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BOYS WELL CARED FOR AT CAMP TRAVIS

Training Goes Steadily on—Benefits That Will Accrue After The War Has Been Concluded

War as it is fought in this day and time makes demands upon callings that are as prosaic as it is possible to call to the hour is one that demands the display of tact, diplomacy and constant vigilance. The army uses talent and skill, brawn and muscle in enormous quantities. The man who is detailed to keep sanitary the camps where the soldiers live is doing his full part in the fight to make the world safe for democracy and is entitled to just as much credit as any soldier in the cause for freedom.

While war means destruction, destruction can be made complete, in a martial way, only through construction of the forces that are used to such an end. Constructive training, therefore, as well as intensive training is given practically every man of the selective draft now at Camp Travis. When peace comes and the boomings of war are heard no more, peace and civilization will reap profits from much of the training that the soldiers of the National Army are now receiving.

Soldiers will become citizens better fitted to meet the responsibilities that good citizens must ever shoulder. Men who entered the army without a trade, or a fixed calling, will as a result of the instruction they are now receiving return to their peaceful pursuits equipped to create wealth from raw material. They will be able to aid commerce, to build enduringly, to think orderly, to act quickly and to perform quickly. Soldering in other words, is no longer a one idea profession. Rather it is like a great power plant, with every piece of machinery kept in perfect condition, each piece functioning with precision making for maximum results.

The army, for instance, will teach thousands of young men telegraphy, telephony in other ways. They will be able to operate telephone exchanges, to manage lighting plants, to harness the very air so that it will serve the purposes of mankind. Others will return to civil pursuits trained to be machinists of the better kind; others will be harness makers and saddlers. The study and advantages that follow a knowledge of topography, will come to those who learn map making, while irrigation companies in the future will not look in vain for competent help to manage and conduct such enterprises, if they seek out those who today are soldiers in the great cause.

The transportation problems of this country will be less acute as a result of the training now being given in the army. Literally thousands and tens of thousands of young men are becoming familiar with internal combustion engines and tractors propelled by gasoline and other volatile fluids. The automobilist of the future who finds his "choo choo" won't chug-chug, will play in good fortune if an ex-soldier should happen along.

But the greatest good to the future that thus far has come from the army training is the physical upbuild of the men of the selected draft. Chests are no longer sunken, but reflect the lung expansion that outdoor exercise has caused to take place. Lassitude and inertia have been routed by the red corpuscles that have been stored in the blood by healthful living. Eyes that were ashen have become bright and minds that were slow have been quickened by the work that has already been done at Camp Travis.

Uncle Sam believes that the way to reach a man's fighting elements is through his stomach and that an empty stomach results in a poor soldier. This food given the men at Camp Travis is plentiful, substantial and prepared in a way that causes it to be relished by the whetted appetites. The supply of food has always been plentiful and the supply of clothing has kept pace with the actual needs. The soldiers are being cared for, without being coddled and the cases of complaints on the two principal things that soldiers need—clothes and food—are few indeed.

W. P. Hunter was in from Seminole Wednesday and reports very good snows and some deep drifts.

WILL USE MOVIES IN FOOD PRODUCTION

Official motion pictures bringing home the vital importance of increased food production will be shown by the United States Department of Agriculture in hundreds of regular motion picture theatres throughout the United States. The first releases, which are to be handled under an agreement with the Universal Film Manufacturing Company through its exchanges, will be made early in December. The first film will show activities in the national forests, which are important sources of timber and water supply and also afford grazing for a large number of cattle and sheep.

The second release, which will follow in about two weeks, will show what children through the pig clubs are doing to increase the supply of pork. Other selections from the department's 40,000 feet of official subjects will make clear various features of food production, the raising of meat animals and horses, and will deal with home activities such as poultry raising and the canning and drying of perishable products.

The department laboratories are at work on a number of other popular films specially designed to make clear to city as well as rural populations, problems of food production and to show them ways in which they can cooperate effectively to feed the Nation and the allies.

PROF. R. T. McCARTER'S MOTHER DIED RECENTLY

Prof. R. T. McCarter was called to Minden, La., last week on account of the serious illness of his mother. That this illness was fatal is occasion for the expression of much sympathy to this steamed young teacher in our city schools. His mother died last Saturday night, a few hours prior to his arrival. Mr. McCarter returned to Midland last Wednesday and resumed his duties in the school room. The Reporter joins other friends in this general expression of sympathy.

J. R. Wade, of Kansas City, Mo., was in Midland this week. Mr. Wade represents the Drivers National Bank of that city, and does a good deal of business in West Texas.

R. W. Cowden came home Monday from his ranch in New Mexico and reports very severe weather last week, but there were only light losses of live stock.

