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Desperate Stand to Halt the Allied Advances

CLAIMS TO BE CHAMPION FARMER OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

Ed O. Kelley claims to be the champion farmer of Runnels county, as he has already raised a crop of cotton and feed and has planted the same ground in oats. This farm is located between Rowena and Miles and was in the path of that terrible dust storm in June and whatever vegetation there was on the farm was swept clean. This farm was worked by Hammond and Hothel and is an evidence of the industry of these two excellent young men.

TROOP "I" BEST COMPANY IN TEXAS

Only four out of 122 cavalrymen of the Texas National Guard, Troop I, organized at Ballinger, were cut back by the inspectors who came here and passed on the personnel of the company Monday afternoon. The four men rejected were turned down for minor reasons, mostly due to the fact that they were not 18 years of age.

Out of the membership of 122 only one man was absent, and that was due to a misunderstanding, he having been granted a leave of absence with instructions to return at a later date than the date fixed for the inspection, it not being known at the time that the inspection would be here so soon.

The men stood at attention and maneuvered on the court house lawn, where Col. Forsythe and Major Schramm inspected the troops in the presence of a large crowd of people, friends and relatives of the members of the company.

The army inspectors stated that this was the thirteenth company that had been inspected of the National Guards now being made ready for service, and that beyond doubt Troop I was the best they had inspected. The men were better trained, the personnel was the best, and the inspectors classed the company at the top of the list.

When federalized the company will be cut to 105 men, and this will make it necessary to transfer the remainder to another company. Capt. L. B. Stephens announced that another man was enlisted Monday, as these extra men would be needed to help make out other companies. The men will be examined for physical qualifications again when they are federalized, and it is probable that several will be cut back then.

DECLINES TO DIVIDE TIME.

Hon. John Lee Brooks spoke at Paint Rock Monday night for Governor Hobby. A telegram was received from Hobby campaign headquarters Monday afternoon asking the local Hobby committee to arrange a speaking date for Mr. Brooks Tuesday night, but as the Ferguson forces had announced speaking for Tuesday night the local committee did not deem it wise to arrange for Mr. Brooks to speak. However, the Ferguson forces were challenged to divide time, and allow Mr. Brooks to meet Judge Spann here Tuesday night, all of which they declined to do.

MANY ABSENTEES ON ELECTION DAY

Judging from the number of votes being filed with the county clerk, many people in this county are going to be away from home on election day. Up to noon Tuesday 31 votes had been filed. Of this number seven were women votes.

The absentee voting law is not understood by all and will no doubt be abused to some extent, or the votes filed will be challenged and discarded from the ballot box on election day.

Those leaving home and who will not return before election day, and who are otherwise not disqualified from voting, can file their ballot made out with the county clerk, provided they are not going out of the state. If the voter is out of the state on election day his ballot is nix.

Several of the men who entrained here for Camp Travis Monday afternoon are reported to have left their ballot made out. It is contended by some that such ballots can not be cast next Saturday, as by that time the men will have been made United States soldiers and the constitution provides that such men can not vote.

Another question that voters should bear in mind, and that is they are not allowed to carry a sample copy of ticket to the voting place, or to the clerk's office when they go to make out their ticket. The clerk, or election manager is allowed to help those who are physically disqualified only, in making out their ballot, such as the blind, armless, etc.

No ballots can be filed with the county clerk within less than three days before election, hence the time limit for filing ballots expires after today.

LANDED IN FRANCE IN THREE MONTHS.

W. W. Embry received a card this week announcing the safe arrival of his son Finley, in France. The young man made quick time, as he left Ballinger only three months ago, going to the training camp at Camp Travis. In three months after he said good bye to home folks he was on French soil and near the battle front.

ARMY OFFICERS INSPECTION N. G.

The National Guards mobilized at their headquarters in Ballinger Monday morning at nine o'clock. This was the hour for inspection, but the army officers did not arrive until noon and they were released and called together again at 1:15.

The local troop was held together for a couple of hours in the forenoon and given some preliminary training preparatory to inspection. The boys, 120 strong did a little drill work down town and were marched to the court house lawn where they were put through preliminary inspection by the company officers.

No report has been made up to the time The Ledger goes to press this afternoon, but that the local troop will rank head and shoulders above any troop so far inspected is the belief of all those who have been watching them drill.

TAKES OVER WIRE LINES ON JULY 31

Washington, July 23.—President Wilson signed the executive order today which provides for the federalization of wire operations. Under the terms of the order all the communication lines in the United States will go under government control on July 31st. Postmaster General Burleson will supervise the work and has designated David J. L. Lewis as his director.

ROAD REVIEW TAKES KINK OUT OF ROADS

The much hoped for and long looked for improvement on the Ballinger-Paint Rock road was given a good start Monday when the crooks were cut out by the jury review.

Commissioner Kirk has been working for some time to get the right-of-way on the public roads in his precinct straightened before spending bond money and state money in improving the highways. He has succeeded to a very satisfactory extent on at least one road out of Ballinger.

The jury review appointed to condemn some land and straighten the Ballinger-Paint Rock road, went on the job Monday. Beginning at the South Ward school house they cut the corners and changed the line in such way as to give a straight road towards Paint Rock.

For the present the heavy travel on this road will be carried over the bridge, and out by the South Ward school. Mr. Kirk states that he hopes some day to repair the crossing where the causeway was recently put out of commission and open up the road again, but for the present people living along the south bank of the river must travel the road which leads them into the city over the bridge.

The jury which did their work Monday, selecting the route and assessing the damages over the land which the straight road is to pass, was composed of A. W. Strube, R. W. Bruce, W. A. Francis, M. McGregor, John Bigby and R. W. Brice. Mr. Kirk states that he is well pleased with their work, and that he is sure the highway commission will be quicker to grant aid when they learn that the people are determined to spend the money on straight roads only.

OMAHA WOMEN HAVE A MENDING UNIT.

The National League of Women's Service, New York, makes the following report concerning the Omaha branch:

"The Omaha branch of the League has organized a unit for mending. A call sent out for needle-workers met with an enthusiastic response and willing hands were set to work on the discarded winter clothes. Every article, from gloves to sweaters, has been mended and cleaned, and they have all been carefully packed away ready for next seasons cold weather."

PREACHER TO CAMP WITH DRAFTED MEN

Rev. A. F. Cunningham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of San Angelo, was aboard the special troop train which left Ballinger at 7:50 Monday afternoon. The minister received a call last Saturday from the Y. M. C. A. to accompany the drafted men to the training camp.

It has been announced that this plan will be carried out by the Y. M. C. A. all over the United States, and a representative of that splendid organization will be on every troop train.

One of the largest crowds ever to assemble at the passenger station in this city were present to wave a farewell to the boys as the train pulled out of the station. Many gave way to their feelings and tears flowed freely, while others were cheerful and while those left behind were saying good bye the boys replied, "We'll come back when we get the kaiser."

There were about two hundred men on the train when it left Ballinger, more than one hundred coming from counties west of Ballinger. The increment represented the last men to make up class one, quite a number of whom were married men. It was a fine bunch of young men, all in the best of spirits and filled with love of country and home that was driving them to the front to defend that which they loved.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US. The Texas Campaign.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: Ex-Governor Ferguson of Texas, who was impeached and removed, giving the executive office to Lieutenant Governor Hobby (asks the people to put him back. His successor also desires to be elected governor. The deposed governor, it will be remembered, made war on the State University because, as he puts it, Texas was "hog wild over higher education." In the campaign now in progress, Governor Hobby is brought under the dead-weight charge of using a tennis court, which ex-Governor Ferguson promises to turn into a cow pasture. The present executive retorts that the only cow his predecessor ever milked "was the State Treasury, and the record shows that he milked it for both milk and butter." The Galveston-Dallas News, in setting forth the situation, declares that "Mr. Ferguson makes his candidacy a challenge to the intelligence and moral sense of the State." At all events, his speech and record constitute no complaint to the people of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gottchalk, of the Valley Creek country, came in Monday to accompany their son Hanz who was returning to Camp Travis to resume his army duties after a short furlough at home.

With French, July 24—2 P. M.—The Germans have launched a counter offensive in an effort to stop the allied advance. The enemy is violently bombarding allied's positions on a twelve mile front from Vrigny southward to the Marne river. They are also throwing shells across the river Marne from Bormans eastward. A new German division has been brought up and put in action, and has been identified by the allies in the region of Vrigny and Coulommies, southwest of Rheims. The French and British are resisting the attack. The allies held off strong counter attacks west of Rheims last night.

Paris, July 24.—The Germans appear determined to avoid prolonged and further retreat, and are preparing for a desperate stand along the present battle line. Bitter resistance against further retreat is made necessary as further allied success will imperil over 400,000 Germans, and break down the German army on the western front. There are over 400,000 Germans within the Soissons-Rheims pocket, and their capture would be endangered by continued advance of the allies.

The French and American troops are overcoming the bitter resistance of the enemy and are making further progress northwest of Chateau-Thierry and south of Oroc.

Mrs. J. S. Clark and three children left Wednesday afternoon for Lometa to visit relatives a week or two.

LINER LOST AFTER 24 HOUR FIGHT

London, July 24.—Four hundred survivors of the Justicia, a White Star Liner, landed at an Irish port today. The survivors say that seven of the crew were lost and all the passengers and other members of the crew saved.

The Justicia was a 32,000 ton vessel, carrying large stores of supplies and many passengers. It was sunk by a submarine after a twenty four hour battle. Survivors say that only one torpedo fired by the submarines at the liner was effective, although the fight lasted twenty four hours and many torpedoes were fired.

Two Million To Be In France Before Winter

Washington, July 23.—With probably not much more than a quarter of a million American troops in the present battle, but with virtually a million others, either in France or hastening across the ocean to join in the fight General Foch has been able to turn the tables on the enemy and strike a blow that has changed the whole trend of the war.

Officers here, while fully recognizing the fact that the Americans today are only a comparatively small part of the vast forces the supreme commander is using in working out his strategic designs, realize the fact that the American army is going forward in a constantly increasing stream, is the governing factor in restoring the initiative to the allied forces. Plans are therefore taking shape rapidly at the war department to accelerate and enlarge the American military program.

It is now virtually certain that General Foch will have at least two million troops to supplement his allied armies before the present fighting season closes. Secretary Baker announced today the war department's new program embraces enlarged army appropriations, modifications of the draft ages to increase the reservoir of fighting men and plans for a larger mobilization of the army than any yet under-

taken would soon be ready for congress. He would not give details but the plan probably aim at getting under way without delay a total force not far short of five million figure widely discussed in congress when the subject was last under consideration there.

The fighting in the Aisne salient, where the whole German offensive scheme has been upset if not definitely defeated by the bold strategy of General Foch, has opened new possibilities. There is increased need for haste in the opinion of officials, in getting full American man power ready to supplement the efforts that appear now to be taking shape toward hurling the enemy back all along the front and beginning the advance that will end only when victory had been achieved.

Reports today indicate that fully one half of all ground won by the Germans in the Aisne salient already has been torn from the enemy's grasp and the French, British and American troops were still pressing on at last accounts.

BIGGER BATTLE COMING.

Mr. Baker said today that the last reports from General Pershing were satisfactory. It was clear, however, that the minds of officials here are engrossed in preparations of offensive battles on even greater scale.

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It is characteristic of folks after they pass the allotted "three score years and ten" to look back over the days that are gone and thoughtfully live them over. I find myself, at seventy-one, frequently drifting back a quarter of a century, when I see myself in the little drug store I owned at Bolivar, Mo., making and selling a vegetable compound to my friends and customers—what was then known only as Dr. Lewis' Medicine for Stomach, Liver and Bowel Complaints.

For many years while I was perfecting my formula I studied and investigated the laxatives and cathartics on the market and became convinced that their main fault was not that they did not act on the bowels, but that their action was too violent and drastic, and upset the system of the user; which was due to the fact that they were not thorough enough in their action, some simply acting on the upper or small intestines, while others would act only on the lower or large intestine, and that they almost invariably produced a habit requiring augmented doses.

I believed that a preparation to produce the best effect must first tone the liver, then act on the stomach and entire alimentary system. If this was accomplished, the medicine would produce a mild, but thorough elimination of the waste without the usual sickening sensations, and make the user feel better at once.

After experimenting with hundreds of different compounds, I at last perfected the formula that is now known as Nature's Remedy, which I truly believe goes further

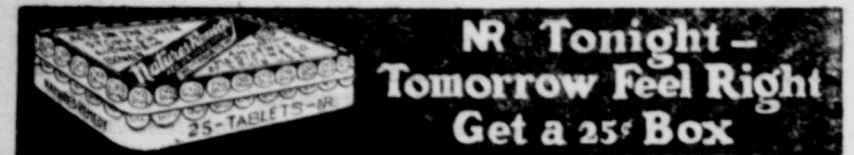
and does more than any laxative on the market today. The thousands of letters from users have convinced me I was right, and that the user of Nature's Remedy as a family medicine, even though he may have used it for twenty-five years, never has to increase the dose.

My knowledge of medicine and the results of its use in my own family and among my friends, before I ever offered it for sale, caused me to have great faith in Nature's Remedy from the very first.

