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WRITES FATHER OF SON'S BURIAL

J. A. Williams is in receipt of a letter from E. (Pat) Murphy, a San Angelo boy, and a comrade of Pat Williams, in which Mr. Murphy writes from Coussegrey, France, under date of March 22, and gives more of the particulars of the death and burial of Pat Williams than any letter Mr. Williams has received. In his letter Mr. Murphy says:

"There is grief in my heart for the great sorrow the war has brought to you. Still I feel that any poor words of mine would fail to mitigate your grief.

"You were Pat's father, I was his friend and comrade. Naturally that makes us kindred souls in common grief for those we love. As you know I was separated from the San Angelo company, in service, but continually fought to be with them when the occasion permitted. I learned to love the boys of the old company.

"By chance the machine gun company I was with supported the Battalion to which the Angelo company belonged in the final push across the Aisne river valley. Many times during brief halts I talked with the Angelo boys. On Oct. 12th I talked with Pat. We had halted before entering the town of Machault. Pat was in charge of the "snipers" platoon of the Battalion. He was happy—he was doing his part.

"In the final drive on the afternoon of Oct. 13th—Sunday—we were advancing towards the canal and river between the town of Attigny and Givry. I saw Pat then. He was killed Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13th, about 4:30 about one kilometer south of Attigny. We buried him on the morning of the 14th, where he fell, about one kilometer southwest of Attigny and about the same distance southeast of Givry, a small town some three kilometers west of Attigny. This town is on the Aisne river northwest of Ardennes, France, and almost due south of Mezieres.

"Pat received the best care. He was buried by some of the boys of the old company. Private Walter D. Patton of the Angelo company took care of his personal belongings. Later I can probably get a map of that sector and will mail same to you.

"My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and Pat's mother. Despite the sorrow, I know you are proud, for you are the father of a martyr—a martyr in a sacred cause. In such places death to us was glorious.

"Accept, Mr. Williams, from one of a host of comrades who loved Pat for the man he was, my kindest regards."

Fresh bread for sale at Ward's Cafe.

SLOW WORK IN PEACE CONFERENCE

Paris, April 1.—The peace conference is working slowly and nothing new has developed during the last twenty four hours.

The redraft of the constitution of the league of nations has been completed by the subcommittee, and a full meeting of the league of nations committee will meet Thursday to act on the revision of the constitution which is said to carry some important amendments to the original constitution.

C. C. Carter, of the Norton country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

NO RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT PACKERS

Washington, April 1.—President Wilson by a proclamation signed in Paris today, removes all restrictions on meat packers which were imposed through the licensing plan during the war as carried out by the food administration. The only restrictions now placed on the packers limits them to a profit of ten per cent on actual investment.

CIVIC ACTIVITY ON BROADWAY

The old song, "Everybody works but Father," does not apply to North Broadway where father works sometimes. Scott Mack, Will Francis, Judge Doss, Dr. Douglass and Bob Williams all broke the rules of the married men's union Monday afternoon and were caught in the weed patch after work hours. The editor of The Ledger got on the job in time to whet his appetite, but unfortunately for him the neighbors had brought in nothing to satisfy it with. Broadway is built on a rock foundation but citizens on other streets will have to work overtime if they get ahead of Broadway people in civic attractiveness.

All Saints Church
Service and sermon Wednesday, April 2nd, 4 p. m. Subject: Christ fourth word from the Cross.
W. T. Allen, D. D.
Priest in Charge.

J. D. Good, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

GEOLOGIST TO BE HERE WEDNESDAY

A message from V. B. Waite, State Geologist from Austin, to F. W. Hunter, president of the Safety First Oil & Gas Co., stated that he missed connections at Temple and would not arrive in Ballinger until Wednesday at noon. Geologist Waite is coming here to make the location for the Los Arroyo well.

Mr. Hunter carried a party of Arizona friends out to look over the territory where this well is to be drilled, and they were well pleased with it from a "Bird's eye view" standpoint, and experienced oil men in the party stated that it looked as favorable as any structure which he had seen anywhere in the oil belt of Texas and Oklahoma. Those in the party were: C. A. and George Lamb, and Messrs Meade and Carlisle, of Douglas, Arizona. Four auto loads of people passed through Ballinger Monday from Arizona, the other three cars being from Globe, Arizona.

