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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAG COAL SHOVELS

We are all familiar with the "tag-you-sir" proposition when we allowed a pretty girl to tie a tag to our button-hole for a dime or perhaps a quarter, but whoever heard of a tag-day where the object to be tagged is a shovel? Yet that is just what is going to happen to your coal shovel Jan. 30, for on that date every school boy and girl throughout the length and breadth of this land will start out early in the morning with a goodly supply of tags with the purpose of "going over the top" to the extent of tying a tag to every coal shovel in the United States.

More than 500,000 of these tags have been furnished by the Federal Fuel Administration for Texas and these are now being distributed to the various schools by Supt. Doughty at Austin. On one side of these tags is the picture of a shovel across which is printed "Save that shovelful of coal a day for Uncle Sam." The back of the tag contains general instructions on how to save coal. This tag will be a constant reminder to the user, of the necessity for using this shovel judiciously in order to save coal for war purposes. How important it is that this shovelful a day be saved is shown from the fact that, although a million car loads of coal more than was ever taken out of the ground in this country in a single year was mined and delivered in 1917—yet, another million car loads were needed. Where it is a case of physical requirement, such as it is in mining coal, it is beyond human power to make so sudden an increase in production, and as the necessities of the war cannot wait, the American people must face a typical American problem meeting and satisfying an unmet need of increase in demand for coal with inadequate facilities for increased supply.

The school children will do their part—it is for us to do ours by saving that shovelful each day. The boys and girls will not neglect any coal shovel, no matter how humble or how exalted they may be. President Wilson's shovel at the White House will be tagged, as well as Governor Hobby's, Mayor Lawther's and all other prominent men. Contests will be arranged in every town and city in Texas to see what boy and girl will have the honor of tagging the Mayor's and other high officers' shovels. In Washington scholarship tests are being conducted to determine which boy and girl will tag President Wilson's shovel. Needless to say every boy and girl aspires to that honor.

It has been remarked that any worthy cause which enlists the sympathies of the children is already half won, for their enthusiasm and eagerness is spontaneous and catching. When the 21,000,000 school children in the United States start to spread the word of fuel economy throughout the country, as they will on January 30th, we may be sure that it will spread. It is only sane optimism to believe that practically every coal shovel in the country will be tagged, and the message of conservation this acclimated, will hardly be lightly regarded or forgotten.

At the same time, the tagging of the shovel of every domestic consumer of coal will call attention to the great economies possible in the use of coal. It will show how fuel may be saved by the insulation of furnaces and pipes, by stopping the drafts under doors. The ablest physicians agree that we shall be all healthier by keeping our rooms at a moderate temperature. The message will reach every one that coal is to be a factor in winning the war and that it is a patriotic duty to save it. In saving gas and conserving electric light, we are saving coal, and there is no economy so slight but what it will prove of material help in the great conservation battle.

It is believed this "Tag Day" campaign will not only bring much knowledge concerning economy to the household, but will prove a liberal education in conservation to the children themselves, and the result will be that not only will the nation save fuel for its own needs, but at the same time the houses of the land will be warmed without waste.

HURT BY FALLING ON ICE

Kelley Hamblen, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hamblen, fell Monday on the ice-covered pavement at the school house and was painfully hurt. Some of the boys were skating and ran against him, causing him to fall. It was at first feared that he had sustained a fracture of the skull, but after about twelve hours of confinement he was able to be out again.

LETTER FROM INDIANA

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Jan. 6, 1918.

Roy Alger to his mother

Dear Mama:
Did you think I had forgotten you? I know it has been a long time since I have written, but it has also been quite a while since I was able to write. I've been laid up with the rheumatism nearly all fall and winter. Part of the time I was in the hospital in such shape that I could not turn over in bed, couldn't even move my arms. But I guess I just wore it out, because I can get around pretty well now.

If everything goes right I may be in Texas before very long, for I have applied for a transfer to the aviation camps, and it has been approved. I'll know for sure in about a week. It will take that long at least, for there is so much "red tape" about such matters. Don't think I am going up in the air, for I am not. I am transferring as a gas engine repair man and automobile mechanic. I'll be sent to Camp Kelly, San Antonio, I suppose. Everybody from this part of the country goes there.

There is quite a lot of excitement here at the fort tonight. An ambulance company from here is leaving for Hoboken, New Jersey tonight, and that means France for them inside of 20 days.

The way things look now, I don't believe that the 10th infantry will ever leave here—anyhow until next winter, at the earliest. You see it is the only organization here—the only troops in the state, for that matter, and it does not look reasonable that the War Department would leave these buildings empty and take all the soldiers out of the state. We are in brick quarters here, have steam heat and things are fired up pretty well.

The weather has been awfully cold this winter, more snow than there has been in years so early in the year. We've had about five inches of snow on the ground for nearly three weeks and it just went away today on account of a big rain. Tonight it is getting colder again, below zero now.

I've noticed in the papers that there has been quite a lot of sickness at Camp Bowie. Charles hasn't been sick, has he? There has not been a great deal of sickness here—a few cases of pneumonia and a few cases of measles. I haven't had a cold all winter. Maybe the rheumatism took all the evil effects of it, anyway, it was bad enough.

How is Cary now? I can certainly sympathize with him because I have taken my meals through a glass tube when I wasn't able to move my hand.

Now think I had better stop for tonight, as it is ten minutes "till lights out."

Give my love to everybody and keep a great big share for yourself.
Your loving son,
Roy.

BELL GRAIN CO. TO USE MOTOR PERMANENTLY

We have been informed that after a tryout of the electric motor proposition for a month's time the Bell Grain Co. have decided to make it a permanent proposition. We understand that arrangements have been made with Mr. Yoder, the light plant man, to that effect, and he is now furnishing day current. There will be other motors installed in Crowell.

ADELPHIAN CLUB MEETING

The first regular meeting of the Adelpian Club for the year 1918 met with Mrs. John Roberts Jan. 9. A large number of Adelpians answered to roll, and after the roll call topics were discussed. We entered upon the study of Henry VIII with much enthusiasm. Before scene I was taken up, Miss Purcell gave a sketch of the leading characters of the play. Following these, "The Time," historic and dramatic.

The club is fortunate in having Mrs. Taggart as leader for Henry VIII. She is not only acquainted with the play, but knows how to be a helpful teacher, and led us into an appreciative beginning of this historic play. The club was delighted to recognize Mrs. Robert Cole as a new member.

Miss Johnson was guest for the afternoon. After the club adjourned Mrs. Roberts served dainty refreshments.
—Press Reporter.

Old settlers say the weather we are having and have had for the last two weeks is the coldest this country has witnessed for many years. The mercury stood at the freezing point and even below it on several mornings. There was a small amount of snow, which will help the wheat that has already come up, and may possibly bring it up in some places, but unless more moisture follows it will not do much good.

MUST SPEED UP BEEF PRODUCTION

SPEED-UP OF BEEF PRODUCTION

State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas:—That beef production must be accelerated is heralded from all quarters. The secondary consideration of how is left to the stockmen for solution; this stockman who, having his feed crops depreciated by the drought, had either to sell his impoverished foundation stock at a sacrifice to eastern buyers, or else to ship in feed at prohibitive prices; the same stockman who bought liberty bonds with funds he must need to attempt another crop with; who supported the Y. M. C. A. with money needed to clothe the family for winter; who donated to the Red Cross that which would have purchased food, feed or fuel—this stockman will not be found wanting, his patriotism does not cease with the purchase of saving certificates. Assuredly the calf crop will be forthcoming. However, nature must take its course; the beef cow can not work overtime. Munitions can be turned out in unlimited quantities, factories can put on extra shifts and thus speed up their output to meet the emergency, but not so the cow. All that can be done is to give her the proper nourishment and environment.

A great deal, however, does depend upon this feed and care. It is quite true that some of our smaller, better managed herds will yield a 100 per cent calf crop, while on many of the larger ranches, particularly those in the coast country, it is often as low as 50 per cent. There evidently is a reason for all this variation, and this difference must be, and is, largely within the control of man.

Consider Texas with a total of perhaps 3,250,000 breeding cows; then assume a 70 per cent increase, which is high enough, and we have 2,275,000 calves. By a united effort this average could easily be raised 10 per cent, promising an additional 227,500, or an enhanced value of \$7,962,500. Rather staggering at first glance, but nevertheless possible.

How? First there are many cows suckling calves, of which will soon calve, that are weak for lack of nutrition. These are valuable cattle, valuable not alone for themselves, but for the calf which each should raise this year. It is utter folly for these cows to be neglected for the short time until grass comes. Most of them could be saved if given immediate attention and feed. Pregnant cows are not as strong as they look, and a little extra care at this time may be the means of saving both the cow and calf. The loss of one cow will pay for feeding a carload until grass comes.

There is a great deal of cactus yet that might be fed; either singed or run through a silage cutter. Cattle eating a full ration—100 pounds or more—of prickly pear will need very little or no water. Much North Texas wheat straw is still available at reasonable prices. Velvet beans or cotton seed cake in small amounts with either of these roughages will carry stock in fine condition until grass.

Other factors will influence the calf percentage, such as scrub, or impotent or over-worked bulls, or allowing aged steers or stags to run with the cows at breeding time, and neglect at calving time. Don't forget the enormous demand, which is imminent, for animals to restock the desolate drought area.

J. C. PATTERSON,
Livestock Specialist.

A PROBABLE CANDIDATE

Hon. W. S. Bell of Crowell, Foard county, Texas, was in town Tuesday and made the Tribune a pleasant visit. Mr. Bell is a member of the Texas Legislature from that district and it is rumored that he is to be a candidate for the State Senate from this the Northwest Texas district.

Mr. Bell has been in the House of Representatives for about two terms and his record stands open for inspection and should he enter the race for the Senate his friends can make no mistake in giving him worthy consideration. He is successful farmer, stockman, banker and grain dealer, and an able statesman.—Wichita Morning Tribune.

OUR STOCK OF GOLD

The gold monetary stock (coin and bullion used as money) in the United States on November 1, 1917, is estimated in Secretary McAdoo's annual report at \$3,041,500,000. The increase in the past 10 months has been \$174,500,000, and in the past three years \$1,235,500,000. In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock held by the United States has increased from approximately one-fifth to more than one-third.

TAX COLLECTOR COMING IN FEB.

On the dates given below the income tax officer will be in Foard county. His duty will be to assist individuals in the preparation of their income tax returns. All persons should confer with this representative of the Government at once and ascertain whether or not they are liable under the law for a report. It is the tax payers duty to look up this officer. He will not call on you. Failure to make report, if liable, subjects the persons so failing to severe penalties.

After the last date given hereon the officer will not again return to this county. You should see him while there.

The postmaster or any banker in the cities named below can tell you where his office is located.—Crowell, February 11 and 12th.

FROM THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

"What deductions are allowed a farmer for 'business expenses' in making out his income-tax return?"

This is one of the many questions which revenue officers who will visit every county in the United States during January and February will answer in detail. Briefly, they include the amount expended for labor in the preparation of land for crops and in the cultivation, harvesting, and marketing of the crop. Deductions may be made for the cost of seed and fertilizer, the amount expended for labor in caring for live stock, cost of feed, repairs to farm and other farm buildings, but not the cost of repairs to the dwelling. The cost of repairs to farm fences and machinery is deductible, as well as the cost of small tools and material which is used up in the course of a year or two, such as binding twine, pitchforks, spades, etc.

The cost of machinery, such as tractors and thrashing machines, can not be deducted, but the cost of their operation is a deductible item.

The value of farm products is not considered taxable until reduced to cash or its equivalent. If crops and stocks were produced in 1916 and sold in 1917, the amount received therefor is to be included in the farmer's tax return for the calendar year 1917. Crops produced in 1917 and on hand December 31 need not be considered. Persons in doubt as to any of the provisions of the income-tax section of the war-revenue act are advised by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to see the revenue officer who will visit their county to assist taxpayers in making out their returns, which must be filed on or before March 1, 1918.

TWO DIE OF MENINGITIS

On January 11, Jack Jonas died of a severe attack of meningitis only a few days after he was struck down. He was 22 years of age and had been living with his parents in the Black community. Funeral services were held Sunday and the remains were interred in the Crowell cemetery.

