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Political Fight In Germany Narrows Down to 2 Parties

"Say"

How about a good comb and brush for mother or sister—Look the matter up.

Weeks

The Price is Right

GLENCOVE LADY DIES HERE TODAY

Mrs. Iva Clark, age 28 years, wife of Bud Clark, of Glen Cove, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Thursday morning. The remains were prepared for burial by the Lankford Undertaking company and shipped to Coleman county for burial Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Clark first suffered pneumonia, and was brought here for treatment, but her condition was such that an operation could not save her.

Misses Irene Clappett and Vera Nicholson who have been attending the C. I. A. at Denton, came in Thursday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Edgar Rasbeury returned from the army camp at San Antonio. He has been discharged from army service and is at home to resume the ways of a civilian citizen again.

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Opposite C. H. L.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Paris Journals published a report to the effect that Chancellor Ebert, head of the German government has resigned.

Berlin, Tuesday night (delayed)—The Ebert Haase coalition government has received the endorsement of the National Soldiers council, the vote favoring the government being unanimous.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Spartacus group in Berlin appears to have been checked, according to the Zurich dispatches received here today. The dispatches say that the Ebert government has been upheld by the workmen and soldiers council, who are taking vigorous action against Leibknecht and his bolsheviki followers.

SINKING OF GERMAN NAVY ADVOCATED

Paris, Dec. 19.—The American delegates to the peace congress have resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives who it is added feel that such a position would result in avoiding contention and materially support President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

England, through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty had previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy the captured or surrendered warships, and it is declared, will continue to support the United States, although it is expected that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed.

Dr. E. C. Baskin returned Thursday from Athens, where he had been for several days on business.

23,000 OUT IN GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.

A deal aggregating \$23,000 was closed at Ballinger Thursday, between W. C. Jones and Robert Herring in which Mr. Jones sells his two section ranch adjoining the Herring ranch east of Ballinger, and a bunch of sheep that were on the ranch.

Mr. Herring gets immediate possession of the ranch and sheep, and Mr. Jones pockets the cash.

Mr. Jones recently moved here from Coleman, and has been living in the Christian parsonage on 10th St. He will continue to make street. He will continue to make Ballinger his home, for the present at least, and will probably invest in other property in this county.

EASTERN STARS TO HONOR HEROES

The entertainment to be given at the Methodist church tonight under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star in honor of their members who have returned from the army, promises a treat for those who attend.

The public is most cordially invited to attend the entertainment, and enjoy the following program:

Invocation—Rev. J. B. Curry.
Presentation of the flags of the Allied nations—Belgium, Mrs. Chester Cherry; France, Mrs. E. D. Walker; England, Mrs. J. A. Ostertag; Italy, Mrs. H. M. Jossey.
Presentation of "Old Glory"—Mrs. J. G. Douglass.
Our National Colors, Dr. W. B. Halley.

Quartet—"Your Flag and My Flag"—Miss Anna Jean Sharp, Abe Lankford, Miss Margaret Futeh, Bob King.

Presentation American Flag—Mrs. Walter Tally and Mrs. Archie Crews.

Response—Archie Crews.
Welcome—Mrs. W. B. Halley.
Address—Reminiscences of the world war, Lieut. Roy Sharp.
Vocal solo—Miss Anna Jean Sharp.

Reading—Miss Webb.
Solo—Bob King.

Song—"Bless Be the Tie that Binds."

Pianist—Miss Maggie Underwood.

Garland Parks came in Thursday to join his wife, who is here visiting her father, W. C. Penn.

Mrs. W. F. Tucky, who underwent a very serious operation Tuesday, is reported to be doing nicely today at the Halley & Love sanitarium.

Wilson in Conference With Heads of Allied Nations

CHRISTMAS

Might as well be some other day unless you give her a box of—
JOHNSTONS CHOCOLATES

Weeks

We deliver them Christmas day.

MORE SOLDIERS COMING HOME

Washington, Dec. 19.—Additional units overseas including about 1,500 officers and men, assigned by General Pershing for early convey home, were announced by the war department today as follows: 35th, 149th, 158th, 173rd, and 801st aero squadron companies A and B 26th engineers; 102nd and 111th trench mortar batteries; headquarters 39th brigade, coast artillery.

HALSTEAD FARRIS

At seven-thirty Wednesday night at the home of Rev. E. S. Cornelious, Rev. Cornelious spoke the words that made as man and wife, Lottie Farris and Miss Ollie Halstead.