Contractors will be here tomorrow to figure on constructing the derrick for the Los Arroyo well, and work will be under way as soon as the contract can be let and the material secured. Mr. Hunter is busy perfecting the plans for drilling and in the meantime is writing a few receipts for stock in the Safety First Company. He says he has been authorized to sell a few shares of stock in the company to Ballinger people.

GETTING READY TO SHOOT RUSSELL WELL

The drillers will begin pulling the casing from the Russell well Wednesday, and as soon as the casing is out of the way a charge of explosives will be used to open up the avenues to the big oil pool which might be near.

It will take five or six days to pull the casing, if the work is not delayed from accidents, and then the hole will be ready to plant a charge of nitro or dynamite in, and touch it off.

It is the duty of the men now on the job to get the hole ready for the expert who does the shooting. The Gulf Company will send a man here for that particular task. Drilling was suspended in this well at a depth of 3505 feet. The contract called for 3500 and the extra five feet perhaps went in for good measure.

This is the well which cut capers that attracted the attention of oil men from all over the state when the drill was at a depth of about 2300 feet. The oil went over the top of the derrick for several days and when the explosion takes place there may be some more gushing. A close watch will be kept on the hole anyway.

WILL ASSIST IN DEFENDING BAKER

I. W. Culp went to Ballinger yesterday afternoon where he will assist in defending W. H. Baker, whose trial comes up Monday. Mr. Baker is to be tried for shooting to death Jim Rodgers at Winters last year. Mr. Baker was for many years a citizen of Killeen and has many interested friends here who will be glad to see him clear of this the first serious charge they have ever known against him.—Killeen Herald.

Judge A. K. Doss, of this city is leading counsel for the defense in the Baker case. The Baker case has been set for October 13th.

John DeYoung and wife are here from Wharton on a visit to Mrs. DeYoung's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks, and brother, John A. Weeks.

Mrs. M. C. Boyd and daughter, Mrs. H. M. Nicholson returned home Sunday from a visit to relatives at Brownwood.

David Smith returned to the Navy Monday, after a visit to his father, Park Smith, of San Angelo and relatives in Ballinger.

BLANTON WORKS FOR BOYS' HOMECOMING

Congressman Thos. L. Blanton, who has remained in Washington during the vacation of congress, to aid his constituents in any way that he can in adjusting war claims and handling applications for discharges, called on the adjutant general recently for information concerning the detention of the 64th Regiment of Coast Artillery at Fort Monroe, Virginia. This entire regiment was held up at Fort Monroe for nearly a month, all because of some minor damage to billets in France, where the regiment was stationed before returning to America.

The following communication passed between Mr. Blanton and the adjutant general, which shows the interest Mr. Blanton took in the matter, and the results attained:

Washington, March 22, 1919.
Gen. P. C. Harris,
The Adjutant General.
Washington, D. C.

I am advised that because of an alleged damage of \$541.51 to billets in France, the entire 64th Regiment Coast Artillery lately returned has been held up 25 days at Fort Monroe, Va., at probable cost to the government of \$150,000 already. I am also advised that because of said alleged insignificant claim, Battery B and Supply Company of Regiment are still being held. Among them are boys living in west Texas which for three years has suffered unprecedented drought but now has promising reason if seed can be planted and ground worked. I mention this that you may realize the urgent necessity for immediate returning such boys to their farms. Will you kindly advise whether such information is correct, and how much longer said Battery B and Supply Company are to be held on this alleged \$500 claim?

Thos. L. Blanton, Con.
Washington, March 26th
Hon T. L. Blanton,
House of Representatives.

My Dear Mr. Blanton:
The acting secretary of war directs me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 22nd, and to say that on the 17th instant instructions were issued for the immediate demobilization of the 64th Artillery, C. A. C., except the Supply Company and Battery B.

On the 24th instant telegraphic orders were sent to Fort Monroe, to demobilize this Supply Company and Battery B after assessing for certain damages done in France.

Yours very truly,
J. T. Kerr,
Adjutant General, in charge of Office.

HOLDS TRAIN FOR CONDUCTOR'S WIFE

The east bound train Sunday afternoon was more than an hour late due to holding the train at San Angelo until Mrs. Crawford, wife of Conductor Crawford, could arrive from her home in Sterling City. Mr. Crawford is one of the oldest conductors on the Santa Fe in point of service, and he lives at Sterling, making the run from that place to Paint Rock. He is seriously ill in the hospital at Temple, and his wife was called to his bedside. The train does not run on the Sterling City branch on Sunday, and it was necessary for Mrs. Crawford to make the trip in an auto, and the Temple train was held until she could arrive at San Angelo.

