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HOBBY TO WIN BY 300,000

Americans Closing In On German Stronghold

(By United Press.)

Striking north of the Marne, the American and French advanced on a twenty-five mile front Saturday, driving the Germans backward from the river at all points and attaining a maximum penetration of over nine miles.

Battle front dispatches tonight declare that the enemy appears to be in full retreat on the entire southern front of the Soissons-Rheims salient.

The French war office at a late hour Saturday reported that the American and French forces were within two miles of the important German center of Fere-En-Tardenois, while thirteen miles to the eastward they are within three miles, and are encircling almost equally important concentration center of Ville-En-Tardenois.

This is the greatest advance attained by the allies since the opening day of the counter offensive launched by the allies, and follows long period of limited progress and desperate resistance.

A bulletin issued at 9:29 from French field headquarters stated that the Germans were in full retreat from the bottom of the Soissons-Rheims pocket. The extent of this retirement has not yet been determined. The French and Americans are closely pursuing the retreating huns.

TEXAS TO HAVE WOMAN STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Dallas, July 28.—Out of 500 precincts reporting, Miss Annie Webb Blanton is leading State Superintendent Dougherty by a majority that will elect her to succeed Mr. Doughty. The returns increase Miss Blanton's majority as scattering counties report indicating that her gain will continue.

TAX ASSESSOR IN DOUBT; BUGG, COCKRELL, KIRK, WIN

Eighteen boxes in this county gives Cockrell for district clerk 1,762; Mrs. Bacon 864. For county attorney, C. P. Shepherd 634; T. T. Crosson 174. For tax assessor, J. R. Holloway 730; Boyd 801; McKay 362; Key 725. For county superintendent, 1,745; Bird 944. For commissioner Ballinger pre-

The tax assessor's race is in doubt, with the race between Holloway and Boyd depending on the vote from Rowena, Tokeen, Pumphrey, Cochran, Brookshire and Truitt. The boxes yet to report can not change the result in the other county candidates.

Congressman Blanton Defeats All Opponents

Abilene, July 27.—Incomplete returns compiled here from over the Seventeenth District tonight indicate that Thomas L. Blanton will return to Washington to represent the new district with a large majority of the vote. The returns indicate that Mr. Blanton will receive more than all his opponents put together.

San Antonio, Bexar county—3 precincts gave Hobby 215; Ferguson 95. Caps, Taylor county—The first precinct reported here gave Hobby 38; Ferguson 21. Corpus Christi—One precinct here gave Hobby 13; Ferguson 16. For Lieutenant Governor: Moore 7; Davidson 10. For attorney general: Spoons 19; Woods 5. Waco, McLennan county—Partial returns from six precincts gave Hobby 2,141; Ferguson, 552. Dallas—Returns for Governor 9 precincts out of 4,399 in the state give Hobby 1,687; Ferguson, 399. Novato—One precinct in Grimes county gives Hobby 369; Ferguson 128. Dallas—Ten precincts in Sixteenth Congressional district give Cobb 346; Hudspeth 277. Dallas—Ten precincts in Seventeenth Congressional district give Blanton 473; Adkins 419; Blackmon 30; Calloway 59. Dallas—Sixty-four precincts for Attorney General give Cuerton 4,219; Spoons 2,259; Woods 2,843. Dallas—Total of sixty-two precincts in the race for Lieutenant Governor gave Moore 1,670; Cowell 1,019; Bailey 512; Henderson 1,145; Davidson 1,753; Johnson 2,252. Dallas—Seventy-two precincts complete give Miss Annie Webb Blanton of Denton, 5,289; Dougherty 2,561; Trussell 844. Navarro county—Ten precincts give Hobby 518; Ferguson 545. Lieutenant Governor, Moore 275; Cowell 66; Bailey 36; Henderson 87; Davidson 366; Johnson 55. Houston—The estimate of the Houston Post at eleven o'clock was that Hobby would win by 348,000 if the returns continue in the proportion they had been coming in. Dallas—Returns for comptroller gave Goodlet 148; Terrell 352; Mayfield 391. Clay county—16 precincts, Hobby by 1,156; Ferguson 222. Cherokee—15 precincts, Hobby 1,870; Ferguson 687. Montague—1 precinct, Hobby 160; Ferguson 43. Denton—14 precincts Hobby 1,438; Ferguson 775. Henderson—5 precincts, Hobby 765; Ferguson 584. Brewster—2 precincts, Hobby 381; Ferguson 160. Coryell—13 precincts, Hobby 685; Ferguson 605. Johnson—15 precincts, Hobby 2,167; Ferguson 1,240. Potter—6 precincts Hobby 911; Ferguson 113. Smith—8 precincts, Hobby 467; Ferguson 285. Jack—9 precincts, Hobby 894; Ferguson 289. Childress—7 precincts, Hobby 956; Ferguson 146. McCulloch—3 precincts, Hobby 306; Ferguson 25. Longview—Gregg county, 6 precincts give Hobby 1,496; Ferguson 516. Hudspeth County—2 precincts, Hobby 132; Ferguson 12. Cooper Delta—7 precincts, Hobby 1,166; Ferguson 382. Paris, Lamar county—12 precincts, Hobby 2,041; Ferguson 351. Bryan, Brazos—Hobby, 587; Ferguson 99. Giddings, Lee County—Hobby, 241; Ferguson 290. Kaufman, Kaufman county—Hobby 331; Ferguson 250. Dallas—Scattering returns give for Railroad Commissioner, Andrews 228; Gilmore 508; Hurdleston 210. Commissioner of Agriculture, Davis 432; Halbert 437. Treasurer, Baker 554; Edwards 349; Court of Criminal Appeals, Pippin 99; Pierson 179; Lattimore 545; Ward 63.

Berlin War Office Says Rheims Fighting Decreases

Berlin, July 27.—Fighting between Soissons and Rheims shows a marked decrease this afternoon while the French attacks east of Rheims, Switzerland, the German repulsed. In Vosges the enemy states. Street, drugists, operations near Sundagau."

Dallas, July 28.—(2:29) With more than one-third of the total precincts of the state counted, Governor Hobby is leading with a majority of 73,747 against Ferguson's vote of 48,164.

At this hour 500 precincts give Cuerton for attorney general, 22,234 votes; Spoons 14,911; Woods, 31,288.

At midnight the Dallas Times-Herald forecasted a majority of 250,000 for Governor Hobby, out of a possible total vote polled of 740,000.

Dallas, July 28.—With one-fifth of the precincts in the state heard from at two o'clock morning, Governor William P. Hobby has far ahead of Jim Ferguson. At that hour Hobby's vote was 102,056 and Ferguson's 29,219.

Political writers on the Dallas News-Houston Post, two papers which had supported Hobby throughout the campaign, for Hobby's nomination by majorities of 250,000.

It was estimated that more than 700,000 had been polled, and due to the fact that graph companies are short on operators could not supply extra men for night work, many offices were closed early, and the returns were slow in coming in.

MOORE LEADS FOR THE OFFICE OF LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Dallas, July 28.—Returns from Lieut. Governor from more than five hundred districts give Moore 16,280; Cowell 9,966; Bailey 8,650; Henderson 9,989; Davidson 13,872; Johnson 14,027.

Judging from the incomplete returns, the runoff in this race will be between Moore and Johnson.

FERGUSON FORCES HOLD OUT FOR COUNTRY VOTE

Austin, July 28.—Despite the fact that scattered early returns, which filtered in from widely separated precincts late tonight, gave Hobby a majority of nearly three to one, a defeat for Ferguson was by no means a certainty. Ferguson forces reiterated their claim that these were largely returns from the city precincts, where the voters were expected to favor Hobby, and the Ferguson supporters declare that the result from the rural voting boxes, where they begin to arrive in force, would change the effect for a big change in final results. Hobby supporters are jubilant and declare that the returns in bear out their of an overwhelming

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Mrs. Frank Maddox and two little sons, Master Franklin and Ruby Padgett, of Lubbock who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett and family the past few weeks returned home Friday afternoon.

