



## WAR REACHES OUR OWN HOMES

Quickly, silently, the day came. It was the day long looked for, hoped for, prayed for. Yes, it came, and the boys are gone. They were tired of the monotony of camp life. In their veins ran the red blood of their fathers and they wanted action. They are gone now, our own boys, the boys of our own homes and firesides. Just as quickly, just as silently, just as heroically, only a few days hence a card will announce their arrival in the battle torn region. There they will drill for a time, and then all they could imagine, all we could think, all the horror, the desolation, the dread, is soon at hand. The ordeal is on—it is war.

But, our mothers gave their boys and gave them cheerfully, yes joyously, even with their very hearts breaking. And pained at the separation, our boys are giving themselves wholly to their country, reserving nothing that will stand in the way of triumph for their cause. Soon the casualty lists will be scanned more closely than before. Perhaps our own fair locality will not escape the highest price that human existence can pay, but when it is paid, when our sacrifice is greatest, we can only fall in humble thankfulness that we had them to give, and consecrate our own lives more directly in the pursuit of that victory that must be ours. Today our hearts are with the boys, and we are not free from their pains, their misgivings, and we hope that every one of them will return to us for that joyful reunion we are almost afraid to hope for. But when they come back or lay their lives upon the altar of sacrifice, they are still our boys, and of them we think continually and for them there is nothing we would not do.

### TAKING OVER WIRES

Washington, July 16.—President Wilson today signed the wire control resolution, empowering him to take over and operate for the period of the war all telegraph, telephone, cable and radio lines.

### TO THE VOTERS

Owing to the requirements demanded of me by my crop, and out of consideration for you in a mighty busy time, there was a short while I could not get out and work my campaign. As a result I will not be able to complete the work in a way that I would have liked. There are some places I have not been. Please remember that if I do not reach you, I want your vote. It will be necessary to my election. The time is fast drawing to a close, and I assure you from the bottom of my heart I will appreciate your support.

W. R. BRITTON.

### BIG SCOUT HIKE

The Boy Scouts will go on a hike next week, leaving Monday morning and spending the week on Sweetwater Creek. From 15 to 20 of the boys are expected to go on the trip. They will camp out, cook, perhaps eat, and fish. They are getting pretty well organized and have considerable Scout paraphernalia. A rousing good time is anticipated.

The Scouts over the United States sold over \$11,000,000 of War Saving Stamps on the recent drive, since June 28. The local Scouts sold about \$5000 worth. They are still selling the stamps and will continue to do so for six months.

The Scouts, in appreciation of the time devoted to their welfare by Scoutmaster W. A. Shep-

pard, went out to his farm recently and hoed out his cotton. The boys believe in co-operation as one of their cardinal principles and took advantage of this opportunity to put it into practice.

The Scouts will give a show at the Cozy, August 2, the proceeds to go towards the purchase of haversacks.

### TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

It comes to me through my friends that some of my opponents and their friends are spreading FALSE reports to the effect that I am avoiding military service, doubtless hoping to help their own campaign. I tried to make this matter plain when I entered the campaign. I have kept nothing back. My life is absolutely an open book.

I was the first candidate to enter the race in this campaign for County Clerk. I felt my neighbors, my friends and my entire locality would stand by me, and am indeed thankful for their promised support.

I know if these reports were true, I ought to be beaten in the race, but as they are entirely FALSE, I feel it a duty I owe to my friends and myself to enter a strong and vigorous denial.

In further explanation, I wish to say: It was my fond ambition to enter the Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, but on taking the matter up, I failed to pass a physical examination. I was examined twice and disqualified for military service. Under the next ruling of the draft, I was again examined and disqualified for full military service. I refer any voter to the Local Board to prove the correctness of this statement.

I made the above plain to the voters early in the campaign. When my opponents and their friends found they could not make headway with this charge, then they said that I could do clerical work. I looked into this feature also and found no openings that I was qualified to fill.

Now frankly, plainly and to the point: I have stated that I am disqualified on physical grounds; my opponents are disqualified (no not disqualified, but protected) on age grounds. If, as some of them say, I could do duty in a clerical capacity, then, voters, in all candor, could not they do the same? If I can not pass an examination to serve my country, as I would greatly like to do, how can they criticize me, if they could pass an examination and don't? Frankly, aren't they simply hiding behind their age?

They further say that I employed legal advice to avoid the draft. That is absolutely FALSE in every way, hatched in the imagination and intended to mislead the voters favorable to my candidacy, and not one of my opponents, their friends or any one else will make this charge over his own signature.

If the government has need of my services, I am ready and willing to go any minute. But as there is no place now for my service, I aspire to the office of the County Clerk. If the voters of Taylor County will honor me with the office, which I believe they will, it will enable me to contribute in a much larger way in doing my bit in helping with the war.

I am seeking this office strictly on my own merits and not on the demerits of any of my opponents. I solicit your most earnest consideration for this place. Your vote may seem a small thing, but I assure you it will mean much to me. If you feel like giving a young man a chance, I will appreciate your support.

It is with the fullest confidence I leave the result with you.

Very truly yours,  
H. Holland Teaff.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

The following is the official ballot for Taylor County, from State down to precinct offices, which will be voted on in the Democratic primary July 27th. Our ladies, especially, are urged to study this carefully that they may readily make out their ballots when they go to the polls to vote:

- For U. S. Senator:**  
Morris Sheppard, (Bowie County).
- For Governor:**  
W. P. Hobby, (Jefferson County)  
Jas E. Ferguson, (Bell County)  
V. W. Grubbs, (Hunt County).
- For Lieut. Governor:**  
W. A. Johnson, (Hall County)  
Jno M. Henderson, (Morris County)  
S. B. Cowell, (Grayson County)  
Jno. R. Moore, (Anderson County).  
L. H. Bailey, (Harris County)  
T. W. Davidson, (Harrison County)
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court:**  
Nelson Phillips, (Dallas County)
- For Associated Justice of Supreme Court:**  
Thos. B. Greenwood, (Anderson County)  
J. D. Harvey, (Harris County)
- Associate Justice Court Criminal Appeals:**  
O. S. Lattimore, (Tarrant County)  
R. H. Word, (Bexar County).  
William Pierson, (Hunt County)  
F. B. Martin, (Gregg County)  
C. A. Pippin, (Dallas County)
- For State Treasurer:**  
J. M. Edwards, (Runnels County)  
Jno. W. Baker, (Crosby County)
- For Attorney General:**  
C. M. Cureton, (Bosque County)  
Jno W. Wood, (Taylor County)  
Marshall Spoons (Tarrant County)
- For Railroad Commissioner:**  
Clarence E. Gilmore, (Van Zant County)  
C. H. Hurleston, (Tarrant County)  
Jno. L. Anderson, (Dallas County)
- For Comptroller of Public Accounts:**  
H. B. Terrell, (McLennan County)  
C. C. Mayfield, (Erath County)  
Sam. H. Goodlett, (Travis County)
- For Commissioner of General Land Office:**  
J. T. Robison, (Morris County)
- For Commissioner of Agriculture:**  
H. A. Halbert, (Coleman County)  
Fred W. Davis (Cooke County)
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction:**  
Annie Webb Blanton, (Denton County)  
W. F. Doughty, (Falls County)  
Brandon Trussell, (Wise County)
- For Chief Justice of Court of Civil Appeals:**  
Jas. R. Harper, (El Paso County)
- For Congress 17th Congressional District:**  
Thos. L. Blanton, (Taylor County).  
Wm. G. Blackmon (Jones County).  
Oscar Calloway (Erath County).  
Joe A. Atkins, (McCullough County).
- For Representative:**  
Ben L. Cox, (Taylor County).
- For District Judge:**  
Joe Burkett (Taylor County).
- For District Attorney:**  
W. J. Cunningham, (Taylor County).
- For District Clerk:**  
J. N. Routh (Taylor County).
- For County Judge:**  
E. M. Overshiner.  
H. Rob Keeble.
- For County Clerk:**  
H. Holland Teaff.  
Henry R. Hicks.  
J. D. Hilton.  
J. L. Mingus.  
G. R. Pain.  
Miss Fannie Tippet.  
—Fuller.
- For County Attorney:**  
W. H. Sewell.  
W. E. Martin.
- For Sheriff:**  
John Bond.  
J. T. Dodson.
- For County Treasurer:**  
Austin Fitts.
- For Tax Collector:**  
G. B. Tittle.
- For County Tax Assessor:**  
John H. Vance.
- For County School Superintendent:**  
C. E. Sims.  
J. S. Smith.
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.**  
T. R. Lassiter.  
Sam Butman, Jr.  
J. L. Banner.  
E. D. Coats.
- For Public Weigher at Merkel:**  
J. M. Garrett.  
H. M. Mayfield.  
James Patterson, Jr.  
W. R. Britton.
- Justice Peace, Precinct No. 5:**  
W. W. Wheeler.

