mrs. Patton will remain here while Charlie will return to Fort Worth soon.  
The 4th Lyceum No. at the opera house Wednesday evening was greeted by a large and appreciative audience. It was the Orpheus Four, male quartet, and these gentlemen rendered a miscellaneous program that could not be excelled. Many people said it was as good male quartet as they ever heard. The second and third Lyceum Nos. were postponed on account of the influenza epidemic but will probably be here later.

### The

## First State Bank of Crowell

Capital and Surplus  
**\$50,000.00**

*The Bank That Appreciates Your Business*

R. R. Waldrop, President      J. W. Allison, V. Pres.  
M. L. Hughston, A. Cash.      J. H. Self, Vice Pres.

# Start Right

One writer has said, "Know you are right and go ahead."

Perhaps one can't absolutely always KNOW when he is right, but he may usually know. In the matter of selecting your trading places you can know when you are right. We offer you such a place for the purchase of drugs and if you select this store as such you will make no mistake.

Start the New Year right, keep right and go ahead and you can't make a mistake. You will find everything you need in the drug line at our store.

### Prescriptions

Carefully filled

## The Owl Drug Store

T. P. REEDER, Proprietor

# Look Out!

## Danger!

The danger is that you are liable to overlook opportunity. You know it is said to knock at the door but once, but really opportunity may knock many times. But you notice there is that "may" stuck in, and wherever you see it there is an element of doubt. This opportunity may not come again, so the "danger" signal is hoisted that you may play safe. To make a long story short, we are making you the best clubbing offer perhaps that you will ever get, certainly the best for this year.

### The Star-Telegram

DAILY AND SUNDAY

Until December 1, 1919,

and

### The Foard County News

One Year for

# \$6.00

That is the opportunity that knocks. When this offer goes off the two papers for the same time will cost \$8.25. Subscribe at the News office while this offer lasts and you will

## Save \$2.25

# The News

#### ISLAND KEEPS SECRET WELL

Many Have Sought Pirates' Treasure but Nobody Has Yet Reported Any Success.

Ships that cruise in the Pacific off Costa Rica, often sight the forested hill of Cocos island, whereupon are called forth tales of buried treasure and pirate booty guaranteed to make the hearer eager to seize a trusty shovel, land on the island and dig.

Except for the glamour of buccaner adventure, the island is not unusual. It is a typical island of the tropics, heavily wooded with the coconut palms, which gives it its name. Its isolation and lack of inhabitants made it a favorable port for lawless crews of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, who found it a convenient place to hide occasionally a few kettfuls of pieces of eight and bars of silver and gold.

There are so many traditions about the pirates who have used this island for a treasure vault that authorities on the ways of pirates agree that some of them must be true. This verdict has been the ruin of many a staid citizen, who has sunk time and fortune into a wild scheme of treasure hunting.

Cocos island does not encourage treasure hunting. The hermit to whom the Costa Rican government has granted the rights of the island is after the gold himself and consequently does not approve of other explorers. But there is always some mysterious project on hand. The types of the excavators vary from the man who digs only on a dark night and under a dead tree to the matter of fact person, who takes with him the most up-to-date machinery and a gang of laborers. Cocos island does not give up its prize easily. The old buccaners would grin with delight if they could see the adventurers who set out so bravely on their quest and who leave the island with their desire for digging quite satisfied.

#### MADE FRANCE GREAT POWER

History Has Accorded Cardinal Richelieu High Place Among Eminent Statesmen of the World.

Passing through many vicissitudes, Armand Jean du Plessis, cardinal and afterward chief minister of state, the real head of France in everything but name, retained that position until his death, September 5, 1642. The king trusted him implicitly, though he never liked him personally, and was always restive under the mastery of the great mind. Richelieu's policy was directed toward a unified system of administration in France, and in foreign affairs his chief aim was to humble the power of the Austrian and Spanish Hapsburgs. He was instrumental in bringing Gustavus Adolphus into Germany, and during the last of the Thirty Years' war France was an active ally of the Protestant cause in the field. A conspiracy headed by the queen mother reached a crisis in 1630, when Richelieu almost gave up the struggle. The king refused him an audience, but the cardinal finally succeeded in seeing him and convincing the king that he (the cardinal) was necessary to France, and irrevocably fixing his ascendancy. The day became known, from the discomfiture of the conspirators, as the day of Dupes. By a succession of vigorous and effective measures, he succeeded in breaking down the political power of the great families of France and making the king the absolute ruler.

