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BURNING OF VILLAGES FURNISH LIGHT FOR THE GERMAN'S RETREAT

BROTHERS MEET ON BATTLESHIP.

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

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

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

MRS. KIPP AND FAMILY TO LEAVE BALLINGER.

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

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

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

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

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

Made War Speeches.

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

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

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

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

Sons in France.

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

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

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

Organized Cavalry.

"I have organized under the direction of Governor Hobby a brigade of cavalry the inspection of which is just now being completed by regular army

officers. It is as fine a body of young Texans as can be found in any military organization. I had hoped that Jim Ferguson in his systematic continued and insidious campaign of encouragement to disloyal people would keep his hands off this organization, but it appears that this organization is not to escape interference from him any more than it has from pro-German propagandists.

"I say to the people of Texas not without a knowledge of the import of what I say, that the Hindenburg line on the western front is no more dangerous to the success of American victory than the menace of Jim Ferguson.

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

PREACHER TO CAMP WITH DRAFTED MEN

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

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

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

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

TAKES OVER WIRE LINES ON JULY 31

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

With French, July 23.—2 A. M. —The Germans at this hour are carrying out a retreat to the northward from the Marne under the glaring illumination caused by the burning of villages and the torches of Prussianism. The sky is illuminated from horizon to horizon by blazing towns and by ammunition dumps as the enemy continues in rapid retirement toward the Vesle river.

It is evident that the Germans realize that they will never again occupy the territory they are being forced to give up, as they are leaving behind them wreck and pillage on every hand. The Franco-Americans are forcing a steady drive and with rapid movement of artillery they are not giving the enemy time to retrench for a stand or to make counter attacks.

It has been established by evidence gained from captured Germans and other sources that the Germans have used sixty divisions (720,000) men in an attempt to stem the tide and stop the allied advance.

With Americans, July 23.—Despite the stiffening resistance if the Germans, who have made enormous sacrifices, the allied advance continues generally in the Soissons-Rheims salient. The Americans are pushing forward on a five mile front between Grisols Bezu-St. Germain.

Paris, July 23. Oulchy-Le-Chateau, a dominating point on the line between the Soissons and Chateau-Thierry sector, is reported to have fallen in the hands of the allies this morning. Additional important gains were made in the immediate Soissons region.

Paris, July 23.—The French war office today reports that fighting on the whole offensive front last night was confined to artillery. The French made an advance of three miles on the front north of Montdidier (the Picardy front) taking three villages and three hundred prisoners.

London, July 23.—It is reported through official sources here that the Americans have captured Buzancy, four miles south of Soissons and are moving northward with success.

FERGUSON APPOINTEE SPEAKS TONIGHT

Judge F. M. Spann, appointed district judge of the Bell county district by Governor Ferguson, is scheduled to speak here in the interest of Mr. Ferguson's candidacy tonight. The speaking will be held on the court house lawn.

Judge Spann was himself a candidate for judge of the supreme court against Nelson Phillips up to a short time ago when he resigned, and is now stump speaking for Mr. Ferguson.

The local Ferguson campaign committee has issued circulars advertising the speaking and extends an invitation to the ladies to hear Judge Spann.

FORMER BALLINGER BOY KILLED IN FRANCE.

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

No German Who Supports Ferguson Can Be American

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

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

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

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

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

Questions Ferguson.

"While he was making his speeches in South Texas he was very careful in even saying that which could offend pro-Germans much less American-Germans. It is also remarkably strange that in his criticism he selects

Senator Weinert and myself the two men and only two, aside from Judge Randolph Kleberg, of Germanic extraction (who at the beginning of the war devoted their time and effort to directing the attention of people in South Texas as to their duties involved in the war.

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

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

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

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WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US.

The Texas Campaign.

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

Miss Alice Cates left Monday afternoon for Waco to visit her sister a few weeks.