### VOTING PLACE.

The local voting place this year will be moved from the city hall to the Commercial Club rooms, opposite the post office. There is ample table room for the women to properly study their ballots when voting. Then this building is on the ground floor and far more convenient for every one. The change was thought advisable on the part of many as an especial convenience to the women, and was authorized by T. A. Johnson, chairman of the local Democratic committee and Judge Scarborough chairman of the County Democratic committee.

### Considerable Gas Excitement.

Tom Warren, Tom Johnson, Charlie Mershon, Will Boney, W. T. Sherrell, Judge Mahaffey, J. P. Sharp and others went out Tuesday about 10 miles southeast of Merkel where gas was alleged to be issuing from the ground. Upon their arrival there they placed a tub over the opening, which soon gathered enough gas to burn readily. The gas has been issuing from the point in question for some time. Many of the parties present are of the opinion that a quantity of gas exists there, and probably oil may be found in the neighborhood.

The Merkel Lumber Company is making improvements to its building, preparatory to adding paint, nails and general builders hardware. A nice line will be installed at once.

Parker Sharp left Tuesday for Fort Sam Houston where he enters the service.

J. J. Shelton of McKinney is visiting friends in Merkel this week.

Vote Ladies—and vote for Teaff.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OUR RATES

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For Precinct offices	6.00
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J. N. Routh
- For County Judge:  
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H. Rob Keeble.
- For County Clerk:  
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Henry R. Hicks.  
J. D. Hilton  
J. L. Mingus  
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- For Sheriff:  
J. T. Dodson.  
John Bond.
- For County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.
- For Tax Collector:  
G. B. Tittle.
- For County Tax Assessor:  
John H. Vance.
- For County School Supt.  
J. S. Smith.  
C. E. Sims
- For Commissioner, Precinct 2:  
T. R. Lassiter.  
Sam Butman, Jr.  
J. L. Banner.  
E. D. Coats.
- For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
J. M. Garrett.  
H. M. Mayfield.  
James Patterson, Jr.  
W. R. Britton
- Justice Peace, Precinct No 5.  
W. W. Wheeler.
- Jones County Candidates**  
County Clerk.  
T. L. Lollar
- For Sheriff:  
T. E. (Tom) Hudson
- For Tax Collector:  
W. C. Cutrell.

## BIG BATTLE RAGING IN FRANCE

Before only the scratch of skirmish has bouyed our boys; but now in battle array they stand like Trojans of old before the greatest onslaught that inhuman fiends ever drove against brave hearts. All American eyes are turned to the Marne, for there history, the greatest on record, is being made, made by the blood of our sons and bathed in our fountain of tears. At daylight Monday the Germans launched a violent attack against the Americans west of Chateau Thierry near Vaux. The attack was preceded by a terrific bombardment of high explosives. When the enemy appeared, the Americans swarmed out to meet them with a withering machine gun fire.

On Monday indications pointed to the fact that the attack covered a frontage of 65 miles, 10 miles wider than that launched in March. In the line of attack there are 220,000 Americans. As customary, the Americans allowed the Germans to come near and then the machine gun fire from their guns made the slaughter of Germans terrific. The last reports from Monday's fighting showed the Americans holding their own and even making gains. The French are in the line of attack and are making things count.

Tuesday's report showed between 700,000 and 800,000 men having been thrown into the offensive by the German command, it is estimated. At eleven o'clock reports from one end of the line to the other say that, except for a few minor localities the great German offensive so far has been a complete failure.

Additional German prisoners taken by the Americans are convinced that their commanders are beaten. Americans shot down a carrier pigeon east of Chateau-Thierry carrying note from the German divisional headquarters, saying that the situation was serious and that the Germans saw no chance to make further progress in the locality of that division.

Paris, July 16.—The battle continues violently, especially south of the Marne and in the region of Chatillon. Americans and French are counter-attacking magnificently and taking many prisoners. South of the Marne the Germans were unable to advance their line beyond Stagnon, La Chapelle, Monthodon, Lisieras and the Forest of Bouigny. The French here took 1,000 prisoners.

Thirty to thirty-five divisions one to every two miles, have been put into the fight by the Germans. The enemy losses were considerable.

That the Germans failed at the start of the offensive is the opinion of French military critics, who though cautious, are unable to conceal their elation at the results. Paris and London press praise the American troops' valor.

Furiously launching new attacks against the allied position on the Marne front from Chateau-Thierry to Rheims, the Germans are continuing their efforts to break through the French and American defense. They have made progress during the past night but it has been decidedly slow in comparison with the sweep of the Teutonic legions in their attack in Picardy, Flanders and along the Aisen.

It appears that the enemy after crossing the Marne between Dormans and Chatillon has reached in this area the villages of St. Agnan, La Chapelle and Monthodon which are approximately a mile and three quart-

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8. The victorious progress is being continued, sweeping away the enemy, who is constantly becoming more disorganized.

### Quentin Roosevelt Killed

Paris, July 17.—Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, youngest son of the former President, has been killed in an air fight, the semi-official Havas News Agency announced. His machine fell into the enemy lines.

Phillip Roosevelt, Quentin's cousin, witnessed the air battle in the vicinity of Chateau Thierry, in which Quentin was engaged, and saw the machine fall, but did not know until later the airplane was that of his cousin, Le Journal says.

Lieutenant Roosevelt was last seen in combat on Sunday morning with two enemy airplanes about ten miles inside the German lines. He started out with a patrol of thirteen American machines. They encountered seven Germans and were chasing them back when two of them turned on Lieutenant Roosevelt.

Miss Mattie T. Mann has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Fort Worth.

Dr. J. A. Loeman and wife of El Paso are visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Mann.

Miss May and J. C. Burkett, of Abilene visited their sister, Mrs. Lytton Howard the past week.

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### POLITICAL SPEAKERS.

Thursday night, July 18, Mr. Lanham speaks at the tabernacle in the interest of James E. Ferguson for Governor.

Saturday, July 20, at 4 o'clock Judge W. P. Leslie of Colorado City will speak at the tabernacle in the interest of Wm. P. Hobby for Governor. The Judge offers to divide time with any first class Ferguson supporter.

Thursday night, July 25, promptly at 8:30, Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons College, will speak at the tabernacle in the interest of Gov. Hobby. Everybody in this section knows Dr. Sandefer and a general invitation is given to one and all to come out and hear what he has to say. He also proposes to divide time with any first class and able Ferguson supporter.

Mrs. Ira Shaffel of Dalhart is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. I will buy Mesquite beans, W. P. Duckett.

Ben Cox is reported to be suffering with slow fever.

Miss Lurlyn Powell of Anson is here this week visiting her cousin, Miss Agnes Powell and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings.

Mrs. John Sears and children have returned from an extended visit to relatives at Whiteright.

**RAILROAD COMMISSIONER**  
When you go to vote mark your ballot for Railroad Commissioner this way:  
For Railroad Commission:  
CLARENCE E. GILMORE  
of Zand County  
JOHN W. ANDREWS  
of Dallas County

### CONDENSED STATEMENT

## Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business June 29, 1918

### RESOURCES

Loans	\$189,633.33
War Saving Stamps	441.86
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds	11,250.00
Liberty Bonds	2,100.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	91,276.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,246.45</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,857.63
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	241,138.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,246.45</b>

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct  
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

ers south of the river but in the outskirts of these towns they have been held up.

to the northeast the Germans managed to traverse the Boucquigny wood but on the southern side they have been stopped.