#### Partners in Joys and Sorrows.

A writer says in the American Magazine: "It is a good phrase we have for describing women, 'partners of our joys and sorrows.' I know not how it may be with other men, but it is thus with me; in the regular routine of life, when nothing much is happening, when the days go by one after the other filled with their monotonous rounds of duties, I can, if necessary, exist for long periods without the company of women. In such days and weeks they are sometimes, to be sure, a pleasing distraction; but they are not food and drink and shelter. I can, if need be, survive. But let success break through the monotony of the daily grind; and I must have a woman to share it, half its sweetness is lost otherwise. And failure without their God-given character and unquenchable optimism is utterly intolerable. I say I know not how it may be with other men, but it is thus with me."

#### Sign of "Village Full."

Most of us have seen the legend "House full," and some of us, occasionally, have come across "Church full" at certain services, like the Passion music at St. Paul's cathedral, but probably few have happened on a similar notice referring to a town or village. Yet this summer such was to be seen in a village near a certain south coast watering place.

It was displayed in the orthodox way, upon a board leaning, exactly in the metropolitan manner, negligently against the local estate office, which is also the post office and tea garden, and it informed the would-be entrant that the village was full and that there would be no vacancies—i. e., vacant rooms—before September. — London Mail.

#### Judge Wants to Know.

"Your wife says you have her terrorized."  
"Honest, judge—"  
"I do not ask you this in my official capacity, but as man to man. Do you understand?"  
"Yes, your honor."  
"What's your secret?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## We Want Your Trade

We appreciate the business you gave us last year but we didn't make enough to justify retirement, so we are still after you. We believe you appreciate an invitation to trade with us and we know we appreciate your business, big or little. And now as we are going into what promises to be one of the most prosperous years of the country's history we naturally expect unusual building activities.

If course you'll need all kinds of building material, so our invitation is extended to you to make this your buying place. Let us know your wants.

### Herring-Showers Lumber Co.

Successors to  
C. T. HERRING LUMBER CO.  
R. J. ROBERTS, Manager

# \$2.25

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## Foard County News

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## Semi-Weekly Dallas News

Subscribe at the office of  
The Foard County News

## Feed and Hay

When you want Feed of any kind you will find it at this store.

Our motto is to give every one a square deal. Our prices are as low as the lowest and our service as good as the best. Call for anything in the Feed line, corn, corn chops, maize, maize chops, meal, hull, etc., and the best of hay.

A. L. JOHNSON Phone 159

Hot and Cold Baths

First Class Shines

### The City Shaving Parlor

An Up-to-Date Shop  
In Every Particular

C. T. SCHLAGAL, Proprietor

#### Following are My Prices on Shoe-repairing:

- Will make pegged boots for.....\$16.00.
  - Sewed boots.....18.00.
  - Will put on men's nailed soles for.....1.00.
  - Men's half soles sewed.....1.25.
  - Ladies' half soles nailed......75.
  - Ladies' sewed half soles.....1.00.
  - Rubber heels......50
  - Repairing leather heels......25 to .50
  - New leather heels......1.00
  - Patching from......15 to .35
- Part of your business solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed or work done over.

Yours for trade,

J. W. DUNCAN, Back of First State Bank

## Telegram & News \$6

# PRINCE ALBERT

The national joy smoke



SAY, you'll have a streak of smokeluck that'll put pep-in-your-smokemotor, all right, if you'll ring-in with a jimmy pipe or cigarette papers and nail some Prince Albert for packing!

Just between ourselves, you never will wise-up to high-spot-smoke-joy until you can call a pipe by its first name, then, to hit the peak-of-pleasure you land square on that two-fisted-man-tobacco, Prince Albert!

Well, sir, you'll be so all-fired happy you'll want to get a photograph of yourself breezing up the pike with your smokethrottle wide open! Talk about smoke-sport! Quality makes Prince Albert so

appealing all along the smoke line. Men who never before could smoke a pipe and men who've smoked pipes for years all testify to the delight it hands out! P. A. can't bite or parch! Both are cut out by our exclusive patented process!

