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Corn Meal is the Logical Substitute for Wheat Flour Uncle Sam wants the wheat for his soldiers. We are all true Americans and can eat corn bread. Let us help the food administration by ordering an equal amount of corn meal when we order flour.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

Arthur Strach of Miles In List of 61 Men Lost

Washington, Feb. 26.—The war department received the names of sixty-one more soldiers today who were killed when the Tuseania was torpedoed. Among the names received is that of Arthur Strach, of Miles, Texas.

The sixty-one names received today were of boys who had previously been reported as unidentified or missing.

Arthur Strach was drafted at Ballinger in September. He was sent to Camp Travis, and was selected from that camp to go with a detachment of troops to France. His people live at Miles, and a message was sent to them today confirming the report that he was killed in the Tuseania disaster.

THIS LINE OF BUSINESS GOOD IN SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, Feb. 26.—The Monday morning grind of the city recorder's court as the result of Saturday night and Sunday arrests was up to the usual Monday standard, seven pleas of guilty being entered and as many fines assessed by Recorder M. B. Jones.

Officer Anderson nabbed four men who were indulging Sunday night in a social game of "craps," in a local hotel and Monday morning each offender paid a fine of \$18.35.

Two dusky sons of Ham staged a fight at the corner of Third and Randolph streets Sunday night, the fracas being stopped by Police Chief Nick Snow, and each negro pleaded guilty and was relieved of \$9.35. The complaints charged an affray.

A white man used abusive language Saturday in speaking of a Teuton descendant, according to a complaint, and upon a plea of guilty paid a fine of \$13.35.

Two saloons in San Angelo have changed hands, according to an announcement made Monday. Eddie Maier, one of the city's best known liquor dealers, disposed of the Union bar, located at 208 S. Chadbourne street in the Henry Rodermund building, to Walter Prubst and Tom Ragsdale.

Austin Edmonson sold the stock and fixtures of the Legal Tender saloon at 21 South Chadbourne to Joe Cochran. Mr. Cochran until recently was connected with Eddie Maier. He has been in San Angelo about twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Smith and children, of New Mexico, who had been visiting J. D. Mangum and family, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Pilot Point, where they will make their future home.

War Time Efficiency

The success of the nation's war-time program depends upon individual efficiency, and especially in money matters.

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LOCAL BOARD MAKES CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The local draft board received instructions from the war department Wednesday for accepting volunteers. For some time the board has not been able to accept volunteers in most of the branches, and we understand that quite a number of men in this vicinity have been waiting for an opportunity to get in service without having to wait for the draft call.

The board announced Wednesday that they were now ready to accept volunteers for the following branches:

Coast Artillery, Ft. Logan, Colorado.

Medical Department, Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Infantry, Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C.

Spruce Production Division Aviation Division, Vancouver, Washington.

The volunteers will be accepted here and given transportation to training camp wherever assigned to duty.

UNIVERSITY GETS \$225,000 LIBRARY

Austin, Feb. 27.—Maj. George W. Littlefield, president of the American National Bank of Austin and well-known Texas cattleman, Tuesday purchased the famous private library collected by the late John W. Wrenn of Chicago for a cash consideration of \$225,000 and donated it to the University of Texas.

Negotiations looking to the acquiring of this library have been in progress for the last few weeks and were finally concluded in Chicago today.

The money was paid over by President R. E. Vinson of the University, who left Austin last Saturday for Chicago for the special purpose of winding up the transaction.

Dr. Vinson carried with him the personal check of Major Littlefield for the sum of \$225,000, which he endorsed over to the trustees of the Wrenn estate as the purchase price of the library.

A. C. Herring, one of the prominent stock men of the Talpa country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

RUSSIANS TO FIGHT FOR PETROGRAD

Petrograd, Feb. 26.—Despite the acceptance of German imposed peace terms, the revolt against laying down arms and quitting the war against Germany is growing in Russia. Troops are being mobilized and hurried preparations made for the defense of Petrograd, and the city will not fall in the hands of the Germans without opposition and much bloodshed.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING AT OTHER PLACES

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The German war office claims the capture of Pskoff and reveal hard fighting at the hands of the Russian revolutionists.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Messages to the state department today stated that the American Consul General at Moscow was arranging for the departure of the American colony to Samaria. The American consul is acting under the impression that the Germans are driving towards Moscow and that that city will fall in the hands of the enemy. Samaria is 500 miles east of Moscow.

Americans Leaving Petrograd.

London, Feb. 26.—Wireless messages received here today announce the departure of the American and British embassies from Petrograd. The messages stated that the ambassadors were leaving few persons in charge of governmental affairs at Petrograd.

Petrograd, Feb. 27.—The Germans met with strong Russian resistance at Vitebsk and near Orsha, and were hurled back in attempts to advance on the Russian troops.

RUSSIANS GOING TO MEET GERMANS.

Petrograd, Feb. 27.—Ten detachments of Russian troops, well supplied, have been dispatched towards Pskoff to meet the Germans.

We were glad to see Chester Cherry on the streets again Tuesday after a ten days tussle with la grippe.

5 Liquor Bill Introduced; Hobby Opposes Statutory

Austin, Feb. 26.—Five bills on liquor regulations were introduced in the house this afternoon by Representative Templeton. The bills include state-wide statutory prohibition and the dry zone bill. The ten mile dry zone bill is the one carrying the endorsement of Gov. Hobby. The other three bills are in reference to legislation to prohibit the sale of liquor to soldiers.

Austin, Feb. 28.—Gov. Hobby sent a special message to both houses at noon today. The message concerned statutory prohibition and in it Gov. Hobby frowned on such a law at this time, expressing the opinion that such legislation would be unconstitutional. The governor urged in the special message the immediate adoption of the ten mile dry zone for army camps.

Austin, Feb. 26.—The legislature convened at noon today with a quorum in both houses. Senator Diehard, of Robertson county, was elected president pro tem of the senate.

Austin, Feb. 27.—The second

First Gas Attack on American Troops Kills 5; 61 are Injured

30 LOST WHEN U. S. NAVAL TUG COLLIDERS

Washington, Feb. 27.—Thirty men were probably lost when the United States naval tug, Cherokee, foundered off the Atlantic coast yesterday. Secretary Daniels announced this morning that unable to locate the men since the destruction of the tug.

London, Feb. 27.—An American destroyer arrived at port today with survivors from the hospital ship Glenart Castle, which was sunk in Bristol Channel yesterday. It is not known how many perished.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Saunders, of Yakami, Wash., who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Will McWhorter, and family, left for their home Monday afternoon.

Brookshire's Will Filed for Probate

The Sam Brookshire will was filed for probate Wednesday, Mrs. L. R. Brookshire, wife of deceased, who was made independent executrix without bond, filing through her attorney, Judge M. C. Smith, the will. The wife and the eleven children are made beneficiaries by the terms of the will.

The Brookshire estate is valued at more than \$100,000 and consists of real estate and personal property, including 6375 acres of land, several hundred of horses and cattle and a large bunch of sheep. The real estate has been declared to be valuable oil land and is now under lease.

Paul Gerhard, one of the prominent and successful poultry raisers of the Rowena-Miles country, was marketing some fine White Leghorn Eggs in Ballinger Tuesday and from 200 hens he has sold the past 30 days over eighty dollars worth of eggs, besides using all his family needed for home use.

With American Army, France, Feb. 27.—Five American soldiers were killed and sixty-one are suffering terrible agonies as a result of German gas attack made on the American sector. The suffering soldiers have been rushed to the hospital where efforts will be made to save their lives. This is the first attack made on the Americans by gas.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 26.—Details of the Franco-American raid in the Chemin des Dames Saturday show that 26 picked American soldiers participated after every member of their battalion had volunteered.