STOCKMEN OF THE WEST NOT BANKRUPT

Stories to That Effect Serve no Purpose Other Than to Injure This Section

This morning we received, too late for publication and too late, even, to read at this time, an extensive communication from Don H. Biggers, of Lubbock. However we have noted its tenor, and doubt that we shall give it publicity. It is an advocacy of federal aid to the drought-stricken of the West and severely criticizes Hon. Clarence Ousley for the latter's denial of the false reports of the "Bankrupt West."

Such newspaper publicity as this has done more to injure the West than has the drought. It seems that there is over a bunch of over-zealous persons ready to take advantage of any misfortune that happens along and we have never known one yet who was not a nuisance and we did not injure the very thing he so loudly proclaims as of his championship. Biggers, who has been a newspaper man, a legislator, and other things, is now promoting the federal aid propagandist. We don't want it nor federal financial aid. Biggers claims that the West is bankrupt. It is not so. True we have been hit pretty hard by the drought; but the West has ever been able to withstand hard knocks, and the most of us would thank the over-zealous to keep their mouths shut for a while and give their minds a chance to work. They are doing one single thing. They are discrediting the splendid commercial rating that the West has ever enjoyed, and that alone.

If the federal government will see that we have adequate shipping facilities, we'll ask it for nothing more; and if we have good seasons again this year we'll come smilingly up to the forefront in commercial ratings, little damaged by one year of drought, however unprecedented. A few stockmen will be bankrupt. There are a few of these who are unfortunate, every year, no matter what the seasons or conditions may be. However, where one goes broke this year, fifty, even a hundred will remain sound, unshaken, and with no loss that will count seriously in the future.

For this reason that the more you stir an ugly smell the worse it smells, The Reporter has had little to say about this matter in the past. In the

WESTERN AUTO CO. HAS CHANGED HANDS

An important business change took place this week, when the Western Auto Company changed hands and Clayton Bros. became the new owners, they buying the business of K. E. Nutt, Allen Tolbert, and Chas. Kerr. Clayton Bros. were former owners of the Guaranty Motor Company, which will be no longer in existence. C. I. Kuykendall, who had an interest in and was manager of the Guaranty Motor Company, sustains now the same relation to the Western Auto Company. Clayton Bros. only bought the accessories and supply department, which the repair department and the Haynes agency remain in the hands of Chas. Kerr, who will have associated with him T. D. Stegall and Bob Scruggs, and this department will be known as the Western Auto Repair Shop. We congratulate the new owners of this business. It is a good one. Mr. Nutt, especially, is one of the oldest automobile men in Midland and he and his associates have built up a wonderfully fine business. He will now devote his attention strictly to the cattle interests, while young Mr. Tolbert is in the army and Mr. Kerr remains with the new firm.

future, next week perhaps, we shall have more to say. It is not just that the West's commercial rating suffer at the hands of a lot of long-mouthed political shysters, sensation mongers, and others of this ilk. The congressman from this district has done more to injure the West along these lines than he can ever hope to undo. If persons would only think, think deeply and lose sight of sensationalism and self-aggrandisement the world would suffer infinitely fewer ills than it now is heir to.

In a later issue we shall hope to go into details of this question more fully. The hour is too late for further assurance than that the West is as good as it ever was, that it has only suffered a more or less serious setback, that it will come again, and that no fewer nor smaller fortunes will be made here in the future than have been made in the past. Let the cowboy alone. When he wants your aid he'll ask for it. He is not timid, nor was there ever a class of men more resourceful nor more able to look out for themselves.

DRAFT AGE LIMIT NOT TO BE EXTENDED

Army to be Replenished With Men Reaching Age of Twenty-one Since June 5, 1917

Washington, Jan. 15.—The government has decided on draft registration of all young men as fast as they become 21 years of age as the means of keeping filled the ranks of the army. It has decided against raising the draft age limit above 31 years.

An administration bill was introduced today at the request of the War Department, by Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Committee to register for draft all men who have reached 21 since June 5, 1917, when the draft law became effective. The administration's support seems to assure its prompt passage. The bill agrees with the recent recommendation of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Other administration bills introduced today by Chairman Chamberlain at the request of the War Department will supplement the draft law to make it workable under conditions that have developed. One would permit furloughing of National Army units for harvest work or other civilian duty; another would eliminate enemy alien population from basis of calculations for draft quotas by making the basis for each State the number of men available in class 1.

700,000 Recruits Annually
Registration of men who have become of age since the draft law was enacted was referred to in the recent report of Provost Marshal General Crowder as one of the means by which a supply of men for the National Army might be assured without taking those who might have others dependent upon them. It could be done also, the Provost Marshal General pointed out, by extending the age limit above the present line of 31. The War Department had adopted the first suggestion. It is estimated that it will add about 700,000 men to the draft available each year.