Right now while the going's good you get out your old jimmy pipe, or the papers and land on some P. A. for what ails your particular smokappetite!

You buy Prince Albert everywhere tobacco is sold. Tippy red lines, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tin humidors—and that class, practical pound crystal glass humidors with sponge masticator top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.



CRIMP CUT LONG ROBUST TASTE AND CIGARETTE TOBACCO

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### Thalia Items

Everett Haney came in Friday from the training camp.

1919 enters cold. The ground covered with ice and snow.

Uncle Cale Jobe was in the city Saturday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Leslie a fine 12 1-2 pound boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Roberts gave a party to their young friends Thursday night.

The young people spent a while at the party at Ed Shannon's Monday night.

All report a splendid time at the party given by Miss Belle Abston Friday night.

Owing to the snow and mud there was no Christmas tree here this Christmas.

Mrs. J. F. Long who has been sick for several days is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe French entertained their relatives with a turkey dinner Christmas day.

Bud Moore was here from Electric Saturday. He has been at work there for some time.

Fred Rennels and family of the Rayland community visited relatives here this week.

The young people enjoyed themselves at the party at Fred Brown's Wednesday night.

Mrs. Winnie Jones and baby of Vernon are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Dr. Maine returned home with his son, Fred, who has been sick at the Peacock Military Academy.

Miss Emma Woods entertained Thursday night with a party in honor of her Uncle Charlie Woods.

Misses Ethel Neill, Myrtle Johnson

and Sue Thompson took dinner with Miss Bessie Kenny Christmas day.

Miss Edna Shaw gave her friends a party Saturday night. All thanked her for the nice time she showed them.

Mr. Latham and wife of Cottle County have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jim Meason and family.

Sue and John Thompson have returned to school at Vernon after having spent the holidays with their parents.

Jim Cates has received his discharge from the U. S. Army and he and his sister, Miss Pet Cates, visited relatives here this week.

Old Santa, not knowing that they did not get the Christmas tree up, drove over to Brother Pierson's and knocked on the door. Imagine the surprise when the brother opened the door and found boxes filled with good things for the preacher and family and that Santa Claus had driven away in high glee.

By request the News is publishing the following article taken from the McKinney Democrat-Gazette containing an account of the death of Mrs. F. E. Roberts, who is known by some of the people of the Thalia country. She was reared with Mrs. J. G. Thompson. The article follows:

Mrs. Frank E. Roberts, aged 59 years, died Wednesday night in a sanitarium at Sherman. The deceased lady was formerly Miss Mattie Beard and was reared in the Stiff Chapel community, seven miles northeast of McKinney. She was a daughter of Sam Beard, an old settler of that section of our county, who, in the latter years of his life, moved to Van Alstyne where he died. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Frank E. Roberts, who died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alice Wilson, on North Church street in McKinney on January 4, 1917. Mr. Roberts was also a

brother of Mrs. C. R. Scott of this city. Mr. Roberts was also reared in the Stiff Chapel community, where he and his wife were married.

The deceased is survived by the following children: Mrs. Walter Pitts of Altus, Okla., Mrs. Frank Douglas of Van Alstyne, Jack Roberts of Celina, Mrs. Jewel Wheeler of Riverby, Fannin County, Willie Roberts of Sherman and Garnett, 18 years of age, who is the only child living at the home of his mother in Sherman. W. A. Haroldson, a veteran Princeton citizen, married the deceased's oldest daughter, Miss Maggie Beard, long since deceased. The deceased was the only surviving member of her family. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. James W. McKinney and Mrs. C. R. Scott both of this city, and Mrs. Alice Wilson, now of San Angelo, Texas. Deceased was a member of the Christian church and was buried at Sherman by the side of her husband, whose remains were shipped to that city for burial, where they made their home for the last eight or ten years of their lives. The deceased lady and her husband lived many years in this county, then moving to Van Alstyne where Mr. Roberts was prominent in business circles for several years before moving to Sherman. Jack Roberts, son of the deceased, living at Celina, passed through McKinney Thursday en route to Sherman to attend his mother's funeral and burial.