The Americans moved forward eagerly to the attack behind a barrage fire, the first time this has been done by our troops. Some of the Americans made captures and others chased Prussian troops through the trenches as far as 75 metres, going beyond the objectives sought.

The raid had been planned carefully and rehearsals were held the day before. The barrage fire began at 5:30 o'clock in the morning and continued until 6:35, guns of all calibres taking part.

The Americans among the 100 in the attacking party were surprised at the precision with which the French shells fell and went a little faster than they should have and were within thirty yards of the dropping shells when they reached the enemy lines. Relief had just been completed in the German trenches and officers were making the rounds. The Germans took shelter in a dugout roofed with rails and sandbags. A French shell made a direct hit and the enemy scattered about the trenches.

About the same moment Americans and French jumped in.

There was some hand to hand fighting but the entire party at this point was captured. The raiders chased the enemy out of other shelters, and along communicating trenches without catching any. There was some criticism of the fact that the Americans were so enthusiastic that they went beyond the objectives.

The raid on prisoners started back at one o'clock, and on schedule time took place in a German counter barrage. One enemy shell wounded five German prisoners and six Frenchmen but no Americans. The prisoners were from 16 to 40 years old. All were under-nourished, but said that food was plentiful in the trenches. The similarity of their stories, however, aroused suspicions. Most of the prisoners worked formerly in factories or on farms.

Washington, Feb. 26.—An official French dispatch today said that the recent Franco-American raid in the Chemin Des Dames took place at Chrevey and that the two American officers and 24 soldiers who were chosen after the entire battalion had volunteered for service "gave proof of a spirit equal to" that of the French troops.

American batteries, the dispatch said, co-operated in the preparation for the raid, which though of only five minutes duration, was extremely violent.

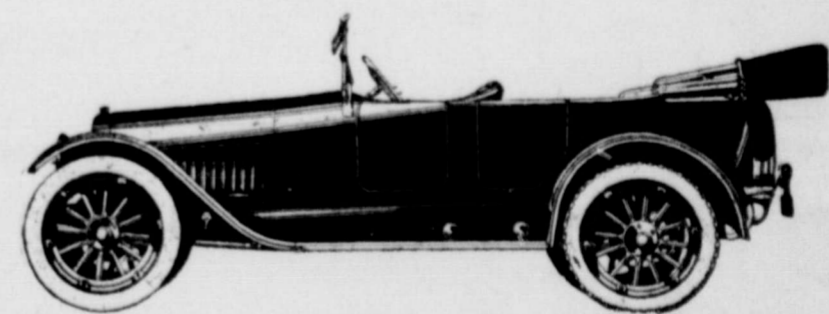
Paris, Feb. 27.—The Germans made two strong raids in the Chemin Des Dames region, but accomplished nothing, the allied armies being successful in repulsing the enemy.

London, Feb. 27.—German raids on the British front were repulsed last night. Fierce fighting reported on both sides.

With the American Armies in France, Feb. 26.—The American headquarters announced today that the Americans did most effective fighting with artillery yesterday. The American artillery shelled the German working parties and made successful attacks on the front lines of the enemy.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The next draft call will be made in June. This statement was made today on information learned from authoritative sources at the provost marshal general's headquarters. Plans for inducting into service the next draft army are being worked out in detail and plans are well under way.

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RICHARDSON COMPANY SELECTS OFFICERS

At the first meeting of the stockholders and directors of the newly incorporated Richardson Oil Company, held last night, the following officers were elected for the first year:

A. H. Richardson, president and general manager; J. F. Renfro, vice president; G. W. Add, secretary and treasurer.

Harry Leonard, graduate civil engineer of the University of Texas, was engaged as field manager. He is now engaged in selecting a location for a central power plant to be constructed on the Hall tract at an early date.

The company plans to drill between fifty and eighty wells during this year. It was stated this morning that while the company has set aside \$100,000 of the stock for development purposes, none of the stock will be offered for sale at this time. — Brownwood Bulletin.

Judge M. C. Smith, of Ballinger, a director in the above company, was at Brownwood during the early part of the week, and he is enthusiastic over the outlook for Brownwood and her oil field. "While in Brownwood," said Judge Smith, "I heard geologists, of nation wide reputation, discussing the oil industry, and it seemed to me that the consensus of opinion is that Brownwood is in the center of the greatest oil field in the United States, and that in the near future that town will become a city of 50,000 or 75,000 population."

Judge Smith stated that the

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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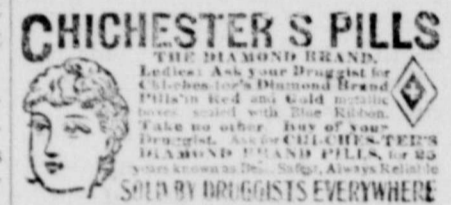
She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

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two oil refineries now in process of construction will soon be completed and that the situation with reference to marketing the crude production for lack of ear facilities, will be greatly relieved.

"Brownwood is on a boom," said Judge Smith, "and among the things in sight is a \$200,000 hotel with 200 rooms, and Brownwood is rapidly filling up with capitalists."

Judge Smith informed us that the Brownwood Bulletin, the daily paper of that city, was keeping pace with the progress, work now being under way of installing a new and modern plant with equipment for publishing a metropolitan paper.



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Ladies: Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills. They are made with the finest ingredients, and are the most reliable for all ailments of the female system. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

Union Services During March

The fourth of a series of co-operative services was held at the Methodist church Sunday evening with the Eighth Street Presbyterian church in charge. The house was filled to overflow, several of those who came late being unable to find seats, while quite a number stood throughout the service.

The co-operative services planned by the local pastors association for the Sunday evenings in February met with such splendid success, that the announcement was made at the Sunday night's services that the plan would be continued through the month of March, all the churches coming together in a union service at the evening hour on Sunday. In order to accommodate as many people as possible the pastors association decided to hold all the co-operative services at the Methodist church, and it will be announced from time to time what church will be in charge of the services, and what preacher will deliver the sermon.

While the Eighth Street church was in charge of the services Sunday, Rev. J. B. Curry, was the preacher of the evening, delivering a most inspiring sermon, pointing out the great mission of the church in caring for the lost in our community and throughout the world.

With the various choirs and the various pastors of the city taking part in the services, and the congregation made up of all denominations, the union services have met with popular approval of the church members, and it is claimed that the attendance at the one service is greater than the attendance of all the churches put together when separate services are held.

The bringing together of the people in one great congregation is making the need of a tabernacle or an auditorium, felt keenly again, and after the war and with the return of normal conditions, there is no doubt but what a move will be put on foot to provide such a building.

Bad Taste in Your Mouth.
When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with.

Sid and Dave Davis, who had been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis, of South Ballinger, returned to Camp Bowie Thursday afternoon to resume their army duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Coneh and little daughter, of Dallas, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Merton, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Coneh was formerly Miss Blanche Baker, sister of Mrs. Tom Ward of our city.



VENGENCE- AND THE WOMAN

NOTE—This great Serial story will be shown at the Queen Theatre, matinee and night, beginning Saturday, March 2nd.

EPISODE 1
"Fifteen years at hard labor!" As the words fell from the lips of Judge Amos Wells, presiding in the Federal District Court of Arizona, "Black Jack" Haines, so-called because of his cruelty rather than his complexion—crafty leader of a numerous bandit gang from his chair inside the prisoner's rail and made a lunge at Henry Blake, hardly more than a boy in years, but already honored as a pioneer railroad builder. He was seated not twenty feet from Haines, his wife, Bessie, at his side.

