

LABOR BOARD TO CLASSIFY YOU

The government is short a million men necessary to keep going her emergency war activities. It is hoped that this can be supplied from volunteer labor but if it cannot it must be supplied in some way, more drastic.

The time has come for the classifying of each individual in this section as to his regulation to essential or non-essential war work. The list of essential war work activities has been published so all now have a clear conception as to his duty.

The labor board together with representatives from various sections will meet soon to pass on each individual, giving their judgment, as to which of the two classes you belong to. After this is done you will be notified by the U. S. Employment Service of your classification if you have not gotten into essential war work of your own initiative.

If you wish to make inquiries for places suitable to your wishes and qualifications you can do so by applying to some one of the local enrollment officers named below who have been duly appointed by the U. S. Government to receive your name and application and refer same to my office. Upon its coming to this office it will be forwarded to state headquarters.

It is not contemplated that anyone will rashly quit their present job sacrificing their holdings but that they take time to make satisfactory adjustments without financial loss.

It is just as much an act of patriotism to get into essential war work as it is to get into the army for unless the munition plants can go the army and navy must be handicapped. Not only the government manufacturing plants must run but the army of food producers as well.

The enrollment officers are:
H. A. Robinson, Miles.
N. K. Freeman, Rowena.
Ed P. Eason, Waters.
D. B. Diggs, Winters.
P. McGregor, Ballinger.
D. F. Eaton, chairman U. S. enrollment officers, Rannels County.

S. A. T. C. STILL OPEN

The war department announces that the S. A. T. C. at the various colleges teaching military branch, will be open to young registrants who can meet the requirements until Oct. 15th. Those who wish to take this military training and college work are allowed practically the same pay as a private, with all equipment furnished, and can enter if they can pass the physical examination and meet the regular college entrance requirements.

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It Is Help We Want; Not Money For Charity

Harris County has been asked for \$15,000 as its minimum share of the statewide fund now being raised to relieve drouth sufferers in West Texas.

Harris County will contribute this amount, of course, or more should it become necessary, for the misfortune is apparent and the need imperative.

In so far as the drouth may call for measures of commercial and industrial assistance we can well afford to take time for deliberation, but in so far as it involves actual hunger and want not a moment should be lost.

When it comes down to a question of food and drink, methods cease to be of great importance, and that is what is coming down to with many families in West Texas.

What it was best to do about financing next year's crop whether it would be wise to undertake certain large irrigation projects and how much help can, or can not be looked for from the federal government are all matters to be decided after careful consideration.

But there is no back pay for the child who starves to death, and consequently no argument as to advisability of feeding him while there is yet time.

Neither should the possibility of hurting the real estate business by publishing the facts that there was an unprecedented light rain fall be permitted to interfere with the obvious necessity of informing the good people of the state of exactly what has occurred.

This is not the first, and probably will not be the last drouth that has occurred. Nor is it the only time that a section of the country has found itself in dire need because of weather conditions.

There is nothing disgraceful, nothing to cover up and nothing to apologize for in what has occurred in West Texas, but there is every reason that the condition should be explained in order that those on the outside may help quickly and intelligently.

We who have experienced so much prosperity during the past few years find it difficult to visualize their situation, just as we find it difficult to visualize that of the Belgians, but hunger is hunger and poverty is poverty, no matter what the source.

If there are people out there actually in need of feed, they must be given it, and they must be given it without delay. Fifteen thousand dollars may seem a lot of money for some things, and especially on top of War Savings Stamp campaigns, Liberty Loans and Red Cross funds, but it is a mere bagatelle for a great county like this when little children are dying.

We have given to many and various causes during recent months, but we have never been asked to give to a worthier one than this. These are our people and having done so much for outsiders we ought to do no less for them.—Houston Chronicle.

The Chronicle does not understand what is needed in the drouth district.

There will be no casualties from starvation in this country, or any other county in the drouth district.

The people do not want charity; they can work, are willing to work and those who can leave home are working.

One of the bad features of the drouth is the taking away from home the men folk—separation of families for a few months, while the bread winners are earning a livelihood for their families.

The local charity board, of local citizens are able to cope with the charity work, and no one will be allowed to suffer for food.

In fact, there are no greater number of objects of charity here than when times are prosperous, as the beggars follow the tide of prosperity, and have gone to where "picking" is good.

What the farmers of this country need is aid in financing their next crop, and they are not beggars.

Help of a substantial nature is absolutely necessary if many farmers remain here and till the soil another year.

The farmers have exhausted their resources, and can not make another crop without financial help, but that is not charity. It is a business proposition.

The fact that the farmers must buy feed, buy seed, and buy food for himself and family while he is making a crop, and take care of all other expenses incidental there to, will take cash.

If the farmer is released from the responsibility of making another crop, allowed to leave the country, he can find other employment, and does not ask for charity.

To finance the crop making does not call for thousands of dollars but millions of dollars.

Millions of dollars can not be raised by private subscription, or donations.

The government is investing millions in war work. Food production is war work. The government should get behind the proposition and make it possible for the farmers to remain on the farms in this and other drouth stricken counties and produce the feed that the country will produce with favorable seasons.

TO FARMERS

Those interested in the purchase of feed in any quantity or of any kind will meet in my office Saturday at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

D. F. Eaton, County Agent.

Wm. Shultz, of San Antonio, is here this week, looking after property interest and mixing with the oil men.

Mrs. C. C. Thomas and son Jack and daughter Nora, returned Tuesday night from a visit to Hill county and other places.

Miss Francis Truly left for Abilene Wednesday morning, where she will enter a business college.

Judge F. L. Snodgrass, of Coleman, was coming legal business and oil business in Ballinger Wednesday.

RUSSELL WELL "CUTTING UP" AGAIN

The work at the Russell oil well has not advanced far enough to prove the value of the well as an oil producer. Just when the well will be given an opportunity to prove its value, and a test made, has not been made public, and the oil development is still in a speculative stage.

The well put on a show for a few spectators who were present Tuesday afternoon, and considerable gas and oil spouted from the well for about fifteen minutes. Earlier in the day the well threw out oil, indicating that the gas pressure was stronger at times than others, or that it accumulated in the well.

The workmen were still placing casing in the well Wednesday afternoon, and it was rumored that operations would be suspended waiting orders from headquarters after the well had been cased in, while other reports has it that the well will be cleaned out, and if it fails to gush, drilling would be resumed.

OIL COMPANY BUYS \$3000 LIBERTY BONDS

The campaign for the sale of Liberty Bonds in Ballinger is not progressing perhaps as fast as it should. This may be due to the oil excitement which prevails here since the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign opened. The oil gusher struck simultaneously with the opening of the L. L. Bond campaign, and the capitalist have been too busy trying to make money with which to buy bonds.

That Ballinger and Rannels county will go over the top with her full quota in face of the prosperous prospects we are now facing goes without saying. Volunteer subscriptions are coming in nicely and others have promised to place their orders for bonds soon.

The Ballinger State Bank reports sales as follows up to noon Wednesday:

Gulf Refining Co. \$3,000.00
Ballinger Lumber Co. 100.00
Scott H. Mack 50.00

The Ledger will do its best boosting for the Liberty Bond campaign. We have space for sale to those who wish to help in the boosting.

POVERTY WOMEN SENT TO BALLINGER

Banner-Ledger.

Dear Sir: I notice in Sunday's San Angelo Standard an article from your paper concerning the two Martin women and the little boy. You are true in your picture of poverty and unworthiness.

These people drifted in here sometime in the spring and were fed and clothed by Eldorado people, given all the work they wanted to do. They decided the altitude was too high for them and said they had friends at Ballinger and Coleman City where they claimed they had lived. They came here on foot, but we provided the donkey in good condition, the fairly good bobby, some money a good supply of groceries and let them go where they seemed anxious to go. Ballinger and Coleman.

Eldorado did her part and more by these most unfortunate people, and they were no more from Eldorado than they were from Ballinger and if they were true not as much for no one here ever saw them before.

Yours for the uplift of humanity,
C. H. Riddle, Baptist Pastor

J. N. Barbee came in from Corsicana, Wednesday, and is here for a few days on business.

OIL FEVER SPREADS WEST FROM BALLINGER

Oil underlies the surface in the Concho county but in all probability at a great depth—3,500 feet or more in the opinion of W. A. Abernathy, a Dallas geologist, who is now in the employ of the Robert Lee Oil and Gas Company. Oil is generally found in the Pennsylvania stratum, and westward from Brownwood this formation dips downward forty feet to the mile, Mr. Abernathy says:

Consequently oil can be expected only at great depths unless one is lucky enough to sink a hole where the stratum rises nearer the top. Mr. Abernathy showed considerable interest in reports from wells on the Russell ranch below Ballinger and the Schultz ranch near Paint Rock, where oil was struck Saturday. He said that he visited the Schultz well several months ago and was well impressed with the locality selected for a test.

In Coke county, two and one-half miles northwest of Robert Lee, the Robert Lee Oil and Gas Company is now drilling its second oil well. The first was abandoned at a depth of 1,255 feet after lost tools had been "fished out," nineteen times. The new well is now down 518 feet. One hundred and five feet was the record for last Friday. Saturday the stem broke, but it was expected to be repaired by Monday. In the first well the drill penetrated 700 feet of black lime, below which oil is often found. The formations in the new hole are radically different. 400 feet of red shale having been gone through. A twelve inch hole is being drilled—San Angelo Standard.

W. R. Bogle returned from Fort Worth Wednesday at noon, where he had been to make application for a place in the army. Mr. Bogle has volunteered and will enter the army if Uncle Sam accepts him.

Mrs. Leslie Baker and little son, came in from Brownwood Wednesday at noon. Mrs. Baker's mother will probably move to Ballinger from Brownwood, if she can get a suitable home.

Mrs. Ella Fleming, of Wingate, went to San Antonio, Tuesday to visit her husband who is working at that place.

Mrs. J. M. Graves, of Wingate, passed through Ballinger Tuesday, en route to Hillsboro, to visit relatives.

J. S. McConnell, former sheriff of Tom Green county, was here Tuesday, mixing with the oil scouts.

London, Oct. 2.—The British smashed forward yesterday and early today on a twenty mile front between Cambrai and St. Quentin, and tore the German defenses to shreds.

In some places the British penetrated to a maximum of two miles, according to Gen. Haig's report, and the Beaurevoir-Fonsomme line east of Cambrai and St. Quentin has been reached.

The Germans have been driven from Creve, Couer and Rumilly, and the British now occupy these places and high ground east of them.

Paris, Oct. 2.—General Berthelot's army, along the Vesle, made more progress today, and west of and driving of Rheims the French captured two additional villages, completing the conquest on St. Thierry Plateau, the French war office announces.

Reports from the front state that the Germans are still in possession of the south banks of the Canals at St. Quentin.

London, Oct. 2.—The British have occupied Damascus, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Amsterdam, Oct. 2.—Reliable news published here indicate great disturbances in Berlin on account of peace demonstrations.

Reports received through press dispatches say that the Germans will evacuate Belgium, the German army withdrawing to the border.

A copy of the Berlin Tageblatt, received here, reports that German secretaries of the Prussian country have resigned and the Prussian minister has tendered his resignation.

Peace demonstrations have been held in Berlin in which police intervention became necessary, some excesses were committed by the crowds, such as the tearing down of statues. The possibility of a cabinet crisis in Germany is indicated by the resignations of the imperial chancellor, vice chancellor and foreign minister.

In the recent fighting in France and Flanders the German losses in men killed or wounded and in guns captured have been enormous. To the Belgians the Germans lost virtually all their forward defensive artillery and some heavy naval guns. Many men were made prisoners. During September the British took 66,300 prisoners, 700 guns of all calibres and thousands of machine guns in addition to inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and in August and September took 123, 618 prisoners and 1, 400 guns.

Gibb Calloway, of Comanche, is here looking over the oil field with a view of investing.

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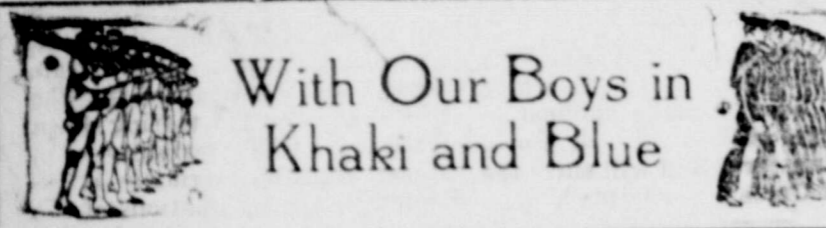
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Rest Camp, France
Aug. 28, '18.

Dearest Mother:
I have tried several times to write you a letter in the last week but something always happens just as I begin to write.

I have just finished a 40 mile hike and you will know that I am tired and sleepy. Most of it was done at night and then we would sleep a little during the day and move on. We were three days and nights on the road and arrived at this Rest Camp yesterday, and I was sure glad to see it. I have no idea how long we will be here but

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at least two weeks I suppose before we go back to the front. I have already done my first hitch up there and am thankful I was allowed to return but with a few days rest I am rearing to go back, for we want to get this over with just as soon as possible and get back home to you dear ones over at home.

About the first real hot weather we have had yet over here. It has been the last few days. One day on the march it was so hot I felt like I could not go any further, but I kept going and finished about as well as any of the rest of them. Some times I think of how much better physically I am now than I was when I left home over a year ago. Then it would have killed me almost to have walked three days and nights and lots of the other things I do would have been impossible but now they really don't seem as hard as a days walk used to. Believe me, when I think of the good days at home, when I used to come home in the evening and roll the car out and we would go for a long drive through the country and back home to a good comfortable room and bed, and friends, its all seems awful good but we will be back to it all some day and it will seem all the nicer by our having been away from it.