SAFETY FIRST OIL CO. FITS UP OFFICE

F. W. Hunter, president of the Safety First Oil & Gas Co., has rented two offices in the building next door to the Ballinger State Bank, and is fitting up the offices and getting ready for business. This will be the local headquarters for the Arizona company which has contracted to drill the Los Arroyo well. Mr. Hunter will go to Fort Worth in a few days to purchase machinery and arrange for drilling. He has been waiting here several days for the geologist to come and survey the field and locate the drilling site.

JAP LAND QUESTION SETTLED

Washington, April 1.—Statements issued by government officials today state that the Mexican land sale, reported to have been made to Japan, was without international significance.

The Los Angeles Land Company, which is owner of the land in Lower California, admitted that the sale had not been completed and said that it would not be carried out if the State Department objected. This is believed to practically settle the matter and the Japanese will not get control of the land in question.

READY TO CHANGE A. & S. SCHEDULE

Information has been received here through reliable sources that the A. & S. superintendent is ready to reverse the schedule of the A. & S. and operate that train in and out of Ballinger in the evening and morning, making the hour of arrival about six o'clock and the hour of departure about six in the morning.

There is some opposition to the change, however, as it is claimed that such a schedule would not be convenient to local travel, and would make bad connection with the T. & P. at Abilene for passengers going east. The schedule of the morning train operated on this line and which was taken off several months ago, made connection with the east bound T. & P. at Abilene, but that train was not a mixed train and made the trip to Abilene in about two hours, while the present train is a mixed train and requires about four hours to make the fifty five mile trip.

As the matter now stands about the only change worth while and which would give better service

SOLDIER'S FEELINGS EXPRESSED IN RHYME

S. B. Petty, who is here with his mother, who is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for treatment, handed us a copy of a little poem his brother, Sergeant David L. Petty wrote to a friend at San Antonio, before he went over the top and sustained wounds which caused his death. The San Antonio friend forwarded the poem to Mr. Petty after Sergt. Petty was killed. Sergt. Petty was wounded on Oct. 28th and died on Nov. 9th. Following is the poem to his San Antonio friend:

Oh, those nights of weary waiting;
Oh, those nights when comes no rest;
When the thunder or bombing
Sounds from East across the West.

When a soldier, weak and weary,
With a wound upon his breast,
Filled with rapture as he's going
For he feels he's done his best.

Then with flare and flash of cannon,
And with burst and roar of shell,
There's a message sent from heaven,
That a soul is nearing hell.

Then with heart so still and silent,
And with eyes so cold and grim,
The soul is carried to heaven,
And with Angels entered in.

LIGHT VOTE IN MAYOR RACE

Less than one hundred votes had been polled in the city election up to one o'clock today. It was estimated that about two hundred votes would be polled. The friends of the two candidates for mayor seemed to be willing to let the disinterested voters remain away from the polls and neither side exerted any effort to bring out a full vote. The City's voting strength is estimated at about 300 the lowest for many years.

J. S. Gamble, of the Bethel neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

would be to restore the passenger train, and this will no doubt be done as soon as business picks up, and it is picking up a little in all lines.



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RUNNING WITH THE SPARK
ADVANCED

The past week Brownwood organized an Oil Men's Association as an adjunct to the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, and for the purpose of boosting the oil game in that county. Within the past few weeks, Eden, Comanche, Llano, Rockdale and other cities have organized Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of boosting the oil game and interests of their respective counties. All see the opportunities for good work by such an organization, and all are tumbling into the band wagon.

The Brady Chamber of Commerce was organized three months ago just when the big things began looming up on the horizon—and Brady has not only been in the band wagon all the time, but is in the driver's seat with all brakes off, the spark advanced and the throttle opened wide—Brady Standard.

How Diphtheria is Contracted

One often hears the expression: "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. If your child has a cold when diphtheria is prevalent, you should take him out of school and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a hundred times more danger of his taking diphtheria when he has a cold. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted.

A UNITED PEOPLE

Whether right or wrong, the citizens of San Angelo pull together and do things in a way that keeps the bank deposits of that city at high mark, and something doing all the time, dry weather and dust storms notwithstanding. The following from the Standard shows how the boosters stick together in that city:

"Tom Green county voted Saturday by a majority of more than three to one in favor of the half-million dollar bond issue that means the spending of \$800,000 altogether on the highways.