Quickly two guards closed around the bandit. Handcuffs snapped on his wrists in a twinkling and he was prevented from reaching the calmly smiling young capitalist who had been instrumental in bringing him to justice. The bandit's captors started with him toward the door that led to the jail, but as he passed Blake, who had risen, he halted, and, with an ugly oath, snarled forth: "I'll get you yet—yes, you and your woman, too!"

The girl, now standing beside her husband, shrank against him and buried her face in his coat as if to blot out the diabolical features of the trapped man. Blake told her gently in protecting arms and the prisoner was pushed forward.

There was satisfaction writ on the face of every person in the courtroom as the outlaw was pushed towards the door—nay, on every face but one, and on this there was a look of grim hatred, mingled with disappointment. Comanche Pete, a renegade Indian and a devoted follower of Black Jack, himself too steely for the law, was seated in the back part of the courtroom, and his face the incarnation of fury, he whispered something to the shackled desperado as he passed by. Black Jack nodded his head ever so slightly and continued his march prisonward.

Henry Blake and his beautiful young wife of a year were seated in his office. He heaved a sigh of relief as he reflected that Haines for fifteen years would be held in penitentiary. He turned to his wife.

"This is the first time in five years I have felt at ease, for now I know you will be safe," he said as he kissed her. "I'm so glad for your sake, dear," she replied with a smile. "I do so love you for your bravery, and the whole State owes you a debt it can never repay."

"No Bessie, the credit belongs to you, for you must remember that it was your quick wit and bravery, your discovery of the plot to kidnap you, and your location of their hiding place, that made it possible for us to corner Haines and his gang and clean them out."

Blake was willing to forget what he had endured at the hands of these men from the first day when he arrived in the new West, fresh from an Eastern college to direct the laying of the first rails of the C. and K. railroad. Three long years Blake practically lived in a big mining company, sleeping always with his rifle for a pillow. Tracks torn up, bridges dynamited, pay cars looted, supply trains wrecked and crews murdered, work camps wiped out by bullets and poisoned streams—these were problems which daily tormented the young railway engineer promoter, besides the ordinary problem of constructing the road.

Then came his reward when, as director in the road, in a big mining company and bank, he sent for Bessie and she came in time to share the perils and the triumph of conquering Haines and his gang of renegades.

"I am tired of the city, Henry," said Bessie as they left the office arm in arm. "Let's go to our home in the hills. Can't we, dear?"

"My dear, we will start in the morning—to our new home" came the husband's happy reply. Three months of hard work and confinement in prison served only to deepen in the hearts of Black Jack Haines and Red Johnson, who had preceded him on trial and received the same penalty, their hatred of Blake and their deadly determination for revenge on him and the woman.

Haines' fertile brain it was that reasoned their chances were better if they reformed, and to these arch villains took to Bible readings thus ingratiating themselves in the minds of guards, prison officials and especially the prison chaplain. And so it happened that when Red Johnson became "ill" and coughed incessantly, the chaplain interceded and he was given an outside cell, with Haines his cell mate.

Outside the prison walls there lurked

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The work of remodeling the interior of the Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack store is about complete and the change makes quite a difference in the storing capacity of the building. A double deck has been placed in the north building, the deck extending from the front almost to the full length of the building.

The remodeling of the building calls for a change in the different departments. The dry goods department will be moved to the double deck. The business office has been moved from the center to the rear and other changes made for the convenience of both the customers and the employees of the store. A visit to this store now will reveal to you a new place of business.

County Attorney S. C. Harris left Monday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

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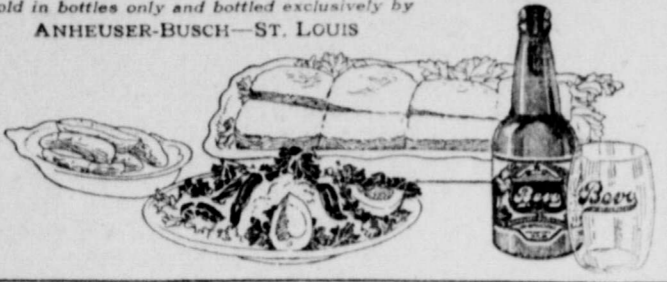
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Geologist Makes Good Oil Report

San Angelo, Feb. 25.—Lying beneath the city of San Angelo, and at a very shallow depth, are all kinds of petroleum, according to the opinion of C. M. Click, field representative for the Ranchmen's Oil and Gas Company, a corporation whose capital stock is \$12,000,000 and whose headquarters are at San Antonio.

Mr. Click made this startling statement Friday while in the city and after making due investigation. He declared he found an extended stratum of anti-cline, a formation found in all oil fields, right in the edge of the city. Mr. Click says this anti-cline always runs from east to west, and the oil strata lie east of it. What he calls the anti-cline is never found except in oil regions and is a stratum which serves as a bank for oil strata or lakes. The anti-cline found here is on the river just off East Concho avenue. Mr. Click declares this anti-cline can be found from Oklahoma to Tampico and that along its whole length plenty of oil is being found. He is of the opinion that shallow wells might be developed here with amazing results.

Mr. Click, who has just completed his work of negotiating for leases for the Ranchmen's Oil and Gas Association and is now en route for headquarters, announced that he has leased 250,000 acres of lands lying between San Angelo and Marfa, and Sweetwater and Van Horn. The company expects to begin developing some of this property shortly.

J. E. Wills of Abilene, who has been here for some time, went with Mr. Click to investigate what they believe to be conclusive proof of the presence of oil. He declared that the anti-cline stratum is pronounced and that beneath the city lies an oil lake that could be developed without great expense.

1776 FOOD PRICES.

You without doubt are complaining of the high cost of living. Back in the days of the Revolution Ab-

igail Adams was doing the same thing. Here are some prices quoted from a letter she wrote her husband, the second president of the United States, given out recently by the State Food Administration:

- Meat, \$1.00 to \$2.00 a pound. Rye, \$30.00 a bushel. Corn, \$25.00 a bushel. Molasses, \$12.00 a gallon. Flour, \$5.00 a hundredweight. Cider, \$40.00 a barrel. Cheese, \$2.00 a pound. Butterine, \$3.00 a pound. Sugar, \$3.00 a pound. Potatoes, \$10.00 a bushel.

This was Abigail's list in 1776. In 1779 sugar rose to \$4.00 per pound and tea the same. In 1780 butter sold for \$12.00 a pound and tea for \$40.00.

Such were the prices in revolutionary times when we were trying to carry on a war and feed only ourselves at the same time.

But, Mrs. Abigail Adams did not have a food administration to control prices and distribution, backed by a government of the Woodrow Wilson variety. If it had not been for the work of Mr. Hoover and his administration there would be a different story to tell about the present prices of food and food conditions. An attempt is being made to keep prices within reason. The government has said that the scarcity of an article of food shall not make unreasonable prices, and the government is making it possible for the consumer to get flour today. If the food administration had not controlled the flour situation many people in America would be glad to get a biscuit once a week, instead of observing only one biscuitless day in the week.

Yet, prices in some instances are too high. The administration has fixed a schedule of prices for the wholesaler and retailer. The wholesaler is observing these prices more closely than the retailers, or at least than some retailers, and those retailers who are violating the rule may expect to find themselves on the black list when the administration is notified.