I think I would like France better, if I could talk to the people. We see them everywhere that we want to talk with and them to us but neither knows the others language and try as hard as you can you cannot understand. I have been studying some but it is slow work. The French are learning English now as fast as we are learning French. American soldiers are every where in France and if almost fails them to get some way of understanding especially the busy folks. Some times it looks like there are more Americans over here now than all the rest of the inhabitants, I have been in a pretty big cit-

ies of France lately and they are very pretty but of course they are all so old that they can't look pretty like our towns. Even the houses in the country are old and the people and their ways are far behind us. Some of their stores would tickle you to death, and their wagons, buggies, ways of hitching up horses are sure funny to us. You see lots of oxen used here and some of them look as old as the houses I have been telling of. In one little town we stopped in just behind the lines, the town was so quaint and old looking (mostly in ruins) I asked an old native, who I could talk with some, how old they were and the newest ones was about 100 years old and some he could not even guess at. There are lots of beautiful forest, mountains and streams and I would give anything if you and I could make a trip over the same country and see it all.

I would hardly know I was in a band now if it was not part of my address. We have done every kind of work known lately and a very little playing. We hear that the hands are going to be increased to 50 pieces and several other things done but it looks as if it was not going to effect us. Our officers say it will never be increased while we are on active duty and yesterday they took some of our instruments away to salvage them, but it may be a general order and things will be better for. It don't make any difference to me what I do. I want to be where I can be the most good and I am willing to do anything if it will help win the war.

We see some fine air battles, pretty often and I believe they are the most exciting things I ever watched. Sometimes I sure wish I had gone and transferred to the aviation when I had my chance. I could have been commissioned as a flyer by now and have been in the big game now. You know I always did like foot ball but I believe flying and fighting has got that beat. I was glad to hear that Eugene Kipp had received his commission and I got to see him soon. It is not likely that I will see any of the Ballinger boys for if they were in a hundred yards of me I would never know it. I wish you would find out who they are with and send me the names of

the company and organization they are with. I can at least write some of them and may locate them that way.

I think I have got all your mail so far, some of it was a little late but it is sure good to get them, no matter how they come. I have also received a few papers and believe me, Diaz and I read every word in them. We get an English paper published in Paris every day and we can keep up with the war through it. I know you have been eagerly reading the news for the last few weeks and I have got an idea that you are awful happy over it and glad that I am over here. I know it is hard on you to be all alone but I am praying that you will not be much longer and that I will be allowed to return to you.

I am going to have to quit now for today but will finish and mail this tomorrow.

You were asking about sending me something. No, you cannot get any thing to me. There is away but there is so much red tape to it that it is not worth the while and it is only to be used in case of emergency. They are using all the shipping for troops and troops will win the war and we can do without anything but what we absolutely have to have. Such things as candy, cake, pie, ice cream, cold drinks and ready made cigarets we have forgotten what they are anyway. When I do get back home I hope the first meal is breakfast and I want some toast, oat-meal, cream and sugar, hot cakes, syrup and butter and believe me that will be some banquet such as I can hardly realize I will ever have again. Will finish tomorrow.

Will have to finish tonight. It looks as if we will return to the front tomorrow night. In fact orders are issued to return tomorrow night. Give my love to all the folks and remember me to my friends. Be careful with yourself and always remember I love you.

Your loving son,
Troy Simpson
Sept. 3rd, 1918.

I started this letter several days ago at a rest camp and before I got it mailed we were ordered to leave and was packed and hiked 17 miles the first night. We are now camped on the side of a mountain behind the lines about 30 miles. It is awful pretty country around here and I am enjoying it all. I don't know how I will get it mailed but will trust to luck. I have had no mail for two weeks now and am sure anxious for some mail. Must close now and get busy. Believe me never have any time off now but work from morning until night.

Write often.
TROY
Your boy is one of the finest in the regiment--You should be proud of him.
W. H. M., Chaplain.
CAMP EUSTIS, VA.
Sept. 25, 1918.

Dear Mother and Dad:
I will write you a short letter this evening before going to bed, no doubt you think I am not going to write but it is like this, you will get this letter and one I would write Sunday night at the same time for this reason I had no stamps and it was impossible to get them here, the post office was even out but I got \$2.00 worth this afternoon and that will last me until the war is over.

I had some fine trips this afternoon, the Major, Adjutant and a Lieutenant carried me out for a ride. We went to Yorktown, Va., that is a small place, but has lots of signs of the civil war, saw where Cornwallis surrendered, where Geo. Washington's office use to be, also saw his monument and the oldest custom house in the United States and several buildings that were erected in 1765 and along near that year.

Well, I received my assignment it was to this organization, also received my warrant of which I am inclosing in this letter. These papers I am sending home may look of little value to you, but just the same I appreciate them.

As I am feeling fine will close and hope this finds you both the same, with lots of love.

Your boy
Oscar

The above letter is from Oscar Williams to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams. Oscar has been promoted to Sergeant Major, Junior Grade with the coast artillery.

The Brownwood Bulletin publishes the following letter from Roy Sharp to a friend in Brownwood:
Your letter of July 16 found me in this hospital having a much needed rest. We have been on the front line since February 28 without rest. Of course we have not been fighting hard all of the time but plenty to keep us busy. No

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doubt you have seen our . . . Frank Schenider, Duncan Hen- sley and Roth O'Kelly left Friday afternoon for Galveston, where they will enter the S. A. T. C. of the State Medical University.

R. R. Russell, of San Antonio, arrived here Saturday at noon. He no doubt came to Ballinger to witness the bringing in of an oil gusher on his ranch.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surface of the system.

Will Hudson and Son J. M., and H. G. Guy returned from the gulf coast country, Saturday, where they had been at work. Mr. Hudson says the cotton fields in South Texas have been cleaned up, but there is much yet together and a big rice crop to harvest. Cotton pickers made good money while picking was good, receiving from \$1.25 to \$2 per hundred.

W. W. Farmer came in from Higgins, Texas, Friday night, and will be here several days looking after his farm interest. Mr. Farmer says his irrigation farm down the river did not pan out this year as good as usual. He reports fairly good crops on his north Texas ranch and says grain planting is well underway.

Mrs. Cad Williams, came in from Ranger, Saturday, where she has been visiting relatives.

W. F. Latham, who has been with the Hardgrove and Beekton store at Millersville, has moved to Ballinger and will be with The Globe. He and his family will occupy the Parish place on Eighth Street.

Zeeke Seals came in from Valentine, Friday and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seals, of the Crews country, a few days. Mr. Seals is a wireless operator at the army camp at Valentine.

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Farmers and Merchants State Bank

Russell Well Gushes Oil; Proven Field Brings Boom

The oil boom hit Ballinger full in the face late Saturday afternoon. Oil gushing out through the top of the eighty foot derrick at the Russell well was responsible for it all.

In less time than it requires to draw the lease contracts leases advanced from ten cents per acre to \$20 per acre, and the streets of Ballinger were converted into an "oil exchange."

Men who leased their land several months ago at a mere trifle, and in some instances without any consideration further than a promise from the lessee to drill and give the usual one-eighth royalty, stood by and saw the lease transferred to the third party for from \$10 to \$20 per acre. Such lands is located eight, ten and in some instances a greater distance from the oil well.

The report that the well was ready to come in and would be "punctured" at a certain time had gone over the state, and many oil men speculators were here to witness the bringing in of the well and get in on the ground floor of the speculation.

Many in Ballinger were "put wise" or had been keeping a close watch and were on the ground when oil shot out the top of the derrick. The news was telephoned from the well to Ballinger and many others rushed to the scene, and excitement was at a high pitch among the poverty class, who can profit only by the "drippings"—the increased business the oil boom will bring in all lines of business for all classes of labor.

The gusher in the Russell well came in shortly after drilling was resumed Saturday afternoon and drilling began at three o'clock after a two day's shut down for the purpose of moving the boiler away from near the well to prevent fire from gas and oil in case the well did gush.

The boiler was reset, steam pipes connected, things steamed up and the drill sent down into what was said to be a cave in at the bottom of the 200 foot hole. The drill shot through the obstruction and was drawn out, and following the pulling of the drill oil shot

being made in developing the field, and the opinion prevails that the greatest oil field in the southwest will find its center in Ballinger.

Drilling east, west, south and north of Ballinger for the past two years has brought in oil in small quantities. This has kept up development and caused large oil companies to become interested in the field.

The well just brought in is owned by the Gulf Producing Co. The Texas Co. have men on the ground and are taking many leases, the price being paid far beyond what any one ever dreamed of.

That other drilling will be put under way here within a short time is freely predicted, and it is rumored that a well will be drilled near the city.

GOOD INDICATIONS AT SCHULTZ WELL

Oil was struck in the Schultz well at a depth of 1442 feet last Friday. This well is south of the Russell well and is near where oil was found and the well abandoned several months ago on account of an accident.

LOCAL COMPANY STOCK SALE QUITS

The Runnels County Oil & Gas Co., which has been promoting a company and drilling a well near Rowena, eight miles west of Ballinger, have taken their stock off the market. This company has a well down to a depth of 1500 feet and are very optimistic for a rich find.

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NO TIME FOR CIRCUS SAYS CONG. BLANTON

The Reporter has received the following telegram from Congressman Thomas L. Blanton:

"I want to especially commend the Central West Texas people on their movement to pass up the circus on next Saturday. I have lately persuaded Chautauques to postpone certain engagements in West Texas on account of the drought conditions. This circus will take thousands of needed dollars out of the Abilene country. French soldiers here refuse now to attend dances and gaiety functions. If mass meetings people should agree to wire circuses not to stop in Abilene upon penalty of absolute non-attendance, it would demonstrate willingness to sacrifice and to properly meet existing conditions. Can't circuses money be contributed into local relief fund to assist needy and deserving suffering."—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Demoville were here from San Angelo, Sunday spending the day with their parents.

J. McGregor will talk Liberty Bonds for four minutes at the Queen Theatre tonight.

RUNNELS COUNTY

WELL SHOWS OIL

Reliable reports from Runnels County indicate that somebody's "dope bucket" has been upset again by the discovery of the Gulf Producing Company well on the Russell ranch. At around 2,300 feet the well is making about 2,000 cubic feet of gas and has a good showing of oil. Those who had it doped out that there was nothing in that section of the State are wondering how they missed it. The Russell well is about fifteen miles southwest of Ballinger, near the Coleman County line, located on the Brazoria County school land.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Jim Parnell received a letter from his son, Doyle, in which the young man writes that he was sailing from New Jersey port for France.

G. P. Teague, son-in-law of C. C. Cockrell, came in Sunday with Spanish Influenza. The case is under quarantine and close treatment.

"TROUBLES NEVER COME SINGLY"

"Troubles never come singly," is an old saying that is proven true in another instance. Mrs. John Ballew received a telegram Thursday announcing the death of her aged father, "Grandpa" Lollar at Hempstead. Mr. Lollar was quite well known over the Mazeland community. He was an ex-Confederate soldier and had many warm friends here and in his home county of Milam.—Winters Express.

Judge J. B. Wade came in from Fort Worth, Friday, to look after legal business and get in on the ground floor of the oil boom.

R. W. P... was in Dallas on business Sunday afternoon.

Clarence Harter was here from the Wingate country, Friday.

J. W. Huffines and Jess Elms, of Winters were transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

CLEANS YOUR HAIR MAKES IT BEAUTIFUL, THICK GLOSSY, WAVY

Try this! All dandruff disappears and hair stops coming out

Surely try a "Danderine Hair Cleanse" if you wish to immediately double the beauty of your hair. Just moisten a cloth with Danderine, and draw it carefully through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; this will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or any excessive oil—in a few minutes you will be amazed. Your hair will be wavy, fluffy and abundant and possess an incomparable softness, lustre and luxuriance.

Besides beautifying the hair, one application of Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; invigorates the scalp, stopping itching and falling hair.

Danderine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sun are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating stimulating and life-producing properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

You can surely have pretty, soft, lustrous hair, and lots of it, if you will spend a few cents for a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store of toilet counter and try it as directed.

USELESS LUXURIES

The man at home who quarrels because he can't get all the luxuries of life he wants should be given a lesson that will teach him what the boys in the trenches are enduring for a man who spends his time looking for a flowery bed of ease at this time is a traitor to his country.—Ballinger Leader.

We crave luxuries only after we have repleted ourselves with necessities. The poor wretch who is famishing for bread does not yearn for bread pudding or apple pie a la mode. When we are shivering for lack of a shirt we do not clamor for a necktie. "Flowery beds of ease" is a figure of speech invented by some indolent wordsmith who was satisfied with ordinary restfulness. To the really weary man, the man who has matched his bones and muscles against manly tasks the living day, a cotton mattress and a "log cabin quilt" afford the ease his sturdy frame craves. A luxurious couch with silken hangings and exorbitant upholstery is altogether a superfluity for the honestly tired person who seeks refreshment in healthful slumber. Considering all of which we are not with "enter candor," as Mr. Wilson said, suggest that those who are most insistent upon luxuries are usually those who have done least to earn them? The simple life, of which we heard a good deal during and immediately after the panic of '07, consists merely of a willingness to be satisfied with the substantial of existence. The substantial are within reach of all, and when obtained in self-respect are enjoyed in respect. Much of what is often erroneously called "culture" is indifference to the realities of life and devotion to the imaginatives. This is not saying that such culture is to be despised. It has its place in a composite world. But it is frequently overdone and overemphasized through the tendency to endue it with imaginary values. As tributes to their own culture, some families in ordinary circumstances fill their homes with trumpery and costly fittings and furnishings, neither comfortable nor beautiful, when they should have used the price of them in paying for liberty bonds.—Dallas News.