### Ayersville News

The Ayersville school started Jan. 6th.

J. H. Ayers made a trip to Vernon Monday.

Mrs. Pauley spent the week with relatives at Snyder.

Mr. Stoke has moved his family to the Jim Gafford place.

Millard Phillips and wife spent Thursday night in Crowell.

Roy Ayers left Monday for Burkburnett where he will work.

Carl Lindsey and wife spent Sunday at the Gordon Davis home.

O. W. Driver of Benjamin was here Sunday looking after business.

John Short and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Mattie Ivie of Margaret.

C. J. Smith who has been working at Burkburnett returned home this week.

Will Gamble and wife spent Sunday at the home of J. R. Gamble near Crowell.

J. R. B. Fox and J. W. Beaty made an examination of the phone line Monday.

Walter Rector and wife visited Friday and Saturday with relatives near Rayland.

All those who have been suffering with the "flu" in this community are improving.

Mrs. Mattie Ivie of Margaret spent from Friday until Sunday in the J. L. Short home.

Charlie and William Blevins and their families spent Sunday at the Henry Blevins home.

H. M. Ferrin and wife and Walter Rector and wife spent Wednesday at the J. R. B. Fox home.

Mrs. C. E. Flowers and Mrs. N. J. Shumate and children spent Sunday at the Roy Shumate home.

Henry Blevins and family and William Blevins and family spent Wednesday at the Charlie Blevins home.

Fank Gamble and family who have been visiting at the Sim Gamble home returned to their home at Burkburnett Thursday.

Reporter.

### Vivian News

Irene Foster made a trip to Quanah Tuesday.

J. B. Easley is transacting business in Crowell.

Lem Davidson returned Wednesday from Paducah.

J. G. Benham made a business trip to Crowell Saturday.

Bob Howell and family are visiting relatives in Paducah.

R. S. Haskey and Frank Turner were in Crowell Friday.

Miss Otis Benham returned to her school at Foard City Sunday.

Tom Patton came to his ranch Monday, after a visit with his family in Crowell.

Tom Johnson and family spent the first of the week with relatives in Crowell.

Miss Lula Bowley spent the latter part of the week with Miss Eva Hallmark in Crowell.

Mrs. Allen Fish and children spent the holidays with her father, J. W. Klepper, in Crowell.

I. D. Harris and son, Joe, and Aaron Nelson have gone to Wellington to bring Mr. Harris' cattle home.

The Vivian and Fish schools re-opened Monday morning after having been closed on account of the teachers having the "flu."

Oscar Fish and wife went to Crowell

## Announcement

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In re-opening my confectionery, I wish to say that when I was notified by the local board some months ago to be ready to answer a call to go into the training camp at any time, I disposed of my business and prepared to go. But not having been called, and peace having come and being released from duty I am opening up my confectionery business again and respectfully solicit your patronage. I am in the building recently vacated by Ellis & Lanier next door to Opera House, and will have a first-class confectionery and will handle everything in that line. Your business was very much appreciated before, as it will be now. My motto is, "Service and Quality." Conditions will force me to a strictly cash plan, but it will be made mutually profitable. There has been an opinion among some that there would be a restaurant in the rear of the building, but I want to assure the public that there will be no restaurant as long as I run a confectionery.

You are invited to call and see me.

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## T. F. HILL

Saturday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fish's aunt, Miss Rosa Byrd. Oscar returned Monday, while Mrs. Fish will spend a few days with her parents.

A Reader.

### FROM CAMP TRAVIS

No men of the 18th, or Cactus Division, or usual Camp units, such as Quartermasters Corps, Utilities, Base Hospital, etc., stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, are being discharged from the service at this time. This statement comes from headquarters of the Camp owing to the fact that hundreds of letters are being received by the Commanding General seeking release of soldiers.

The false impression appears to have spread that the army was to

immediately demobilized following the signing of the Armistice. It is not the intention of the War Department to include men serving in Divisions from the 8th to 20th, inclusive, in the general demobilization plans. These soldiers, and those of the Camp Units, it is pointed out, have as important duties to perform as those in Pershing's Army of Occupation in Germany.