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Rowden and Mebane Triumph Cotton Seed for Planting

Farmers:

I offer you the above varieties of cotton that has been carefully selected and culled on my machine manufactured especially for my planting seed, giving you seed as near perfect as possible to get them. I can sell you these seed for \$2.10 per bushel delivered to your station. Address all orders to

F. Hill, Wills Point, Texas

1 KILLED AND 2 ARE INJURED BY MEXICANS

Washington, Feb. 25.—An American pay boat at Tampico was attacked by Mexican bandits, who killed one American and injured two other Americans. The state department received official notice of the attack today and immediately called upon Carranza to investigate the killing and punish the bandits.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 25.—Reports here from the well authenticated sources in Mexico indicate feeling against Americans in the Tampico region has become acute and that Americans living in the district are apprehensive of a demonstration. The belief that efforts to foment anti-American feeling is the work of German agents is intimated. Government agents here have dispatched messages asking an official statement on the situation, which, according to the reports, has become critical.

Camp Travis Boys Strong on Insur.

Camp Travis, Feb. 25.—If there had only been two more men in the organization in question, the 359th Infantry would have had a company with its personnel insured for a cool two million dollars. But there were only 198 men in this particular organization, and Uncle Sam will not insure soldiers for more than the \$10,000 policy which he has set as maximum. However, every man of those 198 signed up for the limit. That's the way they sell insurance at Camp Travis.

February 12th, set under the law as the last day of the insurance "drive," found every man in Camp Travis insured with the exception of 215, with policies written to a total of approximately \$260,000,000.00, while a something like one hundred and fifty different organizations were without a single uninsured man on their rolls.

The time limit for taking out insurance has been extended to April 12th, 1918, by recent congressional action, and the work that remains for the Division Insurance Office, under the direction of Captain Luther Hoffman, formerly of Denton, Texas, is to further present the matter of insurance to the few who have not yet taken advantage of the government provision for protection of the soldier and his dependents against the misfortune of war.

"The co-operation of the officers of the command was magnificent," says Captain Hoffman, "and the parents and friends of the men did their part, too. We got many responses to our appeal to relatives to look out for the insurance of those in whom they were interested among the men of the camp."

MUSICIANS ARE WELCOME IN THE ARMY

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 25.—The singing of popular songs by American soldiers on active duty "over there" is advocated by their superior officers, according to a U. S. Marine just returned from France. He declares that most of the popular song hits of the day are familiar to the troops in the trenches and they sing them at every opportunity.

"Singing is a soldier's second nature," said the Marine. "It drives away loneliness and helps to enliven the spirits of the boys. The soldier who can pick a harp or guitar is a welcome comrade in any camp, not only to the enlisted men, but to the officers as well."

POULTRY AND EGGS.

Increase your egg production by feeding Martin's Egg producer. Kill the blue bugs with Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer. Money back guarantee. Sold at Jeanes Produce Co. 20-d&w1m

Capt. Beck, who had been visiting his nephew, J. J. Beck and family the past week, returned to Brownwood Saturday afternoon. Beck is visiting his brother at Brownwood and says he will return to visit in our city again before going to his home in Arizona. He says he enjoys very highly his visits to our beautiful little city.

Conditional Aid for Rural Schools

State Superintendent Doughty has addressed a letter to County Superintendent Hagan concerning the granting of state aid to rural schools in this county. An inspector from the department of education recently visited the county and inspected the schools applying for state aid, and aid was granted conditionally, and the letter just received by Mr. Hagan indicates that the inspector will visit the county again to see that the schools have complied with the requirements. Following is the letter:

"To County Superintendent: All districts of your county which have been conditionally granted state aid should, if they have not already done so, comply at once with all requirements under which aid has been promised. It is my desire to arrange to complete final inspection of all schools of the state at the earliest date possible.

Due to the fact that remittance of taxes to the state treasury are not usually completed before March 1st, it is probable that no money from state aid will be available before the first or fifteenth of March. However, I hope to complete final inspection of all schools of the state by this date. You will be notified in advance when the inspector will visit your county to make a complete and final inspection of all schools.

"In conclusion, permit me to say that where the application of a district has been conditionally approved for aid, it is conditionally approved only on its meeting promptly the requirements of the law; hence, if a district whose application has been conditionally approved fails to get state aid, it will be because the district fails to comply promptly with the requirements of the law.

Sincerely,
W. F. Doughty,
State Superintendent."

MOTHER! DON'T TAKE CHANGES IF CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, sick bilious, clean little liver and bowels.

Children love this "fruit laxative" and nothing else cleanse the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sours, then your little one becomes cross, half sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

RETURNS FROM CAMP BOWIE

R. M. Davis, of the Crews country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and he and his wife had just returned from Camp Bowie, where they had been to visit their son, at that place. Mr. Davis says they were glad to see the young man enjoying good health and nearly all of the other soldier boys in the same condition, and Mr. Davis says they returned home well pleased with the treatment and accommodations the boys are enjoying at that camp.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

I am Sincere! Stop Calomel! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Listen to me! Calomel sickens and you may lose a day's work. If bilious, constipated or headachy read my guarantee.

Every druggist in town—your druggist and everybody's druggist has noticed a great falling-off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place. "Calomel is dangerous and people know it, while Dodson's Liver Tone is perfectly safe and gives better results," said a prominent local druggist. Dodson's Liver Tone is personally guaranteed by every druggist who sells it. A large bottle

costs but a few cents, and if it fails to give easy relief in every case of liver sluggishness and constipation, you have only to ask for your money back.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant-tasting, purely vegetable remedy, harmless to both children and adults. Take a spoonful at night and wake up feeling fine; no biliousness, sick headache, acid stomach or constipated bowels. It doesn't gripe all the next day like violent calomel.

Answers to Questionnaires Paves Way for More Work

At the regular weekly meeting of the pastors association Monday morning, brief reports, or an analysis of the answers made to the questionnaires distributed by the pastors, were discussed at length, and recommendations made for the consideration of the business man and citizens of the city.

The answers to the question, "What do you feel is most needed to increase the comradeship and welfare of our town?" were as varied as the people making them, but a general summing up of the questions brings suggestions that will be worth a great deal to the pastors in their work, and show an interest in and a desire to improve the religious, commercial and civic life of this city.

At the meeting of the pastors Monday morning, two recommendations were outlined by the pastors and submitted for the consideration of the citizens and with the hopes that the proper parties will put them in action.

First, a general clean up day for the town, the date to be set early.

Second, a meeting of all citizens and business men for exchange of ideas and the organization of a Ballinger Good Fellowship Club—a program of speaking and music and table talk to be arranged for the citizenship meeting.

Summarizing on the answers given in the questionnaires, one preacher said: "It is evident from the answers to our questionnaire that the people know how to treat their fellows and feel a keen need of more thorough co-operation. There is a feeling that there should be more co-operation not only in church affairs, but in commercial and social affairs as well. That a man should not only live a clean life in his town, but an active life, being always ready to do his part in every task without murmuring. Another thing I note from my answers is that there is almost a universal belief in the power of prayer; even the unconvinced suggesting that there ought to be more earnest prayer. That there ought to be a union of purpose and a pull together over every question that affects the religious, commercial, or civic conditions of our town, county, state or nation. That there ought to be more care about how we interpret the words and action of others, and we should not criticize until we 'know.' I also note that the general opinion is that people in Ballinger ought to attend church more regularly."

Another pastor in commenting on the answers received to the question sent out by him is impressed with the desire shown for a closer relationship in church and business and civic life, saying that the people seem to be heartily in favor of better co-operation in every undertaking for the betterment of the town. Here are some of synopsis of answers:

"Those who have experienced unkind criticism or lack of confidence on the part of others, feel that what is most needed is a more unshakable confidence in each other and a more sincere effort to live the Golden Rule.