"The vote was 740 for the bond issue and only 225 against it. The necessary two-thirds of the total vote was 644, and this figure was passed by nearly 100 votes.

"The majority for the bonds in the city boxes was overwhelming; the vote was 565 for the bonds and sixty five against them. The county boxes also gave a majority for the bonds, voting for them by 175 to 160."

CROUP

Spasmodic croup is usually relieved with one application of—

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"YOUR BODYGUARD"—30¢ 60¢ 1.20

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Do not sell your Liberty Bonds unless obliged to do so through real necessity.

If you must sell you are advised before doing so, to consult with the management of this bank, who will either recommend you to some reputable broker or purchaser who will buy your bonds or this bank will purchase bonds in moderate amounts, fully or partially paid, on the following basis:

Current quotation on the New York Stock Exchange with accrued interest to date of purchase, less 50 cents for each \$50.00 Bond or for each multiple thereof.

(At request of Federal Reserve Bank Dallas)

THE First National Bank
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DAILY HEALTH TALKS

The Many Mysteries of Nature

BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.

You can take an onion seed and a pansy seed, and plant them side by side in the same spot of ground. In one case, you get an onion, with its peculiarly strong odor, and in the other you get a flower of rare beauty. You can plant a poppy seed and get opium (a dangerous habit-forming drug), or you can plant a rhubarb seed and get something that helps constipation. No scientist, living or dead, can explain these mysteries of Nature. Behind the invisible life germ in each seed is hidden the deep secret that nobody understands. Everything growing out of the ground seems intended for some use in establishing natural conditions. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., long since found out what is naturally best for women's diseases. He learned it all through treating thousands of cases. The result of his studies was a medicine called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine is made of vegetable growths that nature surely intended for backache, headache, weakening drains, bearing-down pains, periodical irregularities, pelvic inflammations, and for the many disorders common to women in all ages of life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is made of lady's slipper root, black cohosh root, unicorn root, blue cohosh root and Oregon grape root. Women who take this standard remedy know that in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription they are getting a safe woman's tonic so good that druggists everywhere sell it.

Favorite Prescription should have the full confidence of every woman in America because it contains no alcohol and no narcotic. Dr. Pierce knew, when he first made this standard medicine, that whiskey and morphine are injurious, and so he has always kept them out of his remedies. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. for trial pkg. Tablets.

It seems that the map is turned around on this April Fool's day, and West Texas is enjoying Louisiana weather. In other words it is so foggy fools almost run together.

Joe Bailey is mad at the democratic party because the nation has gone dry. He should not forget that some of the republicans voted for the dry bill. Well, if Joseph doesn't like the way things are running he can start a little bolshevik of his own.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

The great benefit derived from the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been gratefully acknowledged by many. Mrs. Benjamin F. Blackney, Decatur, Ill., writes "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is by far the best medicine for colds and coughs we have ever used in our family. I gave it to my children when small for croup and have taken it myself."

The Kaiser has come to life and makes a statement that he is responsible only to God for the part he played in the war. He denies being responsible for the war, and lays all the blame on the diplomats. The reporter who interviewed the son-of-a-gun expresses the opinion that the kaiser would destroy himself if he thought he was going to be tried before a court established for that purpose. All of which adds to the many other reasons why a speedy trial should be arranged for.

A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regards to bath, diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. If you are haggard and yellow, your eyes losing their lustre and whites become yellowish, your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

PAINT AS AN ASSET.

Bankers Say They Lend More Money on Property When Buildings Are Well Painted.

AN INDICATION OF THRIFT.

One Concern Advances 25 Per Cent. More if Repainting Is Done Every Five Years.

Does it pay to paint carefully farm buildings? Does it add to the selling value of a farm when buildings are properly kept up and regularly painted? A careful inquiry of a number of leading bankers in the Mississippi valley, including such states as Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri, reveals the fact that in nearly every case the bankers did not hesitate to say that they would lend all the way from 5 to 50 per cent. more on land where farm buildings were well painted and kept in good condition. They maintain that well kept-up and well painted buildings and fences are an indication of thrift and that the thrifty farmer is a good client, and to him money can be safely loaned. An average of the returns from these bankers shows that the increased loan value because of painted buildings is around 22 per cent.