Wednesday opened up with conditions favorable to the allies. Extraordinary heavy artillery fire was in progress by both sides. The general belief by the military critics is that the German drive is a failure. The estimated loss of Germans is about 100,000, while the loss to the allies are almost insignificant. The casualty report of the Americans for the day carried 172 names. There is considerable hot fighting in local points on the line. In many places the allies have gained ground.

The battle still rages, and a fresh German attack is momentarily expected.

Milan, Italy, July 16.—The situation of the belligerents in Albania has been considerably changed by the battle now in progress there. On the night of July 5 the Italians, scaling the rocks above the Tomorica river began a three days' bloody battle in which they captured Cafa Devris, which has an altitude of 3,000 meters (about 10,000 feet). At the same time troops crossed the Vovusa river and attacked the formidable rampart of Malacastra, which could be defended by simply hurling down rocks on the assailants.

Depression, lassitude and hunger were the principal causes of the Austrian rout. Two British monitors bombarded the enemy while the Italians gained the first line on Malacastra. Simultaneously cavalry, crossing the marshes near the sea, seized the north corner of Malacastra, debouched on the plain of Fieri and took an aviation field. Here an Austrian flyer on descending was surprised to find himself a prisoner.

Proceeding up the valley of the Osum river a third Italian column took Mont Glava on July

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### LOCAL NEWS

Miss Pearl Thornton is spending a couple of weeks at Putnam

Don't forget to vote for Holland Teaff.

Mrs. J. T. Pue is visiting relatives in Weatherford.

Cleaning and pressing done promptly. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Misses Irene Swann and Agnes Powell visited friends in Anson last Sunday.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Miss Lula Sharp spent a few days last week with Miss Ruth Boden.

Obeys that impulse—vote for Teaff.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and their smaller children visited relatives in Stephenville for several days this week, making the trip in their car.

Cowfeed and cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

Misses Willie, Annie Mae and Edna Swann, Saleina, Ollie and Ossie Teaff, and Elsie Sharp all spent the day Sunday with Misses Ola and Lula Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farmer, and little daughter, of Fort Worth are visiting Mrs. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson of Route 5.

If you want your cleaning done right, send your clothes to Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Little Miss Phalo Diltz has returned to her home in Walters, Okla.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Vote for Holland Teaff.

Miss Lucile Russell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. A. Diltz, in Hastings Okla.

Save by keeping your clothes clean. First class service guaranteed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mrs. J. R. Sandlin and son, Elmer Nelson, came in Saturday from Tuscon Ariz.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Judson McRee left Tuesday night for Austin where he goes into military training.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

Will Brown left Thursday for Fort Sam Houston where he enters the army service.

Use Korker and stop punctures and slow leaks. E. B. Barnes. tf.

Mrs. E. D. Coats underwent an operation at Abilene last Sunday. Last report stated she was resting nicely.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

R. L. Moore, who has been at work at Ranger for several months, has moved to Eastland, where he is now employed.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMurray have received word that their son, Arthur McMurray of Co. 1 359th Infantry had arrived safely overseas. He left for Camp Travis April 26th.

Why be bothered with punctures and slow leaks when Korker will preserve and protect your tores. See E. B. Barnes. tf.

Dr. Williams returned Friday from a trip to South Texas. He says things look mighty dry and discouraging all over that section. He says the great Merkel country is better off than most any place he visited.

Chops, oats and corn at G. M. Sharps.

First Lieut. B. B. Brown, accompanied by his wife, of Fort Sam Houston, with the automobile repair shop, was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. Brown, the latter part of last week. He said he would like to get in touch with any good auto mechanics.

Holland Teaff is the man for County Clerk.

C. F. Williams returned Tuesday evening from an extended trip over Texas. He has been to Austin, where he took examination before the State Medical Board and has been issued license to practice. He has made application for a commission in the navy. In his travels he is of the opinion that Merkel has the best crop prospects of any section he has visited.

Plenty of oats and corn at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of DeLeon, and Mrs. Chas. Walker of Bandera County have returned to their homes after a two weeks visit with their sister, Miss Ora Stephens.

**Dr. J. T. Pue, Masseur.**  
Massage treatment gets results in many cases after all else has failed. Try it and be convinced. See me at my residence, Merkel, Texas. Dr. Pue.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have anything to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Sunday School Report.

Attendance	Col
Baptist 165	\$3.75
Methodist 132	5.99
Presbyterian 53	1.17

### Date of Methodist Quarterly Conference Changed

Rev. C. S. Cameron, who is in a meeting at Floydada, writes that the Methodist Conference has been changed from the 17th to the 24th. Dr. Sensabaugh will be in charge of the conference. Rev. Cameron says things look good up there—maize and grass fine.

### Over At The Baptist Church.

Pretty good day last Sunday, thank you! A program by laymen and the women was appreciated by all comers. The evening service was well attended. The Young Married Folks class was splendidly attended Sunday morning and four new members added.

The pastor is away in an evangelistic meeting and by reason of that fact the B. Y. P. U. will have the worship hour Sunday morning and will render a special program, well spiced with good music. The pastor will be on hand at the evening hour, 7 o'clock, and will deliver a message on the theme, "Will A Man Rob God?"

The prayer meeting for July 24 will be in the hands of Dr. Pue, and the subject will be, "What My Church Means to Me."

Next Sunday is Old Folks and Home Department in our Bible School. Preliminary steps will be taken in the creation of a Home Department. Report will be made on the progress of the Cradle Roll.

Come on in: the work is fine! Cordial welcome is given to everybody to attend our worship. E. E. Dawson, pastor.

### B. Y. P. U. Program July 21.

Subject, What Do We Mean By The Atonement? How Does It Save?

Leaded— Claude Riney .  
Song, No. 236.  
Prayer.  
Introduction, By the Leader.  
Song—286  
What is Wrong, Osie Teaff.  
What Others Say, Dovie Teaff.  
Solo, Mrs. Howard.  
What the Gospel Teaches, Uva Allen

Concluding Thoughts, Mrs. Meador.  
Song—105  
Prayer.  
Business.

### League Program July 21.

Topic, How to Have a Good Time.  
Leader, Miss Georgia Moore.  
Song Service.  
Prayer.  
Responsive Reading Psalm XCI 1—16.  
Sentence Prayers.

Duet, Misses Essie and Bess Tucker.  
Talk, Leader.  
How to have a good Time, By Giving a Good Time to Others, Miss Julia Martin.  
By Studying Good Books, Miss Annie Bickley.  
By the Literary Social, Wallace Bragg.  
Instrumental Solo, Miss Rosa Laney.  
Song.  
Announcements, Benediction.

### Union Welcome Service

Through some unaccountable manner we neglected to give an account of the union meeting held at the Presbyterian church Sunday before last. Rev. S. R. Standifer, the new pastor, and his wife, are located in the Robert Hicks home. All the congregations of the city turned out to welcome Rev. Standifer. Short addresses were made by Rev. E. E. Dawson, pastor of the Baptist church, and Walter Jackson, after which Rev. Standifer preached a splendid sermon. Special music was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Rev. Standifer made a splendid impression upon the people, and it is to be hoped that he is not disappointed in them and in the religious possibilities of our city. The Presbyterian congrega-

# SPEAKING IN THE INTEREST OF HOBBY

**Judge W. P. Leslie of Colorado City will speak at the Tabernacle at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon July 20 in the interest of the candidacy of W. P. Hobby for Governor.**

**Dr. J. D. Sandefer will speak in behalf of Hobby at the Tabernacle at 8:30 Thursday night July the 25th.**

**Either speaker will gladly divide time with any first-class representative of James E. Ferguson.**

**Both above gentlemen are able speakers and everybody is cordially invited to attend the speaking.**

tion has a reputation of being a very live organization and we predict for them much good work under the able direction of their new pastor.

### Recruiting Nurses.

Dr. Armstrong, member of the Medical Section of the Council of National Defense, is in receipt of the following letter, and will be glad to furnish information to any inquiring parties:

A nation-wide campaign to recruit 25,000 students nurses, both for the Army School of Nursing and for all accredited training schools that are connected with civilian hospitals to be launched on July 29th.

It is designed to be a direct appeal from lay women to the young womanhood of America to enter upon a course of nurse training. The appeal will be made on the basis that every day of a nurse's training represents a double patriotic service.