RUNNELS COUNTY BOY SERIOUSLY ILL IN NEW YORK

W. W. Embry, who lives south of Ballinger on the Paint Rock road, was here Monday and while in the city received a telegram notifying him that his son, Finley, was seriously ill in an army hospital at New York. Finley was in France the last time Mr. Embry heard from him, and that has been about two months ago. The telegram notifying him that his son was ill in New York came as quite a surprise.

THE NEW TRIPLE COMBINATION

Treatment for the blood, nerves and liver—purifying, strengthening, cleansing, winning its way wonderfully just now—is: Hood's Sarsaparilla, the superlative blood purifier and appetite giver, known for over 40 years.

Pepsin, the superlative peptic-nutrient-cleary nerve, blood and digestive tonic.

Hood's Pills, the superlative family laxative for biliousness, constipation; pleasant, easy, effective.

What are your troubles? If such as to need all three medicines, why not have perfect, well-rounded relief by getting the combination?

If you need only one medicine, get it and take it—but do it now.

TOM GREEN'S WHEAT LOANS TURNED DOWN

San Angelo, Sept. 28.—All seed applications that were recently sent from Tom Green county to Leon M. Estabrook at Wichita, Kansas, as representative of the federal department of agriculture have been rejected, according to a letter that has been received by L. G. Sunrall, county farm demonstration agent. The applications were turned down for the reason that the loans are being placed only where condition of wheat and rye, and the record of Tom Green county in the production of these crops was not satisfactory. Mr. Estabrook's letter said:

"I have your letter of September 23, with which you inclose nine applications for seed grain loans, and regret exceedingly to have to advise you that these applications cannot be approved. You will note from the enclosed copy of Joint Circular No. 1 issued by the department of agriculture and the treasury department that the seed grain loans are not intended to be made in any county where the growing of wheat is uncertain and extra hazardous or where other crops such as cotton, corn and the plain sorghams, are likely to prove more certain and profitable. At a meeting of the state agronomists and specialist of the department of agriculture at Fort Worth August 19, the counties in which it was believed the seed grain loans could safely be made were listed and Tom Green and adjoining counties were not included in the list. It was for this reason that you were not instructed to appoint an inspection committee and applications for seed grain loans were not supplied to the local banks.

"I note that not a single application submitted by you show any wheat acreage during the past two years, indicating quite clearly that your farmers are not wheat farmers. It is evident that some other form of relief is necessary in your county to carry the farmers over another year and assist them in owing their spring crops. I understand that a movement is under way for the Texas banks to contribute five per cent of their capital to a state fund for the relief of drought stricken farmers which fund should be immediately available and not subject to the same restrictions as the seed grain loans."

RED CROSS HAS BIG SHIPPING DAY

Ballinger Red Cross chapter shipped today to headquarters: 212 Sweaters, 280 pair Socks, 1 Helmet, 1 pair Wristlets, 60 Helpless case shirts, 60 Refugee aprons, 120 Refugee chemises, 3 Layettes.

This shipment completes the Runnels County quota for the quarter ending September 30th.

Ballinger chapter American Red Cross shipped Monday, Belgium refugee garments collected last week, the shipment consisted of nine large boxes, weighing 2660 pounds, containing 2020 garments: 170 pairs shoes, 2 pairs boots, 138 hats and caps, 5 Bonnets, 2 Lots of hose, 2 Blankets, 11 yards new cloth. Of the above Winters Branch supplied articles as follows: 346 Garments, 28 pair Shoes, 23 hats and caps, 46 pairs hose (part men) Miles and Rowena Auxiliaries each sent in a nice list of exceptionally clean and serviceable clothing and shoes.

Norton, Maverick and Spring Hill communities donated clothing and shoes.

The Runnels County quota was 2000 pounds.

Thomas C. Hall is here from Temple. Mr. Hall is enthusiastic over the oil prospects in this county.

W. O. Jolly was here from Winters, Friday.

W. H. Rodgers, D. E. Bartlett, C. Kornegay and Dr. Sanders came down from Winters Friday to size up the oil boom.

D. E. Moody came back from San Angelo, Friday, where he had been on business.

NO CASE OF "FLU" AT CAMP TRAVIS

Camp Travis, Sept. 30.—"No cases of Spanish Influenza have been discovered in Camp Travis, Texas. Influenza of a mild form has been noted in a few cases during the past few months, but in no instance has the influenza been of the virulent type now reported prevalent in the East." This was the statement today of Lieut. Colonel L. W. Little, Chief Surgeon of the Eighteenth Division, located at Camp Travis.

Because of the prevalence of the virulent type in the East every case of influenza in any form is reported directly to the Surgeon General in Washington. Cases, numbering thirty seven, reported from Camp Travis, however have been of the very mild type and not to be classed as Spanish influenza. Every precaution has been taken and is being taken to prevent the introduction or spread of the infection now reported in many other camps.

There has been one death reported from influenza from Camp Travis in the Hospital or from among the soldiers at Camp Travis, notwithstanding the fact that there has been a total of from 25,000 to 40,000 practically all the time. All suspected cases are being carefully watched from symptoms of the influenza of the Spanish type.

According to Colonel Little, the Spanish influenza is different from the usual known type of influenza in the virulence of the factors. Climatic conditions have much to do with the status of the disease. It is notable that Camps and contentments of the United States west of the Mississippi River have been singularly free of influenza in any form whatever.

There is no reason for worry, as to the health of the soldiers in the cantonment at Camp Travis, unless a very unexpected outbreak of the influenza appears. The preventative steps already taken and the general health conditions existing.

Don A. Swett, assistant postmaster, had business at Winters, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bailey came in from Fort Worth this week. Mrs. Bailey is visiting her daughter Mrs. Scott H. Maek, while Mr. Bailey looks after his ranch interest in Stearling county.

J. C. Reese returned home Thursday from different points in the state where he has been at work. Col. C. C. Walsh passed through Ballinger Thursday, en route to his home at San Angelo, after a visit to Dallas where he attended the Liberty Loan committee. He stated that after the quota for the counties in the drought districts had been made up, the figures were reduced about two-thirds.

R. T. Williams returned Thursday at noon, from DeLeon, where he sized up the oil situation. Mr. Williams is interested in some leases in the DeLeon field.

H. H. Williams, state agent Boy's Club Work, and R. W. Person, district farm agent, were here Wednesday in consultation with the Farm Agent Eaton. They were well pleased with the work being done here by Mr. Eaton, but indicated that there was danger of the work being discontinued unless the county co-operated with the federal government.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger, Wednesday.

OLD GLORY SPATTERED WITH OIL

The United States flag which has been flying from the top of the derrick at the Russell well since that derrick was constructed a few months ago, received a shower of Runnels County oil when the oil well gushed last Saturday.

Mr. Kapsal, one of the men in charge of the drilling, removed the flag and brought it in and turned it over to Father Goldbach, with the suggestion that it be sold to some prosperous oil scout for a souvenir and the proceeds donated to the Red Cross. Father Goldbach says he is ready to convert the flag into cash if some one will devise the best way for doing it.

Grove's Tasteless Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Henry Clark and wife were here from Wingate Friday, coming in to visit Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. W. F. McKnown, and attending to some business.

J. E. Fowler had business in San Angelo, Thursday, returning home Friday.

Mr. Gambell, the Plain Price Store man of Winters, and Frank Flynt, Winters postmaster, were here bright and early Friday morning on business.

MOTHER! GIVE CHILD "SYRUP OF FIGS" IF TONGUE IS COATED

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

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

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

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

GOOD CLOTHES FOR BELGIUM PEOPLE

There were about fifteen hundred garments, including many pairs of shoes, gathered together here this week and made ready for shipment to the Belgium relief committee. The clothing consisted of garments for men, women and children, including clothing for little tots and children of all ages. Many good clothing were included in the lot, there being new clothing. Some one sent a box to the Library containing brand new clothing, underwear, etc. If every community does as well as Ballinger did, the Belgium people will be well fixed for clothing for some time to come.

ATTENDS WAR FUND MEET

Scott H. Maek returned Friday night from Dallas and Austin. Mr. Maek went to Dallas to attend a meeting of county chairmen of the religious war work fund. He says that it had been expected that 500 men would be present at the meeting, representing every part of the state, but that there were 800 present, and the meeting was an enthusiastic one.

Under the new plan a campaign will be launched following the close of the Liberty Loan campaign in which a fund will be raised by all the religious organizations represented in the cantonment, and this fund will be proportioned out according to the activities being carried on by each different organization. The Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, Jewish organization, etc., will all participate in the campaign and each will get their prorata part of the fund raised.

Mr. Maek says that after hearing the plan discussed and after understanding it, that he is thoroughly in accord with it, and feels that all the people will be in favor of the plan when they understand it.

Mr. Maek reports that the meeting was addressed by prominent church workers, including both protestants, catholics and Jews. Returning by Austin Mr. Maek spent the night with his son Bailey and Calvin Kirk, who are in the S. A. T. C. at the State University.

L. L. BOND BUYING NOW UNDER WAY

Theo Kre was the first man reported to The Ledger as a bond buyer in the Fourth Liberty Loan Bond campaign. Mr. Kre came from his ranch down the river Saturday morning and made application for a \$200 bond.

The Magnolia Petroleum Co., filed with the First National Bank for \$1000 bond.

The local banks have received applications and are ready to push the sales of the bonds, while the ladies committee is busy soliciting bond subscription.

Hooray for Banana Peel "Gets-It"

Only Real Way to Get Rid of Corns. Which do you prefer—a corn that pulls or a corn that peels? Buttery or blessedness? Only "Gets-It" can get rid of your corn the peel-off way, the blessed way. You don't need a pill.



"Corns Never Trouble Me. I Use 'Gets-It'!" Why hump yourself up on the floor and with your jaws set and eyes popping from pain, jerk and gouge and cut your corn? Why irritate your toes with some salve or wrap your toe into a big painful bundle with some sticky tape or plaster? Life is too short. Use "Gets-It"—it takes a few seconds to apply and there's no fussing. Corns pain go. Wear new shoes if you want. Peel off the corn with your fingers—the whole thing, root and all, clear and clean, and it's gone! Only "Gets-It" can do this. Take no chances.

"Gets-It," the guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, the only sure way, costs but a trifle at any drug store. MFG'd by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

about forty feet in the air, or about half way out the top of the derrick.

The drill was sent down the second time and again penetrated the cave in and was drawn out and the second gush sent the oil out the top of the eighty foot derrick.

Orders were given to stop drilling until complete preparations were made for taking care of the gusher, and until the cave in could be cased off, strainers adjusted etc.

No definite information has been given out as to when the well will be drilled deeper or tested out at the present depth.

No estimate has been placed on the capacity of the well as it stands at present.

The gusher ceased with the second gush, or only two strong gushes of oil came from the well, and these followed the pulling of the bit from the well.

Oil was struck in this well at about 1800 feet. This was only in small quantity. Gas showed up in the well at about 1000 feet and the gas pressure rapidly increased until it was estimated that the flow amounted to three million cubic feet. The oil flow gradually increased as the drill made its way down through the lime rock until at a depth of about 2300 feet just as the drill struck the sand, the gas pressure and oil increase demanded that precaution be taken to prevent fire and drilling was suspended to move the boiler.

Those in close touch with the development are well pleased with the progress

Rheumatism Arrested

If you suffer with lame muscles or stiffened joints look out for impurities in the blood, because each attack gets more acute and stubborn.

To arrest rheumatism you must improve your general health and purify your blood; the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is Nature's great blood-maker while it also strengthens the organs to expel the impurities. Scott's is helping thousands who could not find other relief.

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The soldier gives; you must lend.

Liberty Bonds or German taxes. Which do you prefer?

If you can't fight, your money can. Idle dollars are pro-German.

Be one of the millions to lend the billions. Get on the bond wagon.

Regardless of final results, some of the oil scouts have "cleaned up."

May we hope that an oil boom will pave the way for better roads and better streets. The public has suffered long.

There is a feeling of optimism, and a general hint that something good is about to happen to this drought stricken town.

Continuing the summer time for another month calls for early to bed and early to rise, breakfast by candle light and supper by sunlight.

While building projects must be approved by the government, the order in no wise discourages road building. The government is appropriating millions for roads.

While the Fourth Liberty Loan is the largest yet called for, Runnels county's quota is only about half as large as her quota in the Third campaign. Let's go over the top.

The charge that Germany scattered influenza among the soldiers in the cantonments may be well founded. We know by past experience how they fight in the dark.

There is a suspicion expressed by some that the public will never know it, when paying oil is struck in wells being drilled. A gusher within the next few days will explode that suspicion.

It begins to look like we will not have to depend on our government or eastern neighbors for drought relief funds, we are going to use oil as a substitute. The old saying that it is always the darkest just before day may be proving true around Ballinger.

We rather like the boozeless age in which we are living. It has proven that booze is not an essential and coming generations will be a sober generation, and money formerly spent for booze and in prohibition campaigns can be diverted to other causes.

In granting loans for seed wheat the government recognizes the possibility of Runnels county as an agricultural county, and are ready to help the farmers. Applications from Tom Green county were rejected. Bumper crops have been produced here and bumper crops will be produced again.

One farmer suggested that drilling for oil on his land might interfere with farming activities. We have about come to the conclusion that the land is better adapted for drilling and storage tanks than anything else. No rain, you know, to interfere with oil activities.

The farmers of this county have saved \$18,750 in freight on feed through orders for half rate approved by the farm agent during the past month, yet the county commissioners decline to cooperate with the federal government in maintaining the agent here, throwing the burden on the business men and a few citizens.

The Southern farmer should not worry about the cotton price fixing proposition. If President Wilson fixes the price on a basis of the way he has been fixing other things, the fix will be favorable to the cotton grower. Wilson is not a cheap man. Germany will want our cotton after the war, then why not make Germany pay for it.

Several farmers who are in South Texas working at so much per day to get money for winter rations can now lease their land to the oil scouts for more than they

could have sold outright the blooming stuff for ten days ago, and when the good seasons come they can continue to grow rich by tilling the land. A great country is this drought stricken desert, because a man can live three years in one here.