Alexander, of the Miles company, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Speckman and mother and daughters, of South Texas, who had been visiting their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Hopper, of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home.

Miss Hally Tindle, who had been visiting friends near San Angelo, returned home Friday after-

MAKING A FIGHT ON GERMAN LANGUAGE

Effective support for immediate legislation calling for suppression of the German language press was promised to Senator William H. King of Utah today, following his request in the Senate for immediate action against the German press, by the American Defense Society, which in a telegram filed this afternoon reported that already a quarter of a million of signatures have been secured in favor of drastic action by congress against newspapers and magazines printed in the German language.

The promise of support was given in the following telegram sent by Mr. H. D. Craig, secretary of the society.

"Please accept the assurance of our cordial endorsement of your efforts looking toward the suppression of the German-Austrian language press. To support your patriotic and much needed legislation we are today arranging for immediate presentation of our petition signed by 250,000 citizens of the United States. Our canvas is today being carried on by our two hundred and seventy-five branch organizations in the United States, Hawaii and Porto Rico and by many civic and patriotic societies. Our reports show that individual citizens and associations in all parts of the country are giving prompt and unqualified endorsement to this campaign. In one New York office building alone at the noon hour one woman volunteer worker obtained eighteen hundred signatures. We are especially in accord with your public statement that you are in favor of quick and drastic action

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Brownwood, Texas, July 22, 1918.

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SYNDICATE TO DRILL CLOSE TO ABILENE

Abilene, Texas, July 25.—Material is being assembled for the building of a derrick at Fort Phantom Hill, fifteen miles northeast of Abilene, by a Kansas City syndicate operating under the name of the Fort Phantom Hill Oil Company, Hutton Brothers, of El Dorado, Kansas oil field, has the contract for the drilling.

Twenty-inch casing will be used to start the well, which will be carried to a depth of 5,000 feet if necessary.

The site of the test is on the Joe Scott farm and about \$10,000 in leases and royalties has changed hands in the vicinity in the past few days. This is the first of a large number of wells to be sunk in the Abilene country.

Oil was found in three wells a few miles south of town over two years ago, the wells averaging six to eight barrels daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henkhaus, of the Olfen country, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon to visit relatives in South Texas a few weeks.

Mrs. Hattie Wilke and little son, of South Ballinger, passed through the city Friday en route to Orange to join Mr. Wilke who is working in the government ship yards at that place.

Miss Nannie Williams, of Waco who had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Chapman and family the past several weeks returned home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Faust, of Fort Worth, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pipkin, of South Ballinger, returned home Friday afternoon.

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HUN LOSSES SHOWN TO BE STAGGERING

By HENRY WOOD

United Press Staff Correspondent With The French Armies, June 30. (By Mail)—From prisoners, from letters and captured documents, from German papers that daily reach the French front by way of Switzerland, and from a dozen other sources there is being daily established fresh details of the terrific losses suffered by the German armies since the beginning of their offensive on the western front on March 21.

One of the most remarkable declarations along this line is that of a prisoner of the 108th German Division. According to this prisoner, while Gen. von Hutter was at Solesmes, he addressed the officers of the division reminding them that their unit had lost 3,000 men, and holding the officers themselves responsible for these losses which he declared were excessive. He gave orders especially that in the future they enforce a greater degree of discipline in the trenches where many of the losses had occurred. The general is declared to have ended his discourse by declaring that the losses in the future must be kept down to a lower point or else it would be necessary to give up all hope of reaching either Paris or Calais.

Other information which to a large extent have been contralled and verified, establish, for exam-

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ple, that at Antwerp, 8,000 beds have been requisitioned by the Germans for their wounded.

At Lille, Rouvaix, Tourecoing, Menin, cities near the front, all of the factory buildings, schools and hospitals are constantly filled with wounded, as is also the case at Courtrai, Winkel, Elloi and Lauwe. From Cologne and Dusseldorf it is learned that the principal street railways have been used day and night for the transportation of wounded from the railway centers to the hospitals and ambulances.

A prisoner from the 20th Bavarian regiment declares that at the battle of Garville, March 28, his regiment lost practically all its officers and 50 per cent of its men. The 152nd regiment lost 53 per cent of its effectives.

The 3rd company, 352nd regiment, lost 85 men on the Somme.

The 253rd regiment at Montdidier averaged 25 men per company following the battle. The 3d company disappeared entirely. Even before the regiment could reach its trenches for entering the battle 30 men were killed by the machine guns of French airplanes.

The 77th regiment, reserve infantry, lost, according to effectives, 50 men in Switzerland and two. The 1st grenadier was com-

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French aerial bombardment during the night of June 2. When the French captured the position where the company had been bombed over 200 dead were found on the ground.

At the beginning of the Aisne drive, affectives of the 32nd and 116th regiments of reserves averaged 100 combatants to the company.

The 7th company of one of these regiments a few days later numbered only one officer, 14 underofficers and 50 men. The 1st company of machine gunners on June 10 had lost 30 out of 72 men.

Losses for scores of other units have been established similarly. From other sources the proportion of losses amongst the German population has been established in

a different manner.

At Meekendorf, Bravaria, out of a total population of 700 there have been 25 killed in the present offensive.

At Seifersdorf, with a population of 636, dead from the village have been reported in the present drive to the number of 43.

Nordhorn's population of 6,500 had 400 men killed in the offensive of March 21.

During May, the municipal authorities of Weiler-der-Bergen, (Wurtemberg) were officially advised that out of their population of 463, 8 soldiers had been killed in the offensive.

At Munster, Mannheim, Heidelberg and Friedburg the numerous trains of wounded were accompanied by armed guards to keep

the latter from entering in conversation with the local populations.

On May 30, a soldier of the 12th company 473rd regiment writing to his parents, said:

"Yesterday a shell killed our battalion commander, Maj. Leug-nicht, and his adjutant and 7 other men of our company at the same time besides wounding 8 seriously and 12 lightly. A second shell made us lose 5 more men. Only one section commander remains."

Still another prisoner's letter reads:

"My company has lost 50 men, of whom 14 were killed, including the lieutenant commanding the company, and his adjutant."

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Toot! Toot!

Women in politics say they are
here to stay.

It was all done in a good humor,
and the defeated were game
enough to say all is fare in politics.

It is consistent to endorse Wil-
son's administration and Hobby's
administration in the same resolu-
tion. They both stand for the
same thing.

Politics are soon relegated to
the back ground if the right kind
of men are elected to office. It is
poor political economy to elect in-
competent and dishonest men.

Returning soldiers say the al-
lies have discovered a new gas
which neutralizes the effect of
German gas and renders it harm-
less. The Hun's shrewdness is not
to be compared with the Ameri-
can's genius.

Germany taxes Belgium \$12,-
000,000 monthly; equivalent to
750 Francs per head. When this
theft is retaxed on Germany,
the amount should be doubled, as
a penalty. In fact Germany
should be made to take care of
the Belgium nation for one hun-
dred years.

Reports from the battle line
say the air is filled with Liberty
Motors, paid for with Liberty
bonds. 2,514 Liberty motors were
completed on July 5th. The
American airplane will be a win-
ning factor in the war, and the
buzz of the Liberty motor will
sound the death knell to the Ger-
man fleet.

Y'S PROPAGANDA.

Developments in the
investigation by the
of Justice into the ac-
agents of the Berlin
have brought the dis-
public that Germany
a literary and press
country which was
management of Dr. Wil-
Hale, a man of some
writer. He receiv-
ed \$18,000 a year, and
composed of several
men. The mis-
management was to compile
able to Germany, and
have it general publicity
through the press. It was in close
touch with the highest officials
at Berlin, and took instructions
from them. It is reported that
two American newspapers were
bought outright with German
money—the New York Evening
Mail and one other the name of
which has not been disclosed.