About 11,000 soldiers at Camp Travis have been discharged to date, but these are nearly all from the 165th Depot Brigade, Independent Medical Units and Casuals, arriving from overseas. Men in the Division and the Camp Units mentioned are likely to have several months service ahead of them.

# An Engine for Sale

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Insurance rates have made it necessary that we discard gasoline power, so we have just installed another motor, which does away with our engine. This engine is now for sale. It is a 4-horse Fuller & Johnson and is in good condition. Has never given any trouble. It is offered at a bargain for cash. See it at the News office.

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## FOARD COUNTY NEWS

**MR. Tonight Tomorrow feel Right Get a 25 Box**

WILKINSON BROS., Druggists

We are pleased to meet you at the  
**Crowell Barber Shop**  
First door south of Post Office  
Bruce & Wallace, Proprietors

## Let Us Help You Save

Those who made this store their trading place for Groceries last year know that it pays to save the little on each item. In the end this amounts to dollars. We are anxious to help others save and therefore invite you to become a customer. You will be surprised at the saving for a year. Start today:

## Edwards & Allison

The People's Cash Grocery Store  
FRANK CREWS, Mgr.

### Ayersville News

The sick in this community are all improving.

Ula Broadus spent the week at the Will Broadus home.

T. J. Priest spent Monday at the Temp. Fletcher home.

Jessie Rector spent Saturday night with her brother, Walter.

Mrs. Gordon Davis spent Monday at the Carol Lindsay home.

Charlie Blevis and family spent Sunday at the Joe Orr home.

V. A. McGinnis and wife spent Sunday at the E. W. Burrow home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rector spent Sunday with Mr. Rector's parents.

Henry Blevis and family spent Monday at the Charlie Blevis home.

C. A. Stokes who has been back in Bosque County on business returned home January 7th.

Robert Webb from near Quanah

has been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. A. Stokes, the past week.

Henry Blevis and family, Charlie Blevis and family spent Wednesday at the William Blevis home.

Mrs. Jeff Bruce who has been visiting relatives at Nocona returned to Ayersville Saturday, her school-starting Monday.

Mrs. D. G. Pauley has been visiting with her parents near Snyder, Okla., for some time. D. G. has been working at the Rayland gin.

The family of C. A. Stokes are now members of the Ayersville community, having recently moved on the Gafford farm here and are from the Black neighborhood.

**Foard City Items**  
F. R. Lefevre went to Crowell Tuesday.

C. C. Fox and U. C. Rader went to Crowell Monday.

The I. O. O. F. will meet Saturday

### CASE ATTRACTED WIDE ATTENTION

Gained Thirty Pounds on Tanlac and Feels Like a Brand New Man All Over Now He Declares.

"I feel like a brand new man all over and have gained thirty pounds in weight besides since I started taking Tanlac," said Levi Thomas, an employe of the Chattanooga Furniture Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

"I was frail and puny looking from years of suffering with stomach trouble. I had lost weight and strength until I was as weak as a kitten. Everything I ate gave me hours of misery and I tried so many medicines without getting relief that I had begun to think I'd never be well again. I was so nervous and rundown that the least exertion would tire me out completely.

"It may seem wonderful, but before I had finished my second bottle of Tanlac I was feeling like my oldtime self again and I began to build up. I now weigh a hundred and eighty-five pounds, can eat like a farmhand and feel strong and fit for any kind of work and am gaining every day. My improvement is the talk of everybody who knows me."

Tanlac is sold in Crowell by the Owl Drug Store and in Thalia by Long Bros.

Barney Lefevre is absent from home and is working for J. W. Wishon near Crowell.

Uncle Ben Meason was visiting in Crowell several days last week among relatives.

E. Day and wife from Big Springs are here visiting Mr. Day's sister, Mrs. Glover.

Vern and Crawford Pool were visitors of K. B. Pool of Crowell last Saturday and Sunday.

night if possible. It will be a business meeting and every member should be present.

Mr. Glasscox has returned home again after being away several months picking cotton.

Owen Rader came in Tuesday night from Clarendon where he has been for several months working.

Mrs. Lester and Frank Owensby have been mighty sick with the influenza but are getting along nicely now.

