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## Inauguration Impressive; May 24th For Election

Austin, Jan. 21.—Governor Hobby and Lieut. Governor Johnson were inaugurated before a joint session of the legislature with impressive ceremonies this morning. Chief Justice Phillips administered the oath of office. The senate passed to third

reading the suffrage and prohibition amendments, amending the former to make the date of election May 24th, substituting the house resolution for the senate measure on the latter amendment. Both of the questions will come up for final vote tomorrow.

### FARM MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY 2 P. M.

D. F. Eaton announces that a meeting will be held in his office at the court house on Friday, Jan. 24th at 2 p. m., at which time matters of importance to the farmers of this county will be discussed. All farmers, cotton buyers, bankers and merchants are urged to be present at this meeting. Following the meeting it is probably that a labor employment

bureau will be organized to handle the labor situation which threatens to become serious throughout the country on account of so many men being released from the army and from government works.

Kimble Wood and Dick Embry came in from the army camps Tuesday. Kimble comes home to stay from Fort Worth and Dick comes home to stay from Kelley Field, both of the boys having been discharged.

## Emergency Measure For Labor On Public Works

Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Kenyon of Iowa, introduced a bill in the Senate today creating an emergency public work board to provide immediate work for unemployed. The bill provides for one hundred million dollars to be expended to enable cities, states and counties under federal agencies to go ahead with public work or at any time that extraordinary unemployment situation exists. The working of such a measure will make it possible to keep down labor riots by employing men on public highways, etc.

### HALF FREIGHT ON FEED DISCONTINUED

Farm Agent Eaton announced Monday that after this week the government would not grant permits to farmers for half freight rate on feed, unless the extension service of the Department of Agriculture succeeded in getting the government to continue the rate a short while longer.

It was through the efforts of the extension service that the railroad administration granted a half rate to farmers in the drought stricken counties. The administration announced a few days ago that the rate would not be granted further.

The farmers of this county have saved thousands of dollars through the low freight rate, and would have saved much more as considerable feed must be shipped in before the next crop is made. However, with the heaviest part of the winter gone, and prospects for early range and benefit in grazing from grain crops, the farmers will not suffer much loss through feed buying.

### PIONEER WOMAN DIES AT CREWS

News was received here Monday afternoon of the death of Mrs. A. D. Tally, which occurred at her home near Crews Monday morning. W. A. Talley and family of Ballinger went to Crews several days ago to be at the bedside of his mother.

Deceased was one of the pioneer women of this county, having lived for many years in the Crews country. She had passed the four-score years of age, and rounded out a life of usefulness.

The remains will be brought to Ballinger and interred in the city cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Curry conducting the services.

Deceased is survived by a husband, Capt. A. D. Tally and several children and grand children. The friends of these extend to them sympathy in the loss of a good wife and mother.

Chas. Allen returned home Tuesday, from a business trip to Fort Worth.

### WILL COMPLETE RUSSELL OIL WELL

H. Giesecke, who went to Fort Worth last week and conferred with the officials of the Gulf Production Co., the company which is drilling the well on the Russell ranch fifteen miles southeast of Ballinger, says the well will be completed and another well put down to a depth of 4000 feet. Mr. Giesecke returned home Sunday.

According to the terms of the contract between Russell and the oil company, the company must drill to a depth of 3500 feet, unless oil or gas is found in paying quantities at a lesser depth, within one year from date of contract, and begin another well within sixty days, or forfeit the lease which the company holds on the acreage where the well is being drilled.

The present well was spudded in on July 4th, last year. Salt water was struck a few days ago at a depth of 3448 feet. According to Mr. Giesecke, who represents Mr. Russell, he proposed to accept the present well as complete, and allow the Gulf Production Co. to begin another well at once, but the company announced that the present well would be completed, if at all possible, and the drillers have been instructed to go other 52 feet.

As soon as the present hole reaches a depth of 3500 feet, another well will be started in that vicinity and put down to a depth of 4000 feet, unless oil in paying quantities is found at a less depth.

### CATTLE LOSSES HEAVY IN PANHANDLE COUNTRY

Walt Allen came in from Fort Worth, Monday having disposed of all the cattle he had on the range in the Midland country. Mr. Allen says he disposed of his cattle before they could die on his hands, and that the losses in the Panhandle country are heavy. He reports that eighteen or twenty inches of snow blanketed the Midland country last week, but did not remain on the ground very long.

### FOURTH DEATH IN FAMILY AT TRUITT

Mrs. F. Gerhart died at her home in the Truitt country, Sunday, making the fourth death in the Gerhart family within the last two or three weeks.

F. Gerhart died about two weeks ago. His death was followed by that of the infant of his son, F. L. Gerhart. Last Tuesday Mrs. F. L. Gerhart died, after the death of her baby, and Sunday Mrs. Gerhart was called from this world to join her husband in the world beyond the grave.

Mrs. Gerhart will be buried at Winters Monday or Tuesday. A daughter, Mrs. Lena Matthis, was here from San Antonio, Monday, enroute to Winters to attend the funeral, but for some cause did not arrive.

The Gerhart family is one of the pioneer families of the Truitt country, and they have many friends who will sympathize with them in the loss of their father, mother, and sister-in-law, and baby in so short a time.

