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Clarendon Play Brought to McLean

It was the pleasure of a large crowd to attend the production of "Trials of a Bridegroom" by students of Clarendon High School at the Pastime Theatre on Friday night of last week.

Some, who had recently been "stung" by an out-of-town amateur theatrical talked like they were afraid to risk it before the Clarendon bunch came over, but they evidently decided to take a chance, for the house was crowded to capacity. It is to be supposed that everybody was pleased, for we have heard no one complain, and a number have expressed satisfaction.

When a play comes from Clarendon no one need feel any apprehension. They have people over there who know how to direct plays, and audiences in that city are critical. When they send one out of town it has invariably been tried on the folks at home and found not wanting.

Miss Myrta Houk, expression and music teacher in the Clarendon public schools, is to be congratulated on her success in directing this play, for no one could have done better.

This play was for the benefit of McLean Red Cross Chapter and the Clarendon Junior Red Cross. The gross receipts were \$72.35, McLean's share being \$18.10.

We were glad to have these people with us and enjoyed their efforts at entertaining. They have a standing invitation to come again any time they want to.

Texas Will Brand The Slacker And Shoot The Traitor

Texas has sent her sons to the firing line to fight for home, honor and liberty, and the men and women remaining are going to make it possible for our boys to win by producing an abundant supply of food and fibre to keep not only our own soldier boys well fed and warm, but a surplus for the millions of hungry men, women and children in our allied countries.

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Texas will brand the slacker and shoot the traitor, and Texas farmers will show their loyalty by doing their full share to win the war and save the country for peace, liberty, happiness and prosperity.—F. P. Holland, Editor Farm and Ranch.

Clarendon College Goes 100 Per Cent In Red Cross Drive

Clarendon.—The Red Cross drive which just terminated at the College was so very successful that there is nothing left to do. Everyone who attends the College is now a member of that organization. Mrs. Burton is getting splendid results in the work room, and the girls are working up some real College Red Cross enthusiasm.

Wellington.—James P. Leggett, who was in training at Camp Travis, died Monday of last week, and was buried two days later in the Wellington cemetery. Death resulted from pneumonia.

Emmet Thompson went to Clarendon Monday to take an examination for army service. He came back by way of Amarillo getting home Wednesday.

MEAT RESTRICTIONS SUSPENDED

Mr. W. T. Wilson of the Gray County Council of Defense has a letter from the proper authorities regarding meat restrictions, which says:

"All meat restrictions temporarily suspended except Meatless Tuesdays, which must be strictly observed as to beef and pork products."

This should be self-explanatory. It is good news to many, who have found it difficult to adapt themselves to substitutes.

Red Cross Day a Big Success

Even if it did drizzle rain all day Saturday, the Red Cross Day was a success from every viewpoint. A total of \$544.94 was realized.

The dinner, which was served in the old News building, netted \$105.01.

A collection was taken among the crowd in town that day by Jake Hess, Scott Johnston, and O. Floyd, to pay rent for a year on the building where the dinner was served, which has been fitted out as a work room this week. This collection, together with the donations from the merchants, amounted to \$396.43.

The Auction, which was conducted by J. W. Sherrod, brought \$45.50. Only articles of small value were sold.

The leaders in the Red Cross work are elated over the success of the day, and are to be congratulated.

Prof. Frank Wilson, efficient superintendent of our public schools, who plans to extract wealth from the soil during vacation, moved to the farm Saturday. He now comes to school on horseback. We did not get to hear him express his sentiments about the job of moving, but Sunday he wore a sort of worried look, as though he might be glad every day isn't movin' day.

Memphis.—The arrangements have been made for a big patriotic demonstration by the schools of Hall county, to take place in this city Saturday. The object of the demonstration is to stimulate enthusiasm among the children in the Junior Red Cross and Thrift Stamp movements, and to increase interest among the citizenship generally in war work.

Pampa.—A meeting was held at the school building on Monday of last week for the purpose of organizing the Boy Scout movement here. Twenty-five boys joined, and it is thought that there will be no difficulty in getting the required number, which is 32. Rev. Lancaster of the Baptist church has been chosen as scoutmaster.

White Deer.—The first issue of The White Deer Times will appear this week. For the present the Times will be printed in the office of the Pampa News. When a building is secured, which is thought to be impossible before May 1st, a first class printing plant will be installed. Joe M. Smith is to be the editor of the new paper.

Pampa.—E. G. Martin has returned from a trip in which he visited several army camps, one of which was Camp Bowie. He says: "It is very noticeable that the brass band work is over and all camps are getting down to actual war conditions." He also says that the soldiers are showing a high degree of efficiency.

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Rev. Reagan, new Baptist pastor, and wife now occupy the house in the south east part of town recently vacated by Prof. Wilson.

Dyer Gillis from Shamrock was in our city Monday.

Luther McCombs and wife left Wednesday for Post, where they were to meet their brother, Frank McCombs, who is off on a furlough from Camp Travis.

Mrs. S. H. Kennedy of Alameda was in the city Monday.



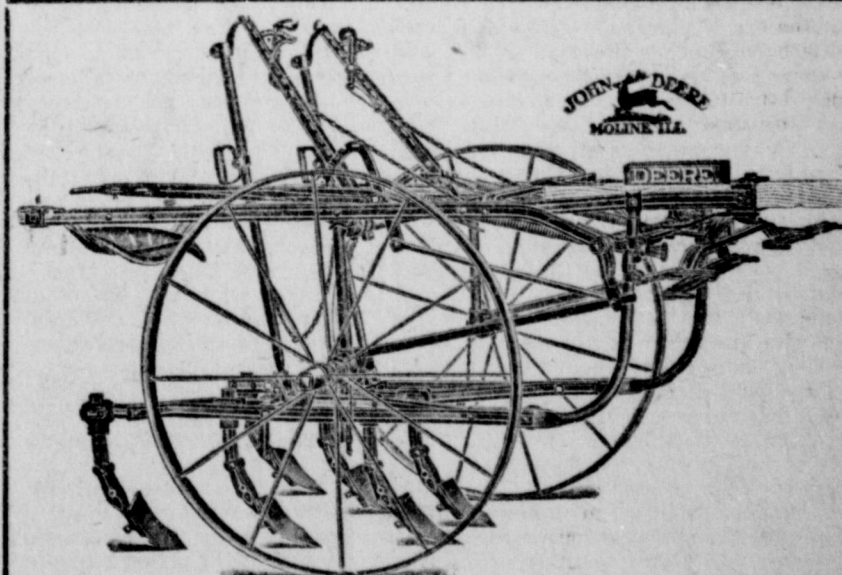
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the hostesses for chaperonage.

Since the Camp Travis house was opened, a week before Thanksgiving, over fifty thousand visitors have been served in the lunch room. The house is centrally located, on Sixth Street and Avenue B, and is easily distinguished, as it is stained a soft green, the only building of that color in camp.

When visitors come unexpectedly, the boys are located for them by telephone and notified that they are wanted at the Hostess House. Information as to rooms in the city, train schedules, places of amusement, church services, etc., may be obtained from the information secretary.

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The Wife of a King

A Metamorphosis of the Gold Country of the Far North

By JACK LONDON

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ONE, when the Northland was very young, the social and civic virtues were remarkable alike for their paucity and their simplicity. When the burden of domestic duties grew grievous, and the fireside mood expanded to a constant protest against its bleak loneliness, the adventurers from the Southland, in lieu of better, paid the stipulated prices and took unto themselves native wives. It was a foretaste of paradise to the women, for it must be confessed that the white rovers gave far better care and treatment to them than did their Indian co-partners. Of course, the white men themselves were satisfied with such deals, as were also the Indian men for that matter. Having sold their daughters and sisters for cotton blankets and obsolete rifles, and traded their warm furs for flimsy calico and bad whisky, the sons of the soil promptly and cheerfully succumbed to quick consumption and other swift diseases correlated with the blessings of a superior civilization.

It was in these days of Arcadian simplicity that Cal Galbraith journeyed through the land and fell sick on the Lower river. It was a refreshing advent in the lives of the good Sisters of the Holy Cross, who gave him shelter and medicine. Cal Galbraith became troubled with strange thoughts, which clamored for attention till he laid eyes on the Mission girl, Madeline. Yet he gave no sign, biding his time patiently. He strengthened with the coming spring, and when the sun rode the heavens in a golden circle, and the joy and throbs of life were in all the land, he gathered his still weak body together and departed.

Now Madeline, the mission girl, was an orphan. Her white father had failed to give a bald-faced grizzly the trail one day, and had died quickly. Then her Indian mother, having no man to fill the winter cache, had tried the hazardous experiment of waiting till the salmon run on fifty pounds of more and more enclosed in popular favor. It's not a

care, as many of bacon. After that the baby, Chook-ra, went to live with the good sisters, and to be thenceforth known by another name. But Madeline still had kinsfolk, the nearest being a dissolute uncle who outraged his vitals with inordinate quantities of the white man's whisky. He strove daily to walk with the gods, and incidentally his feet sought shorter trails to the grave. When sober he suffered exquisite torture. He had no conscience. To this ancient vagabond Cal Galbraith duly presented himself, and they consumed many words and much tobacco in the conversation that followed. Promises were also made; and in the end the old heathen took a few pounds of dried salmon and his birch-bark canoe, and paddled away to the Mission of the Holy Cross.

It is not given the world to know what promises he made and what lies he told—the sisters never gossip; but when he returned, upon his swarthy chest there was a brass crucifix, and in his canoe his niece Madeline. That night there was a grand wedding and a potlatch; so that for two days to follow there was no fishing done by the village. But in the morning Madeline shook the dust of the Lower river from her moccasins, and with her husband, in a polling boat, went to live on the Upper river in a place known as the Lower Country. And in the years which followed she was a good wife, sharing her husband's hardships and cooking his food. And she kept him in straight trails, till he learned to save his dust and to work mightily. In the end, he struck it rich, and built a cabin in Circle City; and his happiness was such that men who came to visit him in his home circle became restless at the sight of it and envied him greatly.

But the Northland began to mature, and social amenities to make their appearance. Hitherto, the Southland had sent forth its sons; but it now belched forth a new exodus, this time of its daughters. They did not fail to put new ideas in the heads of the men, and to elevate the tone of things in ways peculiarly their own. No more did the squaws gather at the dances, go roaring down the center in the good, old Virginia reels, or make merry with jolly "Dan Tucker." They fell back on their native stoicism, and uncomplainingly watched the rule of their white sisters from the cabins.