"The necessity for true co-operation and harmony in whatever we undertake.

"The co-operation movement already on foot is highly commended and further work of this kind encouraged. Some suggested the continuation of the co-operative Sunday night services, while others suggested a co-operative mid-week prayer service.

"Looking to better business

conditions, one man suggested that we quit talking about hard times.

Another man, realizing that the spirit some of our people is not as cordial as might be, largely because of hurtful agitators in the past, says "Let the dead past bury its dead," and urges that we boost our town wherever we go.

"Among the answers dealing with civic matters, some suggest that immediate steps be taken for improving our water system. Another suggests that the loose rocks in the streets be picked up and hauled off, and the chug holes filled with gravel.

"One noteworthy suggestion is that the town needs an auditorium large enough to accommodate the people of the town."

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gilind, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for," we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named every thing in the line on the shelf except 'Chamberlain's.' I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.

HAS BEEN PROMOTED.

W. A. Esmond, of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had just received a letter from his son, Glenn E. Esmond, in the Signal corps at Fort Leavenworth, and says the young man has been promoted to the position of first class private, having stood the examination with 220 others, and he was among 14 other soldier boys who passed to the above grade. Glenn says he is enjoying army life and is being well taken care of by Uncle Sam.

Dr. A. M. Henry, of Blanket, who had been in our city on a short business trip, left for home Saturday afternoon.

A Grippe Epidemic

Every winter Health Boards warn against this weakening disease which often strikes those who are least prepared to resist it. You should strengthen yourself against grippe by taking



which is the cream of cod liver oil, refined, purified and so skillfully prepared that it enriches the blood streams, creates reserve strength and fortifies the lungs and throat. Don't delay—it may mean much.

Use SCOTT'S Refuse Substitutes
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 17-18

To Resist the Attack

of the germs of many diseases such as Grip, Malaria, means for all of us—fight or die. These germs are everywhere in the air we breathe. The odds are in favor of the germs, if the liver is inactive and the blood impure.

What is needed most is an increase in the germ-fighting strength. To do this successfully you need to put on healthy flesh, rouse the liver to vigorous action, so it will throw off these germs, and purify the blood so that there will be no "weak spots," or soil for germ-growth.

We claim for Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery that it does all this in a way peculiar to itself.

It cures troubles caused by torpid liver or impure blood. Liquid or tablets. All druggists. Tablets, 50 cents.

Send Dr. V. M. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.

PORT WORTH, TEXAS.—"It is with pleasure I write saying, over 40 years ago I was in business in Cayuga Co., New York, and sold Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines and always found they gave my customers entire satisfaction. I think every household should have these remedies on hand. By using them and following the directions many doctor bills will be saved. I most certainly recommend them to one and all. I came to Texas a number of years ago. I still keep Dr. Pierce's medicines in mind, and the 'Golden Medical Discovery' I can honestly say has no equal. I always keep a bottle on hand to take when I feel a little out of sorts, and especially as a spring tonic."—H. L. Downs, O. L. V. College.



MARCH 2ND, BANK HOLIDAY.

The local banks have announced that they will observe Texas Independence Day next Saturday, and will remain closed throughout the day. Those wishing to transact banking business Saturday should arrange to come in Friday, or await until Monday.

Produce More Poultry and Eggs.

Kill out all the Blue Bugs by using Martin's Blue Big Killer, and increase Egg Production by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Money back guarantee with both. Sold at Weeks Drug Co. 23-13d4w.

Judge J. W. Powell of Ballinger is taking oil leases all over Runnels county. Five year leases in the western part of the county at 10 cents to 15 cents yearly, per acre. Central, 25c to 50c; eastern part of the county 75c to \$1.00. He pays the cash in advance as soon as the title is passed on. If the land is not paid out of mortgage, he pays the lease all the same. Bring him the lease and take home the cash. 28-2d2w

John and George Dean, the successful irrigation farmers of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

ATEXAS WONDER

THE TEXAS WONDER cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all 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. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from Drs. and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 273 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. e

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Banner-Ledger is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1918:

For Commissioner No. 4: I. A. CURRY.

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ANOTHER WAR BURDEN PLACED UPON WOMEN

The food saving problem is mainly a woman's job. 90 per cent of the food purchased in this country is purchased by women. This means that the women of this nation must shoulder 90 per cent of this responsibility of saving must look to us for help because America is the largest food growing country in the world. This year, especially, the American farmer is being urged by patriotic motives to produce food stuffs to the limit of his capacity, and the American house-wife will have plenty herself and plenty to share with her European sisters, if she uses economy, buys wisely, and avoids waste.

America's soldiers and America's allies fighting in Europe shall be fed. On them rests the task of holding our enemies, their enemies, and Freedom's enemies. God only knows what burdens will have to be borne during the next three or four months. The enemy is massing for a smashing attack on the west, and while they resist this attack and defend Democracy they shall be fed.

They shall not be fed unless America feeds them. Food cannot be imported from Russia because of European conditions, or from Australia and India on account of insufficient ships. America must adjust her method of handling food both in the store and in the home. We must not hoard food, for that would take it out of the possibility of shipment. We must not eat foods which they must have. They get it from us or they go unfed.

They shall be fed, for the regulations of the food administration, which is charged with the responsibility of seeing that they are fed, shall be observed. Those who will not observe are either criminally careless or disloyal. The careless shall be roused, though it brings on their heads the weight of public disfavor. The disloyal either desire the enemy's success, America's defeat and Democracy's destruction, or are willing to sell their country for profits. These must be treated as enemies and prevented from conducting business until the world is safe for Democracy.

Loyal Texans, the right of self-government as well as our very national existence is at stake. We are at war. We must observe the

food administration regulations and conserve food. For only in this way will our boys in France be fed. They are holding the enemy and they shall be fed.



Announcing the New Arrivals in 1918 Styles

TAILORED HATS

Of Exclusive Design

The discriminating dresser who seeks the new, smart, individual style in a hat for early wear—will be delighted with the many new models—now on display in our millinery department.

Every model is typical of some particular striking style, created by an expert—and carries with it the chic—smart appearance so much desired.

Withal the prices are very reasonable.

You are urged to come and see for yourself these early wear Street Hats—the earlier you call the more complete the variety.

Bron New--Ready-to-Wear Garments

Our buyer, Mr. Melton, has just returned from the markets of the East—and with precision and deliberation—has brought to you—and the people of Runnels county—the new styles—the beautiful qualities—for the season of 1918, direct from the manufacturers. Suits—Dresses—Waists and Skirts.

New Silks

Never have the looms produced better qualities—never were the colorings more beautiful—than the Silk department is showing in—

Foulards Fancy Taffeta Georgette

With the unheard of advance in the prices of woollens and cotton—silks—where the advance is not so radical—will come into their own. Serviceable—economy—desirable. Priced—

\$1.00

and upwards—

New Foot Wear

This department is ready for your coming with the new—styles—lasts and leathers—from the leading manufacturers of—

Oxfords Lace Boots Pumps

There's none better than Wickert and E. P. Reed for goodness of quality—neatness of fit—and reasonableness of price—quality considered—hard feet to fit our specialty. Priced—

\$3.50

and upwards—

New Fabrics

Thousands of yards of the season's newest weaves and qualities—for smart appearing frocks for women and children.