Congressmen have been advised that further legislation would be necessary to perfect and carry on the draft and the passage of Senator Chamberlain's bill with administration support is expected promptly in both houses. Another bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain would provide a distinctive badge or button for exempting men.

SHERIFF BRADFORD GETS THREE NEGROES

Several weeks ago The Ladies Store, conducted by Miss Maggie McCormick, was burglarized and many handsome dresses and other ladies apparel stolen. Sheriff Bradford was immediately notified and he commenced his investigations at once. One of the first things he did was to request The Reporter not to give publicity to the matter until he had had a chance to get the negroes. A long story is not necessary to get at the facts, though it was a pretty long trail and an expensive one for our sheriff. Three negroes have been arrested, charged with the crime. One, Tom Payne, was arrested in Jonesboro, Ark., and he got Walter Brown and Lessie Adams in Abilene, the latest arrests being made only last week. In the course of his investigations Mr. Bradford was at an expense of more than \$100 and the loss of a good deal of time. However the pleasure he gets in the arrest of criminals is good pay to him, and when he gets on the trail of a criminal, he lets neither time or expense, nor anything else count until he has accomplished matters in hand. Tom Payne and Lessie Adams are now in jail and Walter Brown is out on bond, awaiting action of the grand jury next month. This is just another instance of Sheriff Bradford's efficiency as an officer. No matter how blind the trail nor how long, when "Brad" takes it up it usually ends in the proper arrests and the safe conduct of his prisoners to places of incarceration or servitude. We congratulate him upon his recent success.

The bill changing the basis of State quota is believed to provide a more equitable system, as it will exclude entirely enemy aliens from the basis for the first draft and there was much complaint. Heavy enemy alien populations in some congested districts forced American to army duty regardless of exemption claims to make up district quotas.

The bill to permit troops to go to agricultural work merely would authorize the Secretary of War to furlough men for civilian duty. It is known, however, that the War Department intends to use the authority principally to provide men for harvest time and other agricultural work vital to the food supply.

Fill Coast Artillery by Draft
To facilitate collection of private insurance policies held by troops another bill would require private insurance companies to accept the official army record as proof of death of men among the army insured. It is designed to meet the cases of men reported missing to which there is no actual proof of death. In case of payment by insurance companies upon policies held by men reported missing and who later should appear the bill provides for re-imbursment to the insurance companies by the Government.

Exemption of the Government from payment of the new war tax on automobiles is the purpose of another bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain to deal principally with the large Government purchase of motor trucks.

Arrangements have been made by the War Department to fill from the second draft some time this spring the extensive vacancies in the coast artillery caused by the organization of provisional regiments of mobile heavy artillery for service in France. A limited number of men who have particular aptitude for the special work of the corps were obtained from the first draft, but there is still a deficiency of several thousand. Unless some unforeseen emergency develops organization of regiments for foreign service in the corps will not be carried any further than to complete the units now in progress of development.

LODGE OFFICERS TO BE JOINTLY INSTALLED

There will be a joint installation of Woodman and Woodman Circle officers on Friday evening Jan. 25th. All Circle members are urged to be present.

Alva Bigham, G.
Cora Miller, G.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Beginning Saturday Morning and Continuing for One Week

Our Grocery Department

Offers for One Week

100 Cases Cotton Boll Soap

The whitest of white laundry soap. Made especially for hard water. We bought a large quantity of this soap several months ago, before the big advance and for the next week we will offer this at the following attractive prices:

24 Bars for - - - \$1.00

100 Bars, (One Case) 4.10

We expect to sell the 100 cases next week. Don't overlook this opportunity to buy at much less than we could replace this ourselves.

This soap is manufactured by the Products Manufacturing Company of Oklahoma City, and is an excellent laundry soap.

Laundry Soap is Something You Have to Have

Now is the Time to Buy

Our Dry Goods Department

Offers for One Week

Children's Robes and Cuddle-down Sets

Only \$2.50 Each

Sizes Range from 4 to 14

They are very attractive robes of good material, something that will keep the children warm.

This is a bargain and you shouldn't overlook it. They must be sold during the next week.

This is something the children need and something they should have.

Don't Overlook This

WATCH THIS SPACE EVERY WEEK

Grocery Phone No. 6

THE MERCANTILE

Dry Goods Phone No. 284

"The Store That Saves You Money"

Invoicing, But you Can Still Buy the Following Items at Clearance Sale Prices

All Ladies' Suits All Skirts All Waists

All Dresses, both Ladies' and Children's

All Coats, both Ladies' and Children's

Boys' Suits

Ladies' Shoes at \$1.00 and \$1.85, Small sizes only

Men's and Boys' Heavy Sweaters at 85c

Outing Gowns. Children's Sleeping Garments

Men's and Boys' Overcoats. Boys' Mackinaws

and our present prices on Blankets and Comforts will prove a saving of at least half over next season's prices. It will pay you to buy now even if you don't really need them today.