Mrs. W. D. Stubblefield who also lived in the Black community died of meningitis Sunday and was buried Monday in the Crowell cemetery. Mrs. Stubblefield had been sick for several days, and it was reported at one time that she was improving. She leaves a husband and some children.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to these bereaved families in their great losses.

TAKING LIBERTY LOAN BONDS IN TRADE

"I hope that the merchants of the country, upon a more careful consideration of the subject, will discontinue their efforts to sell merchandise and take Liberty Loan Bonds in payment," says Secretary McAdoo.

The Secretary states that he has no doubt that merchants offering to take Liberty Loan Bonds in exchange for merchandise are actuated by patriotic motives, but that such transactions tend to defeat a primary object of the bond sales, as they discourage thrift and increase expenditures. Bonds so taken in exchange in most cases are immediately sold in the open market, which tends to suppress the market price and adversely affects sales of future issues.

The strongest efforts are made by the Treasury Department to have these Government bonds purchased for permanent investment by the people and paid for out of savings, thus not only providing funds for the Government but effecting conservation of labor and material; exchanging them for merchandise therefore defeats this purpose.



MRS. J. W. KLEPPER

MRS. J. W. KLEPPER DIED WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Lucinda Jane Klepper wife of J. W. Klepper, was born March 7th, 1861 in Tennessee and was married to Jno. W. Klepper in Collin county, Texas, on June 3, 1884, and died January 16, 1918.

From early childhood she has been a member of the Methodist church and has through life been a consistent christian. It always afforded her pleasure to discharge any duty pertaining to the work of the church. Immediately on locating in this county, which was January 1, 1886, her letter was handed to the preacher in charge of the organization at Margaret, then the only one in this part of the county.

As she was among the first who came to this county to establish a home, there were some unpleasant and disagreeable things with which she had to contend, but as she was blessed with a kind and cheerful disposition she was never heard to murmur or complain about the hardships of frontier life.

Her children, and friends among whom she has lived so long, will always have for her the most kind and pleasant memories.

Her father, H. D. W. Patterson, was a confederate soldier in Forrest's Brigade and is now living in the town of Denton. She also has seven sisters and two brothers as follows: Mrs. Nelson Markham and Mrs. Martha Mitchell, Bonham; Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Garland; Mrs. W. A. Klepper, Denton; Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Chalk; Mrs. Julia Sheridan, Denton; Mrs. J. Ed. Thacker, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Wiley and Joel Patterson, Denton. As they receive the sad message of her death they can rest assured that when the time comes for any of them to "cross over the river" she will be there to extend a happy greeting.

By reason of the fact her physicians thought her sickness was of a type that was possibly contagious, her friends did not visit her so much as they would otherwise have done, but the beautiful and costly flowers placed on the grave and especially those furnished by the Eastern Star bore testimony to the love and esteem of the people among whom she has lived so many years.—J. W. BEVERLY.

ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Bell opened the doors of their beautiful home on Wednesday evening of last week several of their friends.

The weather being at freezing point only added to the coziness and cheer on the interior. Each guest could not help but think how lucky they were to be the recipient of an invitation to such a pleasant affair.

But you realized it more fully on entering the dining room where "King Turkey" in all of his majesty ruled over a table of viands that would have shown in splendor for a banquet on any occasion.

It was useless for us to tell the gracious hostess how much we all enjoyed it. All that was necessary was for her to review the remains and she could fully realize that no guest rushed off without their appetite.

The remainder of the evening was borne away on the wings of time too fast.

Contests, music and several readings by young Master Bell added to the occasion. The hour of departure was dreaded by all, as we were loathe to tear ourselves from such pleasant associations.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell may rest assured of the fact that they added several rays of sunshine to the path of life to all that were present, and on our departure we all pronounced them as ideal host and hostess.

The following guests were present: Messrs. and Mesdames Hughton, Henry, T. M. Beverly, S. S. Bell, Mr. Ray and daughters, Jennie Belle and Martha Louise.

BUY THRIFT STAMPS

The newspapers might urge people to do their duty along lines of patriotism and perhaps many would see the necessity of doing it, but in order that they may respond generally to the Government's appeal the matter must be taken up by all who are interested.

The campaign of buying War Savings Stamps might be pushed along successfully by the schools of the county taking the matter up with the pupils. Let there be a rivalry among them. There is not a single child in the public schools of the county perhaps who could not buy one stamp a week. By the end of the school term each one could have a thrift card full of stamps. It is up to the teachers to show their patriotism along this line.

THE LIBERTY LOAN AND GERMANY

The military masters of Germany have maintained an attitude of assumed great contempt for America's war preparations and America's participation in the war. The Kaiser, Hindenburg, and Hertling have all voiced this contempt. Yet there are evidences in plenty that in fear of America's entry in force into the war next spring Germany is massing tremendous forces on the western front, is preparing to hurl masses of men into the jaws of death in a desperate effort to reach a conclusion before the might of America becomes effective.

The two Liberty Loans in this country no doubt had a great psychological effect upon the German mind. The ease with which the tremendous sums of money were raised, the enthusiasm of the workers and of the subscribers and of, indeed, the whole Nation, and the heavy oversubscription to both loans are evidences that can not be disregarded that the American people are in earnest, that they are behind the American Army and the American Government, and are willing to make the sacrifices required and to support to the utmost our Nation at war.

That money talks is an old proverb, and the voice of the billions of dollars representing the First and Second Liberty Loans was heard across the sea and carried conviction even to the obsessed Germans.

RECEIPT—ARMENIAN MONEY

One Madison Avenue, New York, January 7th, 1918.

Mr. T. A. Taggart,
Crowell, Texas.
Dear Mr. Taggart:

In enclosing the treasurer's official receipt we wish to add a word of personal appreciation on behalf of the people "out there" in Armenia, Syria, Western Asia and the Russian Caucasus to whom you have helped bring a bit of the Christmas spirit.

On December 8th the following message came from the land of the Christ Child:

"Long awaited opportunity of relief in Palestine has arrived. Sickness and destitution serious, especially in cities. Funds in hands very inadequate. Refugee hospital established near Garza overcrowded. Three more required. Seed, grain, clothing, medical supplies can be secured in Egypt for Palestine relief when funds permit."

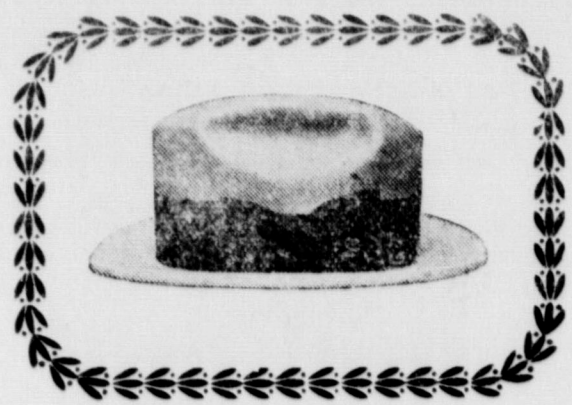
Because you have given to the little children and broken-hearted mothers of the land of the first Christmas, may the full measure of the spirit of the Christmas season be yours.
Sincerely,
C. V. VICKEY.

Note—Enclosed with the above letter was an "official receipt" to the Crowell Public School for \$81.02 signed by Cleveland H. Dogde, Treasurer of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF CAPT. BILL (W. J.) McDONALD

The following persons went from Crowell to Quanah Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral of Capt. W. J. McDonald: L. D. Campbell, Steve Bell, J. G. Witherspoon, J. F. Witherspoon and Joe W. Beverly.

The services were held in the Baptist church. Several Deputy U. S. Marshals were present. Also Judge Meeks and District Attorney Odell of the Federal Court at Wichita Falls. The two last named made talks as to the life and character of the deceased. Several telegrams were read from prominent men. Among the number was a message from President Woodrow Wilson.



GET IN THE WELL-DRESSED CIRCLE.
YOU NEED A NEW HAT

Over
Your
Top

--And we have the one you want.
--A new lot of Thoroughbreds in advance styles.
--Buy it now.
--Other men will wear them months later when shown by other stores.

Which Color?

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|--------------|-------|
| Black | Brown |
| Billet | Jade |
| Army | Tan |
| Cromo | Pearl |
| Green Velour | |

It Will Pay You to Walk Over

Hinds & Magee

The Store Behind the First State Bank

BE HONEST WITH CHILDREN

Especially Pernicious Are the Foolish Threats That Are Frequently Made by Parents.

Do not lie to children. They will soon learn you are lying; you will lose their confidence, and their respect for you will be gone. When you tell them fairy stories, let them understand they are stories. Enjoyment of the tales will not be less. Some try to control children by telling them they will be whipped, thrown out of the window, that the "bogey man" will catch them, that they will be "sold to the rag man," or the policeman will get them, and by making many other untrue, senseless threats. The child soon discovers that none of these things occur. He ceases to fear the threat and becomes as disobedient as ever—perhaps more so, since such threats act like dares to continue.

One bad threat often made to children is that the policeman will get them and take them to jail. Children should be taught that the policeman is a friend, not an enemy. They should be trained to know the policeman is one to guard them from harm and to help them in trouble.

The evil of a lie to a child cannot be estimated. It does not correct the child's behavior. One loses the child's respect, and one's authority is consequently weakened. A more serious result, however, is that the child learns to lie. Any lie is an attempt to deceive and must have evil consequences, both for oneself and the child to whom the lie is told. One should never make a threat one cannot perform. Threats are bad at the best. There are other ways to accomplish one's purpose. If you would keep your children honest with you, be honest with them.

MISSSES INFLUENCE ON CHILD

Hard to Exaggerate How Important It Can Be Made in the Training of Youth.

Story-hour has always been the standby of youth, gleefully anticipating the soothing close of the day. Every mother, too, has appreciated these minutes day after day, as a blessing in the training and development of her child. It is an indisputable fact that a child never absorbs more than when it is interested and amused. So during the pleasant story hours the child learns about the joys, the sorrows, the disappointments—in short, all the lessons of life.

But now some resourceful mother has discovered how to improve this ancient institution. How? By setting its libretto to music; by putting into song all the little tales of the hour—cheerful tunes for tales of joy; low, soft tunes for sad tales; clamorous tunes for victories.

Heretofore so many children have grown to manhood and womanhood without the helpful influence of music, probably because the mother has put forth such feeble excuses as "I am not musical; I can only play for my own amusement." "I don't know enough about music to teach it to my children." These ideas are old-fashioned now, and no longer hold water. Any little tune, no matter how weakly sung or played, but fitting in with the mood of the tale or action of the moment, delights the child, and unconsciously leaves behind an indelible influence and a recollection of happy days.

"Taking of Umbrage."

Barrie's famous story in "When a Man's Single" about the "taking of Umbrage" is said to have been by no means fictitious. The "incident" was actually the work of a practical joker on the staff of a well-known provincial paper in England. It was in 1864, at the time of the famous Seven Days' War waged by Austria and Germany on Denmark. This journalist, knowing how late news was dealt with at the office of a certain other paper conceived that a message should reach that paper early one morning, announcing, under the heading of "The War in Denmark," "The Enemy Have Taken Umbrage." "Umbrage" was given as a place on the North sea, and full particulars about it were supplied. The plot succeeded. The momentous news item was published, and the "taking of Umbrage" was the talk of the town for several days.—The Argonaut.

Humor the Best Tonic.

Keep in good humor. It is not great calamities that embitter existence. It is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments, the minor miseries, that make the heart heavy, and the temper sour. Don't let them. Anger is a pure waste of vitality; it is always foolish, and always unworthy, except in very rare cases, when it is kindled by seeing wrong done to another, or a dumb animal abused; and even that seldom mends the matter. Keep in good humor. Benjamin Franklin's ready smile and indomitable good humor did as much for his country in the old congress as Adams' fire, or Jefferson's wisdom; he clothed wisdom with smiles, and softened contentious minds into acquiescence. Keep in good humor.

Exclusive.

Mrs. Nuritch—Yes, our son Reginald is to go away to boarding school soon. His father will go next week to take the entrance examinations.