The thousands of prisoners captured by the Americans and allies should be kept busy rebuilding what they have torn down. There is no danger of German troops invading the territory again, and the French can feel safe behind the armies who are now standing between them and the huns. France has paid a dear price for all the world. The same is true of noble Belgium and in a short time that nation too will be from under the German heel.

A prominent Runnels County citizen-farmer committed suicide on account of the drought. Likewise, some men make poor soldiers because they haven't the guts to stand the gaff.—Coleman Democrat.

You should not express the weakness of the unfortunate so roughly. A diseased mind, brought on by what we call worry, is responsible for such tragedies. Often a little sunshine, a kind word, or a word of encouragement from one who "has the guts" would save a life, prevent a tragic ending and make the world better. No man reasoning with a sound mind knows what he will do should his mind become diseased, uncontrollable.

USING THE ROAD DRAG

It is refreshing in traveling over the highways of the Southwest to pass over portions of the road kept up with drags. The only sad feature is that these places are far too few. The road overseer that has the cooperation of those living near the road are extremely fortunate. Where each farmer has a road drag and keeps up that portion of the road passing his farm it is a very easy matter for the county officials to do the rest.

It is not enough to build roads and designate highways. They must be maintained or disintegration which is continually at work will destroy them. Where there is sufficient public interest and private selfishness—among neighbors to keep drags and drag the road after each rain maintenance is by no means expensive.

The problem of labor to keep up roads is difficult of solution since so many hands have entered the training camps. We find that roads are already showing neglect as a result. Why not enlist every farmer in the good roads army, equip him with a split-log drag and thus keep up our roads?

The roads are a necessity in meeting our obligations incident to winning the war. We cannot expect public funds alone to keep up the roads. They have been in adequate in time of peace. They will be less efficient in time of war. Let every citizen help by contributing his drag—Farm & Ranch.

OIL REFINERY IS NEXT BIG THING

Without giving any authentic authority for the report, The Ledger can say that a move is already on foot for securing building site for an oil refinery at Ballinger.

With the bringing in of an oil gusher near here comes the immediate demand for facilities for handling the oil, and capital is ready to furnish these facilities when it has been proven that there will be oil to handle.

It is rumored that the site of the old flour mill on Elm Creek just below the Cotton oil mill has been "spotted" as the logical place for a large refinery, and that parties are ready to push this feature of the oil development at the proper time.

This would make an ideal site for such an enterprise. Considerable material is already on the ground and railroad tracks connect the site with the main line.

The grade of the oil from the Russell well is said by experts to be of the highest quality, and will be greatly in demand by the refineries.

Miss Mary Pechnacke visited friends at Rowena Sunday, returning home Monday afternoon.

JUST A DUB, BUT--

He Had at Least One Good Deed to His Credit.

And St. Peter Recognized His Fitness to Enter into Everlasting Joy While Others Less Worthy Were Sent Below.

As standards are on this earth he had not amounted to much. He had lived, laughed, loved, sinned and died in the common way of all. He had made a few friends, and a few enemies, but he had come and passed as one of the many. His had been common toil and he had done it in the ordinary way.

And so when his soul at last stood before the Great White Gate there was no stir among the saints to receive it.

"What have you to say for yourself?" said St. Peter, sternly, but not unkindly.

"Nothing," replied the soul, timidly. "Nothing!" exclaimed St. Peter. "Did you never get your name in the papers?"

"Never. I was never considered very clever down there."

"Oh. Didn't make fine speeches then?"

"No. I couldn't talk on my feet."

"I see. Didn't go to church very often either, did you?"

"No. I was often very tired and on Sundays I slept late in the mornings and played with the kiddies the rest of the day."

"You died in your bed, while thousands of your fellowmen died on the battlefield, fighting for their country?"

"Yes. When the war came I was beyond the age of enlistment."

"Well, can't you think of one thing that you did that might recommend you for admission here?"

"I'm afraid not. All my life I was just a dub."

"Just a dub, eh?"

"Yes. Never did shine at anything. Just a plodder, trying hard all the time to get somewhere, but never actually arriving. And yet—"

"Yet what?"

"If you will permit me to say it, during the great war down here I didn't force a committee to spend two or three hours trying to convince me that I ought to buy Liberty bonds. I couldn't fight; couldn't be a general or a captain; I didn't know enough to fill a government job, but I did know it was every man's duty to back his country to the limit, and I bought all the Liberty bonds I could, without an argument."

"Fine," said St. Peter enthusiastically, "come right on in. Did you notice a crowd of fine-looking, high-stepping souls going down as you came up?"

"Yes."

"Well that was a bunch of loud-talking rich spirits who delayed the end of the war a year because they wouldn't buy Liberty bonds until they were convinced that their purchases were absolutely necessary. They're going to get a taste of trench life under Old Satan in the financial stracker's department."

Are Aviators Born?

"There was a time when it was held that a man must be especially born for aeronautic duties," writes Henry Woodhouse, vice president of the Aerial League of America, in Everybody's.

"Experience had brought out the fact that the average young man can make an excellent aviator. Captain Guyener, Major Bishop, Captain William Thaw, Captain Ball of the Lafayette escadrille, and practically all the famous aviators were not men who impressed anybody with being different from other young men."

"Of the thousands of allied aviators there are probably not 500 men who had seen more than a few months of military service before joining the air service. Most of them had never seen any military service."

"In planning an organization for the selection and training of aviators, the aircraft board and signal corps of the United States have had to prepare to deal entirely with men who had never seen military service, as other countries have done."

Safest Place.

We were calling at a home in East Cleveland, not more than a hundred yards from where the Nickel Plate tracks cross Superior. As we rang the bell we noticed something that gave us a shudder of apprehension, and when our hostess answered the door we gave vent to our feelings at once.

"Mrs. Emdash," we said, "do you know where your children are playing?"

"No," she gasped, pulling a little with alarm. "Where are they?"

"Up there on the railroad tracks!" we told her.

"She looked relieved."

"Oh," she said, "I was afraid they were playing in the street. I am so afraid of the automobiles. Won't you come in—I'll call Mr. Emdash."

TNT Poison Through Skin.

Trinitrotoluene poisoning is a new disease in America, but one that has attracted much attention since our factories began making munitions in large quantities. There is some dispute how the TNT poisons, but the Medical Record says the weight of evidence is in favor of its absorption through the skin, though inhaling the fumes may be responsible to some extent.

Ringed Chime Bells.

When first introduced, chime bells were rung by a number of men, each grasping a rope from one particular bell and striking it at the precise moment the leader pointed a finger at him for a signal. The custom originated in Europe, and was imported into this country when the first chimes were brought over. This was shortly after the country's independence was declared, the new bells being placed in Trinity church, New York city. It required seven men to ring the seven bells, and it was not until 1890 that a plan was devised whereby one man alone was able to ring the bells.

Nativity of Peach Tree.

The peach tree is a native of Persia and China. It was brought to Italy by the Romans in the time of the Emperor Claudius, was cultivated in Europe as early as 1550 and brought to America about 1680. Its name is derived from Persico, its native country. The ancients regarded it with distrust, as according to Pliny they supposed the king of Persia had sent it into Egypt to poison the inhabitants with whom he was at war. The Chinese have traditions of a peach tree of knowledge and another of immortality.

To Remove Oil Stains.

It has been found that oil stains on concrete floors may be removed by using a mixture of one pound of oxalic acid in three gallons of water, with enough wheat flour added to make a paste that can be applied with a brush. Allow the application to remain for two days, and then remove it with clean water and a scrubbing brush. A second application may be necessary in stubborn cases.

Migration of Birds.

Until the acquisition of Alaska by the United States it was a wonder where certain wild fowl went when they migrated from temperature climes on the approach of summer, as well as snowbirds and other small species of the feathered tribe. It was afterward found that their habitat in summer was the waters of Alaska—the Yukon river and the lakes of that hyperborean region.

Samples Wanted.

For the recovery of a black-and-tan terrier, a gentleman asked his friend, "Yes," was the reply. "But you never had a dog to lose?" "I know," said the advertiser, "but I want one now, and I think I can make a good choice from the animals that will be brought to me."

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to visit our interesting and instructive exhibit at the Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport, Cotton Palace Waco, East Texas Fair, Tyler and Pittsburg Fair, Pittsburg. We invite all our former students, their friends and those interested in America's largest business training school to visit our booth in the Exposition building, and see our splendid exhibit which has won first honor at the State Fair. Our exhibit will be interesting and educational to old and young. We will have demonstrations on some of the most modern office appliances which are taught in our school. Speed demonstrations in Byrnes Combination Shorthand, a system written either with a pencil or typewriter, exhibit of student's work in bookkeeping, business training, shorthand, typewriting, business administration and penmanship, cotton classing and telegraphy. A visit to our exhibit will show you why we have the largest school of the kind in America; you will see clearly why it is that we can make you a more practical and thorough stenographer in three and one-half months with the famous Byrnes shorthand than other schools teaching other systems can in seven months, and why it is with our original copyrighted system of bookkeeping and business training we can give you both a course of bookkeeping and business training in less time than other schools teaching other systems can give you a mere theoretical course of bookkeeping, and why it is that our practical department of telegraphy, the largest in the United States, with a loan of the Cotton Belt train wire, giving every message to our students every station blank and record book that is used by the Western Union or Cotton Belt Railroad, turns out practical operators and station men; and that we place our graduates into good positions, also investigate the practical manner in which we teach cotton classifying.

Grove's Tasteless Chiff Tonic

destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

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From present indications we will have more than 3500 enrollments this year.

Write today for catalogue and red what we guarantee to give you, what our former students say we have given them, and what their employers say of their efficiency. Get facts, address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

SHULTZ WELL BRINGS IN OIL

A phone message received in Ballinger shortly after midnight Friday night, announced the finding of oil in the Schultz well near Millersview in Conecho county.

According to information received here the drill penetrated oil sand at a depth of 1442 feet, and several feet of oil showed up in the well, and drilling was suspended for a short time, and until the engineers could make a survey of the situation.

This is the second well drilled in the Schultz field, the first well have been abandoned on account of losing a drill in it. Oil was struck in the first well at about the same depth as the present well, and the finding of oil Friday night was no surprise and had been expected for several hours, as the second well is being drilled near the first.

The Schultz well is south of the river from the Russell well and is believed to be in the same belt which geologist claim extends south from the oil fields of Wichita Falls, Ranger, Eastland and Coleman.

Gusher Expected at Russell Well There is much interest in activities at the Russell well and developments are being watched just as close as those in charge will permit.

News from the well today indicates that drilling will be resumed within the next few hours, and it is possible that a few strokes of the drill will bring in a gusher while it is probable that the drill will be pushed down a considerable distance before a combination of gas and oil sufficient to push the oil out the top.

The boiler has been moved back a safe distance from the drill to prevent fire when the gusher comes in, and those who are keeping in touch with the development do not hesitate to say that everything indicates a gusher soon.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN TO HELP WIN WAR

The call for peach seed, prune seed, etc., offers an opportunity for the children to have a hand in winning the war.

The children and grown folks too, should pause and look at the seeds being accumulated for the government in the show window at the Higginbotham store.

The government is badly needing this kind of material to use in chemical work in making gas mask for our boys who are in France.

Think of the awful suffering and the awful death caused by the German gas if our boys are not properly protected with masks.

The chemist must have material to make the masks, and an urgent call has been made for seeds of this character.

The seeds are converted into charcoal and used in the manufacture of the masks. A hand full of seed furnished by you may be the means of saving the life of a Runnels county boy.

According to information received by R. T. Williams, county food administrator, peach shells are not suitable for making the carbon that is used in manufacturing the masks.

Brazil nuts, walnuts, hickory nuts, butter nuts and peach, cherry plum, olive prune and date seeds are wanted, however, in the greatest possible quantities. House holds are urged to save these pits seeds and shells that are ordinarily thrown away. They should be taken to the Higginbotham store where they will be packed for shipment.

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Banner-Ledger Want Ads

50c per hundred for junk iron, highest price paid in Ballinger. N. PASSUR. d&wtf.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—1920 acres Coke county ranch; some trade, good rains. Inquire Ledger Office. 23 3rd 1w pd.

FOR SALE—Case 10-20 H. P. Tractor complete, with sixty foot belt and a John Deere gully plow, good as new, at a bargain. See A. E. Neale on the Ogle farm, six miles southwest of Ballinger. d&w 1tp

WANTED—Unskilled labors for the Air-Nitrates Corporation at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, to en train at Ballinger Friday Oct. 4, at 4:20 p. m. 30 cents per hour with time and a half over time. Transportation and meals free to place of work from Ballinger.

Board and lodging \$5.25 per week, free hospital service for employees when sick. This is urgent call for help and men engaged in non-essential work will soon be notified. Better go now before being drafted. Volunteers for this work should report to D. B. Dizes, Winters, or H. W. Robinson, Miles or N. K. Freeman, Rowena, or P. McGregor, Ballinger, and get ready to go Friday afternoon.

U. S. LABOR BOARD. 13td 1tw.

AGENT WANTED—by insurance company writing farm property and special hazard. Licensed by state but not subject to state rates. Policies accepted by Federal Land Bank. Commission twenty per cent. Address Post-office Box 232, Houston, Texas 15td 1tw.

WE FIGHT THE KAISER Six days in every week by repairing and half soling your shoes mending your harness, saddles, and recovering your auto and buggy tops. Let us do yours! EBB CATHEY 127d-4w

FOR SALE—Scholarship in Draughts Practical Business College, Dallas Texas, good for life time and complete course in short hand and typewriter course. The government needs stenographers This is a first class college and we will sell this scholarship at a bargain. Ballinger Printing Co. dwtf.