See the Window

for some bargains in Men's and Boys' Hats

This Cash Store is Going After your Business Harder than ever, in 1918

We Eliminate every Possible Expense and Sell for Cash Only

We Want Your Business--Large or Small

Wadley-Patterson Comp'y

One Price--the Lowest--For Cash Only

OUR MARKET REPORT FROM KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Stock Yards, Jan. 14, 1918.—Cattle receipts today were 7000 head, market steady to 10 and 25 higher. Hogs 3000 today, market opened 15 to 25 higher closed steady, top \$16.40. Sheep and lambs 5000 market 10 to 15 higher, top lambs \$10.50.

Beef Cattle.
The highest price paid for steers last week was \$13.15, the week before \$13.25. Today the top was \$12.90, which was paid for some 1329 pound steers. Beef steers sold mostly at 10 to 15 higher prices and butcher grades sold 25 higher, a few sales still higher. The supply here today was not quite half as large as last Monday. The extreme cold weather throughout the country interfered with the transportation of live stock and some railroads were unable to haul stock to market, but as the temperature is rising service will be better rest of the week. Heavy cows sold today as high as \$11.00, bulls were higher a good many sales between \$9 and \$10. Veal calves were steady selling up to \$13.50.

Stockers and Feeders.
The demand for stockers and feeders was very keen all last week, but today on account poor railroad service and there being but a few cattle of that class here, the feeling was about steady. Best stockers sold for \$10.60 and some 1075 pound feeders brought \$11.65. Stock cows and heifers were scarce and firm.

Hogs
The market opened 15 to 25 higher to shippers and closed steady to packers. Shippers paid \$16.40 for best hogs early which was the top. Packers would only pay \$16.15 for heavy hogs and the bulk of all sales ranged from \$15.95 to \$18.35.

Sheep and Lambs
The market was up to fifteen higher today; some western fed lambs sold for \$16.50 the top and some fed western yearlings brought \$14.85. There were very few killing sheep here. Feeding and breeding stock sold steady, some lambs sold as feeders for \$13.75.

J. A. Rickart, Market Correspondent.

MALE NURSEMAIDS APPEAR IN LONDON

He was an old man, wheeling a very assertive baby in a mailcart, says a recent London press dispatch. After the baby had kicked off his eiderdown coverlet about a dozen times, with a louder yell of triumph each time, the old man pulled the mailcart to a seat, sat down and, gently but doggedly, held the coverlet down so that the baby could not kick it off. Then the baby howled dismally and the old man had to use his other arm to rock the mailcart.

"Your grandchild, I suppose?" asked a stranger.
"Bless your heart, no," said the old man. "I've had troubles enough without being his grandfather. Two hours a day of him about wears me out, as it is. No, I'm only airing him, at 8d an hour. The mother can't get a nursemaid—they've all gone to munitioning—so I've taken the job on. I've had some tough jobs in my life, and I'm not easily beat, but, take it from me, sir, airing a baby is the toughest."
The baby executed a tactical movement, succeeded in hurling the coverlet on the ground again, and laughed heartily.

"Hark at that," said the old man bitterly, as he gently replaced the coverlet and softly pressed the indignant baby down into its lair.
"There's no keeping upsides with babies. One moment they're laughing, the next moment they're howling; sometimes they laugh and howl at once. And talk about cunning; if a grown man had half as much cunning as a baby he'd rule the world—or try too. Do you know what I've reasoned out since I 'minded' this infant? I've reasoned out what's the matter with the kaiser. He's a baby that's never grown up—that's why he wants the world."
"You can't get angry with him," continued the old man as he tenderly prevented the baby from standing on its head. "He's not responsible for his actions."
"Listen to that row he's making now; it isn't talking, it isn't singing, it isn't laughing, and it isn't crying. But it pleases him, and he'll keep it up for hours. Gets on the nerves, and if I didn't smoke and think hard of

something else I might go as weak in the head as he is. But there's one thing about baby 'minding'; it gives you a better opinion of women. Think of them—not having two hours of it, but all day of it."

PACKING PLANTS CLOSE ACCOUNT COAL SHORTAGE

The huge packing plants of Armour & Company and Swift & Company in Chicago were forced to shut down last Monday because of their inability to secure coal.
The employees were armed with shovels and set to work clearing railroad tracks entering the stockyards of snow. Hundreds of cattle and hogs are reported to have perished on stock cars because railroads were unable to move them.

Every one of the 27 steam railroads entering Chicago resumed limited service today, but officials said it would be several days before anything like normal passenger schedules could be established and perhaps a week would elapse before movement of freight trains could be put back on the same basis as before the storm.