And now as I find myself nearing the age when I must bow to the inevitable and go to another life, my greatest pleasure is to sit each day and read the letters that each mail brings from people as old or older than I, who tell of having used Nature's Remedy for ten, fifteen and twenty years, and how they and their children and grandchildren have been benefited by it. It is a consoling thought, my friends, for a man at my age to feel that aside from his own success, one has done something for his fellow man. My greatest satisfaction, my greatest happiness today, is the knowledge that tonight more than one million people will take a bottle of Nature's Remedy (DR Tablets) and will be better, healthier, happier people for it. I hope you will be one of them.

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BEST THRIFT ESSAY FROM THIS COUNTY

The state director of the War Savings Stamp Board, has forwarded to County Chairman C. A. Doose, an essay written by Ulmer Bird, with the request that Mr. Doose have same published in the local paper.

The essay was written in competition in a campaign inaugurated by the War Stamp Board to stimulate stamp buying and saving. The board announces that the essay herewith published was the best received from this county. Ulmer is the son of Prof. and Mrs. L. S. Bird.

THRIFT.

"Thrift" is the greatest subject that can be expressed in a single word. It includes love, toil, sincerity, frugality and morality—all great subjects within themselves. It has made and overthrown nations; it has meant success to millions of people. It is a hard problem to master, but the answer is always the same.

Our country was founded upon thrift. Thrift established the Pilgrims at Plymouth and made possible the permanency of their settlement. It felled the forest and built homes, finding sustenance in natural resources. It developed the great West, navigated rivers, established industries, and built towns. It defeated every enemy and made possible the first great democratic nation. Thus thrift is the corner stone of Democracy.

But alas, prosperity, sired by thrift, forgot for a season its progenitor. The sons of those who wrought so well had enjoyed the fruits of their thrift without appreciating its value, and we were beginning to see shameful waste because the land provided us with plenty. But the alarm bell of war, the cry of distress, and the command of necessity have said "Right about face!" and now we see a return to the old habits in the process of establishing the corner stone of the new world democracy.

To use a western phrase, we must "look the proposition squarely between the eyes." The outcome is plain—we must save or we perish. We had forgotten that such a thing as famine was, and that the time comes when a people must

face cold steel and cold facts and must prove true or be vanquished. "The die is cast, the Rubicon is crossed," and thrift must judge the issue. Then we must stand ready to sacrifice, ready to save and serve in every possible way. Save every nickel, for twenty make a dollar. Moreover, to thrive means not only to save, but to bend our backs to earnest toil. One great lesson of the war is the repetition of the old, old lesson that nobody is so good to work. Let us work with the energy of one who sees success ahead. I have "swung" a hoe and felt the glory that ever attends an honest workman. Let us feel that there is honor in the meanest task and that a halo surrounds the head of him who toils and glories in it. There is a difference between the task that is merely perfunctorily done and that which is done with a vision—a vision of service rendered, of achievement, of success. This is thrift in its highest sense.

To working and saving I would add one more phase of this subject. It is that which underlies every civilization and is the foundation and the bulwark of every enlightened government—moral thrift. What is moral thrift? It is that which forbids the waste of manhood, that which forges the fiber of material success, that which furnishes the reserve energy in an extreme moment, and that which determines who shall be victor in the end. Material and moral thrift go hand in hand. One cannot exist without the other.

That it is vital that each man keep himself clean and fit for the task which is at hand. In the field, in the shop, and elsewhere, that driving, compelling manly energy which identifies supremacy is characteristic of the man who always keeps himself morally fit for that which is entrusted to him as a part of the nation's industry. Such a man breathes every billow, endures every hardship, makes every sacrifice, and becomes the victor, the super man—a part of the backbone of the nation.

So how shall we identify the thrifty man? He is the man who works, taking pride in his work; saves the product of his labor; and keeps himself morally fit for the task that is his to do. Hence, the problem confronting our people today is to maintain a citizenship that, in the land with which nature has so blessed them, finds all that can be produced, conserves it for the glory of the human race, and keeps itself stolidly pure as benefits the citizenship of a great nation.

To uphold our unblemished ideals, to acquit ourselves as becomes the people we claim to be, to carry to victory the banner we fly, we must not forget that bone and sinew are necessary, and that dreams of world democracy do not feed and clothe an army, nor alone carry our standard forward. For the principles we love, for

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the hopes we cherish, we must plan and work, save and sacrifice, and be clean and true to ourselves and to our God. This is the thrift that will win.—By Ulmer Bird, aged 17.

I hereby certify that the above is my original work.
ULMER BIRD,
Ballinger, Texas.

I hereby certify that Ulmer Bird is a bona fide pupil in the Ballinger High School.
J. M. SKINNER,
Superintendent Ballinger Schools.

REDUCED RATES TO FARMERS CONGRESS

REDUCED RAILROAD RATES FOR TEXAS FARMERS CONGRESS.

I take pleasure in announcing to those contemplating attending the sessions of the Texas Farmers Congress, to be held at College Station July 29, 30 and 31, that the director general of the railroads has approved our application, and granted the regular reduced rate, one cent per mile each way, for this meeting. The same rate has also been granted for the Farmers Short Course to be conducted by the A. & M. College on July 22 to 27. The selling dates for these meetings will be as follows: for the Short Course, July 21 and 22, and for the Farmers Congress, July 28 and 29, with a final return limit of August 1. The sale of these tickets also provides that those living at a greater distance, or beyond Del Rio, or Dalhart can purchase their tickets one day earlier than above given dates.

Under present conditions the officers of the Farmers Congress deeply appreciate the reduced rates and we feel that the people who are to attend should consider themselves very fortunate in being able to enjoy the Congress at such a nominal cost.

To those who have never attended the Farmers Congress we desire to extend a most cordial invitation to be with us this year. We feel sure that you will be fully repaid for the time and money spent.

Our programs have been arranged along lines of conservation in food, feed, land, and livestock and there is something that will be of interest to you and with the knowledge gained you will be able to help others.

These meetings are not for men only but include women, boys and girls. Aside from a general interest in all of the programs, there will be special meetings and programs arranged for ladies, also boys and girls.

Although we are now living in very unusual times, everyone is striving to economize and help our government in every possible way, yet it is absolutely necessary that one take a short vacation and relax from the grinting every day duties. No season of the year and no better place can be found for this than by visiting the Texas A. & M. College and enjoying the sessions of the Farmers Congress.

The expense is small. Estimate the round trip railroad rate from most points in the State at \$6.00 then allow \$2.00 per day for the time you are at the College—includes fifty (.50) cents per day for incidentals, such as ice, lights, laundry of linen, janitor service, etc. The other \$1.50 per day is for the cost of meals, which will be served in the regular mess hall. Rooms are furnished free in the regular college dormitories. Where can you spend another three days at the same expense and derive as much real benefit from your vacation.

Please inquire of your local railroad agent some days in advance if he has received notice to sell reduced railroad tickets for this occasion. If he has not, please ask him to communicate with the general passenger agent at once asking for instruction.

CHAIRMAN.

FIRST WOMAN VOTE CAST FOR HOBBY.

Before leaving for Brown county to visit her parents Friday, Mrs. J. A. Freeman called at the county clerk's office and filed her ticket, which was made out and will be delivered to the manager of the election next Saturday. Mrs. Freeman announced that it was a vote for Hobby. This is the first vote cast by a woman in this county.

FIRST VOTE CAST IS FOR GOV. HOBBY

Roy Clayton was here from Talpa country Thursday, and called at the County Clerk's office to file his vote in the primary election. Mr. Clayton stated that he would not be here election day and he did not want to leave the county until he scratched Ferguson's name on the ticket.

Under the law governing absentee voting, voters who will be absent from their voting precinct on election day may file with the county clerk his ballot made out. This must be done between the tenth and third day before the election.

The county clerk receives the ballot together with the voter's poll tax receipt, encloses them in an envelop and on the third day before the election mail them to the manager of the election in the precinct where the voter resides. On the day of the election the manager of the election opens the envelope list the voter's name on the poll list and counts the ballot. The envelope must be opened between the hour of one and two o'clock and any one wishes to challenge the ballot can do so. When the voters name is written on the poll list the word "absentee" is written after it, showing the manner in which the ballot was cast. No one is allowed to assist the voter in making out his ticket.

As eighty men will leave here for Camp Travis next Monday, it is expected that quite a number of these will vote before they leave. T. F. Krebs, county chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee has issued to the county clerk tickets for the absentee voters, and those wishing to vote must appear before the clerk. The clerk is required to keep a record of all the tickets issued to him by the county chairman.

To the Women Voters and other Voters of the Seventeenth Congressional District:

Judge Joe Adkins, of Brady, Texas, candidate for Congress in this seventeenth district, is a man who stands for clean politics and good government.

Rev. J. H. Taylor, pastor Baptist Church.

A. W. Tipton, member Methodist Church.

A. B. Carrithers, member Christian Church.

Dr. J. B. Granville, Jr., member Presbyterian Church.

John E. Brown, County Judge, McCulloch County.

J. C. Wall, Sheriff, McCulloch County.

P. A. Campbell, District Clerk, McCulloch County.

W. J. Yantis, County Clerk, McCulloch County.

H. R. Hodges, Tax Assessor, McCulloch County.

Mrs. E. Strickland.

Mrs. Clara Millerkin.

Miss Nettie Bellamy.

Mrs. Nora Montgomery.

and over three hundred of the leading men and women of Brady and McCulloch County, whose names are omitted for lack of space.

MAY ASK FOR REMISSION OF TEXAS

There is some talk of putting on foot a move to ask the legislature to pass a bill remitting the taxes of the people in a number of the drouth stricken counties of Texas.

With the severest drouth in the history of the county, and three successive crop failures and high cost of feed, is working a hardship on the farmers in this section. Many of these farmers have a pride that cause them to oppose any steps asking that taxes be remitted, while others hold out that it is no worse to ask for the remission of taxes than it is to call for the passage of drouth sufferers bill as was done in the last legislature.

Representative Stephens is willing to take just such steps as the people of his district wish in the matter, and if petitions asking for the passage of such law is presented he will no doubt push the matter. The legislature will convene next January.

Miss Francis Siebel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Siebel, of Hatcher, was the week-end guest of young friends in South Ballinger.

REV. R. B. MORGAN TO LEAVE BALLINGER

Rev. R. B. Morgan, for the past year or more, pastor of the First Baptist church, tendered his resignation to the congregation of this church Wednesday night, the resignation to take effect at once. The announcement that Rev. Morgan had resigned and would leave Ballinger came as quite a surprise to his friends who are numbered among the churches and general public of Ballinger.

Rev. Morgan leaves the local church to enter evangelistic work through the remainder of the summer, and then he will enter some branch of service for the government in doing war work. He will move from Ballinger to Memphis, Texas, arrangements being made now to move his family to that city next week.

This county loses a good man, a good preacher and a valuable worker for the welfare of the community and the nation in the person of Rev. Morgan. He has worked faithfully since coming here for the success of the Red Cross, War Stamps and Liberty Bond campaigns, being an active member of the Council of National Defense. He has spoken at every school house in the county at least one time and at some of the school houses many times. He has given of his time, he has given of his money and he has given of his own blood to the cause of the war, having a son in the service now.

The Ledger joins the friends of Rev. Morgan and family in extending to them best wishes for their success wherever they go to cast their lot.

WOOD HEAD OF WHAT CHEER.

Omaha, Neb., July 19.—William E. Woodhead, of What Cheer, Iowa has enlisted in the U. S. Marines here.

William of What Cheer is a very modest soldier but he is confident Uncle Sam will find him a good fighter.

"I'm a corn-fed product of good old Iowa," he said, "and I'm aching for the day when Woodhead of What Cheer will face the squarehead of Potsdam. I'll sure bring what cheer I can to him—with a bayonet."

Mrs. W. A. Mathews and little daughter of Hancock, Texas, who had been visiting her grand father A. J. Spann and other relatives in Ballinger the past week or two, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Morgan Ward, of San Augustin, who had been visiting W. R. Clark and family and C. E. Ward of the Spring Hill section, left Wednesday afternoon to visit relatives at Coleman a few days before going on home.

CANDIDATE FOR LIEUT. GOV. HERE

Senator W. A. Johnson, of Hall county, candidate for lieutenant governor, was in Ballinger Friday forenoon, spending several hours here meeting friends and presenting his claim for the lieutenant governor's office. Mr. Johnson stated that he had visited 135 counties in Texas and wanted to visit as many more as possible during the remainder of the campaign. He expressed himself in the most optimistic way over the prospects of his success, despite the fact that there are five anti-Ferguson candidates on the ticket for this office and only one Ferguson candidate.

Senator Johnson is recognized as the militant anti-Ferguson candidate, as he was the first senator to spring the charges against Ferguson and was the author of the resolution which started the first investigation of Ferguson's crookedness. He says that the support of the anti-Ferguson forces are rapidly crystallizing behind him, and feels confident that if he fails to get a majority in the first election he will be the high man on the Hobby ticket and will defeat the Ferguson candidate in the runoff.