WE BUY OLD FALSE TEETH

We will pay up to \$1.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to senders approval of our offer. Highest prices paid for old gold jewelry, gold crowns, bridges, platinum and silver. UNITED STATES SMELTING WORKS, Inc. 903 Goldenrod Bldg. Opp. Post Office MILWAUKEE WIS.

NUMBER ONE MEN TO BE FAR SHORT

George Thornburn, federal inspector of local draft boards, was here Wednesday and Thursday checking up the work of the local board. He inspected the records in the office of the local board, and announced that he found everything in good shape and the work being well handled here.

Mr. Thornburn stated that it was developing from questionnaires being returned that men in class one were going to be far short of what the government had anticipated, and that in order to get the required number of men out of the last registration, it would be necessary to take many married men in making up the next army.

The inspector stated that men without dependants would be called first, men with wives and no children being called before men with children depending on them for support. Men with sufficient income for their families will be placed in class one.

NR Tonight - Tomorrow Feel Right Get a 25 Box WEEKS DRUG STORE, Ballinger, Texas

THEY BEAT ME UP, STILL I CAN FIGHT

Dallas, Oct. 1.—When the Liberty Loan train arrived at Naples, Texas, yesterday, a battle seared veteran of twenty-two, Sergeant J. P. Boltin, of Naples, stood up and shouted to the crowd. "They beat me up but I still can fight, and if I can't fight over there I can fight over here."

This boy was shot at Vimy Ridge again on the Somme he was shot and at Kemmel Hill he received serious injury from gas, and was taken prisoner by the huns. The flesh was torn from his body with a rawhide because he refused to give the enemy information about our army, and he was the first to buy a Liberty Bond when the campaign opened in Naples, Texas, his home town. The crowd which heard the young man talk went delirious with enthusiasm.

At Shreveport, La., a Greek was the first to go over the top with the Liberty Loan. The Greek had not been in this country for many years. He is running a small business and told one of the canvassers, "If the United States government needs my money to fight those Germans it can have it. I don't care whether I have a bond or not."

Here is a slogan for every one, "If my United States government needs my money to fight those Germans it can have it."

Remember the slogan comes from a Greek. Buck up native born Americans, and do your part. "Here is a letter received by an army officer well known in Texas, whose name is omitted by request: "To Capt. R. L. * * * I do not know how to write, Signor Captain, for when I was a girl there was no schools. My grand son is writing for me. I am the mother of Italo, your orderly. It was destined that he should die. It was much better however, that he should die for the country than that he should die in some other way. Perhaps badly the times are evil in these days and the mothers are always in fear for their sons. Then too, we thank God, Italo had honor. He has been buried by his companions and the priest has given him absolution. On the other hand how may poor Christian remain who are exposed to the wind, to the sun, or worse still are in the hands of savage beings who torment them. Was it you Segnor Captain, who gave my name to those gentlemen who came to bring me money because Italo is dead? It was not from pride nor to mortify any one, but I could not take it. You see for me to take the money would be like having sold my son. I have given my son."

Native born Americans, when you have read this and swallowed the lump in your throat, go and buy another bond and you will feel better.

Can Now Eat and Sleep in Comfort

If troubled with indigestion or sleeplessness you should read what Miss Agnes Turner, Chicago, Ill., has to say: "Overwork, irregular meals and carelessness regarding the ordinary rules of health, gradually undermined it until last fall I became a wreck of my former self. I suffered from continual headache, was unable to digest my food, which seemed to lay as a dead weight on my stomach. I was very constipated and my complexion became dark, yellow and muddy as I felt. Sleeplessness was added to my misery, and I would awake as tired as when I went to sleep. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and found such relief after taking them that I kept up the treatment for nearly two months. They cleansed my stomach, invigorated my system, and since that time I can eat and sleep in comfort. I am today entirely well."

Miss Lola Lewis, of Tahoka, is visiting in Rannels County, being the guest of her sister, Mrs. Davis, of Hatchel.

L. B. Harris, a young attorney from San Angelo, was here Monday sizing up the oil situation.

Dr. W. T. Allen returned from Coleman Monday, where he had been to fill his regular engagement with the Episcopal church in that city.

A Beautiful Woman

Do you know that a beautiful woman always has a good digestion? If your digestion is faulty, eat lightly of meats, and take an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen your digestion. Price 25c.

INDIGESTION, GAS OR SOUR, UPSET STOMACH

Eat One Tablet! Put Your Stomach in Order with Pape's Diapepsin.

No waiting! When meals don't fit and you belch gas, acids and undigested food. When you feel indigestion pain, lumps of distress in stomach, heartburn or headache. Here is instant relief.

Just as soon as you eat a tablet of Pape's Diapepsin all the dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach distress ends. These pleasant, harmless tablets of Pape's Diapepsin always make sick, upset stomachs feel fine at once and they cost so little at drug stores.

LIEUT. SHARP SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Washington, Sept. 30th. Mrs. Mary B. Sharp, Ballinger, Texas.

Deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Lieut. Roy F. Sharp was severely wounded in action about July 30. Department has no further information.

Harris, Act. Adj. Gen.

Mrs. Sharp received the above telegram late Monday afternoon. It will be remembered that she received a cablegram about August 6th from her son stating that he had been slightly wounded.

In the course of time she received letters from him confirming the cablegram, and the letters indicated that he was more seriously wounded than the cablegram stated, and other letters since then have verified the suspicion that his wounds were of a serious nature, although not of a nature to prove fatal.

The telegram from the war department Monday verifies the suspicion that Roy was more seriously wounded than the cablegram at first indicated or than he would admit in his letters.

No doubt he wished to keep his mother from worrying about him and for that reason he declined to say in his cablegram or letters just how badly he was wounded.

As two months have elapsed and letters from him received stating that he was getting along nicely, there is no cause for uneasiness on the part of his family, now. The last letter received from him stated that he was getting along as well as could be expected but indicated that it would be some time before he could leave the hospital.

It is the opinion of relatives and friends that Lieut. Sharp will not be able to return to the front, and he will be returned home as soon as he is able to make the trip.

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

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by 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.

A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and act through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

The peace loving nations of the world will rejoice with France in the freedom she is again gaining from the dirty huns who have been in possession of that fair land and have scattered wreck, ruin and disgrace over the country.

Billie Miller was here from Leaday, Monday accompanied by his nephew young Mr. Miller from Kansas City. Mr. Miller says oil interest is increasing with the rapid progress being made by the drills on the Leaday ranch. Three wells are going down, and prospects are promising for good paying wells.

THE LAST WORDS OF AN OUTLAW LEADER

Addin g to the list of "last words of famous men" Santa Anna News uncovered the following dying words of Sam Bass, the noted Texas outlaw, killed at Round Rock, July 21 1878: "This world is but a bubble—trouble everywhere you go." Which proves that Sam Bass like most men impatient of the restraints of law, had a streak of wild poetry within his breast.

There was nothing to regret in the end of Sam Bass. He met a just death, a sudden death that was bound to come to him some time. But it is said of him that he fought like a man, never seeking to bully or terrify the weak.

An accidental meeting with a body of Texas Rangers sent to capture him precipitated the battle which resulted in his death. The late John R. Banister, Sheriff of Coleman County, was a member of the posse of Rangers, and was present at the death of the noted outlaw. Just before his death, Bass gave his six-shooter, belt and scabbard to the young Ranger, and the relics were greatly prized, representing in those days a man's most precious possessions.

Bass' last words were addressed to Banister, and a letter from the Ranger to his mother, which has been published by the Santa Anna News, is of historical value as clearing up many points in dispute. The letter follows:

Round Rock, July 22, 1878. Dear Mother: We are both well (referring to his brother, Will Banister, and himself). The notorious Sam Bass died yesterday at 4:20 p. m. He made no request. Two minutes before his death he said: "This world is but a bubble—trouble everywhere you go." and after saying this in two minutes his soul was launched in to eternity.

I have a relic which he gave me, his six-shooter, belt and scabbard. The shot that killed him passed through the top of the scabbard and through the belt. An awful excitement prevails over the little town of Round Rock.

Dick Ware killed Barnes and Harrell killed Bass. Harrell is one of our company. The ex-Ranger is still alive. The wagon started with the body of Bass twenty minutes ago to the graveyard.

I think we will return to San Saba soon. Write to San Saba.

From your dutiful son, JOHN R. BANISTER.

Sheriff Banister's story of the fight that ended the career of Sam Bass is known to a great many of our readers. Neither side expected the encounter on the twenty-first. The Rangers were camped near the town, expecting a raid by the Bass gang the following night. Two of the Rangers had ridden into town and Bass and some of his followers had also ridden in to buy some supplies and perhaps reconnoiter for the planned robbery. The two Rangers recognized the outlaw and opened fire from cover. Bass took cover in a store and returned the fire, his followers joining in.

The remaining Rangers galloped in at the sound of the shots, and Bass, fearing he would be hined in and shot to death in his hiding place, dashed from the store to his horse. Just as he reached the horse, he received the fatal bullet from a Winchester fired by Geo. Harrell.

Bass mounted his horse, but had to be supported by one of his followers. The outlaw, knowing that he was mortally wounded, persuaded his men to leave him, and make their escape. The pursuing Rangers found him and he died the next day after he had been brought back to Round Rock.—Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

Bronchial Trouble

Mrs. A. E. Sidneberder, Rockfield, Ind., states: "Far an attack of bronchial trouble which usually assails me in the spring I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only thing that gives me relief. After using it for a few days all signs of bronchial trouble disappears."

Makes His Own Castor Oil.

A druggist at Santander, U. S. of Colombia, has discovered that he could produce his own castor oil far more cheaply than import it. This has started a great boom in growing castor oil plants, and shipments of castor seed meal and of the beans are being made to New York.

ARIZONA MINE BOSS LAY HELPLESS WHEN WIFE GOT TANLAC

Was Six Feet Tall and Got Down To Where He Weighed One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds

"I lay helpless when my wife ordered our first bottle of Tanlac from El Paso, Texas," writes Harry E. Scott, of Dragoon, Arizona, in telling of his remarkable recovery.

"Mr. Scott's letter was addressed to C. F. Moss, a well-known druggist of Benson, Ariz., who has the Tanlac agency for that town and was forwarded by Mr. Moss, to the Tanlac office in Atlanta. His letter follows:

Dragoon, Arizona Mr. C. F. Moss, Benson, Arizona. Dear sir:

"As you expressed a desire to hear more about my case, I will try and tell you part of it. I was down and out nearly all the time for two years with rheumatism and stomach trouble, and went to eight doctors, two of whom were osteopaths. Three of them refused to take my case, saying it was incurable, and others might as well have done so, as they did me no good. I guess I have taken a barrel of medicine internally and externally I also went to Hot Springs and out of all that was ever done, I never got over one week's relief at a time."

"After going down to one hundred and sixteen pounds which is very light for a six-footer—I kept getting worse until I couldn't move, even to feed myself, had no desire to eat and couldn't sleep more than two hours a night. Some of the officials of the mine, of which I am foreman, would call to see me and then go out and say, "poor old Scott, I guess he has fired his last man." My wife thought I would never get out of bed alive and she knew my condition better than anyone else.

"At last when I lay helpless, my wife ordered a bottle of Tanlac from El Paso, Texas, which was the nearest place we could get it at that time. One evening about four days after I began taking Tanlac, I ate a fair meal and enjoyed it, the first in many months. By the time I had taken half of the first bottle, I thought I had a good appetite but when I had finished my second bottle I could hardly eat enough to satisfy me. Well I have just finished my ninth bottle, have gained eighteen pounds and am back on the job every day.

"I have converted lots of sufferers to the 'Tanlac Route' and it affects them all as it did me—their stomach trouble, nervousness and rheumatism all yield to Tanlac. Mrs. Scott and myself are willing to go before a notary public and make affidavit as to the truth of every statement in this letter, which you are at liberty to publish and use for the benefit of others."

Yours every truly, Harry E. Scott. Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks Drug Store.

Smart Sayings. Do not think that you are saying smart things when you say things that make other people smart.—Youth's Companion.

Respected by Somebody. Each man is a hero and an oracle to somebody, and to that person whatever he says has an enchanted value.—Emerson.

As Time Passes. Today becomes yesterday so fast that a fellow's predictions become reminiscences before he realizes it.

When Love is Blind. Love is very often blind when a man is hugging a fond delusion.

Comfort and economy make happy homes. You get both by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters.

Rankin Jones returned from a business trip to San Angelo, Monday.

Duard McKenzie went to Abilene Friday, where he will enter the S. A. T. C. of Simmons College.

Sincere Gratitude

Mrs. William Bell, Logansport, Ind., writes "I deem it my duty to express my gratitude for the good Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy did for me when I had a severe attack of diarrhoea three years ago. It was the only medicine that relieved me."

BIG DRAFT CALL INDEFINITELY PUT OFF

The local board received notice Friday from Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder, indefinitely postponing the big draft call for October 7th.

This call was for 8000 men from Texas, and Rannels County had been notified to furnish 45 men. The board was arranging to call the men to fill this quota when they received notice postponing same.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza in army camps, Provost Marshal General Crowder tonight cancelled calls for the entrainment between Oct 7 and 11 of 142,000 draft registrants.

During the twenty-four hours ending at noon today 6,139 new cases of influenza in army camps had been reported to the office of the surgeon general of the army. One hundred and seventy deaths resulting chiefly from pneumonia following influenza, and 723 new cases of pneumonia also were reported.

Two camps, Kearney, California, and Eustis, Va., were added today to the list of those where influenza has made its appearance, leaving only thirteen camps free from the disease. The total number of cases of influenza in all camps was placed at 35,146 with 3,036 cases of pneumonia. One out of every four men at Camp Devens, Mass. contracted influenza, it was announced, and ten per cent of the cases have developed pneumonia.