Suitings Wash Goods Staples

Many articles are being sold today at 25 to 50 per cent cheaper than the prices asked by the wholesaler—we are fortunate in owning them cheap—will share it with you—

25c

and upwards—

Melton Dry Goods Co. INCORPORATED EVERYBODY'S STORE

Germans Celebrate Destruction of Lusitania Before Submarine Had Sent it to the Bottom



Vague hints have been heard during the past two years that at the time the Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine a souvenir medal commemorative of that awful tragedy was struck off and distributed in Berlin. The first intimation of this came in a confidential statement made by a foreign diplomat who visited this country.

No positive information could be obtained, however, till William J. Flynn, the recently retired Chief of the United States Secret Service, succeeded in securing one of these medals and learned all the circumstances connected with it. The illustrations shown here with are from the medal now in Chief Flynn's possession.

The face bears the effigy of a sinking ship. The German above means "No Contraband," and that below, "The Great Steamship Lusitania, Sunk by a German U-boat, May 5, 1915."

The reverse side represents a ticket office of the Cunard Line attended by Death, with a crowd flocking to secure passage on the liner. The German on this side of the medal signifies "Business First. Cunard Line Ticket Office. Kaiser and God."

One of the most significant features of this medal is to be seen in the group on the reverse side. To the left, at the back of the people shown looking passage with Death, stands a man in a silk hat beside one holding a newspaper on which is prominently displayed a reference to U-boats. This evidently refers to the warnings published by Count von Bernstorff in the New York Times the morning of the day the Lusitania sailed from New York. The silk-hatted man is holding up his finger in warning, but no one pays heed. This possesses a peculiarly striking significance in the face of all the circumstances relating to the making and distribution of this medal. Some one in Berlin either had remarkable foresight, or very full of information of what was happening in New York.

The sinking of the Lusitania was the result of a very carefully laid plan on the part of the Imperial German naval staff, aided by the leaders of the Imperial German Government's spy organization in this country. Two attempts had been made to destroy her, but her speed and elusive changes in her course saved her. Had she left New York on her

usual sailing day, Thursday, she would have reached the coast of Ireland, where the submarines lay in wait for her, on May 5. So sure were the Imperial German naval officials that she would be torpedoed on that day, the medal commemorative of the great tragedy was struck off and distributed in Berlin, dated May 5, 1915.

That the vessel had not yet been sunk made no difference. Her destruction was certain and a medal dated two days ahead would be just as effective in arousing the pride of victory in the minds of the German people. Through delay in loading a part of her cargo, the Lusitania did not sail till Saturday, May 1, 1915. That morning an advertisement appeared in the New York Times, signed by the Imperial German Embassy, in effect warning Americans not to sail on her.

She reached the point where it had been planned to sink her, May 7, 1915, two days later than had been expected. The ship was sunk according to plans, but this event had been previously celebrated in Berlin as a great German "victory," as the medal and date on it indicate.

NOTICE TO PRAIRIE DOG OWNERS

The commissioners' court desires to call to the attention of all land owners of Runnels county Section 2, Chapter 11, Acts First Called Session of the Thirty-Fourth Legislature, 1915, which is as follows:

It is hereby made the duty of the county commissioners of any county in which prairie dogs exist, to investigate and determine whether owners of lands in their respective commissioners' precincts have complied with the provisions of Section 1 of this Act and if any such land owners have failed or refused to destroy the prairie dogs on their land, it shall be the duty of said commissioner to immediately notify the sheriff of his county of such failure, and the name and postoffice address of such owner or his agent, and said sheriff shall immediately mail by registered mail a notice to the said owner, or his agent, that if he should fail within 30 days from and after the date of mailing of notice by sheriff to comply with the provisions of Sec. 1 of this Act the sheriff shall proceed to destroy the prairie dogs of said land.

Section 1 of the Act referred to declares prairie dogs to be a nuisance, and owners of lands in any county in this State upon which prairie dogs exist shall, within two years from the date this Act takes effect, kill, or caused to be killed, all prairie dogs on all lands so owned by them.

The Act became effective Sept. 3, 1917, and is now in full force and effect, and the commissioners court desires the people to comply with its provisions. Several complaints have been made about certain land owners not killing prairie dogs on their lands, and it is the desire of each commissioner that this matter be brought to the attention of land owners, and ask that they give their hearty cooperation in this matter.

O. L. Parish, County Judge, Runnels County, Texas.

NOTICE IN PROBATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a

newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of Sam Brookshire, deceased, notice is hereby given that Mrs. L. R. Brookshire, by her attorney, M. C. Smith, has filed an application in the County Court of Runnels County, on the 27th day of February 1918, for probate of Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for Letters Testamentary thereon, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 6th day of May 1918, at the Court House of said County, in Ballinger Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate, are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Witness my hand and official seal, at Ballinger, Texas, this 27th day of February, 1918.

W. C. McCARVER, Clerk County Court, Runnels county, Texas.

A true copy, I certify, J. D. Perkins, Sheriff Runnels County.

USE POWERINE—SAVE GASOLINE

Powerine does away with all carbon trouble. Gives the motor more power. Saves twenty per cent of your gas. Treatment for 100 gallons sent post paid for \$1. Every package guaranteed.

F. G. Vanlandingham, w1t Rowena, Texas.

J. M. Mapes, of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here gave us the required amount to keep the Banner-Ledger coming the ensuing year.

A Thought for the Mother

CONSTIPATION makes children uncomfortable, cross and irritable, just as it does older people. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a mild, pleasant tasting combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, that acts easily and naturally and promotes normal regularity. Children like it and take it willingly. It contains no opiate or narcotic drug.

Druggists Sell
Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin
50 cts. (two sizes) \$1.00

A trial bottle can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 457 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

CAPTURES MEN AND GUNS WITHOUT LOSS

With the American Armies in France, Feb. 25.—Americans in raiding party with the French army on Chemin Des Dames sector, captured two German officers and twenty German soldiers, and one machine gun. The Americans defeated the detachment of Germans in skirmish fighting, capturing the prisoners and guns without the loss of an American.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 30c.

HUNS DEFEAT RUSSIANS IN DEATH BATTLE

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The German troops entered Verkaus, Finland, after violent fighting. The Finland troops made a death struggle resistance, and lost many men, the Germans capturing one thousand Russians and many rifles and supplies. The Germans also reached Zyhtomar and Volhynia in their advance on Russia.

Dr. Smith and wife, of Talpa, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to the Valley Creek country to visit her brothers, W. D., and J. S. Flanagan, and families a few days.

INTER-SCHOLASTIC MEET MARCH 29

Prof. R. E. White, of the Pumphrey school, director for the county debating and declaration meet, has announced a slight change in the date of the county meet. The Inter Scholastic meet will be held at Ballinger on March 29 and 30. All the different teams in the county desiring to take part in the meet must file application with Mr. White by March 1st.

At the county meet teams will be selected to represent that county in the district meet which will be held shortly following the county meet, and at the district meet teams will be selected to represent the district in the state meet. All schools should take notice and list their teams with the county director.

LEFT FOR THE ARMY.

J. D. McCollam, secretary of the local war board, at Paint Rock, came in Saturday with six young men who were the last of the Concho county quota for the army. They left on the afternoon train for points assigned them. They were: Wallace Williams, John E. Wallace, Willis Johnson, Bill Bryant, Ben Jones and Joel Newsome.

Rev. W. R. Erap of Brownwood, who had been in our city the past day or two in the interest of the Baptist Central Messenger, left Saturday morning.

Supporting The Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the United States Government, and many are doing so at considerable cost or sacrifice to themselves.

We have joined the Federal Reserve Banking System established by the government to give greater financial stability and strength to the member banks and protection to their depositors

You can give your support to this great government enterprise and also obtain its protection by becoming one of our depositors.

