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COTTON FARMERS MET TUESDAY

About thirty farmers met in the District Court room Tuesday and with Mr. S. F. Harrill, assistant in cotton marketing, discussed cotton marketing conditions for next season. Mr. Harrill presented the matter of short and long staples from the spinners' viewpoint. He stated that Half and Half and mixed varieties of cotton having a fibre less than seven-eighths inch cannot be used in the manufacture of staple goods and under rulings of U. S. Cotton Futures Act, which are followed by Cotton Exchanges, cannot be used to fill future contracts. Half and Half cotton averages less than four-eighths inch in length and the final grading and sale of this variety is therefore on the basis of "linters" and not on the basis of spinning staple.

"One of the largest firms of cotton buyers in a recent discussion of the Half and Half cotton, stated that positive instructions had been issued to their men on the road that, 'we will reject cotton known as Half and Half as we cannot use it at any price.' It was further stated that any bales of this grade which occurred in lots purchased by their men would be charged against the personal account of such men. The buyers are therefore careful to avoid such low grade cotton.

"With a short crop, due to storm damage, weevil and drought in the cotton belt, it has been possible for buyers to get rid of the undesirable grade with little personal loss, since the manufacture of explosives during the four years of war has made an abnormal demand for low grades but with the manufacture of ammunitions practically stopped this grade can only be used for the lower grades of duck, mattress, etc.

"Certain sections of the State are growing the Half and Half cotton in considerable amounts. Cotton grown in these sections is discriminated against in the open market because of the presence of this variety in the crop and this results in added expense and difficulty connected with the disposal of the bales of mixed or Half and Half cotton. Buyers have been withdrawn the purchasing firm above referred to on a number of important counts in the State because of the increasing proportions of the low grade cotton offered in these sections. This has reduced the competitive sales for such localities through the loss of one or more of the purchasers ordinarily operating in the same market. This season this may not have been felt in the sale prices of the crop because of the abnormal conditions which absorbed all grades as fast as offered. But with normal conditions this will become appreciable, even this year amounting in some cases to a difference of \$75 per bale.

"Texas at present, enjoys a preferential market for her cotton, as the bulk of the crop is sold to Liverpool and textile centers where the excellent spinning quality of the normal Texas staple is of special value. The introduction of this short and weak staple cotton not only is interfering with normal competitive sales on the local markets, but is creating a reaction against this section on account of the increasing numbers of "mixed" bales in ordinary consignments. The prospective loss with the next few years to Texas cotton growers, through the withdrawal of buyers who require the better grades to fill their orders, has been estimated at several millions of dollars annually."

It seems that it is extremely risky to plant all our crop in the mixed short staple varieties for it is possible that it cannot be sold at any price. It cost very little more to get a staple variety, i. e. 1 and 1-16 to land 1-8 inch which we know will command a premium. At least a part of every cotton farm should be planted to this in order to have a sufficient quantity of high grade, acclimated seed next year.

Mr. Harrill stated that 20 cotton marketing stations would be established in the State, probably one at Vernon, which will grade and market the better grades of cotton at its highest value. Samples may be sent to stations in franked wrappers without cost to farmers and sold on any date specified by him. Due to the lack of demand, however, he said the stations could not be of any service in handling the mixed varieties commonly grown here.

FARMERS RETURN TO SNYDER

Snyder, Texas, Jan. 10.—Returning of people who went away to find work has made it necessary for the school to employ an additional teacher and a second one is to come to the faculty. Practically all tenant farms are now occupied.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF AMERICAN PEACE MISSION



This is the first photograph of the American peace mission, taken in the Hotel Crillon, Paris, where the delegates, except President Wilson, are stopping. Left to right, they are: Col. E. M. House, Secretary Lansing, President Wilson, Henry White and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss.

McADOO'S SUCCESSOR

Washington, Jan. 11.—Walker D. Hines, assistant director general of railroads, has been appointed Director General by President Wilson, succeeding William G. McAdoo, who now retires to private life.

Hines, who was recommended by McAdoo, is an advocate of the latter's plan for five years' continuation of Government and has supported most of the policies of the retiring Director General, with whom he has been associated throughout the last year of Government management.

He is credited with having originated many policies of the Railroad Administration. If Congress does not enact new railroad legislation at an early date, Hines favors returning the roads at once to private management and this is expected to develop into a strongly contested issue within the next month or two.

Announcement of the appointment which does not need to be confirmed by the Senate was made today by McAdoo, while on his vacation at Los Angeles. The appointment was made to the White House by cable from Wilson last night and was telegraphed to McAdoo.

Hines salary will probably be determined by the President. McAdoo divided his time between his duties of Secretary of the Treasury and Director General and received no compensation for the latter office.

As assistant director general, Hines has received \$25,000 a year. There has been much speculation as to what the salary of a new director general would be, some estimates placing it at \$50,000.

When Hines became vice president of the Louisville & National Railroad in 1901, he was just 31 years of age. He is a native of Kentucky. In 1906 he was elected general counsel of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and in 1908 he became chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors of that road. He continued his law practice, however, until his election as chairman of the board of directors in September, 1916. His first connection with the United States Railroad Administration was assistant at the director.

Hines' tenure of the office of director general will depend on the attitude of Congress toward future Federal control of the railroads. Many officials think there is little probability that Congress will approve the proposed five-year extension plan, and unless this is done, both McAdoo and Hines favor the immediate return of the roads to their owners.

Hines inaugurated his administration with a statement saying that with the war over, the Government's duty was to render adequate transportation service at reasonable cost, and calling upon all railroad men to cooperate in accomplishing the task. He said when called before the Senate committee considering railroad legislation, he would endeavor to point out the disadvantages of Government operation for a period of only twenty months after peace and would urge the five-year plan or a quick return of the roads to their owners.

M. F. Meadors has sold his place east of town to John Sallis of Grayson County and has moved to town. He says he is not going to leave Foard County but expects to invest again here. Mr. Sallis and family have already arrived and are now occupying the Meadors farm.

A. J. Cooper is here from Roaring Springs looking after cattle.

THE W. H. M. SOCIETY

The Woman's Home Missionary Society met January 6, for the election of officers and the following ladies were elected to office for the coming year:

Pres., Mrs. M. L. Bird; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Clark; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss E. Purcell; Supt. of Study, Mrs. J. A. Shawver; Supt. of Publicity, Mrs. R. A. Wells; Supt. of Social Service, Mrs. C. W. Thompson; Supt. of Supplies, Mrs. H. E. Ferguson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. S. Henry; Rec. Sec., Mrs. B. F. Ringgold; Local Treas., Mrs. S. S. Bell; Cor. Treas., Mrs. J. A. Wright.

We want to urge every member to be present at the next meeting and to bring some new member with you. We are starting in a new year and by all working together we can make this the greatest year in the history of the society.

A MEMBER.

THE COLUMBIAN CLUB

For the first time since the influenza epidemic the Columbian Club met in regular session Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. N. Vernon welcomed us in her charming way and we were all glad to meet in our study circle again.

After a short business session we went into the study of "The Story of the Panama Canal." With Mrs. Will Bost as leader we followed the story from the time of Columbus' belief in the existence of a waterway across the Isthmus until the completion of the Panama Canal. It may well be said this is the eight wonder of the world and up to the present by far man's greatest work of art.

Mrs. Roberts gave an interesting item from the Geographic Magazine relative to the recent capture of Jerusalem, the country and life and customs of the people.

At the close of our study our hostesses served refreshments. With the sweet strains of music to charm us we enjoyed this treat. A refreshment is what we have not served. Treatments since Hoover asked the nation to economize for the sake of our boys "over there," those in training and for the nation's welfare.

PRESS REPORTER.

THE ADELPHIAN CLUB

On Wednesday, Jan. 8th, Mrs. W. B. McCormick proved herself the "ideal hostess" to the Adelpian Club, as she has done on all previous occasions. A majority of the membership was in attendance.

A study of the first half of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was led by Mrs. John Long; also Dickens' life was discussed by the members and many things were brought out which deeply interested those present who were ardent admirers of Dickens.

After finishing the lesson, the Club was entertained by music from the Edison, and the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Henry McLarty of Lubbock, and Miss Essie Thacker.

The Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15, with Mrs. Sam Bell.

PRESS REPORTER.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The Intermediate League met Sunday at 4 p. m. with Annie Sanders as leader. The following officers were elected:

Annie Sanders, President; Gladys Brian, Vice President; Oheria Hamblen, Sec.; Hattie Eldridge, Treas. The League has been suspended for some time on account of the "flu," but began again last Sunday. Everybody is invited to come.

BRO. HAMBLEN'S BROTHER DIED

Rev. J. H. Hamblen was called to Van Zandt County, near Canton, last week on account of the serious illness of his brother, O. B. Hamblen, who had been stricken down with the influenza and which went into pneumonia. Bro. Hamblen arrived at the home of his brother on Wednesday and his brother died Saturday night following.

A strange co-incidence was that on the same day last year to honor Mr. Hamblen's wife was buried, having become violently ill and dying within a very short while afterwards. Mr. Hamblen was comparatively a young man, being only 36 years of age, and leaves five children.

Bro. Hamblen returned Tuesday and says the epidemic in East Texas is killing a great many people because in that country it is more fatal than in the West.

HOME-MADE CLOTHING

A good many people are yet living who once saw raw materials converted into finished products for home use by the good mother and the girls, but these are becoming scarcer all the while. These finished products consisted of clothing of all kinds, socks, shirts, suspenders, (galluses) for the boys and for dad too, trousers (then called breeches) and coats, whole suits died blue or brown and made all-wool and a yard wide. The raw material was grown on the backs of the small herd of sheep which was kept for family use, consisting of 25 to 100 head. It was sheared from the sheep once or twice a year then cleaned, carded, spun, woven into cloth and then made into garments for the family, such as are above mentioned. Sometimes the women made liney out of which they made their own clothing, and a dress made of liney was a dandy and would last for years.

But what we started to say was that Mrs. Tom Ferguson of this place has made some garments from the wool grown from their own herd and the children are now wearing them to school. These are sweaters and caps. Her mother, Mrs. W. R. Myers, who lives at Truscott, carded and spun the wool and Mrs. Ferguson made the garments herself. She said it took her about three weeks to knit one of these and she thinks they would easily be worth \$25 each. We suspect that those who have made garments from the wool they have grown in West Texas within the last year are very scarce.