Mrs. Lesscoin—His father? Mrs. Nuritch—Yes; the school is a very select one, you know, and no one is admitted unless his father is worth at least twenty million.



Break the Ice

If you are not already one of our customers, it is time you were availing yourself of the high-quality Repair Work turned out at our Garage.

Auto Repair Work is a specialty with us.

Burks & Swaim Garage

We are pleased to meet you at the
Crowell Barber Shop

First Door South of Postoffice

Bruce & Wallace, Proprietors

Putnam's Camp.

About two and a half miles south-east of Bethel, Connecticut, by a road that winds through rolling farm country and then plunges into a succession of tight little wooded valleys, lies Putnam Memorial camp, better known as Putnam park. During the summer and fall this is more or less a resort for folk from Danbury, Bethel and Redding. But in December it lies well nigh deserted and still as it did when, in 1778, "Old Put" selected it and two neighboring sites for a winter quarters of the weary right wing of the Continental army. Though this park was begun in 1887 and practically complete by 1890, it is much less generally known and visited than Valley Forge park, in Pennsylvania, which was not begun until 1893.

Navigation.

A ship at sea is constantly changing its position on the earth's surface, and it requires some skill to keep it in its prescribed path to its destination. The oldest navigators were the Phoenicians. These hardy voyagers sailed from one end of the Mediterranean sea to the other and out into the open Atlantic without compass or chart, guided by the sun by day and by the Great Dipper at night. In those days the dipper was much nearer the pole than it is now and indicated the true north fairly well.

Japan Is Exporting Pulp.

Japanese imports of pulp have encountered obstacles, but, according to the Japan Chronicle, it is believed that the stocks held by paper manufacturers generally are sufficient to last until the end of this year, while the domestic manufacture of pulp, stimulated by import difficulties, has appreciably developed. As a result, efforts are now being made by some merchants to export home-made pulp.

The Chronicle states that this is not to be the disadvantage of those paper manufacturers who are suffering from the scarcity of imported pulp, for what they essentially want it not yet producible in this country. It finds that there is no excessive domestic pulp that is exported.

OUT OF THE GLOOM

Many a Gloomy Countenance in Crowell Now Lightens with Happiness

A bad back makes you gloomy. Can't be happy with continual back-ache.

The aches and pains of a bad back are frequently due to weak kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills are recommended for weak kidneys, so people of this locality testify.

Mrs. J. J. Ramey, Chillicothe, Texas, says: "I was troubled by my kidneys and I suffered from my back being weak and lame. My kidneys weren't acting regularly. It didn't take many of Doan's Kidney Pills to entirely remove the trouble and I am sure they have permanently cured me."

Price 60c, all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Ramey had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice

Those who are interested in the telephone exchange will please meet at the court house at 2 o'clock Saturday, January 12, 1918.—G. J. Benham. 33p

GOOD SHOE COBBLER HERE

W. R. Edwards, whom many of you know, has returned and taken charge of my shoe repairing shop and the shop will be run strictly first-class, satisfaction guaranteed. If you have any work don't fail to take it to him.—M. O'Connell.

Any person who breaks chain or lock on boats at the Bomar Lake will be prosecuted. These boats belong to private persons and must be protected. Also anyone selling fish from the lake will be barred from the privilege of fishing.—Ed Bomar.

Tresspass Notice

No hunting, trapping or putting out poison is allowed in my pasture. Trespassers will be prosecuted.—Furd Halsell. t

Nyals Yellow Pills for bilious liver.

—Ferguson Bros.

Vivian News
Albert Evans was in Swearingen last week.

Allen Fish and Jesse Walling were in Crowell Sunday.

John Tucker made a business trip to Crowell Tuesday.

Hartley Easley spent Monday night with homefolks in Crowell.

Miss Grace Taylor was shopping in Crowell the first of the week.

E. O. Patton from Fort Worth is visiting his brothers, Tom and Charlie.

Tom Patton spent the latter part of the week with homefolks in Crowell.

Joe Raspberry was transacting business at Crowell the first of the week.

The worst blizzard we have had in several years visited this section last Thursday.

Miss Helen Turner visited her sister, Mrs. R. N. Bulkeley, last week who is at Quannah in the sanitarium.

Fred Haight, G. W. Marr and Grandpa Marr from Hollis, Oklahoma, spent the latter part of last week at J. M. Marr's.

A Reader.

Arithmetic Once Was Common.

At the time of the colonization of America in the first half of the seventeenth century arithmetic was not considered essential to a boy's education unless he was to enter commercial life or certain trades. The instruction in arithmetic was often given in another school, called a writing school, or a reckoning school. When arithmetic was taught in the grammar school it was very rudimentary. Not only was this true, but among the nobility and the aristocracy of the educated, arithmetic was looked upon as "common," "vile," "mechanic," because it was the accomplishment of clerks, artisans, tradesmen and others who bore no sign of heraldry. Consequently it was beneath the dignity of a boy unless he was "less capable of learning and fit to be put to trades."

Try Nyals corn remover.—Ferguson Bros.

Sheriff's Sale

In the District Court of Foard county, Texas:

J. J. Brown et al, No. 949, vs. W. L. Power et al.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Foard.

By virtue of an execution out of the Honorable District Court of Foard county, on the 6th day of December A. D. 1917, in the case of J. J. Brown et al versus W. L. Power et al, No. 949, and to me as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 7th day of Jan. A. D. 1918, and will, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1918, it being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of said Foard county, in the City of Crowell, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest, which the estate of R. S. Sparks, the estate of T. N. Sparks, R. E. Sparks, W. J. Sparks, J. F. Sparks, J. W. Shelton and wife, Minnie Shelton, and T. D. Woods and wife, Mattie Woods, had on the 6th day of December, 1917, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 19, in block No. 66, and lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block No. 89, in the town of Crowell, Foard county, Texas, as shown by the plat of said town as the same appears of record in Vol. 2, pp 290-291, Deed Records of Foard County, Texas.

Said property being levied on as property of the estate of R. S. Sparks, the estate of T. N. Sparks, R. E. Sparks, W. J. Sparks, J. F. Sparks, J. W. Shelton and wife, Minnie Shelton, and T. D. Woods and wife, Mattie Woods, to satisfy a judgment amounting to the sum of One Thousand Dollars, with interest thereon from the 7th day of November, A. D. 1917 at six per cent per annum, and for all unpaid costs of suit as of record manifest.

Unpaid costs adjudged against the said estate of R. S. Sparks, the estate of T. N. Sparks, R. E. Sparks, W. J. Sparks, J. F. Sparks, J. W. Shelton and wife, Minnie Shelton, and T. D. Woods and wife, Mattie Woods, and also the further costs of executing this writ.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1918,

L. D. CAMPBELL,
Sheriff Foard County, Tex.
By J. C. THOMPSON,
Deputy.

Fat Hogs and Cattle Wanted

I am prepared to handle all of your fat hogs and Cattle, and will pay the highest market prices
Phone, see me in person, or write

Zeke Bell

WE HAVE Corn, corn chops, ground by us, Flour, every sack guaranteed, Meal, every sack guaranteed, Bran, Feed Oats, Seed Oats and

NIGGERHEAD COAL

Try us and be convinced that we give you a square deal

Bell Grain Company
Phone No. 124

Do You Wish

To Increase Your Savings This Year?

If so, start the year right by buying your

Groceries

at Davidson's. It is cash but the price is right.

Davidson Cash Store

Phone 213



Real Building Service

Every man who pays us a visit before he builds is sure to feel well repaid for the time he has spent. We have hundreds of building plans covering all kinds of buildings—and we give real practical help and suggestions that cut the cost of work and material.

Material at a Saving

We are quoting exceptionally low prices on all kinds of lumber, flooring, roofing, doors, windows, interior trimmings, cabinet work and building materials of all kinds.

Estimates gladly furnished and advice cheerfully given.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

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.

Trespass Notice
This is to notify all parties that they must stay out of the Crawford pasture. Anyone found trespassing in this pasture will be prosecuted.—Jim Bell.

Special pictures, Triangle program every Friday and Saturday nights at the Airdome.—Bell Bros. tf.

Bring your wheat to us for exchange for flour. You will get the same price for your wheat and will in a straight sell or buy. In other words you will get a square deal.—Bell Grain Co.

Bring your wheat to us for exchange for flour. You will get the same price for your wheat and will pay the same price for your flour as in a straight sell or buy. In other words you will get a square deal.—Bell Grain Co.

Meet me at Fergeson Bros.

16,000,000 JOINED RED CROSS IN BIG CHRISTMAS DRIVE

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION LED OTHER 12 IN UNITED STATES IN NUMBER OBTAINED.

GRAND TOTAL NOW 22,000,000

Fifth of Entire Population of This Country Belongs to the Great "Army Behind the Army."

One-fifth of the entire population of the United States belongs to the American Red Cross.

Twenty-two million persons constitute the Army Behind the Army.

Sixteen million new members were added as a result of the Christmas membership campaign. Six million citizens of the United States already were members.

Ten million new members was the goal set for the Christmas campaign. Six million more than the required number were obtained, 3,250,000 of these coming from the Southwestern division, which was made up by the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Southwestern division led the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross both as to the number of members obtained and from a percentage basis.

Wonderful Achievement.

The wonderful achievement of enrolling one-fifth of the entire population of the United States as members of the Red Cross is less a triumph than it is a call to greater service, according to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, who pointed out that greater service and sacrifice must be the watch word of the 22,000,000 members of this, the greatest organization of its kind the world has ever known. Davison recently said in a telegram to George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern division of the Red Cross:

"The latest reports available indicate that the Christmas drive for 16,000,000 new members for the American Red Cross has resulted in the addition of fully 16,000,000 names to its rolls. This number, added to the more than 6,000,000 members before Christmas campaign, makes the total present enrollment fully 22,000,000.

"This is a magnificent fact—an ex-



Sneezing Again?

Take Laxacold

Start after the first sneeze—no unpleasant effects—tablets any one can use. Easy to take—quick in action and handy to carry.

Nothing will affect the lungs so quickly as a heavy cold—if you value your lungs you owe it to yourself to use

NYAL'S

Laxaco Tablets

Do Not Neglect a Cold

No matter how innocent at first it takes but very little for it to develop into a serious complication.

No quinine—no buzzing in the ears and no nausea—the fever of colds and the cold itself are quickly banished.

35 Tablets to the box—enough for several colds.

25 Cents the Box

We expect to be here in business a good many years. The only way we can do it is by treating everybody right. That's our policy.

Fergeson Brothers

West Side Square



For Field Purposes

There are no better plows than ours on the market, strong, durable and highly efficient in every respect. Farmers and others requiring agricultural implements of any kind will assure themselves of high quality and a saving of money by making their purchases here. Every article we sell has our personal guarantee of quality back of it.

J. H. SELF & SONS

pression not alone of the patriotism but of the fine sympathy and idealism of the whole American people.

"The Red Cross War Council congratulates and welcomes every new member of the American Red Cross. Likewise it congratulates the officers and old members of the organization who have given unstintingly of their time and effort to make this membership campaign a success; but the wonderful achievement of enrolling one-fifth of the entire population of the United States as members of the American Red Cross is less a triumph than it is a call to greater service.

"The Red Cross is not merely a humanitarian organization, separate and distinct from others, but it is the nobilitized heart and spirit of the whole American people. The American Red Cross is carrying a message of love and sympathy to American soldiers and sailors and to the troops and civilian population of our allies in all parts of the world. It is seeking to lay a foundation for a more enduring peace. As we stand on the threshold of a new year in this hour of world's tragedy, there can be but one thought in the minds of the 22,000,000 members of the American Red Cross, and that is to serve and sacrifice as never before."

Natural Liberty.

The natural liberty of man, by entering into society, is abridged or restrained, so far only as is necessary for the great end of society, the best good of the whole. In the state of nature every man is, under God, judge and sole judge of his own rights and of the injuries done him. By entering into society he agrees to an arbiter or indifferent judge between him and his neighbors; but he no more renounces his original right than by taking a cause out of the ordinary course of law, and leaving the decision to referees or indifferent arbitrators. In the last case he must pay the referees for time and trouble. He should also be willing to pay his just quota for the support of government, the law and the Constitution.—Samuel Adams.