FOR BILIOUSNESS TAKE A CALOTAB

The New Calomel Tablets That Is Entirely Purified of All Nauseating and Dangerous Qualities

Of all medicines in the world, the doctors prize calomel most highly, for it is the best and only sure remedy for the most common ailments. Now that all of its unpleasant and dangerous qualities have been removed, the new kind of calomel, called "Calotabs" is thoroughly delightful. One Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No nausea, no gripping nor unpleasantness. Next morning you wake up feeling fine—live, wide awake, energetic, and with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please, go where you please—no restrictions as to habit or diet.

Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Your druggist recommends and guarantees Calotabs. Money back if you are not delighted.—(Advt.)

BALLINGER MAN HOLDS NUMBER ONE

The first capsule drawn from the big bowl at the draft drawing at Washington yesterday contained Number 322. Elmer Shepperd of Ballinger holds Number 1 in the list of registrants made up in order number in the local draft board office.

When called the men will be called first by classes and second by order number. In other words all of class one will be called according to the numbers drawn at Washington yesterday. The drawing placed in order the thirteen million registrants who registered on Sept. 12th. If Mr. Shepperd is placed in class one he will be the first man called from Rannels county when the new draft is called. The first twenty numbers drawn are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Serial Number, Name, Order Number. Lists names like Elmer Shepperd, Wm. Porter Murray, John Reese, etc.

John Golden is here from Eden.

Children Love Cascarets---10c Candy cathartic is harmless to tender stomach, liver and bowels

Your child is bilious, constipated and sick. Its little tongue is coated, breath is bad and stomach sour. Get a 10 cent box of Cascarets and straighten the youngster right now. Children love this harmless candy cathartic and it cleanses the little liver and thirty feet of bowels without griping. Cascarets contain no calomel and can be depended upon to move the sour bile and poison right out of the bowels. Best family cathartic because it never cramps or sickens like other things.

WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE TO THESE BOYS?

The 950 of them who have left Rannels County these boys you knew, these boys who left your own town, your neighbor's home, maybe, to fight in blood and dirt that you may be secure.

What are you going to say to them? And what are you going to say to their mothers and fathers, your friends and neighbors, who are giving flesh of their flesh bone of their bone to stand between you and the German fiends that threaten you?

When the boys heard the call, "Your Country needs you" they did not begin to argue about crop or trade conditions; not one of them said, "I can't afford to go."

They gave up home, loved ones, income and wages, went into hard training, braved submarines, lived in trenches, and when the time came they went against those Germans and covered themselves with a glory that has added a new luster to the American name and flag. They did not do it complacently grudgingly, as though they were doing someone a favor. No! They went with a smile, they marched with a song on their lips, they bled with a grin, and some—God rest their souls—died like heroes.

Friends and neighbors! Can't you see that we have to support these boys of Rannels County, these boys of OURS, even if we have to starve ourselves to do it? Argument about this Liberty Loan business is out of the question. Our very sense of decency alone compels us to lend to the uttermost dollar.

For us to talk about our dollars as though they were sacred, when the boys of Rannels County are giving their flesh and blood, is impossible. We are to be pitied that we can do so little—let us at least do that little gladly.

Mrs. E. A. Zureber returned to her home at Houston, Monday, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke, and sister, Mrs. Chester Cherry.

D. E. Sims, of Paint Rock, spent Tuesday in Ballinger.

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Money to Loan on Farm Lands I represent a strong and liberal loan company See me about new or renewal loans.

Estes Lynn Hall Hardware Co., Building

Calomel Today! Sick Tomorrow! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Don't take nasty, dangerous calomel when bilious, constipated, headachy. Listen to me!

Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea. If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start

your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money. If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of amfition and ready for work or play. It is harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.

LIEUTENANT HAWKINS HERE ON VISIT

Lieut. Wallace Hawkins, son of W. P. Hawkins, of Winters, was a visitor to Ballinger Friday. Capt. Hawkins was at home on a few days furlough. He has been at Fort Sill for the past four months after serving for a year at Columbus, N. M. He is anxious to see France and get in to the fight. Lieut. Hawkins was representing this county in the Texas legislature when he resigned and entered the first officers training camp at Leon Springs, where he received his commission.

GIRLS! IT'S YOUR STEP THAT ATTRACTS!

Says Women Pay Too Much Heed to Their Face Instead of Their Corns.

Watch your step! A brisk, lively step is what charms more than a lovely skin, but your high heels have caused corns and you limp a little. That's bad, girls, and you know it. Corns destroy beauty and grace, besides corns are very easy to remove.

Rid your feet of every corn by asking at any drug store for a quarter of an ounce of freezone. This will cost little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

A few drops applied directly up on a tender, touchy corn relieves the soreness and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out without pain.

This freezone is a gummy substance which dries instantly and simply shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding skin.

Women must keep in mind that cornless feet create a youthful step which enhances her attractiveness.

FAMILY LIKES THEIR NEW HOME, BUT THE DOG DON'T

In moving from one location to another it frequently happens that there is dissatisfaction by some or all members of the family, but in the case of Mrs. J. H. Pipp, it seems that all the family like their new home in Fort Worth, but the dog, Old Prince, does not as he arrived in Ballinger, Thursday morning and from his appearance it seems that he made the trip afoot, as he showed up at the home of U. E. Hartman's seeming not the worse for the long trip.

Mrs. J. Y. Pearce returned from San Angelo, Thursday, where she had been on a short visit.

"For six years we have used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in our family and feel we could not possibly do without it, especially for the children." (From a letter to Dr. Caldwell written by Mrs. Earl Cowell, Cement City, Mich.)

Children become constipated as readily as do their elders, and the result is equally distressing. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is ideal for children because of its pleasant taste, positive, yet gentle, action, and its freedom from opiates and narcotic drugs.

DR. CALDWELL'S Syrup Pepsin

The Perfect Laxative

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TOO BUSY TO HOLD COURT

Justice court failed to convene Monday morning, on the regular scheduled date. All cases on the docket went over by default.

Justice Trimmer and the members of the local bar were all too busy to stop to consider such small matters as a justice court case, and the plaintiffs and defendants were likewise too busy engaged in oil speculation and plans for the future to listen to the wails of some man who wants the court to settle his trouble.

No important cases were on the docket and all matters can easily go over until the next regular term, or will be called later by agreement this week.

A TEXAS WONDER

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

OIL PROSPECTORS RETURN

Carl Nance and Edwin Skinner returned at noon today from Ranger where they went the early part of last week to prospect for oil, and from the lank and hungry appearance of the boys as they alighted from the A. & S. noon train today, one would judge that prospecting was rather slow with them.

On being approached by the reporter the boys were reticent about telling their experiences, but on being pressed it was finally learned that the boys could get no accommodations whatever and were forced to sleep under a big oak tree with their arms for a pillow, and fabulous prices were charged for food, such as \$1.00 for a piece of pie, and \$1.25 for a ham sandwich, and as the boys were not expecting such high prices they ran short of money before long and a surely experienced some hungry hours before returning back to their "dads" roof. The boys had been informed that plenty of work at fabulous wages could be had but on arriving they found several men to every job, and they had to tramp from place to place to find the other fellow had "copped" the job.

The boys say the dust and dirt is knee deep up there and it has the appearance of a big show day in a town like Ballinger, except that there is no place to rest when you are tired.

It has ever been thus from childhood's happy hours, that when one tries to find the "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow they are doomed to disappointment. Each of the boys have promised to submit an article in a few days telling their real experience while on the trip, which will no doubt, be looked forward to with much interest by the reading public.

John McNeill and family were here from Winters Friday, shopping. Mr. McNeill stated that he had not brought his family here on a trading expedition for some time, and though they would run down and see what the town had to offer. They were in their Buick six.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Lieut. and Mrs. A. J. Thorp, Thursday. Lieut. Thorp is at Leon Springs, but was notified of the arrival of his new heir. The mother and babe are both getting along nicely.

Wishita Falls, Sept. 28.—The top price so far for oil and gas leases in this County was paid by W. H. Slay of Dallas on Friday, when he received transfer of a lease on two and one-half acres of the Hardin farm, near the new Burk Burnett oil pool, from J. A. D. Smith et al, paying \$25,000 for the lease or \$10,000 an acre.

Gulf Producing Company to handle an increased amount of oil from the new pool. The company is building large loading racks and huge steel tanks to the south of the town. The Burk Burnett Refinery is also laying three two inch pipes about the town, to handle the oil direct to its plant. A new unit of stills and an additional condenser is being built at the refinery to care for the increased amount of crude.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

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

OIL BELT HIGHWAY SHOULD BE BUILT

No time should be lost in laying the foundation for an oil belt highway leading from Ballinger to the Russell well. To develop that oil field tons of material will have to be transported to and fro.

Within a short time a little town will Spring up around the Russell well and large number of men employed in drilling and carrying on the work. Ballinger must have this trade, because Ballinger is the nearest and most logical railroad center.

Just as a suggestion we would say that Runnels and Coleman county should combine their interest at once and construct a highway through the oil belt from Coleman southwest through the Valera oil field and through the Russell field on to Ballinger, and here it should connect with a highway direct into the heart of the Kowena field.

No time should be lost in connecting the Schultz field with Ballinger by a first class highway.

The travel over these routes will increase at such rate as to make good roads an absolute necessity. The building of a highway with such an abundance of good material right at hand will be a small matter when it is taken into consideration that the road leads to the richest oil field in the southwest, if not in the United States.

Good roads are only one of the good things that will come with the development of the oil industry here.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Robert Brown, Western Union messenger boy, who was recently hurt when run over by an auto, is back on the job. He has not fully recovered and is carrying one arm in a sling.

W. A. White was among the visitors to Ballinger Sunday. Mr. White recently lost his grocery business in the Winters fire, but bought out Dry Brothers last week and is back in the grocery business.

Mrs. Frank Chapman returned from Waco, Hillsboro, and other places in that section of the State.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Water.

State of Texas: Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that Frank Pokorny, the justoffee address of whom is Ballinger, Texas did on the 20th, day of September, A. D. 1918, file his application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas sufficient water for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, to be diverted from the Colorado River, in Runnels County, Texas, by means of a dam and pumping plant, said dam to be located on Survey No. 410, Adam Eisenberg and Survey No. 349, A. J. Loverly in Runnels County, Texas, distant in a Westernly direction from Ballinger eight miles.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are-out of the Adam Eisenberg Survey No. 410, in Runnels County, Texas, consisting of 26.4 acres.

A hearing on the said application of the said Frank Pokorny will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at its office in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said state, on Monday, November 11, A. D. 1918 beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of said board in Austin, Texas, this the 20th day of September, A. D. 1918.

W. T. Potter,
C. S. Clark,
John A. Norris
Board of Water Engineers

Attest:
James Hayes Quarbs, Secretary.
27 w4t.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA
Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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In Use For Over 30 Years
The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

DRAWN MAP OF NEW OIL FIELD

H. M. Josey has completed a map of the Ballinger oil field, which will be put in blue print as quick as the work can be done and copies of it made ready for distribution.

The map takes in about one-fourth of Runnels, Concho, Tom Green, Coleman and McCulloch counties with the Russell well in the center of the big field which has just been discovered.

Heretofore in order to handle the oil lease business and keep tabs on developments in this field it was necessary to handle four maps, one each of the four counties, and the new map will not only be convenient but is right up to date showing the different land surveys, etc.

It is a clever piece of work and shows the skill of Mr. Josey as a draftsman.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
If children troubled with worms have an un-healthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILD TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Judge W. D. Jennings, of Miles, is serving on the local legal advisory board today.

Felix Ballew, of Cameron, who was here to attend the funeral of his brother, John Ballew, returned to his home Tuesday.

Mrs. T. B. Cabinnell returned to her home at Temple, Wednesday, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. F. M. Hale.

Judge T. T. Crosson had business at Coleman, Wednesday, returning home Thursday.

Clyde Ballew returned to Camp Travis Wednesday. He was called home to attend the funeral of his father, John Ballew.

Tom Trail was here from Paint Rock, Thursday.

E. L. Rasbery left for Kansas, Wednesday, where he will be for the next week or ten days looking after cattle he has on the range in that country.

Miss Alice Proctor came in from Georgetown, Thursday, and will be with her sister in the local Western Union office, acting as clerk.

Weighed 90 Pounds Before Taking PERUNA

Now Weigh 135 Pounds

Miss Clara Lohr, 21 N. Gold St., Grand Rapids, Mich. In her letter opposite Miss Lohr tells in convincing words of the benefits she received from Peruna. Liquid or Tablet Form

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SOME LIGHT ON SPANISH INFLUENZA

With the consent of the division on sanitation, bureau of medicine and surgery, The Ledger publishes below, the cause, the effect and the treatment for Spanish Influenza. In view of the fact that the first case of this epidemic to develop in Runnels county has proven fatal, and in view of the fact that the epidemic is spreading all over the United States, this "influenza" information should be worth something to every family and every individual.

Recent reports from Spain, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, Great Britain, Hawaii and elsewhere indicate the presence of another epidemic of influenza similar in extent to others which have been reported since the sixteenth century.

"No other communicable disease which assumes epidemic proportions spreads so rapidly or attacks indiscriminately so large a proportion of the population.

"Past epidemics have been characterized by a profound prostration out of all proportion to the intensity of the disease.

"The present outbreak appears to be characterized by a peculiarly sudden onset, the victim being struck down with dizziness, weakness and pains in various parts of the body while on duty or in the street.

"There is a sharp rise in temperature to 103 or 104 degrees, complaint of headache, pain in the back and photophobia. The throat feels sore.

"In many cases the fever fall in three or four days and the patient recovers rapidly; in others there is an irregular fever which may be accounted for by bronchitis, or broncho-pneumonia. The usual mode of death has been acute bronchitis.