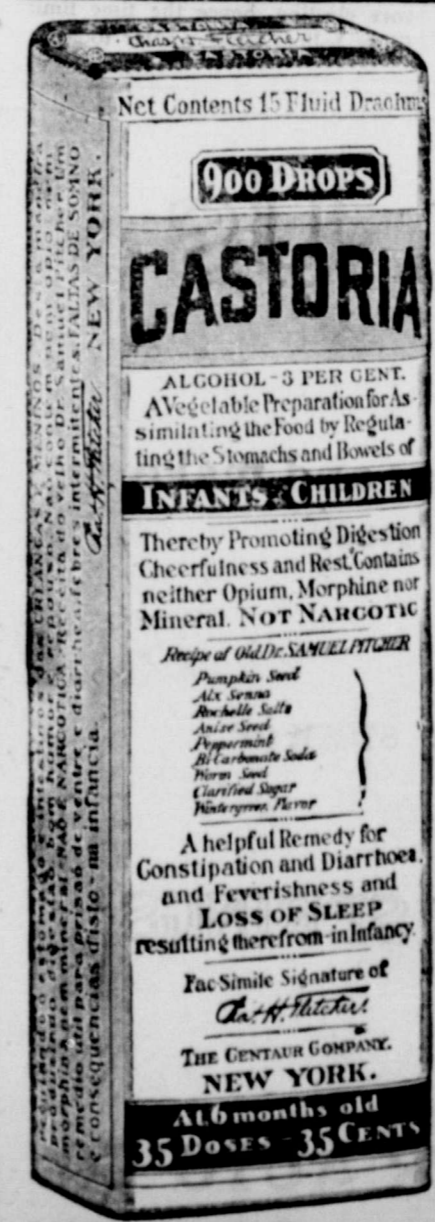
Mr. Johnson is the senator who Ferguson branded as a "nigger." When the resolution calling for an investigation was offered in the house, and while under debate, Ferguson appeared before the senate to defend himself, and branded Johnson as a "nigger," and during his speech before the senate he pointed his finger at Johnson in the attack, and said, "he looks like a nigger, acts like a nigger and is a nigger."

MOVING BARBER SHOP TO CAMP BOWIE.

Jim McWhirter, one of the pioneer barbers of this city, and who has been in charge of the Ballinger Barber Shop for some time, is packing the shop fixtures and will ship out at once for Camp Bowie. Mr. McWhirter has been working in a shop at Camp Bowie and found a good opening there for his shop and is losing no time in getting on the scent.

Mr. McWhirter's family will follow him as soon as he can get his shop located and secure suitable home for his family. Jim came to Ballinger twenty-five years ago. He has made thousands of faces smoother, and he leaves behind many friends who wish for him and his family happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Mrs. Stevens and daughter, of Miles, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit in Ballinger with friends a few days.

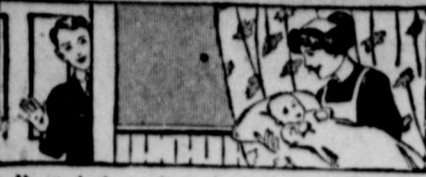


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With Never-Tel—the world's cleanest, safest, most sanitary hair restorative. Not a dye, not sticky, and positively will not stain the most delicate skin. No extra to buy, no mess, no red-ditch hair to annoy. Put up in delicately Perfumed Tablets. Easily dissolved in a little water as used. At all drug stores, or send direct in plain wrapper. NEVER-TEL LABORATORIES CO. Pat. 23,172. Evansville, Ind., U.S.A.

Men Welcome Mother's Friend

A Duty that Every Man Owe to Those who Perpetuate the Race.



It is just as important that men should know of proper methods in advance of motherhood. Suffering, pain and distress incident to childbirth can be avoided by having at hand a bottle of the time-honored preparation, Mother's Friend. This is a penetrating external application that relieves the tension upon the muscles and enables them to expand without painful strain upon the ligaments and nerves.

Thousands of women for over half a century who have used Mother's Friend tell how they entirely avoided nervous spells and nausea and preserved a bright, happy disposition that reflects wonderfully upon the character and disposition of the little one soon to open its eyes in bewilderment at the joy of his arrival.

By regular use of Mother's Friend during the period the muscles are made and kept pliable and elastic. They expand easier when baby arrives, and pain and danger at the crisis is naturally less.

You can obtain Mother's Friend at any drug store. It is for external use only, is absolutely safe and wonderfully effective. Write to the Bradford Regulator Co., Lamar, Ark., Atlanta, Ga., for their valuable and instructive "Motherhood Book" of guidance for expectant mothers, and remember to get a bottle of Mother's Friend at the druggist's today. It is the greatest kind of help to nature in the glorious work to be performed.

LEMONS MAKE SKIN WHITS, SOFT, CLEAR

Make this beauty lotion for a few cents and see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to whiten the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach clear and smoothen, and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at a very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

NO MORE CIDER WITH KICK IN IT HERE

County Attorney Harris announced Saturday that cider sales in this county had been stopped.

"When the cider tested out a greater per cent of alcohol than allowed to be sold in dry territory, the dealers very rapidly agreed not to sell it," said County Attorney Harris.

The analysis made a short time ago of two samples of cider from this county showed 5 1-2 to 6 1-2 per cent alcohol. Three cold drink stands in the county were selling the cider. When their attention was called to this they immediately packed the cider and returned it to the wholesalers from whom they purchased the cider.

The local option law is being rigidly enforced in this county, and after a few weeks the supply of booze laid in by some of the habitués will become exhausted and then it will be extremely dry.

KEEP A BEE AND TRAIN HIM TO STING HUNS!

Washington, July 19.—The little busy bee improves each shining hour just like a Red Cross worker these days, and he's stinging the Kaiser quite considerably. About 250,000,000 pounds of honey are produced in the United States, the department of agriculture announces. This is an important contribution to the nation's food supply, particularly in these days of sugar shortage. The department urges an increase in honey production to at least 10 to 20 times the amount now produced. The available supply of honey nectar at present is only touched by the busy bee.

Cap. Barnett, of the Valley Creek country passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a business trip to San Angelo.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.

TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

House Joint Resolution No. 2. To amend Section 10, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions, and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the testimony of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section (10) of Article (1) of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Sec. (10). In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself and shall have the right of being heard by himself or counsel, or both, shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and shall have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, except that when the witness resides out of the State and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this state, the defendant and the State shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the Legislature may hereafter provide; and no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense, unless on an indictment of a grand jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fine or imprisonment, otherwise than the penitentiary, in cases of impeachment and in cases arising in the army and navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of his amendment to the qualified voters of this State at the next general election for State and county officers.

Sec. 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature shall vote upon said amendment at the said general election and at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot the following: "For amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, or indictment, and taking of testimony of witnesses by deposition, under certain circumstances," and those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against the amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution."

Sec. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any fund of the state Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expense of publishing proclamation, and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas, 123, nays, 4; and passed the Senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas, 21, nays, 4; and the House concurred in the Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 6.)

Approved March 10, 1917. (A TRUE COPY.) C. D. MIMS, Acting Secretary of State. 2657-618-400 12-w4t.

SPECIAL TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FURNISHING FREE TEXT BOOKS

House Joint Resolution No. 27. Proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Sec. 3, providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, be so changed as to read as follows (creating a new section 3):

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed

thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts, and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereinafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the schools of the State and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State, and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expense of such publication and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 27 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 108, nays 22; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 4.)

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BALLINGER MAN HURT IN SHIP YARDS

Mrs. Osear Harbor received news Friday stating that her husband had been hurt in the ship building yards at Orange, Texas. The message indicated that Mr. Harbour was not seriously hurt. Mr. Harbous resigned his position with R. P. Conn a short time ago and went to Houston, and later accepted employment in the ship yards. He kept his wife here with her father, R. J. Deen.

W. H. Baker and son, of the Winters country, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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

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

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation, poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrup. 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. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

RUNNELS ROAD BONDS APPROVED

County judge received official notice Thursday that the road bonds of the Ballinger precinct had been approved. Judge Parish also received telegrams from bond buyers asking that they be given an opportunity to bid on the bonds.

The bonds are considered first class investment by bond buyers and they will bring a good price. As soon as the \$75,000 is in hand road work will be put under way here. The state and federal appropriation of about \$40,000 will come in and be used in augmenting the road fund. The main highway in this precinct will be put in first class condition just as fast as the work can be done, and cross section roads will be improved, concrete culverts constructed and a big viaduct across the Colorado river will take the place of the death trap steel bridge that has served so long.

After this road work has been completed the maintenance of the highways will be much less than at present, and a good part of the up-keep can be taken care of out of the auto tax money. Then the only rough place will be the streets of Ballinger, which so far as we have been able to ascertain can not be repaired without money, and that is something the city government is very short on.

Corporal Charlie Boyd, who had been spending a short furlough at home, left Wednesday afternoon for Camp Travis, but before he got as far as Talpa a message was received by Mr. Boyd extending Charlie's furlough 48 hours, and a message caught him at Talpa and he returned home to spend the extended time. He will be moved in a few days to the officers training camp at Camp Pike, Arkansas.

The case of Richard Gottschalk and Emil Keiffer, charged with disloyalty, were called for trial in Federal court at San Angelo Friday.

Keiffer was tried on twelve different counts, and convicted in seven of the counts, a sentence of two years in the federal penitentiary given in each of the seven counts. The sentences were made concurrent which in effect means that the convicted man can serve his term simultaneously and complete the 14 year term in two years. Keiffer lived with his father in the Winters country. He was arrested during the early spring, charged with disloyalty, released on bond to await the action of the

RANGER REPLIES TO ATTORNEY'S LETTER

To the Editor of the Ledger.

I wish to reply in a few words to the attack made on the officers of this county by Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo, in his letter recently published in your paper.

He charges in effect that we have been guilty of persecution, and in arresting innocent citizens, that we have been over-zealous. Most of the arrests made on charges of disloyalty, have been made by me or under my direction, and in each instance, the affidavits supporting the charges are on file in the Federal Court at San Angelo. Only nine were put under bond, the rest being arrests pending investigations. Two of the nine were indicted. I have also arrested about 35 slackers, some of them from Tom Green county, and of this number 22 have been put into service. I have no doubt from information I have that I could go into Tom Green county and round up still other slackers with the help of the faithful oficers there.

I am sincere in believing that Judge Harris wrote his letter as an appeal to the pro-German element of our citizens, as he must realize that a criticism coming from a private citizen in another county would be effective to our citizens, and to be as charitable as possible, could be nothing less than an act of marked discourtesy. I am confirmed in my belief as to the object of his letter by reason of inquiries made of me by the gentleman as to the ability of some of those arrested to pay a fee, and the expressed desire to be introduced to them, which occurred shortly after the arrests were made. It may be of interest to some to know that as a matter of fact his law firm were counsel for some of the parties whose cases were investigated by the recent grand jury.

In justification of my facts, I hope those who know me well enough to judge, will concede to me the honest intentions which have actuated me in trying to do my duty as an officer. My pay is so limited that I have investigated many cases at a heavy financial loss, and in all cases I have been looking for the traitor to our government and have not the least desire to persecute the innocent.

J. P. FLYNT.

NEW OIL VENTURE IN COKE COUNTY

San Angelo, July 19.—Lumber for the erection of an oil derrick on the Kearney Mayes place in Coke county was hauled from San Angelo Thursday to the site that has been selected, three and one-half miles south of Bronte. Eleven thousand five hundred acres of land in this vicinity have been leased by R. S. Huffman and Judge Irby Dunklin, of Fort Worth, from the Bronte Oil and Gas Company through Cal Huffman of San Angelo.

The North Texans plan to sink a test well to a depth of at least 3,500 feet. The derrick will be built this week, and the machinery which is now on the way from an Oklahoma point, should arrive within a few days. Drilling should be under way by August 1.

S. P. Hale, of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Gottschalk Not Guilty; Kieffer Gets 7 Years

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grand jury which indicted him last week.

Gottschalk was acquitted. The attorneys for this defendant filed a general demurrer, admitting that while the allegations in the indictment were true, that under the law the defendant was not guilty of any offense, and the court so held.

The defendant was alleged to have made disloyal remarks which resulted in an altercation between he and Chas. Grant at Winters during the spring. He was arrested and placed under bond to await the action of the federal grand jury, and an indictment was returned by the grand jury last week.

GIRLS! HAVE A MASS OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR, SOFT, GLOSSY, WAVY

A small bottle destroys dandruff and doubles beauty of your hair.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine your can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

LOCAL MERCHANTS SHOULD ADOPT THIS

San Angelo, July 18.—The one-day plan, desired by the commercial economy board of the national council of defense, was inaugurated in San Angelo Tuesday by the thirty retail grocers who are members of the Tom Green County Wholesale and Retail Grocers' Association. Orders sent in until twelve o'clock noon were filled after 1:30 p. m. Most of the stores had supplied all their customers at seven o'clock, the usual closing time.

The object of the plan is to release men for military service and to conserve gasoline, which is greatly needed by both the army and the navy. Heretofore deliveries have not been restricted and delivery cars have traveled hundreds of miles daily.

When the grocers' association arranged the present schedule, the matter of morning or afternoon delivery was discussed and the majority decided that afternoon delivery was preferable. Since that time some of the retailers and many of the customers have become convinced that morning deliveries would be more satisfactory. Under this plan, groceries ordered each afternoon would be delivered the following morning.

B. Buford, of the Maverick country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Camp Bowie to resume his army duties after a short furlough spent at home.

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 Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS.
- For Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For Assessor: J. N. KEY.
- JACK N. McKAY.
- J. R. HOLLOWAY
- For Commissioner No. 4: I. A. CURRY.
- J. E. TIDWELL.
- For Tax Collector: M. D. CHASTAIN.
- For County Superintendent: JOHN J. BUGG.
- S. L. BIRD.
- For Representative 111 District: C. R. STEPHENS.
- For County Clerk: C. W. McCARVER.
- For Commissioner No. 3: J. D. SMITH.
- For District Clerk: C. C. COCKRELL.
- MRS. L. H. BACON.
- For Commissioner No. 1: J. R. HARRIS.
- R. P. KIRK.