The Committee on Nursing and the Woman's Committee join me in urging the medical profession over our state and local committees to encourage the families of their patrons to respond to this call.

Franklin Martin, The Advisory Commission.

### IMPORTANT ELECTION LAW CHANGES.

Election officials and voters are warned that since the last election there have been important changes in election laws. First, ONLY AMERICAN CITIZENS CAN VOTE. Other provisions are:

Not more than one person at a time shall be permitted to occupy a booth. No assistance shall be given by election officials in preparation of ballots except to (a) those physically incapable of writing; (b) those more than 60 years of age; (c) persons who have been citizens of the United States 21 or more years and are unable to read and write.

Two Judges Must Assist each person entitled to assistance, but they must first take oath. Election supervisors may be present, but they must remain silent except in case of irregularity or violation of law.

Taylor F. Davis has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Farmers & Merchants Bank. He has had no banking experience, but is a highly capable young man and is bound to make good.

### REV. DODD WRITES.

Rev. D. J. Dodd writes to the Mail from Muscadine, Ala. He left Abilene early in April, went to McAlester, Ok., and since has spent considerable time in various sections of Alabama. He said, "I have not heard from Merkel since I left, until recently I received a clipping from the Merkel Mail, giving an account of the Merkel cotton choppers. I was very much surprised to learn that Bro. W. W. Wheeler had got in the notion to work some, in Sister Wheeler's garden, but it was news to me, and I wanted to be there. One of the subscribers of the Mail headed me off in this country by writing back here that I was coming to hunt a partner. He missed it somewhat, as I am not able to pay the railroad fare on one from here to Texas, and if I was she would want me to pay the freight on all old tin cans, guns and barrels that are piled up in the smokehouse. I had rather go back to Merkel to find one, as she would not cost me so much."

Rev. Dodd expects to return in the early fall.

Miss Mamie Rister returned this week from an extended visit to Fort Worth, Dallas, Rogers, San Antonio, Austin, Kerrville. She camped at Kerrville, where she said she had the time of her life, gaining about nine and one half pounds. Fishing and other sports were the order of the day.

R. C. and E. F. Grayson and families of Sunset visited their brothers, J. H. S. L. and H. R. Grayson and their families of Shiloh the past week.

Sam Grayson and family left Thursday for Weatherford and Waco, where he will visit relatives and friends.

been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams and family, about a month, returned to her home at Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris of Seguin are visiting Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and family returned Wednesday from a several days trip to Stephenville.

## WOMEN URGED TO VOTE EARLY

### Who Will Be The First Woman To Vote In Merkel?

No provision is made for additional help at the polls, so the women are urged to vote early. The men usually wait until the afternoon to vote and for hours the polls are congested. We think it would be better if the town people, men and women, would vote in the forenoon. It will help avoid a rush in the afternoon and will also enable those who do the counting to make some progress during the day without having to wait so long.

A report is being circulated to the effect that the women vote will be thrown out. There is nothing to such report. To enjoy the women from voting would necessitate the making of bonds that might lead to the breaking of the whole finance system of Texas. The women can vote; they must vote; they will vote; their vote will be counted, and one quiet, modest, woman's vote will count just as much as a loud talk man's. So, women, come on and vote. It is your duty.

Every woman must be sure to bring her registration slip with her to the polls. Every man his tax receipt.

### Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Baines, V. L.  
Jones, Raymond  
Love, Mrs. D.  
Calloway, Joe

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on July 31st.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

### OUR WAR INTENTIONS

"We intend what our forefathers, the founders of this Republic, intended. We in America believe our participation in this war to be the fruitage of what they planted. Our case differs from theirs only in this, that it is our inestimable privilege to concert with men out of every nation what shall make not only the liberties of America secure, but the liberties of every other people as well.

"There can be but one issue. The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise. No halfway decision would be tolerable. No halfway decision is conceivable.

The blinded rulers of Prussia have roused forces they knew little of—forces which can never be crushed to earth again; for they have in their heart an inspiration and purpose which are deathless and of the very stuff of triumph."—From the President's Mount Vernon Address.

### Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

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

Miss Irene Hairston of Abilene visited Miss Ruby Hamm and other friends early in the week, Miss Hamm returning with her for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister left Thursday for a visit to their son, Pope, and daughter, Mrs. Ollie Shaffel, at El Paso. They will be away about a month.

D. J. Curb and wife have returned from a week's trip to Blackwell, Texas. He says crops look good here compared with what he saw while away.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rogers, and three children of Cordell, Okla, visited at the home their sister, Mrs. J. T. Dennis at the past week.

Miss Lila Faye Simmons of Lubbock, has returned home after an extended visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

## SOLDIER BOY WRITES

The following letter was received from Sargeant Jno. M. Moore, by his mother, Mrs. R. L. Moore, a few days ago:

We had a very pleasant trip. Of course I can't tell you all of it now, but I will some time. We have already rode on the water twice, once when we crossed over into Canada at Detroit. The ship carried train and all across. Then again when we got to Jersey City and unloaded everything onto the ship and took a 45 minute ride across to New York. We went up by Niagra Falls, where we left our train and inspected the great sights. In fact New York and every thing up here is a big sight to see.

The Red Cross surely was good to us all the way. They gave us candies, tobacco and all kinds of reading material all along the way. I never knew before what the Red Cross meant. Tell all of them there that I, as well as the rest of the boys, are with them forever. I have heard more compliments passed on the Red Cross this trip than you could imagine. Your loving son, John M. Moore.

(Sargeant Moore left with the Camp Bowie boys recently and they are now ready to sail).

## RED CROSS RHEUMATIC REMEDY

The great advantage over other rheumatic medicines lies in the fact that it does not disturb the stomach. Many cases have been permanently cured by this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

## IS IT TRUE? BY QUANTICUS

"Just plain lying," is the way one man put it. Well, that's pretty strong; maybe it's just unconscious exaggeration.

What?

Oh! Why, this is the story. He asked Brother Jones to be sure to be at church tomorrow. Brother Jones pulled a long face and said he sure wanted to go, but really he was not able physically to do so. Yeap, that's the way he put it.

Then Sunday morning came. Brother Jones slipped off from home before his wife could line him up for the morning churning, and from 8:17 to 11:52 he was on the street, shifting from one foot to the other, and "running the government," and taking care of his favorite candidate's political fences.

Sure! Exaggeration was all, wasn't it?

Then there is Brother Demas. "Be sure to show up tomorrow, Brother Demas." "Well, I wish I could go regularly to church, but you know I am away from home (sniff!!) six days a week, and (sniff!!) I just can't get my consent (sniff!!!) to leave my wife on Sunday morning."

Time: Sunday morning.  
Scene: His dining room.

His Wife—"Demas, you get a clean shirt on and go to church this morning."

Demas—"Wife, I just gotta go to the office a few minutes this morning. You get ready and run on to church and I'll try to go next Sunday, or—next Winter."

Yeah, just a little harmless exaggeration. Uh-huh!

Ain't it wonderful how loyal some husbands are on Sunday morning (or Saturday morning before!)?

### Chamberlain's Tablets

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

### A RECORD BEET

Mrs. D. D. Coats raised a turnip beet that weighed 4 pounds after being out of the ground two days. When cut it was firm and tender. If any one has raised a bigger one we would like to know it.

### Lame Shoulder.

his 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.

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

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**This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war**

Today the clash of arms is heard in foreign lands, and in our dear old Texas lands there is a war of words. Our boys today are dying as they never did before from the shot and shell of the enemy, and our own people are quarreling over the political issues. Thank goodness, the 27th is near, and our citizens are urged to keep cool for a week longer. It does no good to run to the extremes near election time. We doubt if many minds can be changed. People are not such fools as to fall pell mell over each other changing their minds over night, or an exaggerated address. Men's words are disputed, vile names are passed, passions are aroused, and for what? People decided weeks ago how they would vote. Greater than the lesson of cleaning up politics is the lesson of cleaning up ourselves. We must learn to respect the other fellow's opinion, though it may sound foolish to us. On the other hand, our's may sound foolish to him. The human brain is wonderfully constructed, and sometimes woefully, so it is not ours to change that intricate machine. When the information is placed before the people, when the deductions of overwrought judgements are made, when banditry and bulldozing are cancelled and from the mass and mess of fact and calumny the golden thread of truth is drawn, then we are quite content to abide by the result. Democracy, that golden heritage of hope, still pillows our weary heads, though torn and tortured by opposing views. When the crash is over and the din and smoke and sand and slush dies away, whoever is governor too. We have always figured it out that we could stand about as much as our fellows could stand, and if they stay, we expect to stay also. Facts are, all people need to determine the great gubernatorial question of today, and considering the painful operation now going on in France, it is sacrilegious, even defamatory, to get wrought up and mad over politics, when it is all important that all people fraternize and fight that common enemy, the German, whose fangs even today endeavor to protrude in all walks of life in our own dear land.