### BALLINGER BORN BOY PRISONER IN GERMANY

Dr. W. D. Bradfield, pastor of Grace Methodist church, received a message yesterday from his son, Lieut. W. L. Bradfield, announcing his arrival at Newport News. Lieut. Bradfield will go to Garden City, N. Y., to receive his discharge, after which he will spend a short time in Washington before returning to Dallas.

Lieut. Bradfield was a prisoner at Karlsruhe for several weeks.—Dallas News.

The young man referred to in the above was born in Ballinger. His father was pastor of the Methodist church here at the time, about twenty-five years ago.

### REFUSES MILLION DOLLARS FOR GRAVE YARD

Fort Worth, Jan. 17.—Members of the congregation of the Merriam Baptist church at Ranger have refused an offer of \$1,000,000 for rights to develop oil wells in a grave yard adjoining the church property.

## Russian Delegates To Have Seat At Peace Conference

(By Wm. Phillips Sims)  
Paris, Jan. 22.—That a limited number of representatives from the Russian Soviet government will attend the peace conference seems certain. It was learned this afternoon that an agreement had practically been reached by the supreme war council in this regard, and an official announcement of the order allowing Russian delegates to attend the conference is expected to be made before night.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The supreme war council has decided to send a mission to Poland. The committee will represent the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy, delegates from each nation making up the party, it was officially announced today.

President Wilson's proposal for settling the Russian problem is still before the council and will be discussed again this afternoon. The Russian problem is being thoroughly investigated before the conference takes any action in dealing with that nation.

## Legislature Unanimous In Submitting 2 Amendments

### WEST TEXAS APPEALS TO TEXAS LAWMAKERS

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which was recently organized, is circulating petitions in the various counties throughout West Texas, in which an appeal is being made to the Texas Legislature for the passage of laws constructive and helpful to the agricultural and petroleum development of West Texas. The petition asks that no law be passed which will retard the oil development.

Following is a copy of the petition: We urgently request the Texas Legislature to give careful consideration to legislation which will encourage and promote the development of the agricultural, mineral and other resources of West Texas.

We submit that the conservation of rain fall and the full development of the petroleum deposits are the paramount problems affecting the present and future welfare of West Texas.

We therefore respectfully petition the Texas Legislature to enact only constructive and helpful legislation along these lines.

We further urge that no laws be passed which will discourage the vast petroleum development now under way and that the law making body of the great state of Texas cooperate and lend its assistance in a substantial way to the Federal Government in the promotion of meritorious irrigation projects in this section.

Wesley Reese returned home Tuesday at noon, from Plano, Texas, and is back to make his home. His family will return here Sunday.

Austin, Jan. 22.—The House passed the suffrage amendment resolution by a unanimous vote this afternoon. The senate vote on the prohibition amendment was also unanimous, fixing May 24th, as the date of amendment election.

Gov. Hobby sent a message to the legislature recommending drastic anti-lynching legislation, urging the passage of laws which will permit indictment of lynchers in adjoining counties to county in which the lynching takes place.

Robert Herring went to Comanche and DeLeon, Tuesday, and will watch the gushers for a few days and may take a hand in the big oil game.

Miss Ada Allen left Tuesday for Tyler, where she goes to enter the Tyler Commercial College.

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Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Other Real Estate	9,500.00
Depositor's Guaranty Fund	4,922.87
Cash	31,882.12
Total	\$299,051.02

Liabilities

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	40,000.00
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From Camp Travis to River Rhine Told in This Letter

EDITOR NOTE—In a letter to the editor of The Ledger, Sergeant Edward Spill describes his trip from Camp Travis to Luxemburg, where he is at present making up part of the army of occupation.

news every now and then an editor does not desire for various and sundry reasons, all of them perfectly good, desire to "turn out" to use the American slang expression.

I have been wondering lately what you Texas and Oklahoma people think of our army officials placing the Ninetieth Division in the Third army or army of occupation. I am sure that you feel quite honored just as we boys do.

You have probably noticed that this letter is dated in Luxemburg, a few days ago and have been talking a breathing spell before completing the last lap into German territory.

At 9 o'clock we had completed loading our personnel on the ship and at 10 o'clock we were ready to pull away from the dock.

the suburbs the city of Luxemburg claims a population of about 70,000 inhabitants, all thrifty and industrious.

You have asked me to write you a long letter. I think I will take you up on that, since I have nothing to do tonight but hammer the stuff out of this old Remington.

We left Camp Travis on the morning of June 12, about 10 o'clock. Two trains had preceded us and at least one followed us the same day.

On the morning of June 27th, we received our orders to be at a certain pier in Hoboken, New Jersey, at a certain hour, 8 o'clock if I remember correctly.

July 10th we landed, ate dinner on the docks, and then proceeded amid loud greetings from the residents of the city and the music of brass bands.

We had been told that Camp Wonnall Downs was a rest camp. We expected nothing to do while there. We thought we would recuperate after our trip across the Atlantic.

At 9 o'clock we had completed loading our personnel on the ship and at 10 o'clock we were ready to pull away from the dock.

The "Melita" was the name of the ship, which was practically new and had carried only a few soldiers across.

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The vessel was an old Austro-French cattle boat and was very dirty.

There was no place for either officers or enlisted men to sleep. We were all shoved down in the bottom of the old hull, ordered not to have any kind of light on board.

We had to wait on the tide to come in and it was not until after 1 o'clock that afternoon that we disembarked on French soil.

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