All coal in the railroad yards was commandeered by County Fuel Administrator Raymond E. Durham and orders were given to the railroads to divert coal on tracks to the most available yard or team track.

The snowfall on a level for the two great storms of the week were officially announced at 24 and 7-10 inches. This in itself would have given no more than temporary inconvenience, it was asserted, but the high winds accompanying the snow made drifts that brought trouble.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macón, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Kriott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure." For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. 1mt

GUARDS WANTED TO RELIEVE SOLDIERS

The local recruiting station is recently in receipt of instructions from the Adjutant General that a new force of 15,000 men to be designated United States Guards, National Army, is to be recruited at once.

This force is to be used for guard duty principally in the protection of public utilities throughout the United States, though it is probable that in border States many of these men will be used for border patrol duty. Applicants must be beyond the draft age and married men may be accepted for enlistment, and such married men will be entitled to the liberal allowances being made by the government for families of soldiers.

The recruiting officer is instructed to secure as far as possible men of former service in the Spanish-American war, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Campaign, army navy or marine corps, and men with experience in well organized fire and police departments. Where practicable, these men will serve in the vicinity of their homes, and they of course will be under Federal control and may be sent elsewhere. Men over the draft age and without prior service can be accepted provided they are not over 40 years of age. Men with prior service can be enlisted, regardless of age, provided they pass satisfactory physical examination. It is expected that a great many applicants who have recently been rejected on account of being over age will be able to enter this branch of the service. The pay will be the same as for the regular army.

The guards will be clothed in the old regulation army blue uniforms and will be armed with the Krag-Jorgensen rifles.

UNIQUE THEATRE

"The Red Ace," the great serial on Monday nights, featuring Marie Walcamp, is growing constantly in interest. Some of the most daring stunts that we have ever seen in motion pictures were performed in the last episode. Marie Walcamp is not what we term a pretty girl, but she has that wild-rose beauty that shows her to be a true daughter of the west, and when she appears on the screen her great personality wins the hearts of all. She

To Our Customers and Friends

We have been doing a cash business for the past eight months. But, during this time, we have taken quite a few HOLD tickets in different cases.

We have now decided to eliminate these HOLD tickets, and adhere strictly to the cash rule. This means that we must have the money over the counter for each and every purchase.

This is, no doubt, the best and most economical way of doing business for both you and ourselves, and we solicit your esteemed patronage on this basis.

If we are now holding any tickets for you, please call and settle same.

Midland Hardware Co.

"A Square Deal to All"

REMEMBER—Everything strictly cash after January, 1918.

is a marvelous performer.

On last Tuesday night everybody's favorite, sweet little Ella Hall appeared in a Bluebird entitled "A Jewel in Pawn." The story dwelt on the slum life of a great city, and little Ella was indeed a fairy queen and after great struggles and battles with poverty finally came into her own. We consider Ella Hall decidedly the best performer in her line of work that comes to Midland. She has a naturally innocent and sweet child-like face and an originality, devoid of everything "stagy" that is seldom seen in movie stars.

On January 25th we will have a special Pathe feature here showing our

boys in France at play, at work and in training. This comes highly recommended and all remember the date and come out for aside from being a very interesting subject it will furnish a source of information that has not been seen in like pictures before.

"Draft 258," comes on Jan. 28th, under the auspices of the local Red Cross. This is a companion picture to "The Slacker," and is said to be in many respects superior. Some of the leading movie stars are featured in this production and an evening of rare entertainment is assured.

Knowledge plus Training is Power

Classical education is all right. The ability to measure the distance of the remotest star or to read with fluency the thoughts of people who lived centuries ago—thoughts expressed in their own language—is indeed a magnificent accomplishment. But Business Firms, the large corporations, prefer that class of Red Blooded Americans who, instead of wasting time trying to solve the age-old riddle of why a black hen lays a white egg, content themselves with learning the best way to GET THE EGG. In America

Business is King!

A young man or woman starting out in life trying to make a success without knowledge and training in business, is working against their own interest. A DEFINITE AIM IN LIFE is necessary. YOU must know how to set your sails so as to steer your ship into the port of success! You must know how to figure accurately the common problems coming up in business life—you must know the elements of commercial law, as applied to business transactions—you must be able to write a neat, readable hand, you must know how to keep books in an up-to-date manner—to use a typewriter and to take down the words of others in shorthand. Then if you hope to reap the greatest success you MUST know HOW to sell your services to the best possible advantage. We do not overstate facts, young man or woman, when we tell you ALL THESE THINGS and more are thoroughly imparted to you at our college.