HOPES TO COME HOME SOON

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tate received a letter from Robert E. Manari under date of Dec. 10, in which he says he is well and gaining in weight all the time. When he left he weighed 155 pounds, but since that he has added nearly 30 pounds to his weight and now pulls the scales at 180.

He thinks it will not be long before he will get to come home, and he says he is very anxious to start. It is raining there all the time, and of course that becomes mighty tiresome to a West Texas boy who has always been used to an abundance of sunshine.

He says he has not seen many of the Crowell boys since he landed. One of the first was Walter Lloyd. He has seen one or two others. When he saw Lloyd he had been sick but was improving. Robert has not seen a sick day since he went away.

R. W. Self was here the first of the week from Lawton, Okla., to get a car he had left at Quanah the last time he was here on account of the muddy roads.

TRADE AT HOME

The News has always been for the home business establishments, both in preachment and practice, and first and last it has had a good deal to say about trading at home. The News does not wish to tire its readers, however, by continuing to urge people to trade at home, but sometimes it feels impelled to call attention to the necessity of giving the home men more trade.

The home merchant has had a hard time during the last two or three years to stay on his feet. Of course, that has been largely true with us all, but not only has the home merchant tried to keep himself in the field, but he has been interested in helping tide the people over the strenuous times we have had, and has done what he could in most cases to that end, which fact shows his interest in the country at large, and not exclusively in his own business. That is one reason why he should have the patronage of the home buyer.

Another reason is that his goods are as good as you can buy away from home. When you compare his goods and prices with those of the mail-order houses, you will find this true.

Another reason you should trade at home is because by so doing you keep the money at home, at least the profits of your expenditures go to help somebody at home, while when it is sent away, only the foreign business man gets its benefits.

Another reason is that by spending your money at home you are helping to build up home enterprises and increase home wealth and valuations, all of which constitute powerful assets in the development of the home country, from which every one receives direct benefits.

The News calls attention to the ads in its columns, some of which have announced and are announcing the fact that they have bought regular space in the paper in which they will have something to say to the public each week on merchandise. These people are not business experimenters. They have been here for several years and have principals of honest dealings and are therefore worthy of the heartiest patronage of the public. You are not running any risk when you trade with them. They will treat you right and will sell you goods just as "cheap" as you can buy them anywhere.

We believe that in order to make 1919 the greatest year of our history one of the first things we should determine to do is to co-operate with home enterprises. It takes it to make a town. Of course we can buy all the things we use from some foreign outfit, but if everybody did that we would destroy the town and ruin the country. And if we are going to kill the town and sew up the country we just as well quit trying to be anybody and live in dog holes.

A good resolution would be to say that we will make the year the best in our history by joining hands with our friends in a spirit of unselfishness and give at least a part of our thought to interests of the general public.

Let's trade at home, show the other fellow how to boost for our country and we will see old Foard and Crowell coming to the front as never before sooner than the year ends.

AMERICAN TROOPS FIRST TO BREAK HINDENBURG LINE

London, Jan. 8.—American troops were the first to break the Hindenburg line, according to the Daily News in its comment today on the report of Field Marshal Haig on the operations from the end of April last to the close of hostilities. The News points out that at least the first mention of a break through contained in the Field Marshal's report was in the course of his description of the day's work on September 29, in which he wrote:

"North of Bellinnglise, the Thirtieth American Division, Major General E. M. Lewis, having broken through the deep defenses of the Hindenburg line, stormed Bellinnglise and seized Nouroy. On their left the Twenty-Seventh American Division, Major General O'Ryan, met with very heavy enfilading machine gun fire, but pressed on with great gallantry as far as Jouy, where a bitter struggle took place for possession of the village. The fighting on the whole front of the Second American Corps was severe, and in Bellinnglise, Nouroy, Gillemont farm and a number of other points, amid the intricate defenses of the Hindenburg line, strong bodies of the enemy held out with great obstinacy for many hours.

"These points of resistance were gradually overcome, either by the support troops of the American divisions or by the Fifth and Third Australian Divisions."

JOHN H. OWENS WRITES PARENTS

Longayon, France, in Lorraine, November 25, 1918.

Dear father:

As we are allowed to write what we want to today I am writing you a few lines of my journey through France.

Starting in at Liverpool, England, we went to South Hampton and from there we crossed to Le Havre, France, going to Gievres, a big supply depot near Tours. We were there for some three months and then we were issued gas masks and tin "hats," or helmets. Leaving there we went to Gerardmes down near Switzerland, staying on the front there which was very quiet for a month or more. We started on a long hike for St. Mihiel where the big drive of Sept. 12 was made. There we saw some pretty hard times but succeeded in pushing the Huns some ten or twelve kilometers. We stayed in this sector some twenty-five or six days, then we let on another hike for the "very active" front at Verdun and we landed in the Argonne Forest, one of the hottest places on the front. On the 14th of October we went "over the top" with infantry in one of the hardest fights that has been pulled off in France. We sure went through some hardships but succeeded in gaining what we were supposed to. From there I went to the hospital and was there for three weeks. While I was there I missed some more hardships on the Meuse River.

Now we are on our way to Germany, I think so, at least, so I will write to you later and tell you more about it. I am well now and feeling fine, only a little cold.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas.
Your loving son,
JOHN H. OWENS.

BLAKEMORE-THOMASON

Mr. Jas. Emmet Blakemore and Miss Martha Adiline Thomason were quietly married Sunday at 11 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John A. Shawver, Rev. J. B. Henderson performing the ceremony.

Mr. Blakemore is the son of Mr. Blakemore who lives near Foard City. Miss Thomason, as above stated, is the sister of Mrs. J. A. Shawver and has made her home with the Shawver family for many years.

The young couple will make their home near Foard City until summer, when they will go to a land claim in New Mexico. We join their friends in wishing for them a happy married life.

TONS OF SOLDIERS' MAIL IS UNDELIVERED

Washington, Jan. 10.—From eight to ten carloads of mail for American soldiers are undelivered in France, Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger told the Senate Postoffice Committee today, and "thousands and probably millions" of letters addressed to the men overseas will arrive in New York soon to be sent to the dead letter office, where an attempt will be made to return them to the writers.

Blame for the failure to deliver this mail was placed on the War Department by Mr. Praeger, who again explained that the army authorities handle all soldier mail in France, the Postoffice Department delivering outgoing mail at Hoboken and receiving returning mail at the French ports.

Mr. Praeger said one way to improve conditions overseas would be to send a force of experienced mail clerks to France to deliver the mail to the soldiers.

Members of the committee sought to ascertain whether there was any delay at French ports in handling mail coming to this country.

"The trouble does not lie at the ports," declared Mr. Praeger. "It lies in the interior. The mail gets tied up somewhere between army headquarters, censors and the ports."

Mr. Praeger told the committee that one reason for the congestion in the delivery of mail to soldiers was the failure of the War Department to keep up its index system. This same cause, he declared, also was responsible for the department's delay in sending out allotments to soldiers and in reporting casualties.

Another source of delay in delivering mail promptly, he added, was the transferring of units of troops from one port to another, but he said this should cause only a few days' delay, as the mail could readily be forwarded to the moving troops.

Mrs. M. O'Connell has moved to Margaret for the remainder of the winter. M. F. Meadors has sold his farm east of town and will occupy the house Mrs. O'Connell vacated.

about April or May and that it will be larger than either of the other loans. Sell your hides to the City Meat Market. Highest prices paid. Owl Drug Store CROWELL, TEXAS

With the Ending of the War

With the ending of the war has come a great increase in business and with it a return to normal conditions. We are now as efficient as we were before the war—all handicaps having been removed. We are very glad of this and doubtless you are, too. All the orders and work you leave with us will be taken care of and turned out promptly and with the high efficiency of NORMAL TIMES.

Cleaning and Pressing

THE MAGEE TOGGERY

Women!

Here is a message to suffering women, from Mrs. W. T. Price, of Paducah, Ky.: "I suffered with painful..." she writes. "I got down with a weakness in my back and limbs... I felt helpless and discouraged... I had about given up hopes of ever being well again, when a friend insisted I

Take
GARDOL
The Woman's Tonic

I began Gardol, in a short while I saw a marked difference... I grew stronger right along and it cured me. I am stronger than I have been in years. If you suffer, you can appreciate what it means to be strong and well. Thousands of women give Gardol the credit for their good health. It should help you. Try Gardol. At all druggists. E-73

PLAINVIEW POINTERS

(By Special Correspondent)

Bob Hintley has been very sick but is improving.

George Atkins made a trip to Vernon Saturday.

Little Cray Matthews who has been very sick is improving.

Will Wade and wife are the proud parents of a new boy.

Mr. Randolph carried cotton to town one day this week.

Claude Davis and wife have a new red headed boy at their home.

Gordon Davis and family visited at the home of Cap Adkins Sunday.

The Rayland school which has been suspended for some time has started again.

The farmers are very busy gathering their crops since the bad weather ceased.

Mr. Coffman and Eric Wheeler were doing business in Crowell one day last week.

Miss Bessie Simms who has been very sick with influenza died last Thursday morning. Mrs. Simms is survived by a husband and several children, also a host of relatives and friends who extend their sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

Correspondent.

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

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

AYERSVILLE NEWS

(By Special Correspondent)

Bill Marlow is visiting his parents at Dixie.

W. L. Johnson spent Sunday at the Will Gamble home.

Alfred Derrington and family moved to Rayland Monday.

Mack Gamble spent the week with his parents near Crowell.

J. H. Ayers and wife spent Sunday with relatives in Vernon.

Ed Ladd and Joe Orr made a business trip to Vernon Saturday.

W. Retty and family of Knox City left Sunday for their home.

Mrs. C. E. Flowers is spending the week with relatives in Vernon.

O. L. Rector and family spent Sunday at the Walter Rector home.

M. O'Connell and family of Crowell moved to their farm this week.

E. E. Braudus and family spent Sunday with relatives at Rayland.

J. B. R. Fox and wife took dinner at the Temp Fletcher home Sunday.

Greek Davis and wife and Mrs. V. A. McGinnis spent Friday in Vernon.

D. M. Shultz fell from the loft of his barn Sunday and broke three ribs.

Walter Rector and wife are spending the week at the O. L. Rector home near Thalia.