I wish to correct a mistake made last week. Mr. Halbert is not living in the city. It was his sister, Miss Rundal, and his little son who moved nearer to school for the winter.

Miss Effie Honeycutt was called home last week from Jacksboro, Texas, where she was visiting relatives, on account of her mother being so seriously ill. She arrived at Foard City last Thursday at 1:07 o'clock.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owensby last Friday, Dec. 3rd about 12 o'clock and carried away their precious baby. It was born the 15th day of November, being six weeks old at the time of its death caused from pneumonia. It has gone who seemed so great. It has advanced

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### LAND BEAUTIFUL IN SUMMER

Wild Luxury of Siberian Verdure Cannot Be Surpassed Even in the Tropics.

Political exiles, the severe winter (50 degrees below zero) and the immense stretches of snow, have done much to give a bad impression of Siberia. Siberia is thought of by many as the most dismal and Godforsaken wilderness where bears and cut-throats parade in the placid moonlight. Nothing is unfairer than that.

It is a most beautiful place, the parallel of which you can scarcely find elsewhere. In winter the groves of white birches on the wide stretch of pure snow lit by moonlight is a scene most holy and sublime. And the lake of Baikal, with its depth of 6,000 feet, the severest of winters can never deprive of warmth. The River Selenga that flows out of it never freezes and the water is pure as crystal.

But the most glorious season is certainly summer, says a writer in the New East. Summer is early in Siberia. In late June the whole verdure blooms out in wild luxury, and for

thousands of miles the plain is covered with a glorious carpet of wild flowers—yellow, crimson, purple and what not. I have never seen the equal in the world. The tropics cannot beat it; the cherries of Yoshino, never!

### Dress Up, Sir.

There is a clever young bookkeeper in Los Angeles who is nearly always out of work because of the fact that he is slovenly in his dress. His contention is that "a man should be judged by what he is and what he does rather than by what he wears." Perhaps he is right, but men are also judged by their "front," "for the apparel oft proclaims the man." If a carpenter goes to ask for employment, taking with him only a hammer and saw instead of a full kit of tools, he is usually taken for a very poor carpenter—and, as a rule, he is. To the office man, the actor, the newspaper man and any other worker who is compelled to meet the public in his daily occupation good clothes are essential in securing a position and in keeping it. The young man who does not know this has not learned the A B C of success.—Los Angeles Times.

### When Sporting Editor Fainted.

It was at a ball game between Chicago and Pittsburgh. The score was

tied, two men were out, a runner was on third, and Hans Wagner was at bat. The crowd was too excited to be noisy. A sporting editor had taken his neighbor to the game. The neighbor was not a fan, but he had succumbed to the delights of "traveling on a pass," and was having a real, genuine, good time. At the moment when there wasn't a heart beating in the bleachers, and the grandstanders were filled with suspense, the sporting editor's neighbor emitted this: "Look Luke! Look at that coke train! Did you ever see one engine pulling so many cars? I'm gonna catch 'em!"

### Concerning the Sneez.

Sneezing was considered unlucky in Wales, but in Europe generally it was deemed lucky, unless overdone. If a man sneezed more than three times it was a sign of bad luck. The Welsh belief in ill luck has prevailed and it is a very general custom among Italians when a person sneezes to say, "God be with you!"

It is curious that among the older generation of East Prussians and Poles a French word is used when anyone sneezes. It is "assez" (enough), meaning that a continuation of the paroxysm would be a sign of catching cold.

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### LETTER FROM ALTON ANDREWS TO PROF. T. A. TAGGART

Orleans, France, December 12, 1918. Dear Mr. Taggart.

Your good letter came yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you. I have been in the hospital two months and haven't had a word from any one. Before I left the Company I got mail pretty regularly, but now if I get a letter or two every two months I think I am doing fine. When I was in the States I used to look forward to pay day, but here it's the mail from my parents and friends that I appreciate most, and without which life would be miserable.

On the fifth of October the Thirty-Sixth Division was ordered to the front. We had been back in service about 20 kilometers for several days; so it did not take us long to get there. Our officers had always told us that we were going into a quiet sector but that was all talk; for we were on the Champagne front, one of the toughest sectors from Metz to the sea.