The
First National Bank
Of Ballinger
Established 1886

Hobby Extends Boll Worm Line

Austin, Feb. 25.—Gov. Hobby issued a proclamation today establishing non-cotton zone in all of Chambers and Jefferson counties, and all of Galveston county except Galveston Island, and in portions of Brazoria, Liberty, Hardin and Harris counties, and a small area near Hearne. The proclamation becomes effective immediately and is to continue three years. The proclamation was issued on the recommendation of the agricultural department and for the purpose of exterminating the Pink boll worm.

NEPHEW DIED AT CAMP TRAVIS

L. D. Clark, of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday an informed us of the sad news of the death of his nephew, Edgar Lefler, at Camp Travis last week, with pneumonia. The young man enlisted in Coleman but had visited his uncle in our county, and was known to quite a number of our people, all of whom join the Ledger in sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than a half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

FULL PROTECTION FOR BIDDIE MOTHERS

The food administration has announced that the sales or shipment of hens or pullets killed since Feb. 11th is a violation of the federal food administration's ruling and that if peddlers, grocers, butchers or other dealers violate the ruling their supplies will be cut off. The ruling declares, however, that there is no way to stop sales from farmers to consumers. This means that hens and pullets may not be sold to restaurants, hotels, cafes or other establishments or persons by any dealer or peddler.

The ruling will be in force until April 30. There has been some misconstruction of this ruling, the hotels and restaurants believing it only applied to wholesale shipments. The food administration makes it plain that it applies to all persons.

EAT BIG MEALS! NO SOUR, ACID STOMACH, INDIGESTION OR GAS

"Pape's Diapepsin" is Quickest, Surest Stomach Relief Known—Try it!

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin will sweeten a sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably, or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is usually a sign of acidity of the stomach.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches or dizziness. This will all go, and besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin helps to neutralize the excessive acid in the stomach which is causing the food fermentation and preventing proper digestion.

Relief in five minutes is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapepsin" to usually keep the entire family free from stomach acidity and its symptoms of indigestion, dyspepsia, sourness, gases, heartburn, and headache, for many months. It belongs in your home.

MORTUARY.

DELIA ALMA NICHOLS.

Delia Alma Nichols, age 13 years and two days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols, died at the home of her parents, in Ballinger, Friday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock. Death came following measles and a complication which resulted in blood poison. Physicians and friends did all that could be done to save the life, but death was the victor, and a Ballinger home is today in sadness.

Delia was attending school when she was stricken down with measles. She will not only be missed in the home and by the loving parents, but she will be missed in her school class and among her playmates. We can not explain why one so young and happy, with a happy life before them is taken away, but we must all submit to His will.

The funeral was held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. E. S. Cornelius conducting the services and the remains carried to the Pony cemetery and laid to rest with relatives.

The Ledger joins the friends of this heart broken family in sympathy.

CHILD DIES NEAR CREWS.

The Lankford undertaking establishment sent out a casket for the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morrison at Crews Saturday. The child, age four months, died from pneumonia Saturday morning and will be buried at Crews.

INFANT DIES.

L. M. Bales and Floyd Davis, of the Hatchel country, came in Friday to get a coffin for the infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reanes that died Thursday night, at the age of two weeks.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Drug-gists, 75c.

NEPHEW LOST ON TUSCANIA

George Spidell, one of the highly esteemed pioneer citizens of Ballinger, informed us Friday that he had received a letter from relatives telling him of the loss of his nephew of New York, who was one of Uncle Sam's soldiers on the Tuscania. The remains were found and buried in Scotland. Mr. Spidell says he has six other nephews in the American army and he says he has to fight for the American flag to the last ditch.

Mr. Spidell came over to this country about 50 years ago and just left Germany in time to miss the Franco-German war in 1870, he being just one inch too low for army regulations and was sent home to grow that inch and in the meantime he came to America and has at all times advised his young relatives to come to the United States and avoid the German military issue and now wants all his nephews return to that country to help free all others from military relative, and that a sister, now living in the old country.

Jno. A. Weeks left Saturday afternoon for Fort Worth, Waco, and other points in that section on a business trip. Mrs. Weeks and Miss Maurine, accompanied him as far as Coleman, where they visited over Sunday.

M. D. Smith and son, John, of the Hatchel country, came in Monday and Mr. Smith left for Coleman to look after land interests a few days. While here Mr. Smith ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

PUMPING BY ELECTRICITY.

City Water Works Supt. J. R. Lusk, informed us Monday, that they were now using electricity from the Ballinger Light Plant, to pump water from the river and it was doing fine work.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

Until this new "smoke" was made you could never have a real Burley tobacco cigarette. It's the best yet.

IT'S TOASTED

The toasting brings out the delicious flavor of that fine old Kentucky Burley. You never tasted anything so agreeable—think what roasting does for peanuts.



DECLINING TO EMPLOY CLASS ONE REGISTRANTS

Registrants who have been placed in Class One are complaining that they are being discriminated against the employers in different lines of work, including farm work. Young men seeking employment have reported to the local board that when applying for work they are promptly turned down when the employer learns that they are in Class One, and may be called out at any time.

This is discouraging the young men who are loafing on the job and may have to wait for some time before called into service. Employers who refuse to employ men in Class One are unpatriotic to say the least of it. Secretary Baker recently announced that no date had been fixed for calling the men and left the impression that the men would not be called into service until after planting time.

The men who want work should be kept employed until they are called. If you need a hand it is the disloyal thing to do in turning down a man because he is in line for army service. Don't do it.

Mrs. C. C. Britton and little son, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beck the past few days, left Saturday afternoon to join Mr. Britton at Brownwood, where they will make their future home. Mr. Britton is now with the West Texas Phone Co. at Brownwood, having been recently transferred from Winters to that place.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fletcher and children returned home Sunday night from Millersview, where they had been on a short visit to relatives and were accompanied home by her father, W. H. Whitfield, who was en route to his home at San Angelo.



Do You

want a better position than you now hold? What have you done to deserve it? The shrewd employer of today will want to know what you have done for yourself. Your saving account book is your best recommendation.

Can You Qualify?

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank
& Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

DRESS UP!
Easter Comes Early
This Year=March 31st
EXCELLENT VALUES IN
Two Piece
SUITS MADE TO ORDER
\$15

Three Piece Suits \$17
The Best Value Ever Offered at
\$16.50

For Two Piece
Suits Made to Order
Three Piece Suit \$18.50
Guaranteed All Wool



Remember Easter Comes March 31st.



Place Your Order Early

SCOTCH WOOLEN MILLS

Phone 97 C. C. GILLIAM, Prop. Hutchings Ave.

R. R. Russell of San Antonio, ter business interests was in the who is in this section looking af-city Tuesday.

Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

The Charming New Hats Reflect the Season's Style



Tomorrow and every business day from now until Easter we will display the newest and best styles from the style centers as well as creations from our own work room.

The New Short Back Pokes, Close Fitting Turbans, Sailors, Pokes in Flare Type, are all Exceedingly Becoming.

In this style shop you will find individuality with out extravagance.

Higginbotham Brothers & Company

Ballingers Greatest Store
 P. S. Take a look at our new Suits, Coats, Dresses, Etc

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY MADE FEDERAL GARAGE

The Ballinger Auto Co. Garage is being equipped with a modern rest room for ladies and meeting the other requirements of the Federal high commission necessary to be designated as a Federal garage when the highways through Ballinger are completed and trans-continental travel is routed this way.