H. C. Fletcher, who had been spending a few days in Ballinger returned to Brownwood Monday afternoon.

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FOR TREASURER:
W. L. Brown

FOR ASSESSOR:
J. N. Key,
M. C. Boyd,
Jack N. McKay,
J. R. Holloway.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
S. C. Harris

FOR TAX COLLECTOR:
M. D. Chastain

FOR COUNTY SUPT.:
John J. Bugg,
S. L. Bird

FOR COUNTY CLERK:
W. C. McCarver

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 111 DIST.:
C. R. Stephens

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:
C. C. Coekrell

MRS. L. H. BACON

FOR COM. PRECINCT NO. 1:
J. R. Harris,
R. P. Kirk.

TROOP "I" BEST COMPANY IN TEXAS

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

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

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

The army inspectors stated that this was the thirteenth company that had been inspected of the National

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

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

The inspectors would make no definite announcement as to when the company would be federalized, but it is expected to take place about the first of August.

Earl Jones, of the Valley Creek country, left Monday afternoon for Temple and other points in the state on a business trip.

Wm. Stevens and Luther Pomphrey, of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

CONSTIPATION

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable, I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would gripe me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller, C. Kamego, of Winters, R. L. Williams, of the Tokeken country, W. E. Puckett and J. G. Ensor, of the Norton country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

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

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

In making mention of Sergeant Charlie Boyd returning to his post of duty in the U. S. army at San Antonio, we said it was Corporal Boyd, when as above stated he is Sergeant Charlie Boyd.



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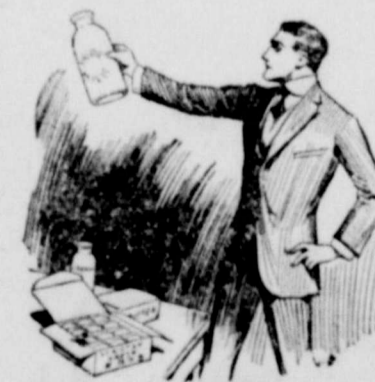
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stopping ten minutes for refreshments at a Red Cross Canteen. Think of a big cup of hot coffee and a wealth of man-sized ham sandwiches served by the Red Cross—women with the joy of service in their eyes. Think of ten minutes for refreshments within sound of the guns—such refreshments served by such women. Did ever a weary lad have such refreshments? Did ever a cup of coffee and a sandwich taste so good? It is service like this, the supplying of "food that's got a honey taste" at a time when a man's spirits are likely to be at lowest ebb, that moved a Commanding General of the American Forces to write on December 30: "The extent of the work of the Red Cross is only limited by the number of members it has and the amount of funds available for its use."

The Federal Food Administrators of the 48 states of the Union were unanimous in their approval of discarding the present system of regular monthly licensees' reports and in favoring a new system of price publication and inspection. Because of this decision at their conference recently in Washington, the public will be protected in the matter of prices by the price publications and the work of the price interpreting committees and price reporters.

Administrator Peden has appointed 46 price interpreting committees over Texas, and many more are in the course of being organized. It is his hope

**"PLENTY OF SUGAR
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A prominent housewife in an East Texas town recently sent word to the County Food Administrator that she had grapes on the stove but required more sugar for preserving. Asked if she had secured her allotment for this purpose of 25 pounds, she replied "yes." Then she added "But I simply have to have more."

Because of a marked scarcity the request was denied and the woman said: "Well I have registered and in a few days I shall have a chance to vote, I'll cast my vote against you for County Food Administrator."

A man in the same community suffering from what he felt insufficient flour and sugar for his normal happiness announced that he proposed to run against the County Food Administrator at the next election and make his platform "Plenty of sugar and flour for everybody."