Then another exodus came over the mountains from the prolific Southland. This time it was of women that became mighty in the land. They frowned upon the Indian wives, while the other women became mild and walked humbly. There were cowards who became ashamed of their ancient covenants with the daughters of the soil, who looked with a new distaste upon their dark-skinned children; but there were also others—men—who remained true and proud of their aboriginal vows. When it became the fashion to divorce the native wives, Cal Galbraith retained his manhood, and

in so doing felt the heavy hand of the women who had come last, knew least, but who ruled the land.

One day, the Upper Country, which lies far above Circle City, was pronounced rich. Dog teams carried the news to Salt Water; golden argosies freighted the lure across the North Pacific; wires and cables sang with the tidings; and the world heard for the first time of the Klondike river and the Yukon country.

Cal Galbraith had lived the years quietly. He had then been a good husband to Madeline, and she had blessed him. But somehow discontent fell upon him; he felt vague yearnings for his own kind, for the life he had been shut out from—a general sort of desire, which men sometimes feel, to break out and taste the prime of living. Besides, there drifted down the river wild rumors of the wonderful Eldorado, glowing descriptions of the city of logs and tents, and ludicrous accounts of the che-chas-quas who had rushed in and were stampeding the whole country. Circle City was dead. The world had moved on up river and become a new and most marvelous world.

Cal Galbraith grew restless on the edge of things, and wished to see with his own eyes. So, after the wash up, he weighed in a couple of hundred pounds of dust on the company's big scales, and took a draft for the same on Dawson. Then he put Tom Dixon in charge of his mines, kissed Madeline good-by, promised to be back before the first mush-ice ran, and passed on an up-river steamer.

Madeline waited—waited and took all the three months of winter. She fed the dogs, gave a good look through to young Cal, watered daylight. She mer faded away—each of her time long journey. When the short summer came, she began to see the Sisters of the Holy Cross. And she came, arch in the manner of the on the Holy Cross. The fall returned with it there was mush-ice on the Yukon, and Circle City kings turned to the winter's work at their mines, but no Cal Galbraith. Tom Dixon received a letter, however, for his men slipped up her winter's supply of dry pine. The company received a letter, for its dog teams filled her cache with their best provisions, and she was told that her credit was limitless.

Through all the ages man has been held the chief instigator of the woes of woman; but in this case the men held their tongues and swore harshly at one of their number who was away, while the women failed utterly to emulate them. So, without needless delay, Madeline heard strange tales of Cal Galbraith's doings; also, of a certain Greek dancer who played with men as children did with bubbles. Now Madeline was an Indian woman, and further, she had no woman friend to whom to go for wise counsel. She prayed and planned by turns, and that night, being quick of resolve and action, harnessed the dogs, and with young Cal securely lashed to the sled, stole away.

Though the Yukon still ran free, the eddy ice was growing, and each day saw the river dwindling to a slushy thread. Save him who has done the like, no man may know what she endured in traveling a hundred miles on the rim ice; nor may they understand the toll and hardship of breaking the two hundred miles of packed ice which remained after the river froze for good. But Madeline was an Indian woman, so she did these things, and one night there came a knock at Malemute Kid's door. There at he fed a team of starving dogs, put a healthy youngster to bed, and turned his attention to an exhausted woman. He removed her ice-bound moccasins while he listened to her tale, and stuck the point of his knife into her feet that he might see how far they were frozen.

Despite his tremendous virility, Malemute Kid was possessed of a softer, womanly element, which could win the confidence of a snarling wolf dog or draw confessions from the most wintry heart. Nor did he seek them. Hearts opened to him as spontaneously as flowers to the sun. Even the priest, Father Roubeau, had been known to confess to him, while the men and women of the Northland were ever knocking at his door, a door from which the latch-string hung always out. To Madeline, he could do no wrong, make no mistake. She had known him from the time she first cast her lot among the people of her father's race; and to her half-barbaric mind it seemed that in him was his vision and the future there could be no intervening veil.

There were false ideals in the land. The social strictures of Dawson were not synonymous with those of the previous era, and the swift maturity of the Northland involved much wrong. Malemute Kid was aware of this, and he and Cal Galbraith's measure accurately. He knew a hasty word was the father of much evil; besides, he was minded to teach a great lesson and bring shame upon the man. So Stanley Prince, the young mining expert, was called into the conference

the following night, as was also Lucky Jack Harrington and his violin. That same night, Bettles, who owed a great debt to Malemute Kid, harnessed up Cal Galbraith's dogs, lashed Cal Galbraith, Junior, to the sled, and slipped away in the dark for Stuart river.

"So; one—two—three, one—two—three. Now reverse! No, no! Start up again, Jack. See—this way." Prince executed the movement as one should who has led the cotillion.

"Now; one—two—three, one—two—three. Reverse! Ah! that's better. Try it again. I say, you know, you mustn't look at your feet. One—two—three, one—two—three. Shorter steps. You are not hanging to the gee-pole just now. Try it over. There! that's the way. One—two—three, one—two—three."

Round and round went Prince and Madeline in an interminable waltz. The table and stools had been shoved over against the wall to increase the room. Malemute Kid sat on the bunk, chin to knees, greatly interested. Jack Harrington sat beside him, scraping away on his violin and following the dancers.

It was a unique situation, the undertaking of these three men with the woman. The most pathetic part, perhaps, was the businesslike way in which they went about it. No athlete was ever trained more rigidly for a coming contest, nor wolf dog for the harness, than was she. But they had good material, for Madeline, unlike most women of her race, in her childhood had escaped the carrying of heavy burdens and the toll of the trail. Besides, she was a clean-limbed, willowy creature, possessed of much grace which had not hitherto been realized. It was this grace which the men strove to bring out and knock into shape.

At this instant Prince discovered a new predicament.

"I say, Kid," he said, "we're wrong, all wrong. She can't learn in moccasins. Put her feet into slippers, and then on to that waxed floor—phew!"



The King Felt Baffled, Defeated.

Madeline raised a foot and regarded her shapeless house moccasin dubiously. In previous winters, both at Circle City and Forty Mile, she had danced many a night away with similar footgear, and there had been nothing the matter. But now—well, if there was anything wrong it was for Malemute Kid to know, not her.

But Malemute Kid did know, and he had a good eye for measures; so he put on his cap and mittens and went down the hill to pay Mrs. Eppingwell a call. Her husband, Clove Eppingwell, was prominent in the community as one of the great government officials. The kid had noted her slender little foot one night, at the governor's ball. And as he also knew her to be as sensible as she was pretty, it was no task to ask of her a certain small favor.

On his return, Madeline withdrew for a moment to the inner room. When she reappeared Prince was startled. "By Jove!" he gasped. "Who'd 'a' thought it! The little witch! Why, my sister!"

"Is an English girl," interrupted Malemute Kid, "with an English foot. This girl comes of a small-footed race. Moccasins just broadened her feet healthily, while she did not misshape them by running with the dogs in her childhood."

Madeline was the wife of a king, a king whose yellow treasure could buy outright a score of fashion's puppets; yet in all her life her feet had known no gear save red-tanned moosehide. At first she looked in awe at the tiny white satin slippers; but she quickly understood the admiration which shone, manlike, in the eyes of the men.

So the training went on. Every day Malemute Kid led the girl out on long walks devoted to the correction of her carriage and the shortening of her stride. There was little likelihood of her identity being discovered, for Cal Galbraith and the rest of the old-timers were like lost children among the many strangers who had rushed into

the land. Besides, the frost of the North has a bitter tongue, and the tender women of the South, to shield their cheeks from its biting caresses, were prone to the use of the canvas masks. With faces obscured and bodies lost in squirrel-skin parkas, a mother and daughter, meeting on trail, would pass as strangers.

In this way Thanksgiving night drew near. At irregular intervals Bettles sent word down from Stuart river regarding the welfare of young Cal. The time of their return was approaching. More than once a casual caller, hearing dance music and the rhythmic pulse of feet, entered, only to find Harrington scraping away and the other two beating time or arguing noisily over a mooted step. Madeline was never in evidence, having precipitately fled to the inner room.

On one of these nights Cal Galbraith dropped in. Encouraging news had just come down from Stuart river, and Madeline had surpassed herself—not in walk alone, and carriage and grace, but in womanly roguishness. They had indulged in sharp repartee, and she had defended herself brilliantly; and then, yielding to the intoxication of the moment, and of her own power, she had bullied, and mastered, and wheedled, and patronized them with most astonishing success. And instinctively, involuntarily, they had bowed, not to her beauty, her wisdom, her wit, but to that indefinable something in woman to which man yields yet cannot name. The room was dizzy with sheer delight as she and Prince whirled through the last dance of the evening. Harrington was throwing in inconceivable flourishes, while Malemute Kid, utterly abandoned, had seized the broom and was executing mad gyrations on his own account.

At this instant the door shook with a heavy rap-rap, and their quick glances noted the lifting of the latch. But they had survived similar situations before. Harrington never broke a note. Madeline shot through the waiting door to the inner room. The

weary days of famine and disease; and with him was also the patient Madeline, sharing his pains and perils, never doubting, never complaining. His mind's retina vibrated to a score of pictures, stern, clear-cut and the hand of the past drew back with heavy fingers on his heart. It was the psychological moment. Malemute Kid was half tempted to play his reserve card and win the game; but the lesson was too mild as yet, and he let it pass. The next instant they had gripped hands, and the king's beaded moccasins were drawing protests from the outraged snow as he crunched down the hill.

Madeline in collapse was another woman to the mischievous creature of an hour before, whose laughter had been so infectious and whose heightened color and flashing eyes had made her teachers for the while forget. Weak and nerveless, she sat in the chair just as she had been dropped there by Prince and Harrington. Malemute Kid frowned. This would never do. When the time of meeting her husband came to hand, she must carry things off with high-handed imperiousness. It was very necessary she should do it after the manner of white women, else the victory would be no victory at all. So he talked to her, sternly, without mincing of words, and initiated her into the weaknesses of his own sex, till she came to understand what simpletons men were after all, and why the word of their women was law.