Miss Halstead is a valuable employee of the West Texas Telephone Co., and Mr. Farris is a prominent young livestock dealer of this city. The bride grew from childhood to womanhood in this city, and a large circle of friends who will wish for her the best at the hands of the man whom she has chosen for life partner.

And thru mud we've hiked at night,
We have stumbled into dugouts,
And with "cooties" had to fight.

We've hit the front line trenches
And we gave old Fritz a hell,
But before we leave these diggins
We've got to police—well.

John Phillips.

Co. K 64th Inf A. E. F.

ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY HEARD FROM

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline are in receipt of a letter from Henry Vorbeck, who entered the army through volunteering in the National Guard company at San Angelo, and who has been fighting with the famous 36th. Henry writes from a rest camp on Nov. 10th, just one day before the little fight ended, and he says he did not find chasing Germans as pleasant sport as going fishing in the Colorado river. "There were several times while chasing 'atchmen,'" says the Ballinger boy, "that I would have been glad to set down at your table, or any where else and eat and rest awhile." He writes that the 36th Division was on the front 21 days, "and" he says, "believe me, you would not call it heaven." "But never mind, if I get by as lucky as I have so far I am coming back home some day with only a few more grey hairs in my head and a whole lot wiser."

We've been treated just like pack mules,
With the bundles on our backs,
We've been trugged around the country
Same as any farmers jacks.

We have hit the road in places,

AT WINTERS THE ORPHEUS FOUR

Official quartet of the Orpheus Club of Los Angeles
Winners of the International Grand Prize of \$3000,
for male Chorus at Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Presbyterian Church, December 20

Admission 75c

Get Right

We are giving a liberal discount on all Bibles and Testaments.

WEEKS

Good things to have around.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Judging from the slow progress being made in renewal of Red Cross membership, there are many people in this county without either the heart or the dollar, or without both.

Only one-quarter of an inch of rain has fallen during the present wet spell, but it is about the wettest wet spell ever experienced here. The atmosphere is full of wetness and it wets without falling to the ground.

We feel that we are due our readers an apology for devoting so much space in today's paper to the discussion of the farm demonstrator. This is a question that is of more interest to the farmers and readers an apology for devoting to the readers of the Daily, and we promise to let the matter rest, here after.

While the cat is away the mice will play. The republicans took advantage of Mr. Wilson's absence to circulate the report that he was adopting Taft's league of nations thunder, but Mr. Wilson keeps in touch with things at home, and before the ink was dry on the newspapers the wireless was flashing the president's denial. Wilson is doing his own thinking.

American people are noted for their hospitality, but some how we fear that when the heads of the nations in the war against Germany return Mr. Wilson's call, and visit this country, the Americans will not give them the ovation and welcome which Mr. Wilson is receiving in France. The distinguished visitors will be shown courtesy, and no doubt given a royal reception, but that "taking the fool off" scenes which greet-

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ed President Wilson when he landed in Paris, may be lacking.

Few Escape
There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

Savage Auto tires at L. E. Bair's Furniture Store. 18 2d 1w

What will the newspapers do, is a question frequently asked; since the war closed. Some people seemed to think that wars are necessary for the success of the newspapers. No line of business has suffered worse on account of the war than the newspapers. The average newspaper man is longing for the return of the quiet life. War news is stale news, and the average reader is looking for the day when letters from the country correspondent will take the place of the free "dope" sent out by the different branches of the war working heads.

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.

FREE ADVICE FOR FIGHTING THE FLU
Various doctors discussing the influenza epidemic directed attention to the following facts. A patient should be put to bed and kept there, should be given only a liquid diet, and should not be allowed to get up for 48 hours after his fever has left and not to resume his normal duties for more than a week after that. An absolutely liquid diet consists of buttermilk (lemonade, grape juice but not soft toast. The convalescing patient may have soft toast, soft eggs, gruel and cream.—Temple Telegram.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine manufactured by J. E. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.
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Make your selections now, we deliver whenever you get ready. See our gift suggestions.—Lankford.

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Stomach Trouble
"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.

MEAT PRODUCERS DID FULL DUTY

Increase in American Hogs Will Help to Meet World Fat Shortage.

FARMERS SAVE SITUATION.

Government Justified in Stimulation of Pork Production—Sevenfold Increase Over Pre-War Exports.