Learn to Listen.

Men like the girl who can chatter, but they love the girl who can listen. There are so few of us who learn this in early youth. But as we get older we realize that people in general would rather talk to a good listener than to be entertained by the most brilliant conversationalist in the world.

If you are not popular with men and with women, make up your mind to find out why you are not. Study yourself and try to realize if you are disloyal, unsympathetic, opinionated or selfish.—Exchange.

"GESUNDHEIT" — THEN WOE

Citizen of German Origin, Patriotic to Last Ditch, Makes a Disastrous Blunder.

This little story, which appears to be an orphan, is now going around:

"I'm going to the patriotic meeting this evening," said the citizen of German origin.

"No," said the wife, "you mustn't go. You'll get into trouble, sure."

But he went, despite her remonstrance. Just before midnight, on the last street car, he stumbled into his domicile. The good wife was sitting up for him.

When he appeared his eyes were black and blue, his face was scratched and puffed, his collar had been torn from his shirt and he looked as though he had been rolled in the dirt.

"Ah," said the wife, "I told you not to go to that meeting, that something would happen to you."

"It was not at the meeting," explained the husband, "The meeting was all right. There were three speeches, and, like everybody else, I applauded everyone of them. The band played the 'Star-Spangled Banner.' Everybody stood up. So did I.

"It was after the meeting. I was coming home on the street car. The car was crowded. Then a woman on the car sneezed and I said, 'Gesundheit!' Then everything happened."

Five Great Men in History.

In the generation that saw the birth and the earlier years of the republic five men stand out—George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and John Marshall, says James Bryce in the Youth's Companion. Whether or not the last four of them were great men in the full sense of the word is a question on which people were not agreed in the lifetime of those four and are not agreed today; but everyone felt then as everyone feels now that Washington was great. He is a world figure. In mere intellectual power he was not superior to the other four. He had less originality and a less wide range of capacity than Franklin, less versatile activity of mind than Jefferson, less brilliant gifts for constructive policy and the exposition thereof than Hamilton, less logical grasp and penetration of thought than Marshall; but he rose superior to them all in a certain massive strength of character, in stately dignity, in a calm firmness of purpose that neither the smiles nor the frowns of fortune could divert from the course his judgment had approved. So his primacy was undisputed then and has remained undisputed ever since.

Meet me at Fergeson Bros.

All Circus Rings Same Size.

Railway tickets are the same size all over Britain and the continent and America—viz., two and one-quarter inches—and have been so for the last 50 years. This surely indicates a world-wide tendency to standardize.

Every builder's ladder is built to scale, and the fireman's ladder is on the scale of the seaman's run up the ratlines, not the bricklayer's trudge up the wooden rungs. But perhaps the greatest triumph of standardizing is that of the circus. London Tri-Bits says: There are big and little circuses in the world, but the ring is always of the same diameter, for the bareback rider has discovered the exact angle at which he can square the circle. No matter whether it be a ring cut in the turf or a luxuriously appointed theater, the circus ring never varies 1 foot.

OUR LINE OF DEFENSE

It is a moment of tense nerves—ready to slip out of the trench at the word of command—and at the enemy. Our men on the firing line are physically fit for military service because only about one man out of five was chosen to endure the hardships of this fearful war. But we must not be content with 20 per cent. in physical health of our American youth. We cannot afford to lose four men out of five because of physical fitness. Such weaknesses can be cured. Many times the kidneys are to blame. If the kidneys are clogged with toxic poisons you suffer from stiffness in the knees in the morning on arising, your joints seem "rusty," you may have rheumatic pains, pain in the back, stiff neck, headaches, sometimes swollen feet, or neuralgic pains—all due to uric acid or toxic poisons stored in the blood and which should be swept out.

Then procure at your nearest drug store Anuric (double strength). The cost is 60 cents. This Anuric drives the uric acid out. Drink plenty of pure water, take Anuric three times a day for a month.

Send Doctor Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cts. for trial package.

DAWSON, TEXAS.—"For the benefit of others, I gladly give this statement regarding the merits of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. Am nearly 76 years of age. I suffered from backache, weak back, rheumatism, and could not control the kidneys. I can safely say that 'Anuric' the new discovery of Dr. Pierce, has done me more good than anything I have ever taken for these ailments."—MRS. N. L. FLINT.

QUAY, OKLA.—"My bowels were constipated, joints were stiff, ankles and feet swollen, and I had pain in hips and knees. I realized that I had uric acid in the system and sent for a trial package of Anuric. I then got three or four packages of the Anuric Tablets and also started taking the 'Pleasant Pellets' regularly. Now I am free from pain, the joints have limbered up, and I am enjoying very good health for an old man seventy-nine years of age."—L. ARON SPENCER.

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, OWNERS AND PUBLISHERS

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CROWELL, TEXAS, JANUARY 18, 1918

Buy war saving stamps and stamp out the war.

It's a good indication when we have a great deal of snow in winter that the following summer will witness good crops.

The city of El Paso will have a local option election January 30th. The El Paso Times and the El Paso Herald both say the city must go "dry."

The retail price of milk in England has been advanced from 14 to 16 cents a quart. The sale and use of cream has been prohibited except for invalids, infants and for butter making.

Every time you lick a war savings stamp you help lick the Kaiser. Every meatless meal you eat will save a piece of meat and help bring an early peace to the earth.

Work of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense has already been started in Porto Rico, and plans now made include its introduction into every territory in the United States.

The first state to ratify the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution was Mississippi, the home of Jeff Davis and other noted southern men. The second was Virginia, the home of George Washington and Gen. R. E. Lee. The third was Kentucky where more whiskey has been distilled than any other state in the union. It is also the home of Col. Henry Waterson, editor of the Courier Journal, a strong and influential anti-prohibitionist.

The indications Monday while the snow was falling thick and fast was that we were going to have some real winter, but after a while the sun came out warm and the snow melted fast. Reports are that large areas of the country to the north and east of us have been under snow for some time. J. J. Brown said a letter from his sister in Tennessee, not far from Chattanooga, stated that that country had been covered with snow for about six weeks.

We are all passing through changing stages, but it is peculiarly characteristic of the American people that they can adjust themselves to what seemeth best. The war-winning word is conservation, and that applies to almost everything with which we have to do. It applies to food, clothing, health, wealth, soil, all actual possessions and resources, in the careless and reckless waste of which we have almost committed the unpardonable sin, but we are going to learn some valuable lessons or else the signs are wrong. We are now pupils learning in the school of experience and the lessons will stay with us.

When Germany started out to conquer the world the only thing in the way was little Belgium. France was unprepared for war. England was unprepared. The United States was still enjoying a peaceful repose, and was not awakened for a couple of years afterwards. Germany was at the zenith of her military strength, and yet swooping down upon an unprepared and unsuspecting world, with all of her military strength, Germany failed to accomplish her aim. There was never a better time, if that aim was to be reached through human strength alone. Why did Germany fail? There may be hundreds of explanations given, yet none will satisfy. There are some things which it is not given man to understand. We don't understand why there must be so much suffering and bloodshed and death. Why so many millions of innocent, peace-loving people must feel the effect of a world tragedy brought on by one or two men. But one thing we do know, and that is that there is a principle involved, and thusfar that principle has no sufficed defeat and unless the order of past history is reversed it will not. Right will prevail, even if Germany has been prepared to defeat it.

Spend your money and economize. If there was ever a time in the history of the United States when every body should be a spender of his money now is the time. By this it is not meant that you should waste your money, but spend it wisely, either for things you need, or invest it in something that will bring you profit in the years to come. Every American dollar, every dime, every nickel, every cent, should be sent on its daily mission to help somebody. Money is the

blood of the business world and its circulation should not be hindered. We can spend our money and economize. Economizing does not mean money hoarding. Economize in the use of life's necessities by avoiding wastefulness and extravagance. We should buy what we need and thus keep the wheels of all legitimate industry turning, and not allow business to drop below normal. A false idea of the meaning of economy could easily lead to a crippling of our industries. A little sane thinking will lead us to see the folly of becoming miserly. Conserve, economize, but put to use your resources, whatever they may be, whether money, talent, energy, put them to the best use by giving them all they can do. We must keep business humming. Pass along the dollar, and if the other fellow will do the same it will open up the way for another one to your pocket.

The Paducah Post gives a brief account of the murder of Gus Spilker, a boot-maker, who was murdered at that place in the year 1914, and whose supposed murder has just been captured.

According to the story Spilker was saving his money with the intention of returning to Germany, his home land, for his family which he would bring to America to make this his permanent home. At the time of his murder Spilker was sleeping in a livery stable at Paducah and while he was asleep one night parties entered his apartment and killed him and carried him away to the head of a draw about four miles from town where the body was left. It seems that a heavy snow fell that night, which helped to prevent any trace to the crime. It was about four months after that when the body of the murdered man was found. He was identified by a watch and other articles which he had on his person.

Several arrests were made at the time but no clew could be had to fix the guilt of the crime. But recently the sheriff of Cottle county got onto a trail that has led to two arrests and it is believed that at least some of the right parties are now in the custody of the authorities. The first one to be arrested was Dick Garrett, who lived at Paducah at the time of the murder, but who was apprehended in Oklahoma. The second was Sam Miller who lived at Weatherford.

ADVERTISING WAR SAVING STAMPS CAMPAIGN

The following names of the progressive business men of Crowell have subscribed the amounts opposite their names here given to go as a monthly fund for the advertising of the war savings stamp campaign. This expense will include that of advertising in the News as well as other forms of advertising, such as the printing of letters, etc. We feel that the public is entitled to know who is paying for this advertising. The names follow:

Bank of Crowell	.....\$1.00
First State Bank	.....1.00
Cecil & Co.	.....1.00
Foard County News	......50
J. H. Self & Sons	......50
R. B. Edwards Co.	......50
Self Dry Goods Co.	......50
Hays & Son	......50
Hinds & Magee	......50
C. T. Herring Lbr. Co.	......50
H. H. Hardin & Co.	......50
Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.	......50
Self Motor Co.	......50
Yoder Light & Power Co.	......50
Ferguson Bros.	......50
Massie-Vernon Gro. Co.	......50
Hill's Place	......50
W. R. Womack	......50
Owl Drug Store	......50
Allee-Henry & Co.	......50
Sandifer Grocery Co.	......25
Schooley & Cross	......25
Burks & Swaim	......25
J. H. Olds	......25

SHIPPING COPPER IN HARDEMAN COUNTY

War prices have stimulated the working of many mines not heretofore profitable. One of these is the property of T. Stanford Gibbs of Chillicothe. Mr. Gibbs' mine is near the four hills known as the Medicine Mounds. His loading station is Medicine Mounds, in Hardeман county.

From this mine Mr. Gibbs shipped three cars of copper ore in December. He expects to ship a car every ten days until a reducing plant can be installed on the ground, which he hopes will be within sixty days.

For years the Indians made yearly visits to the Medicine Mounds for the purpose of gathering up copper "float," from which they made medicine, therefore the name. Mr. Gibbs' leases start ten miles southwest of Chillicothe, and include about 18,000 acres of land.—Vernon Record.

MUSIC CLASS RECITAL

The pupils of Miss Essie Thacker's piano class entertained the mothers of the class with a very interesting recital Saturday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Annie Lee Long, the small girl stirred our hearts with enthusiasm at the very opening of the program by playing The Star Spangled Banner, arranged by Lerman.

We imagined ourselves in the presence of a real string band as Jewel Ricks played Jolly Darkies written by Bechtee.

Although this was Helen Hill's first appearance in a public recital she played with much expression, Spalding's Bumble Bee.

Miller's Vena Mozurka and Les Sylphes Valse by Bochman were played by Caroline Shawver.

Geneva Wishon showed much talent as she interpreted The Choister.

It is not a common thing today to hear a boy play the piano. We give the girls a musical education but expect the boys to be interested in music only as the girls play it. After Master Tom Burks, with the air of a real soldier, played The Training Camp by Braunoff, Miss Thacker made a few remarks on "Why boys should study music." In part she said, "because music is refining in its influence. Because music will elevate his ideals. Because music will develop his mind better than any other study. Because music will teach him the need for patience and persistence in effort. It will make him methodical in his habits."