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Prominent head liners in daily papers say, "Ferguson men for Hobby." When a man is for Hobby he is not a Ferguson man.

And now the Germans say they believe there are ten million Americans on the Western front. They denied our claim recently.

If Hobby is not on the right side of the political battle line, and has no show of being elected, why is it so many candidates are crawling on the Hobby band wagon?

A straight road is the cheapest in the long run because you get there quicker and it costs less to keep it up. What would you think of a railroad company which constructed its road as crooked as some of our highways?

A jolt in the high cost of living is in store for local telephone subscribers. The telephone company has announced an increase of from sixteen and two-thirds to thirty-three and one-third per cent, effective on August first.

Candidates are on the home stretch.

The little daschound continues to follow Ferguson.

The men with crop failures can profit by leaving their families here, and seeking employment elsewhere, for the present.

If candidates who are supporting Ferguson are to be placed in his class, some people are inconsistent and wreckless with their vote. In plainer words, the man who supports a Ferguson candidate have no right to cuss Ferguson.

Figure the great number of men who have been drafted and volunteered from Rannels county alone and you can get an idea what the war is doing for America. It is estimated that there are about 650 men in service from Rannels county, and considering the population, this is about an average county.

We regret to note the wholesale movement of poultry and pigs from this county, but such steps are made necessary on account of feed crop failure and the high price of feed. Chickens and pigs are a big item on the farm, and the farmer without pigs and poultry will find his living coming mighty high. However, present prices are very satisfactory.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

This war is to be won not by one man or one hundred men or one million men, or one million people. It is to be won by the united efforts of the individuals of many nations.

Every American citizen has an individual duty to perform, an individual share of the responsibility. The more powerful and effective the American forces are the shorter will be the war, and the shorter the war the fewer lives lost, the greater the number of American soldiers who will return home victorious.

Every American who economizes in consumption of material, who saves and lends savings to the government, does something to help win the war.

HOLD YOUR LIBERTY BONDS.

To successfully finance the war it is necessary that owners of Liberty Bonds hold their bonds if possible. Where for any good reason it is necessary for them to turn their bonds into cash they should seek the advice of their bankers.

Liberty loan bonds are very desirable investments, and crafty individuals are using various means to secure them from owners not familiar with stock values and like matters. One method is to offer to exchange for Liberty bonds stocks or bonds of doubtful organizations represented as returning a much higher income than the bonds.

There are various other methods used and likely to be used, some of the gold-brick variety and others less crude and probably within the limits of the law. All offers for Liberty bonds except for money and at market

value should be scrutinized carefully. The bonds are the safest of investments and have nontaxable and other valuable features.

To hold your Liberty loan bonds, if possible is patriotic. To consult your bankers before selling them is wise.

MANY MINDS WITH THE SAME THOUGHT.

A lady voter from Kent county writes in to express her very natural resentment against a candidate for the high office of governor who appears so lacking in normal sensitiveness as to be guilty of professing to see an analogy between himself and Jesus Christ, and their alleged kindred persecutions. Of course the lady properly holds such utter lack of spiritual refinement to be abhorrent to all reverent minds. But it is somewhat astonishing that the lady should conclude her letter by saying, "We don't know what State Press thinks of such rot."

If S. P. had overlooked the duty of expressing himself upon the subject, probably it was because he felt a reluctance to delve into such depths of disgust, but you ought to have known, dear lady, what State Press thinks about it.

State Press no doubt thinks with a great majority of the people of Texas who will vote on July 27th against such profanity. How any man with the least degree of conscience can get up before an intelligent audience and compare himself with Jesus Christ, and say that he had been crucified like Christ, is more than we can understand. It is just as much of a mystery to understand how a man can vote for such a candidate instead of spilling the last drop of his life's blood and drinking the bitter dregs of the cup to the bottom, as did the son of man, Ferguson bled the state treasury of several thousand dollars, was caught in the act, confessed to the crime, and has no better "gumption" than to think he can get the approval of the people by his profanity and fable telling.

SOME THINGS THE LADY FORGOT TO SAY.

In her defense of Jim Ferguson Mrs. DeWolf, who spoke at Ballinger Friday night, did about as well as the average Ferguson speaker could in explaining away the charges made against Ferguson and discussing the issues in the campaign.

However, it is unfortunate that speakers do not make just a little clearer for the "common" people whom they are trying to enlighten, and tell how to vote.

In classing the Texas University as a "rich man's school" the speaker stated that graduates of this school never returned to the soil, that they were not producers, etc. She left the impression that such graduates were a worthless bunch and of no value to their country.

She forgot to say that graduates of the Texas University were fillings places, of usefulness in every line of industry in Texas. She forgot to say that thousands of faithful school teachers, both men and women who completed their education in the university, are devoting their life to teaching the children of this state, and that too, at a very small salary. She forgot to say that hundreds of young men are serving their country as army officers and privates, who completed their education at the university, and some of whom left the university in defense of their country before they had completed their work in that school. She forgot to say that more than fifty per cent of the students of the university work their way through the school. She forgot to say that the cost per student of the A. & M. College is nearly ninety dollars more than the cost per student of the University. She forgot to say that the cost per student of the Prairie View Normal, a negro school, is nearly three hundred dollars more than it is in the university. She forgot to say that the Texas University ranks near the top in class and way down the line in cost when compared with other state universities in the United States. The woman should not be so forgetful.

Mrs. DeWolf denounced the newspapers of this state, branding them as being subsidized, dirty yellow sheets, etc., and said the minds of the people were being drowned in a sea of poison ink. She forgot to say that the newspapers of this state had devoted thousands of columns of space in boosting the sale of Liberty Bonds. She forgot to say that the newspapers had devoted their space

without reserve to the sale of War Stamps. She forgot to say that the newspapers had taken the lead in raising Y. M. C. A. funds. She forgot to say that the newspapers had never overlooked an opportunity to say a good word for the boys who have gone to the front and to denounce pro-Germans. Something Jim Ferguson has never done. She forgot to say that the newspapers always stood up for moral reform religious advancement, and for every good cause put on foot in their respective communities and for the nation at large. The press is not so bad, Mrs. DeWolf, according to her own statement, has contributed some to it.

In discussing the prohibition question, Mrs. DeWolf made light of Hobby's prohibition laws, and said that the kind of prohibition the people wanted was prohibition by submission.

She forgot to say that Ferguson declined to have his legislature submit the prohibition amendment after the people had asked for it by a majority vote. She forgot to say that Ferguson and his platform makers killed that question by declining to put it in the platform after the people had asked for it by their votes. She forgot to say that Hobby was in favor of prohibition by submission and had pledged to do what he could to win by submission. She forgot to say that Ferguson was not only opposed to prohibition by submission but was opposed to any kind of prohibition and pledged in his first campaign to veto all prohibition legislation, and if he had been in the governor's chair when the ten mile and state-wide laws were passed he would have either had to violate his pledge to the liquor interests or refuse to sign the bill which the war department had asked for, and which is protecting the soldiers in the training camps.

Mrs. DeWolf, in ridiculing the privilege that had been given women to vote in the primary, said that it was a white man's primary but not a white woman's primary, and charged that the Hobby forces were getting negro women to register.

She forgot to say that the tax collector had nothing to do with preventing negro women from registering if they wanted to, and that the question of negroes participating in the primary was a question that is entire in the hands of the county democratic executive committee and the election judges. She forgot to say that if the negro women did vote that no doubt more of them would vote for Ferguson than for Hobby, naturally so.

But what is the use of naming the many forgetful things in the Ferguson argument? The time will soon have passed when the man himself will have been forgotten, and the principles for which he stands will be relegated to the scrap heap of political demagoguery.

The Joy of Living.

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

BROTHERS MEET ON BATTLESHIP.

Cumberland, Md., July 23.—Benjamin L. Martin, Jr., of the U. S. Marine Corps and his brother, Edward V. Martin, water tender, both of the U. S. S. Arkansas, traveled on the ocean aboard the same ship for nine months neither knowing the other was aboard.

The boys met recently when they were leaving the ship at the same time to go on a furlough.

The brothers had not seen each other for nine years, prior to boarding the Arkansas—one as a Marine and one as a sailor.

John Gearing who owns a fine section of land on the Concho river some 25 miles southeast of Ballinger was in town today and informed the reporter that he had shipped out all of his stock and with his family, consisting of two little girls and his aged father, would leave for DeWitt county where he will pick cotton for the season. He says that he has not a living thing on his farm in the way of vegetation.

Lame Shoulder.

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

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, burning, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

STREETS CROWDED TO SEE SOLDIERS

One of the largest crowds brought to Ballinger in many days thronged the streets throughout Monday. The people came early and remained late, most of those coming here waiting until after the special train carrying the drafted men had departed.

Many came to see the National Guard troops inspected. Many came to see the drafted men off on the train. Many came to hear Congressman Blanton, and many came just to be with the crowd.

Despite the drouth, and despite the "tight" money matters at this time, there was considerable business, and some of the stores were busy. The people as a whole seemed to be cheerful and are looking on the bright side of things. With crops burned to a crisp, and with 200 young men leaving and getting ready to leave for army camps, one would think that a general complaint would prevail. But not so.

"We are going to stay with the country," said J. T. Snellgrove, of the Norton country. "The old woman has figured up and says we have enough to buy bread with another year," said Mr. Snellgrove, "and we are going to stay until it rains and then we will want to stay."

Rannels county is doing its part towards winning the war. The finest bunch of men ever mobilized have been sent from this county, and are today filling the training camps and trenches in France, and so far the first bad report from any of them is lacking. When the war is over they will return, and their good name will be with them.

ROAD WORK SOON TO BE UNDER WAY.

Commissioner Kirk returned from Austin Sunday where he went to confer with the state highway commission, and shape up matters looking to the building of roads in this precinct. Mr. Kirk says everything is in good shape and that the work will be under way as soon as the usual red tape route can be gone over and the money matters handled according to the commissions' rules and regulations.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head. Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROUO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 30c.

SAYS FERGUSON WILL NOT CARRY BELLCOUNTY.

Thos. C. Hall, of Temple, is here looking after property interest. Mr. Hall owns considerable land in this county and some good cattle. He reports that it is pretty dry in Bell county and that crops are shorter than usual. When queried about the governor's race by a friend, Mr. Hall stated that Ferguson would not carry his home county. Bell county went against Ferguson about 800 votes in the last election.

SHIPPED CATTLE TO FORT WORTH.

W. C. Jones and Claud Wilmeth shipped out Thursday two car loads of cattle, one each, to the Fort Worth market. Ed Jones accompanied the Jones cattle to make the sale.

D. J. Johnson, of Brownwood, traffic manager of the West Texas Phone Company, passed thru Ballinger Thursday en route home from Winters where he had been a few days in the interest of his company.

W. H. Rodgers, of Winters, and W. E. Harter, of Wilmeth, and B. F. Brown, of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, of the Crews country, W. H. Rodgers of Winters, A. J. Laika, of the Pony Creek country, Louie Strube of Olfen, were here Monday on business and to see the boys off to war.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. 60c.

LA PERLA THE DRINK THAT SATISFIES (NON-ALCOHOLIC) Is Fit For All Occasions. BECAUSE it quenches the thirst, with the old-time flavor that reaches the spot, and is wholesome and invigorating. Whence soft beverages are sold La Perla is a prime favorite. At Clubs, Army Exchange and soda fountains it leads all other soft beverages—because it is snappy, sparkling and tastes good to the last drop. Try it today—then have a case sent home! San Antonio Brewing Association NATHAN PASSUR Agent and Distributor.

MRS. KIPP AND FAMILY TO LEAVE BALLINGER.

Their many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. J. H. Kipp and family are to move away from Ballinger within the next few weeks. The family will move to Dallas or Fort Worth, where they will go for better school advantages. They are undecided which one of the cities they will choose for their home. Mrs. Kipp and children have been making their home here for several years, returning here from Mexico when the revolution in that country made it unsafe for them to remain there. Mr. Kipp is engaged in business in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mrs. Walter Buck, of San Angelo, who had been the guest of her friend, Mrs. Horace Strain, and family, returned home Monday at noon.

FORMER BALLINGER BOY KILLED IN FRANCE.

News was received in Ballinger this week announcing the death of Rogers Cox, who was killed in action on the battle front. The young man will be remembered in Ballinger as the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Cox. He was a knee-pants boy while his father served the local Methodist church as pastor. He was among the first to answer for service. Rev. Cox is now serving a Methodist church at Waco. Their friends in Ballinger will regret to hear of the death of their son, but rejoice to know that he was serving in the great cause.

Mrs. Suggart, of Miles, who had been the guest of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones, of the Valley Creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home.

BANK SAFETY FIRST

The first care of the Depositor should be the SAFETY OF THE BANK. The first care of the Bank should be THE SAFETY OF THE DEPOSITOR.

Therefore as members of the Federal Reserve System, while also operating under the State Guaranty Fund Protection We offer our Depositors every convenience and safety known to Modern Banking

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Thirty Day W. S. S. Closed

Our 30 day War Saving Stamp Campaign closed on July 20th and we announce the following winners: Francis Holman, 1st Prize \$5,755.53 One \$5.00 W. S. S. C. A. Doose, Jr., 2nd Prize \$1,301.80 One \$3.00 W. S. S. Dewey Hathaway, 3rd Prize \$756.39 One \$2.00 W. S. S. Jno. I. Guion, Jr., 4th Prize \$338.92 One \$1.00 W. S. S. Neil McAlpine, 5th Prize \$82.29 One \$.50 W. S. S. We wish to thank all the boys and girls that took part in this campaign for their faithful work and though all could not win prizes they can have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done something for their country which is what really counts.