Rufus Gamble and wife left Monday for Burkburnett where they expect to make their home.

Temp Fletcher who has been working at Burkburnett is spending the week with homefolks.

W. H. Minyard, Bill Marlow and Carl Taylor were in Crowell attending to business Saturday.

J. S. Smith and family and Mrs. Mattie Ivis of Margaret spent Sunday at the John Short home.

Tem Fletcher and family who have been living on the Kempf farm moved to Margaret Monday.

Mrs. N. J. Shumate of Rayland has rented the V. A. McGinnis farm for another year and moved Monday.

H. M. Ferrin and wife and Vernon Pyle and family called at the E. W. Burrow home Sunday afternoon.

There is still some very pretty cotton in the fields and the farmers are very busy gathering it this fine weather.

The wheat pastures are fine in this community and the farmers are very glad to see the sunshine so they can pasture their sheen.

Wheeler Lunday and wife of Vernon came to visit in the Ed Ladd home but were phoned shortly after dark that their home was burning down.

Mrs. T. D. Edwards received the sad news Sunday that her brother, Rome Johnston, of Oklahoma had died Saturday night with the "flu." Mrs. Edwards did not go, as she could not get there in time for the funeral.

Reporter.

THALIA ITEMS

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Will Hudgins was shopping here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Swan was in town Monday evening.

Mrs. Will Woods is reported on the sick list this week.

Charley Wisdom went to Crowell on business Tuesday.

Leona Thompson spent the day with Cleo Phillips Sunday.

Tebe Short has been quite sick with the flu, the past week.

Miss Myrtle Johnson visited friends here Tuesday afternoon.

Millard Phillips took two bales of cotton to the gin Monday.

T. A. Johnson and son, Will, were at the gin with cotton Monday.

Miss Bessie Kenney entertained her friends with a party Friday night.

Garland Burns visited his wife and little daughter at Crowell Sunday.

Stephen Kenney sold Walter Banister a good span of mules Saturday.

Walter Banister bought seed corn from Mr. Reeves east of town this week.

Mr. Neill moved from the Garrett place to the place Wood Roberts vacated.

Jim Garrett moved his family from the Long place east of town to his home here.

J. R. Tweak of Krum, Texas, visited his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Bridges last week.

Tinnie Tarver's baby that was oper-

ated on by Dr. Maine is getting along nicely.

Sylvan and Clarence Haney left last Monday for Bowie where they will enter school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Banister and children visited Hugh Thompson and family Sunday.

Tom Cates of the Catesville community visited his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Long, Monday.

Miss Fannie Shultz spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Will Newbrough and family have moved from the Burress farm to the Joe Richter farm.

Mrs. Sam Toll sold Mrs. R. G. Nichols some fine Bagred Plymouth Rock chickens this week.

Grover Nichols, J. G. Thompson and son, Hugh, were transacting business in Crowell Tuesday.

Miss Jewel Davis from Rayland is staying with her Grandmother Davis and going to school here.

W. M. Wisdom and daughter, Miss Fannie, and son, Monta, and family, were in Crowell Saturday.

Sim Gamble and daughter, Mrs. Maud Johnson, of the Ayersville community were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford have been at the bedside of their son, Ben, for the past week who has the flu.

Will Johnson received a letter from his brother, Pvt. Roll Johnson, Monday, saying he was well and hearty.

Grover Nichols and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Jim Simmons and family near Black School House.

The farmers are taking advantage of the pretty spell of weather and are picking their cotton, and the gin has been somewhat crowded.

Mr. Webb moved his family from here to his farm east of town. Wood Roberts moved his family into the house Mr. Webb vacated.

Otto Schroeder, J. G. Thompson, Will Newbrough, Sam Scales, Mr. Henry Mr. Reeves and Charley Wisdom were at the gin Monday with cotton.

Will Hudgins took his brother, Tate Hudgins and family, and Mike Bevers to Vernon Monday where they will take the train for Alfred, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Johnson went to Crowell Tuesday afternoon to meet their son, Capt. Ed. Johnson, who came in on a few days' furlough.

Mrs. J. G. Thompson spent the day Saturday with Mrs. J. Phillips who has been real sick for the past week. We are glad to report her much improved.

J. Phillips had a valuable milk cow sick and called the veterinarian, Dr. Tilk of Vernon, Friday and again Sunday. The cow is reported improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson and daughter, Miss Myrtle, motored to Vernon Friday. After spending the day with their daughter, Mrs. Lee Shultz, they returned home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wisdom, happened to the misfortune of getting her arm broken at the elbow while playing Tuesday. Dr. Maine was called in and set the broken arm and Pauline is resting fine.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard died near the Worley Chapel Sunday morning with the flu, and was buried in the Thalia cemetery Monday afternoon. We extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Widow Baker and children have moved from the Will Johnson farm to W. L. Johnson place in the Ayersville community and Will Johnson is moving his family from town back to his farm.

Dr. Maine took his sons, Jack and Fred, and Horace Lambert to Vernon Friday. Jack will enter school at Bowie, and Fred and Horace will go back to Peacock training school after being out several weeks on account of sickness.

Hugh Thompson took Grandma Lusk to Vernon Monday where she will take the train for Fort Worth to be at the bedside of her granddaughter, Miss Hattie Kemp, who is reported to be very sick with the flu. Hattie is a sister to Mrs. Hugh Thompson.

Little Pauline, oldest daughter of

MARGARET MUSINGS

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Bess Reinhardt is here at the bedside of her mother who has pneumonia.

Bud Preist is here from Electra caring for his people who are all down with the flu, and pneumonia.

Start Right

into the New Year by trading with us, and you will have the satisfaction of trading at a place that always gives satisfaction. Your patronage always appreciated.

Burks & Swaim Garage

More-Mileage Service Station

GATES HALF SOLES will eliminate your tire trouble and increase your mileage. Bring us your worn casings and let us show you.

TEXACO MOTOR OIL goes further.

Let us know your wants and we will save you money.

General Auto Supply Co.

The Margaret school has again closed. It has been running with a very few pupils, but the teachers are now sick and it has closed.

Mrs. Lauretta Magill of Wilburton, Okla., and Mrs. Mary F. Pollock of El Reno, who were here to nurse their mother and sister have returned to their homes.

Our neighborhood is still badly afflicted with influenza. There is scarcely a family that is clear of it and in many instances the whole family is down at once.

Mrs. Sadie Grimm of Guymon, Okla., and Mrs. Monita Taylor of El Reno, Okla., are still here taking care of their mother, Mrs. J. W. Wesley, who is slowly improving.

The war has been a great misfortune and our losses seem terrible but the influenza has beat it in casualties two to one. In the war we had brave soldiers who fought side by side and won the victory. We had slackers who wanted them to win but were afraid to face the enemy. Then we had another class who sympathized with the enemy and did all in their power to obstruct our government in prosecuting the war. We have the same classes of people in the terrible disease that is afflicting our country. One class are wearing themselves out trying to care for the sick. Another class would be glad to have them recover but are too cowardly to go to their assistance and the third class are those who are always in the way when people are sick. Just for curiosity, but they do not bother the flu.

We are called to mourn the loss of our daughter, Mrs. Willie Taylor. She was first afflicted with influenza and had gotten up when her husband and all four of her children came down at once, and in caring for them and exposing herself during the bad weather she contracted pneumonia and after a hard struggle she passed away. She remained conscious until the very last and when passing away she called her husband and each one of her children and bade them good bye. She waved her hand to her father and said by papa and died with a smile as though it was an ordinary good night. She was known and loved by all who knew her and scarcely ever failed to call on her mother each day to see if she could be of any assistance and our hearts bleed to see her four little children who have been left without a mother's care and her sorrowing husband who is left to try and care for them. Surely the ways of Providence are mysterious and past finding out.

FOARD CITY ITEMS

(By Special Correspondent)

Bob Thompson of Knox County was in our community the first of the week.

Misses Myrtle, Ota and Hattie Rader entertained a crowd of girls last Sunday morning.

Miss Faye Barry who is attending school at Crowell spent Saturday night and Sunday at home.

Owen and Grandma Rader spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. J. W. Harris near Crowell.

Mrs. Owen Rader came in Sunday from Clarendon where she and Owen have been for several months.

Miss Leah Jones was a visitor of Misses Inez Sloan and Faye Barry of Crowell the latter part of last week.

Mr. Owens received several letters from his son, Corp. John Owens, recently. He was well and was expecting to get to come home soon.

Mr. Owens has sold his farm and is preparing to leave us. He and family will move to Crowell soon where they will make their home for awhile.

E. Day, who was here visiting his sister, Mrs. Glover, was called to Wichita Falls Saturday night on account of his mother being at the point of death.

Uncle John Stegar of Crowell was a guest of C. C. Fox Saturday night and Sunday. He also was a visitor of the L. O. O. F. Lodge Saturday night. Lodge Saturday night.

We have reorganized the Sunday School since the influenza is about to die out. We had Sunday School last Sunday for the first time in three or four months. Everybody come next Sunday.

A number of the farmers went to Crowell Tuesday to attend the cotton meeting and were: Oliver Lefevre, J. Harper, Owen Rader, J. M. Glover, Mr. Barber, C. C. Fox, U. C. Rader and J. H. McDaniel.

Misses Bertha and Lola Fox were the hostesses of a little crowd of "candy making peoples" last Saturday night. Several yard and house games were played before making and eating candy, after which the games were continued until 12 o'clock when the guests began to depart. Those present were: Misses Minnie Rundal, Nora and Iona Lefevre, Zelta Mae Minnick, Vera Pool, Annice Barry, Eva Glover, Zelma Owens, Bee McDaniel, Ota, Myrtle and Hattie Rader; Messrs. Stephen Mills, Frank and Jim Harper, Esker and Mike Brown, Blake McDaniel, Louis Rader, Tucker Hampton, Paul Barry and Glen Minnick.

The County Commissioners appointed N. P. Ferguson as court house janitor this week. He has been engaged in laundry work for several years but has given that work up for the work at the court house.

Weekly Health Talks

What Doctor Pierce Has Done For Humanity!

BY DOCTOR CRIPPS.