We could almost imagine we were really in a boat as Beulah Patton gave Lieurance's Down The Stream.

Quigley's March in C, was carefully and well played by Martha Louise Ray.

With much feeling Mildred McLarty interpreted Lang's arrangement of the Flower Song.

Moonlight Reverie by Allen was well rendered by May Andrews.

Irene Garrett showed real talent in giving Beethoven's Minuet in A and Romance in A by Lieurance.

We saw the sunset in the west and felt the hush of the eve as Margaret Yoder played the Evening Bells by Eilenberg.

Tarantelle by Francis Clark, Narcissus by Suetta Gafford, Stars of Hope by Marie Bell, Love Song by Inez Sloan, each deserve especial mention for her persistence and patience by which she interpreted the meaning of the great music masters' minds.

When Godard composed Berceuse, he must have had in mind all the emotions of which the human mind is capable and Miss Ella Edgin rendered this piece with much feeling. She got real musical expression in her execution of this difficult composition. We felt it was a treat indeed when Marion Brindley gave Lucia DiLammermoor by Smith.

Miss Thacker served Hooverized refreshments to the class and mothers. This was a very enjoyable as well as instructive afternoon for the mothers and each went her way home feeling very grateful to Miss Thacker for her patience and honest efforts to the development of the musical talent of our children.—One of the Mothers.

FROM A. Y. BEVERLY

A. Y. Beverly, who is now in the officers' training school at Camp Bowie, among other things in a letter to his father says:

"Please write me a little more often as I am over here away from the other Crowell boys and it is more lonesome, and I am working harder than I ever did in my life. We get up at 6 A. M. and go in a run until 9:30 P. M. Don't have time to write a letter except on Saturday or Sunday, but I am going to stay with the work until I get a Commission or get "canned." Some of the boys have given up and gone back to their companies.

"This is a severe test of man's physical strength and it is going to take a strong one to do the work. They are taking good care of us; did not send us out in the snow storm yesterday."

MEETING CONTINUES

The protracted meeting continues at the Methodist church. Preaching at ten in the morning and at seven in the evening.

Good crowds have attended each service despite the cold weather of the week.

Some interest is being manifested on the part of some of the unsaved and the church members are being brought face to face with their neglected duty by the stirring heart searching sermons preached by Bro. Hamblen. The pastor is very earnest in his efforts to win souls.

The women have cottage prayer-meetings at three o'clock in the afternoon and the girls have prayer meeting at six thirty in the evening at the church. Friday night, Bro. Hamblen will preach on the Bible Doctrine of Hell. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Bro. Hamblen will preach to men and boys only. Every man and boy in Crowell is urged to attend this special service. Christians of the town are earnestly urged to attend the meeting and help bring a new religious awakening to the town of Crowell.

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THAT LETTER YOU WROTE

If you could accompany that letter you wrote to your soldier boy in France, you would go through a very strange experience.

If you lived west of the Mississippi river you would be placed in the mail sack in your own little home town and sent by the most direct route to Chicago. If you happened to live east of the Fathers of Waters you would be sent to New York City.

Your local postmaster would examine you to see that nothing destructive to human life was tucked away in the corner of your envelope.

On arriving at Chicago or New York you would be placed in the particular company's sack to which your soldier boy belonged. Then your sack will be hung on the rack of your particular regiment. Now you would have the choice of going to France on a troop ship or a French liner. The French merchant ships are faster than the liners so letters are often sent that way when possible.

Delays are unavoidable owing to the congested conditions during war times. First, there may be delays before the mail reaches Chicago or New York by the trains missing connections. Sometimes a ship does not leave port just at the time it is scheduled and thus letters may not leave immediately on arriving at port.

On arriving at port, all packages and parcels must be examined to see that they do not contain anything which might be destructive to human life. Kits for the soldiers sent by friends often contain safty matches. These must be removed.

Of course on arriving at France the Post Office Department lets go of the mail. Here it is delivered to the rail-ways of France nearest the various groups of our men.

Mail orderlies take charge of it then and the sacks are done up in company bundles. Then the great machinery of the army sees to the distribution. Many reserve officers have been sent to France without being attached to any particular organization. When they first arrive, mail addressed to these men must be cared for by Adjutant General at the main headquarters.

Sometimes parts of regiments have been merged with other organizations, losing their numbers and designations they had when they left America. Letters addressed to such are held until the men can be located. Competent authority says since October we have averaged 450 sacks of letters and 1,800 sacks parcel post a week to our soldier boys in France.

About 376,000 letters are brought

back each month from the boys to friends and relatives.

The French postal authorities give most hearty co-operation to our men.

Going directly to France, mail shipped on a French liner requires about ten days, mail shipped on transport takes from thirteen to twenty days. The French Government does not charge for hauling our mail from the ports to the field postoffices nor for carrying it across the ocean.

The management of control and distribution of our soldier boys' letters like most everything else connected with this war, is a stupendous undertaking.

THE NEWS LATE THIS WEEK

At an ordinary time the News would feel like making an apology for getting out so late this week and for not giving our readers a better paper, but the circumstances have been ex-

tremely difficult, and our readers at home and the advertisers are aware of this fact and are very kind to overlook the matter. The serious illness of Mrs. J. W. Klepper for three weeks and her death Wednesday necessitated the absence of her son, T. B. Klepper, a portion of the time from his place in the office. That place could not be supplied, so that the result has been absolutely unavoidable. We feel that this explanation is due those who do not know the circumstances. The News feels very grateful to those who have been considerate of us under our heavy strain.

Bring your wheat to us for exchange for flour. You will get the same price for your wheat and will pay the same price for your flour as in a straight sell or buy. In other words you will get a square deal.—Bell Grain Co.

Hot and Cold Baths First Class Shines

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When you want Feed of any kind you will find it at this store. Our motto is to give every one a square deal. Our prices are as low as the lowest and our service as good as the best. Call for anything in the Feed line, corn, corn chops, maize, maize chops, meal, hull, etc., and the best of hay.

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\$100,000

To Loan on IMPROVED FARMS in Hardeман, Foard, Childress and Cottle counties, in sums to suit. Liberal option of payment. No delays. Money ready when security and title approved. No expense except recording fees. J. B. GOODLETT, Office in Goodlett Building, Quanah, Texas.

Starting Right

The fight is half won when you get the *Right Start*. To the young business man, nothing is of so much importance as

A Bank Account

It may be small at first--doesn't always need to be large, but it should carry all his CASH transactions. Every payment should be made through it.

IT'S HELPFUL--IT'S STABLEIZING--IT'S ENCOURAGING.

This bank wants your account--LARGE OR SMALL.

"Let Our Bank Be Your Bank"

The Bank of Crowell

(UNINCORPORATED)

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Overlands--B. W. Self.
 Meet me at Ferguson Bros.
 Good assortment of toys at Ringgold's.
 Furs, skunk and wolves, bought at Ringgold's.
 Wanted--A good automobile engine, any make.--Joe Moncus. 36
 Alfalfa and peanut hay for sale.--Crowell Feed & Produce Co.
 Mr. Goode came in Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. H. M. Goode.
 M. Muldoon was here this week from Houston attending to business.
 The indications are that Russia and Germany will not agree on peace terms.
 Judge J. F. Witherspoon of King county, spent a few days in Crowell this week.
 Eighty acres of sandy land for sale. Well improved, \$60 per acre.--Beverly & Beverly.
 Zeke Bell was in Fort Worth the first of the week where he had been selling cattle.

For Sale--Some good white-faced Bull yearlings. Also some red meweys.--Zeke Bell. 37
 Where there is beauty we take it, where there is none we make it.--Cross & Cross. 38
 J. M. Jonas Jr. came in Saturday from Burkburnett to attend the funeral of his brother, Jack.
 All we ask is an opportunity to save you money on your hardware needs.--J. H. Self & Sons.
 You had better begin to figure your income for last year and see how much tax you will have to pay.
 Are you wearing a Red Cross button and have you a Red Cross card in your window? If not, why not?
 There are several indications that active work will be done in the copper mines near Crowell in a few months.
 E. B. Hall and wife came in Saturday from Greenwood to attend the funeral of the latter's brother, Jack Jonas.
 John Klepper left Friday afternoon for Camp Bowie, having been here three weeks on account of the illness and death of his mother.

Wanted--To buy a good Jersey milch cow.--W. J. Sparks.
 For Sale--180 acres of good sandy land. See J. W. Spotts Margaret, Texas. 38p
 S. W. McLarty of Vernon was snow-bound here for a couple of days last week.
 W. S. Ledbetter's family left this week for Knox City to make their future home.
 Work has commenced on the R. B. Edwards' home and it is progressing nicely at the present time.
 Good sacks 5c each at the Crowell Feed & Produce Co.--J. W. McCaskill, at Quinn building.
 We carry a complete line of automobile accessories. Look them over and price them.--J. H. Self & Sons.
 On any occasion your photograph conveys an expression of sentiment not realized in any other way.--Cross & Cross. 39
 Miss Susie Hyde came up from Knox City Wednesday to visit in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. B. F. Hallmark.
 The blizzard has not been so hard on live stock in this county as it appears to have been in other panhandle counties.
 Allen Fish and little daughter, Anita, and Mrs. Bertha Parsons of Vivian attended the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Klepper Thursday.
 C. T. Murphy of Margaret made the News a pleasant call Thursday and took advantage of one of our clubbing propositions.
 Mrs. Yeamans, who has been here for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. P. Bomar, left this week for her home in Salt Lake City.

Registered Hereford Bulls for Sale
 Twenty-three yearlings, seven, 3 to 4 years old, ten long yearling Poles, all registered.--J. M. Hill. 1 tf
 R. T. Williamson of Margaret requests us to change his paper to Alpine, as he has gone to that place for the remainder of the winter.
 Mrs. Wakefield, formerly Miss Gracie Ullum, is here this week visiting friends in Crowell and her uncle, J. H. Ayers near Margaret.
 I have several fine Jersey cows, fresh and coming fresh soon, which are for sale at reasonable prices. Inquire at the Margaret postoffice.
 Henry Teague was on the streets one day this week and we were glad to see him out. Mr. Teague recently received some very painful injuries in a runaway.
 Dr. M. M. Hart, formerly of this county and for several years was County Commissioner, has bought a farm five miles west of Crowell. He will locate in town for the practice of medicine.
 Leonard Roberts and Paul Clifford, who were on the Rio Grande with Capt. Adams, but recently transferred to Camp Bowie, are at home on furlough for a few days.

Having It in Stock

What's the use of a retail store if it does not carry what you want? We have a large and well assorted stock and can supply your wants in our line, unless they are of a very particular nature.

Trade with us, where you can get what you want, when you want it. A visit to our store will convince you that if it's Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, etc., that you are looking for, you have found the proper place.

1892 **R. B. Edwards Co.** 1918
 The Oldest and Largest

Satisfied Customers

Means that those who come back to us again and again to buy after they've made their first purchase at our store always receive satisfactory service.

They know that what we sell them is thoroughly reliable.

They know we do not ask more than fair profits on our sales.

They know they can rely on our advice--Truth is our stand-by.

They know that carefulness, honesty, courtesy, cleanness and promptness characterize us.

The Owl Drug Store

T. P. REEDER, Proprietor

I have 200 bushels of apples stored in the basement of the Ringgold building. These kept fine through the blizzard. Come and get them and please bring sacks.--F. Young. 35p
 Grandpa Lawrence had the misfortune Monday of falling on the sidewalk in front of Ringgold's building and sustaining a broken hip. He is in a very critical condition.
 H. H. Hallmark has made a deal with J. J. Brown by which he goes to the Brown farm 8 miles southeast of Crowell. Mr. Hallmark moved his family to the farm this week.

Lloyd Long, a Vernon boy who taught school in this county last year, is now quartermaster on an Atlantic steamer, has returned to New York after his second trip to France.

In our mention of the boys going from here to Dallas to take a business course last week we failed to get the names of Rue Brown, Alonzo Bain and Counts Ray. There is about half a dozen of the Crowell boys at the same college.

M. J. Davis is in Wichita Falls being called there on account of the deaths of Mrs. W. C. Howard and her husband, which occurred within a few hours of each other. Mrs. Howard is Mr. Davis' oldest sister, he being the youngest child in the family.