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

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WEEKS DRUG STORE, Ballinger, Texas

Religious Influences Are Indispensable For Soldiers

The army has just about decided that even from a coldly material point of view, the religious influence now placed about the soldiers of the new democracy are indispensable. Recognition that religion for the soldier has a solid basis as well as one in sentiment has come as a result of the splendid work of the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus who drafted men as they came into Camp Travis, many of them away from home for the first time in their lives.

The first few weeks of these men after they enter the army are spent in quarantine while incipient contagions are "spotted" and isolated. During this time of confinement to their company areas the visitors of the "Y" or the K. of C. man with his song books or boxing gloves, and plain man-to-man talks are literally Godsend. Men who are homesick and despondent cheer up, and men who are otherwise might have developed into sullen and slack soldiers find a new stiffening for their spines and a new keenness for the work to which they have been called. Some call that "grit," some call it "pep," some call it "morale." The name is unimportant, but without the thing itself you cannot have a good soldier.

Religious surroundings are not left in the hands of the Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. exclusively. Of course the buildings of these organizations are visited by speakers of almost every faith represented in camp. But the churches of the city also are carrying on their more strictly denominational work in buildings on the edge of the camp. The Baptists have been particularly successful in this work, owing to the fortunate location of the specially erected chapel on the west of Camp Travis adjoining as it does both the cantonment and Fort Sam Houston. At this chapel the soldiers carry on the services almost of themselves, the pastor being himself an ex-soldier. As many as seventy-five men from a single company have been known to walk a half mile after their day's work in order to be at a service.

The Army Post Chapel serves also as a religious center, it being not uncommon on Sundays for the Catholics to hold high mass there in the morning the Episcopalians to have Holy Communion later on, and the Methodist minister to give an old time camp meeting sermon in the same building at night. Various denominations about the Army Post have put forth special efforts to aid the drafted men of Camp Travis in every way and to make them feel at home in their church services.

Downtown churches also accommodate the soldier in every way, on week days as well as on Sundays. By way of illustration, St. Mark's (Episcopalian) church even goes so far as to give a three or four course dinner every Sunday for men in uniform at their morning service. This is to enable the soldier boys of Camp Travis to make the four mile trip to the service and care for the wants of the inner man spiritually without having to neglect their physical. But for this arrangement many would be unable to attend.

The colored men are not forgotten, although in many cases it would seem as if they could take care of themselves in such matters, for there are few companies among them without one or two colored preachers in the enlisted personnel, and on Sundays they have free rein to exhort their brethren in uniform after their own faith and manner. Indeed, the shouts and rhythmic crooning of the old-fashioned "evangelists" can be heard for blocks, broken into now and then by such singing as only colored

BOCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP. will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good nights rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made in N. A. sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

ed people can do. They have their own "Y" building with a "Y" man of their own race to look after them, besides visiting speakers who come to address them.

Religion has found its place in the army. It takes the sight of thousands of uniformed men stepping gladly to the inspiring strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" in brigade and regimental review to realize the full appeal of it. And yet there is no compulsion. For the man who does not hunger and thirst after righteousness there should be no forced feeding. But for the man who is so minded there is every opportunity to worship after the fashion that fits his own conscience.

PRICES FIXED FOR COTTON GINNING

Effective July 22, 1918, and until further notice, the United States Food Administration designates and determines under Special Rule 8, the following to be the fair and just charges for ginning cotton:

(1) "The price of 30 cents per hundred pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner for bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning picked dry cotton.

"The price of 40 cents per hundred pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning snapped or pulled cotton.

"The price of 50 cents per hundred pounds of seed cotton plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning premature, unopened 'bollie' cotton.

It has been found impracticable to determine the just and fair charge for the service of ginning long staple cotton, sea island cotton and such other cotton as may require special care, time or readjustment of machinery. However the charge made for the service must be justifiable in comparison with the standard charge of 30 cents for the ginning of 100 pounds of picked dry cotton.

(2) Ginners are to keep a correct record showing the name and address of each party for whom they gin cotton, the amount of cotton ginned in each case, and the actual charge made for such service. They must be in position at all times to furnish detailed information to the United States Food Administration.

(3) It is necessary that ginners perform this service in such a way that the seed cotton shall be cleaned and the lint removed from the seed in an efficient manner. Such foreign substances as are removed from the seed cotton shall not be returned to the seed but the seed shall be kept in a clean condition. Ginners are not permitted to mix any foreign material with the cotton seed during the time that it is under their control or in their possession.

(4) The charge for ginning shall be the same whether or not the cotton or the cotton seed is purchased by the ginner.

(5) Ginners are to gin as rapidly as possible consistent with good work, all dry seed cotton tendered them, and upon demand they are to return to the owner the cotton and cotton seed ginned by them. If the cotton seed is purchased by the ginner, he must be guided by Rule 5 and Circular No. 40.

(6) Ginners are to keep a careful record, showing the name and address of each party from whom they purchase cotton seed, together with the quantity and price paid for same.

NOTICE.

Ice cream supper for the Red Cross at New Home neighborhood, Friday July 26th. Everybody invited t attend. 20-1td 1tw pd



Fresh Beef Travels on a Rapid Schedule

Fresh beef for domestic markets goes from stockyards to retail stores within a period of about two weeks. Although chilled, this meat is not frozen; hence it cannot be stored for a rise in price.

A steer is dressed usually within twenty-four hours after purchase by the packer. The beef is held in a cooler at the packing house, at a temperature a little above freezing, for about three days.

It is then loaded into a refrigerator car where a similar temperature is maintained, and is in transit to market on an average of about six days.

Upon arrival at the branch distributing house, it is unloaded into a "cooler", and placed on sale.

Swift & Company requires all beef to be sold during the week of arrival, and the average of sales is within five days.

Any delay along the above journey means deterioration in the meat and loss to the packer.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

CLAUD TUBBS DIED.

Claud Tubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Tubbs, of the Valley Creek country, died Saturday morning at 4 o'clock of tuberculosis, at the age of 23 years. Rev. J. D. Roby conducted the funeral service at the residence and the remains were tenderly laid away in the Ballinger cemetery Saturday afternoon.

He was a young man of sterling worth and ability and of exemplary character and a host of friends join the Ledger in sincere condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn his early demise.

VOTERS' INFORMATION IN PRIMARY

Saturday, July 27, is the day. Vote early. Vote before noon if possible, so that the report can be sent in early, and so the clerks will not have to work late.

The latest information from the attorney general is that "women should be permitted to vote whether registered or not," if their homes are outside of cities of 10,000 population or more."

Women voters as well as men may assist in hold the election.

Phone in the returns to this paper at once after the count has been completed. Just tell the telephone operator you have election returns for The Ballinger Ledger, and the proper connection will be made.

A voter must have lived in the state a year and in the county six months next preceding the election day.

Election officers may assist a voter

who is blind or otherwise physically unable to make out his ballot, but must not assist a voter simply because said voter cannot read nor write.

Voters must not carry to the polls any data to refer to in making out a ballot.

Let the judges stamp "woman" on every ticket voted by a woman, and "Woman Unregistered" on every ticket voted by a woman who has not registered.

Take every precaution so that we can easily verify your vote in case of a contest.

Women voters should bring their registration receipts to the polls; others should be prepared to make affidavit as to their qualifications at the voting places.

The polls open at 9 o'clock new time and close at 8 o'clock new time, it having been held that the election should be held according to sun time.

C. G. Eggemeyer, of Stockdale, Texas, was greeting Runnels county friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

M. D. Smith, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin, of Santa Anna, came in Monday at noon to visit her brother C. W. Towler and family a few weeks.

Miss Maryett Smith and brother, Master Clarence, returned home Monday at noon from Gainsville where they had been visiting their sister, Mrs. Turbeville and family and spending a few weeks in Mountain Camp and reports a very pleasant trip.

ENGLISH WOMEN HAD SUFFERED 40 YEARS

Tried Every Kind of Treatment Here and Abroad But Got No Relief Until She Took Tanlac.

"Tanlac has really worked wonders in my case," said Mrs. Mary Higgins, 519 North Ochoa street, El Paso, Texas, recently. Mrs. Higgins is a native of England and was visiting in Aberystwyth, South Wales, when war between England and Germany was declared, and has many relatives and friends on the battle front.

"For almost forty years," continued Mrs. Higgins, "I have suffered with indigestion and dyspepsia and during the past three years, especially, I have tried everything imaginable with no results until I got Tanlac. I was advised to have an operation, which I did, for what was said to be gall stones but I continued to suffer. My stomach would cramp and bloat something awful after eating and even liquid diet did me the same way. My suffering was awful and I got so I was actually afraid to eat anything. A few years ago my nerves seemed to give way and I have been unable to get sufficient sleep and rest."

"While in Europe on a visit I tried many English remedies but neither the medicine or the trip helped me. I was induced to try Tanlac and now after taking four bottles I can truthfully say I feel better than I have in at least thirty years. My sleep is sound and restful and, oh, it is such a relief to be able to eat what I wanted without suffering those terrible pains afterwards. I feel very grateful and am only too glad to tell others about the medicine that has done so much for me."

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Long, and daughter, left in their auto Saturday to spend a few days at Mineral Wells and will spend some time in different points in the State before returning home.

Mrs. C. Jack Green, of Amarillo, came in Thursday night to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Setser and daughters, and J. R. Turner, of Norton, came in Friday afternoon to attend the speaking in Ballinger that night.

G. W. Caswell, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

J. F. Holliday of Abilene, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Friday.

Miss Oma Hartman left Friday afternoon from Houston to visit friends a few weeks.

Clement Hoelscher, of the Rowena country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Seelye to look after business affairs a few days.

Sid Oliver, of the Wilmeth country, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to points east on a business trip.

BALLINGER MINISTER THANKFUL.

"I had stomach trouble for nearly 20 years, also constipation which filled my system with gas and fever. I could not do my work, and while I was down sick a lady sent me a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy which proved truly wonderful. I believe it is the best medicine on earth." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED--To buy your Hog. See W. F. Street. 17-3td 1tw.

HANDS WANTED--Matagorda county needs 1,500 cotton pickers, rice harvesters, and teams. Abundant rains and extensive county irrigation system have produced immense crops. Harvesters can make good wages thru extended period. C. W. Kelly, Secretary Chamber of Commerce Bay City, Texas. d&w 1t.

WILL LOAN--One Thousand Dollars on good Ballinger property. Phone 566 for particulars. 19-2td 1tw.

LOST--Gray summer coat, with Baker-Hemphill tag, on road between Abilene and Ballinger. Finder please leave at Ledger office. R. J. ERVINE. 24-1td 1tw.

WANTED--242,752 lbs. good fat hens. 3td 1tw R. P. CONN.

NOTICE. We pay best cash price for Liberty Bonds, we buy and sell stocks, write us MORGAN-YATTER, 1307 Southwestern Life Bldg. Dallas, Texas. 12-1twpd.

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

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

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ATTACKED BY HUNS SAYS PIGEON MESSAGE

London, July 24--A message by carrier pigeon is the last word American Navy officials here have of Ensign G. T. Rowe, American naval aviator, missing since May 30.

The message signed by Rowe reads: "On the water. Attacked by three Huns."

Rowe and a British aviator were patrolling off the Dutch coast when the former was forced to descend for repairs. The British aviator had turned homeward, when he heard shot and discovered three German planes had attacked Rowe's machine. He returned to the post where Rowe had descended, but was unable to find any trace of the American.

The British flyer was forced to give up the search when he discovered six German destroyers in the vicinity. It is believed Rowe was taken prisoner.

W. J. Davis, of the Winters country, and A. C. Herring and R. E. McWilliams, of the Talpa country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Sam Schooler, of Big Lake, accompanied by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Effie Schooler and children, of San Angelo, are visiting Mrs. R. H. Schooler of our city.

Mrs. S. M. Hill, who had been spending some time with her son W. M. Hill and family, left Friday afternoon for Brownwood to visit another son a few weeks.

Ugh! Calomel Sickens; Salivates!
Please Try Dodson's Liver Tone

I am sincere! My medicine does not upset liver and bowels so you lose a day's work.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bowels and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your

druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children as well.

"Ferguson The Greatest Man Texas Has Today"

—Miss Mary Phillips.

With 400 or 500 people occupying improvised seats arranged for the occasion, with perhaps an equal number seated on the lawn in the court house park, and with the Mesdames H. C. Gardner, J. H. Wilke, A. J. Voelkel, Miss Mary Phillips, of Ballinger; Mesdames W. A. Schuhmann and L. Tepileck, of Rowena; Mrs. Will Benge, niece of the speaker, of Concho county, occupying the platform with the speaker, Mrs. Gene Griffin DeWolf and her husband, formed the setting Friday night for the first Ferguson political rally held in this city during the present campaign.

J. McGregor called the meeting to order and introduced Miss Mary Phillips as "our Mary," who, reading from her manuscript introduced Mrs. DeWolf. "I am not going to make a speech," said Mr. McGregor, after calling the meeting to order. "I am not going to introduce to you one who is even better known to the people of Runnels county than I am, though I have lived longer than she has, I present to you 'Our Mary.'"