It has always seemed to me that Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., should be placed near the top when a list of America's great benefactors is written. He studied and conquered human diseases to a degree that few realize. Whenever he found a remedy that overcame disease, he at once announced it in the newspapers and told where it could be bought at a small price. He did not follow the usual custom of keeping the ingredients secret, so that the rich only could afford to buy the medicine, but openly printed the name of each root and herb he used. And so to-day the names of Dr. Pierce and his medicines are widely known, and they stand for better health and better citizenship.

One of this great physician's most successful remedies is known as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. These are little, sugar-coated pills, composed of Mayapple, leaves of aloë, root of jalap—things that Nature grows in the ground. These Pellets are safe because they move the bowels gently, leaving no bad after-effects, as so many pills do. Very often they make a person who takes them feel like a new man or woman, for they cleanse the intestines of hard, decayed and poisonous matter that accumulates when one is constive. If you are constipated, by all means go to your druggist and get some of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They may prove to be the very thing your system requires to make you well and happy.

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A VERY INTERESTING LEGAL DOCUMENT

The following legal document was handed to us this week because of its unusual interest and for the entertainment of our readers we are publishing it. Read it and it will bring hearty laughs.

Instrument—Affidavit. Date, Dec. 21, 1918. Filed Jan. 9, 1919, and recorded in Vol. 38, page 332, Deed Records of Foard County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Hardeman.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared George Rowden, to me well known for many years, and who, being duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says:

That he is a loyal, naturalized citizen of the United States of America, which fact is the greatest pride of his life; and though a republican in politics he has loyally supported the war policies of President Woodrow Wilson, and will just as loyally support his policies of peace;

This affiant was born in England, on the 3rd day of August, 1844, and was, until he arrived at the age of twenty-four years, a loyal subject of the United Kingdom and of her majesty, the Queen; that affiant has never regretted the fact that he was born in England, for the reason, that next to being an American citizen, he regards the English as being the most perfect of God's handiwork, and an English-American yields in loyalty to no one;

That affiant has resided in the town of Quanah, in Hardeman county, Texas, continuously, since the—day of September 1890; that by occupation he is a boot-maker, and has worked continuously at his occupation, on the same bench, in the same room, in the same building, in the town of Quanah since 1891, making three pairs of boots each week during all that time except in cases of sickness, or absence from his shop, with never a complaint from one single customer;

That the greatest and most important event in affiant's life was the day of his marriage to his wife, Maggie, at Quanah, Texas, on the—day of October 1891, with whom he has lived in continual happiness and conjugal bliss since said date, and whose companionship is now the joy and hope of his declining years; that his wife, Maggie, to his knowledge has never neglected one single duty though no children have ever blessed their union, and he has no hope, other than that he and Maggie will continue to live alone, but happy, as long as they both shall live; that since

1890 affiant and his wife, Maggie, have owned their home in the town of Quanah, in which they have lived continuously since said date, contented and happy;

That affiant is informed that there is a deed of record in Vol. 7, page 460, of the Deed Records of Foard County, Texas, dated June 14, 1901, purported to have been executed by affiant, and conveying 597 1-2 acres of land in Foard County, Texas, to D. M. Ferebee; that affiant has no recollection of having executed said deed, or of having ever owned an interest in said land; that the title to said land was probably placed in affiant at the instance of the late Duncan G. Smith, Esq., who was a cultured Southern gentleman and affiant's friend; that the deed executed by affiant and here mentioned was probably executed by affiant at the request of his friend in whose integrity and honesty affiant had absolute confidence, and whose friendship is one of affiant's most cherished memories—it is to be regretted that there are not many more like him;—that affiant never at any time lived upon or occupied said land, but that his home and his homestead was at all of said times in the town of Quanah, where he had the best wife and the best neighbors on earth; and that affiant only held the title to said land and executed said deed as an accommodation to his friend, Judge Smith—may his tribe increase—and while he has no recollection of the matter, he is willing to swear that the transaction was straight, honorable and legitimate;

That affiant is informed that the Dallas Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas, Texas, has an attorney employed, whom they pay for expressions of opinion (it may, or may not, be well spent)—it is pretty well spent of course, but it may, or may not, be spent judiciously;—and that, notwithstanding affiant's wife, Maggie, never neglected a duty in her life, yet said attorney has expressed an opinion that there is a cloud upon the record title to said land by reason of the failure of his wife, Maggie, to join him in the execution of said deed; and that this affidavit is made by affiant for the purpose of being recorded upon the Deed Records of Foard County, Texas, in order to comply with the requirements of the legal gentleman from Dallas. (But, to the end that there may be no misunderstanding—affiant is not a lawyer, but a boot-maker, and he does not desire to express an opinion as to the correctness of the Dallas lawyer's legal opinion—but if said opinion in-



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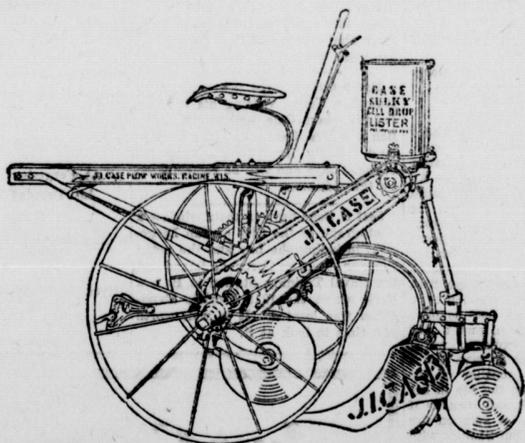
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volves a finding that affiant's wife, Maggie, neglected a duty in failing to join in the execution of said deed, then affiant here now respectfully dissents to the correctness of said legal opinion, and asserts that the same cannot be correct.) Affiant desires to state further that he did not acquire said land and convey same by himself alone for the purpose of appropriating the proceeds thereof without the knowledge of his wife, or for the purpose of disposing of the same without her knowledge, but he asserts that he has never concealed anything from his wife (that she ought to have known); and that while it is true that affiant has many times parted with funds, from which he received nothing other than pleasure and companionship, yet, even now when his stack crows low and shows signs of ultimate disappearance, the dear wife, Maggie, will stake him from her hard-earned savings, well knowing that such earnings thus become as "ships (chips) that pass in the night."

(Signed) GEO. ROWDEN.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 21st day of December 1918.

W. T. PERKINS, Notary Public.
(Seal) Hardeman County, Texas.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Hardeman.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared George Rowden, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration herein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, on this the 21st day of December 1918.

W. T. PERKINS, Notary Public,
(Seal) Hardeman County, Texas.

ROCKWALL COUNTY MAN

DROWNS IN CISTERN
Royse City, Texas, Jan. 10.—W. T. Simmons of this city met death shortly before noon today by drowning. He was engaged in repairing some water pipe about the cistern, when he fell into the cistern. He was not missed for about thirty minutes and when search was made his remains were found in the cistern. Efforts were made to revive him, but without any success. He was 59 years of age and had made his home in Rockwall county for thirty nine years.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lewis B. Franklin announces that the Fifth Liberty loan will be launched about April or May and that it will be larger than either of the other loans.

DUBLIN BOOTBLACKS IN 1780

Polish Used at That Time Was a Combination of Lampblack and Rotten Eggs.

Among the populace of Dublin in 1780 the shoeblacks were a numerous and formidable body. The polish they used was lampblack and eggs, for which they purchased all that were rotten in the markets. Their implements consisted of a three-legged stool, a basket containing a blunt knife, called a spudd, a painter's brush and an old wig.

A gentleman usually went out in the morning with dirty boots or shoes, sure to find a shoeblack sitting on his stool at the corner of the street. The gentleman put his foot in the lap of the shoeblack without ceremony, and the artist scraped it with his spudd, wiped it with his wig and then laid on his composition as thick as black paint with his painter's brush.

The stuff dried with a rich polish, requiring no friction, and little inferior to the elaborated modern fluids, save only the intolerable odors exhaled from eggs in a high state of putridity, and which filled any house which was entered before the composition was quite dry, and sometimes even tainted the air of fashionable drawing rooms.—University Magazine.

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When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50 cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It amkes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

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Crowell, Texas, January 17, 1919

Anyhow one is privileged to look at paint, if not to taste it.

Everybody is going wild over the oil excitement in this country. The fact is we are all beginning to fear that we'll all get "blowed" up.

Our personal experience is that the cash-over-the-counter plan not only wounds our pride but knocks a crimp in our spirit of extravagance.

It may be that some folks think the quickest way to pay their debts is to shoot the money through the oil channel, but our observation is that it gets gummed and seldom makes the round.

It is said that some of the boys in France have not seen a pay day in two months. There is no reason why that should be so. Somebody has failed to attend to his duties. It may be more than one who has failed.

Hindenburg is building up an army for the maintenance of order within Germany, but a dozen armies would not bring food to the starving people, and so long as Bolshevism has hungry millions to work among its new recruits will be increased by the thousands.

President Wilson has sent a message to Congress urging the passage of the \$100,000,000 administration bill for the food relief of Europe. The bill has passed the House with a vote of 242 for and 73 against. President Wilson says food and not force will win against Bolshevism.

Astronomers have figured it out that there will be two new moons in January 1919 but none in February and two in March of the same year. It used to be no uncommon sight to see two new moons most any time in the year, depending on the amount of moonshine one had under his belt.

Illinois will build highways to the extent of \$60,000,000 to be financed by automobile license. Pennsylvania goes to the extent of \$50,000,000, while several of the Southern States are considering a like proposition. Oklahoma for \$30,000,000; Georgia, \$40,000,000; and Texas about \$50,000,000, or the extent of about 10,000 miles.

Conditions in Mexico are reported to be almost deplorable. The Carranza Government has little force and outlawry still threatens the republic.

The time is coming when the United States will feel morally bound to send an army into Mexico, kill out about 200,000 bandits and set Mexico on her feet. The time is getting right for this to be done since German influence there is dead.

The Highway Commission estimates that Texas is entering upon a \$25,000,000 highway construction, the greatest in its history. And Texas is only one of the states to enter upon such a building era. Practically all the other states in the Union are taking the matter up with new zeal and interest, and it is predicted that hundreds of millions will be put into highways this year.

"Several Hundred Spartans Slain," "Liebknecht Reported Killed," "Bloody Clashes in Stuttgart," "Bolshevik Slaughter Germans" and "Riots in Several Cities." These are a few of the headings in the daily papers of late, which gives some idea of the chaos now in Europe, especially in Germany. The present terrible conditions in that unhappy country are the natural fruits of their own folly. A revolution was predicted long before the Germans were whipped, but it was not generally thought it would assume its present form of plunder and murder. It looks like the whole population has become a people of raving maniacs.