Women, don't fail to vote. The ruling of the County Chairman is that it is not necessary that a woman register in order to vote. The registration was made to play safe in event of a contest. If you didn't register, you may vote any way. Suffrage is being weighed in the balances as never before and possibly as never will be again. Now is your chance to vote. The Mail

has a list of the candidates. You are to vote for one for each office. Take this list and practice making out your ballot, but be sure and do not take it to the polls with you, as that would be against the law. You will be furnished a ballot at the polls. Mark out every name you do not want to vote for. Do not leave but one name unmarked for each office. The local voting place will be at the Commercial Club rooms, opposite the post office, where ample and convenient room will be provided.

It cost Germany \$16,405 to bribe Italian sailors to blow up the Italian battleship Benedetto-Brin. Great fires have broke out in different parts of America and we would like to know just what they have cost Germany. To this, add the cost of Germany in financing political campaigns in America. Now, don't you suppose it would make a payroll staggering to the imagination?

American soldiers seem to be putting a different phase on the fighting methods of Europe. Hardly yet we can hope, and still we do, that our murderous foes will not take another step forward, but from now on backward and ever backward. Our gallant men are pressing them on, and daily new thousands are gathering to our colors.

The Council of Defense is being thoroughly organized throughout the country. Many leading citizens will be called upon to assist. The call will be binding and refusal to serve will be an act of disloyalty. It is the duty of those called upon to respond. Through this organization the different phases of the government's work is pushed and disloyalty is hunted up and done away with.

Mrs. N. E. Sandlin left Saturday for Ft. Worth to visit her daughter, Miss Lila. From there they will visit her mother in Athens Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton and Delma, are visiting in Hastings and Walters Okla.

Jesse Compton is visiting his parents on Route three.

W. R. Russell who is in the Sanitarium at Dallas is in a very serious condition.

Dr. J. T. Pue, who has been in Brownwood for several months, has returned home. He states that he will be glad to accommodate his friends and customers at any time in the practice of his profession.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
 All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL 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.

Mrs. R. L. Moore, daughter, Georgia, and baby, Ira, have just returned from a three week's trip. They visited in Fort Worth before the boys left the camp, where John Moore was encamped. Her daughter spent a week in Van Zandt County, and Mrs. Moore came on to Rising Star, where she spent several days. They report a delightful trip.

Mrs. F. A. Sanders returned from an extended visit to Beaumont, where she has been under the care of a specialist. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Madelyn Adkisson, who will visit relatives here some time.

**Supple at Sixty**  
 Age and ripe experience mean happiness and usefulness when mental and bodily powers are preserved by keeping rich blood in the veins.  
 Nature's rare nourishment in Scott's Emulsion creates rich blood, warms the body and alleviates rheumatic tendencies. Its oil-food imparts strength to both body and brain.  
 It is Nourishment—not Alcohol.

**PRESIDENT APPROVES STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**

"WIN THE WAR" SESSION TO BE HELD IN DALLAS OCTOBER 15 TO 27, INCLUSIVE.

President Wilson has approved the idea of holding the State Fair of Texas as usual this year. He has done so because he believes strongly in its inspirational value to stimulate patriotism. He considers it a splendid medium for this, the results to be accomplished through education.

The people also demand relaxation. Just as the Government provides plenty of diversion for the men of our armed forces, so the State Fair of Texas provides diversions for the Texas farmer, stockman, banker, manufacturer, merchant, laboring man, and other civilian workers. They can get both instruction and amusement of the very highest class this year. And it will have a special "win the war" flavor.

The Federal Authorities, as well as the State Fair management, are confident the Fair will be of great value to the cause of world freedom during the present momentous struggle. It will be a splendid medium for instructing the people in essential war facts, to stimulate production of food and feeds, and to encourage conservation and thrift.

To this end President R. E. L. Knight announces the Army, Navy, Food, Commerce, Public Information, Agriculture and Labor Departments at Washington will send extensive displays that will far surpass anything of the kind formerly shown at Dallas. A number of our faithful Allies are also co-operating to make the Fair this year bigger and better than ever.

The furrows on the farms are equally as important as the firing lines at the front. Culinary skill must back up military skill. Money and machinery must support our fighting men. New ideas for raising feed go hand in hand with new ideas for raising Fritz. All are essential. All will be visualized this year at the State Fair of Texas.

**NEW ATTRACTIONS WILL BE IN EVIDENCE OCT. 15-27**

Amusements at State Fair of Texas Will be First-Class and Varied.

The Coliseum attractions at the 1918 "Win the War" session of the State Fair of Texas will be of greater variety and even higher grade than ever before. Instruction as well as amusement will be the keynotes of this department.

The headliner offering will be the Karsakoff Ballet. It is the most pretentious terpsichorean presentation ever seen in the Southwest. It is a "whirlwind topnotcher" and no mistake. There are numerous other beautiful and entrancing acts about which a lot of curiosity is being shown by many enquirers, but the management only smiles and looks mysterious when further questioned.

But Secretary Stratton has secured and announces one of the most wonderful pyrotechnic attractions ever produced. This will be presented before the Grand Stand. The spectacle is staged by the Theatrical Field Fireworks company, and is known as "The World War." It portrays the battle fields of the western front in a most astonishingly realistic manner. Three hundred people present it on a 450 foot stage.

**CATTLE PREMIUMS LARGEST YET AT THE STATE FAIR**

Premiums larger than any heretofore offered for live stock will be given at the 1918 "Win the War" session of the State Fair of Texas, Secretary W. H. Stratton announces. Prizes totaling \$26,000.00 will be offered for Beef Cattle—\$10,000.00 for Herefords; \$7,500.00 for Shorthorns; \$4,000.00 for Aberdeen-Angus; besides smaller amounts for other breeds.

Then the Sheep premiums will aggregate \$4,500.00; while \$5,500.00, including numerous specials, will be offered for Swine. Poultry will come in for \$2,250.00 in prizes; while Percheron Horses will compete for amounts aggregating \$1,400.00.

The hundreds of cattle raisers of the north and east, as well as of Texas, who are planning to send their choice stock to the Fair, will insure the greatest exhibition of thoroughbreds ever assembled in the South. Expressions of appreciation for the greatly increased awards are coming in from everywhere.

The restocking of the drought-stricken districts of the Plains country has been kept well in mind by the Fair management this year for they desire to be of service in that direction. President R. E. L. Knight, Col. Jno. N. Simpson, director in charge of Live Stock, and Secretary W. H. Stratton are working hard to carry out these ideas and make the 1918 cattle show the best ever.

**Guide for Voters in Primary**

Here are some dates for you Democratic Politicians and voters that you might not be sure of.

The following calendar gives a schedule of official political happenings for the next few months in Texas:

June 3—Last day on which applications for places on Democratic primary ticket will be received from state candidates.

June 10—State executive committee meets to draw for places.

June 15—Last day to file for the county offices.

June 17—County executive committee meets to draw for places and fix assessments of candidates.

June 27—Registration of women voters at tax collector's office begins.

July 12—Registration of women ends.

July 27—Democratic primary.

Aug. 3—County executive committee meets to canvas returns.

Aug. 3—County convention meets.

Aug. 19—State committee meets to canvas returns of the primary.

Aug. 24—"Runoff" primary for state and district officers who did not receive a majority vote in the July primary.

Nov. 5—General election.

**Lame Back Relieved**

For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

**FOR WOMEN VOTERS**

How ballots are prepared: Women present their registration certificate, receive their ballots, slips of paper with names printed thereon, and go to a booth where, in secrecy, they mark out with a black lead pencil the names of all the persons they do not wish to vote.