Through increased production and conservation we will be able this year to export seven times our pre-war average exports of pork products. With the heavy demands added in caring for the millions who have been freed from German oppression, the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration are justified today in our every action of stimulation of hog production. In the coming year the greatest world shortage will be in fats, and pork will help to save this situation. The efficacy of the policy of stimulated production has built up in this country supplies which will enable us to supply a very large part of the fat deficiency of the world. In beef there must be a shortage in Europe, due largely to limited refrigerator ship capacity. All freezer ships available, however, will be filled by America, Argentine and Australia.

The contribution made by the producers of this country to the war program as applying particularly to animal food products is illustrated by the following:

Reports compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs. These figures were compiled to January 1 last.

In this period there was a decrease in sheep of 819,000 head. The indications are that this decrease will show an increase, according to recent reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than 8 per cent, and not more than 15 per cent, as compared with one year ago, with an increase in the average weight.

Following the request of the U. S. Food Administration for an increase in hog production for marketing in the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,600,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, while for the corresponding months of 1918 the dressed hog products totaled 1,277,589,000, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period for 1917 the records of inspected slaughter of dressed beef showed 1,263,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

Our food Gospel
eat less
serve less
waste nothing

America's Pledge of Food
Gave Heart to the Allies
In Their Darkest Hour

Whatever is necessary America will send. That was America's pledge to the interallied food council. And because the American food army had hitherto made good they took heart and went forward.

Farm enterprise and much soft corn increased pork supplies, food conservation increased exports—total shipments doubled.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 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.

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LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved
After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak... I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. 69

MA SUNDAY TALKS TO TEXAS WOMEN

The women of Texas are urged by Mrs. William (Billy) A. Sunday to "get into the game" from now until December 31 and assist the Government in their communities in the collection of War Savings Stamp pledges which are now due. Mrs. Sunday asks every Texas woman to give her time and thought to this work "that your boy and my boy may have the tickets home which paid War Savings Stamp pledges means to them."

To Texas women, Mrs. Sunday, wife of Rev. "Billy" Sunday who is now preaching in Fort Worth, says:



Mrs. W. A. Sunday

"The big fight has been won and I know women of Texas you rejoice that your brave Texas fighting lads are no longer in danger on the battle line. They have done their duty gloriously; but mothers and wives and sweethearts of Texas men, we over here have not done our duty until we have discharged that solemn obligation we made to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps. I have bought the limit.

Adjustable Kiddie Kars at Lankford's.

W. E. Chambers, former manager of the Ballinger Lumber Co., was here from Abilene, Wednesday en route to Brownwood on business.

They have more Hoosiers, at Lankford's.

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You want the best meat at the lowest cost. Patronize Stroble's new market no Eighth street. Just opened and ready to serve you. We will make it to the interest of the customer to call at our market and get your meat, as we have not arranged for any delivery system at present. Will appreciate your patronage and show it by giving you the best at the lowest price. Strictly cash and the saving is all yours. Phone 101. 17 dtf L. L. Stroble, Prop.

L. E. Bair's service car is raring to go—phone 586 or 134 18 2dlw

Christmas novelties arriving daily at Lankford's.

E. A. Jeanes, the produce man, was looking after his Coleman house this week.

You can find it at Lankford's, call and see.

Mrs. Isley's Letter

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

Judge F. L. Snodgrass, of Coleman, was here between trains Wednesday, on business.

A BALLINGER BOY HUNG

Around his father's neck and begged him to have Moody save his "sole" that is the soles of his shoes. Moody can do the work and give satisfaction at the right price. He does general repair work and handles second hand goods, when in need of anything in his line call and see him. dtwf.

Rockers for the entire family at Lankford's.

Mrs. J. P. Davis, of El Paso came in Wednesday from a visit to her parents at Eastland, and will be the guest of friends a few days before returning to her home. Mrs. Davis is known in Ballinger as Miss Ruth Grundy.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. **CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS**, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Listen children, they are here, Kiddie Kars at Lankford's.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Runnels.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District court of Travis County, on the 29th day of November 1918, by the District Clerk of said Travis County, Texas for the sum of \$6,656.67 and cost of suit, under a judgment in favor of R. L. Slaughter and G. F. Zimmermann, administrators of the Estate of Thomas Kerr Brown, deceased in a certain cause in said court No. 36112 and styles R. L. Slaughter et al administrator vs. J. W. Riddle et ux, placed in my hands for service, I J. D. Perkins as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 4th day of December 1918, levy on certain real estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 550.45 acres of land more or less in Runnels County, Texas, being part of the T. & N. O. Ry. Co., survey No. 77. Certificate No. 1094 Abstract No. 473 more particularly described as follows: to-wit: First Tract: The N. 1-2 of said T. & N. O. Ry. Co. survey No. 77 containing three hundred twenty (320) acres of land, more or less.