SMITH-PRICE WEDDING
Miss Margaret Walker Price was married to Benjamin James Smith of Colorado Springs on Wednesday, January the first.

Mrs. Smith, before her marriage, was head of the reading and oratory department at North Texas State Normal college in Denton, Tex. Mr. Smith, who is a Texan by birth, came to Colorado Springs two years ago and bought Turkey Track ranch, where he and his wife are now at home.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

BACK FROM FRANCE
According to information received this week by the News, Fred Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell, who was wounded in France some months ago has recently arrived back in the United States and is now at Camp Travis.

A letter from Ozzie Turner received by his mother at Truscott dated December 16, 1918, said he was still O. K. and hoped to be home soon, but thought is doubtful for he had started to school again. He had been over to K Co., 142nd, on Saturday night and had seen Arch Hart, Chas. Evans and Hollis Wright.

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TOUCHED BY SERVICE FLAG

Youngster on Brink of Disgrace Resolved to Be Worthy of Emblems Displayed in His Honor.

"Why the service flag?" is an old question, but from one of our middle West towns comes a new answer.

A wealthy family in an Indiana town had a son, who had never done anything to reflect honor on his family—a family which was proud of its famous ancestry. He didn't enlist when this war broke out, and then tried to evade the draft, but was compelled to go in a recent call. He entered a training camp a few miles from his home town.

Rules and a regular life were hard for him. Snarling under a well-deserved reproof, he one night decided to desert. He slipped away from the camp and, under cover of darkness, made his way to his home in order to get his civilian clothes and better effect his escape.

Just as he was ready to scale the front veranda of his home he noticed the service flag in one of the house's great front windows. There it was—in the most conspicuous place the house afforded—a great silk flag with its one blue star.

"It's for me," the boy thought. Through his mind passed the memory of his life—a failure in winning any of the honors his family had wanted for him. No college diploma, not even a high school one, had he received—nothing except this one star in this flag had he ever let his people claim as his contribution to the family famous name.

He turned back toward the sidewalk. "They'll get to keep that honor," he told himself. "I'll make it bigger, too," and he slipped back to camp, elated to find that his absence had not been discovered.

WHO CAN RISE TO OCCASION?

Name of Man Capable of Formulating "Umbrella Regulations" Will Live in History.

With the passing of each rainy day it becomes increasingly strange that no benefactor of the race has been prodded, goaded or spurred into preparing a "Manual of Umbrellas." Few have been carrying some sort of protection against the rain ever since anybody can remember, yet the only thing they have really learned to do well is to lose umbrellas. No two persons, not even lovers, can walk under one umbrella without getting wet, and raincoats probably were first devised by a man who tried to carry an umbrella over his wife's hat. What excuse is there for the person who goes through a crowded street holding an umbrella before him in a charge-bayonets fashion? An apology does not exactly meet the requirements after the tip of an umbrella rib has been thrust into some one's eye. Filled, the umbrella is just as dangerous, when some one comes plunging along the sidewalk holding the umbrella at an angle of about 45 degrees ahead of him, tripping every one but himself. Then there is the person who tucks the handle under the arm, so that an innocent person may become speared on the sharp end which sticks out like a 60-foot telephone pole on a 15-foot truck. Furthermore, wet umbrellas never were intended as partitions between seats, even at a motion-picture theater. There is no desire to distract the best brains of the country from consideration of war problems, but some sort of umbrella regulations are needed.

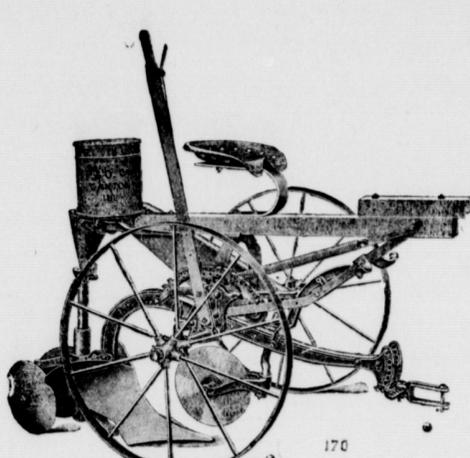
Silvery Bark of the Yellow Birch.
The bark of the yellow birch can be compared with nothing else. The tree is unique among trees. The yellow birch, often better called the silvery birch, has a bark more tinsel-like than that of any other tree. It seems to have been made for campers to admire, or perhaps, in an emergency, to use to kindle the camp fire, says Edward F. Bigelow in *Boys' Life*. But do not allow the appreciation of the useful to overcome your appreciation of the beautiful. It is true that the bark may thus be used for kindling, and it is also probably true that the removal of the loose bark does not injure the tree, but such removal injures the beauty of the tree, as you then deprive it of its chief characteristic. The manner in which the bark breaks on the main trunk, expands and rolls back in ribbonlike curls and strips, which long remain attached and rustle in every passing breeze, could not fail to elicit the admiration of every lover of the forest.

It is noticeable that on old trunks the character of the bark is different, as there it is roughened by irregular platelike scales.

In Vaudeville.
Draft men coming to Camp Kearny recently for training decorated the railroad cars in which they traveled with all sorts of mottoes and inscriptions.

When they got there they were required to wash them off. However, the car got away from camp in some unexplained fashion, while these words still adorned its sides:
"This is the bunch that's going to make the kaiser whistle the 'Star-Spangled Banner!'"

Peculiar Cause for Divorce.
In a divorce case at London, England, the petitioner, a lance corporal in the Gordon Highlanders, said his wife, an Englishwoman, refused to be seen with him on the street because she did not like him in a kilt. When he was on leave later she greeted him with "Oh, those d— kilts!" The husband was granted a decree.



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Two weeks ago Mrs. J. E. Bell and son, Raymond, left for Sterling City, Texas, where special medical attention was sought for Raymond. For some time his eyes had given him trouble, as well as some of the joints of his body. His trouble, according to the doctors at that place, was due to some dislocated joints in the spine. Mr. Bell says the trouble has been remedied and the boy is getting along well.

CALL FOR QUICK THINKING
Skipper of Burning Ship, With Cargo of High Explosives, in No Position to Hesitate.

The *Cephalonia* was deeply loaded with shells, and her chill-rooms were filled with T. N. T. for the Italian army, writes R. E. Cropley in the *Atlantic*. She was well in the midst of the convoy proceeding down the Thames, and had just passed beyond the submarine net, when a thin pencil of smoke was seen to rise from the corner of No. 1 hatch. It happened to catch the third officer's eye first, and he called Sammy's attention to it. In two shakes Sammy had sounded four blasts on the siren, and a flag fluttered from the yard-arm, which caused all other ships to give him a wide berth, as the propeller of the *Cephalonia* churned up the sea in her frantic effort to back and turn as if to return to London. A ship on fire should return to port, but Sammy, with a cargo of T. N. T. wasn't the kind of a skipper to risk blowing cottages and kiddies into the next world in an effort to save his own skin. No; he turned the *Cephalonia* till her stern was head to the breeze, and slowly kept her backing seaward to restrain the fire, if possible, from spreading aft to his chambers of T. N. T.; backed her away from port and other ships, so that, if she did blow up, the military loss would be confined to the *Cephalonia* alone. And all the while he was wondering what moment a U-boat would pop up and send a torpedo into him, or he would strike a drifting mine.

Huns to Wear Bark Shoes.
To help out in the present great scarcity of leather and the consequent dearth of footwear, a German army authority recommends the introduction of linden bark moccasins such as are worn by the Russian peasantry. Made from the bark of young twigs, these shoes are said to stand two years' wear; yet they are light and easy and can be made to fit well. The linden forests of the prince of Monaco, near Laon, France, Germans say, would supply sufficient bark to make 1,000,000 shoes, and the making of them would furnish excellent light occupation for prisoners and slightly wounded.

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

Mrs. H. T. Cross left Sunday for Quana. She will take a month's rest while the studio is being remodeled, when she will then return to take up her work again.

Early Cole is here this week from Memphis, Tenn., visiting his brother Judge Robert Cole, and sisters, Mrs. Ben and Mrs. Oscar Haney near Rayland. Early lived here during his boyhood days and will be remembered by the oldtimers.

Self & Sons have in their window a photograph of the City of San Diego, Cal., including the bay and the noted summer resort on Coronado Island and the Naval Training Station in Balboa Park where the 1915 World's Exposition was located. It is well worth your time to look at it.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Overlands—B. W. Self.

Cream 63 cents a pound at Ringgold's.

A. L. Cook was here this week from Burkburnett.

A. B. Wisdom was here the first of the week from Thalia.

F. E. Diggs sends in an order for one of our clubbing offers.

For Sale—Horse and mule cheap. Cash or credit.—First State Bank.

Miss Gladys Benson who teaches at Monkeyrun spent the week-end in Crowell.

Better leave your order with us for that suit you are going to order.—The Magee Toggery.

Herman Scarlet was here the first of the week from Lawton, Okla., coming over with R. W. Self.

Mrs. T. M. Parker left Sunday afternoon for Sayre, Okla., after receiving a message that her sister was seriously ill.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

Go to Hill's Place for wholesome, sanitary drinks.

A. F. Cannon is one among our many new subscribers.

Mrs. Bob Bell is visiting her parents in Gainesville this week.

W. E. McCormick was a visitor to Quanah Wednesday afternoon.

For Sale—Horse and mule cheap. Cash or credit.—First State Bank.

The best woollens we have ever had at normal prices.—The Magee Toggery.

Mrs. George Allison has been nursing Joe Drabek who has had an attack of influenza.

J. F. Hays and son, Jake, were here this week from Burkburnett to be with homefolks for a few days.

Miss Ruth Cates has gone to Austin where she will do stenographic work for Senator W. S. Bell.

Counts Ray and Albert Magee came in Monday from the Naval Training Station at San Diego, Cal., having been released from the service.

Fire Insurance.—B. W. Self.

Jim Minnick is here from Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Bettie Thompson went to Vernon Sunday afternoon.

Troy Irwin orders the News sent to him at Clayton, N. M.

Mrs. Paul J. Merrill left Monday for her new home at Pampa, Texas.