Some of these bankers make interesting comment. A Michigan concern says that, while not especially prepared to advise definitely in response to this inquiry, the officers would loan more money on farms where buildings were painted than where they were not so treated. This bank also finds that where houses, barns and fences are well taken care of the farm is a profitable proposition, and bankers in general consider the farmer a good client. Another Michigan bank says "farm buildings out of repair and needing paint indicate that the owner is slow pay." Such farms are rated at about one-third of the assessed value for loans. Where the farm buildings are in good shape the rating is one-half. The president of a middle western bank says that when real estate loans are considered, painted buildings are always taken into consideration in making an estimate. The general appearance of the property surrounding the house and barn and also the fields and fences would be carefully observed. He further says that he has no hesitancy in saying that he would absolutely refuse a loan on farms where the buildings were not kept up and well painted. In his judgment, unpainted farm buildings would reduce the loan value at least 25 per cent.

A Minnesota banker says that he is much more willing to loan money where the buildings are well painted. In his particular case he believes that he would loan 20 per cent. more than if the buildings were not properly taken care of. A farmer who will keep his buildings painted takes a much deeper interest in his work than one who does not. Another Minnesota bank says that well painted buildings have resulted in securing from his bank sometimes as high as 25 per cent. more money than where the buildings are not painted. An Ohio concern says that it will loan 25 per cent. more money on a well kept farm where buildings are painted at least once every five years. A southern Illinois bank says that it has no fixed rule about this, but it does make a decided difference when owners of farm lands apply for loans. If the buildings are well painted and thus well preserved the loan rate would not only be cheaper, but the amount of money borrowed would be larger. A northern Illinois bank does not hesitate to say that it would loan fully 50 per cent. more on a farm where buildings were well painted and in good order than where they were not. The vice president, who answers the inquiry, goes on to say: "There probably are many farmers good financially and morally who permit their buildings to remain unpainted, but as a rule the most substantial people who live in the country keep their buildings well painted."

An Iowa bank, through its vice president, states that it would make a difference of at least 25 per cent. in favor of the farm with painted buildings. Another Iowa concern says that it would make a difference of at least 20 per cent.

All this being true, it is perfectly evident that it is a good business proposition to keep the farm buildings well painted. They not only look better and are more pleasing to the owner, but the farm would sell to better advantage, the loan value of the property would be greatly increased and the buildings themselves would last much longer and need less repair.—The American Agriculturist.

PAINT AND ILLITERACY.

Curious Fact Comes to Light That Localities Least Using Books Avoid Paint Also.

Washington, D. C.—A curious fact has been brought to light by the Educational Bureau and the Bureau of Industrial Research here. It is that in the states where illiteracy is most prevalent paint is least used. The point referred to is the common or barn variety, of course, for the backwoods countries have no need for the finer pigments or fancy adornments. It is true, though, that in the sections of all states where white illiteracy is highest painted homes are rare and painted outbuildings and barns are practically unknown. Probably the illiterates do not use paint on their buildings because they do not understand its value as a preservative.

QUESTIONNAIRE

ANSWERS WHICH WILL SOLVE PERPLEXING PROBLEMS OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION ERA.

Query.—The government has launched an educational campaign to encourage building in order to put more men to work. Would not a similar movement to show how the old structures can be best and most economically repaired and made good as new also help?

Answer.—It is learned that such a plan is in effect and is linked directly with the Washington propaganda.

Industry must be turned back from works of war to the ways of peace. Employment must be found, in the meanwhile, for those whose occupation has been interrupted. There is no real surplus of labor in the United States. Rather there is a shortage, which would be acute if normal conditions were already restored, and one step towards restoring them will come with resumption of repair work.

Government restrictions, imposed by the necessities of the war program, have for many months past retarded or altogether prevented construction, improvement and repairs. These restrictions are now off, and there is scarcely a town, a city, a factory, a dwelling or a farm that does not reveal a crying need for prompt attention. Nothing delays such instant action except the feeling that prices are high for the time being and may be lower.

That is not logical. No matter what it costs to repair, the cost is less than the cost of neglect. No matter what the cost of paint, the wind and the weather will collect a higher bill in deterioration and decay.

Query.—What do you think of paint as an investment, aside from the appearance it lends? Does it really PAY to paint a house regularly, say, every three or four years?