Second Tract: Part of the said T. & N. O. Ry. Co. survey No. 77, described by the following metes and bounds: beginning at the Southeast corner of the 100 acre tract sold to A. S. Pearson, a stone mound on south boundary line of survey No. 77, T. & N. O. Ry. Co., thence east 1336 yds. to old stone mound, the original southeast corner of said survey No. 77, same being the Northeast corner of survey No. 78 and northwest corner of survey No. 89, in name of same company; thence North 990 yds. to Southeast corner of the North 1-2 of said survey in name of D. E. Graves, thence West 965 yds. to stone mound another corner of the D. E. Graves tract; thence South 40 yds. to stone mound another corner of said D. E. Graves tract; thence West 371 yds. to stone mound, same being the N. E. corner of the A. S. Pearson 100 acre tract; thence South 950 yds. to the place of beginning containing 230 45-100 acres of land, more or less, and levied upon as the property of J. W. Riddle et ux., and that on the first Tuesday in January 1918, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. W. Riddle, et ux., And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper published in Ballinger Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of December 1918.

J. D. Perkins,
Sheriff Runnels County,
Texas. 5 12 19

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Feed Man Against Farm Agent

Winters, Texas, Dec 18.
Editor Ballinger Ledger:
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

If you believe in a square deal to all please allow me space to reply from a grain dealers standpoint, to your numerous articles in favor of the farm demonstrator.

I am not prepared to say what the farm demonstrator is worth to the county as a demonstrator, but I haven't heard a single objection to the action of the commissioners court from the farmers here. I do know however, that the attempt to put the feed business of the county in his hands has resulted in a loss of thousands of dollars to the farmers for the simple reason that he has saved them the half freight rate on less than half of the feed they have bought, when it should have been saved on all. That is, they could have had the saving on the stuff they bought from the dealers as well as that that they ordered.

This reduction in rate should have been given to the retail dealers and farmers alike, and an affidavit from the purchaser to the railway agent stating the feed was to be used here should be all that was necessary to get it. In this way the dealer could and would have passed the saving on what they handled on to the farmers.

If any of the dealers were disposed to try to keep the saving himself there is not a thing to prevent his customer ordering what they need. Any farmer or group of farmers can buy grain in the wholesale market and at wholesale prices just the same as Mr. Eaton and the only reason they have not done so generally is that it has been tried time and again and it has always been found to be more practical to buy from the home man as long as he had an equal show in freight rates.

The grain dealer, the same as the grocery, dry good, hardware and others, is worth to the community all he gets for his services, and no one should know it better than himself. The fact that the grain dealers are still doing over half the business under this handicap is conclusive proof that they rendering a very necessary service. Then why try to put them out of business.

If the farm demonstrator is worth his salary as a farm demonstrator all right but why give his time to a business that can be run much more satisfactory to all concerned without his attention.

Yours truly,
A. P. Roberts.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Certainly we believe in a square deal.

That is why we have been advocating the employment of a farm agent for Runnels county.

We want the farmers to get all that is coming to them; especially when it is free.

We proffered our columns to the commissioners court, or to any one else, and invited a discussion of this question.

You are the first to respond. We welcome you. We are glad to get your letter. It is a good argument in favor of the farm agent.

You say you are not prepared to say what the farm demonstrator is worth to the county. You admit that you do not know anything about the proposition; therefore, your letter must have been prompted from a selfish standpoint.

Your confession verifies what we

have said, viz., "the people who oppose the farm demonstrator, do so because they do not understand the nature of the work he is doing, its benefit to the agricultural interest of the county, and are naturally against every progressive movement."

You say that you haven't heard a single man object to the action of the commissioners court from the farmers of Winters.

Perhaps you can't hear good. The writer spent a few hours in Winters recently and heard quite a number of farmers criticising the action of the court. We can give you their names and addresses.

And, Mr. Roberts, if you want to hear an almost unanimous objection to the action of the court, come to Ballinger, any day in the week, where farmers from all over the county, even from Winters are coming and also phoning for the services of the demonstrator.

You know in a small town the newspaper is made a bureau of information, or at least the people think it should be, and if you will come to our office, Mr. Roberts, we can show you the objectors—farmers from every precinct in the county. We need you to help us explain why the county does not need a farm demonstrator.