A few days before Thanksgiving night, Malemute Kid made another call on Mrs. Eppingwell. She promptly overhauled her feminine fripperies, paid a protracted visit to the dry goods department of the P. C. company, and returned with the Kid to make Madeline's acquaintance. After that came a period such as the cabin had never seen before, and what with cutting, and fitting, and basting, and stitching, and numerous other wonderful and unknown things, the male conspirators were more often banished the premises than not. At such times the opera house opened its double storm doors to them. So often did they put their heads together, and so deeply did they drink to curious toasts, that the loungers scented unknown creeks of incalculable richness, and it is known that several che-chas-quas and at least one old timer kept their stampeding packs stored behind the bar, ready to hit the trail at a moment's notice.

Mrs. Eppingwell was a woman of capacity; so, when she turned Madeline over to her trainers on Thanksgiving night she was so transformed that they were almost afraid of her. Prince wrapped a Hudson Bay blanket about her with a mock reverence more real than feigned, while Malemute Kid whose arm she had taken, found it a severe trial to resume his wonted mentorship. Harrington, with the list of purchase still running through his head, dragged along in the rear, nor opened his mouth once all the way down into the town. When they came to the back door of the opera house they took the blanket from Madeline's shoulders and spread it on the snow, slipping out of Prince's moccasins, she stepped upon it in new satin slippers. The masquerade was at its height. She hesitated, but they jerked open the door and shoved her in. Then they ran around to come in by the front entrance.

"Where is Freda?" the old timers questioned, while the che-chas-quas were equally energetic in asking who Freda was. The ballroom buzzed with her name. It was on everybody's lips. Grizzled "sour-dough boys," day laborers at the mines but proud of their degree, either patronized the spruce-looking tenderfoot and lied eloquently, the "sour-dough boys" being specially creag to toy with truth, or gave them savage looks of indignation because of their ignorance. Perhaps forty kings of the Upper and Lower countries were on the floor, each deeming himself hot on the trail and sturdily backing his judgment with the yellow dust of the realm. An assistant was sent to the man at the scales, upon whom had fallen the burden of weighing up the sacks, while several of the gamblers, with the rules of chance at their finger ends, made up alluring books on the field and favorites.

Which was Freda? Time and again the Greek dancer was thought to have been discovered, but each discovery brought panic to the betting ring and a frantic registering of new wagers by those who wished to hedge. Malemute Kid took an interest in the hunt, his advent being hailed uproariously by the revelers, who knew him to a man. The Kid had a good eye for the trick of a step, and ear for the lift of a voice, and private choice was a marvelous creature who scintillated as the "Aurora Borealis." But the Greek dancer was too subtle for even his penetration. The majority of the gold hunters seemed to have centered their verdict on the "Russian Princess," who was the most graceful in the room, and hence could be no other than Freda Moloo.

During a quadrille a roar of satisfaction went up. She was discovered. At previous balls, in the figure "all hands round," Freda had displayed an imitable step and variation peculiarly her own. As the figure was called, the "Russian Princess" gave the unique rhythm to limb and body. A chorus of I-told-you-so's shook the noticed that the "Aurora Borealis" and another mask, the "Spirit of the Pole," were performing the same trick equally well. And when two twin "Sun Dogs" and a "Frost Queen" followed suit, a second assistant was dispatched to the aid of the man at the scales.

Bettles came off trail in the midst of the excitement, descending upon them in a hurricane of frost. His rimmed brows turned to catarrhs, he whirled about; to catastrophe, frozen, seemed gemmed with diamonds, and turned the light in various rays; while the flying feet slipped on his moccasins and Scotch socks. A Northland dance is quite an informal affair, the men of the creeks and trails having lost whatever fastidiousness they may have at one time possessed, and only in the high official circles and conventions at all observed. He caste carried no significance. Males, aires and paupers, dog drivers and mounted policemen, joined hands with "ladies in the center," and swung around the circle performing most remarkable capers.

In his quest for the Greek dancer, Cal Galbraith managed to get into the same set with the "Russian Princess" toward whom popular suspicion had turned. But by the time he had guided her through one dance, he was going not only to stake his millions there she was not Freda, but that he had had his arm about her waist before. When or where he could not tell, he of the puzzling sense of familiarity wrought upon him that he turned his attention to the discovery of her identity. Malemute Kid might have aided him instead of occasionally taking the "Princess" for a few turns and talking earnestly to her in low tones. But it was Jack Harrington who paid the "Russian Princess" the most sidious court. Once he drew Cal Galbraith aside and hazarded wild guesses as to who she was, and explained to him that he was going to win. This ruffled the Circle City king, and he forgot both Madeline and Freda in the new quest.

It was soon noised about that the "Russian Princess" was not Freda Moloo. Interest deepened. Here was a fresh enigma. They knew Freda, though they could not find her, but here was somebody they had found and did not know. Even the women could not place her, and they knew every good dancer in the camp. Many took her for one of the official cliques indulging in a silly escapade. Not a few asserted she would disappear before the unmasking. Others were equally positive that she was the woman, a reporter of the Kansas City "Sun" come to write them up at ninety dollars per column. And the men at the scales worked busily.

At one o'clock every couple took to the floor. The unmasking began amid laughter and delight, like that of care-free children. There was no end of oh's and ah's as mask after mask was lifted. The scintillating "Aurora Borealis" became the brawny negress whose income from washing the community's clothes ran at about five hundred a month. The twin "Sun Dogs" discovered mustaches on their upper lips, and were recognized as brother fraction kings of Eldorado. In one of the most prominent sets, and the slowest in uncovering, was Cal Galbraith with the "Spirit of the Pole." Opposite him was Jack Harrington and the "Russian Princess." The rest had discovered themselves, yet the Greek dancer was still missing. All eyes were upon the group. Cal Galbraith, in response to their cries, lifted his partner's mask. Freda's wonderful face and brilliant eyes flashed out upon them. A roar went up, to be hushed suddenly in the new and absorbing mystery of the "Russian Princess." Her face was still hidden, and Jack Harrington was struggling with her. The dancers tittered on the tips of expectancy. He crushed her dainty costume roughly, and then—and then the revelers exploded. The joke was on them. They had danced all night with a tabooed native woman.

But those that knew, and they were many, ceased abruptly, and a hush fell upon the room. Cal Galbraith crossed over with great strides, angrily, and spoke to Madeline in polysyllabic Chinook. But she retained her composure, apparently oblivious to the fact that she was the cynosure of all eyes, and answered him in English. She showed neither fright nor anger, and Malemute Kid chuckled at her well-bred equanimity. The king felt baffled, defeated; his common Siwash wife had passed beyond him.

"Come!" he said finally. "Come home."

"I beg pardon," she replied; "I have agreed to go to supper with Mr. Harrington. Besides, there's no end of dances promised."

Harrington extended his arm to lead her away. He evinced not the slightest disinclination toward showing his back, but Malemute Kid had by this time edged in closer. The Circle City king was stunned. Twice his hand dropped to his belt, and twice the Kid gathered himself to spring; but the retreating couple passed safely through the supper-room door, where canned oysters were spread at five dollars the plate. The crowd sighed audibly, broke up into couples, and followed them. Freda posted and went in with Cal Galbraith; but she had a good heart and a sure tongue, and she spoiled his oysters for him. What she said is of no importance, but his face went red and white. The supper room was filled with a pandemonium of voices, which ceased suddenly as Cal Galbraith stepped over to his wife's table. Since the unmasking, considerable weights of dust had been placed as to the outcome. Everybody watched with breathless interest. Harrington's eyes were steady, but under the orange hanging tablecloth the latest in arguments balanced on his knees. Madeline looked up, casually, with little interest. "May—May I have the next round dance with you?" the king stammered. The wife of the king glanced at the card and inclined her head.

KLONDIKE TO THE REAL FARMER

Western Canada Crop Estimated at \$12,000, Makes \$19,000.

Messrs. Harris, formerly of Audubon, Iowa, wrote the "Audubon Advocate," expressing their satisfaction of things in Western Canada. They listed at Makepeace, Alberta. They there are those who make good, and those who fail. The former are those that land agents refer to when advertising their land. "But," continues the letter, "A great many of the farmers in this vicinity pay for their land with their first crop. A man here bought a section of land in the year 1915 for \$23 per acre. He broke 300 acres of the land during the summer of 1915. In the fall of 1916 he threshed 16,000 bushels of wheat, which paid for his land, all expenses and had a balance of \$4,000. In the fall of 1917 he threshed nearly as much off the other half of the section. At the present time he would not take 20 per acre for his land.

"We have had five crops in Alberta. The two dry years (1914-1917) our wheat made 20 and 30 bushels to the acre respectively. In 1915 we raised 40 bushels of wheat to the acre on summer fallow. The best results are obtained by plowing or breaking in the summer, working it down in the fall so that it will retain the moisture, thus farming one-half your ground each year.

"Persons owning land here and still living in the States should, if they don't feel themselves able to come up here and finance themselves until they could get their first crop, get some of their land broken and worked down in the fall before they come. The next spring they could come and put in the crop, fence and put up their buildings. This way they have to wait only one summer for their first crop.

"It is not advisable for a person to come here in the spring, break out land and put it in crop the first year, because the moisture is not in the ground and a failure is almost certain unless it is an exceptionally wet year.

"One of the boys from that locality, Mr. Peder M. Jensen came to Alberta last spring. He bought a 30-60 Rumely Oil-Pull engine on the 8th day of June, 1917. After that date he broke 1,100 acres of prairie sod for which he received an average of \$5.00 per acre.

"Mr. Hansen from your community, was up here last fall with several prospective land buyers from that neighborhood. At that time he inquired the value of the crop on the section we were farming. We told him that it would probably make in the neighborhood of \$12,000. This same crop when sold brought nearly \$19,000. The most of it being sold when prices were low for the year."—advertisement.

Slippery Retort.

The messenger boy was red-headed, cheery and dilatory. "C'mon! C'mon!" said the elevator man in the chamber of commerce as he started to close the door. "Don't get icy," said the boy, as he wiggled into the car. "Don't get icy or I'll slide on yuh."—Buffalo Express.

COVETED BY ALL

but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Thought Up in a Hurry.

Little Carl, aged three and one-half years, came out of the pantry with a little jelly on his face. His mother, noticing the jelly, asked how it had gotten there.

"Don't know," he answered. "It must have felled on by mistake."

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. It stops the cough and headache and works off the cold. A. W. GALT'S signature on each box. 30c.