Miss Mary Phillips came up from Brownwood Friday, where she has been at work, having appointed Mrs. L. H. Bacon as her deputy in the district clerks office of this county. In introducing Mrs. DeWolf, Miss Phillips said in part:

To My Friends at Home, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again." As the petals of the beautiful rose unfold themselves to scatter fragrance for the living just so, the truth which was crushed to earth last summer shall rise again.

"The time has come when political machinery must be ousted and the principles for which we are sending our fine sons to France to fight for (Democracy) must be realized.

"Having grown up in this county surrounded by politicians I do not stand before you as totally ig-

norant of the truth as a two-year-old would be who is ready to swallow all the taffy candy you might offer him or as innocently led away by the political machinery of Texas as the little fellow who is riding his hobby-horse.

"We know the ladies of Texas do not admire a man like Mr. Hobby. They admire a manly man, a man who is brave and stands for things of right and justice with a backbone. The world needs real men and real women—not shoe strings for backbones to protect the nation. To elect the man of the political machinery of Texas will be a calamity in the most tragic sense. If the good people of this great state do not stand by Jim Ferguson, who has proven without doubt, that he is the friend of the masses and laboring people, and one who had the strength of character and backbone to call down the bunch of grafters of the University, the day will come when you wish you had. If the people do not stand for ousting fraud and grafters then what man do you expect to be bold and brave enough, to show up a lot of crooks who do not have you or your children's interests at heart. Jim Ferguson is the man who has been true and tried friend and the political machinery and the press syndicate have always fought the man who stood for the men, women and children who are the producers and backbone of the nation. (Cheers.)

"It was not Hobby's influence that the ladies of Texas the suffrage which they now have but it was the same Legislature which tried so hard to impeach the man they failed to impeach. Hobby didn't grant the Woman Suffrage as some would have you believe. If Hobby had been in favor of such a measure why did he turn the bill favoring woman suffrage over to the Committee of Manufacturing and Mines, where it was killed, and to get the bill through a new bill had to be framed and pre-

sented under his protest, mind you, and even then, he pigeonholed the bill two weeks before he ever signed it. Why did he? He wanted to be so sure on which side of the issue the most popular vote might be cast. And since so many of our manly boys have gone to the front to down Kaiserism, he and his political associates have tried to devise a scheme by which they might win a landslide vote, by catering to the ladies vote. Self was interested more than he was in the women of Texas. They say they need the women's votes to purify politics. If so, why do they try to drag her to vote for a man who for years edited a liquor paper down in South East Texas to keep submission out of Texas and who kept whiskey in Beaumont with the "nigger" vote and who is now flirting with the women of Texas by waving the white flag of prohibition at them, when he is no more a pro today than he was the day he entered to the Liquor Traffic for its vote. He has turned his coat for the popular color but it is far from the dear old Red, White and Blue; for no man can betray his friend and be a patriot.

And among all the tragic things that of O. B. Colquitt, who ran for U. S. Senate in opposition to Woodrow Wilson and the government and he was defeated. Not only that but he was openly denounced by none other than the Hon James E. Ferguson, who has been with Wilson from the very first and until this day.

With my own ears I heard Mr. Ferguson in the city of New Braunfels, Texas, where he stood in one of the biggest assemblies of Texas, the State Volunteer Firemen of Texas, and no finer and nobler men ever lived than they, and asked the standing pledge of every one present to stand by Woodrow Wilson through this awful crisis of war. He didn't even remain to deliver his address he was scheduled to make, but pledged his support and left on the first out-going train for Austin to give Mr. Wilson his immediate support. In the beautiful city of New Braunfels, where but one American family lives, he called upon this vast assembly for their loyalty to the greatest Government in the world, this without faltering. And the town is an entire German town. You had just as well call Woodrow Wilson a pro-German. (Cheers.)

I am glad that I am supporting the man for the G. O. P. the man who is not afraid of political enemies and is not afraid to stand for the right. I am not ashamed to stand for the man or the woman who deserves a fair deal; for God will give us all a fair deal on that great day when we all shall be tried. Many will be found wanting for "We shall know the truth and the truth shall make us free." (Cheers.)

It gives me great pleasure to present to you in behalf of the greatest man Texas has today and one who is a friend to all, the Hon. James E. Ferguson, the rightful governor of Texas, Mrs. Gene Griffin DeWolf of Lampasas.

While Miss Phillips was introducing the speaker of the evening, and criticizing Governor Hobby, some lady in the rear of the audience cried out "hurrah for Hobby." This was the only time the speaker was in any way interrupted, and for more than two hours the issues, both main and side, in the campaign were discussed from a Ferguson viewpoint.

Mrs. DeWolf began her talk by quoting a parody on one of Mother Goose's selections entitled "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary." She made the little "jingle" fit the occasion in showing that Miss Mary Phillips who had so ably introduced her was going contrary to the "politicians" who made the woman suffrage primary law, and was refusing to vote as the "politicians" wanted the women to vote.

The suffrage question was discussed at some length by the speaker. She stated that she could not say "fellow citizens" in addressing her audience, was not a suffragette, had plenty to do at home, where she felt her duties were, and never felt like women vote was right.

"I was first attracted by Ferguson," said Mrs. DeWolf, "and attracted by his great statesmanship when he presented the minority report against woman suffrage at the Baltimore National convention. He proved by presenting that report and leading the fight against National woman suffrage and in behalf of state rights, that he was not afraid of the women. He is a man if you try to intimi-

date you push him to the wall and bring out his real strength as a statesman."

The speaker complimented Ferguson for opposing woman suffrage and holding out for state rights. She stated that a short time after the National convention she wrote a letter to a prominent state paper against woman suffrage, and in a short time received a letter from anti-suffrage leaders offering her a position with them in the fight against suffrage. She declined.

"This is not a suffrage issue with me," said the speaker, "but in these days and times many of us are forced to take a stand and meet the issues and do things we never dreamed of doing."

Mrs. DeWolf told how Ferguson had climbed to the top, how he became a self made man, rising from "bell hop" to the governor's office, and how the knoekers had followed him all his life, but said that he had kept climbing despite the knoekers who followed him everywhere. She reviewed how Ferguson became interested in the poor man—the common people—and how he worked out a platform upon which he wanted some man to run for governor, framing a platform that would elevate the tenant farmer and the rural school. "He carried this platform to two men in an effort to get them to run for governor," said the speaker, "and one of these men was Sam Sparks. He offered to put up \$1,000 to help pay Sam's campaign expenses if he would run on the poor man's platform, but Sam wanted to run on the politicians' platform, and after Ferguson could not get any one to run for governor on his platform he announced for the office himself, and took a stand for the common people and against the political machinery."

Mrs. DeWolf devoted a good part of her time to discussing the University question, holding that school up to her hearers as a "rich man's" school. She denied that Ferguson tried to tear up the University, and said that he was in favor of higher education, notwithstanding that he did not have the privilege of the higher education himself.

"The University graduates never go back to the soil and make producers," said Mrs. DeWolf, "but they get their education and go out and look for a soft job. We would be in a pretty fix if we depended on the graduates of the University." She scored the University faculty as being grafters, and scored the students for their conduct.

"Ferguson is the only man in Texas big enough for the governor's job and we are going to send him back," said the speaker, after condemning the legislature for impeaching him. "Ferguson wasn't friendly to the interest," said the lady campaigner for Fergusonism, "and the politicians met and plotted to impeach him. Ferguson was anxious for a trial, believing that he would be vindicated and he called the legislature to meet on the very same day that speaker Fuller called it."

Mrs. DeWolf only discussed three of the issues in the campaign at length, only mentioning others briefly and many charges against Ferguson she made no reference to. She first discussed the University muddle, and the \$5,600 note charge, and the \$156,500 charge.

She exonerated Ferguson on the charge that he paid his personal note amounting to \$5,600 out of state funds, by saying that he knew nothing about it and that it was handled by his secretary and banker.

In explaining the \$156,500 loan which Ferguson mysteriously obtained and which he declines to reveal from whom he borrowed the money, the speaker stated that the Hobbyites were trying to make it appear that this money came from German sources. She said that if the people waited until Jim told them where he got it they would never know, and she admitted that she did not know where the money came from, but denied that it came from German propaganda sources.

Mrs. DeWolf spent considerable time in criticizing and denouncing the press of the state, referring to the newspapers of Texas as the "subsidized press" "dirty yellow sheets," and said that Hobby had bought the newspapers of the state and was controlling them in the fight against the common people, while these newspapers will not even print speaking announcements for Ferguson and are trying to keep the crowd away. She charged that the newspapers would not even print circulars for Ferguson. "This country is in

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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WINTERS CALLING FOR IMMIGRANT CARS

We learn through local railroad circles that an order has been placed for a dozen immigrant cars by farmers living in the northern part of the county. The orders call for the cars to be placed on the siding at Winters as early as possible.

Many people are leaving this county and seeking employment, leaving their families here, while others are moving for what they say will be "keeps." In only a few instances have the farmers sold their property, and with the return of prosperous times, which are sure to come, they will be found here helping to rehabilitate and bring the country back to the front again.

There is no more productive land anywhere than Runnels county land, but it has been thoroughly demonstrated that it will not produce a crop without at least two rain a year. Farmers should not sacrifice their land. The country is on the eve of an oil boom, and we feel the drought will soon break.

IT SHOULD MAKE A MILLION FOR HIM

Cincinnati man discovers drug that loosens corns so they lift out.

Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezoon, the recent discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

A quarter of an ounce costs very little at any store which handles drugs, but this is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You apply a few drops on the tender, aching corn or toughened callus and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn or callus and instantly the soreness out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

\$5000 GIN FIRE AT PAINT ROCK

News of the burning of one of the Western Gin Company's gins at Paint Rock was received in Ballinger Wednesday night. The gin burned about seven o'clock Wednesday night, fire originating from unknown cause. The loss amounted to about \$5,000 fully covered by insurance.

R. A. Hall, of San Angelo, is manager of the Western Gin Company gins, and the San Angelo Standard quotes Mr. Hall as saying that the fire was believed to be of incendiary nature. The company owned two gins at Paint Rock, and this one had not been in use for two seasons, the new gin being able to take care of the short cotton crop. The fire had gained good headway when discovered.

H. K. Lilly and two daughters and Bob Mackey, of the Norton country and E. H. Voelke, of the Rowena country, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

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Seems like the skin is on fire. There is a harassing discomfort caused by Eczema that almost becomes a torture. The itching is almost unbearable, and the skin seems on fire with the burning irritation. A cure from local applications of salves and ointments is impossible, because such treatment can only delay the pain temporarily. The disease can only be reached by going deep down to its source. The source of Eczema is in the

blood, the disease being caused by an infection which breaks out through the skin. That is why the most satisfactory treatment for all so-called skin diseases is S. S. S., for this remedy so thoroughly cleanses the blood that no impurities can remain. Get a bottle to-day at any drugstore, and you will see results from the right treatment. Write for expert medical advice, which you can get without cost, by addressing Medical Director, 21 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

GOOD GERMAN TELLS WHY HE CHANGED

F. C. Weinert, for many years in public life in South Texas, and one of the most prominent men in that part of the state, delivered a speech at Lagrange, Texas, where a large crowd had gathered to hear Governor Hobby speak. Mr. Weinert said:

"I think I know the political sentiment of the people of this part of Texas. I share some of those sentiments. I have represented the people of Texas for more than forty years and I think I owe them a declaration as to where I stand in this great crisis I served under the appointment of Governor Ferguson and I was his friend. I did what I could for him because I considered him a friend in trouble, but when I heard his own testimony and when the Senate of Texas had declared him guilty I felt that I could go no farther. It is all right to pull your friend out of a mud-hole, but when he turns around and stubbornly goes back to the same mudhole I think it is not disloyal to leave him. He was convicted at the first investigation, but they suspended sentence. He was convicted at the hearing in the House and then he was convicted in the Senate. Now he has the nerve to come out and say he has never been tried. How many times does he demand to be convicted? He says the District Court of Travis County failed to convict him. No one knows better than he does that he was not tried on account of technical errors in the indictment. He could have had a trial if he wanted one.

"Personally I am glad for the sake of the good name of Texas that he was not again tried and convicted in the District Court because he has already brought enough disgrace upon the State we love. When I helped him during his early trouble I never dreamed that this day, in the face of the conviction by the highest tribunal provided for in the Constitution, he would be out asking the people to reelect him Governor. He has no defense and he made none. He said he stood above the law. He does not promise to do right in the future, but he insults you who stand for honestly in private and public life by asking you to send him back to office to do wrong again.

"Do not let him prejudice you against the University of Texas. The whole story of the attle for freedom in the whole history of the world centers around the uni-

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versities. In that greater and purer and braver Germany that was the birthplace of my mother, the battle of freedom in 1848 was inspired by university men. Learning and the demand for liberty have ever gone together. James E. Ferguson has a public record upon which he must stand. W. P. Hobby has a public record upon which he proudly stands. I endorse every act of his. I have a son and three nephews with the colors. I asked my son if these laws that Hobby stands for were necessary and if their effect was good, and he said: 'Yes, papa, they were necessary, and they have done good.' In the face of that testimony, in God's name where else can I stand except with the man who is trying to do his best for my boy and for your boys?"