Mr. Roberts we can't convince these farmers who want to ship in feed and save the half freight, and those who are trying to get their loans approved, that you are right about this farm demonstrator business. They are hardheaded about the matter, and talk ugly about it when they find out they can not get the help they need so badly.

You say the farm demonstrator has saved the freight rate on less than half the feed the farmers have bought, when it should have been saved on all.

Whose fault is that? And don't you think saving one-half in some saving for the farmers when this country is trying to recover from the drought? According to records on file in the freight office in this county it amounts to about fifty thousand dollars.

How much are the farmers saving on their feed in freight now, Mr. Roberts, since the court sat down upon the demonstrator?

The farmers are not getting half rate now, and the heavy feed buying is yet to come. How much are you saving them?

Mr. Roberts, are you not willing for the farmers in the drought stricken counties to get all the help they can from the government? Don't you think they need it. Didn't you know that only the farmers in the drought stricken counties had been granted this rate?

You write from the standpoint of a grain dealer, and the stationary upon which your letter is written shows that you are a wholesale dealer. Then why don't you sell to the farmers, help them get the half rate, and book your wholesale profit. Don't you think that would be the next best thing to do as the government does not see fit to grant the half rate and then let you sell to the farmers at a profit too.

You say any farmer, or group of farmers, can buy grain in whole sale market and at wholesale prices just the same as the demonstrator.

Sure he can, and that's the thing for him to do. The demonstrator is not in the feed business. His business only is to grant the permit for the half freight rate, which nets a saving of from five cents to ten cents per bushel on oats, a saving on hay and other feed in proportion. You are a wholesaler. Sell to the farmers,

let them pay the freight on a half rate basis, and you both win.

You say that the grain dealer, the grocery dealer, the dry goods and hardware merchants are worth to the community all they get for their services, and no one should know it better than we do.

Sure we know it. But, Mr. Roberts, just because we can't get half freight rate on our groceries, dry goods, hardware, etc., is no reason why we should not do all that we can to help the farmer get half rate on the feed he must have to feed his team with which to make a crop.

Do you know any man who is worth more to this county than the farmer? If he fails the merchants are a set of "blowed up suckers." We have a sample of that experience right now on the eve of Christmas, and the merchants will continue to suffer until a crop is made. Then we should do everything possible to help the farmers make that crop at the least expense possible.

We would like to get half freight rate on the blank paper we buy to print this paper on, but we can't do it. We rejoice that such privileges were granted the farmers. We regret that they can not profit by it, all on account of the action of the commissioners court.

Mr. Roberts, we don't say all the farmers are in favor of the commissioners court employing a farm demonstrator. Far from it, but we do contend that it is because they do not understand the proposition and are like the commissioners court—"set in their ways."

You will not have to live much longer, Mr. Roberts, to see a farm agent on the job in every good agricultural county, and will be a permanent fixture. We do not know of another county as good as Runnels county which is without a farm agent.

The farm agent only cost the county \$800 per year, less than the pay of any other county officer, and the farm agent devotes all his time to the interest of the farmer. The progressive business men of Winters and Ballinger have been putting up the county's part of the salary. The government will not stand for that any more. The work must have the support of the commissioners court, if the farmers profit by it.

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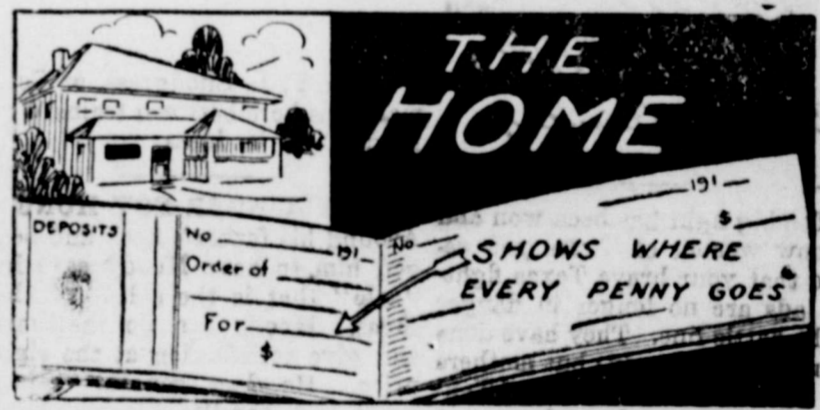
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