**NO DANGER OF
A SUGAR FAMINE**

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

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

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

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

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The conditions have been exceptionally good here this season, all farm products being above the average. At the present time, indications are that the cotton crop will be one of the best that has been raised here for several years. There has never been more labor than could be utilized in this section, and with the army drafts it becomes necessary for us to import a great portion of our laborers this fall. If there is an abundance of labor throughout your section of the country, I would be much pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

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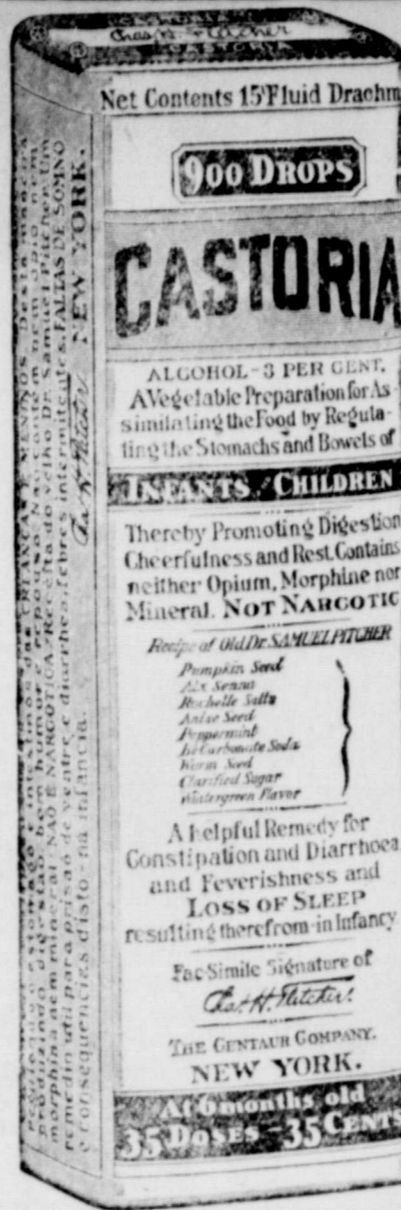
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Mr. and Mrs. R. Gottchalk, of the Valley Creek country, came in Monday to accompany their son Hanz who was returning to Camp Travis to resume his army duties after a short furlough at home.

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

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Proctor, of Wichita Falls, came in Tuesday in their car to visit Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson a few days.

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Religious Influences Are Indispensable For Soldiers

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

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

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

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

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

The colored men are not forgotten,

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although in many cases it would seem as if they could take care of themselves in such matters, for there are few companies among them without one or two colored preachers in the enlisted personnel, and on Sundays they have free rein to exhort their brethren in uniform after their own faith and manner. Indeed, the shouts and rhythmic crooning of the old-fashioned "evangelists" can be heard for blocks, broken into now and then by such singing as only colored people can do. They have their own "Y" building with a "Y" man of their own race to look after them, besides visiting speakers who come to address them.

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

DECLINES TO DIVIDE TIME.

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

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MRS. BARN'S LETTER.

Here is a letter that is certain to prove of interest to people in this vicinity, as cases of this sort occur in almost every neighborhood, and people should know what to do in like circumstances.

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 12, 1916.
"I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery) I had another attack of the same complaint some three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy to dozens of people since I first used it."

W. F. DOUGHTY ANNOUNCES FOR HOBBY

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

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

PRICES FIXED FOR COTTON GINNING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MANY ABSENTEES ON ELECTION DAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. T. Little, of the Norton Country, B. T. Law and J. H. Mills, of the Winters country, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, of Talpa, were among the large crowd in Ballinger Monday.

Little Miss Fay Daniels, of Santa Anna, who had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Will McCarver and family returned home Monday afternoon.

R. T. Williams left Monday afternoon for Waco on a short business trip.

Judge A. K. Doss left Monday afternoon for Killeen on a short legal business trip.

ROAD REVIEW TAKES KINK OUT OF ROADS

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

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

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

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

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

Frank McElroy, of the Hatchel country, J. T. Tippet, of the Crews country, C. L. Harter, the Wilmet merchant, and C. C. Carter, of the Norton country, were among the large crowd that were in the city Monday.

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

What shall I Get for Dinner?

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