I am authorized to seal at once and give possession, one of the best 320 acres on "Knox Prairie," 2 1/2 miles east of Knox City, 300 acres in cultivation, every foot tilable, one 4-room and one 3-room house, barn and well at each place. Price, \$50 per acre, \$5,000 cash, 1 to 10 years on balance. Can deed in two tracts if desired. If you are out of a home or want a good investment, this is it.--J. E. McPherson, Knox City, Texas. 36

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We wish to thank our many friends for assistance, offers of assistance and sympathy during the serious illness and death of our precious wife and mother. We fully realize that had conditions been different our friends could have been of more comfort to us during the trying hours. We wish to express our appreciation of the flowers sent to the sick room during the conscious hours of the sick one, who thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated them. May God bless and keep you.--J. W. Klepper and family.

Estray Notice

Notice is hereby given, that at 2 o'clock on the first Tuesday in February, 1918, same being February 5th, I will sell at public auction, on the public square at Crowell, the following estray, to-wit: One brown horse, about 14 hands high, about 12 years old, no brand, which has been estrayed by me according to law.

P. E. TODD,
 County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.

J. W. Cook writes from Pilot Point enclosing a check for another year's subscription to the News, that he and his are all well and are having plenty to live on. He says he don't want Mr. Hoover to know that he has plenty to eat. Mr. Cook is very liberal, however, for he says if any of us want to be convinced that what he says is true, all we have to do is come down.

Drawbacks

THERE is a drawback to nearly everything. The fragrant rose has its thorn, the busy bee has its stinger, the useful mule has its kick, and so on down the line.

There is seldom success without economy at the start. It isn't always pleasant to pinch and scrimp and save, but most of us who start out with nothing, have to travel that road. The savings thus attained, if placed in a good bank like ours where they are safe, will in time mean comfort, ease and satisfaction for you.

First State Bank of Crowell

R. R. WALDROP, Active President
 R. B. GIBSON, Cashier

M. L. HUGHSTON, A. C.
 VERA WALDROP, A. C.



Flooring That Wears a lifetime is not made of shoddy lumber. It must be made of carefully selected stock properly cut and seasoned. When you are ready to buy flooring

Let Us Show You why it is an economy to buy the best quality. Come and explain your needs to us. We will explain how you can avoid waste and get satisfactory service.

All Our Building Material Is Guaranteed to Buyers

C. T. Herring Lumber Co.

GETS HIP FRACTURED On Monday the 14th, L. H. Lawrence fell on the slippery sidewalk in the business portion of town and as a result sustained a fractured hip.

This is a very serious accident for Mr. Lawrence, as it will, in all probability, leave him a helpless cripple the remainder of his life. He is 77 years of age, and even if he could get up, he would never be able to walk again. He and his wife live with Mrs. Dyke, their daughter, here.

J. J. Brown came into the office Monday and had the News sent to his two sons, Travis and Reu. Travis is at Brownwood attending a school preparatory to taking up railroad work. He says he likes his work down there and thinks that he will be able to complete his course in at least four months time, and he will be able to hold a position that will pay him good wages. Reu is at Dallas attending the Metropolitan Business college. He says there are seven of the Crowell boys there taking a business course and that all these seven take their meals at the same place.

The News for \$1.50.

One Thousand Miles From Land.

It is possible for a ship to reach a point in the ocean where it is 1,000 miles from land in any direction. In fact, this can be done at several points. By leaving San Francisco or Vancouver and sailing into the North Pacific a spot is reached where there is no land, not even an islet, for a thousand miles in any direction. So, too, sailing from the southern point of ancient Kamchatka southeastwards, a ship will reach a point more than a thousand miles from land, the nearest to the north being the Aleutian Islands, and to the south the Sandwich Islands, or Hawaii. In the southern Indian ocean it is possible to sail a thousand miles out from the southern points of Australia and New Zealand, and still be as far away from any other land; and the same may be done in a westerly direction from Cape Horn.

For Sale or Trade A stallion and two jacks, stallion 7 years old, jacks, two and four. Will trade for cattle or town property or will sell for cash or good paper.—J. G. Ford, Crowell, Texas. 35p

Special pictures, Triangle program every Friday and Saturday nights at the Ardmore.—Bell Bros.

PROGRAM

Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Crowell, Texas, Jan. 25--27, 1918

First Christian Church

Theme—Christ's Call.

Motto—"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35.

Convention Aim: "Every Society in the District Represented."

Convention Slogan: "On Time at Every Session."

FRIDAY EVENING

- 7:45 Song Service
8:00 Devotional Service.....Miss Lottie Woods, Crowell.
8:10 Address of Welcome.....Bro. P. J. Merrill, Crowell.
8:20 Response.....Bro. H. C. Maynor, O'Brien.
8:25 Announcements.
Appointment of Committees.
8:30 Address "Christ's Call".....Bro. Hamblen, Crowell.
9:00 Social Hour.

SATURDAY MORNING

- 8:30 Quiet Hour.....Led by Mr. Cecil Smith, Chillicothe.
9:00 Song.
Conference.....Conducted by Field Secretary, A. A. Hyde.
a. Young People's and Intermediate Standards 1917-1919.
b. Junior Standards 1917-1919.
c. Union Standards 1917-1919.
d. Monthly Service Program.
e. Army of Universal Patriotic Service.
f. Texas Christian Endeavor News.
g. Christian Endeavor Helps.
h. The Christian Endeavor World.
i. The Dixie Endeavor.
j. Banner Contests.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Song Service.
Devotional Service.....Miss Lela Carothers, Rochester.
2:20 District Officer's Report.
Election of Officers.
2:45 Discussion—Christian Endeavor in My Town, by Representatives from Each Society.
3:10 Important Departments.....By Chairman of Each Department.
a. Quiet Hour.
b. Tenth Legion.
c. Efficiency.
d. Press.
e. Citizenship.

SATURDAY EVENING

- 7:30 Song Service.
Devotional Service.....Mr. O. D. Weatherbee, Rotan.
8:00 Address—Our Responses to the Call.....Field Secretary, A. A. Hyde.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

- 3:00 Song Service.
Devotional Service.....Miss Ruth Davis, Benjamin.
3:20 Discussion—"Next Year in the District".....Led by H. C. Maynor.
3:35 Our Conventions.....Mrs. Arzella Smith Speck.
State—Fort Worth, June 13-16, 1918.
All South—Memphis, July 11-14, 1918.

- 3:45 Important Features of the Year's Campaign.
a. Growth among the Juniors.....Mrs. P. J. Merrill.
b. Intermediate Progress.....Mrs. H. C. Maynor.
c. The War Program.....Mr. W. M. McKenzie.
d. The Great Missionary Campaign.....Mrs. W. C. Howard.
e. Forward in Evangelism.....Mr. W. C. Howard, Quanah.

EVENING

- 7:00 Christian Endeavor Prayermeeting.
8:00 Song and Devotional Service.....Miss Leona D. Young, Crowell.
8:15 Installation of Officers.
Offering.
8:30 Consecration Address.....Field Secretary, A. A. Hyde.
Mizpah Circle.

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

BUREAU OF MILITARY RELIEF.

The following is a brief resume of the Red Cross activities among the seven army cantonments located in the Southwestern Division. These activities developed since a trip taken by the Director through camps from October 23rd to November 1st. Approximately 125,000 sweaters from Washington and from the St. Louis Supply Department have been distributed, almost equally among the different camps.

These special squadrons of 225 men each at Camp Hoke, Fort Worth, and three special squadrons, also of 225 men each, at Camp Kelley, San Antonio, Tex., have been completely equipped from our St. Louis supply house with sweaters, blankets, mufflers, comfort kits and socks. These men are all under orders to sail for France. Five hundred and sixty-eight blankets, sweaters, socks, etc., were sent to the 14th Field Artillery, Camp Doniphan, Fort Hill, Ok., from St. Louis. This is the former Battery A of St. Louis, Ok. Regimental commandant, who personally made the requisition. Five hundred suits of pajamas have been distributed at Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex. A number of special donations from individual chapters for particular requisites have been distributed by the Red Cross field director. These consist of several thousand articles. Several hundred individual requests from soldiers for warm clothing, principally sweaters, have been investigated, and when found bona fide, have been supplied. At Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, a sudden drop in temperature greatly increased the sickness, resulting in many cases of pneumonia. Our field director brought forty chapters and collected from military housing chapters about 1,000 more, with which the hospital authorities were able to keep their patients warm. This field director has telegraphed for 15,000 more sweaters. A similar drop in temperature has caused the field director at Camp McArthur, Waco, to telegraph for blankets. One hundred pairs were expressed to him that night from the St. Louis warehouse and he was given authority to meet the emergency by buying others if needed. Other activities have been as follows: Reports of meningitis at Camp Funston and Doniphan caused the director of military relief to telegraph the commanding general, offering to send Red Cross nurses and supplies. These offers were followed by a request from Camp Funston for 55 face masks and caps for the attendants to wear. This request was immediately filled. From Camp Doniphan in reply came a telegraphic request for an isolation ward for the meningitis cases. It was installed the following morning. This brought the following acknowledgment: "My dear Mr. Stoner: I greatly appreciate your prompt action in arranging for the hospital supplies requested by me in my telegram. I thank you on behalf of the Tenth Army division, as I do also for your offer of future assistance. Yours truly, (signed) 'BERRY, Quartermaster.' The Department of Military Relief is co-operating at every camp and station with the military authorities in every detail looking toward the health and comfort of our enlisted men. STANLEY STONER, Director Military Relief, Southwestern Division, A. R. C., 1417 Railway Exchange, St. Louis.

The Telephone and the High Cost of Living

Here are a few of the materials used daily in the telephone business for installing telephone and for maintaining the plant. Here are the prices of those materials on Aug. 1, 1914 and on Sept. 14, 1917.

- Glass insulators increased from \$19.07 to \$28.09 per 100, an increase of 47 per cent.
Ground rods, from 19c each to 37c—95 per cent.
Lead covered cable, 100 pairs, from 20c to 45c per foot—125 per cent.
Iron telephone wire No. 12 from \$3.70 per cwt. to \$8.25—123 per cent.
Rubber covered telephone wire No. 19, from \$7.92 to \$15.18 per 1,000 foot—92 per cent.
Weather proof iron telephone wire No. 14, from \$12.10 per cwt. to \$20.60—70 per cent.
Bare copper wire No. 10, from \$25.00 to \$68.06 per mile—170 per cent.
Telephone switchboards have increased 51 per cent.
Solder has increased 50 per cent.
Batteries have increased 97 per cent.
Telephone poles have increased 36 per cent to 57 per cent in cost; hardware used on telephone poles 218 per cent.
Telephone instruments cost 47 per cent more than formerly. Tools have increased in price from 46 to 119 per cent.
These are merely a few items selected from a list of more than 600 articles of material used in the telephone business. The items specifically named here are those used daily by the telephone company. Nowhere on the entire list of materials used by the telephone company is there an article that has not increased in price since the war began. Some of them cannot be obtained at present at any price. AND THE END IS NOT YET! Monthly, the prices of electrical and telephone materials are revised upward. Have you ever considered the fact that, while all other materials and commodities you used were going skyward in price on account of the war?

Telephone Rates Have Not Raised in Proportion to the increase in cost of material. Considering the above facts, do you think the Telephone Company unreasonable, because they insisted on the prompt payment of their rentals and tolls?

Have you ever considered the fact that compared with the prices you are paying for everything else you buy

Telephone Service is a Great Deal Cheaper today than it was in 1914

Haskell Telephone Company A. J. COMBS, General Mgr.

We are in the Feed and Coal Business

and solicit your trade. We sell for SPOT CASH. We pay Cash and cannot sell on time

Jas. H. Olds

Crowell - Texas

AGRICULTURE ON VAST SCALE

Argentine "Estancias" So Large They Are Measured in Leagues Instead of Acres.

It is when the traveler has made a night's run from the strictly mountain towns and wakens to look out of the windows of the sleeping-car to behold the vast prairie of level and productive plain unrolling before him on all sides that the real Argentina begins to be tangible. It is like sailing on an almost perfectly level sea that bends away to the horizon with naught to obstruct the vision save here and there a clump of poplars, which signifies the ranch buildings of a big "estancia."