If We Sit by Your Own Fireside

And tell you the Human Interest Stories of some of our old students, how they have gone from obscurity to prominence in the commercial world, it would make a tale as thrilling as those of the Arabian Knights of Old. TRUTH is always stranger than Fiction. We have trained hundreds who have succeeded—young people just like YOU! We are anxious to have you with us. We teach thoroughly,

Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Typewriting, Business Law
Penmanship, English and Letter Writing, Civil Service
Preparatory Branches and Salesmanship.

Individual instruction. Finest equipment—Investigation welcomed. Ours is a college where rich and poor alike is educated for business, in the latest systems and methods—a mighty good school to attend. We offer all any first class school has to offer—you ought not to want more, nor should you be satisfied with less. Write today, let us help you plan and prepare for the future.

National Business College

FORT WORTH or WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS



The Wife

should be thrifty and help save her husband's money.

If He hasn't done it, She

should start the savings account and see that a portion of the income gets there each week. We offer

This Opportunity

to establish the real bulwark of the home. Such co-operation makes the partnership complete.

RELIABILITY - ACCOMMODATION - STRENGTH & SERVICE

THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK OF MIDLAND

AMERICAN RED CROSS IN FRANCE WORKS FAST

The degree of organization of the American Red Cross abroad, and the speed with which it can formulate and execute plans, is shown in its recent achievement of equipping a hospital and organizing its staff within two weeks after the hospital property was placed at its disposal.

The new link in the chain of institutions which the American Red Cross is forging to regain for France the health of her citizens is the Sainte Eugenie Hospital, at Lyons, for tuberculosis repatriates.

A cable dispatch from Paris headquarters of the American Red Cross, announcing the opening of the hospital, said in part:

"Sainte Eugenie is lent to the American Red Cross by the Hospital Board of Lyons, which supplies the building with heat, light, water and sanitation without cost to the Red Cross, and with food, linen and disinfection at cost. The American Red Cross, provides the nurses and doctors and hospital supplies.

"Often as many as 65 tuberculosis repatriates arrive at Evian in one week, coming from occupied France and Belgium. Returning to their homes, they have spread infection. The new hospital cares immediately for 200 patients in five new hospital barracks and in the main building.

NEW BULLETINS FOR FARMERS AND STOCKMEN

The United States government, department of agriculture, has recently issued a lot of new bulletins, and persons interested may get them free upon application to this department. These latest bulletins are: Screw-Worms and Other Maggots

Affecting Animals. (No. 857.)

The Use of Windmills in Irrigation in the Semi-arid West. (No. 866.)

The Muskrat as a Fur Bearer, with Notes on its Use as Food. (No. 869.)

Grains for Western North and South Dakota. (No. 878.)

Irrigation of Orchards. (No. 882.)

Grains for the Utah Dry Lands. (No. 883.)

Fleas and Their Control. (No. 897.)

Laws Relating to Fur-bearing Animals, 1917. (No. 911.)

The Application of Dockage in the Marketing of Wheat. (No. 919.)

RED CROSS GIVES AID TO CHILD WAR VICTIMS

Nearly 25,000 children in France are receiving aid from the American Red Cross at the present time, according to recent cable advice from Paris.

700 children are receiving complete medical care at the hands of American Red Cross doctors, and 3,060 are being treated at the medical dispensaries of the American relief society. In addition, there are 20,300 orphans and other children in France who are being aided by the Red Cross, directly or indirectly.

The American Red Cross is also aiding 6,000 Belgian children, of whom it has 1,000 in complete charge. Hospitals and other shelters for orphans and children from the ruined areas are maintained as an important activity of the American Red Cross abroad. Children who have long gone unwashed, many of them infected and seriously ill, receive tender and intelligent care. Not only as a work of mercy, but because it helps insure the welfare of the coming generation, this child welfare work of the American Red Cross is regarded as of immense value.



"Success Begets Success" is no more true than "Building Begets Success"

Look about you! aren't your most successful neighbors the ones who build and build well? If you want to stand for

Progress and Prosperity in your community get the building habit and Come Here for Lumber

THE PLACE TO BUY - Burton-Lingo Company WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD

A REPLY TO THE DEVIL'S RESIGNATION

Kaiser No Doubt Had Already Made Up His Mind That Hell Was in His Calculations

The Reporter has a good friend at Dalhart, Will M. Midkiff, who lived here a few years ago. He is a brother of our townsman, T. O. Midkiff, and is the co-operative farm demonstrator for the counties of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, and Moore. He reads The Reporter regularly and recently took note of the letter published that was purported to have been written by Satan to the kaiser. In this Satan resigns his reign over hell to the kaiser, who, as a pupil, has outstripped the master. Midkiff is poetically inclined and he has attempted—and successfully—a reply on behalf of the kaiser. He publishes it as follows:

Berlin, Capital of Himmel, Berlin und Hades Herr Lucifer H. Satan, Pandemonium, Hades. Mine own dearest Herr Satan, I haf alrehty yet. From your ex-Satanic Majesty, vun leedle letter get. You claims dot you create me so, mit vun ambition great; You also claims der credit for der udder t'ings you state.