Congressional returns at mid-
night indicate that Congressman
Blanton had been nominated by a
safe majority over Joe Adkins, of
Brady. Congressional races else-
where in the state are close. In
the second district J. C. Cox, of
Jacksonville, was leading by a few
votes over V. A. Collins, of Beaumont.
In the sixth district B. A.
Dechord was running slightly
ahead of Congressman Rufus
Hardy. In the seventh district W.
L. Hill, of Huntsville, had a lead
over Clay Stone Briggs, of Gal-
veston, with Jeff McLemore, the
congressman at large running far
behind. Congressman Eagle and
Daniel Garrett, congressman at
large, were running about even.
A. F. Barrett, of San Antonio, has
slight lead over Carlos Bee in the
fourteenth district. Zach Lamar
Cobb was ahead of Claud Hud-
snoth in the sixteenth district. In
the fourth district, Congressman
Sam Rayburn, of Bonham, was
running far ahead of R. E. Lovlans.
Miss Annie Webb Blanton, of
Denton the only woman candidate
on the state ticket, is apparently
running far ahead of W. F. Dough-
ty the present superintendent of
public instructions.

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SPEAKING OF MONEY

Just How the Goodfields—
The Stingiest Couple in Town—
Helped the Red Cross

By BOOTH TARKINGTON
Of the Vigilantes.

"Speaking of money," said my sea-
faring friend of the Maine coast, "we
used to have an old man here named
Goodfield. When he was young he
used to sing in the church choir—that
didn't cost nothin'—and married one
of the Emborses, but didn't have only
one child, and it died, and time he got
to be about sixty-eight years old he'd
saved up and was hikin' out his money
at about as high a p' cent, as any-
body. Made it all just tradin' and
bein' careful what he spent. 'Careful'
he wouldn't buy himself a pair of
britches but once in eight years,
and when his old sister that lived with
'em says one day she was bound to
see what the inside the pitcher show
theater looked like just once before
she died, why, old Goodfield and his
wife says that was the last straw, and
they fiked up and had her hauled off
to live on the county. His wife was
just the same as him, too.

"Well, along about the middle o'
the hard winter, three years ago,
Goodfield took sick, and his wife told
the neighbors both thought it
was a pretty good thing, comin' on
him in the cold weather that way, be-
cause fuel was so high and a person
in bed don't need to use any. They
wouldn't hear of callin' in the doctor,
and for two or three weeks the neigh-
bors and old friends, most of 'em, was
sure he was goin' to die, but then
he begun to look so well there didn't
hardly seem to be much hope.

Old Goodfield Walks In.

"He got to goin' out and shamblin'
around again, and for awhile there
wasn't nobody noticed anything much
different. I reckon I was the first,
and it come about mighty queer. It
was like this: I was workin' in my
shack one night pretty late, tryin' to
spell out what was the matter with a
carburetor I'd brought up from my
boat, when there come a tap on the
door, and old Goodfield walks in. I
was kind o' surprised to see him, but I
didn't say nothin' 'cept 'Good evenin',
and all of a sudden he says, 'Do you
know how much money I'm worth?'

"He said it just like that—nothin'
before it—and I said, 'For the Lord's
sake, Mr. Goodfield, what's the mat-
ter?' He looked kind of funny to me.

"'I'm worth a hundred and twenty-
four thousand three hundred and sixty-
three dollars and fifty-one cents,' he
says.

"'Well, by Orry!' I says.

"'Well, sir, he begun to pant like
he'd been runnin' up a hill; he got to
heavin' like a winded horse; then he
begun to cry and sob like a woman
that's all excited when some one's just
died. 'Well, by Orry!' I says. 'You
better set down and quiet yourself, I
says. 'What's the matter?'

"'I got to die,' he says. 'I been
sick,' he says. 'I been sick and I got
to die!'

"'Well, I says, 'we all got to die.'
"He kep' straight on cryin' and
pantin' and sobbin'.

"'Yes, he says, but I never knowed
I had to! I never knowed it before I
was sick. I kind o' thought I wouldn't
reely haf to, when it come right down
to it.

"'We're all fixed that way,' I says.
"We all got to have some sickness we
won't get over."

"Well, sir, he let out a yell that just
about rose my hair. 'The rest of you
ain't got a hundred and twenty-four
thousand three hundred and sixty-
three dollars and fifty-one cents!' he
hollers. 'And I got to die!' he says;
and he kep' on kind o' shoutin' it. 'I
got to die! I got to die! I got to die!'

"And then he pitches over before
I could catch him and fell down on a
couple o' busted lobster traps.
"Ole Cap, Whitcomb, he woke up in
his shack next door and put on some
clothes and come in, lookin' scared to
death. Him and me picked Good-
field up off the traps and got him
home, half carryin' him, and him kind
of whimperin' and slobberin' right on
to when we left him doubled up on a
rickety chair at his own house.

"Next day he was around, just
about the same as ever, and never
said nothin' about nothin', and the
week after that he took Fred Owens'

boat in for a debt, and you couldn't
told there was anythin' the matter
with him. What I mean, you couldn't
told nothin' on him in daytime, but
after dark he'd go shamblin' all
around the village, and then when it
got late, if he see a light somewhere,
he'd go in there and have a spell just
the same he had with me. Scared
people with them spells, he did.

The Last of Goodfield's Money.

"Long about September his wife up
and surprised everybody, because she
went to all the expense of havin' the
old man declared insane and hauled
off to the asylum. He cut his throat
with a piece of broken bottle up there,
and the funniest thing happened—they
found the old woman dead the same
afternoon in their house here. The
court gave the estate to a trust com-
pany, and I guess that was the end of
old Goodfield's hundred and twenty-
four thousand three hundred and sixty-
three dollars and fifty-one cents.

"Well, sir, you know all that about
old Mr. and Mrs. Goodfield made a
kind of a sensation, as you might call
it, and there was quite a good deal of
thinkin' and talkin' about it here in
the village. There was some that
claimed they figured out how it all
was meant to mean somethin'.

"Anyway, when the call come from
Hallifax last December we sent off
mighty near half a carload of first-
rate clothin' right in a few hours, and
there was two hundred and seventy
odd dollars subscribed just in the vi-
lage, and you know there wasn't hard-
ly any of us real sure we could see
the winter through ourselves.

"Yes, I'll put my name down for the
Red Cross, and I'll shell out. I guess
you won't have much trouble gettin'
subscriptions from the rest, either.
We got a good many boys from here
over there now, and we wouldn't like
to think of 'em shot and layin' out in
the fields twistin' around and nobody
to tend 'em because us at home hadn't
found out yet that it's a mistake to
think we're still goin' to have our sav-
in's right nice and with us when we're
dead!"

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

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

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

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

LEMON JUICE IS
FRECKLE REMOVER

Girls! Make This Cheap Beauty
Lotion to Clear and Whiten
Your Skin.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons
into a bottle containing three
ounces of orchard white, shake well,
and you have a quarter pint
of the best freckle and tan lotion,
and complexion beautifier, at
very, very, small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and
any drug store or toilet counter
will supply three ounces of or-
chard white for a few cents. Mas-
sage this sweetly fragrant lotion
into the face, neck, arms and
hands each day and see how freck-
les and blemishes disappear and
how clear, soft and white the skin
becomes.

Get the Head
-fect, LAXA-
-ion ordinary
-cusses not
-it name and
-GUYE, 202

Used 40 Years

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

NOTICE.

Effective now, all Want
Ads will be charged at the rate
of 2 cents per word first in-
sertion and 1 cent per word
second and each subsequent in-
sertion. No Want Ad accept-
ed for less than 25 cents, and
cash must accompany the ad,
as we can not carry these small
accounts on our ledger. This
rule will be strictly adhered
to.

The Management.

Old False Teeth Wanted.