People who are discreet have eyes but see not, and ears but hear not.

Polltiness is easy currency and it goes a long way at that.

Keep Yourself Fit

You can't afford to be laid up with sore, aching kidneys in these days of high prices. Some occupations bring kidney troubles; almost any work makes weak kidneys worse. If you feel tired all the time, and suffer with lame back, sharp pains, dizzy spells, headaches and disordered kidney action, use Doan's Kidney Pills. It may save an attack of rheumatism, dropsy, or Bright's disease. Doan's have helped thousands back to health.

An Oklahoma Case

Otto Besse, city fireman, 306 N. Third St., McAlester, Okla., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for years and they have always corrected any attack of kidney disorder I have had, and have put my kidneys in good shape. At one time I had a dull heavy pain and soreness in my back that wore me out. My kidneys acted too freely especially at night. Doan's Kidney Pills have proved so good for this trouble that I always recommend them to anyone bothered that way."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

What Can We Do?



Patterns of refugee garments for women are now ready and are known as official American Red Cross patterns, numbering from 151 to 158 inclusive. Making these garments is a work that every woman ought to do with a sense of gratitude that she is thus able to contribute something to the bodily and spiritual comfort of the women who have been caught in the maelstrom of war. Their case is pitiful. They have been driven from their homes and are dependent upon charity for the bare necessities of life.

It is inspiring to know that the women are responding to calls for needed garments and comforts for fighting men with untiring enthusiasm.

Knitting has become the habit with many, and they are providing the socks, sweaters, wristlets, ear-warmers and helmets that the men use, in great numbers. Some of them devote their time to making just one sort of garment. A lady of Coldwater, Mich., who is eighty-two years old, is sending us beautiful socks which she knits at the rate of one a day. This is a fine contribution to Red Cross work.

Another old lady makes only comfort kits, and is now well on toward the three hundredth kit. But most women really like to vary the work they do; those who knit undertaking

sweaters, wristlets, socks, etc., in turn, and resting up from knitting with work on surgical dressing, hospital linen or refugee garments by way of variety.

Mrs. Charles G. King, superintendent of the department of knitting and comforts for fighting men, in the Central division, which includes the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois and Iowa, reports that 10,723 articles was the remarkable record of one day's inspection and packing of knitted goods from the state of Illinois alone, exclusive of the Chicago chapter, on January 17th.

Mrs. John Glass, superintendent of the department of surgical dressings, has received a letter from the associate director of bureau of development, national headquarters, in regard to the remarkable output of the drive for surgical dressings:

"The response to our appeal from all over the country has been very inspiring, and the Central division has had no small part in enabling us to take care of the special request we received from France. I hope that you will express to all those concerned our great appreciation of the work they have done."

Julia Bottomley

Fads And Fancies Of Fashion



NEGLIGES GROW MORE LUXURIOUS.

It is a tie between evening gowns and negligees when we make comparisons and draw conclusions as to the most fascinating things that women wear. The negligee may adopt any style it will, be of any gay color it likes, follow no set fashion, for it is a garment at least in which one woman may indulge her fancy—if it is whimsical so much the better. It is for the eyes of her household and she may do as she likes with it.

The lovely negligee which has a representation to many eyes here must have been inspired by a simple classic robe and elaborated with lace and floating draperies of crepe. It is of pale pink satin, with a wide border of heavy lace about the bottom of the satin slip. There is a short bodice with band of lace across the bust. The skirt portion of the slip appears to be laid in narrow plaits across the front.

The satin makes a brilliant foundation for soft draperies of crepe georgette. As to the intricacies of their hanging, that is something not at all easy to tell about. Every negligee

has a fashion of its own. These draperies which are so gracefully pictured are of light pink georgette. They are finished in points weighted with silk and silver ornaments and balls.

Beginning with an underslip of satin and finishing with a coat of lace, or a mantle of crepe georgette, almost any woman may fashion a negligee suited to her own style and figure. She is not apt to finish it without bringing narrow ribbons into the play of lovely materials and she will not wear it without slippers that are dainty enough to rank in the same class as the negligee.

Julia Bottomley

Feminine Frills.

The coat tunic is a novelty. Many wraps are in cape style. Tapestry shopping bags are new. Satin coats are heavily embroidered. Fluted ribbons are used for trimming.

Stock collars are made of white satin. H. H. Deer 1

Helping the Meat and Milk Supply

(Special Information Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

A STEAM GERM-KILLER FOR SMALL DAIRIES



Placing a Milk Can Over the Home-Made Sterilizer—it Can Be Used on the Kitchen Stove.

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Steam Destroys Disease Germs and Injurious Bacteria.

SMALL OUTFIT EASILY MADE

Tests Show Five-Minute Treatment of Dairy Utensils Is Sufficient—Two-Burner Wickless Kerosene Stove Is Useful.

Steam is the arch enemy of harmful bacteria that lurks in milk utensils. But steam isn't the common method of sterilizing used in small dairies, because it is not always available. In fact, lacking it, dairy utensils on small farms are not often sterilized satisfactorily, and as a result diseases hide in milk and may be carried to many families. Washing milk cans and utensils, at least by the processes ordinarily used, does not insure freedom from infection and contamination.

For \$10 or \$15 a simple steam sterilizer, which will serve a small dairy, can be made in a short time. At that price—which includes a small kerosene stove—this sterilizer should be practical in any dairy from which cream or milk is sold. And the additional keeping qualities which the sterilization of utensils will give milk and cream probably will pay for the cost of the sterilizer in one season. For when utensils are treated with steam all bacteria or disease germs which may be in them are destroyed, and therefore milk and cream when placed in these utensils will keep sweet much longer.

Directions for Making.

This is the way to make a small sterilizer. Specialists of the United States department of agriculture, who describe the process, say this sterilizer will be of greatest use to those who have one, two or three ten-gallon or smaller cans, with a similar number of pails and a strainer cloth. It can be used, however, with a large number of cans. It is made of a roasting pan, a cover, a galvanized-iron box and a removable top to the box.

FOR \$10 TO \$15, SMALL DAIRIES CAN HAVE STEAM STERILIZER.

The cost of the steam sterilizer itself should not be more than \$8. If it is necessary to buy a small stove the cost will be \$4 or \$5 more. The materials used in it can be bought at prices about as follows: Roasting pan, 25 cents to \$1, depending on the grade of iron. The galvanized iron with asbestos and construction work should not cost more than \$7, and the work can be done by any tinner. A two-burner wickless kerosene stove costs from \$4 to \$5; but in many cases it will not be necessary to purchase a stove. The details of making the sterilizer and suggestions as to how it should be operated are described in Farmers' Bulletin 748 of the United States department of agriculture.

When properly operated this sterilizer destroys practically all the bacteria in the utensils, including all disease germs, which may be present. It will accomplish the same results as any sterilizer in which steam not under pressure is used. Experiments with it show that the five-minute steaming is, for all practical purposes, as good as the 15 to 30 minute steaming usually recommended.

The roasting-pan is of standard size, 20 inches long, 14 inches wide—top measurement—and 3 inches deep. The cover to this is close fitting and insulated. Upon this is placed the galvanized-iron box with its removable top. The insulated cover is made as follows:

Take a sheet of heavy galvanized iron and cut it large enough to allow it to project three-fourths inch over the edge of the pan. Bend the edges of the sheet so as to form a shallow box with sides three-eighths inch high. Then cut out a cover for the shallow box. Cut a hole one and one-half inch in diameter in the center, through the top and bottom, of the small box. Iron braces should be placed crosswise of the box to strengthen it. Then fill the shallow box completely with paper or asbestos sheets, after which the top is carefully soldered on, care being taken to make the seams absolutely tight. Solder a round, galvanized iron pipe, four and one-half inches long and one and one-half inch in diameter in the hole in the center of the cover. Solder flanges beneath cover so that they will meet the edge of the roasting pan, thus making a tight cover. On the top of the insulated cover solder strong folded galvanized-iron strips, three-eighths inch high, to form a square 15 inches by 15 inches. For holding the upper galvanized-iron box, on top of the cover solder also four strips of stiff, galvanized-iron eight inches long and three-eighths inch wide. These strips should extend three-

PATRIOTISM AND GOOD MILK.

Every owner of a dairy herd should consider it his duty to himself and to the community to keep only healthy cows, supply them with wholesome feed and keep them in clean, comfortable quarters. There is not only patriotism in the service to his patrons which results from such management, but there is more profit.

The milkers and all who handle the milk should realize that they have in their charge a food which is easily contaminated and should, therefore, take all reasonable precautions to prevent the milk from becoming a source of danger to themselves and to others.

The consumer should understand that clean, safe milk is worth more and its production costs more than milk which contains dirt and disease germs; therefore he should be willing to pay more for it than for dirty milk, which is dear at any price.

The galvanized-iron box has no bottom but fits in the square formed by the four strips on the cover. The box is 11 inches high. Inside it, three-fourths inch from the top and one-half inch from one side, a stiff wire should be riveted and soldered. It is sometimes desirable to re-enforce the box at each corner with angle iron six inches long and one-half inch wide, riveted half-way up the side.

Kerosene Stove Used.

In the department of agriculture's tests of the outfit described a two-burner wickless kerosene stove was used with excellent results. The sterilizer, however, may be placed on the kitchen stove or over any other source of heat, such as a gas, gasoline, or laundry stove, which burns either wood or coal. Good results also are obtained at very little cost by building under the sterilizer a small brick furnace 12 inches high. It is necessary to have sufficient heat to furnish steam at the end of the outlet pipe at least 205 degrees Fahrenheit, and 210 to 211 degrees Fahrenheit should be obtained if possible.

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Soap and Ointment 25¢ each Everywhere

Talking Her Over. Ketchum—"He says his wife is the apple of his eye." Kitty—"She looks like one that's been baked."

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Lucky Indeed. "Did you have any luck in your stock market speculations?" "Yes, indeed. I escaped with part of my money."

Dr. B. F. Jackson, Celebrated Physician, handed down to posterity his famous prescription for female troubles. Now sold under the name of "Femenina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

JOKE THAT CARRIED MORAL

Humorist Found How Many Men Were Sincere in Desire to Save for the Country's Needs.

Even the jokers aided Doctor Jameson, the fuel administrator.

A group of young men were enjoying the comfortable cushions of a cigar store. One of the boys looked up and saw a single light burning over the entrance of a cafe. He stepped to a telephone and called up the cafe.