The ladies rest room will occupy a space in front of the building on the right, and the room will be modernly furnished for the convenience of both local and foreign travelers. As soon as the weather warms up an electric fan will be installed. The ladies will find a dressing room here, with toilet, ice water, etc., and travelers will be welcomed at all times.

Try This For Sour Stomach.

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all for supper. If you are still troubled with sour stomach, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed.

RETURNS HOME.

The many friends of Joe Whitman will be glad to know that he was able to return home in the Spring Hill neighborhood Monday afternoon. He had undergone a very successful operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium for rupture and is now on the road to a speedy recovery.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS WITH PEP-SIN**. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

WE LOSE WHILE OTHERS GAIN

Colorado, Texas, Feb. 23.—In the bond election here today on the question of voting \$100,000 bonds to build good roads, the measure carried by the vote of 528 to 236. The election was county-wide.

An election of the same kind on January 12 resulted in a defeat for the bonds of three votes. The money will be used to build Mitchell county's part of the El Paso-Fort Worth Highway.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
 Always bears
 Signature of *Dr. J. C. Wetmore*

FINDS REMAINS OF FROZEN SHEEP HERDER

Robert Lee, Tex., Feb. 25.—One of the most terrible occurrences in the history of Coke county came to light last week when portions of the body of a Mexican sheep herder were found in the Coke county hills. As the man had been missing since the big snow in January it is presumed he was frozen to death at that time. Those in whose employ he had been had made a search for him when he was first missed, but not finding him they decided he had run away and thought no more of the circumstances until a few days ago when the head and some bones were found, the rest of the body having been eaten by a drove of hogs.

L. Boatright, of the Wingate country, enrolled Monday on the Banner-Ledger's weekly list.

RUNNELS COUNTY SOLDIER SERIOUSLY ILL IN CAMP

J. M. London, of Norton, was here Tuesday, and was keeping in touch with the telegraph office so he could keep posted on the condition of his son Chester, who is in the training camp at Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. London received a telegram a day or two ago informing him that his son was seriously ill with pneumonia. He immediately wired his brother near Charlotte to go to Camp Green and loov after his son, and daily telegrams are keeping him posted as to the young man's condition. The message received Tuesday morning stated that while Chester was very low he was cheerful and was receiving every attention that the medical corps could give him. Chester volunteered several months ago, going to San Antonio. He was immediately transferred to Camp Green, and was making good up to the time he was stricken down with pneumonia.

SON OF FIRST COUNTY SHERIFF ANGELO VISITOR

Mrs. M. D. Chastain, J. L. Chastain and wife and M. G. Chastain, all of Ballinger, spent Friday with M. C. Cobb and family. Mrs. Cobb is the daughter of Mrs. M. D. Chastain. The Ballinger people were accompanied by Miss Orita McWhirter and Frank La Motte Jr. Mr. La Motte's father, Frank La Motte Sr., was the first sheriff of Tom Green county and the first boy baby born in San Angelo. —San Angelo Standard.

YOU'RE BILIOUS! LET "CASCARETS" LIVE IN LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't stay headachy, constipated, sick with breath bad and stomach sour.

Get a 10-cent box now. You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have the headache, coated tongue, bad taste, and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have a bad cold.

Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascarets work while you sleep; cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet, liver and bowels regular, and head clear for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.

CHIEF CLERK HERE.

W. M. Swift, of Fort Worth, chief clerk of the mail service, was in Ballinger Monday and J. A. Reese and Alee Saunders of the local post office, stood very successful examinations in the distribution department. Mr. Reese made 100 for speed and accuracy, having distributed 882 cards in 28 minutes without a single miss. Mr. Saunders came second with 99 and 99-100 in 30 minutes, with only one miss. For speed and accuracy, Mr. Swift said the Ballinger boys were as good as the best, at any place in the state.

FOR SALE.

Eggs, pure bred Barred Rocks and Light Brahm, \$1.50 per setting. Phone 219. W. H. Greer, 20-2w4d.

FALL FROM BICYCLE SERIOUSLY HURTS BOY

Carney Lagrone, age eleven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. LaGrone, was painfully hurt while en route to school Tuesday morning. The boy was riding his wheel when in some way he fell, dislocating one arm and in the fall was knocked unconsious. He was carried to his home and given medical attention and is getting along nicely.

We are sorry to learn that C. B. McKinney is quite ill at his home Tuesday.

Women Love Babies



It is woman's nature to naturally respond to the charms of a pretty child. Who does not admire babies? The longing to possess a baby is often outweighed by the inherent fear of the period of distress. There is a most wonderful external preparation known as "Mother's Friend".

It is a safe external massage which relieves pain and discomfort at the crisis; makes elastic those fibers and muscles which nature is expanding, and wonderfully soothes the inflammation of breast glands.

It enables the expectant mother to preserve her health and strength, and she remains a pretty mother by having avoided the suffering and danger which would otherwise accompany such an occasion. Every nerve, muscle and tendon is thoroughly lubricated. Get a bottle today from the druggist, and write to the Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. G, 209 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga. They will mail you an intensely interesting little book, "Motherhood and the Baby". The book is free. Every woman should herself aid nature in her glorious work. "Mother's Friend" makes it possible for you to do so and should be used regularly without fail night and morning.

THAD THOMSON GOOD SOLDIER

Thad Thomson is at home from San Antonio, and he comes back a full fledged American soldier. Mr. Thomson is not within the draft age. He accompanied Harold Tucker, who was here on a furlough, back to San Antonio, and while there decided to enlist and fight with the boys for the defense of America. He qualified, and was given a few days leave of absence to come home and arrange his business affairs and say good bye to friends and relatives. Thad has many friends who will vouch for him wherever he may be assigned to duty, and these friends will wish for him success and a safe return.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

FINE BABY GIRL.

Dr. Smith of Talpa, who had been visiting his brother-in-law, J. S. Flanagan and family, of Valley Creek, left for home Tuesday morning, and reports the arrival of a sweet little baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan, Monday, Feb. 25th.

Edward McKenzie of the City Drug Store, is suffering this week from a right severe cut and sprained ankle, on his left foot, which was caused by his falling from a motorcycle, during the dust storm the first of the week.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE

BLACK LANGSHANG EGGS—For setting from pen of pure bred stock. \$1.50 per setting. F. M. Wiley, Ballinger, Texas. 1-sw-pd

BARRED ROCK EGGS—High grade stock; only few settings to spare. \$1.50 per setting. J. Whit Patterson. 19-2d3w

FOR SALE—40 head of bred ewes, worth the money. C. W. Evans, Phone 7611 Route B, Ballinger. 15-wtf.

FOR SALE—Full blood Brown Leghorn Eggs. \$1.25 per setting. C. W. Evans. Phone 7611, Rt. B. 16-3td. w tf.

WANTED

FOR SERVICE—My registered Poland China Boar. His sire was grand champion at Ohio State Fair, also sweepstakes prize winner in Texas. Season \$2.50 with return privilege. Money due when sow taken out. J. H. Taylor, on Routh farm. Phone 3302. 28-2td-3tw.

We pay cash for all kinds of second hand goods. See us if you have anything for sale. Bair & Spoons. Opera House building. 21-3d1w

Bair & Spoons are opening a new and second hand business in old Opera House building. Give them a chance to buy whatever you have for sale. Don't forget we are still in the market for scrap iron, bones, bags, etc. 21-3d1w.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Residence and two acres of land in South Ballinger. Phone 5812 Rural, Lee Evans, Rt. A. 23-3d1w-pd.

FOUND

FOUND—A bunch of keys on Lee's can get near stock pens. Owner will be paid by paying for no-home Tuesday. 27-2d1w.