Wanted—A load of wood cut to stove length. Apply at News office.

Barred Rock Cockerels for sale, \$2 each. Also eggs, \$2.00 per 15.—Mrs. Lee Ribble. 35

W. E. Hallmark left Tuesday for Burkburnett where he expects to work for awhile.

G. C. Bain and Grover Hays were here a short time Wednesday from Burkburnett.

J. C. Self will leave Sunday for Dallas to attend the Texas Hardware Men's Association.

R. G. Nichols was here Saturday from Thalia and renewed his subscription to the News.

If you want to match that coat, come in and leave your order and we will do it.—The Magee Toggery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kinchloe were in the office Wednesday and took advantage of some of our clubbing offers.

W. R. Kenner starts the News, commencing with this week's issue, to his daughter, Mrs. Will Teal, at Burkburnett.

J. P. Fowler was in from Foard City the first of the week and took advantage of one of our clubbing rates.

W. L. Johnson was in town the first of the week and renewed his subscription to the News and Star-Telegram.

Mrs. M. A. Reeder came up last week from Knox City to be with the family of her son, T. P. Reeder, for a while.

Mrs. W. B. Tysinger came in Sunday from Haskell and will finish teaching the school at the Black School House.

For Sale or Trade.—One Waterloo-Boy kerosene tractor 12-25 horse power. Can see me at home. Will trade for car in good condition.—Louis Kempf. 37p

It is reported from Medicine Mounds that prospects for oil in the test well being put down there are very good. They expect to strike in the next three or four weeks.

T. L. Ward was here from Thalia Wednesday and took advantage of one of our clubbing offers. He says the influenza epidemic is still raging in that community.

The wheat fields are just now getting to where they will do to pasture again. If another bad spell were to come right away it will knock the pasture proposition out for the balance of the winter.

Specials

One Week Only

\$5.00 rain coats	\$2.50
\$25.00 ladies' serge dresses	\$14.95
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\$2.00 sweaters	\$1.50
\$6.00 wool shirts	\$5.00
\$10.00 ladies' skirts	\$4.50
\$20.00 silk dresses	\$11.50

Investigate Our Specials

Self Dry Goods Co.

M. T. Bagley renews for the paper and orders it sent to Quanah.

S. B. Middlebrook of Margaret takes advantage of our clubbing rates.

Mr. Hicks, the blind piano tuner, left on the north-bound train yesterday.

T. D. Edwards was in town the first of the week and renewed his paper.

For Sale—Horse and mule cheap. Cash or credit.—First State Bank.

For Sale—Two registered roan sort-horn bulls.—G. J. Benham, Crowell, Texas. 37p

J. B. Andrews was here from Vernon Wednesday afternoon attending to some business matters.

Henry Gribble, Bert Self, Charlie Thompson and L. S. Taylor went to Wichita Falls Thursday morning.

Wanted—Cattle to pasture on wheat. Live two miles west of Margaret, phone 246-4 rings.—Leo Hlavaty.

Mrs. H. H. Hallmark left for Burkburnett Friday to be with her husband who is working at that place.

There are some prospectors in the country these days. Real estate men are expecting lands to move next fall.

Experienced farm hand wants job on farm. Write Margaret, route 1, box 6, or phone 246-4 rings.—Frank Reznick.

Associate confections with Hill's Place and you will have no cause to complain at the service you get. Hill's place is the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Blakemore returned Tuesday afternoon from Truscott where they were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morrison.

B. Johnson was in town Tuesday for the first time in several weeks on account of the roads being in such bad condition. He renewed his paper for another year.

Post cards from Lt. A. Y. Beverly during the last few days indicate that he was on December 19th off for a short time on leave of absence, and that he had visited Paris, Nice and other historical places in France. He also said he aimed to go to Italy.

Miss Dot Thompson was here from Vernon Sunday visiting her parents. She was accompanied on her return to Vernon Sunday afternoon by Misses Alice Hampton and Ruby Matthews and by Walford Thompson, her brother, and Otis Nicholson.

W. E. Patton was here from east of town Wednesday and had the paper started to his sister, Mrs. Maggie Syler, at Phoenix, Arizona.

When you want the best service in any line you go to that establishment that gives value received. Remember you get the best in the confectionery line at Hill's Place.

Capt. J. Ed. Johnson came in Tuesday from Miligan College, Tenn., where he has been a military instructor. He is on a short furlough and was met at Crowell by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Johnson of Thalia.

We are glad to note that he has been promoted to the rank of Captain since his last visit here.

Bob Adcock was here this week from the Plains country figuring on the concrete work on the highway.

W. Jeff Fleming, who hailed from the mountains of the Old North State some years ago, dropped into the News office Wednesday, after a ramble over the West for some time, and said he was here to stay awhile and wanted the Foard County News. We had seen Fleming many a time on the streets of Crowell but never knew him or that he originated in North Carolina, but he knows many of the same old hills and creeks where this scribbler once roamed. Glad to meet up with folks from the old states and not displeased to have them become readers of the best paper in the county.

HABIT

What a powerful thing habit is! If you don't believe it, try to break off some habit you formed years ago.

We should be very careful what habits we form; for while at first they may be broken like silken threads, later on they bind like steel bands. So we must be sure to choose habits that are good, and that will bring satisfaction.

Here's one habit that is good form, that will bring you splendid results and that will give you complete satisfaction. It's the habit of buying your drugs at our store. Once formed, this habit will bring you that satisfaction that will make you a regular customer of ours. There is no better time than now at the beginning of the new year. Start today.

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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

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The News

THOUGHT HE WAS DIPLOMATIC

But Father of Rookie Couldn't Just See Point About His Son's "Financial Condition."

The other day a rookie, just out of college, married a girl who lived in the town where his company was in training. The young man knew he must inform his family of the event, and also that he must do it in the most soothing way possible.

"Dear dad," he wrote, "I always thought that when I married I would choose a girl who could support herself if necessary, and then if anything would ever happen to me, you wouldn't have to be burdened with her. Now, Marion is that kind of a girl. She knows all about my financial condition and—"

But when father read the letter, he paused here to reread it. "Financial condition," he snorted. "That young fellow hasn't any financial condition. Why, he doesn't own the clothes on his back. Nor did he ever own them. Financial condition—well, I'll be hanged."

Another rookie had likewise married a girl who was a stranger to his mother, who boasts of Irish descent. He, too, wrote home—a letter to mother. "I have told Frances all about my family, so that now she feels that she really knows you. So I'm going to tell you all about her. She is now an orphan, but when her father was alive he was a big railroad man."

Her mother commented to the rest of the family. "Don't be excited by that," she advised them. "Your father and I used to know a very fat fireman."

REQUISITE HOURS OF SLEEP

Acknowledged Fact That Brain Workers Need Less Than Those Engaged in Manual Labor.

Periodic sleeping is undeniably an essential to the continuance of life, but sleep is required more as a means of recuperation from physical weariness than from mental activity, an exchange observes. The best thinkers are the shortest sleepers, and on the other hand the manual laborers require the longest periods of sleep. The classic example cited to prove that the thinker does not need as much sleep as the ordinary man takes is Thomas A. Edison, who during the most active years of his life is said to have slept only four hours a day. It is not so generally known that Herbert Spencer, the philosopher, in his later life did not average more than three hours of sleep a day.

These instances should not lead to ill-advised efforts to emulate the extreme examples. One should not attempt to do better thinking by keeping longer awake, but the effort should be made to do better thinking, which will result in keeping longer awake. For if the body be not fatigued or drugged with poison, sleep comes chiefly from the slowing down of the mental processes until consciousness lapses. If an adult is not tired or full of fatigue poisons from physical labor, or if his system is not otherwise burdened with poisons from faulty diet or overeating, it is possible in many instances to cut down the sleeping period from 20 to 40 per cent of that commonly indulged in.

Prussian Guard Long Famous.

The history of the Prussian Guard, cream of Germany's fighting men, which was smashed by the heading attack of American troops at the Second Battle of the Marne, dates back to the latter part of the Seventeenth Century, when men believed in the divine rights of kings, and the troops of the guard could be depended on to protect the sacred body of their sovereign when all other supporters fell away.

The Prussian Guard was once a company of archers, known as the Trabant Guards. It was transformed into a real fighting force by Frederick William I. Drill with him was a ruling passion and he lavished much attention on his guard; scouring Europe for giants, as no man under six feet in height could enter his pet regiment. This requirement was abolished by Frederick the Great, who cared only for fighting ability. The stirring example of Napoleon's Imperial Guard caused the Prussian organization to be increased in size, and it now comprises a complete army corps. Into its ranks go the cream of each year's class of Prussian recruits.

Salvaging a Ship Sunk 100 Years.

Work has been started off Boca Ciega (Cajimar) by a Cuban salvage company on the wreck of a Spanish vessel sunk more than a hundred years ago. The principal objects that the company expects to recover are forty-two cannons, which, according to the divers who performed the preliminary exploration work, are still in a fine state of preservation, some mounted on the deck and the others lying close to the wreck on the floor of the sea at a moderate depth which renders their extraction only ordinarily difficult.

Brand-New Fish Story.

Deep-sea fishermen report they recently saw a floating island in the gulf stream off Palm Beach, Fla. The island was about twenty-five feet in diameter, and the fishermen say it was composed of mud and muck, held together by tangled roots and rotted seaweed; that there were several trees and mangrove sprouts growing luxuriantly on the island. The fishermen landed on the island and found thousands of small fish on it, which sea birds were greedily eating.

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Prime steers.....	\$15.50@20.50
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Fat cows and heifers.....	8.50@13.50
Canning cows and heifers.....	7.50@ 8.25
Bulls, plain to best.....	6.00@12.50
Poor to fancy calves.....	6.75@15.75
Western range steers.....	11.00@18.00

These newspaper quotations represent live cattle prices in Chicago on December 30th, 1918.

The list shows price ranges on nine general classified groups with a spread of \$13.85 per cwt.—the lowest at \$6.50 and the highest at \$20.35.

Why this variation in price?

Because the meat from different animals varies greatly in quality and weight.

Although the quotations shown are in nine divisions, Swift & Company grades cattle into 34 general classes, and each class into a variety of weights and qualities.

As a result of these differences in cattle prices, (due to differences in weights and meat qualities), there is a range of 15 cents in Swift & Company's selling prices of beef carcasses.