"That light you have burning over your entrance is superfluous. Put it out," said he.

In a jiffy the light was out. Up the street a dentist's office displayed a fancy electrical advertisement. The young man called the dentist's office.

"For conservation's sake please extinguish your electric sign," he said. Out went the dentist's sign.

On around the circle the order, jokemade, went on and before an hour had passed the central part of the business district was in darkness.

"Having served my country, I guess I'll grope my way home to supper," the joker said.

And he went his darkened way.

The jokers gained a patriotic moral. They sat for an hour discussing the willingness of so many people to comply with the nation's war needs.

Not all men are philosophers. Some would rather lie awake all night than climb up and oil the windmill.



Your comfortable healthy well-to-do neighbor uses **INSTANT POSTUM** instead of coffee. Ever ask him the reason? Might be worth while—especially if you are one of those with whom one must agree.

Miss Ruth Bullock Reason from Groom Saturday with friends.

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Announcements

The following announcements are subject to the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1918:

For County Judge:
T. M. WOLFE
For County and District Clerk:
W. R. PATTERSON
For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
W. S. COPELAND
S. L. BALL
For Tax Assessor:
A. H. DOUCETTE
T. H. PHILPOTT
J. H. SAUNDERS
For County Treasurer:
HENRY THUT
For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 5:
A. W. WILLARD

Bernice Branblett was here Tuesday from Montoya, N. M.

G. B. Oxer of Shamrock was in town Tuesday.



Most of our Customers

wonder how we can offer such big values in Curlee Clothes at their prices. But the fact remains that we are doing it.

If you could try on one of our new Curlee Spring Suits, we believe you'd be a satisfied customer also.

Just the thing

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T.J.

others—men—who are proud of their appearance when it became the fashion for the native wives, Cal retained his manhood, and

RANCH SCENE IN GRAY COUNTY



For Sheriff and Tax Collector

S. L. Ball of Alanreed announces in The News this week his candidacy for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Gray county, subject to the Democratic primary. Regarding his candidacy S. R. Loftin, well known lumber dealer of Alanreed, says:

"To the Voters of Gray county:—
"I wish to state that I have known S. L. Ball all his life, and I have this to say for him:

"1. He is of highly respected parentage.

"2. Having been intimately acquainted with him from his childhood, I have always found him honest, energetic and well worthy of the esteem and confidence of his fellow man.

"3. He has both a literary and business education, which makes him thoroughly competent to attend to all the duties of both Sheriff and Tax Collector.

"He has ever been a true democrat, as well as his father before him, and if the voters of Gray county see fit to elect him to the office, I feel confident that he will give them such efficient service that they will never have reason to regret having given him their support.

S. R. Loftin."

To The Public

I am just in receipt of a telegram from the food administrator advising that flour can be sold only in twelve pound quantities to town people and in twenty four pound quantities to country people.

Please take notice to this and do not insist on your grocery men violating this rule.

We have dear boys who are holding up the flag of liberty for our land. They are fighting for your homes and mine, and the best is not good enough for them. If they need the flour you and I should be glad to give it to them. Let every one do his bit. Yours very truly, W. T. Wilson, Local Food Administrator.

Postmaster Faulkner To Lead Next Red Cross Drive

Postmaster Faulkner has been appointed manager of the Second War Fund Campaign for the McLean Red Cross Chapter, according to a letter received this week from division headquarters at St. Louis.

A meeting of War Fund Campaign Managers will be held in Houston or Dallas early next month, at which time they will go into details relative to the campaign. A definite date for this meeting has not yet been announced, but it is expected that it will start in the early summer or late spring.

Mrs. C. S. Rice returned home Thursday from St. Louis, where she was called to the bedside of her daughter. Mrs. Rice brought a little grand-daughter home with her. The mother will come latter.

Mrs. J. L. Crabtree returned home Tuesday after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. V. R. Orr, of Wellington.

A. A. Faulkner was over from Stanley on Tuesday.

Missionary Notes

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. Moody Tuesday afternoon. 13 ladies were present and had a splendid program on missions. Many interesting pieces were read. The meeting was led by Mrs. Osborn. We have a better knowledge of our missionary work; the many wonderful things have been done and the many wonderful things for us to do. Let us as a willing society do our part. The society will meet with Mrs. F. M. Faulkner next Tuesday, March 12th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Following is the program for the next meeting:

"Rest in Seven."
Leader, Mrs. Noel.
Scripture reading, Gen. 2 1-3.
Prayer.

The war and the immigrant.—Mrs. Green.

One of China's great needs.—Mrs. Ashby.

What a mission special did for our church and Sunday school.—Mrs. Boyett.

"Is our community failing to secure one day of rest in seven for any class of people?" (Questionaire.)

Opportunity.—Mrs. Moody.
The Sabbath vital to National welfare.—Mrs. Scott Johnston.

Circulates Dry Petition

Several days ago John W. Kibler circulated a petition to our representative in the legislature, asking him to support statutory bone dry measure.

He showed us a letter Wednesday from Representative R. L. Templeton, in which he said: "I am glad to report to you that within the next few days Texas will be as dry as any prohibitionist will want it, if the bills we introduced are finally passed, which I think will be done. I have the honor of introducing a state-wide statutory prohibition bill, as well as other measures looking to the making of Texas dry, both for soldiers and civilians."

Being from the Panhandle, Mr. Templeton could hardly be anything but a prohibitionist, and that from all angles of the subject. We congratulate him on his enterprise in being the man to introduce the statutory prohibition bill in the legislature, and are expecting him and his pro colleagues to put it over.

Tulia.—Messrs. Townsend sold their interest in the Townsend Mercantile Company to other members of the firm, and the name has been changed to the Tulia Mercantile Company.

At The Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10:00, services at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:45 p. m. J. F. Reagan, pastor.

Claude.—Walter McLaren, well known citizen, was married to Mrs. Mannie McCollough of this place on Feb. 21.

Mrs. Dr. Yarbrough of Erick, Okla., visited her mother, Mrs. Sallie Coffey, and brothers this week.

Micheal Mertel went to Slavonia Tuesday.

A. R. Guill and wife and daughter, Miss Lily, were here Tuesday and Wednesday from Memphis visiting Chas. Guill and wife and Miss Pearl Guill. They are on their way to Wichita Falls, where they are going to make their home.

Clarendon.—The Panhandle Swine Growers Association meets here Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The program has several prominent men of the state on for speeches.

Miss Ruby Murphree left last Sunday for Amarillo where she visits her sister, Mrs. W. F. Gochbauer.

Trade Locals

Get your garden plows, hoes and rakes from C. S. Rice.

Helonrats that petrifies, for sale at Palace Drug Store.

Anyone wanting telephone or charges in directory listings, see us at once, as we are going to get out a directory soon. J. W. Kibler.

For Sale or Trade

1 good power feed grinder,
1 feed chopper,
1 John Deere slide go devil,
1 two hole corn sheller,
1 good buggy and harness,
good as new,
2 1/2 horse power Galloway engine. S. C. Woody, res., phone 73.

Full line of toilet articles, anything you want in the way of soaps, face powders, talcum, creams, rouge, perfumes, etc. Let us show you. Palace Drug Store.

Overstocked

A span of good gentle work mares for cash or trade. Phone 38 1L, 66. E. A. Gethings. 9-16

Save on that coal bill by using an oil stove. I have the Blue Belle and New Perfection. C. S. Rice.

Full blood velvet red single comb Rhode Island Red eggs for sale \$1.50 per setting of 15, till May 1st. C. S. Hunt, southwest part of McLean. 10 8t

Stationary for any and all of your correspondence at the Palace Drug Store.

Cabbage, celery and Lettuce. Bundy & Biggers.

The Brunswick phonograph plays all records and gives you a variety of music not found in other machines. See it at C. S. Rice's.

Books for rent at Palace Drug Store.

Banquette flour and oat meal crackers for wifeless days at Bundy and Biggers.

Hogs for sale.—Registered Duroc Jerseys, shoats, both sexes, also breed sows. R. S. Jordan. 10 1f.

Plain sewing wanted. Mrs. Sallie Swafford. 9 2p

Do not forget us when in need of plow harness. McLean Hardware Company.

We have the best lister on the market. Call and look it over before buying. McLean Hardware Co.

Posted

No hunting will be allowed on my premises east of town. I. X. Kachelheffer. 7 5p

15 head stock cows for sale. Joe Back, phone 66, 2 rings. 9 2p

A new line of queensware just arrived. We have anything in the line of dishes that you might want. McLean Hardware Co.

Crowder peas for sale at Henry & Cheney's feed store. 6-8p

For sale at a bargain my Ford car. A. L. Jordan 8tfc

Help your government by raising chickens, the Old Trusty incubator hatches them. It is the best for sale by C. S. Rice.

Higgins.—C. H. Felter died on Feb. 23, from blood poisoning, resulting from injuries received in a runaway some months ago.

Floydada.—J. R. Leach of Childress has bought the Gibson & Gibson racket store.

Help Win the War by Saving

Save by buying Groceries from us, where your dollar will get a value. We have some special prices on everyday necessities. If you fail to "get in" on these savings, you lose.

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MESSAGE TO THE NATION

Nature has implanted in every human being a sense of justice. This sense of natural justice does not emanate from any religion or creed; it is the common possession of humanity. It constitutes the one great distinguishing mark between man and the animal. And the more highly educated, the more highly refined a man becomes, the stronger is his sense of natural justice. We condemn a violation of natural justice, not because we learn from a man or a book that such an action is worthy of condemnation, but because it violates that conception of justice which was born in us.

We do not have to be told that it is wrong to torture a helpless child. We do not have to be told that it is wrong to go to a farm house and burn it to the ground, torture its inmates, and then throw them into the burning ruins of their own home. Such things are repugnant to our sense of natural justice.

It is this elementary attribute of humanity, this quality which distinguishes man from the beast, which has been violated by Germany. Not only has natural justice been violated, but its violation defended by emperors, preachers, philosophers, teachers, and that mass of individuals who sympathize with the German cause.

While the most enlightened teachers of humanity are telling us that man by aspiration and effort can raise himself to partake of the Divine nature, Germany is teaching and practicing the doctrine that man should invert the theory and take his place amongst the lowest types in the animal world. They hold forth as the goal of human ambition, after centuries of upward struggle, the figure, type and mentality of a beast rather than that of a God. The animal which lives on the flesh of others, whose right to existence is based only upon its strength and its ability to crush its prey, would appear to be the German ideal.