"Treatment: Rest in bed, marsh-mallows, fresh air, abundant food, with Dover's powder for the relief of pain. Every case with fever should be regarded as serious and kept in bed until the fever subsides. Convalescence requires careful management to avoid serious complications.

"During the present outbreak abroad, quinine and aspirin have been most generally used during the acute attack, the latter apparently with much success in the relief of symptoms.

To summarize: "Methods for control, remember:

"Sources of infection: The secretion from the nose, throat and respiratory passages of cases or of carriers.

"Incubation period: One to four days, generally two.

"Mode of transmission: Direct or indirect contact through the use of handkerchiefs, common towels, cups or other objects contaminated with fresh secretions.

"Period of communicability: As long as the person harbors the causative organism.

"Early recognitions of the disease: By clinical manifestations and bacteriological findings.

"Isolation: Bed isolation of infected individual during the course of the disease.

Coming to Ballinger October 9th.

(9:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.)



COME AND SEE THE GUNS CAPTURED BY OUR BOYS AT CHATEAU THIERRY

FRENCH "SEVENTY-FIVE," AERIAL TORPEDO, DEPTH BOMB AND OTHER WAR TROPHIES MAKE UP INTERESTING EXHIBIT.

BLOOD-STAINED AND BULLET-RIDDLED UNIFORM OF HUN KILLED BY AMERICAN SOLDIER WILL SHOW YOU HOW OUR BOYS ARE TAKING CARE OF YOUR INTERESTS AT HOME—GAS MASKS USED BY OUR BOYS AS PROTECTION AGAINST THE DEADLY MUSTARD GAS.

Perhaps no other battle waged in the great World War will ever be as deeply impressed in the minds and hearts of the American people as that one fought at Chateau Thierry, when the American soldier covered himself with glory fighting fearlessly—courageously, as Americans always fight. Here the counter-attack of the American forces turned the tide of war in favor of the allies and since that time our forces have steadily pushed their line forward.

Your boy may have been with the American forces that started that never-to-be-forgotten repulse of the German shock troops on the spot that has been the scene of many a titanic struggle since the time of the ancients. Maybe it was your neighbor's boy or some other boy from your home town. He may have been one of the group who captured a machine gun crew of the enemy troops.

At any rate it will not be difficult for you to visualize the activities of your home town boys in that great American victory when you inspect the

Minnenwerfer, or Trench Mortar Gun.

captured by the Marines in that engagement, which is attracting more attention than any other object on the Liberty Loan War Relic Train, making a tour of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District in connection with the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign.

This Space Paid for by HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO., as a part of their endeavor to HELP WIN THE WAR

"Concurrent disinfection: The discharges from the mouth, throat, nose and other respiratory passages.

"Terminal disinfection: Thorough cleansing, airing and sunning.

"General measures: The attendant on the case should wear a gauze mask. During epidemics persons should avoid crowded assemblages, street cars and the like. Education as regards the danger of promiscuous coughing and spitting.

Patients, because of the tendency to the development of broncho-pneumonia, should be treated in well-ventilated warm rooms."

GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE

Make a Lotion for a few cents to remove tan, freckles, sallowness.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well. This makes a quarter pint of the very best lemon skin whitener and complexion beautifier known. Massage this fragrant, creamy lotion daily into the face, neck, arms and hands and just see how freckles, tan, sallowness, redness and roughness disappear and how smooth, soft and clear the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless, and the beautiful results will surprise you.

Mrs. S. A. Mathis went to San Antonio, Friday where she will visit her daughter and other relatives.

Garland Woodward, field man for the Texas Company, was here several days this week, keeping an eye on the oil development.

Will Roark and baby came in from Houston, Saturday, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Roark.

Chas. S. Miller returned home Friday from Dallas where he had been to attend a state meeting of county and district chairmen of the war work relief agencies. Mr. Miller is district chairman. The organizations of all creeds and religious faiths have united for the first time in an effort to raise funds to carry on relief and religious work in army cantonments. The organizations banded together to raise \$170,500,000 are the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., National Catholic War Council, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association and Salvation Army.

the big gun used first at Verdun, where it "gave the German the surprise of his life," as a returned war veteran puts it. It bears the marks of camouflage as it was used in that terrific drive of the Hun, which the French armies met and held at that famous spot which will go down in history as one of the world's great battlegrounds. It was at Verdun that the vision of the "White Comrade" spurred the tired and war-worn soldiers of France on to fiercer resistance against the foe, and where with their backs to the wall they fulfilled their vow, "They shall not pass."

Another object of particular interest at this time is

The Depth Bomb, Which is Included in This Exhibit.

This bomb is playing an important part in the transportation of United States troops overseas. It is carried on the torpedo boat destroyers which act as convoys to the troop ships, and are used in warfare against the German submarine. This weapon has been responsible for the sinking of more than one submarine which has attempted to frustrate the moving of United States troops.

Aircraft has become an important factor in modern warfare. Some of the most splendid and daring exploits of young Americans who are defending the principles upon which this nation was founded have been made possible by means of the aeroplane. Can you picture a heavy battle plane, equipped with a Lewis machine gun and carrying several aerial torpedoes, each weighing as much as 250 pounds, and a crew of five or six men? The Lewis machine gun which is used to a great extent in aerial warfare is among the interesting features of the war relic train, as is the aerial torpedo.

Captured German Rifles, Grenade Throwers and a Grantewerfer show the material which the Hun uses when he launches his conquest for world domination.

A Chauchat auto rifle machine gun, along with its magazine, ammunition carrier and other accoutrements of the French infantryman displays the sort of firearms used by the "Blue Devils."

Uniform Worn by Boche Bears Evidence

of good marksmanship of American doughboy. This uniform, blood-stained and showing the wicked slit of a bayonet thrust, will be exhibited along with the field equipment of the German soldier. These objects will be shown in conjunction with the outfit of the United States soldier, and will give a comprehensive comparison of the two, showing the superiority of the American fighting man, in the matter of equipment as well as a fighter.

That "an army fights on its stomach" is fully recognized when an inspection is made of the methods by which the soldier carries his rations. Food and ammunition are the two greatest factors toward the successful outcome of a military expedition. And these, or a portion of these, the soldier carries with him as he moves from position to position along the new line of battle.

There are other exhibits on the train that appeal to the patriotism of all American citizens. Every man, woman and child should make it a point to see these war relics. The week before the trains were made up in Dallas hundreds of people visited the building in which the objects were being assembled, and viewed the trophies. The Minnewerfer gun was placed on display outside the headquarters of the Dallas Liberty Loan Committee and had about it a group of interested spectators every hour of the day. The greatest enthusiasm is being manifested throughout the district regarding the visit of the War Relic train. An efficient corps of speakers and attendants accompany the train which will be made up of four cars. There are two flat cars, carrying the large gun, trench mortar, etc., an automobile car to show the smaller relics and a sleeping car for the speakers and attendants.

BROWNWOOD GETS FIRST GAS WELL

At the depth of 570 feet a strong flow of gas was struck in the well on the Ramsey farm yesterday. This well is about five and one-half miles southwest of town. Parties visiting the well say that it is the strongest flow of gas ever found in this section.

Attempts were made to drill the well deeper, but on account of the heavy pressure of gas it was impossible to do so. The well after a few hours, time showed some signs of oil and late last night began producing some oil. So far it has not been ascertained just what the well will produce, though experienced men say that it is a good well and will likely produce considerable oil.

This well belongs to T. E. Babione of Taylor, Texas, and he reports that the well is making a million feet of gas. Drilling has been resumed today despite the fact that the gas pressure is so great that a great amount of shale is being thrown from the well. There is no water in this well.

It now seems that Brownwood is sure of natural gas as this well is so near town. Even if the well only holds its own it is a good one but present indications seem to show that this amount will be greatly increased. The well is the only one in that section and owing to this fact, it is causing much excitement.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and whooping cough, but is also pleasant to take which is important when a medicine must be given to children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use for many years and has met with much favor wherever its good qualities have become known. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. Wm. Seragy, Chillicothe, Mo., writes, "I have raised three children, have always used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it to be the best for coughs, colds and croup. It is pleasant to take. Both adults and children like it. My wife and I always felt safe from croup with it in the house. Chamberlain's Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic."

Judge Will Hare, of Temple, and Judge Baumer, of Belton, are here this week looking after court matters. They are associated with Judge A. K. Doss council for defense in the Elms murder case which is scheduled for Monday October 16th.

Burford Walker, son of E. B. Walker of the Hatchel community left for Bastrop county, Thursday, where he goes to accept work for a few months.

Mrs. M. Sanson returned to her home at Fort Worth Thursday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Schultz, on the Schultz ranch in Coneho county. Mrs. Schultz accompanied her mother home for a visit.

SHIPPING OUT TO CALIFORNIA

Jim Warren, who has been working in California and prospecting in that country for the past few months, returned home this week, and Wednesday loaded out his immigrant car for the west. He was accompanied by Grover Cleveland, who has been living on the Willingham place for several years, and the gentlemen will locate in California. Two immigrant cars went out from here Thursday.

Pat Murphey, editor of the San Angelo Standard, was here Friday no doubt having a hankering to get in on the ground floor of the oil boom.

Dr. Rives and Cashier McAdams, of Winters, were business visitors to Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. Zureher, of Houston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke.

Cole's Hot Blast Heaters make a big reduction in your coal bill—see their advertisement and guarantee.

Diarrhoea in Children

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

WILL LEAVE FOR TRAINING CAMP

Six men from the local cavalry have been selected to attend the training camp for non-commissioned officers, and transportation is expected to be received in time for these to leave here Saturday afternoon. Those selected are Bill Sharp, Hobart Nicholson, John Hash, August Deloach, Jim Leuch and Bob James. They will go to Camp Stanley at Leon Springs.

CROPS PLANTED IN JUNE COMING UP NOW

Uncle Johnny Fox was here from the Pony creek community Thursday. He reports that his crop was coming up nicely since the recent showers and that if he had a few months to farm in before frost he believes that he would make some feed. Uncle Johnny planted about twenty acres of Petereta in June. He says he has a nice stand.



Your Bank, if doing its full duty is Your best Friend

Our most earnest desire is to merit the friendship of every resident of this community, whether our customer or not. It may be our experience has covered your particular situation. For disinterested advice bring your business problems to us.

We are also members of the Federal Reserve Banking System.



New Automobile Cheap

Or at least you can make your old car look like a new one at a small cost. It won't be long before it will be next to impossible to buy a new car, so it behooves auto owners to take care of those they have. You have recently noticed old cars on our streets that looked like new ones. The transformation was caused by the use of Cameron Company's high grade automobile paint. You can have yours look new at a small cost.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

BIBB CASE ON TRIAL AT ANGELO

San Angelo, Oct. 1.—The trial of H. M. Bibb, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Ed W. Stokes here in December 1917, is proceeding in district court. Witnesses who were absent when court opened Monday morning arrived on an afternoon train. The selection of a jury had been completed and the taking of testimony began at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Sheppard of 15 East College Avenue were among the first witnesses. They testified relative to events immediately following the shooting their home being only about fifty yards off Chadbourne street near the place where Stokes was shot to death. Mrs. M. A. Gaskins, proprietor of the Three Sisters hotel on East College Avenue in December, 1917, was also a witness. Mrs. Bibb was standing at her house on night of the killing, and Bibb sat on the front steps of the hotel until officers arrived to take him into custody.

Other witnesses Tuesday were Tom Williams, pawnbroker and jeweler; H. Marks, local shoe man, and A. S. Willick. Williams testified that he rented a double barrel shot gun to Bibb on the day of the shooting. Willick owned a fruit stand and confectionery on the corner of Harris avenue and Chadbourne street, and he and Marks were among the first persons on the scene after the shots were fired.

It was stated at noon that the examination of witnesses will not likely be concluded before Wednesday morning. There is a possibility that the case will go to the jury late Wednesday evening.

Bibb is to be tried a second time for murder in connection with the killing of Ed Stokes on the night of December 6, 1917. In the first trial last summer he was convicted and given a life term in the penitentiary. His case was appealed and reversed and a new trial granted.

DOUBT DISAPPEARS

No One in Ballinger Who Has a Bad Back Should Ignore This Double Proof.

Does your back ache? Have you suspected your kidneys?

Backache is sometimes kidney ache.

With it may come dizzy spells, Sleepless nights, tired, dull days distressing urinary disorders.

Doan's Kidney Pills have been endorsed by thousands.

Are recommended here at home. You have read Ballinger proof. Read now the Ballinger sequel.

Renewed testimony, tested by time.

J. A. Maxwell, 100 Twelfth St., says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills excellent and always recommend them to others. My back had been hurting me for some time. Seeing that Doan's Kidney Pills were endorsed by people whom I knew, I decided to try them. I used one box and was well satisfied with the results, for they removed the trouble and I am now in good health."

More than Three Years Later Mr. Maxwell said: "I think as highly of Doan's Kidney Pills now as I did when I first endorsed them. They have been of great benefit to me."

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

T. O. Rowland, the Wingate gin man, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Audie Reese left Tuesday afternoon for San Antonio, where he goes on business for a few days.

P. M. Caudle, a citizen of this county for several years, has moved to Eastland.

Loney Muncy returned from Houston Wednesday, at noon where he has been working in the ship yards.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blood, bleeding or protruding Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

WANTED—RAGS—good, clean white cotton rags wanted at the Ledger office. Must be clean.

LET'S SEND THEM HALEY'S REPLY

At Houston a Liberty Bond salesman paused at a hamburger joint for physical reinforcements. And while he stood there watching the little pats of ground meat sizzle in the bubbling grease he got a \$2000 subscription. Here's a tip for salesmen, you never know where they are coming from.