One is struck with the absence of woods, but as one proceeds and studies the landscape he sees great herds of cattle, immense flocks of sheep, and here and there gray patches which, on nearer view, are discovered to be composed of Argentine ostriches. Then there are the stretches of grain fields which seem to reach everywhere and have no boundaries—thousands of acres of wheat and corn.

One has reached the country where farms are measured not by the acres, but by square leagues. If you ask the size of a farm, the answer will often fairly appall you, for these vast feudal "estancias" comprise all the way from 12,000 to 200,000 acres, and agriculture is on a scale that would seem fabulous even to our farmers in Kansas and Nebraska.—Christian Herald.

Bad People in Literature.

Hildegard Hawthorne in speaking of some juvenile criticisms of Stevenson's "Kidnapped" in a prize contest says some of the writers seemed to think that a book must have only good people in it, and because "Kidnapped" has so many bad or half-way bad folks in it, it was, by so much, mistaken. As a comment on this she adds:

"There is no such thing as a village or a town or a house or a world that is all full of good people; because there is not so much as a single one of us that is entirely without fault. And in wild and bitter circumstances you will find wild and bitter men, and in times of stress tempers will crack and sad things will happen." Miss Hawthorne's statement is as applicable to a class of grown-up readers as to children. It is very common to hear it said of a book that it is objectionable because it has had people in it.

Knox City Sanitarium

A nice quiet homelike place, where you can have the comforts of a home with the advantages of a light, sanitary, up-to-date operating room ready for any emergency. Under the care of the best of nurses with my careful personal attention.

T. S. EDWARDS, Surgeon.

Beverly & Beverly

Lands, Loans and Abstracts

Crowell, - Texas

At Bomar Lake

You can spend many a pleasant hour after the tiresome toils of the day. Those who wish to come and camp will be supplied with conveniences that will make the stay pleasant. For further particular see Ed Bomar, Prop.

Advertisement for Black Silk Stove Polish, featuring a can of the product and text: "Does Not Rub Off, Lasts 4 Times as Long as Others, Saves Work. Get a Can Today"

Waste Waste Waste



THAT'S what caused the anguish of Belgium--Sorrow in France--Anxiety in America.

Belgium Had No Chance France Neglected Her Opportunity What Will America Do?

Belgium fought to save--France fights to win--America must save or all is lost.

Buy War Savings Stamps And help the boys win for the right.

This space paid for by the Crowell business men.

Some One Said:

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When your car is in trim,
But the man worth while
Is the one that can smile,
When he has to come home on the run.

Save having to make that forced smile by having that
tire fixed when it first shows signs of giving away.

Lee Allan Beverly

Steam Vulcanizing

South Side
Square

ANCIENT LEGEND MADE GOOD

Russian Women Fighting With the
Desperation Said to Have Ani-
mated Amazon Warriors.

Legend tells of an ancient nation of female warriors, the Amazons, who were said to have lived in Pontus, near the shore of the Euxine sea, where they maintained an independent government under the rule of a queen. These hardy women, so runs the tale, carried war into many neighboring countries, including Scythia and Thrace, and to the coasts of Asia Minor, even penetrating to Arabia and Egypt. They were seldom made to swallow the bitter potion of defeat.

Now, according to the war cables from Petrograd, woman is again taking her place in battle. The "Death Battalion" in the Russian army on the eastern front, reports say, is full in the fight and is acquitting itself heroically. We read such lines as "Ensign Mile, Vera Butchkareff has been sent to hospital suffering from shell shock," and "the 'Death Battalion' rushed forward, firing their rifles with deadly effect."

It is a strange situation in Russia which finds women standing fast under fire, and thousands of men turning their backs to the foe and delivering over their own soul. If these traitors are capable of shame, the spectacle of women fighting their battles for them must sink deep into their souls.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

BREEDING DOGS WITH WOLVES

Darwin's Belief Was That Domestic
Canines Represent Several Races
of the Wild Animal.

In "The Origin of the Species" Darwin expressed the opinion that the dog was originally descended from the wolf. He was inclined to think that in different parts of the globe man had tamed the particular species of wolf which would be found there, and that our domestic dogs, therefore, represent not one but several races of the wild animal, writes R. B. Townshend in the Westminster Gazette. It has long been known that dog and wolf will interbreed freely. Buffon, for example, tells us that he made such a cross successfully. Indeed, in Russia the Tsars long kept up a fierce pack of hounds for wolf hunting in which a strong strain of wolf was evident. Unfortunately, a few years ago the little daughter of a huntsman, crossing their kennel alone, stumbled and fell, and the savage brutes set upon her and devoured her on the spot. The indignant tsar had the whole pack destroyed.

Even in England the cross with the wolf has been resorted to for other bounds in order to increase the courage and strength of jaw of the dogs. But as the first cross proved rather too wild and uncertain in temper for safe handling, the masters of other hounds have always crossed back again and again to the dog till there remained perhaps only one sixteenth or fourth of wolf blood, or even less. This fact establishes the fertility of the hybrid between the wolf and the dog when bred back to one of the original parents, but so far there has been no evidence to show how far the hybrids would be fertile when bred together continuously. Recently, however, in the present century, this has been tested by Dr. Alaric Bohm of the Stockholm zoological gardens, who has given a brief account of the results obtained by him.

CRUEL JOKE ON A SQUIRREL

Naturalist Replaces Nuts With Stones
—Repeats Whop He Sees Hungry
Frisky Dig Snow Away.

Most squirrels keep two or more stores of food. Rev. J. G. Wood, the naturalist, tells of a friend who found one of these reserve stores, which a squirrel had provided for an emergency in a moment of thoughtlessness, the man determined to play a joke on the squirrel. He accordingly replaced the nuts by small, round stones and carefully concealed all evidences of his visit.

One cold day in winter he passed the spot and found that the squirrel had called there a short time previously. This he knew by the fact that ten inches of snow had been scratched from the top of the hole, outside of which the stones had been cast by the disappointed animal.

This struck the joker with remorse. He said: "I never felt the folly of practical joking so much in my life. Fancy the poor little fellow, nipped with cold, and scanty food, but, re-awakened long winter, resolved to economize his little hoard as much as possible. Fancy him at last determined to break this—perhaps his last—magazine, and cheerfully brushing away the snow, fully confident that a good meal awaited him as the reward of his cold job, and after all finding nothing but stones. I never felt more mean and ashamed in my life."

A Polarity Indicator.

An ordinary potato may be used to tell which is the positive and which is the negative terminal of a circuit. Insert the two current-carrying wires into the freshly-cut surface. A green stain, due to dissolved copper, indicates the positive wire. If both wires are surrounded by dark-colored stains the current is alternating. If you haven't a potato handy, place both terminals in water. Bubbles will collect at the end of the negative wire. If the water is in a metal vessel be very careful not to let the wire touch the metal or a short circuit will be formed.

LAUGH IN FACE OF DEATH

British Soldiers on the Western Front
Maintain Sense of Humor Under
All Circumstances.

From the trenches on the western front by way of Canada comes the story of a soldier's narrow escape from death and the levity displayed by a comrade, illustrating how viewpoints change when men get on the firing line.

Private Mac of an Alberta regiment had a pious upbringing in his early home in Scotland, and his religious inclinations did not desert him when his family settled on a farm in western Canada. All through the war he has carried "Spurgeon's Sermons" in his breast pocket, and occasionally he does some preaching, with his comrades in arms as the congregation.

Private G— of the same regiment lacked the upbringing and the book of sermons, but possesses a sense of humor. The two were in a group resting and smoking, when a shot from a German sniper hit Private Mac in the breast, the bullet being deflected by the book.

Fearing that Mac was about to improve the occasion, G—"beat him to it" and in a fair imitation of his friend's best preaching manner started in:

"Oh, dear friends, what a blessed thing it was that our dear brother wasn't a-reading of his book of sermons—as he ought to have been—instead of engaging in worldly conversation with sinner soldier men. For if dear Brother Mac had been a-reading of his book of sermons, where, oh, where, my dear friends, would Brother Mac (priceless old thing) have been then?"

LUXURIANT FLORA OF CHINA

Appellation "Flowery Kingdom" Singu-
larly Suited to the Land of the
Yellow Race.

From time immemorial China has been called the Flowery kingdom, a name given by the Chinese themselves and singularly suited to the land which for ages was like an oasis of flowers of the spirit in the world desert of barbarism, says a writer in Scribner's. In this oasis grew the arts of the bronze and stone worker, of the silkweaver and embroiderer, of the potter, of the painter on silk, of the poet, philosopher and ethical devotee. But China was not named the Flowery kingdom because of these flowers of the mind. Her flora is one of the most luxuriant in the world. It is estimated to consist of some 12,000 species, 9,000 of which are known and one-half of which are indigenous and not found elsewhere.

Such being the flora of China, it is readily understood that horticulture and gardening early became a skilled and honored profession.

The Emperor Shun-nung (2737-2705 B. C.), known as the "Divine Laborer" and also as the Father of Medicine and Husbandry, dispatched collectors to all parts of the empire to bring in plants of economic or medicinal value for cultivation in the imperial gardens. We have more detailed information in regard to the horticulture and gardening carried on by the Emperor Wu Ti (140-86 B. C.), whose agents brought from distant parts many plants that have been identified.

Cruel Blow.

"Your daughter has given me some encouragement, sir."

"But I'll be perfectly frank with you. My fiancée are in bad shape."

"Ahem!"

"I hope you are not disappointed, sir?"

"Indeed, I am, young man. I had planned to borrow \$10 from you for 30 days."

Slap It On.

"Face powder should be applied with discrimination."

"Eh?"

"Some girls seem to think all you need is a lot of it."

COMING TO

Quanah

RETURN VISIT

Doctors Rea Bros.

American Physician Specialists,
giving Free Medical Services
to the Sick

At Hotel Quanah

Monday, January 21
ONE DAY ONLY

Licensed by the States, visiting the principal cities throughout the United States, demonstrating their system of treating diseases and deformities without surgical operation; will give free treatment (except cost of medicines and appliances) on this visit.

By their improved system many dangerous operations may be avoided and much expense eliminated in the treatment of diseases of the liver, stomach and bowel troubles, such as dyspepsia, constipation, sick headache, dropsy, gall stones, appendicitis, bowel ulcerations and inflammations. Tuberculosis, Asthma, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases and Lung Diseases treated with a combination of medicines, serums, vaccines, diet and hygiene.

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Piles, fistula, small tumors, and growths of a suspicious nature treated with the hypodermic injection method, an effective plan of treatment without surgical operation.

Drs. Rea Bros. are physicians of wide reputation and have an extensive practice throughout the United States. Their plan is to secure in each community evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients.

The sick and those interested are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children with their parents.

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WHY NEGROES ARE RELIGIOUS

Solace Was Found in the Gospel
Brought to Them by Missionaries
or Taught by Masters.

The negro sought a channel for artistic solace, into which he could throw the symbolism of his racial longing. He found it in the religion brought to him by missionaries or taught him by his masters. Here he was free to dream his dreams and create his visions of future happiness, for no master could punish him for praising God. Thus he "found religion," and in religion he found no mood of his simple soul unenriched.

It is, then, not so hard to understand why the negro's folk-song is, in its superficial form, so predominantly religious. The "spirituals" of the camp meeting show a quite uneclectic variety of style and mood, a variety, in fact, co-extensive with the emotional range of simple peasant life. They include lively dances, bitter laments, means of joy and majestic, organ-like anthems. In the Bible stories which are retold in ballad form in some of the spirituals the negro found expression for his buoyant, genial humor. Nearly all the familiar moods of folk-song, from the gayest to the most profoundly tragic, are to be found under the religious veil which permitted the slave to live his own varied emotional life without interference from his master.—New Republic.

Hear Good Music.

Music students should lose no opportunity to hear the best music, both vocal and instrumental. Heard with understanding ears, one good concert is often worth a dozen lessons, yet many students know nothing in music beyond what they themselves have practiced, or heard their fellow students give at rehearsals or recitals. Trying to gain a musical education without a wide acquaintance with the literature of music is like attempting to form literary taste without knowing the world's great books.—A. W. Moore, in For Every Music Lover.