Mr. Weinert was overcome with emotion and stopped until he recovered his composure, then concluded:

"I like my glass of beer. I served the anti's of Texas loyally, but what would I be now to fail in my duty to my country? Ferguson, I fear, was an anti for reward. He once threatened the brewers of Texas that if they did not help him politically he would have prohibition in thirty days. You who are anti's, as I am, why can you not support the nine honest Senators, men you have known and trusted and who have served you for many years, who voted to convict Ferguson? He can not bring back your beer nor your whiskey. It is only a matter of days until the whole country goes dry. Hobby brought honor and glory upon Texas by having this State lead the way in patriotic sacrifice. In this campaign we must be American's first and anti's second. We must not divide our loyalty in any way.

"I am not ashamed of my German blood, but I thank God for a noble mother who sang her babies to sleep with patriotic songs and who told me when I stood at her knee that I was an American and nothing but an American. If you are anything else but American, if you have any divided sympathies in this solemn hour, in the name of all that is honorable and decent, go and register yourself as an alien enemy."

MORE BALLINGER BOYS LANDED 'SOMEWHERE.'

Mrs. J. M. Skinner received a card mailed by the government announcing the safe arrival of her son, James in foreign land. The card did not state where the boys landed, but that the ship carrying them overseas had arrived safe. K. V. Northington, Roy Reeder and several Rannels county boys left Camp Travis at the same time, and it is presumed they all shipped at the same time.

JOD'S SARSAPARILLA AND PEPTIRON

Conditions that are both scrofulous and anemic are very common. Many persons whose faces are "broken out," cheeks are pale, and nerves are weak, suffer from them. There is an effective, economical remedy in the combination of Jod's Sarsaparilla and Peptiron, one taken before eating and the other after. In these medicines taken in this way the best substances for the blood and nerves are brought together.

MANY MEN SEEKING WORK.

Commissioner Kirk reports that many men are calling on him making inquiry about when they will be given employment on the public roads in this precinct. Mr. Kirk can not give employment now, but hopes that there will be work for the hands as soon as the bonds are sold and contracts let for building bridges and roads in this precinct. Home labor will be used, and the road money will keep many men and teams employed for some time.

APPOINTED LABOR COMMISSIONER.

Judge Jno. I. Guion received notice Thursday that he had been appointed Labor Commissioner of this county by the U. S. Government. His instructions in detail will be forwarded later.

NOW CAPT. A. S. LOVE.

Dr. A. S. Love received a notice Thursday that he had been appointed Captain of the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps, and upon his acceptance he will hold himself in readiness to be called to his post of duty in the U. S. army service.

COMPRESS MANAGER GOES TO GALVESTON.

P. T. Calloway, for some time manager of the local compress, has been called off the work here and transferred by his company to Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Calloway are packing their household goods and will leave at once for their new home.

These people have made many friends in Ballinger since coming here. Mr. Calloway was popular in business circles and was always on the job to do his bit in helping in public enterprises. Mrs. Calloway was prominent in church social and civil life of this city. The city can ill afford to lose Mr. and Mr. Holloway and the best wishes of the best people go with them to their new home.

A BABY BOY.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dooze are rejoicing over the arrival of a 10 pound boy born to them Wednesday July 17th. Mr. Dooze says the Kaiser had just as well throw up his hands, as the boy will soon be after him.

UNIT OF STENOGRAPHERS TO GO TO FRANCE.

A unit of 25 expert women stenographers, who will wear a distinctive uniform, is now being recruited for overseas service. This group will be assigned to the Quartermaster Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces and to the headquarters of the staff of General Pershing. Each applicant for service must be an expert stenographer. She will be required to own in her equipment, four uniforms (two for winter and two for summer service). She must pass a physical examination and will be engaged for the period of the war. The salary now stated is \$1,000 a year with the additional allowance of \$4 a day for the first month and \$2 a day for the remainder of the time.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. (Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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WOMEN GO TO FRANCE FOR TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Miss Clara Graeven, of the Treasury Department, expert accountant and law clerk, is one of the latest of the government's women experts to join the force of the Comptroller of the Treasury in France. A cable just received announces her arrival.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has jurisdiction to decide all questions involving the right of any one to be paid money by the government, and this includes all legal questions upon which the right to such payment depends. The branch in Europe audits the accounts of the military establishments over there.

Miss Graeven has spent 15 years in this branch of the Treasury Department and is a specialist as an investigator of difficult questions, giving special attention to those involving complicated naval tangles. She is a Michigan woman her home being in Kalkaska.

MEXICAN DELINQUENT HELD IN JAIL.

A Mexican woman with one child, called at the local draft board office Thursday morning and wanted to know why the board had her husband locked up in jail. After being informed that he had not proven himself a good American she turned away agreeing with the board that he should at least have answered his call.

The Mexican registered on June 5, 1917, but failed to respond to any further calls from the board, and never filled out his questionnaire. He had not left the country, but had been moving around considerably and the board did not locate him until a few days ago, when he was placed in jail and will be carried to Camp Bowie by Ranger Flynt. His wife and child will no doubt receive more cash from the government than her husband had been making for some time, and the Mexican declares he is ready to make a soldier and help whip the Kaiser.

GIRLS SPLICE CABLES FOR AIRPLANES.

Girls are making themselves useful in airplane production, according to the section in industrial training for War Emergency of the Council of National Defense. Referring to the training department of a big manufacturing plant, H. E. Miles, chairman of the section, says:

"Each day there go from this department into the factory proper 30 new trained hands. The foreman were not particularly interested at first in this new work now, however, they want only operatives from the training school. In this training room girls learn in four days to splice wire cables for fuselage—the best the army inspector ever saw. Then they go into the shop and with the advantage of the exact training that they have had can splice 55 daily against a previous average of 40. Men operatives are now asking for night classes to enable them to take more highly skilled work."

Mrs. Carl Honne, of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Coleman to visit friends a week or two. Her husband is now serving Uncle Sam in the Navy and had just returned to New York after a short furlough at home.

D. B. Currie and son Will, of Concho country, passed through Ballinger Thursday in their auto en route to the north part of this county to look after their cattle interests a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boswell are rejoicing over the arrival of a sweet little baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coley and three children, of Centerville, Texas, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ebb Cathey and family the past week, left for Goldthwaite to visit her brother a few days before going home. Mrs. Cathey accompanied them to Goldthwaite to visit her brother also.

Mrs. A. F. Cook, of San Antonio, came in a day or two ago to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. P. Conn and family a few weeks.

RETURNED HOME.

R. H. Cherry and daughter, Miss Anna, of Wolf City, who had been visiting his brother, Chester Cherry and wife the past several days, returned home Thursday afternoon. While out fishing Wednesday Mr. Cherry had the misfortune to slip down upon a rock and fracture two of his ribs, however he was able to be up, we are glad to state, and was able to return home with no very great inconvenience.

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J. D. Mills, of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Holland, Texas, to visit relatives a few days before he leaves next Monday with the Rannels county men for U. S. service.

Mrs. Barrington, of Miles, who visited friends in our city a day or two, left Thursday morning for Brownwood.

Miss Beulah Burk left Thursday morning for Mason and several other points in that section to visit for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gully are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy.

Prof. J. H. Tunnell, of South Dakota, who is in the Indian Service of the U. S. Government and had visited at his old home at Robert Lee, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday. Mr. Tunnell went to school in our city over twenty years ago.

Mrs. Gene Cameron, home demonstration agent, and D. F. Eaton, county farm agent of this county and County Farm Agent Terry, of Concho county, left Saturday for College Station where they go for a ten days course in the Farmers Congress and agricultural school.

J. D. Carlton, of the Norton country, Fritz Hanz, of the Rowena country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

M. D. Chastain handed us the cash Thursday to keep the Banner-Ledger going to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly at Watrous, N. M.

L. Cohn, manager of the Queen Theatre, left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas on a short business trip.

Mrs. Davis Wilson left Wednesday afternoon to visit relatives at Granger a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson are arranging to move to Eastland where they will remain until next spring, or until after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson own their farm south of Ballinger and they are moving their stock to Eastland country where they can get range for them. Their move is only temporary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McAdams and children of Brownwood, came in Thursday to visit Ballinger friends a day or two while Mr. McAdams is looking after his company's interests in this section.

F. E. and Roy Clayton, of the Talpa country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

W. A. Hamlick, of Rowena, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

C. E. Jordan, of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Thursday.

Jack A. Nichols and little son, of the Pony Creek country, were greeting friends and transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

L. Cohen, of the Queen Theatre, Bun Morgan, Hatton Laxon and Clarence Douth, returned home Friday at noon from business trips to points east.

E. M. Daniels, of the Norton country left Thursday afternoon for Houston and other points in that section on a business trip. He was accompanied by his brother U. S. Daniels who was returning to his home at Beaumont after a visit to his relatives in this section.

Mrs. A. R. West left Friday morning for Talpa, to visit relatives a few days.

G. R. Crim, of the Valley Creek country, passed through Ballinger Thursday for Waco where he will spend some time in the army work until he is needed at home if it rains.

MRS. BARNS' LETTER.

Here is a letter that is certain to prove of interest to people in this vicinity, as cases of this sort occur in almost every neighborhood, and people should know what to do in like circumstances: Savannah, Mo., Oct. 12, 1916. "I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery) I had another attack of the same complaint some three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy to dozens of people since I first used it."

For indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. 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.

RANNELS COUNTY BOY DIES IN FRANCE

The Dallas News correspondent in Ballinger received a telegram late Friday evening announcing that Joseph J. Krenk, of Rannels county had died of wounds in France. The News wired for a sketch of the soldier.

The draft board has no record of a soldier by that name, no one registered in this county by that name and so far we have been unable to find any one here who knows a man by that name.

It is possible that Krenk volunteered for service and gave Rannels county as his home, and he may have been in service for some time, or it is probable that in reporting the names in the casualty list an error occurred and the man's home should have been given as some other county.

No relative here has been notified of the loss of a soldier in France, and it is believed that so far Rannels county has escaped.

It was learned late today that Krenke's home was at Ellinger, Texas.

GUSTAVUS FAMILY IN AUTO WRECK

C. S. Guin, of the Lankford furniture store, received a phone message from his brother-in-law, Dr. W. A. Gustavus, stating that the doctor, his wife and baby had been hurt in an auto accident near Gainesville. The phone message came from Gainesville where Dr. Gustavus and family were receiving medical attention.

Dr. Gustavus left here last Thursday morning for north Texas. He was making the trip in his auto accompanied by his wife and little boy. He was visiting north Texas towns with a view of disposing of a stock of saddle and harness goods he has stored at Ballinger.

The phone message did not state in detail how the accident occurred, only saying that the Gustavus car had been demolished by a motor car and the family pretty badly bruised up, but not seriously injured.

Dr. Gustavus was driving a Saxon six, which he recently traded for.

JOHN GUION, JR., WILL MOVE TO THURBER.

John Guion, son of Judge Jno. I. Guion has resigned his position with the Miller Mercantile Company, and will leave in a few days for Thurber, Texas, where he goes to accept a position in the commissary department of a large mining company. Mr. Guion will have charge of the grocery department.

Mr. Guion and his wife were both born in Ballinger, and have lived here all their lives up to this time. In moving away they leave behind a host of friends who bespeak for them the best at the hands of the people where they go.

W. R. Puckett, who had been spending a short furlough at home left Wednesday afternoon for Austin to resume his army duties.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Akin and G. S. Akin, of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Erath county where they will make their future home.

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THE BEE AND THE FLY.

(By Roger W. Babson.)
 "Have you ever heard the fable of the bee and the fly, papa?" said a little girl to her father, upon returning from school one evening.

"No, my little girl; tell it to me," said the father.

Whereupon the little girl climbed upon her father's knee and told this simple fable:

"Once upon a time there was a big barnyard with two happy families—a family of bees and a family of flies. Both families were very large, but they had a lot to eat, and so were jolly the whole summer through. Only once in awhile would mamma bee and mamma fly have a squabble, and this was always over work. The busy bee family spent their time gathering food and storing it for the winter, while the fly family would not do this. The flies thought that summer would always continue, and they refused to save up for the cold weather ahead.

"Finally the winter came. The leaves had fallen from the trees, the harvest had been gathered, and everything was covered with snow. For a long time the fly family had had nothing to eat, but they were too proud to beg. One day they could stand it no longer, so Mr. and Mrs. Fly decided to call upon Mr. and Mrs. Bee. They went to the beehive and knocked at the door. Mr. and Mrs. Bee stuck their heads out of their cozy home and asked what was wanted.

"We want something to eat," said Mr. and Mrs. Fly.

"Why didn't you save in the summer, the way we did?" asked Mr. and Mrs. Bee. "We would like to share some of our food with you, but we have only enough for our family. If we feed you our children will starve."

"Sadly did the papa and mamma fly leave the warm beehive full of food and return to their poor hungry children in the cold corner of the open shed, only to tell them that there was nothing for them to do except to starve and freeze."

"That is a fine story, my little girl," said the father. "You have told it nicely, and I am proud of you."

"Thank you, papa, for your kind

words. But I have been wondering if we are like the bees or the flies."

And this set the father to thinking. He knew that these are bright sunny days for wage earners; that wages are now high, work is now plentiful, and money is now plentiful. He began to think what wise are the families who, like the bee family, are now storing up honey; and foolish are the families who, like the fly family, are now spending their all. "Perhaps after the war is over times may be hard," said the father to himself; "there may be many people out of work, and those who do not now save will wish they had saved."