When the Liberty Loan train pulled from the station at Groesbeck, a citizen who had been unable to make up his mind to buy bonds, was suddenly seized with a patriotic inspiration. Racing after the departing train he caught at a rail of the rear car, and at the risk of his life clung with one hand while he pitched into the car a \$20 bill shouting his name and address. The last the men in charge the train saw of him he was picking himself up out of the cinder along the track and grinning.

At another point along the route traveled by the Liberty Loan train yesterday, a man had been saving his money for medical treatment, reconsidering and he subscribed for bonds to the full amount of his savings. "It may not help my ailments," he said, "but it will cure the kaiser of his fits." Can you give him a dose of the same medicine?

A stenographer in a Liberty Loan committee office in a prominent Texas city, self supporting and with an invalid mother, who had just undergone an operation, bought a \$100 bond. "I thought I bought all I could," she said, "but when I see these wounded boys coming in the office and realize what it all means, I just feel I must buy another bond, although I will have to do without some things I need awful bad."

At a downtown office building in El Paso, a negro girl is employed as an elevator boy. She was very excited over her purchase of a "Liberty," and was fumbling in her pocket for the first payment. The elevator was filling up with people, and the negro girl feeling that she owed her passengers an apology for delay, said "dis yeah liberty loan done got me mesmerized." How about you man of money; have you become mesmerized?

Sergeant Haley, one of the wounded American soldiers, who is traveling with the war relief train, which is due in Ballinger on the morning of October 9th at nine o'clock, said that when his company first joined up with the French, there was some little doubt expressed as to whether the "doughboys," being new, could hold a certain position. A French Poilu said to Haley, "can you hold them?" H... yes," was Haley's reply. "The Germans are wondering whether the Americans are behind this war with their dollars. Let's send them Haley's reply."

SPANISH INFLUENZA IS SPREADING

W. H. Wilde, brother of F. W. Wilde, who died with pneumonia last week, is quite ill at his home south of Ballinger with influenza of lagrippe. A nurse was carried out to attend the patient Tuesday.

Several cases of the epidemic which is raging in other sections of the country have developed here, but so far there has only been one death, and none of the other cases are considered serious.

RABY PADGETT RETURNS TO WYOMING

After a stay of a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett, Raby Padgett returned home today. He shipped 50 head of Jersey cows belonging to his mother, to Fort Worth as he went going with the cattle where he will sell them on the market. He will go on to his home at once at Sun Dance, Wyoming where he expects to be called into the service at once, as he registered while here filling out his questionnaire and mailing same to his local board.

Prof. Bird, is now located at Robert Lee, where he is superintendent of the public schools of that town. He has three teachers in the school under him and will have an eight months term. Ulmer Bird, his eldest son, who graduated here in the spring in the high school will teach the coming fall and winter in Coke county.

Will Fitch, R. E. L. Culp and Tom Padgett, of Coleman, were mixing with the oil speculators here this week.

Catarrh is a Real Enemy and Requires Vigorous Treatment

Do Not Neglect It. Throw these makeshift remedies to the winds, and get on the right treatment. Go to your drug store to-day, get a bottle of S. S. S., and commence a treatment that has been praised by sufferers for nearly half a century. S. S. S. gets right at the source of Catarrh, and forces from the blood the germs which cause the disease. You can obtain special medical advice regarding your own case without charge by writing to Medical Director, 22 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

MAKING THOROUGH TEST IN COKE INTERESTING TALKS AT DEFENSE MEET

Robert Lee, Sept. 2.—At the different oil wells over Coke county drilling continues, and indications at some of the sites are the very best, but the population is going through a period of watchful waiting which seems to have become necessary at this stage of the oil game.

At the Robert Lee Oil Well No. 2 on the Stroud farm, drillers have drilled down to 850 feet and are now putting in casing. They are working both night and day and are making good progress.

At the Tucker well on the Harris ranch, work continues both night and day, and now at a depth of 650 feet, the drilling has been in a hard rock formation for the last 200 feet.

It is reported here on good authority that the Burdett Oil Company, which is drilling on the May farm near Bronte has struck quick sand at a depth of about 400 feet and is casing the well against the quicksand.

At the Skinner well on the McCabe ranch, the owners have drilled about 300 feet, and Mr. Eams of Comanche who is now the manager has arrived and they resumed drilling.

Within the next six or nine months Coke county will be proved as a paying oil field, or it will be proved that there is no use to waste money by further drilling.

Goien Gregg was down from Wichita Monday, and his friends point to his visit as a good sign of the return of prosperity.

King Gordon, M. H. Williams and Ed Eason were among the Winters citizens here Monday.

L. C. Underwood, of the northwest part of the county, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

Joe Stokes, a San Angelo stockman, was in Ballinger Friday.

J. C. Duncan, of the Novice country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

J. B. Pace and Jeff Riggs, of the Wingate country, were visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Herring returned to Waco, Monday, where she will resume her school duties.

J. D. Creath, former manager for Walker Smith at Ballinger, was here Tuesday.

Spot Cash Prices Good for One Week

25 lb. sack Pearl Meal	\$1.33	3 cans Red Pepper	25c
5 lbs. best Peaberry Coffee	1.00	35c bottle Chow Chow	20c
6 lbs. good Coffee	1.00	Bottle Garrett Snuff	24c
25 lb. sack Salt, 35c for	.30c	Glass Honest Snuff	24c
50c grade Breakfast Bacon	36c	3 pkgs. Starch	25c
1-2 gal. white Veiva syrup	45c	35c Tea Mixed	25c
1-2 gal. Red Karo Syrup	40c	1 gal. Cooking Oil	\$1.70
1 gal. Lasses Syrup	75c	1 gal. distilled Vinegar	50c
1-2 gal Lasses Syrup	40c	2 quarts Vinegar	25c
1 gal. Mary Jane Syrup	75c	35c Oat Meal	25c
1-2 gal. Mary Jane Syrup	45c	2 pkgs. Post Tomatoes	35c
1 gal. Ribbon Cane Syrup	90c	2 pkg. Washington Crisp	35c
\$1 size Log Cabin Syrup	85c	Shinola Polish	9c
1 lb. pkg. Arbuckles Coffee	25c	Babbit Cleanser	4c
7 bars Ark soap	25c	20 Mule Borax	10c
6 bars C. E. Soap	25c	\$1.00 Broom blk handle	75c
5 bars Bob White soap	25c	75c red handle Brooms	60c
5 bars Toilet soap cocoa	25c	3 doz. Sour Pickles	25c
3 long bars soap, 10c for	25c	Large size Crisco	\$1.80
3 bars Lava soap	25c	No. 2 Corn	15c
2 can Tomatoes, 1 1-2 lbs.	25c	2 cans Van Camp Hominy	25c
No. 2 Tomatoes	15c	No. 3 Kraut	15c
Pink Beans	10c	2 Peas	15c
Raisins	11c	3 cans veg. and tom. soup	25c
Pinto Beans	11c	Best Onions	5c
Dried Peaches	12 1-2c	3 pkgs Maeroni	25c
35c size Apricots No. 3	22c	3 pkgs Spaghetti	25c
35c size Peaches No. 3	22c	3 pkgs. Dromedary Coconut for	25c
35c Glass Jelly	25c	25c very best Pepper sauce	19c
1 lb. Peanut Butter	25c	25c bottle Catsup	20c
Cabbage	5c	2 1-2 lbs. Comet Rice	20c
3 cans Cinnamon	25c	25c size Cij Powder	20c
		3 cans black Pepper	25c
		2 cans good Salmon	35c
		3 pkgs. Soda	25c

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\$100 PER ACRE PAID FOR OIL LEASES

The highest price reported paid for oil lease acreage since the oil boom struck this county, was paid Tuesday when a party of local capitalist and California Capitalists leased 100 acres of land from Mrs. Tom Padgett adjoining the Russell land and only three quarters of a mile from the Russell well, at \$100 per acre.

Later in the day another track of 100 acres out of the Padgett land leased for \$100 per acre, and parties obtained an option of a few hours on a third block of 100 acres out of the same tract of land.

Several deals were made Tuesday in which \$50 per acre were paid for land four miles from the Russell in what is now declared to be the heart of that particular proven field.

\$10 and \$15 per acre seems to be the prevailing price for leases as far as eight and ten miles from the well, while \$5 per acre has been paid for land a considerable further distance from the well.

Land owners in and around Ballinger who had not previously leased their land are waiting further developments, and very little acreage is changing hands in the immediate Ballinger territory.

Wm. Shultz, of San Antonio, who owns the Joe Routh old place just east of the city is here this week. Part of his holdings are under lease, and he has fixed a price of \$25 per acre on the remainder of this tract.

Many are of the opinion that Ballinger will prove to be the heart of the big oil field, an effort will be made to begin development here soon. A test well here will determine how far west the field extends.

BUSY BOND BUYERS HELP WIN WAR

The First National Bank reports considerable interest in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign, quite a number having filed their applications for bonds while as many other have made inquiry and are preparing to subscribe for bonds before the campaign closes on Oct. 19.

The government is selling bonds on such easy payment plans that the man of small income can accumulate the worth of a bond before he hardly realizes it. The first payment is twenty per cent of the bond. In other words the cash payment on a \$50 bond is \$10 and the other payments are made easy. Those who can't pay all cash can get full particulars at any of the local banks.

The First National Bank reports the following sales up to Monday afternoon:

Theo. Kre.	\$ 200.00
Magnolia Pet Co.	1,000.00
P. R. Dietz	100.00
Godfrey Massey	1,000.00
E. L. Hagan	200.00
G. B. Nixon	100.00
Juliette Miller	50.00

FIRE BUGS DESTROY FEED AT ANGELO

Fire bugs are believed to be at work in Concho county, with crops as their object of destruction. With in less than thirty days, two fires of undetermined origin have occurred on farms near San Angelo.

The latest was on the irrigated farm of Charles P. Broome, twelve miles southwest of San Angelo, on Tuesday night of last week. At 1:30 a. m. people on the farm were awakened by the crackling of the flames, which had enveloped a stack containing 400 bales valued at between \$1.25 and \$1.50 per bale. The feed was completely destroyed having been out several weeks previously with plenty of time to dry out.

The first big hay fire occurred on the Bismark Stock Farm on Wednesday night, Aug. 28, 5,000 bales, belonging to W. T. Arthur & Son, being destroyed. The crop was worth about \$5,900.—San Angelo Standard.

Mrs. E. L. Rasbury went to Houston, Monday, to spend a few days with her son Edgar, who is in the training camp near that city.

37 QUESTIONNAIRES FAILED TO RETURN

Out of 926 questionnaires sent out by the local board to registrants making up the class from 18 years of age to 36 all have been returned except 37.

Some of the 37 have been granted an extension of time on account of the distance the questionnaires had to go, but a majority of the 37 unreported have failed to communicate with the board, and there whereabouts and reason for not returning questionnaires unknown to the board.

Relatives and friends who know where the registrants are, should do them the favor of writing to them and putting them in touch with the board, or should notify the board. It is the desire of the board that no one be placed in the delinquent list, but there will be nothing for the board to do but report them delinquent if the questionnaires are not returned. The time has expired. Following named registrants have failed to return questionnaires:

John H. Lollar, Crews
Willie C. Middlebrook, Ballinger
Oral C. Beddo, Ballinger
Lonnie E. Fowler, Winters.
Horace Oliver, Ballinger
Merrett G. Chastain, Jacksonville, Tenn.

Walter A. Jackson, Ballinger
Emanuel Bulsterbaum, Wingate
Rodolph H. Haupt, Winters
James M. DeMotive, Camp Lee Va.

John M. Giles, Winters
Adolph Kloesel, Rowena
Howell A. Raburn, Ft. Worth.
Victor H. Kineannon, Maverick
Robert F. Garrett, Temnyson
Robert Maxwell, Winters
Peter P. Ewald, Rowena
Kurt R. Walthead, Priddy Mills, Texas.

Henry H. DeVore, Winters
Erwin R. Horton, Marie
Lorenz H. Halfman, Rowena
Victor H. Bright, Tokeon
William T. Holder, Wingate
T. B. Fincham, McGirk, Texas
Henry C. Harter, Wingate
Ben H. Eggemeyer, Rowena
Fritz Hoeninghaus, Ballinger
Lewis P. Strokas, Rowena
Charles E. Puckett, Winters
Ramon Aleala, Ballinger
Charles Hutchesin, Wingate
Elmer F. Batts, Somerton, Ariz.
Joseph M. Cox, Ballinger
Hazel K. Dickinson, Ballinger
Emil F. Gallas, Miles
Damesey Freeman, Bishop, Texas
Joseph J. Kvopil, Rowena

FARMERS GET CASH TO BUY SEED WHEAT

Returns on applications for loans on seed wheat are being received through the local farm agent, several draft for the full amount for having been received here from the Wichita, Kansas, Federal Bank, which has charge of this feature of the drought relief work. Mr. Eaton reports that more than 100 applications have been sent in, and that approval of a number of them indicates that the farmers will be furnished with the cash to buy seed wheat and can plant a grain crop if the seasons come in time.

W. S. Caudle was the first man to receive cash from this source. His application for a loan on twelve acres of wheat was approved and a voucher for the cash came Friday. The farmer obligates himself to repay the government out of the wheat crop.

Cashier McAdams, of the Winters State Bank, reports that farmers in his section of the county are receiving aid in this way.

E. C. Ryan, of Kansas City, arrived in the city Tuesday. Mr. Ryan is the man who leased twenty-five or thirty thousand acres of land east of Ballinger and north of the river last winter, paying about fifty cents for land which changed hands this week at as high as \$25.

W. R. Bogle left for Fort Worth Monday, where he goes to break into the army if possible. Mr. Bogle is not in the class of 19-36 men who will get first call, but he will apply for a place in some branch of the service where he can be of service to Uncle Sam.

Mrs. E. C. Clinger was here from Maverick, Monday, and called to send The Ledger to Mr. Clinger, who is in Arizona for a couple of months.