Answer.—Good paint properly applied when needed is the main thing in making a house last long and well. A house worth \$2,500 can be painted at a cost of about \$125. In 60 years that house will need about 15 paintings, the total cost of which will be \$1,875. Left without paint, such a house would fall into complete ruin in 30 years. So taking 60 years as a basis for our figures we find that with paint a home will last that time in good condition and will cost, plus paint, \$4,375. Without paint the house would have to be rebuilt at the end of 30 years and would be ready for another complete renovation when the sixtieth year arrived. Cost, without paint, \$5,000 for a home ready to fall to pieces. Does regular painting pay? As the old Dutch adage says:

"PAINT PAYS FOR ITSELF."

Query.—I have a quantity of old paint on hand. Can I use it for the first coat in repainting my barn?

Answer.—On no account should old paint which has become fat be used for priming either old or new work. Old paint in that condition is best used on a fence, brickwork or tinwork. If you value your barn sufficiently to paint it, do it the justice of a good job.

U. S. Invents Anti-Rust "Dope."

Incident to the war, the government has faced the problem that has so long proved baffling to commercial concerns of protecting iron and steel from rust. In an attempt to solve this federal specialists have perfected various forms of protective coatings. In this connection it may be pertinent to ask whether commercial uses will not be found also for the so-called "dopes" which the government has invented to be applied to airplane wings and which are possessed of valuable weather-resisting and fireproof qualities.

EFFECT OF COLOR UPON THE DURABILITY OF PAINT.

Property owners who may have under consideration the painting of dwellings and other structures should remember that more durable results are obtained when tinted paints are used. Permanent coloring materials which have been ground by machine into a high grade white paint base have the effect of preventing "chalking" and "checking," two defects which are often observed when white paints are used.

PRETTY COLOR COMBINATIONS.

Ground Coat	Stipple Coat	Stencil Color
White	Light Rose	Medium, Light Gray
White	Light Gray	Dull Blue, Gray-Green
White	Light Warm Yellow	Light Cobalt Blue, Neutral Gray, Gray-Green or Light Cobalt Blue
Light Gray	Same Gray a little darker	Gray, Blue or Light Orange
Light Gray	Light Blue	Yellow, Light Gray, Neutral Gray, Ivory or Grayish
Light Gray	Green	Light Green, Neutral Gray, Ivory, Light Warm Drab, "Nutmeg" Olive, Warm Gray, Cream
Ivory	Olive Green	Delft Blue, Light Ivory, Light Neutral Gray, Brown, Burnt Umber, Cream, Light Tan, Cream, Light Gray Drab
Light Colonial Yellow	Light Blue	
Gold Bronze	Dark Green	
Aluminum Bronze	Blue	
Ivory	Tan	
Ivory	Dark Brown	

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

A. A. Sandler, of the Norton country, one of the Runnels county boys who had just returned from France a few days ago, was greeting friends in Ballinger Tuesday.

Fresh bread for sale at Ward's Cafe. dtf.

Miss Margaret Stokes, of Lam-

pasas, returned to her home Tuesday afternoon after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Sold A. W. Sledge. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

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JACKSON DAIRY

WORSER THAN DEADLY POISON GAS

When such symptoms appear you will almost certainly find relief in GOLD MEDAL Chamberlain's Cough Syrup. This famous old remedy has stood the test for two hundred years in helping mankind to fight off disease.

It is imported direct from the home laboratories in Holland, where it has helped to develop the Dutch into one of the sturdiest and healthiest races in the world, and it may be had at almost every drug store. Your money promptly refunded if it does not relieve you. Be sure to get the genuine GOLD MEDAL Brand. In sealed packages, three sizes.

E. B. Killingsworth, of the New Home neighborhood, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

THE STATES OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS.

To the sheriff or any constable of Runnels county, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper published in Runnels County, Texas, for one week prior to April 9th, 1919, a copy of the following citation:

To all persons interested in the estate and welfare of Atty May Dugger, Oma Lee Dugger and ElRoy Dugger, minors, Know Ye, that Alma Dugger, guardian of the estate of said minors, Atty May Dugger, Oma Lee Dugger and ElRoy Dugger, having on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1919, filed in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, her application to execute a mineral or oil lease on the following described lands belonging to said minors, lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, to wit:

58 acres of land, being out of Survey No. 68, in the name of A. C. Kelsey, in Block No. 63, Cert. No. 54, being the same land deeded to said minors by J. J. Bedford by deed recorded in deed records of said County, in Vol. 91, page 620.