Don't matter if broken. We
pay up to 15 dollars per set. Also
cash for old gold, silver and bro-
ken jewelry. Check sent by return
mail. Goods held 10 days for
sender's approval of our offer.
Mazer's Tooth Specialty, Dept. A.,
2007 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
21-10w-pd.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended es-
pecially for stomach troubles, bili-
ousness and constipation. If you
have any troubles of this sort, give
them a trial and realize for your-
self what a first class medicine
will do for you. They only cost a
quarter.

BOCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

will quiet your cough, soothe the
inflammation of a sore throat and
lungs, stop irritation in the bron-
chial tubes, insuring a good night's
rest, free from coughing and with
easy expectoration in the morning.
Made and sold in America for fifty-
two years. A wonderful pres-
cription, assisting nature in build-
ing up your general health and
throwing off the disease. Espec-
ially useful in lung trouble, asth-
ma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For
sale by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30
and 90 cent bottles.

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by
Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by
Owens Drug Store, in Miles by
Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by
Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by
R. E. Finley & Co., and in Token
by J. W. Bright.

NOTICE OF PROBATE.

STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable
of Runnels County—Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAN-
DED to cause to be published once
each week for a period of ten days
before the return day hereof, in a
newspaper of general circulation
which has been continuously and
regularly published for a period
of not less than one year in said
Runnels County, a copy of the fol-
lowing notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN the estate of D. A. Spann,
deceased, notice is hereby given
that A. J. Spann, by his attorney
T. T. Crosson, filed an application
in the County Court of Runnels
County, on the 9th day of July
1918, for probate of Will and for
Letters Testamentary on said es-
tate, which said application will
be heard by said Court on the 5th
day of August 1918, at the Court
House of said County, in Ballin-
ger, Texas, at which time all per-
sons interested in said estate are
required to appear and answer
said application, should they de-
sire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have
you before said Court, on the first
day of the next term thereof, this
writ, with your return thereon,
showing how you have executed
the same.

Witness my hand and official
seal at Ballinger, Texas this 10th
day of July 1918.

W. C. McCARVER, Clerk,
County Court, Runnels County,
Texas.
21d-13-20-27.

R. A. HALL LEAVES
SUNDAY FOR FRANCE

San Angelo, July 27.—R. A. Hall
president of the San Angelo Cot-
ton Oil Company, prominent lo-
cal banker and chairman of the
Tom Green county exemption
board, has been accepted by the
American Red Cross for immedi-
ate service in France and leaves
Sunday afternoon for Washington
on the first lap of his long jour-
ney overseas. Mr. Hall has busi-
ness matters to arrange, including
the securing of necessary equip-
ment for service abroad, and it
will possibly be two weeks before
he leaves the United States.

Early in the summer Mr. Hall
applied to the Red Cross for duty
in France, and on Friday he re-
ceived a letter from the director
of the bureau of personnel of the
Red Cross, with headquarters in St.
Louis, advising him that the Wahs-
ington department had accepted
his application. Mr. Hall has a son
Lieutenant Vosberg Hall, now
with the American expeditionary
forces.

His enrollment for humanitar-
ian work is the first of its kind in
high business circles in town, and
San Angeleans will feel honored
by having such a representative in
France.

CAN SPARE FEW
FROM CLASS ONE

W. E. Barbee of the local ex-
emption board, announces that
while the provost marshal has is-
sued a notice to all boards not to
release registrants in class one for
volunteer service in the navy and
marine corps until the August call
has been filled, that the local
board will be able to fill the Aug-
ust call and have a few registrants
for volunteer service.

Those who contemplate volun-
teering for service in the navy or
marines, and who are in class one,
will not be deprived of that privi-
lege after the August call has been
provided for.

J. D. Ransberger and family
of the Pony Creek country, left
Saturday for Oklahoma, where
they will make home for the pres-
ent.

BALLINGER TESTIMONY.

Home Proof, Here, There and Ev-
erywhere.

When you see Doan's Kidney
Pills recommended in this paper
you must always find the recom-
mender a Ballinger resident. It's
the same everywhere—in 3,500
towns in the U. S. Fifty thousand
people publicly thank Doan's.
What other kidney remedy can
give this proof of merit, honesty
and truth? Home testimony must
be true or it could not be published
here. Read this Ballinger rec-
ommendation. Then insist on hav-
ing Doan's. You will know what
you are getting:

J. D. Knox, N. Ninth Street,
Ballinger, says: "I had such trouble
with my back that I couldn't
get up or down, owing to the
pain and soreness. My sight
blurred and I had awful dizzy
spells. The kidney secretions al-
so passed too freely and annoyed
me a lot. I used Doan's Kidney
Pills, procured from the Weeks
Drug Co., and they relieved this
trouble and put my back in good
shape."

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

Paris, July 27.—The Germans
have fallen back on the whole
front north of the Marne and their
main forces are three miles above
the river at the nearest point, the
French war office announced to-
night.

Isolated machine gun nests only
remain to be cleaned out in the
evacuated territory. Northeast of
Chateau Thierry the allies have
advance more than nine miles on
the heels of the Germans.

The French and Americans are
now within two miles of Fere-
Tardenois.

CAMP TRAVIS LETTERS REFUTE GERMAN LIES

As an expected effort to undermine the strength of the forces fighting under the stars and stripes, German propagandists throughout the United States broadcast many and numerous false reports of how drafted men in the great National Army were being mistreated by their officers, how they were ill

fed, poorly clothed and quartered, and how sanitary conditions were "awful." But their great "kul-tur" movement merely proved a boomerang, for it has led thousands of those who have come to Camp Travis, as well as to other camps, to write letters home at once denying and refuting many of the rumors brought to them of the hardships they would endure.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

TO RENT—House, close in, modern conveniences. Phone 394. 27-d-1f Mrs. Tom Vandevanter.

WANTED—242,752 lbs. good fat hens. R. P. CONN.

WANTED—Traveling salesmen to handle attractive line of trunks and bags on commission basis, no advance. The Consolidated Trunk & Bag Co. 27-1td-pd. Petersburg, Va.

Every week thousands of letters pass through the hands of the Camp Publicity Officer, written voluntarily to the newspapers of the home towns of the drafted men by the men themselves. They are alone indicative of what is to be found in the training camp, each man tells his impression of army life and how he has found the discipline, food and sanitary conditions. Written over the signatures of the men themselves such letters are not capable of being branded as falsified reports.

A few excerpts of the letters have been gathered promiscuously. They show what the recruit thinks of Camp Travis. They stress in particular "that letter from here." It is something that

should not be forgotten, to help the soldier and the cause.

Some of the excerpts, typical of the others follow:

"I am in love with this place—We have one fine low; that is there shall be no bread, not a crum wasted; eat it all."

"I am tempted to ask some of you underfed people to take Sunday dinner with me. For this old bean talk won't stand up. We have the best to eat, a great variety, and all we can eat, but don't waste a thing—I don't remember having seen a fly since landing here."

"If every person in the state could come here and remain until he caught the spirit of the United States in this thing there would be no further need for speaking campaigns to sell Liberty bonds, Thrift and War Savings Stamps, and to canvass for the Red Cross and similar organizations."

"The boys are proud of their company and determined to make it the best in their battalion. All cleaning up is done without grumbling and is thoroughly carried out."

"At mail time the boys flock around the mail box like geese at feeding time, anxious to receive a word from those they love."

"One thing that greatly impressed me was that practically every business and profession was represented in our company. To see Justice Lee Daniels, manager in ranks with a famous Tulsa boot-legger, really proves that this war is to be won by the masses."

"Am writing you a few lines just to put you next to conditions here. It's a man's game, and if you are not a man it will be found out pronto. Sanitary conditions are all that could be desired. The food, to be absolutely square about it, is far better than a lot of fellows were accustomed to. Here, just as in civilian life, if you do your best you will never fail to reap the benefit of it."