You say all hell vas smil'n' ven I kilf der duke und vife. Hell gets no credit for dot vork, you bets your leedle life. I plans dot outd all py mineself, likewise mine alibi. Old Vilhelm gifts you cards und spades ven it comes mit gettin' py. You say I sets der world on fire; Y gets dere yust der same; Und ven it comes mit raisin' hell, dot vas mine middle name. Der Hohenzollerns can't be beat; ve always finds der vay, Opinions of der world don't count; ve care not vot it say.

So ven ve breaks dose dreaties der world sets up vun squall; Vell it vas but scraps uf baper, uf no account ad all. Dot leedle country, Belchum, vas like vun hornet's nest, I haf to kill der beeples until dey gif us rest.

You seem to dink it dretful, dose rapes of Belchums. Vell, Dot Yankee Sheneral Sherman say dot var is vun big hell. If your leedle hell's not up to date, you are der vun's to blame. Don't scold your Uncle Vilhelm if he beats you at your game.

Dot Lusitania and some udder ships I sink mit submarines. Yust to show der world my science, vere dey all do not know beans. Der vimmin und der shildren vot on dose ships vas drown'd, Should schtaid mit home und kept der house und not been runnin' round.

Ven I schtardt dis var I dinks I be der emperor uf der world. I luffs to see der Sherman flag o'er dis earth unfurled. But now, your offer to resign der throne uf hell's too schmiall, I cannot do mit-half a loaf ven I can get it all.

Und now I dinks dot I vill rule in Him-mel, too, as vell, Und den I be der emperor uf Himmel, earth und hell. Uf course ven I dethrone Lord Gott, 'twill peeve him, like ash not, But I pacify by gifin' him der titte, Herr Von Gott.

Und now, dear Satan, yust to show some gratitudes to you, I makes you duke uf all Hades, I dinks it but your due. But now holt on, I haf forgett some dings alrehty yet. I gifts dot black to mine friend, Herr Robert La Follette.

Affectionately yours, Vilhelm, Emperor uf Himmel, Earth Und Hades.

Chamberlain's Tablets When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son.

PAY YOUR STATE HIGHWAY LICENSE

Your State highway license is past due. This is to warn all persons who have not attended to this matter that they are liable to fine. Do not neglect it further. W. E. Bradford Sheriff.

IT TAKES DECEMBER WEATHER TO MATURE TEXAS TURKEYS

Federal Food Administrator Gets Definite Ruling; Accepted Weights on "Seven-Eleven" Basis.

The turkey growers of Texas will hereafter sell their birds on a basis of seven pounds for hens and eleven pounds for toms. This arrangement was reached through a meeting of the Texas Egg, Butter and Poultry Association, held in Houston November 25, 1917. A meeting was called by Administrator Peden at the request of the poultry men. At that time the United States Food Administration had placed an embargo on the shipment of turkeys out of Texas during the month of November. This was necessary as the freezers of the North disclosed the fact that 3,330,000 pounds of immature birds were in storage from the previous year and most of these birds were shipped from the South and Texas.

The embargo was lifted on December 1, and the turkey business proceeded as before. It was regarded as worth the trouble of attending the meeting alone to have determined upon a fixed weight for turkeys. As heretofore, the jobbers have been compelled to buy birds in the flock regardless of their weights, and if they have failed to make purchases their competitors would. This placed a large number of small birds on the market and all the way around was disastrous to the industry.

As a result of the Houston conference, the following ruling was obtained on the storage of turkeys from the legal department of the United States Food Administration:

Forty per cent of their turkeys must be stored prior to June 1, 30 per cent from June 1 to August 31, 30 per cent from September 1 to December 1. Hens may be stored 50 per cent before June 1 and 50 per cent from June 1 to August 31; chickens, 50 per cent before May 1, 25 per cent from May 1 to August 31, 25 per cent from September 1 to November 30. Other grades of poultry, 50 per cent of their holdings in the first six months and 50 per cent the next six months. This applies to poultry this fall and winter, sales to be in accordance with general rules governing all sales of food commodities.

The United States Food Administration has ruled that Texas turkeys are not matured in December, and even if they attain the respective weights of seven and eleven pounds, seven for hens and eleven for toms, they are not properly developed for marketing.

FOUR HUNDRED TEXAS BAKERS NOW MAKE POUND WAR BREAD

Weight of Loaf Fixed by Administration, But Price Determined by Cost of Making and Materials.