Now therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in the welfare of said minors, to be and personally appear at my office in the town of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas, in the County Court of said County, sitting in Chambers on Wednesday, April 9th, 1919, then and there to show cause why such application should not be granted.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this 31st day of March, A. D. 1919.

(SEAL) W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court in and for Runnels County, Texas. 1td.

W. C. Pean returned home Tuesday at noon from Dallas, where he went to see his son Clinton, who is a member of the 133rd, and whose company was given a royal welcome in Dallas on their return home last Saturday. The Texas boys in this company are being demobilized at Camp Bowie and Clinton will be at home in a few days.

TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

I sent and bought Theodor's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Theodor's Black-Draught."

Theodor's Black-Draught will help you to keep fit, ready for the day's work. Try it!

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ANTIQUITY OF DECORATIVE ART

Strange Sources From Which Pigments Used by Modern Painters Are Derived.

PRESERVATION OF SURFACES.

Crude but Effective Processes Employed by the Egyptians and Greeks of Pliny's Day—Noah Prudently Waterproofed the Ark.

Whether paint was invented in answer to a need for a preservative or to meet a desire for beauty is a question fully as knotty as the ancient one about the relative time of arrival of the chicken or the egg. It was invented, though, and it serves both purposes equally; so whether it is an offspring of mother necessity or an adopted son of beauty remains forever a disputed question.

The first men, cowering under the fierce and glaring suns of the biblical countries, constructed rude huts of wood to shelter them. The perishable nature of these structures caused rapid decay, and it is probable that the occupants, seeking some artificial means of preservation, hit upon the pigments of the earth in their search. It is perhaps natural to suppose that it was the instinct of preservation that led men to the search, although the glories of the sunsets and the beauties of the rainbow may have created a desire to imitate those wonders in their own dwellings.

The earliest record of the application of a preservative to a wooden structure dates from the ark, which was, according to the Bible, "pitched within and without." The pitch was a triumph of preservation whatever it lacked as a thing of beauty.

Decoration applied to buildings first comes to light with ancient Babylon, whose walls were covered with representations of hunting scenes and of combat. These were done in red and the method followed was to paint the scene on the bricks at the time of manufacture, assuring permanence by baking. Strictly speaking, this was not painting so much as it was the earliest manifestation of our own familiar kalsomining.

The first Hebrew to mention painting is Moses. In the thirty-third chapter of the book of Numbers he instructs the Israelites, "When ye have passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then shall ye drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their pictures."

At later periods the Jews adopted many customs of the peoples who successively obtained power over them and in the apocryphal book of the Maccabees is found this allusion to the art of decorating, "For as the master builder of a new house must care for the whole building, but he that undertaketh to set it out and paint it, must seek out things for the adorning thereof."

Although Homer gives credit to a Greek for the discovery of paint, the allusions to it in the books of Moses, the painted mummy cases of the Egyptians and the decorated walls of Babylon and Thebes fix its origin at a period long antecedent to the Grecian era. The walls of Thebes were painted 1,900 years before the coming of Christ and 996 years before "Omer smote his blooming" lyrics.

The Greeks recognized the value of paint as a preservative and made use of something akin to it on their ships. Pliny writes of the mode of boiling wax and painting ships with it, after which, he continues, "neither the sea nor the wind, nor the sun can destroy the wood thus protected."

The Romans, being essentially a warlike people, never brought the decoration of buildings to the high plane it had reached with the Greeks. For all that the ruins of Pompeii show many structures whose mural decorations are in fair shape today. The colors used were glaring. A black background was the usual one and the combinations worked thereon red, yellow and blue.

In the early Christian era the use of mosaics for churches somewhat supplanted mural painting. Still, during the reign of Justinian the Church of Saint Sophia was built at Constantinople and its walls were adorned with paintings.

In modern times the uses of paint have come to be as numerous as its myriad shades and tints. Paint is unique in that its name has no synonym and for it there is no substitute material. Bread is the staff of life, but paint is the life of the staff.

No one thinks of the exterior of a wooden building now except in terms of paint coated. Interiors, too, from painted walls and stained furniture down to the lowliest kitchen utensil, all receive their protective covering. Steel, so often associated with cement re-enforcing, is painted before it goes to give solidity to the manufactured stone. The huge girders of the sky-

scrappers are daubed an ugly but efficient red underneath the surface coat of black. Perhaps the best example of the value of paint on steel is found in the venerable Brooklyn bridge, on which a gang of painters is kept going continually. It is scarce possible to think of a single manufactured article which does not meet paint somewhere in the course of its construction. So has paint grown into the very marrow of our lives.