"We are getting along well. I am enjoying life alright, and all I hate about the army is that I did not enlist long ago. I would have been a man by now."

"All are in the best of spirits and showing a determination to make efficient soldiers. There are all classes of compliments passed on what a good mess sergeant we have and the 'cats' he is putting out. It would surprise most of you civilians to see how well we are cared for from every point of view."

With Americans, 8:40 P. M. July 27.—Withdrawal of German forces from various parts of front especially on southern end of Soissons-Rheims salient, is more noticeable tonight. Despite difficulties resulting from heavy rains. Downpour has turned military roads into a quagmire. Added to this is terrific allied bombardment night and day. Heavy going has slowed Franco-American advance, but are pushing forward on wide sectors, despite incessant machine gun fire which covers boche retirement. American and French now approaching plateau which overlooks Fere-En-Tardenois.

Bitter fighting is under way in Rovines woods Rerion Fere Forest south city and Riz forest to south-east.

London, July 27.—One of the decisive battles of history is approaching a climax. Titanic struggle north of Marne, which may change whole course of war—military and political—has attained a stage where a break must soon come, is the opinion of military men. Human endurance cannot long stand the strain to which the crown prince's armies are now being subjected, ceaseless battering of record concentrations of allied supplemented by continuous pressure of encircling wall of French and American, British and Italian troops. Thing that will precipitate expected crisis may be fall of Fere-En-Tardenois, now believed imminent. Franco-Americans almost upon it, while artillery has rendered it practically untenable.

With Americans, July 27.—Heavy rains in the entire Marne region have slowed up operations, but have rendered the German position increasingly difficult, as the Germans depend at present on their ability to maneuver their troops in combating the allies along the entire pocket front.

Rome, July 27.—Hostilities have occurred between Turkish and Bulgarians along Adrianople Ded-sagath railway according to advices from Switzerland.

W. E. Leary, try, passed a day afternoon a trip to Co-

Paris, July 27.—The American artillery is subjecting the entire Soissons-Rheims salient, within which four hundred thousand Germans are concentrated, to the most terrific bombardment of the war.

Hundreds of thousands of shells of all caliber are being hurled on the German concentration and supply depots, and the German avenue of retreat is gradually being blocked.

Paris, July 27.—Further advances north of the Marne and in the Campagne region is reported this afternoon by the French war office.

On the bank of the Marne the French advanced their line north of Binson, and in Campagne operation south of Mont Hanin has enabled the French to realize a good advance on a three kilometer front. In this advance 200 German prisoners were captured.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Evening service on school campus at 9 o'clock.

H. P. BATES.

Earl Jones, of the Valley Creek country, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from a short business trip to Temple and other points in that section.

W. S. Wilmet, of the New Home neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Saturday at noon en route to San Angelo on a short business trip.

Mrs. Brooks, of Miles, who had been visiting her brother W. C. Jones and family, the past few days, returned home Saturday at noon.

PAPERS TO HELP IN LABOR QUESTION

The co-operation of the newspapers of the State of Texas is earnestly requested in giving publicity in regard to the U. S. Employment Service to the farmers and labor in the State and securing data which will enable it to make arrangements for the handling of the cotton harvest in the state. You are respectfully requested to give proper space in your paper to a notice calling the attention of the farmers and cotton raisers in your vicinity, to the fact that it is imperative that they advise the U. S. Employment Service immediately their needs for help and other services in picking and preparing the cotton for the market.

They should be advised that the U. S. Employment Service is the means through which they may secure this help and that such help is free, to both the employee and employer, and that, in order to secure same they should communicate with the officer in charge of this Service, located at a point nearest to them, giving

this information in detail, and every effort will be made to supply this need.

It will be appreciated if you would publish the information in your columns, that, if there is a surplus of common labor in that vicinity that might be available for the cotton picking, such fact should at once be made known to an officer of the U. S. Employment Service, at the same time giving some idea as to the conditions under which this help would be available if desired.

It is important that you give this attention, and this office would appreciate your forwarding in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage a copy of the edition carrying this notice.

H. W. LEWIS,
District Superintendent.

MOVIE AT WINTERS CLOSSES.

E. Buchwald's moving picture show equipment has been sold and moved to Ranger. The show has not been in operation for several weeks, until last week when it was temporarily opened, but closed after the performance Tuesday night.—Winters Enterprise.

BIG REWARD FOR MAN MURDERER

San Angelo, July 27.—A reward of \$1,000 is being offered by J. D. Sugg, wealthy San Angelo cattleman, for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who some time Wednesday night or Thursday murdered Jesse Sies, an Indian employe, in a line camp on the Sugg ranch in Irion county. Meager details of the killing filtered into San Angelo only Friday afternoon, after Sies had been buried.

Irion county officers are hot on the trail of the suspects, and enforcers of the law in Tom Green and adjoining counties have been asked to co-operate in the search. J. D. Sugg was on his way to San Angelo in an automobile late Saturday morning and it was expected that definite information relative to the murder could be obtained upon his arrival.

Sies was between thirty-five and forty years of age, single, and a deaf mute. He was born in Texas of direct Indian descent and was raised to manhood by Mr. Sugg. Throughout his lifetime, he was a valued hand on the Sugg ranch, his long experience and familiarity with livestock particularly fitting him for his work, despite the handicap of his lost faculties. Sies was a typical Indian, tall, broad of shoulders and with swarthy complexion. He came to San Angelo every six or eight weeks, whenever work on the ranch was not pressing, and was well known to old time residents.

Exact information upon the murder was not obtainable at the hour of going to press. Employees on the ranch found Sies dead in his bed. His skull was crushed and his face mutilated almost be-

Our Hobby

ALTA VISTA ICE CREAM

It costs us more, but we are catering to the dear people who can appreciate the BEST Cool off at Pearce's Fountain

J. Y. PEARCE DRUG CO.

Undertaking Goods Licensed Embalmers

Motor Hearse and Ambulance

T. S. LANKFORD

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yond recognition. It was thought that the man been dealt a heavy blow head, but it is now believed he was shot twice at close range with a high powered rifle.

NEW HEAVY WEIGHT IN ONE ROUND

Harrison, N. J. July 27.—Dempsey stepped into the niche of the heavy weight here tonight, when he knocked out Fred Fulton in first round of scheduled eight round bout. The end came in half minute and was the result of a right cross delivered on point of Fulton's jaw.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Austin, of Temple, who had been spending their vacation west of Ballinger, came in Friday to visit friends here for a few days before going home.

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU

to preserve YOUR HEALTH over here, so that OUR BOYS "Over There" can have OUR DOCTORS. It is your duty to take TYPHOID VACCINE today. It costs you One dollar.

WEEKS DRUG STORE

"In Business for Your Health"

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

General Merchandise

"WE TRY TO PLEASE"

BALLINGER, - - TEXAS

FOUND AT LAST

Note the Prices:

Ice Cream, only 5c.
Milk Shake, 5c.
Grape Juice, 5c.
Lime-ade, 5c.
Ice Cream Soda, 5c.

—The best that can be made: pure and clean. Made by people that know how. Don't forget the place.

Hamilton Confectionery Co.

For Spring Building

It's time to think about starting the new and repairing the old. We have a fine stock of sheeting, siding, bill stuff, shingles, sash, doors, lime and cement, waiting your needs. Let us figure your lumber estimates and show you where we can save you money.

Ballinger Lumber Company

A Bank Account Has Many Advantages

Let us give you a few of them.

- (1) YOUR DEPOSITS ARE INSURED.
- (2) YOU ARE ABLE TO KEEP CORRECT TAB ON YOUR INCOME.
- (3) YOUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ARE SYSTEMATIZED.
- (4) YOUR THRIFT IS STIMULATED.
- (5) YOU ARE PLACED IN THE BEST POSITION TO GET AHEAD.