When I heard the first few shells coming naturally I fell to the ground; but it was not long before I could tell from the sound just about where the shells were going to hit. I fared pretty well until the 9th when I was struck by a piece of shrapnel in the muscle of my left leg. My wound is slight as there is no sign of a bone fracture. I am certainly thankful that I got out as light as I did.

The day I was wounded we were advancing across an open field to take up a new position. We were in plain view of the enemy and it was not long before they got our range and then the big shells and machine gun bullets began to come thick and fast. We kept on going as best we could by running

a short distance and then falling to the ground or into a shell hole for fortification. It is certainly a miracle how all of us got through alive; but up to the time I left no one else in my section had been touched. While I was being taken to the field hospital a big shell exploded at one side of the road just simply riddling the ambulance I was in but not a man was even scratched.

I have certainly enjoyed life here in the hospital. We get good treatment and have fine doctors and nurses. We get good eats and do not have anything to do but lie around taking life easy. The Red Cross has helped a great deal to make things pleasant for us. They keep us "broke" fellows pretty well supplied in smokes, candy, gum and reading material. They have free movies or concerts at the Red Cross but every night and men who are able to walk are at liberty to go if they wish. Before this I used to wonder what good the Red Cross was doing, but now I know. So if they should ask me for a donation when I get back they will certainly get it.

I happened to be in town (Orleans) November 11, when the news came that the armistice had been signed. In ten minutes the whole town was decorated with Allied flags. A big parade, consisting of soldiers from all over the world started and it lasted for three days from morning till night. Everybody was happy that day, even the German prisoners who were marched down through town could not help smile a bit.

I am getting anxious to get home, but it may be some months yet before I get there. I expect to be in the hospital for a month yet, so I can not expect to be at home for 90 days, at least. It's a hard matter to keep from

getting homesick; but I am trying to make the best of it. I hope you and I shall be able to have that long talk you spoke of, but at a much earlier date than 1920 or 1921.

Hoping to see you soon and with best wishes to you and your family, I am,

Your friend,

L. A. ANDREWS.

### Not Defenseless.

The tale of little George Washington and the cherry tree is of more than dubious authority; but a mother who recently related it to her small son learned that, if it is to be used for the edification of young Americans it is better, at least, served plain, with no attempt at enhancement or emphasis. She had described young George's enthusiastic felling of the tree with his new implement, and the fateful arrival of his father upon the scene. She pictured Augustine Washington as an elderly, stern and stately parent of the old school, with cocked hat and cane. She proceeded impressively:

"But George could not tell a lie. He told the truth, even though his father stood with the cane in his hand!"

"But," said Jimmy breathlessly, "George had the hatchet, hadn't he?"—Youth's Companion.

**Slept on and Under Feathers.**  
The Dutch colonists in America managed to fight the cold more successfully than any of the other colonists, and it was their custom to have a feather mattress to sleep upon and another to sleep under.

As we are going to press we received 2 of our correspondents' items. It is impossible for us to get the items in unless we receive them by Wednesday. The delay is probably caused by the mail being delayed on account of the bad roads.

### Tommy Atkins, Philologist.

Mr. Thomas Atkins has further enriched the English language with words and phrases. They may not creep into future dictionaries, remarks London Answers, but they will certainly remain as part of the common language of everyday use. "Narpoo," coined by Tommy from the French "il n'y a plus," is now our general expression for "nothing doing."

It is safe to assume that the expression "over the top" will become part of our language, to be used when man must be put to the supreme test.

"Anzac" is another coined word that will remain for all time. A "scrounger" for a forager, "buckshoe" for anything extra in the way of rations, and "conchy" for the shirker, are hardly likely to be forgotten.

### Quarter-Pound Diamond.

One of the world's largest diamonds may come to the United States, as Americans are among those dickerers for that superior quality amber-colored stone. Weighing 42½ carats—about a quarter of a pound—found recently in the Du Toits Pan mine in South Africa. The stone is the most valuable ever found in Griqualand West, although it is not a record as regards weight.

The most famous diamonds in the world are: Cullinan, now called the Star of Africa, part of the British crown jewels, 3,022; Excelsior, 909; Kohinoor, 800; Regent, 410; Orloff, 193, all uncut, and the Great Mogul, 280, cut.

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