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The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

Mrs. J. S. Jones, of the Pony Creek country, returned home Tuesday at noon from McGregor, where she had been for a couple of weeks on account of the illness of her parents. We are glad to note that her father and mother both are recovering.

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Daily Ledger Want Ads

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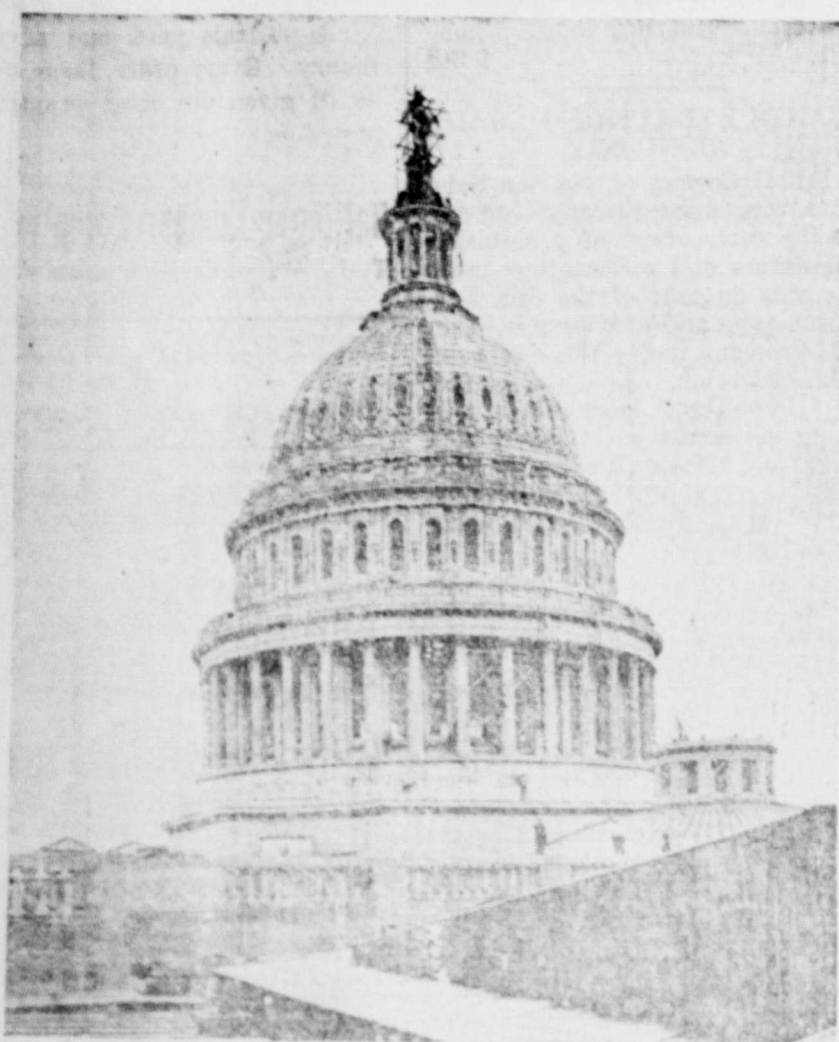
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SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the district court of Runnels county on the 24th day of February, 1919, in a certain cause wherein The Hall Hardware Company a private cor-

poration is plaintiff, and Charles Eisenhuth is defendant, in which cause a judgement was rendered on the 12th day of March 1917 in

favor of the said plaintiff, The Hall Hardware Company against said defendant Charles Eisenhuth, for the sum of five hundred and one dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgement together with all cost of suit. I have levied upon and will on Wednesday, 9, of April 1919, it being the ninth day of said month, at the court house door of Runnels county Texas, in the town of Ballinger within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the defendant Charles Eisenhuth in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of Charles Eisenhuth the defendant to wit: One certain four horse power Type H, throttle governor oil Engine with built in magneto. One Jersey milk cow and one mare.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgement for five hundred and one dollars in favor of The Hall Hardware Company, a private corporation together with the lost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. A. DeMerville,
Constable Precinct 1, Runnels County, Texas.
Ballinger, Texas, March 28, 1919.
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