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Swift & Company, U.S.A.



OLD UNIT 3-0-8
By G. S. Black
G. R. S. 308, France.
Now, folks, I'll tell you a story,
You'll not have long to wait;
Of the Graves Registration Service,
Old Unit 3-0-8.

It was at Gieves I joined them,
One bright October day,
And very shortly after that,
For Toul we made our way.

In three dirty old French box-cars,
We traveled day and night,
From one burg to another,
Say! It certainly was a fright.

And on our way, at Bar-le-duc,
We made a one-night stand,
Where Sperry and young Bradley,
Into the Jug did land.

Next morning bright and early
Our C. O. started out,
And from one hill to another,
He climbed and browsed about.

He found them in an ancient castle,

High on a mountain side,
And when they saw him coming,
With joy and glee they cried.

To get them out was quite a job,
A receipt they had to sign;
Then we started for Revigny,
At a quarter after nine.

And there was made our quarters,
For just a day or two,
And while Jones, a dandy lad,
Took down with Spanish flu.

In drizzling rain we left there,
But on we went a prancing,
Through Bar-le-duc, again we passed,
Where the news-lady was a dancing.

"Fin la Guerre! Vive la France!"
Joyfully she cried,
At which the whole blamed bunch
With laughter nearly died.

And at last in Toul we landed, where
We thought we'd have some fun;
But with two trucks they hauled us
To Evacuation One.

Lieutenant Hammond, good old scout,
Was in supreme command,
But a lousy gink, named Davis,
Took the reins out of his hand.

It wasn't long, however 'till the
Bosses found his line,
And sent him into Belgium,
With the Unit 3-0-9.

Then again Lieutenant Hammond Took us into tow.



FERGUSON BROS., Druggists

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Lieutenant Faucett was also there, And he was far from slow.

They were always out together, Both were full of fun, But the nurses got their nanny At Evacuation One.

Then into groups we were divided, Consisting of ten men; And in all directions we were sent On our weary way again.

Lieutenant Fawcett, with group One Went to Essay Maizerais, While Serg. Kadet, with old group 2 Lit out for Fey-en-hey.

Group Three to Montauville did march, Serg. Sperry at their head, And thus the work was started, Of registering the dead.

The old adage "all work, no play," Came into Fawcett's mind, So one day he told the boys To leave all work behind.

And they started out for Nancy, Just half a dozen strong, Of course, Ward, Pat and Miller Had to go along.

And there to hear them tell it, Came girls from near and far, Who let Miller feel their babies For a measly cho'late bar.

Of group One, I think I've Said about enough, So here goes for group Two, Made of the proper stuff.

Nance and Lonnie Miller Acted as K. P.'s, And also did the cooking For us and the M. P.'s.

And Dominic, a Postierne, Was very short and fat; On seeing Fey-en-hey he said: "Every house makes him flat."

With Corporal Uthe, a hundred frames For a helmet I did leave, But he treated all to booze and eats, On last Thanksgiving eve.

In honor of his baby boy, Born early in November, But 'twas O. K. because I knew He'd pay me in December.

But Ben Kadet, the loony cuss, Almost caused a riot, Told him that I was sore, but I Had only to deny it.

Now, Sperry's bunch kept on the go; They were not much for play, And of them and their work, I haven't much to say.

Except to state that every one Was a cracking good fellow, And never, during trying times, did they Show signs of being yellow.

Now, some I haven't mentioned, Their names I can't recall, But let none of them feel slighted, For there's a toast to all.

And when at last we journey back Across the ocean's foam, May one and all give my regards To the dear ones at home.

Playing Duckboard.

Do you know what duckboard is? It's a kind of a game first played in a primitive and mild sort of fashion by Rocky mountain goats and since modernized and made difficult by the American army. The apparatus on which one plays duckboard is a mixed breed contrivance, by Washboard out of Carduoy Road, to use the racing vernacular. It is made up of narrow, slippery strips of rounded wood laid crosswise about two inches apart, and is supposed to keep one's feet out of the mud. It does! While playing duckboard one's feet are usually in the air. It is called duckboard, I suppose, because of some silly belief that a duck could walk it without falling. Even airplanes flying at a height of less than 5,000 feet have been seen to wiggle and dip drunkenly while passing above trench lines floored with duckboards. And when it is laid upon the surface of the earth and there are no handy trench walls to help out—well, it's lucky for Charley Chaplin that the wide world didn't see me operate. Nothing could ever again be funny to a man who saw me play duckboard out there in the comparative open of that wood!—William Stevens McNutt, in Collier's Weekly.

Soldier's Appreciation.

Recently a woman well known in America, who has devoted all her time to relief work since the war began, was visiting a hospital. The commanding officer had sent a military car for her. She entered the car just as an ambulance filled with wounded passed by. As she noticed the thin, pale faces, tears came into her eyes. The soldier-chauffeur asked if she was ill. "No," she said, "these are tears of gratitude and pride." "Madame," replied the boy, simply, "if I thought that my being a soldier was worthy of but one of your tears, I should feel that I had not lived in vain."—Red Cross Magazine.

Fat Cattle Wanted

I will buy your fat cattle at the best market price. Call, phone or write me if you have any to sell.—J. W. Bell, Crowell, Texas.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

HAIG SAYS JULY 18 WAS WAR'S TURNING POINT

London, Tuesday, Jan. 7.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, whose report on operations from the end of April until the end of hostilities was made public here tonight, pays a high tribute to Marshal Foch, commander in chief of the allied armies and alludes to the "splendid fighting qualities of the American forces." In concluding his report the Field Marshal wrote:

"When the armistice was signed by the enemy his defensive powers had already been definitely destroyed. Continuance of hostilities would have meant only disaster to the German armies and an armed invasion of Germany."

The document opens with a recital of the situation when the British arms had been forced to give ground by the tremendous German onslaught in the spring offensive and when the German forces on the Western front outnumbered those of the allies. The only course open for the allies was to preserve their front unbroken until the summer could bring additional American forces and enable them to face the Germans on something like a footing of equality.

July 18 Is Turning Point
By an exhibition of wonderful tenacity, says the document, the allied troops preserved their line intact until July 18—when they did more. Field Marshal Haig says the complete success of the allies' counter-attack on that date marked the turning point in the year's campaign. There followed, he adds, a complete change in the whole military situation.

"The German army," Haig continues, "had made its effort and failed. The period of its maximum strength had been passed and the bulk of the reserves accumulated during the winter had been used up. On the other hand, the position of the allies in regard to troops had greatly improved. Fresh troops made available during the late spring and the early summer had been incorporated and trained. The British army was ready to take the offensive, while the American army was growing rapidly and had already given convincing proof of the high fighting qualities of its soldiers."

From that time, Field Marshal Haig says, until the victorious conclusion of the armistice, the allies never looked back. Regarding the preparations for the attack at Amiens, the Field Marshal said:

How Enemy Was Misled
"Instructions of a detailed character were issued to the formations concerned calculated to make it appear that a British attack in Flanders was imminent. Canadian battalions were put into line on the Kemmel front, where they were identified by the enemy. Corps headquarters were prepared and casualty clearing stations were erected in conspicuous positions in this area. Great activity also was maintained by our wireless stations on the first army front and arrangements were made to give the impression that a great concentration of tanks was taking place in the St. Pol area. Training operations in which infantry and tanks co-operated were carried out in this neighborhood on a day on which the enemy's long-distance reconnaissance and photographic machines were likely to be at work behind our lines.

"Rumor that the British were about to undertake a large and important operation on the Northern front quickly spread. In the course of subsequent advance, convincing evidence was obtained that these different measures had had their desired effect and that the enemy was momentarily expecting to be attacked in strength in Flanders."

The Germans were completely fooled, Field Marshal Haig says, and in the early morning mist of August 8, British troops caught the surprised Germans and captured 13,000 prisoners, nearly 400 guns and vast quantities of ammunition and stores of all kinds.

GIRLS! LEMON JUICE IS SKIN WHITENER

How to make a creamy beauty lotion for a few cents

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands.

Try Nylis corn remover.—Ferguson Bros.

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"Money couldn't buy the good this Tanlac has done for me."—Ex-Sheriff Archie Anderson, Houston, Texas.

"Tanlac has certainly helped me and I recommend it to others for the good it has done me."—Ex-Sheriff C. W. Mangum, Atlanta, Ga.

"I would spend the last dollar I had on earth for Tanlac; I have gained nine and a half pounds on one bottle and feel just like a new man."—J. T. Andrews.

"If the people of this town only knew the good Tanlac did me you wouldn't be able to make it fast enough to supply the demand."—Mrs. Mattie C. Bond, Memphis, Tenn.

"Yes, sir, I gained twenty-five pounds by taking Tanlac, and it has been a long time since I felt as well as I do now."—Capt. Jeff D. Riggs, Vicksburg, Miss.

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WHAT CAN WE DO?
The work to be done in the reconstruction of devastated countries is appalling—or would be if the war that devastated them had not also augmented the strength and resources of the Red Cross that it can undertake any task of mercy in every direction almost. Its help is needed. The ending of the war has not lessened the need for foreign relief work and the task of reconstruction is going to be a long one. But if American people stand by the Red Cross, and the best American talent and executive ability continues to be dedicated to it, we can live with the comforting assurance that America is doing its great part to alleviate human misery.

Under the stress of the war a working organization has been built up, having the benefit of experience behind it, and a knowledge of the best way of doing things. Now that we have such an efficient organization, it may be depended upon to do the relief work at home and abroad, that must be done. The character of the work will change somewhat as time passes. Just now peoples in desperate straits are being relieved. In the south of Europe, Serbia, the region south of the Danube, Armenia, starvation and disease face populations despoiled of their homes and industries, and reduced by thousands upon thousands of victims of the war. Their immediate requirements of food, medicine and shelter must be taken care of and some provision made to educate their youth in agriculture and other means of support. And this is only one corner of the earth that cries for succor at the hands of the Red Cross. In the Holy Land, as a result of the war, one-third of the population of Lebanon died of disease and hunger.

Things will not be again as they were before the great war. We shall help more those people of other countries, less fortunate than ours, who are not able to help themselves, and those at home whose fate is hard. The Red Cross has shown what it can do in a great emergency. The tasks before it logically, they are great undertakings.