Leaving the ones they are for unmarked. Election judges will not permit aid to be given in preparing a ballot unless the voter cannot read or is physically incapable of preparing the ballot.

WARNING—If a ballot is mutilated, torn, marked, or erasures made on it do not deposit it with the election judge. Ask for another and mark it correctly. Then hand it to the election judge. He will place a number on the election ballot, which should be folded so he can not see how the person voted. He will then deposit it in the ballot box. Now remember, a blue pencil mark or a hole in the ballot is sufficient to cause the counters to throw out the ballot.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.  
 P. J. CENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
 Sold by all Druggists, Etc.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and

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

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

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

SEC. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not

otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

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

Approved March 19, 1917.  
 (A TRUE COPY.)

C. D. MIMS,  
 Acting Secretary of State.  
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**TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State Treasury of the State of Texas not

otherwise appropriated to pay the expense of publishing, proclamation, and election.

(NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 4; and passed the Senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 4; and the House concurred in Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 0.)

Approved March 10, 1917.  
 (A TRUE COPY.)

C. D. MIMS,  
 Acting Secretary of State.  
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**A TEXAS WONDER.**

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

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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.

Meadorsville, 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 Theford'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

## TO THE VOTERS

I am a candidate for Cotton Weigher of this precinct. I ran for this office four years ago, lacking only seven votes of winning. I felt that the people would support me this time, and so many of my friends came to me that I decided to run. I entered the race on my own merit, and have not and do not allow any other political policy or individual to change my course.

Some people may know my individual preference on the Governor question, but at no time have I permitted this to be used as an advantage in my campaign. As other candidates have done, and are doing, I do not propose to win by the influence of either candidate for governor, but on my own record and ability to fill the office.

It now comes to me that Mrs. Garrett has stated that all Ferguson supporters were slackers and pro-Germans. I make no comment on the falsity of this statement, except to furnish her affidavit below.

J. M. GARRETT

I hereby swear that I never to any person made the statement that any one who voted for Ferguson was a pro-German or a slacker. Whoever made this statement evidently did so to hurt Mr. Garrett in his campaign for Cotton Weigher. I have a number of friends for both candidates for governor, and under no circumstances could I be induced to make the statement that is alleged to have been made.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 13th day of July, 1918.

(Seal) G. W. Johnson  
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas

I hereby certify that I was in the presence of Mrs. Garrett when the above alleged remark was supposed to have been made, and at no time during the conversation did she say that any one who voted for Ferguson was a pro-German or a slacker. She did not say anything disrespectful against any one who might choose to vote for Mr. Ferguson.

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## J. M. GARRETT

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many of us for half a year or more (as the gold service stripes bear witness)—we can, all of us have a great deal more sympathy than we ever have had in the past for the man who speaks of "th'ould counthre," "da old-a country," and so forth. We now know just how he must have felt when he first arrived on our shores, and was attacked by that undetectable malady of homesickness. We get his point of view; and it's a mighty good thing for all of us that we do. "The old country," it's some country, isn't it? And one of the

things that proves its greatness is that men who have formerly talked of "th'ould counthre" and "da old-a country" are now to be found fighting its battles on a foreign soil side by side with the men whose ancestors helped to settle "the new 'old country." Rather it is not "the old country" at all; it is the ever new country, the ageless country, that draws all manner of men from all manner of races to itself, and makes them proud and glad to champion its cause, to give their toil and blood to that cause's furtherance.

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#### FIGHTING NEAR TO THE CLOUDS

Ensign Stephen Potter, United States Naval Reserve Force, killed in action with German planes April 25 last, was the first American naval aviator to shoot down and destroy a German seaplane, according to a Navy Department.

The report states that March 19, 1918, a long-distance reconnaissance of the German coast was aided by large American flying boats operating from a British Royal Air Force station. Ensign Potter was one of two American naval aviators accompanying this expedition, and Potter was successful in shooting down a German seaplane which attacked the reconnaissance formation. A second enemy seaplane found safety in running away.

Potter's death reflects credit on his courage. He was killed in a fight with seven enemy single-seaters. He was second pilot to a British Air Force captain, who was with him when he shot down the German plane in March. Two British planes had flown to a point 6 miles from Hinder Light, when two enemy planes headed toward them. The British planes closed on the nearest German and opened fire. Two more hostile planes then appeared overhead and attacked vigorously, while three other enemy planes passed astern. The two British planes dived and speeded westward under continuous volleys from the rear. One of the Germans disappeared.

Of the seven Germans in action, four were attacking Potter who fell behind his companion and began zigzag. Potter dodged, but was broadsided to all the enemy machines and under the fire only 50 feet from the water. His companion 250 feet above, saw Potter's machine burst into flames, come down part of the way under control, then crash on the port wing tip. Potter was seen last on the surface of the water amid flames, which turned suddenly to a huge cloud of smoke. When the pall had cleared not even wreckage was visible and the circling enemy disappeared.

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President R. E. L. Knight announces the engagement of the world famous Metropolitan Grand Opera Quartette, direct from the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, for the State Fair of Texas this year. The date of their appearance will be Friday, October 18th.

The quartette consists of Mrs. Frances Alda, soprano; Carolina Lazzari, contralto; Giovanni Martinelli, tenor; and Giuseppe De Luca, baritone.

The leading roles of Faust, Rigoletto, Carmen, and other well known and ever beautiful operas are among the vehicles for the expression of the God-given talents of these wonderfully charming singers.

A tenor soloist of international reputation will also be heard—one who is extremely popular in Texas—John McCormack. He will appear on Friday, Oct. 25th.

Mr. McCormack and Edwin Schroeder, his accompanist, have raised \$100,000.00 for the American Red Cross, in a transcontinental tour at their own expense. They have also raised a large sum for the Knights of Columbus.

On the last Saturday and Sunday of the exposition the French Symphony Orchestra, with two added soloists, will appear. This is one of the most famous orchestras in the world, and this will be its first American tour. It will come direct from the Paris Conservatory of Music and consist of nearly 100 talented musicians each one of whom is a past master of his instrument.

The announcement of the engagement of these celebrated musical artists is creating a perfect furor of interest in musical circles of the entire Southwest.

## SAYS SIXTY COUNTIES WILL EXHIBIT PRODUCTS

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas October 15-27.

The Texas County Exhibitor's Association, according to a recent announcement of its President, O. E. Loyd, of Vega, expects to have sixty county exhibits in the Agricultural department this year.

An exhibit at the State Fair of Texas is a profitable investment. It is also a patriotic privilege that our agriculturists and horticulturists are going to take advantage of in greatly increased numbers this year, according to Mr. Loyd.

To win the war, men armed with hoes and rakes, and driving plows and tractors are as important as men with rifles and grenades, or operating tanks. Foods, as well as fighting men and funds, must be produced in increased quantities in order to win this great struggle for world freedom.

The State Fair of Texas offers wonderful opportunity for instruction, for the exchange of ideas, for the spread of new methods and better ways of doing things on the farm. It is the greatest two weeks course of intensive training obtainable anywhere.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS AT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Every year the members of the boys and girls clubs of Texas show more and better work at the State Fair of Texas. There are now nearly 25,000 Young Americans enrolled in these clubs. They are striving for better farming methods, better livestock, home economics, better poultry, and other things of first value on the farm.

Really worth-while prizes will be offered this year by the State Fair management for corn growing, canning, preserving, poultry raising, etc. These contests are open only to the boys and girls who are members of the clubs regularly organized by the extension department of the A. & M. College in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The State Fair of Texas is the best place in the world to see the evidences of their success in these lines.

The wonderful accomplishments of Miss Agnes Mary Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Conway, Route 5, Bryan, Texas, illustrate what can be done by a bright girl, or boy, who is willing to follow instructions. She was the champion State prize winner last year—won more prizes at the State Fair of Texas for canning club products than any other girl. This very winning young lady is just sixteen and in her fourth year of club membership.



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#### LET'S STOP IT.

Leslie's Weekly: Leslie's Weekly pledges itself hereafter to refrain from the mention of William II of Prussia as "the Kaiser." It has so instructed its contributors, editors and proofreaders, and it respectfully asks all other periodicals and the newspapers throughout the country to co-operate in eradicating from American print this incorrect, familiar and complimentary designation of the most vain-glorious vandal and butcher in the history of the world.