It is largely because the German idea is so repugnant to us as enlightened Americans, because their practices send a shudder through every fibre of our bodies and produce such nausea in our souls, that we are at war with Germany today; and it is because of these conditions that every decent, honorable, thinking man must pledge, if necessary, his fortune, his life, his all, to eradicate this unspeakable thing which has fallen like a curse upon the sons of men.

Conceive, if you can, the condition of this world if we allowed such doctrines to prevail. Property would go to the man with the strongest arm and the most unscrupulous mind. Liberty would die a shameful death. Freedom would shriek as Justice falls. Religion would perish from the earth and a false God—one of blood, iron and beastiality, would be set up for the worship of a cringing, cowering humanity.

There are indifferent ones who say that such things can never happen in this country. These people do not realize that one of the penalties—the greatest of all penalties—which we should pay for defeat would be the Germanization of our people. One of the terms of our defeat would be the privilege of Germany to trade, teach and colonize freely in this land of ours. One of the things coveted most by the German mind is the souls of men, for when they have these they have their bodies, their wealth their all, and if during the course of the next generation the Germans could capture or even deeply influence the soul of America they would consider that they had won the greatest victory in the history of their Nation.

As citizens of an enlightened democracy we must fight by every means in our power this menace which would steal our souls and those of our children.

No greater tribute was ever paid to a human being than that paid to one of the old kings of England of whom it was said:

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him That nature might stand up and say to all the world 'This was a man!'"

It is for such an eulogy we all yearn, unconsciously, if not consciously, and those who would lay restraining hands upon us as we aspire are our mortal and immortal enemies.

There is a practical side to every question, however great and spiritual that question may be. The warfare on behalf of your better self, for your higher interest, and that of your children, is being waged by brave men who have the profoundest claims upon your sympathy and assistance. It seems a pitifully small and totally inadequate thing that you can do, but yet if that is all—do it, and do it to the limit of your ability. Place on record your purchase of a Liberty Bond when the Government calls upon you in the very near future.

H. F. Wingo and family left Wednesday for Plainview, where they visit relatives.

J. O. Pearce was over from Dalhart last of last week to see his wife.

Elmer Reeves and Clyde Slavin were over from Alanreed Tuesday.



Red Cross Column

We thank every member of the Red Cross chapter who helped to make last Saturday a great success.

Mrs. Nida Green Rippy of Heald has brought in three Red Cross members from her community. We thank her, and may others do likewise.

The American Red Cross will raise another \$100,000,000 between May 6th and 13th. Postmaster Frank Faulkner will lead McLean Chapter in this drive.

R. T. Tipton, recently of Alanreed, but who decided McLean looked better to him, called yesterday afternoon and had us change the address on his paper.

The Red Cross has ordered two new sewing machines, which should be here Monday. Every one is invited to come to the work room and try out these machines.

Watch for later announcements of a Red Cross speaker. A wounded soldier, right from the front line trenches, who will tell you the things he has actually seen and went through with.

We thank George Bourland for making the offer and giving \$5.00 the first of each month to the Red Cross. Any others wanting to pay any certain amount regularly each month will please report to Frank Faulkner.

The Red Cross work room has been changed from the Odd Fellows hall to the building formerly occupied by The News, just west of the post office. The new quarters are more convenient, especially for women who do not like to climb stairways. They have better light, and in several ways it is possible to be more comfortable where they are now located.

Lockner.—Joe McCollum returned Feb. 22nd from a four years' service in the U. S. Navy. He will re-enlist after a visit of about two months with home folks.

Canyon.—A special service honoring the soldier boys was held at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Mr. Kennedy, the popular manager of the Alanreed hotel, was seen on the streets of our city Monday.

W. E. Jackson of Lakeview came in Tuesday night for a visit with his son, R. S. Jackson.

Mrs. Billie Biggers came over from Groom Saturday, to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd.

Canyon.—J. E. Willis has been re-elected superintendent of the city schools for the coming year.

"Toad" Cash was here last week from Dalhart visiting home folks. He went back Sunday.

Pampa.—The Palace Garage has again changed hands. S. H. Stone is the new proprietor.

Miss Mary Henry returned Sunday from Lubbock, where she visited friends.

Chas. Guill and wife went to Amarillo Sunday to see Mrs. Guill's parents.

R. S. Jordan and wife went to Amarillo Tuesday, returning the same day.

N. W. Hilton of Tucumcari, had business in our city Saturday.

G. S. Loyd and Hulon Loyd went to White Deer Tuesday.

Heald Items

On account of business being so rushing last week we did not have time to send in the items.

J. M. McKihzey and wife who have been visiting in Oklahoma and are on their way home in Mexico, is visiting this week with their son, Tom McKinze.

J. A. Haynes attended commissioners court at Wheeler the first of the week.

Mrs. W. L. Haynes and little girls and grandmother Haynes visited with Uncle Johnnie Haynes and wife and at the McKinze home the first of the week.

Tom McKinze and family, Frank Bailey and family and Mrs. L. C. Haynes spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. W. L. Haynes.

J. H. Williams and wife of Amarillo visited at McLean and Heald a few days ago.

Several of the Heald people went to Alanreed Feb. 28th to see the boys off to training camp.

Mr. McKinze says he is going to sell everything he has and go farther west and back to his old job of earlier years—punching cattle.

Mrs. L. C. Haynes and Mrs. Tom McKinze are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rippy have returned from Arkansas where they attended the funeral of Mr. Rippy's brother who was killed in a mining camp.

Sister Mary.

Panhandle.—H. C. Burroughs Jr., of Amarillo has accepted the management of the E. P. Pool Drug Company.

Frank Faulkner went to Pampa the first of the week.

Trade locals bring results.

Citation

The State of Texas County of Gray. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County, greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon J. W. Ragsdale and Effie L. Ragsdale and A. B. Cardenhire by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper printed therein, to appear at the next regular term of District Court of Gray County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof in LeFors on the first Monday in April A. D. 1918, same being the 1st day of April, A. D. 1918, then and there to answer the petition filed in said court on the 7th day of March A. D. 1918, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 569, wherein J. R. Hindman is plaintiff and J. W. Ragsdale et al is defendant, said petition alleging, That plaintiff is suing J. W. Ragsdale, Effie L. Ragsdale, A. B. Cardenhire and W. L. Webb defendants for the sum of Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-eight dollars 37 cents past due and owing to the plaintiff and secured by a vendor's lien and deed of trust in the following described land located in the town of McLean, Gray County, Texas, Lots Nine and Ten in Block Thirty-Seven and Lots eleven, twelve and thirteen in Block Thirty-Six in the town of McLean, Gray County, Texas, according to the duly recorded map or plat of said town-site.

That the plaintiff is the legal and equitable owner and holder of all the notes against the above described lands secured by the first and second liens thereon and said indebtedness being due and past due and unpaid has elected under the provisions of said notes to declare all of said notes due and payable and has brought this suit for his debt, interest and attorney's fees and all costs of suit together with the foreclosure of his lien and the sale of said lands.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the said first of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness W. R. Patterson, Clerk of the District Court of Gray County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in LeFors, Texas, this 7th day of March A. D. 1918.

W. R. PATTERSON, Clerk of the District Court of Gray County, Texas.

[SEAL]. A true copy.

W. S. COPELAND, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

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The School Fair

Two years ago one of the best two-teacher schools in Texas held a community fair. Its main features were an exhibition of farm products and a demonstration of cooking by the women and girls of the community. The exhibits were shown to good advantage and looked almost like a county fair. A week later one of the local newspapers published the following account:

"The girls from eight to sixteen years had the table beautifully decorated with flowers and spread with nice linen. It was loaded with good things to eat of their own cooking. Prizes were awarded to each of the following culinary articles: Cookies, chocolate pie, potato salad, jelly rolls, ginger snaps, muffins, coconut pie, cake, light rolls and jelly."

"The following agricultural products were exhibited: Cotton, corn, popcorn, ribbon cane, bunch beans, coffee beans, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, radishes, cushaws, muskmelons, watermelons, squashes, peas, pecans, pears, broom corn, honey, peaches, apples and sunflowers."

"After partaking of the good things to eat for supper, a very good program was rendered at night in the usual way."

Six months later the following comment was made on the value of this meeting:

"This community was bene-

fitted by such a meeting. It is still profiting from it, for the after stimulation is still vibrant in its nerves. It has discovered something about itself that it did not know before. It has a rich treasure of local talent that has been lying dormant and altogether unconscious of itself. It has begun to realize its possibilities. Industrially it is experiencing a stimulus it has never had before. Some good local authorities are guessing that a number of enviable agricultural prizes will be taken next year by the boys of this community. Socially, its pulse and heartbeat have been quickened. Educationally, it is looking upward. The work of a more extended use of the school house is well begun. Its discreet continuance will mark a new era in the life of all the activities of the community. Every country school in Texas would multiply the value of its service to society many times, if by wise direction it were made the industrial and social center of all the people who patronize it. Nothing would do more good to make the social life worth while in the country, and check the general townward tendency of the rural people."—Texas University Publicity Bureau.

Miss Ruth Bullock was over from Groom Saturday, visiting with friends.

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Modest But Noted Men.

It is not generally known that, before the war, British capital was already being employed in Mesopotamia, under the direction of Sir William Willcocks, and with the sanction of the sultan, to reedem the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates by irrigation. The name of Sir William does not mean much to the uninitiated. He is the most approachable and unassuming of men. But to his skill Egypt owes her salvation and he is the only Christian for whom the Mohammedans have been known to pray in their mosques. The building of the dam of Assouan was but the concrete outcome of his ideas. As a worker he has Rooseveltian energy. On a round of inspection, it is popularly said by the "Gypsy" officials of his suite, he sets out to walk from Alexandria in the morning, lunches in Cairo, and ends up at Luxor in the evening for a shake down.—Christian Science Monitor.

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Just From the Army.

Justin Omad, whom we suspect of being a sergeant major in a certain infantry regiment, tried his hand at domestic dialogue with the following result:

"Dearest, don't you think you should be more careful in slamming doors?" he ventured.