Why not take advantage of this opportunity?
We would be pleased to have your banking business.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

CONTROL RAPIDLY EXTENDING

Government control over the industries is rapidly extending. The War Industry Board has laid the country off into twenty districts for the purpose of making an intensive study of industrial capacity and of utilizing and converting existing industries for war work.

Another government organization, recently formed under the Department of Labor, known as the United States Employment Service, has divided the country

into thirteen districts, and after August 1 will have general supervision over the distribution of labor, apportioning the floating supply and regulating the movement. The object is to reduce the enormous turnover which lowers efficiency, and to put a check upon competitive bidding. It is evident that there must be some restraint upon the latter where the government is the principal purchaser, but it is a very delicate matter to place restrictions upon individual bargaining, particularly when conditions are favorable to the wage-earners.

The volume of general trade is undiminished although the actual turnover of goods is possibly less

than a year ago, but merchants complain of increasing difficulty in replenishing stocks, and manufacturers whose products do not entitle them to priority orders have increasing difficulty in getting material.

Looking to the future it is evident that trade in non-essentials will dwindle because the goods cannot be had. The earnings of the wage-working population are still rising, by reason of full time, the employment of women and higher wages; and this insures a heavy trade in the unrestricted lines.

THE ELECTION IS OVER - "FORGET IT!"
BUT REMEMBER - Ladies, that we always have a cool place and a "warm reception" for you. Enjoy the cool breezes from "Weeks Fans," plenty of cold water and a hearty welcome ALWAYS.
"Of Course." We are already the "Headquarters" for the men.
WEEKS DRUG STORE

LIMITED COFFEE

BEVO

Walker-Smith Company

Wholesale Grocers

PECAN VALLEY
NUT BUTTER

BALLINGER
TEXAS

1918 CLASS TO BE CALLED IN AUGUST

Young men in the class of 1918 can no longer volunteer for the navy, marine corps or the emergency fleet service on account of the fact that the August calls for Texas are expected to be heavy as the July ones, if not heavier. This information was received by the county exemption board. The order from Provost Marshal General Crowder, transmitted by the office of the adjutant general at Austin, is as follows:

"August calls upon your state will be as large as the July calls. Approximately 12,000 white men and a proportionate of colored men will be called. Some of the August calls have already been announced. Immediately instruct local boards to refuse releases to navy, marine corps or the emergency fleet to all registrants of the 1917 or 1918 classes, who have been or will be classified in class 1, until a sufficient number of class 1 registrants physically qualify for general military service are in sight to fill promptly and properly all calls up to August 31, with general allowances for physical rejections at camp.

"This applies whether or not registrants have been finally classified or examined physically. Reports reaching this office indicate that the 1918 class has not been finally classified and examined and this office is unable to place additional August calls until a report is received. Urge district and local boards to exert every effort to make a sufficient number of men available to fill the August calls and instruct medical advisory boards to speed up examinations of registrants as yet unexamined."

Lame Shoulder.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles. All that is needed is absolute rest and a few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it.

The Reason that Nunally's Candies

are selling so well is not only the fact that there are

None Better

but because we keep them in our refrigerator case. YOU CAN ALWAYS SEE THE ICE.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Oldest, Biggest, Best.

SUGAR AFFIDAVITS.

Mr. Merchant, we are prepared to furnish you sugar certificates to be used in selling sugar for preserving purposes. We have the blanks printed and can supply you in any size quantity. The food rules require that you use these in selling sugar for canning and preserving purposes.

MRS. BARNES' LETTER.

Here is a letter that is certain to prove of interest to people in this vicinity, as cases of this sort occur almost every neighborhood, and people should know what to do in like circumstances.

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 12, 1916.
"I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery) I had another attack of the same complaint some three or four years ago and this remedy was recommended and I cured myself. It has saved the lives of people."

All Third Liberty Loan Bonds Subscribed Through Our Bank Are Ready For Delivery

We have for sale at all times a liberal supply of War Savings and Thrift Stamps and we will be glad to handle your subscription.

We have arranged in our Fire-proof Burglar-proof Vault a special file for Liberty Loan Bonds and W. S. Certificates and will be glad to care for yours without charge.

We have on file in our Bank pledge cards for W. S. Stamps but each subscriber is expected to make the purchase in person or by representative.

We will soon have FIVE STARS in our Service Flag but with your co-operation we will endeavor to give you 100 per cent banking service and every facility of our Bank is at the disposal of our GOVERNMENT with out charge.

THE First National Bank
ESTAB. 1886 OF BALLINGER, TEXAS ESTAB. 1886

Fresh Vegetables

With the advancing of spring comes the desire for fresh vegetables. The winter diet of canned goods has by this time become an irritating monotony and the freshness, the crispness of spring vegetables right from the garden is what appeals to one's palate.

Come and see the supply of fresh spring vegetables we receive daily, the sturdiest, the most solid and hardy garden products you ever saw

L. B. Stubbs
Two Phones 93 and 94. Auto Delivery

E. F. Edwards, of Winters passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Claud Laredon, of Norton, who had been attending the mechanical school at the A. & M. college passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home on a short furlough.

Miss Alice Smith, who had been nursing a patient at Brownwood the past week or two, returned home Saturday at noon.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. If you have any troubles of this sort, give them a trial and realize for yourself what a first class medicine will do for you. They cost only a quarter.

Ira Turner, of the Norton country, came in Saturday to visit his wife and baby who were returning home from a visit to her relatives back east.

Miss Fannie Mitchell, of the Norton country, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from Alexandria where she had been visiting the past week.

G. P. Teague came in Saturday at noon from Valera, to spend Sunday with his family in South Ballinger.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

PHONE "LUCKY 1-3" - "That's Us."

If you want a Doctor - If you want accommodation - If you need medicine, ice cream - If you are hunting some one or a baby rattle - Phone LUCKY 1-3
WE DELIVER THE GOODS IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE
WEEKS DRUG STORE

Thirty Day W. S. S. Closed

Our 30 day War Saving Stamp Campaign closed on July 20th and we announce the following winners:

Francis Holman, 1st Prize \$5,755.53 One \$5.00 W. S. S.
C. A. Dooze, Jr., 2nd Prize \$1,301.80 One \$3.00 W. S. S.
Dewey Hathaway, 3rd Prize \$756.39 One \$2.00 W. S. S.
Jno. I. Guion, Jr., 4th Prize \$338.92 One \$1.00 W. S. S.
Neil McAlpine, 5th Prize \$82.29 One \$.50 W. S. S.

We wish to thank all the boys and girls that took part in this campaign for their faithful work and though all could not win prizes they can have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done something for their country which is what really counts.

We shall continue to have stamps for sale and will be glad to furnish them to any who want to buy.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

WOMAN'S DANGER PERIOD.

The period between forty-five and fifty-five years of age is said to be a crisis danger period in a woman's life which tests her for her fitness to continue in the race. It is then that she suffers from such annoying symptoms as heat-flashes, nervousness, headaches, "the blues," or dread of impending evil, or some dormant disease in the system becomes active. When a woman is passing through this crisis there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which after forty years of success is now considered the standard remedy for woman's ailments.

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sincerely thanks all the voters
Runnels County, who so liberally supported him in his race
for Superintendent of Public
Instruction of Runnels County.

A. & M. TO GIVE CANNING COURSE

A three-day course in canning, including the operation and management of community canning plants, will be held at the A. & M. College, College Station, Texas, July 29th to 31st, inclusive.

These are the dates of the Farmers Congress, which is to be held at the college, and since a rate of one cent a mile, good from July 22nd to August 2nd has been granted by the railroads on account of the Short Course and Farmers' Congress, all interested in a course in canning should take advantage of these rates and make it a point to be present.

The number of community canning plants has increased so rapidly that it is no longer possible for staff specialists to visit each plant as often as would be necessary to make a perfect success of the enterprise.

Principles of canning all food products will be taught, but special emphasis will be placed upon meat canning and the canning of sweet potatoes. Communities where canning plants have been established, or where plants are wanted should send some one to get this practical experience. The course is open to men and women.