Friedrich Wilhelm Victor Albert of Hohenzollern, Germany, is Emperor of Prussia and German Emperor. Even to many of his own people he is not the Kaiser, much less so to any of us. His grandfather assumed the honor in 1871.

William II is no more the Kaiser to the world at large than is Ferdinand of Bulgaria' the Czar Both copped their nicknames from the successively dwindling Caesars of the Holy Roman Empire.

Yet every day the American press recognizes this arch-enemy of civilization by his own purloined title and credits a German-made word with international significance—does homage to the vilest personality of

the ages. It is time to stop it.

Did Napoleon's enemies refer to him as the Emperor? They did not. Do the German newspapers refer to President Wilson as the President or to King George as the King? Not on your sour kraut.

Enough of this "the Kaiser" stuff, Leslie's Weekly, for one is done with it. It hopes that other publications will join in the deletion.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### Nice Little Picnic.

Last Tuesday afternoon, Carlton, Lola and Herbert Dennis, Davis and Ruth Jones, Vennie Hamblett and Lena, George and Hattie Rogers went down on Mulberry for an outing. Later they were surprised when Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis joined them, bringing lemonade and a lot of good things to eat. The only mishap of the evening was when Herbert and Davis slipped off in the creek and got a good wetting. They report a great time.

Will and Leol Merritt returned Wednesday from Canyon, where they have been visiting for several days.

W. P. Duckett is paying 25 cents per dozen for fresh unfertile eggs, and as much for poultry as the market will bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren of Knox City are visiting in Merkel this week.

Earnest, the oldest son, of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Leerstang, happened to a very painful accident last Sunday. He climbed upon a board, which broke, and in falling he landed on a nail, which penetrated the knee cap. It has been very painful, but he is doing as well as could be expected. Their younger son, Marvin was operated on some time ago, and is reported recovering nicely.

LOST—Small purse, containing \$1.50 in silver and stamps. Return to Merkel Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox returned Monday from an extended visit to Mississippi. They made the trip in their car.

### IF WE ONLY KNEW

If we knew the cares and trials,  
Knew the efforts all in vain,  
And the bitter disappointment,  
Understood the loss and gain,  
Would the grim, eternal roughness

Seem—I wonder—just the same?  
Should we help where now we hinder,  
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,  
Knowing not life's hidden force—

Knowing not the font of action  
Is less turbid at its source;  
Seeing not amid the evil  
All the golden grains of good,  
And we'll love each other better  
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives  
That surround each other's lives,

See the naked heart and spirit,  
Know what spur the action gives,

Often we would find it better  
Just to judge all actions good  
We should love each other better

If we only understood.  
—Rudyard Kipling.

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Of soldiers brave and true.

Sewing, measuring, folding,  
Thinking of splendid men,  
Needing the work of women's hands—  
Get an apron and cap and come in.

Sewing, measuring, stitching,  
Thoughts on a hospital tent,  
Brave, fine soldiers lying there,  
Weary, exhausted, spent.

Cutting, sewing, packing,  
Plenty of work to be done—  
Get your apron and cap and join us—  
Work here for every one.

Measuring, folding, packing—  
Praying for splendid men—  
Don't you want to help with the duty?

Get an apron and cap and come in.

Soldiers in "No Man's Land,"  
Wounded, thirsty, in pain—  
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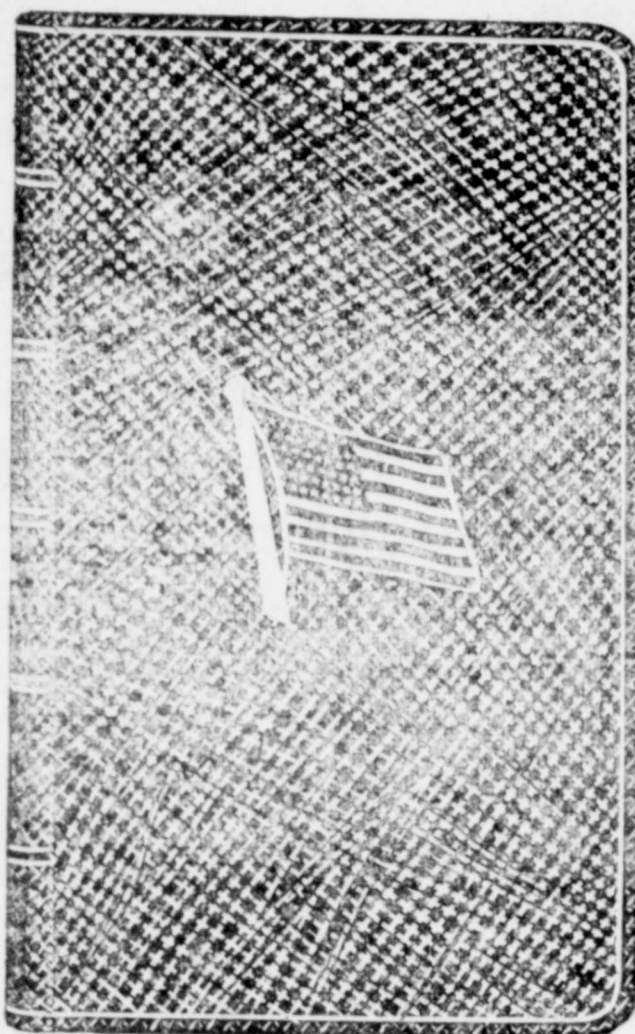
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An old man, going a lone highway,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other  
side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with  
building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day  
You never again will pass this way.  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"  
Thebuilder lifted his old gray head—  
"Good friend, in the path I have come,"  
he said,  
There followeth after me today,  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to  
me,  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be:  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for  
him!"  
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white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

The flag is said to have been first raised over a vessel by Paul Jones, November, 1777, the first record we have of its being carried by the army being at Brandywine, September, 1777. The flag remained the same till 1794, when Vermont and Kentucky were admitted into the Union, when Congress ordered the stars and stripes to be fifteen each, but on April 4, 1818, passed the following act: "That from after the Fourth of July next the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be twenty stars, white in a blue field, and that on the admission of a new state into the Union one star be added to the flag, and such addition takes effect on the fourth day of July next following such admission." Since then the number of stars has grown to forty-eight, one for each state.

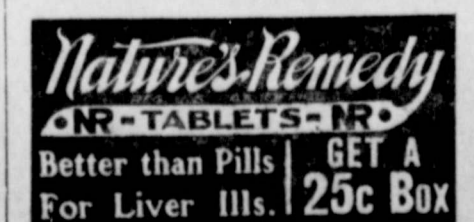
The American flag is older than the present Union Jack, older than the French Tri-color, older than the flag of Spain, and many years older than those of Germany and Italy. It is said Americans are particularly demonstrative toward their flag because it belongs to the whole people, while the flags of many countries are those of the reigning family or of some particular arm of service. Our national emblem stands for American ideal and ideals—particularly of liberty and freedom. Henry Ward Beecher said: "It stands for the right of men to their own selves and their liberties. It is a whole national history." The very names given it show the deep feeling toward it—"Star Spangled Banner," "Flag of the Free," "Banner of Liberty," "Stars and Stripes," and among the best, "Old Glory."

The American flag has an etiquette of its own, the rules of which are issued by the Sons of the Revolution: "It should not be hoisted before sunrise, nor allowed to remain up after sunset. At sunset, civilian spectators should stand at attention and uncover their head during the playing of the 'Star Spangled Banner.'" When the national colors are passing on review or in parade, the spectators should, if walking, halt; or if sitting, arise and lift their hat. In placing the flag at half-mast, it should first be hoisted to the top of the staff, then lowered to the position, and preliminary to lowering from half-mast, it should first be raised to the top."

Much attention has been given to instilling in the minds of school children respect and reverence for the flag, and at nearly all schools in the "Salute to the Flag" the children stand at attention, salute and repeat the following: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Let us try to remember that the territory over which "Old Glory" now floats is more than 3,700,000 square miles, and that the people who now claim the "Stars and Stripes" as their flag number over 100,000,000.