There are reasons in business—times of business prosperity and business depression—just like the season of summer and winter. One follows the other. It is just as certain—under present conditions—that period of unemployment will follow a period of over-employment as it is certain that winter will follow summer.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD PRECINCT CONVENTION

The Democrats are expected to meet at some hour in each election precinct next Saturday and elect delegates to the county convention, which meets in Ballinger on the first Saturday in August.

Each precinct is entitled to one vote in the county convention for every twenty-five votes cast in the last general election. Precincts can send as many delegates to the county convention as they wish, and the number of votes the precinct is entitled to cast in the county convention will be determined after they assemble in the county convention.

The county convention will elect delegates to the state convention and attend to such other business as might come before it.

This is an important matter and every precinct chairman should call the meeting and see that his precinct is represented at the county convention.

BELL COUNTY IS STRONG FOR HOBBY

Judge A. K. Doss returned from Bell county Tuesday night, where he had been on legal business. He had occasion to feel the political pulse in Bell county, and he declares that it was strong for Hobby.

"I had many men at Killeen, where I stopped on business for a few hours," said Judge Doss, "tell me that Hobby would carry Bell county by 3,000 majority."

Judge Doss says that Bell county people, the home of Ferguson, do not hesitate to say what they think of Mr. Ferguson, and that they are very outspoken in condemning him.

It is reported that Ferguson is not a contributor to the Bell County Red Cross Chapter, but claims that he had contributed to Red Cross work in other places. The other places are not named. It is admitted by Ferguson speakers that he subscribed for \$3,500 worth of Liberty Bonds in Bell county.

TWO DROWN IN COLORADO RIVER

Mrs. George Hunter and little niece, Miss Turney, were drowned late last Friday six miles above the town of Winchell, according to advices reaching here today. The little girl was about 12 years old and a daughter of Don Turney, and Mrs. Hunter was about 33 years old.

According to information which the Bulletin received this afternoon from Winchell, Mrs. Hunter and the little girl went to the river Friday evening to take a swim. When they did not return home a search was instituted and their bodies were found in the stream, a few feet apart.—Brownwood Bulletin.

25,000 WOMEN NURSES WANTED

The government is calling for 25,000 young women to join the United States Student Nurse Reserve and hold themselves in readiness to train for service as nurses.

The war is creating an unprecedented demand for trained nurses. Only those who have taken the full training course are eligible for service with our forces overseas. These nurses are being drawn largely from hospitals at home. Their places must be filled by student nurses enrolled for the full training course of from two to three years. Every young woman who enrolls in the United States Student Nurse Reserve is releasing a nurse for service at the front and swelling the home army we must rely on to act as our second line of hospital defense. Upon the health of the American people will depend the spirit of their fighting forces.

Age—The call is for women between the ages of nineteen and thirty-five.

Qualifications—Intelligent, responsible women of good education and sound health are wanted—the pick of the country. A college education is a valuable asset, and many hospitals will give credit for it. Credit will also be given for a special scientific equipment or for preliminary training in nursing, such as that given in special courses now being conducted by various colleges and schools. Some schools, on the other hand, do not even require a full high-school education.

Enrollment—Women will be given an opportunity to enroll in the United States Student Nurse Reserve in any one of three ways:

As engaging to hold themselves in readiness until April 1, 1919, to accept assignments to nurses' training schools. These women will be sent to the school as fast as vacancies occur. Those of superior qualifications will be given preference, and it is, of course, possible that not everyone who enrolls will be accepted.

As desiring to become candidates for the Army Nursing School recently established by authority of the War Department, with branch schools in selected military hospitals.

As engaging to hold themselves in readiness until April 1, 1919, to accept assignments to either a civilian training school or the Army Nursing School. Those who so enroll will be called where the first need arises. The government hopes that a majority of those who enroll will thus put down their names for both.

NOTICE.

The three banks in Ballinger, First National, F. & M. and Ballinger State, will close Saturday on account of the primary election.

EAST TEXAS WANTS MANY FARM HANDS

We are not advertising East Texas, but for the benefit of those in Runnels county, who through force of circumstances, must seek employment elsewhere for the present, we publish herewith a letter received from the chamber of commerce at Terrell, today. Readers of this paper can take the letter for what it is worth to them.

I learned through a more or less reliable source, that on account of the drought in that part of Texas, there will be quite a bit of surplus labor there this fall.

The conditions have been exceptionally good here this season, all farm products being above the average. At the present time, indications are that the cotton crop will be one of the best that has been raised here for several years. There has never been more labor than could be utilized in this section, and with the army drafts it becomes necessary for us to import a great portion of our laborers this fall.

If there is an abundance of labor throughout your section of the country, I would be much pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

NO DANGER OF A SUGAR FAMINE

There is no danger of a sugar famine the Texas Division of the Food Administration announced recently. The food situation, according to this announcement is better than at any time since America undertook the feeding of the allied world.

The American public, however, will be expected to observe closely the new regulations limiting the household per capita consumption of sugar to three pounds monthly, and to continue all further conservation measures.

It was pointed out regarding the wheat situation that even with the prospect of a 900-million bushel wheat crop, there can be little if any lessening of present conservation measures. A reassuring wheat reserve must be built up here and abroad, officials declare, and maintained against short crops next year.

The new wheat harvest now coming in finds the available supplies of last year's crop very low. That wheatless restrictions will be removed entirely is highly improbable while the war lasts, although they probably will be modified to some extent.

BALLINGER TESTIMONY.

Home Proof, Here, There and Everywhere.

When you see Doan's Kidney Pills recommended in this paper you most always find the recommender a Ballinger resident. It's the same everywhere—in 3,800 towns in the U. S. Fifty thousand people publicly thank Doan's. What other kidney remedy can give this proof of merit, honesty and truth? Home testimony must be true or it could not be published here. Read this Ballinger recommendation. Then insist on having Doan's. You will know what you are getting:

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

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

THRIVES ON LEAD DIET.

London, July 19.—Brig. Gen. Carton de Wiart, the Human Verdurin, has broken into the casualty list again for the tenth or thirteenth time. His latest wound caused the London papers to leave off positive statements and begin estimating how many times he has been a casualty.

General de Wiart is a Belgian in the British army. He holds the Victoria Cross. His latest photograph shows only four wound stripes, but if he wore all he is entitled to wear he'd be too conspicuous.

No German Who Supports Ferguson Can Be American

The following statement has been given out by J. F. Wolters:

"I have consistently avoided any participation in the pending political campaign. During last winter I made a statement through the public press that I would not take any active part in politics during the war and that I would vote for every man in public office from the constable in my precinct to Morrish Sheppard, including Governor Hobby.

"This morning my attention was called to a speech made by former Governor Ferguson at Sherman in which he severely criticized Governor Hobby for appointing Jake Wolters 'a full-blooded German,' as brigadier general in the national guard, and for being introduced in South Texas audiences by Senator F. C. Weinert, 'another full blooded German.'

"Ferguson is then quoted as saying: 'Oh, it's a great crowd to be talking about loyalty, isn't it?'

"It is a little remarkable Mr. Ferguson did not make this criticism in South Texas when he was speaking in counties where American-Germans reside.

Questions Ferguson.

"While he was making his speeches in South Texas he was very careful in even saying that which could offend pro-Germans much less American-Germans. It is also remarkably strange that in his criticism he selects Senator Weinert and myself the two men and only two, aside from Judge Randolph Kleberg, of Germanica extraction (who at the beginning of the war devoted their time and effort to directing the attention of people in South Texas as to their duties involved in the war.

"There are plenty of men in South Texas of German blood supporting Mr. Ferguson, who even to this good day have not in private or in public declared their sympathy with the United States government in this war.

"I think I am well enough known to the people of Texas, including even those in North Texas, and my position with reference to this war is well enough known, not to require any reference to my attitude. But I realize that some people may be deceived and I owe it to myself and to Governor Hobby who appointed me brigadier general, to give the matter attention.

"My father's father and mother came to Texas from Germany in 1834. His father served with General Sam Houston during the War of Independence for Texas. My father's oldest brother fought as a private through the Mexican war of '45 and '46 under General Taylor. My father enlisted at the age of fifteen in Green's brigade and with that organization he served during the entire civil war.

In Spanish War.

"In 1898 Jim Ferguson and I were of the same age. I had a wife and two little children. He was an unmarried man. We were both sound physically. I left my little family and served through the Spanish War. Jim Ferguson stayed at home to make money.

"Reverting again to my ancestry, my mother's father and mother left Germany in 1848, my grandfather having been one of the revolutionists who followed Carl Schurz. My father and mother were both born in Austin county, Texas, and so was I.

"When the war broke out in Europe in 1914, I understood what it meant. I was in sympathy with Belgium, France, England and Russia, because I fully understood that it was the beginning of the day for which the Prussian war lords had looked for the past forty years. I believed then that the day would come when we would get into the war.

"I thought we should enter it with England when little Belgium was involved. When the President of the United States in 1915 sought to awaken the country to the necessity of preparedness, I did what I could to help him. When the United States entered the war, I immediately issued a statement which the good citizens of Texas will recall. I followed that up by making speeches throughout South Texas and Central Texas.

Made War Speeches.

"At many places where I spoke, Jim Ferguson had been invited to speak but he did not come. I did my share together with Judge Kleberg and F. C. Weinert to show the American-Germans their duty under circumstances that were to many of them.

"I deserve no credit for either my views or for my work. I was born from a line whose voice and hand have been raised against the Prussian autocracy for generations. I was rocked in the cradle to a little song that ran something like this: 'Be still little child or the old kaiser will get you and then bad Bismarck will come to take little children away.'

"I was taught from infancy to hate

the Hohenzollern dynasty and all of the Prussian autocracy. That is not all. I was born from American parents of German extraction, it is true, but parents who instilled into me and my brothers and sisters the understanding that there was no greater privilege than that of being an American.

"Jim Ferguson's criticism of Governor Hobby and his statement about Senator Weinert and myself are an insult to every American of German extraction in the United States.

Sons in France.

"Senator Weinert has a son in France and three nephews who volunteered in the military service. My own boy is on his way to France and volunteered when he was below the draft age. Tens of thousands of sons of American-Germans in Texas have entered the service. The first Texas officer killed in France was young Jourdan from Fredericksburg, a descendant of German ancestry that came to this country in '48. The second to be killed was Ed Reiser whose ancestors came from Germany in 1848.

"The casualty list discloses that 37 per cent of those killed and wounded in the service of the United States in the war bear German names. In Washington men occupying high positions of trust under the direct appointment of the President of the United States bear German names. They are the same sort of fellows as are Senator Weinert and myself.

"I have spent thousands of dollars traveling over this state making loyalty speeches. People all over Texas where I have spoken will bear witness that I always paid my own expenses. I have neglected my personal business from the beginning of the war. I stand ready to place my record for service by the side of that of Jim Ferguson.

Organized Cavalry.

"I have organized under the direction of Governor Hobby a brigade of cavalry the inspection of which is just now being completed by regular army officers. It is as fine a body of young Texans as can be found in any military organization. I had hoped that Jim Ferguson in his systematic continued and insidious campaign of encouragement to disloyal people would keep his hands off this organization, but it appears that this organization is not to escape interference from him any more than it has from pro-German propagandists.

"I say to the people of Texas without a knowledge of the import of what I say, that the Hindenburg line on the western front is no more dangerous to the success of American victory than the menace of Jim Ferguson.

"So far as I am concerned, I want to go to France. I want an opportunity to lead the Texas cavalry against the Prussian forces. I am willing to meet the Prussian soldier whom his kaiser loves to designate as a Hun, in accordance with the code of honor that exists among soldiers. Men of Texas, the issue is drawn, the support of Jim Ferguson means support of the kaiser. The support of Hobby means the support of President Wilson and the United States government. No American of German extraction after this attack on Weinert and myself can claim to be an American and give his support to Jim Ferguson."

W. F. DOUGHTY ANNOUNCES FOR HOBBY

Austin, Texas, July 19.—Dr. L. P. Robertson, Martin Texas, Dear Dr. Robertson—Replying to your letter, I desire to say that Walter J. Crawford, campaign manager for Governor Hobby, quotes me correctly when he says that I told him and Governor Hobby both personally and in writing that I would support Hobby for governor. Several months ago I wrote Mr. Crawford that I felt that the administration of Governor Hobby had been sound and patriotic and that I expected to support him for governor. However, I have not felt that I should attempt to ride into office on Governor Hobby's popularity. For this reason I have refrained from advertising my position in the daily papers. I have no objection whatever to anyone knowing that I expect to vote for Governor Hobby.

Sincerely,
 W. F. DOUGHTY,
 State Superintendent.
 (Political Advertisement)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gardner, of the Winters country, Alf Young, Aug Spill, W. P. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thammwell and E. J. Handley, of the Norton country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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

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

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

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

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



Consider the Future
 It has always been the part of better wisdom to save, but TODAY, SAVING serves a double purpose. Our government needs MONEY to carry on the abnormal demand of a destructive war and it is inviting you to do your part by offering investments never heretofore obtainable for small sums. The interest rate is as good as the best class of securities used to bring. Our facilities for providing Thrift & War Savings Stamps are at your disposal.
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 It's time to think about starting the new and repairing the old. We have a fine stock of sheeting, siding, bill stuff, shingles, sash, doors, lime and cement, waiting your needs. Let us figure your lumber estimates and show you where we can save you money.
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