Lodging in the college dormitories will cost 50 cents a day and will include such incidentals as room, bedding, towels, lights, ice water, and janitor service. Meals may be had at the college dining hall for \$1.25 for three meals where tickets are bought or 50 cents for single meals.

Persons who attend this course should arrive Sunday, July 28th, and should go to the main building to register. State that you come for the canning course and you will be directed to Mr. Mer-

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NINE CENT CUT IN OUR TAX RATE

A reduction of five cents on the hundred dollars in state tax rate and a reduction of four cents on the hundred dollars in the county tax rate has been announced for Runnels county, the state rate being 55 cents against Ferguson's sixty cents last year, and the county rate being 55 cents against 59 cents last year.

The state rate is 30 cents, state school 20 cents and confederate pension 5 cents.

This reduction will help some. There are many farmers and other tax payers in the county who will not be able to pay their taxes this year, and unless some measure is put through to relieve the situation the delinquent tax list next year will be the heaviest in the history of the county, and the taxes will have to remain unpaid until the people get in shape to redeem themselves.

A move will be put on foot to get the legislature to remit the state tax. There are some who will oppose this, it having already been announced that to play the "pauper" would give the county a bad reputation abroad, but there are many whose pride in the matter will not be a block to the law and they will do what they can to help the country to that extent.

WANTED TO BE 'DEVIL DOG.'

St. Paul, Minn., July 26.—"Say, pard, I'm a 'prairie dog' from North Dakota and I want to go over there and become a 'devil dog,'" and, relieving himself of this sentiment, William D. Knickerbocker, of Dogden, N. D., took his place in line in the U. S. Marine recruiting station here.

Knickerbocker passed an almost perfect physical test and is now on his way to Paris Island, S. C., to the Marine training station there.

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To enjoy life we must have good health. No one can reasonably hope to get much real pleasure out of life when his bowels are clogged a good share of the time and the poisons that should be expelled are absorbed into the system, producing headache and indigestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets will move the bowels, strengthen the digestion and give a chance to realize the real joy of living. Try it.

SUGAR BOWLS DEPART FROM DINING CARS.

Sugar bowls will be banished from the tables of dining cars as part of the conservation program and hereafter travelers who eat en route will receive not more than two-half lumps or one teaspoonful per meal. This information is contained in a message to the Food Administration from B. S. Harvey, of Chicago, chairman of the Administrative committee of Dining Car Superintendents which was formed to co-operate with the Food Administration.

While the food administration has prescribed no method of serving sugar on dining cars, it recognizes that the action of the dining car superintendents is prompted by a desire to co-operate in the present emergency. Since early in April most of the dining cars have served no wheat in any form, following a pledge given by the superintendents.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for sworn testimonials from this and other states. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

From scores of sources it seems certain that the statement attributed to German military leaders that they were disposed to lose a million men in the present offensive, will soon be satisfied—and that without a decisive result.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh

that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

Sworn to before me in my presence, this December, A. D. 1888.

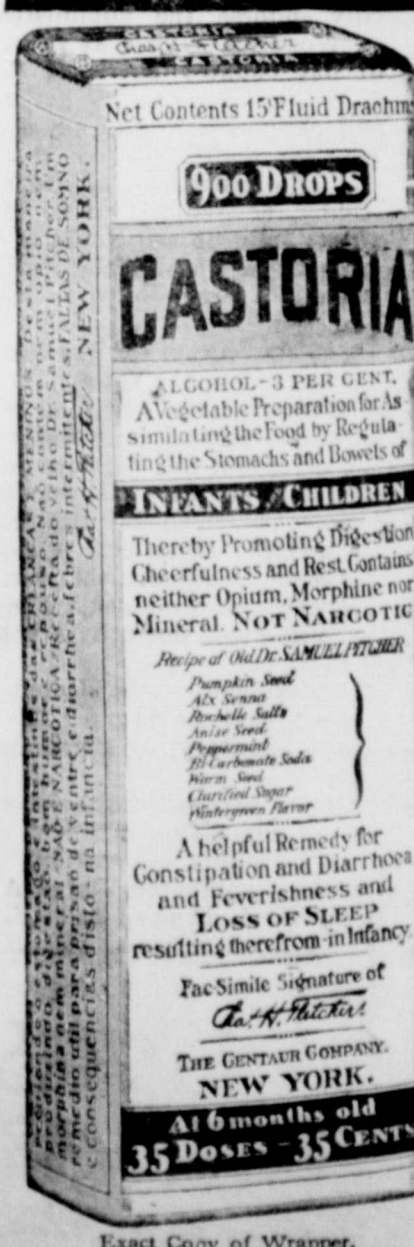
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Runnels County Oil Company

ROWENA, TEXAS
CAPITAL STOCK, \$95,000.00

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Organization

The Runnels County Oil Company was organized during the month of March, 1918, by a number of the leading business men and farmers of Runnels County. This company was organized for the purpose of developing the oil industry in Runnels County, and not for the purpose of lease speculation.

The character and business standing of the stockholders of our company insures its success. The following are the officers and directors of our company:

O. L. PARISH, County Judge, President, Ballinger, Texas.
W. D. MEADOWS, President Winters State Bank and County Commissioner, 1st Vice-President, Winters, Texas.
DR. J. J. SHILLER, Physician, 2nd Vice-President, Rowena, Texas.
N. K. FREEMAN, Cashier 1st State Bank, Rowena, Texas. Secretary-Treasurer, Rowena, Texas.
J. S. MILLS, Lumber, Miles, Texas.
W. A. FRANCIS, Manager Walker-Smith Company, Ballinger, Texas.
THEO. SCHUMANN, Merchant, Rowena, Texas.
A. K. DOSS, General Attorney, Ballinger, Tex.

Capital Stock

The capital stock of the Runnels County Oil Company is composed of 95,000 shares of stock of the par value of \$1.00 each, fully paid and non-assessable. All the stock is common, thereby giving every share of stock an equal footing in the assets of the company. The stock of the company is now being sold by the board of directors for development purposes. All money derived from stock sales will be used in developing the thousands of acres of oil and gas leases now owned by the company.

Present Holdings

The present holdings of the company consist of over 30,000 acres of valuable oil and gas leases situated in Runnels County, Texas, 20,000 acres of which is practically in one solid body. These leases are located on a well defined structure marked by competent and experienced geologist.

The company also owns a standard deep well drilling machine, which is now operating at full time on our well No. 1 located on the Pfluger lease about 1 1/2 miles north of the town of Rowena, and about 8 miles west of the town of Ballinger.

Geology

Our acreage has been marked and defined by competent and experienced geologists, and we submit the following from their reports:

The following is from report of Mr. Jno. W. Ottly, Geologist on acreage about Rowena, Runnels County, Texas, for the Runnels County Oil Company:

The attendants usually found on these, or about these domes, which are always productive of petroleum, are present on this acreage. The dipping of the rock structures further accentuates the dome structures and the angle of dip in any direction greatly exceeds the normal dipping to the West and Northwest. The rock slopes to the South, Southeast and Northeast, run from ninety to two hundred feet to the mile, making the structure ideal.

As a petroleum proposition, you have the gas obtained at shallow depths and well authenticated oil discovery at a depth of six hundred fifty feet. With all these suggestions it aligns the acreage as an oil proposition of great merit.

The following is taken from the report of Mr. H. M. Nesmith, geologist:

"The land examined surround the town of Rowena in Runnels County, located eight miles West of Ballinger, and situated immediately on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad.

Topography of the region varies from 1,500 to 1,750 feet in altitude, represented by broad monoclinical and quaquaversal mounds exposing Permian geological structure in which oil and gas is found in this State Oklahoma and Kansas

The surface geological structure is Permian of "Red Beds" which is the upper series of the Carboniferous or Pennsylvanian which contain coal, gas and oil.