Julia B. Bernal

About the Edges of Things.
The crocheted edge is frequently used instead of the more expensive real lace edge about every bit of handwork, from dollies to envelope chemise. Still even the most practiced of needlewomen rather balk when it comes to punching all those holes in the edge. But one needlewoman experimented instead of uselessly balking. She discovered that a single row of machine hemstitching did the trick to perfection. So never mind stewing over the punch work any more. Simply have the hemstitching done first, and the crocheting will be so lightly easy to follow with.

Transparent Cretonnes.

Some new cretonnes for home furnishing are woven in such manner that the light shines through special parts of the pattern with a very clear and beautiful effect, bringing out the color and design of flowers, while the background keeps its subdued, soft tones. Particularly handsome is a cretonne of this type with shaded pink roses on a black ground. The special weave of the fabric makes the roses and some of the leaves stand out against the dark background, giving the effect of a sunlit window even on a dull and overcast day.

City Meat Market

A Specialty of Fresh Meats
Cleanliness is Our Motto

Will buy all classes of cattle and hogs. Also will pay highest prices for your hides at the market.

ZEKE BELL, Proprietor

Only Two More Weeks of Telegram Offer \$6

Watch This Space Through 1919

Every red-blooded American was thrilled to the marrow when the news was flashed across the seas that the armistice was signed and Germany was beaten. What a sigh of relief! What a prayer of thanksgiving went up from every true American heart!

As we turn to face the dawn of this New Year, 1919, with our hearts filled with thanksgiving we feel that we can serve our customers to a better advantage than ever before. With the harder part of the winter gone, the good season we now have and the war and the "flu" in the background, let us all put on a smile that won't rub off and make this store headquarters for 1919.

Cecil & Company, Inc.

GOING OIL WILD

"Form a company and get the dough" appears to be the slogan of many new oil companies that are organized overnight. Out their agents with alluring blue prints showing derricks on every tract, and distribute handsomely lithographed certificates in exchange for an autographed check that will be duly recognized by the cashier of some reliable bank. This stock is purchased by the innocent who, as a majority, labor under a state bordering on emotional insanity, produced as a result of the wild representations made by the solicitor as to the possibilities of a small "investment." They inquire neither as to the character of the solicitor or the reliability of the company issuing the stock, the location or nature of the property upon which it is based, if based upon anything, or the probability of having anything of

real value behind it. Any prudent man would develop such facts before investing his money. The stock all sold in their first company, our fly-by-night promoters buy a lease for one or two thousand dollars and hastily organize a second company with \$50,000 or \$100,000 capital, sell the stock and begin with their third operation. So on ad infinitum. Such proceedings must inevitably leave in their wake a trail of wage-leavers who will mourn the day that oil was discovered in their home state. On the other hand, there are many legitimate companies, organized by honorable men, in which every dollar invested represents the value of actual holdings, which will be explored for production purposes. Such companies, financed conservatively, wisely administered and with legitimate purposes in view, have and will pay dividends in most cases that will justify the in-

vestment. There is but one safe rule to follow for those who would discriminate. That rule is to consult a banker. Whether or not you patronize his bank, there are but few who have succeeded in this high calling who will not gladly advise the prospective investor. Earnings are too valuable and represent too much toil to be thrown away when safe advice may had for the asking.—Dallas News.

SHOOTING AT SWEETWATER; POST CITY MAN SURRENDERS

Sweetwater, Jan. 13.—Monroe Leverett was perhaps fatally shot and J. D. Padgett of Melrose, N. M., was struck by a stray bullet in a shooting here yesterday at the union station. Four shots were fired at Leverett as he got off of an incoming Santa Fe train. W. R. Nicholson of Post surrendered to authorities and was placed in jail.

OIL NEAR SEYMOUR

Seymour, Texas, Jan. 13.—The Sinclair oil well twenty-five miles south of Seymour in the edge of Throckmorton County, which is drilling between nine hundred and a thousand feet, is attracting wide interest here. On account of very favorable structure it is believed that this well will open a good oil pool, as considerable gas was previously discovered in a nearby location.

A deep test is being made by Chapman and Dunn on Section 113 on the Sid Webb ranch in Baylor County, about ten miles northeast of Seymour. A standard cable rig is in operation. They have installed a derrick eighty-six feet in height. It requires two make a deep test of 3,200 feet.

Miss Edna Hunter was here from the Gamble School Saturday and Sunday.

AIR CHOPPED UP BY SHELL

Aviator Describes Effect of Heavy Missile Which Passed Some Hundreds of Yards From Airplane.

A British aviator who had been flying in France since the beginning of the war told the story of meeting a shell from a German 17-inch gun while he was in the air, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. "I was at an altitude of about 6,000 feet one day and climbing higher at an easy angle, when one of those big fellows, almost at the end of its long flight, came plowing along in the opposite direction," he says. "First a dark little blur appeared ahead at an angle of about 35 degrees above me. At first it seemed to be coming right at me and I swerved to the left in an instinctive effort to dodge the threatened blow. Then a sort of droning hum became audible and that sound increased during the two or

three seconds that elapsed before the big missile came up to me and swept past. It was probably several hundred yards away at its nearest, but its distance seemed less.

"A few faint stirrings of air began to rock my machine even before the shell went by, but the full force of the 'air wash' came a fraction of a second later. Then an almost solid wall of air nearly threw me on my beam ends and I was really hard put to it to get the reeling machine back on an even keel. For the next mile or two the air was like water in the wake of a big sidewheeler—all chopped to pieces—and the machine rocked like a springless lorry going over cobble. The air was disturbed for some seconds after a loud roar ahead had told me that the shell had come to earth."

Miss Iva May Howard, who has been staying with Mrs. T. P. Reeder, returned to her home at Knox City, Tuesday.

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A CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS IF LIVER OR BOWELS ARE ACTIVE

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, give fruit laxative at once

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

RELIGION IN THE HOME

There does not seem to be much of it today. It is sad to have to make this confession in this boasted age of progress, but it is evidently true. Bible study and prayer in the home seems to have become a lost art. There are a variety of reasons and excuses given for it, such as commercialism, the disappearing of the home in some instances and the lack of interest in children on the part of many parents and others. The revival of old time home religion is the fundamental need of both the church and society. As is the home, so is the church and society; as is the home, so is the community, and we cannot expect either to be better than the average home composing it. We do not need to consult social service experts or clergymen to ascertain this. Stop the policeman on the street and ask him why it is that so many of the youths of our day are going to the bad, and he will tell you, in the large number of instances, it is because they do not have the right kind of influences thrown around them in the home. Neither do they get the training there that is conducive to the desired end. In short, the atmosphere in the average home is not what God intended it to be. The need of a spiritual atmosphere is more evident today than ever, because our boys are going out from homes to the various fields of activity in the world without any spiritual vision or sense of responsibility to God.

It is pathetic. Many of these homes are so-called Christian, the parents members of church and the boys likely attendants of some Sunday School; and yet they have no spiritual tie. We sometimes meet mothers and fathers who lament that they have not taken time and had a place where the family came together daily in prayer and Bible reading.

If there were a revival of interest in the family altar, the church life would be different and many of the social problems that are baffling experts today would be solved. Prayer in the home and union of prayer in the churches would bring about a higher type of spiritual activity along all lines. People would be happier and the cause of Christ would not suffer like some Lazarus at the rich man's gate begging professing Christians to support the cause of the Master with their presence, influence, time and means.

An awakening of interest in the prayer life on the part of minister and laymen all over the country would mean a new day for the cause of Christ as well as happiness, satisfaction and "growth in grace and in knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ."

We earnestly seek the co-operation in prayer of all who know their Lord in the forgiveness of sin, that this shall be the banner year of our experience in spiritual things; that we

shall witness truly for our Lord as he shall give us opportunity; that we may meet at an throne of grace every day and have blessed fellowship with Him who redeemed us and bought us with His own precious blood; "that His Kingdom may come and His will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

J. B. HENDERSON.

CONSIGNERS FLAG TO OBLIVION

Youngsters First Burned German Emblem and Then Solemnly Buried the Ashes in the Earth.

"The war is making a wonderful impression on the mind of American childhood," remarked Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, a Bloomington (Ill.) pastor, discussing current topics with some friends the other day.

Dr. Jones relates a little story about his young son, age ten, to illustrate. In 1910 the pastor made a tour of Europe and brought home with him a flag of every nation visited. Occasionally they would be brought forth to exhibit to visitors, but for the last two years had been kept undisturbed in a box in the doctor's study. One day two months ago the little son very earnestly said to his father: "Papa, haven't you a German flag?" The pastor replied that he thought there was one in his collection, at the same time explaining to the lad that the Teutonic banner was not popular these days and was not to be exhibited.

A few days later the little son was more insistent. "Papa," he said, "I want that German flag; please get it out for me."

"I got the boy the flag," said Doctor Jones, "and through the window of my study watched what followed. First the boy called his sister, Dorothy. The children took the flag into the yard and with much ceremony burned it. When it had been reduced to ashes the children carefully gathered them and put them in a cigar box. Then they dug a little grave and buried the ashes. There is a little mound in the yard to show where the ashes of the kaiser's colors are resting. I have never mentioned the incident to the children and they do not know that I watched them."—Indianapolis News.

Popular Prince

The bearing of the Prince of Wales all through the war has won him the admiration, respect and affection of the British peoples, here and overseas. We need not enlarge upon this, for every one knows that to say so is no courtly form of words. The prince will go to the overseas countries of the empire when the time comes with the unique advantage of having seen with his own eyes the shining qualities—revealed during the ultimate test of

character—of the races that make up the empire. He will go, too, for his own instruction and enlightenment, as the king said frankly of himself last year when he foreshadowed his visit.

Used Liquor as Bait

The burgomaster of Arnberg, Westphalia, Germany, having failed in all endeavors to induce the farmers of the neighborhood to bring in supplies, placed this advertisement in the local newspaper "This municipality will buy all agricultural products for cash at government prices. Every person who delivers 100 pounds of bread grain or 300 pounds of potatoes will receive a ticket entitling him to buy a bottle of brandy or rum at reduced prices from the municipal cellars." Within twenty-four hours the cellars were empty and the residents of Arnberg enjoyed the first square meal they had had for weeks.

Remember the \$6.00 offer on the News and the Star-Telegram lasts only through January. This gives you the Telegram until Dec. 1, 1919, and the News one year.

—London Times.

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