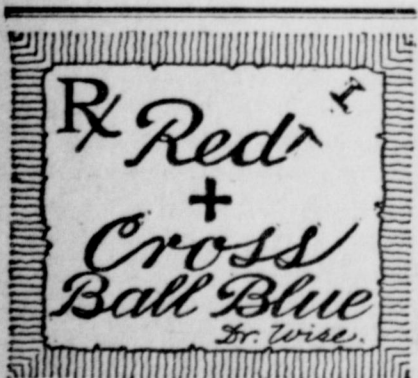
They had been married three whole months, and had never quarreled. She pouted now.

"You're scolding me," she said, "and you don't love me any more. And just because I slammed the door."

"Don't let's quarrel," he answered. "No matter what you did, I couldn't love you any less."

And then he wondered why she cried.

And Justin Omad sends us a military joke, too; but that will have to wait for another day. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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Heart of Pan-German Conspiracy of World Conquest

Whole Scheme of Prussian Dominion Based Upon Absolute Control of Middle Europe From Hamburg to Bagdad

By HARRY PRATT JUDSON, President of University of Chicago

The pan-German plot to dominate the world has been worked out with characteristic German thoroughness. There is no land on the globe in which the web of intrigue has not been woven. Every country has its place in the scheme and is expected to fall into its place at the proper time and in the proper way. Bribery at one point, dattery at another, the dexterous use of innocent visionaries, the careful encouragement of dissensions everywhere, the industrious dissemination of falsehoods tending to embroil nations with one another, class with class, and all to weaken and demoralize any people who might by union become strong—this sort of thing for years has been going on in the hands of German agents everywhere.

The progress of the world implies the growth of good will and mutual helpfulness wherever men make their homes. Pan-German intrigue fomenters



Harry Pratt Judson.

distrust and ill will; seeks out all the discordant elements of life with tireless malevolence. German agents are found stirring up anti-British sentiment in India and South Africa and Ireland; anti-American sentiment in Mexico and Colombia, in Argentina and Chile; animosity against the whites among southern negroes; dislike of Japan in America and dislike of America in Japan; discord between Walloons and Flemings in tortured Belgium. All this is to the definite end of smoothing the way for German arms when the time comes to strike. German military power finds German intrigue and treachery its handmaid.

Hamburg to Bagdad.

But the basis of the whole scheme of Prussian world dominion is absolute German control from Hamburg to Bagdad. This implies a fortress in the center of Europe, from which lightning blows can be struck in all directions. It implies an entrenched position on the North sea, on the Baltic, on the Adriatic, on the Aegean, on the Black sea and the Straits, on the Mediterranean and the Persian gulf. It implies domination, political, military and economic, of the Balkan peninsula, with all its rich lands, of the Suez canal and Egypt. It means the domination of Asia and Africa. It means as Napoleon said, Constantinople, the empire of the world. There might be the simulacrum of an alliance with Turkey and Bulgaria, Serbia, and Greece. But, throughout all, Germany would everywhere absolutely control, for German political power and for the development of German capital and German industry. For all practical purposes it would be a German empire from the Baltic to the Persian gulf.

But in order to carry out this vast scheme, grandiose as it may appear, but quite real and definite, as it is in point of fact, the first condition, without which all would fall to pieces like a house of cards, is to secure complete control by Germany over the dual monarchy, Austria-Hungary. The alliance at present and for so many years in force must be exchanged for a much closer relation, one which, whatever its form, will mean that Germany has the final voice in every essential question. As in the German empire under the guise of federation it is in the last analysis Prussia which determines all essential policies, so in the new Mittel Europa, it will be Germany, in other words Prussia, which will really govern. Whatever the outward semblance of things, in fact Austria and Hungary will then cease to be independent. The German kaiser will make the Prussian will supreme throughout. The reasons for this German middle Europe plan will appear later.

Absolutism in Austria-Hungary. But what is the dual monarchy which the Prussian king aims to make his footstool?

The House of Hapsburg has reigned in Vienna for centuries. It has come down from the middle ages and retains

to the full the medieval ideas of absolutism. It is only since 1806 that the title of emperor of Austria has been used; in fact the head of the House of Hapsburg reigns in many of the crown lands of the empire by inheritance, as duke, count or whatnot. In 1526 the duke of Austria was elected king of Bohemia, and in the same year he was elected king of Hungary. These titles and the regal authority which they gave, although in each case the crown was by right elective, the Hapsburgs have kept as hereditary and despotic, quite as much as in their hereditary upper and lower Austria. Thus, in the first place, we have as an essential factor in the dual monarchy a medieval and aristocratic monarchy—and a monarchy in a German family.

The second striking fact is the diversity of races and languages. Germany is nearly homogeneous. It has on its borders some non-Germanic subjects, inhabiting lands which represent some of the plunder of Prussian wars—Poles in Posen, Danes in Schleswig, French in Alsace-Lorraine. But the great mass of the people of the empire are German in blood and speech.

Germans in Dual Monarchy.

In Austria-Hungary, however, the Germans are a minority; in a total population of about 50,000,000 there are only 12,000,000 Germans. The other races are, in round numbers, Slavs, 24,000,000; Magyars (Hungarians), 10,000,000; and Latins, 4,000,000.

In other words, the population is 24 per cent German, 48 per cent Slav, 20 per cent Magyar, and 8 per cent Latin.

But note that the German Hapsburgs, as long as they could, ruled autocratically in the interest of Germanizing the entire empire. German was the official language, German were the laws, German the officers. The collapse of the Austrian armies in 1859, in the war with France and Sardinia, and again in 1866, in the war with Prussia, compelled the Hapsburgs to modify their methods. A simulacrum of elective parliaments was introduced, and in 1867 the empire was divided. The Magyars were taken into partnership and the dual monarchy was formed. In Vienna the head of the house of Hapsburg reigns as emperor of Austria; in Budapest he reigns as king of Hungary. Each monarchy has its own parliament and cabinet, and there are joint ministries of foreign affairs, war and finance, with a sort of joint parliamentary committee for common purposes.

But while in this arrangement of 1867 the Magyars were given their freedom, pains were taken by both the Germans of Austria and the Magyars of Hungary that the Slavs should be pushed to the wall. Said the Austrian representative, Count Beust, at that time to his Magyar colleague: "We will take care of our barbarians; you must take care of yours."

Whom did he mean?

Germans Control Austria.

Austria has a population of some 28,000,000. Of these there are 10,000,000 Germans, the remaining 18,000,000 being mainly Slavs—Poles and Bohemians, Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, with many Italians in the provinces bordering Italy. It is these non-Germans, especially the Slavs, whom Beust called "barbarians." The Austrian parliament is cunningly juggled in the membership of its elective lower house. At the sitting last spring—the first meeting since the war broke out—a rapid pan-German was elected to the presidency of the lower house by a vote of 215 to 195—215 Germans to 195 non-Germans in a nation in which the Germans are in a minority with a ratio of 10 to 18. The electoral law puts about an average of 42,889 Germans in a parliamentary district, while it takes about 65,479 Slavs to elect one deputy.

Polish Galicia is a fragment of Poland, the ancient kingdom destroyed by Prussia, Austria and Russia near the end of the eighteenth century; Galicia was Austria's share of the loot.

The Bohemians, with their neighbors, the Slovaks of Moravia, are descended from the sturdy race of John Huss and of Comenius. Their forefathers unwisely elected the head of the house of Hapsburg as their king in 1526, and the ancient constitution of St. Vaclav soon was disregarded, and the liberty-loving Czechs became little more than helots of their Austrian overlords. The house of Hapsburg is not noted for fidelity to engagements.

Serbs Virtually Serfs.

The Croats, Serbs and Slovenes are a remnant of the great Serbian monarchy of the fourteenth century, which was overrun and crushed by the Turks. Austria protected them, gladly used them in her armies, and in turn made them virtual serfs. They are essentially the same people and speak the same language as the Serbs of Serbia and Montenegro.

The Italians in Austria are reminders of the time when a large share of Italy was under the Austrian yoke. The wars of 1859, 1860 and 1866 drove the Hapsburgs out of the Italian peninsula, but it will take another war for the rest of the really Italian lands, Italia Irredenta, to be secured from the ancient tyrant.

Hungary, too, has by no means a homogeneous Magyar population. There are some 10,000,000 Magyars,

perhaps 2,000,000 Germans and 8,000,000 Slavs, Roumanians and Italians. The Hungarians, like the Germans of Austria, manage their electoral districts so as to keep a majority of parliament always Magyar.

But besides the two parts of the dual monarchy there are the imperial provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a population of about 2,000,000, nearly all Serbians. These provinces by the great general European treaty of 1878, by which the war between Russia and Turkey for the liberation of the races of the peninsula from the age-long tyranny of the Turks was ended, were turned over to Austria-Hungary to administer, with the specific provision that they should not be annexed. They were to be held in trust. In justice both provinces should have formed a part of the kingdom of Serbia, to which country they naturally belonged by race, language and historical traditions. But Austria-Hungary was determined to keep Serbia weak, and in 1908 the dual monarchy annexed them, in flagrant disregard of the treaty of 1878.

Slavs Kept in Subjection.

Here, then, we have the essence of Austria-Hungary: An autocratic German monarchy; a pretense of parliaments with elective lower houses; a German minority dominant in Austria by aid of the German monarch; in Hungary the Magyars keeping down the Slavs and Latins with an iron hand.

Now comes in the German kaiser. In order to save control from Hamburg to Bagdad, which is absolutely essential to the plan of German world dominion, there must be complete German ascendancy in the Balkan peninsula. Dependency of Bulgaria under a German king; dependency of Greece under a king ruled by his queen, the kaiser's sister; Serbia crushed and made a dependency by conquest would secure this object. The crushing of Serbia was the keystone of the arch.

Control of Austria Necessary.

But German control of the Balkan lands could not be effected without absolute German control of Austria-Hungary. The alliance which has now prevailed for so many years is not enough. The bonds must be drawn far closer, and in such a way as to make Germany really the controlling force; to make German will law throughout Austria-Hungary. A confederation of the two countries in a customs union is the first step to be devised. This was the well-known device by which Prussia paved the way for political supremacy in north Germany. Then these economic ties would soon be supplemented by others, which would in fact make the dual monarchy, though under the guise of an alliance, little more than a satrapy of Prussia. The war has brought the two powers a long way on this path, the Austrian armies being under German command and Austrian policies being determined now in Berlin. This is the Mittel Europa of the pan-German schemes, to which reference has been made above.