The great Cushing and Healdton fields in Southern Oklahoma are in the Permian Beds which extend by actual field examinations as far South as Tom Green County, Texas. Drilling in Electra, Burkburnett, Moran, Strawn, and 4 miles South of Abilene and the continuity of this structure over the Rowena country and the outcrop of the true sands, clays, shales and fossils evidence that oil and gas should be developed in your territory.

Big Money in Oil

You want to make money. Are you willing to invest a small portion of your earnings where the chances are favorable for BIG returns? Realize what a great project this is in which you are invited to secure an interest.

This is an opportunity to make a fortune on a very small investment. Should the well we are now drilling produce oil in paying quantities, our leases will be worth millions of dollars.

An investment of a few dollars in stock of the Runnels County Oil Company might make a fortune while you sleep.

Now is the time to invest in our holdings, while the test well goes down the values will go up.

BEST MODEL STEAM ROLLER HITS FERGUSON

When the vote the Ferguson forces were smashed flat in the latest model steam roller in precinct conventions held in the two Ballinger boxes at ten o'clock Saturday morning.

Two years ago the Ferguson forces ran rough shod over the opposition and sent a solid Ferguson delegation to the county convention from the Ballinger precincts, and likewise controlled the county convention.

The Hobby forces used the same tactics in the conventions held Saturday, the only difference being the overwhelmingly large majority and the almost unanimous way in which the Hobby forces controlled the convention, voting down every motion made by a Ferguson delegate and electing Hobby delegates.

According to published call made by the precinct chairman, the conventions were called to order promptly at ten o'clock. In Precinct No. 1 a motion was offered that the convention stand adjourned until three o'clock in order to give the country people time to get to town. The motion was tabled by an almost unanimous vote, the vote being 200 to 0 for tabling the motion.

C. R. Crews, precinct chairman, called the meeting to order, and was elected permanent chairman. J. E. Pearce was elected secretary.

As per motion made and carried by an almost unanimous vote, Dr. E. C. Baskin, Jno. A. Weeks and Mrs. J. H. Kipp were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the county convention.

They reported as follows: W. B. Wood, D. M. Baker, Geo. Vaughn, Jno. A. Weeks, O. L. Parish, J. Y.

Pearce, Mrs. Scott H. Mack, Mrs. J. H. Kipp, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Dr. E. C. Baskin, C. R. Stephens, C. P. Shepherd, M. D. Chastain, J. M. Garlington, Mrs. Fannie Johnson. The committee's report was adopted.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted by a vote of about 200 to 3:

Be it resolved by the Democratic Precinct Convention for Voting Box No. 24, Runnels County, Texas:

That we fully and wholeheartedly endorse the administration of Woodrow Wilson as President of our country and that W. P. Hobby as Governor of our State and express our full sympathy with the legislation passed under the administration of Governor Hobby, believing it to be of immense value to the National Government in winning the war, and likewise a heavy blow to Kaiserism.

The convention for Precinct No. 1 was held in the Queen Theatre, and about forty per cent of the delegates present were women.

Convention for Precinct No. 24 was held in the district court room. Chairman Ed Day called the meeting to order. A motion was made to adjourn that convention until three o'clock. The motion was voted down by a vote of 24 to 5.

Paul Trimmer was elected permanent chairman, and A. W. Sledge secretary, by a unanimous vote.

Motion carried to appoint nominating committee to select delegates to county convention. The chairman appointed Judge A. K. Doss, W. A. Francis and E. L.

Rasbury. The committee retired and in a few minutes reported as follows:

Paul Trimmer, J. L. Chastain, E. D. Futch, A. W. Sledge, T. S. Lankford, N. J. Wardlaw, W. C. McCarver, R. T. Williams. The committee's report was adopted and the delegates as nominated elected.

A motion was made to add the names of the nominating committee to the delegation to county convention, and same was unanimously adopted, giving the precinct eleven delegates to the county convention.

Resolutions endorsing the Wilson and Hobby administrations were offered and adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

Resolutions Voted Down. The following resolutions were offered before both precinct conventions in Ballinger, and in both conventions tabled by an almost unanimous vote:

To the Hon. Precinct Chairman: In view of the fact that it has been a Democratic custom from time immemorial, that the nominee for the office of Governor shall have the prerogative of shaping and enunciating the party platform, and for the purpose only of following and carrying out this time honored custom, therefore be it resolved:

That it is the sense of this Convention that an equal number of delegates favoring the nomination of Mr. Hobby, and those favoring the nomination of Mr. Ferguson be sent up to the County Convention, the number being five of each, with this further agreement: That in the event that Mr. Hobby is nominated, the Ferguson delegates will not participate in said county convention, but that in the event that Mr. Ferguson is nominated then the Hobby delegates will not participate in said county convention.

Respectfully submitted, J. Mcgregor.

To The Hon. Precinct Chairmen:

18 BOXES IN RUNNELS GIVE HOBBY 2,072; FERGUSON 549

Bearing in mind the fact, that for many years Runnels County has been deprived of just and adequate representation to the State Democratic Convention, by reason of the fact that such representation is based by law on the vote cast for Governor in each preceding general election, and not on the primary vote, and in view of the further fact, that a deplorable custom has grown up among our people of absenting themselves from the polls on the day of election, and thereby cutting down our right, and fair representation. I wish to call your attention to the pressing, and urgent necessity of taking some steps looking to the correction of this state of affairs, and to this end will offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the Democratic voters of Precinct No. 1, in convention assembled, hereby pledge ourselves, if within reasonable possibility to go to the polls on the day of the general election, and there vote for each and every nominee of the democratic primary, as shown by the official returns of said primary.

Respectfully submitted, T. T. CROSSON.

TOM GREEN COUNTY.

San Angelo—15 out of 31 boxes this county gives Hobby 1,280; and Ferguson 382.

Hudspeth is leading for congress over Cobb in the district but Cobb leads in this county by about 800 majority.

Ballinger, No. 1, Hobby 372; Ferguson 70.	North Norton, Hobby 74; Ferguson 22.
Ballinger, No. 24, Hobby 273; Ferguson 95.	South Norton, Hobby 53; Ferguson 13.
Hatchel, Hobby 88; Ferguson 25.	Marie, Hobby 37; Ferguson 3.
Benoit, Hobby 29; Ferguson 10.	Maverick, Hobby 40; Ferguson 13.
Crews, Hobby 101; Ferguson 16.	Pearce School House, Hobby 52; Ferguson 12.
Winters, Hobby 298; Ferguson 68.	Miles, Hobby 243; Ferguson 69.
Wingate, Hobby 90; Ferguson 47.	Olsen, Hobby 5; Ferguson 34.
Baldwin, Hobby 43; Ferguson 11.	Pony Creek, Hobby 32; Ferguson 32.
Wilmet, Hobby 89; Ferguson 11.	Total count for boxes reported Hobby 2,072; Ferguson 549.

DAMAGED SUB OFF NEW ENGLAND COAST

Atlantic Port, July 27.—An unsubstantial report reached here this afternoon to the effect that a submarine apparently damaged, was sighted off Southern New England coast. An effort to confirm the report has been unsuccessful.

ARTILLERYING ON

BRITISH FRONT.

London, July 27.—Gen. Haig reports hostile artillerying on the northern portion of the British front throughout today.

WINTERS MAY GET

WESTERN UNION OFFICE.

S. E. Hunt gives us a bit of news that will sound mighty good to all of us. He says that the government will take control of the Abilene & Southern railway and that the line will likely be operated by one of the larger lines in Texas. As soon as this is done instead of operating the system by telephone, as is now done, the business will be transacted by telegraph which means that we will be given Western Union service in Winters. This is a change that we have longed for and will be the best move for the better that has come our way in a long time. —Winters Enterprise.

Navasota Grimes county—Three precincts gave Hobby 648 Ferguson 208.

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