UNEXPLORED LAND IN CANADA

Vast Areas, Both in Ontario and Que-
bec, Where Surveying Parties
Have Never Been.

A very common impression held even by Canadians is that there is little Canadian territory left to explore except on the Arctic islands. But as far back as 1890 Dr. George Dawson had calculated that there were then about 1,000,000 square miles of unexplored territory in western Canada, the rest lying in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. Charles Cammell of the geological survey of Canada has quite recently revised Doctor Dawson's estimate, reaching for western Canada the figures of about 642,000 square miles, while the unexplored area of northern Quebec is represented by 250,000 square miles.

The total area of Canada is reckoned at 3,729,665 square miles, of which 520,800 square miles are embraced in the islands of the Arctic ocean. The unexplored area (Cammell figures) of 901,000 square miles represents almost 28 per cent of the total area of the country.

Starvation Wiping Out Warsaw.

Warsaw under German rule is be-
coming a morgue. Starvation is on
every side. This is the gist of a let-
ter received the other day in New
York, the accuracy of which is
vouched for by the Zionist committee.

The letter says:

"Death from starvation is a real fact; it is witnessed all over here, in every street, at every step, in every house. Jewish mothers—mothers of mercy—feel happy to see their nursing babies die, for at least the infants are through with suffering. Our wealthiest people cut off their daughters' hair, to be able to buy the indispensable things, like bread, for their dying children. Four and five-year-old children must be carried in the arms like babies. Should America not aid us? We will be lost. Fathers, should they return from the battlefield, will meet, of their five or six children, who kissed them good-by when they left, only one or two."

Royal Names.

Nicholas Romanoff is the name by which the late czar is mentioned in the Russian papers. But it may be doubted whether this is a correct use of the word Romanoff, because monarchs, who sign by their Christian names only, are not supposed to have surnames. In the early days, when both surnames and customs were in the making, they did not need them, and, except in case of dethronement, and not always then, they have never needed them since. Contrary to popular belief, Plantagenet was not a surname. Tudor may have been one, and Stuart certainly was. But Guelf was not; and so good an authority as Mr. Fox-Davies holds that the present king of England has no surname at all. Less learned authorities have been perplexed to know whether the descendants of Queen Victoria did not inherit the surname of their father, the Prince Consort.

"Artificial Sunshine" for Crops.

Among the efforts being made by England to get better crops, on account of the threatened food crisis, one of the most interesting is an experiment in growing cereals and other field crops with the aid of "artificial sunshine," provided by overhead electric current. This experiment, under the supervision of V. H. Blackman, professor of plant physiology and pathology at South Kensington, is being carried out at Huntington Court farm, near Hereford. The purpose of the experiments is to continue on a large scale work done during the last few years near Dumfries, where in 1916 an increase of about 50 per cent in grain and 85 per cent in straw was obtained on a crop of oats.

Plenty of Space.

"Well, Bill, did you plant the pota-
toes far apart, as I told you?"
"Yes, I did. I planted some in your
garden and some in mine, so they are
two miles apart."

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui outd her, and we sing its praises everywhere. We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui. E-77

Cheap Lands

Land on the famous and fertile Knox Prairie is selling cheaper now than it will ever sell again. For description and terms on bargain tracts call or write J. A. Hammock, Knox City, Texas.

Crowell Feed & Produce Co.

Keep in stock Corn, Corn Chops, Oats, Bran, Shorts, Molasses Feed, Chicken Feed, C. S. Meal, Cake, Hulls, Mixed Feed, Hay, etc. Pay the highest market price for Poultry and Hides. Will appreciate a share of your trade and give the most reasonable prices possible on feed.

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New Year's Resolution

RESOLVED—That during the coming year you will buy your groceries from the house that makes a specialty of handling anything and everything necessary to economical living and food conservation.

This is the original Economy Store. We handle goods of every grade except a poor grade. Our wares are ALL GOOD, but some are better than others.

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Start the New Year Right by buying from the house that consults your interest as well as its own.

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"The Yard with a Conscience"

HARLY HAD A WELL DAY IN SEVEN YEARS

Persuaded by Wife to Take Tanlac He Gains 17 Pounds and Troubles Are Gone

"My wife was determined that I should try Tanlac' so one day while I was away from home she bought a bottle and simply made me begin taking it and the results are I have actually gained seventeen pounds and feel better than I have in seventeen years." This is what C. C. Moore of 1155 Estela St., El Paso, Texas, says after using a few bottles of the "Master Medicine."

"I had suffered from indigestion and stomach troubles until my health was so shattered I couldn't enjoy living at all. In fact, I hardly knew what it was to have a well day in seventeen years until Tanlac straightened me out. I had gotten to where I couldn't eat anything or even drink water without suffering from it. I lived for months on nothing but milk and other liquids and these also caused me all sorts of trouble.

"I often got so weak and dizzy I would fall on the street unconscious and when I came to myself I would be at home in bed. I was very nervous all the time, could scarcely sleep and had awful headaches. No one knows how I did suffer and although I spent lots of money and tried everything I knew of, nothing seemed to reach my case or do me any good.

"I kept falling off in weight and the day I started on Tanlac I weighed only one hundred and nineteen pounds. I commenced to feel better in a few days after I began taking Tanlac and have gradually picked up ever since. I now weigh 136 pounds—have gained seventeen pounds in weight—and what I have gained in health and strength is more than I can tell. I can now eat what I want as much of it as I please with no bad feelings afterwards. My headaches are broken up, I sleep like a log and simply feel like a different man."

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

Our Big Clubbing Offer

The results of our special offer on the Foard County News and The Kansas City Weekly Star were much better than we anticipated, yet there are a good many of our readers who would take advantage of it if it could be extended. They are not quite ready. So, for the accommodation of these we have decided to extend the time until February 1st. On this offer you get

Foard County News AND THE Kansas City Weekly Star

Both papers one year for the price of this paper alone--

\$1.50

Come in and give us your subscription while this splendid offer is made. After the First of Feb. this offer will be withdrawn. Ask about other clubbing propositions.

THE NEWS

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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Those manufacturers who have standardized their products through publicity cannot afford to mistreat the public in any way.

Their publicity expenditures are proof positive that they intend to remain in business, relying upon narrow margins of profit from volume of sales, rather than wide margins from a few individual sales.

"Trademarked-advertised" goods have not advanced in price commensurate with advances in raw material and manufacturing costs since the war started. These manufacturers realize that there will be a general readjustment after hostilities have ceased and they are looking to the future rather than the present for returns on their investment.

In times past many small towns and rural merchants adopted and adhered to the non-standard merchandise policy simply because they could exact wide margins of profit from this class of goods. As their trade became better informed and began to send or go to the large cities for standard brands, many of these merchants found it expedient to face about in order to hold their trade. It is now possible to obtain standard brands in practically all lines in even the smallest village and cross roads stores.

The principle of "honesty in advertising" has become the watchword of reputable publishers and advertisers alike. HOLLAND'S MAGAZINE guarantees the reliability of every advertiser using its columns.

The money spent in your local stores will revert to your personal benefit, and in the purchase of "trademarked-advertised" products you are protected against inferior quality and exorbitant prices, and at the same time you are assured value received for the money you invest in this character of merchandise.

HEALTH HINTS FOR TEXAS PEOPLE

Protect Your Child from Pneumonia

This is the time of year to guard against pneumonia. In the Texas army camps many soldiers have recently died from pneumonia which started as a mild case of measles or an ordinary cold.

Infants are especially susceptible to this disease. In some cities one-third of all deaths of infants under two years are caused by pneumonia.

Pneumonia is most likely to occur, and to end fatally, in children whose vital resistance has been lowered. It often follows measles, whooping cough, or diphtheria.

Pneumonia is a Dangerous Contagious Disease. But It Can Be Prevented.

The best method of protection is to keep your child well nourished and gaining steadily in weight. Fresh air is all important. Crowded, over-heated rooms are bad. Help the city provide better housing conditions for those less fortunate than yourself. Don't let your child become sudden-

ly chilled, or allow his feet to stay wet and cold after he stops exercising. Don't let him breathe dusty air. Be sure to keep him away from persons who have "colds," or other possible diseases of the throat or lungs.

Act Today, Don't Delay. Preventing unnecessary sickness will help win the war. Are you doing your share?

For Sale
Marshalltown hack, run about two years. Would trade for milk cow. Can be seen at the Blue Front wagonyard. Call for Collins. 34

For Sale
I have a new four room house, four lots, barn, sheds, etc., good cistern, for sale at \$750.00, half cash and balance on terms. Would take a Ford car in trade.—J. H. Carter.

WILL PAY MORE
The Bell Grain Company will pay more for your sacks. We need them.—Bell Mill & Elevator Co.

Dr. Abernethy Coming
Dr. Abernethy, ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be in Crowell professionally, between trains, Tuesday, February 5th.

Thalia Items
Allen French is on the sick list this week.

We are glad to report little Wilbur Edens much improved at this writing. Gus Neill came in from Plainview, Texas, last week to visit homefolks.

Albert Jones came in from Camp Bowie last week to visit his parents.

The young folks enjoyed the party given by Charlie Wood Monday night.

Mrs. Lola Roberts entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

Will Shultz of Vernon has bought Mr. Crawford's restaurant at this place.

F. C. Rector has been employed to teach the remainder of this term of school.

Luke Johnson went to Crowell Sunday afternoon to meet Floyd Rector who came in from Odessa, Texas.

This country was visited by a blizzard and snow storm last Thursday which was the coldest weather ever known here.

For Sale
Ten or twelve pigs about 3 months old, at \$4.00 per head. Also 2 Duroc graded sows bred to a registered boar to farrow in March.—C. E. Hutchison.

McCaskill pays more for your turkeys and chickens.—Crowell Feed & Produce Co.

Cream, 44c at Rinoggold's.
Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

CAN CHINA BE INDEPENDENT?

Entrance into Great World War is Viewed From Different Angles by Editors.

Much division of opinion exists in Japan regarding China's declaration of war against Germany, says the East and West News. Japan took the final step for two reasons: First, the Anglo-Japanese alliance, and second,

for solidarity of the far eastern powers. The Osaka Asahi is strongly opposed to China's participation in the world's war. It says: "China decided to take the step, on the arrival of Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang at Peking. Nothing could be more regrettable than for an independent nation to be forced by others to do anything it doesn't want to do. The national existence of any nation that yields to coercion or undue persuasion is imperiled! Some people regarded Japan's declaration of war against Germany merely from the viewpoint of the alliance with England, but we favored Japan's dominance in this part of the Pacific."

The editor of the Asahi wants to know what Feng Kuo-chang meant when he favored a declaration of war by China against Germany, but objected strenuously to joining the entente powers. "Does he mean that, like the United States, China's declaration of war shall be a separate act?" asks the Asahi. "The grave fact is that her present course was forced upon her. Whether she joins the entente or not matters little for the present. The serious question is, can China be independent from now onward?"

Our Army of Civil War.

During the first year of the Civil war the number of the regular army rose to 32,000. Lincoln's first call for volunteers, April 15, 1861, was for 75,000 men for three months. At the beginning of 1862 the number of volunteers in the field was about 550,000. During the next three years it was about 900,000. At the close of the war the Union army numbered 1,060,000 men. The total number of troops furnished was 2,850,000 men.

THEY STILL WANT THE NEWS

Following are renewals and new subscribers to the News since last week:

W. R. Vaughan, Quanah; T. M. Gafford, S. W. McLarty, Vernon; W. C. McKown, Melissa; J. L. Kinchloe, R. P. Womack, Furd Halsell, Ft. Worth; J. J. Brown, A. H. Owen, D. E. Thomson, R. H. Parker, C. T. Murphy and J. W. Cook, Pilot Point.

W. R. Womack and W. E. Hallmark attended court at Seymour this week as witnesses in the Douglas murder at Benjamin. Mr. Womack, as undertaker, assisted by Mr. Hallmark, was called to take charge of the body of Douglas when he was killed. The killing took place more than a year ago in the court house at Benjamin.