Flag Day, the day of the official adoption of our national emblem, is widely observed, and it is hoped that it may soon be a holiday celebrated with suitable ceremonies. No song has been officially declared the national hymn, and while "Hail Columbia" dates from 1798, "Star Spangled Banner" from 1814, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Flag of the Free," "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," "Red White and Blue," and other later ones have become popular custom and common consent seem to be in favor of "Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem—Grace Winterburn Shank in Word and Works.



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**CONGRESSMAN BLANTON AT WORK**

Congressman Blanton has been so busy at work in the interest of the administration that he has had no time to devote to his campaign. He has taken great pride in his record of standing by the President in the trying times of war.

To correct a misleading report that has gained currency from some point, it may be cited here that a Congressman has nothing whatever to do with the appointment of Exemption Boards, or with the action of such boards in the classifying of men.

It was at the President's request that Congressmen have remained at their post of duty. All appointments made with a view of the recess of Congress have been cancelled. While many of Congressman Blanton's friends are somewhat disappointed at his failure to visit this section at this time, yet they are entirely in accord with his policy.

**Boschee's German Syrup.** will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectation in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

**Photographs of Navy Heros Wanted.**

The Navy Department is collecting photographs of enlisted men who lose their lives in the war that their memory may be perpetuated. Secretary Daniels asks relatives or others having such photographs to lend them to the Navy that copies may be made for the Navy's records. Originals will be returned to the owners as fast as copies can be made.

A photograph of each man is to be forwarded by the Navy Department to the training station where he began his career in the service. At each of such stations a memorial gallery of honor or a hero's corner is to be established so that for all time the face of the man of the Navy who has made the supreme sacrifice may be honored by the youth of the future sent to the station for training.

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**Information of Priceless Value To Every Merkel Citizen.**

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ill of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary disorders, or any form of kidney trouble, the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a nearby resident who has used them and publicly tells of the benefit derived?

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**ADVERTISE**—If its lost the Mail may find it. Several lost articles have been returned to the owner lately. Use the classified columns when you have anything to sell. Sales are being made daily through these columns. State your wants through these columns, and the people will know about them.

Sale Begins  
**July 19**

Shoes for the  
whole family on  
the bargain table

# JULY CLEARANCE SALE

AT

## The Woodroof-Bragg Store

Sale Closes  
**Aug. 3rd**

A wonderful lot of  
bargains on the  
remnant table

**THERE IS NOTHING SENSATIONAL ABOUT THIS SALE EXCEPT QUALITY AND PRICE**

We realize that there never was a time when people felt more keenly the need to spend their money to advantage than today. There never was a time when this great cut price clearance sale could perform so great and needed service to people over the entire country than today. This is the time we give every thing in summer goods the final mark-down stroke. It's the last call. You make money by saving money in this sale

### MEN'S HAT SPECIALS

\$5.00 Panama Hats .....	\$3.50
\$3.50 Panama Hats .....	\$2.45
\$3.00 Straw Hats .....	\$1.95
\$2.50 Straw Hats .....	\$1.45

### Men's Straw Sailors

One Lot Men's Straw Sailors Worth Up to \$3.00, Clearance Price ..... 49¢

### Men's Black Tennis Oxfords

One Lot of Black Tennis Oxfords at . 49¢

### Men's Union Suits

A Few Dozen Men's Summer Union Suits, Regular 75¢ Kind, at ..... 59¢

### Men's Overalls

Best Grade Men's Overalls at ..... \$1.75

### Men's Palm Beach Suits On Sale

\$10.00 Palm Beach Suits .....	\$7.95
8.50 Palm Beach Suits .....	\$6.95
7.50 Palm Beach Suits .....	\$5.95
6.50 Palm Beach Suits .....	\$4.95

### SUPPLY YOUR SHIRT NEEDS

Good Work Shirts at Less Than Wholesale Cost, Priced at ..... 85¢ and 75¢

### MEN'S HATS

One Lot Cloth and Silk Hats for Men—Worth \$1.00—Sale Price ..... 49¢

### MEN'S AND BOY'S CAPS

One Lot Men's and Boy's Caps, Regular 50¢ Values, at ..... 19¢

### MILLINERY

Any Hat in Our Millinery Department at One-Half Price

### GEORGETTE BLOUSES

Beautiful Models in New Fall Styles \$6.00

### BARGAIN REMNANT TABLE

Our Remnant Table is Loaded With Bargains. Shop Here and Save Dollars.

SALE BEGINS JULY THE 19TH

## Shoes at Less Than Wholesale Cost

All ladies low cut shoes, oxfords, pumps and baby dolls offered in this Clearance Sale at a big saving to the purchaser. Every price an important one. Every saving a worthy one.

\$7.50 White kid pumps .....	\$5.95
6.00 Kid and patent leather pumps.....	\$4.95
5.00 Pumps and oxfords .....	\$3.95
4.50 Pumps and oxfords .....	\$3.45
4.00 Pumps and oxfords .....	\$2.95
3.50 Pumps and oxfords .....	\$2.65
3.00 Pumps and oxfords .....	\$2.25
2.50 Pumps and oxfords .....	\$1.95

One hundred pair of ladies oxfords and pumps, small-sizes only, sold at \$3.00 to \$5.00, clearance sale price ..... \$1.25

One lot of ladies white canvas oxfords and pumps, worth \$2.50 and \$3.50, your choice in this sale at ..... 98¢

### Misses and Children's Low Cut Shoes

The following low prices on all misses and childrens low cut shoes. An opportunity to buy early school shoes at less than wholesale cost

\$3.00 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price .....	\$2.25
2.75 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$2.10
2.50 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$1.95
2.00 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$1.65
1.50 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$1.15
1.25 Pumps and oxfords, clearance sale price.....	98¢

### Big Reduction on all Men's Low Cut Shoes

\$5.00 Oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$3.95
4.50 Oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$3.45
4.00 Oxfords, clearance sale price.....	\$2.25

### LADIES KNIT UNION SUITS

One Lot Ladies Knit Union Suits—Regular 50¢ Kind—Sale Price ..... 25¢

### OIL CLOTH

One Lot Oil Cloth, Slightly Soiled ..... 15¢

### LADIES LACE HOSE

One Lot Ladies Lace Hose, Colors Black and Tan, Sale Price ..... 10¢

### CHILDREN'S LACE HOSE

One Lot Children's Lace Hose on Sale at 5¢

### BABY CAPS

Three Dozen Baby Caps, Slightly Soiled, 10¢

### CHILDREN'S HOSE

A few Dozen Misses and Children's Pink and Blue Hose—25¢ Kind—At ..... 15¢

### CORSETS

One Lot Corsets, Values to \$2.50, on Sale 50¢

### PARASOLS

One Lot Fancy Parasols at HALF PRICE.

### CORSET COVERS

Six Dozen Ladies Corset Covers, Well Worth 50¢, Clearance Price ..... 19¢

### BEAUTIFUL VOILES

A Final Clearing of Dainty Figured and Plain Voiles, 25 and 35¢ Values ..... 21¢

### LADIES SILK HOSE

One Lot Ladies Good Quality Silk Hose, Colors White and Black ..... 85¢

### LADIES SILK DRESSES

All Ladies silk dresses at 1/3 off.

### CURTAIN SCRIMS

Curtain Scrims, worth 25¢ on sale at 19¢

Don't overlook the extra ordinary bargains in shoes, you make money if you buy shoes from our bargain table.

THIS SALE CLOSSES AUGUST THE 3RD.

## Big Savings in Ready-to-Wear

One hundred ladies and misses dresses, skirts, silk middy blouses, voile waists kimonas and night gowns on a table down stairs for convenience. You will wonder how we can afford to sell these garments in our clearance sale at... 98¢

Another lot of childrens gingham and white dresses. Also middy blouses on a table to close out at..... 49¢

All summer skirts at a big reduction

## Extra Specials in Embroidery

44-in. embroidered voiles and flouncings, sold last season at \$1.00, your choice per yard in this clearance sale..... 69¢

Several pieces embroidery flouncings 44-in. wide, beautiful patterns, sold for \$3.00, clearance sale price..... 98¢

One lot embroidery flouncing 36-in. wide, values 75¢ to \$1.50, your choice on sale at..... 49¢

One lot embroideries..... 4¢      One lot embroideries..... 7½¢

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