Thus we see clearly the sequence of the Prussian plan: To dominate Austria-Hungary, then to dominate the Balkan peninsula, then to dominate Turkey, then to dominate the world. And the keystone of the arch is Austria-Hungary.

Security Only in Complete Victory.

The world can be made safe from the Prussian practical attack only, first of all, by a military victory so complete that German militarism is definitely overthrown; in the second place by adequate securities against another such wanton breaking of the world's peace.

What these securities must be can be determined definitely only after the victory is made sure. But, whatever else may be decided to be necessary, surely the most essential thing of all will be to prevent Germany from adding to her military power the millions of subjects of Austria-Hungary, the great majority of whom are not German, are not Magyar, and who are themselves inherently hostile to all schemes of German aggression.

How can this insurmountable bar be put across the path of the German invasion of the East?

In either of two ways. Should the dual empire give freedom to its Slav subjects and become a federation of three—German, Magyar and Slav—or of four—German, Magyar, North Slav (Bohemian-Slovak), and South Slav (Serbo-Croat)—there would be no difficulty.

If this reorganization is refused, then the only alternative for the safety of the world will be found in a disruption of the ramshackle Austro-Hungarian empire of oppression. The Poles of Galicia should go to a free Poland, not a German-ruled Poland, but an independent Poland. The Bohemians, with their fellow Czechs in Moravia and Silesia, should be restored to their old freedom. The South Slavs should go where they belong, to a greater Serbia. The Roumanian Latins of Transylvania should go to their own kin of Roumania, and the Italian Latins to Italy. These free and strong states will be rescued from Austrian tyranny, and will put an impassable barrier between Prussianized Germany and Constantinople.

Promises Cannot Be Trusted.

Some such guarantees the world should secure to prevent another Prussian war of conquest. Treaties cannot bind the present German state or the present Austrian state. We remember the Belgian treaty and Prussia, the Berlin treaty of 1878 and Austria.

Then, too, we must recall that Austria is quite as guilty of bringing on the world war as is Germany. The arrogant ultimatum to Serbia, obviously not intended to be met in such a way as to make peace possible, was the act directly of the Austro-Hungarian government.

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One of the cars I am going to give away is an Overland. It is the latest model, fully equipped and complete in every detail. It will be delivered right at some one's front door without a cent of cost to you. Would you rather have it? As soon as I receive the coupon I will send you full details of my offer. Besides the two cars I'm going to give away the other rewards listed here at the left. Surely there is something in this list you want.

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- 7th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
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- 9th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
- 10th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
- 11th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
- 12th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
- 13th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
- 14th—\$75 jewel Eight Gold Watch
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THE REWARD MAN
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Please send me full information about the automobiles you are giving away. The signing of this coupon does not obligate me in any way.

Name _____
P. O. _____
State _____ R. F. D. _____

Free Fertilizer For Gardens and Truck Fields

E. A. Peder, Federal Food Administrator for Texas, has written B. F. Johnston, Manager of The Texas Food and Feed Production Campaign, that Major W. C. Gardenhire, Quartermaster, Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, is in position to furnish free of charge considerable stable manure, f. o. b. cars Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, at the rate of approximately 400 tons per day. Major Gardenhire is anxious to receive orders and will load cars promptly. All he asks in return is that the person or persons wanting manure will

arrange with the railroad companies to have the cars furnished and, as soon as loaded, pulled out and moved to destination.

The farmers and truck gardeners will have nothing to pay except freight, and should communicate with Major Gardenhire promptly.

Mr. Johnson has written the Quartermasters of the camps at Waco, Ft. Worth, and San Antonio in an effort to effect a similar arrangement at each of these places.

The Baptist Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Kirby Tuesday, March 5th with 9 members present, 2 new members, and 2 visitors. We had a very interesting lesson. The Society will meet with Mrs. Minix at 3 o'clock next Tuesday.

Memphis—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the home of J. A. Batson on Friday of last week. Very little of the furniture was saved.

Mrs. Tom Bodine of Lefors came over Monday to spend the week with her mother, Mrs. W. C. Phillips.

Mrs. Chas. Carpenter returned Tuesday from Wichita Falls, where she visited her mother.

Floydada.—E. P. Nelson and L. A. Moddis have bought the G. V. Slaughter grocery store.

Sidney Stone and wife were over from Alanreed Monday doing some shopping.

The War and Orphan Children

By R. C. Buckner:

Help to win the war by investing in Liberty Bonds, then give the bonds to help support Orphan Children. Thus your investment in Liberty Bonds will be like a two edged sword, doing execution both ways. Do not sheathe the sword nor keep it for yourself alone, but use it for the defense and protection of others. Some are giving Liberty Bonds to Buckner Orphans Home for its endowment; quite several bonds have been sent in already. A large sum is within the range of possibility and will be secured as liberally and rapidly as others may join in the effort.

It would be beautiful for Churches, Sunday Schools and other schools, Ladies Aid Societies, and other societies, and for individuals as well, to help the Government and the orphans by buying Liberty Bonds and giving them to this endowment effort.

Why not some of the noble fraternities of the land, Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, and others who are also able, worthy and doubtless willing; and why not Labor Unions, by whatever name called,—yes, why should not all these join in this effort to win the war and to help the orphans.

Who will be the next to buy a bond and give it to B. O. H.? Who will look after this matter in his or her own church society, school, lodge, or other organization; making an appeal and a canvass to raise every dollar possible, to be used in this way?

Later on, the name of each contributor and the amount invested will be published in a way to encourage still others to help win the war and to help orphans with the identical same dollars.

Election Notice

The State of Texas, County of Gray, City of McLean:

By the authority vested in me by the laws of said State, County and City, as Mayor of said City of McLean, I hereby order to be held, an election, on the first Tuesday in April A. D. 1918, the same being the 2nd. day of said month, in said City of McLean, Texas, for the purpose of electing the following officers in said City:

One Mayor, five aldermen and one city marshal, each to hold their respective offices for a period of one year thereafter and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Said city of McLean having been incorporated under the laws of said state as the town of McLean, Texas, and later by an act passed by the town council of the town of McLean, it was designated as the city of McLean and henceforth to be under the regulations prescribed for incorporated cities of under ten thousand population, and

I hereby designate as the place of holding said election, the building known as the Old Citizens State Bank building, now being occupied by Massay and McAdams as a real estate office, and appoint W. C. Foster as presiding Judge to hold said election, who shall choose one associate Judge and two Clerks, to assist in holding said election.

Witness my hand this 4th day of March A. D. 1918.

W. C. CHENEY.

Mayor of the city of McLean, Texas.

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Saturday, March 16 we will have with us MRS. FIRST PICK, who will be glad to serve you COFFEE FREE. She will also be glad to see all the ladies of the city and explain to them about saving the labels from First Pick, White Pony and Cabro brands of goods. Everybody in town invited, and especially the leaders of the different Aid Societies.

Remember the Day—Saturday, March 16th, 1918

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In the selection of an automobile, either passenger or truck, one of the first and most important considerations is: "Has this car Standard equipment?"

Spark plugs, piston rings, bearings, axles, magnetos, carburetors, batteries, starting and lighting systems, speedometers, and almost countless other accessories and parts, must each perform a peculiar function in the satisfactory operation of any car. Inefficiency on the part of any one of them seriously affects the behavior of all the others.

Manufacturers of automobile parts and accessories of established merit have spared no care or expense to safeguard buyers in every way possible. Had their products not proven "best by test" they certainly would not be foolish enough to spend large sums of money advertising them. Their goods must deliver the service they claim for them in order to protect their advertising investments.

No matter what car you decide to buy you can save yourself much worry and expense by making sure that it is equipped with standard accessories and parts from tires to spark plugs. The service you can expect from it depends on the quality and behavior of this equipment. Like the works of an accurate time keeper they simply must be as near perfect as possible in every detail.

American Soldiers as Intelligent as Other Nations' Officers

Camp Travis, Tex., March 6.—"The average of intelligence in our ranks is as high as that of the officers corps in any other army," says Brigadier General "Fighting Patsy" O'Neil, commanding one of the infantry brigades at Camp Travis, and a man who has seen thirty years of service in the regular fighting forces of the United States. Knowing this to be true, General O'Neil urges those men who may have natural qualifications as officers to train themselves unceasingly that they may be able to lead the armed forces of our country to victory.

"Are we amateurs? Today we are." "The foregoing," says the General, "is a fair statement, and, looked at without side lights, is a gloomy one. The condition is the fault of no one but the great American people, and unless we—especially the officers—rise to the occasion, grievously will the American people suffer."

"What have we? Unlimited resources, unlimited men! What is the Army today?"

"As ex-president Taft aptly put it: 'It is a cross section of the great American people.' The son of an ex-president of the

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Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

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"And this great army, what is required to whip it into an invincible fighting force? The only answer is, officers—but not amateurs. The officer can select and make the non commissioned officer; he can make the platoon, the company, the regiment the brigade. But only God Almighty can make the officer; and, after He has done His part, the man so made must devote his brains, physique, energy and time in the cultivation of what God has given him."

"You may be an amateur now,

but not always. American manhood has dominated the world in finance and in science. It can dominate the world in the science of war. But not without stripping from the body and the mind the habit of complacency and inertia—the earmarks of the amateur—and clothing it with energy and work."

Pampa.—Uncle John Griffin, aged 67, died on Feb. 26th at the J. C. Noel residence a few miles east of town. He died suddenly, but had been in bad health for some months.

Hedley.—A \$30,000 road bond issue voted on in this precinct carried by a large majority on February 23.

TIRES

From Factory to Consumer; Look at These Prices:

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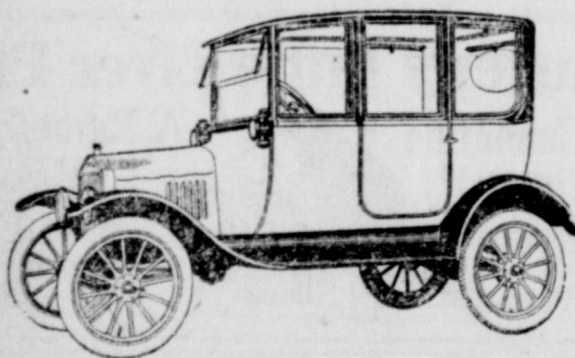
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