The entire State of Texas is now using War Bread. The loaf weighs 16 ounces, 12 hours after baking, and its ingredients are provided by law. The new rules and regulations governing the baking industry of the United States, reaching out into every community, went into effect on December 10, 1917.

There are some 400 bakeries in Texas which will be affected by the new regulations. All of these use more than ten barrels of flour a month. Each baker will keep a strict account of his stock and his bread sales and every month make a report to a government agent. He will make a standard weight loaf of 16, 24 and 32 ounces or multiples thereof; he may make his bread into whatever shapes he wishes, and the price of his bread will be governed by his expenses and his economies.

The special rules and regulations governing licensees manufacturing bread and rolls is as follows: Rule 1. Licensee shall manufacture bread and offer it for sale only in the following specified weights, or multiples thereof, which shall be net weight, unwrapped, 12 hours after baking: 16-ounce units (not to run over seventeen ounces); 24-ounce units (not to run over 25 1/2 ounces). Where twin or multiples loaves are baked, each unit of baking multiple loaf shall conform to the weight requirements of this rule.

Rule 2. The licensee shall manufacture rolls and offer them for sale only in units weighing from one to three ounces, but no rolls shall be manufactured or offered for sale which shall weigh, unwrapped, 12 hours after baking, less than one ounce or more than three ounces.

Rule 3. The standard weights herein prescribed shall be determined by averaging the weight of not less than 25 loaves of bread of any one unit, or five dozen rolls of any one unit, and such average shall not be less than the minimum nor more than the maximum prescribed by these rules and regulations for such units.

Rule 4. The licensee in mixing any dough for bread or rolls shall not use the following ingredients in amounts exceeding those specified below, per units of 16 pounds of any flour, or meal, or any mixture thereof: Sugar: Not to exceed three pounds of cane or beet sugar or, in lieu thereof, three and one-half pounds of corn sugar. Where sweetened condensed milk is used, the licensee, determining the permitted amount of sugar, shall deduct the added sugar content of such condensed milk from the net amount of other sugar of the kinds herein designated.

Milk: Not to exceed six pounds of fresh milk from which the cream has been extracted, or the equivalent thereof. Shortening: No shortening shall be used except the following: Not to exceed two pounds of "compound" containing not more than 15 per cent of animal fat. In lieu of such "compounds" the licensee may use not to exceed two pounds of vegetable fat. Note: The United States Food Administrator, in view of the national necessities for conserving sugar, and in view of the fact that bread is being successfully baked by many bakers without the use of any cane or beet sugar, requests bakers to reduce the sugar content below the maximum permitted by the above rule. It is probable that a reduction of the sugar allowance will be found necessary at a later date. Rule 5. The licensee in making any bread or rolls shall not add any sugar or fats to the dough during the process of baking, or to the bread or rolls when baked. Violation of the baking regulations subject the offender to a penalty of \$5,000 fine, or two years in the Federal penitentiary.



A Matter of Justice

Somewhere in the world a dealer, seeing that the standard price of his output no longer kept pace with the increasing demands of his family, conceived the idea of raising his prices.

The buyer made a loud protest, but on the way home thought it all over and began to see through things, and why the item cost him more.

The necessity of this matter is clear to all and prices have all gone to new levels in practically everything we buy.

Public utilities are buyers of many commodities that have increased very much in price and have no chance to escape the increased cost of operation and maintenance.

The result is that, while the world has stepped into higher levels of living costs, public utilities find themselves hopelessly stranded on the shores of a lower level. Not only this, but they are beset with new dangers and attacks which threaten to lower them to the perilous level of bankruptcy.

While the world is sitting on the high seat of increased income, the public utilities are in the mire of ancient income and modern expense.

It is a curious commentary on the usually fair American public to see the public utilities, not asking for a greater income for dividends, but merely asking for sufficient increase in revenue to meet necessary expenses.

Not one item used and paid for at the present time has failed to have its price raised since 1906 and greatly so since the opening of the great war.

Yet the public utilities that provide something that everybody needs; save every week many times the cost of the service; protect public health and comfort; not only fail to get a fair income but must operate at a loss.

Not only is fair treatment of a public utility plain justice, but common sense as well.

THE ANSWER? The Western Telephone Co.

JASPER & BLEDSOE PAINTERS AND PAPERHANGERS FIRST CLASS WORK ONLY PHONE 165 MIDLAND, TEXAS

MAXWELL advertisement featuring a car illustration and text: "When Business Needs You Most, Conserve Your Energy. When success means straining nerve force to the utmost... The economy, durability, and mechanical perfection of the standardized Maxwell car have been proved so conclusively they are now accepted facts. The Maxwell is the car without a peer for the man who is working under full steam. Price Auto Co. Midland, Texas." Includes prices for Touring Car \$745, Roadster \$745, Coupe \$1095, Berline \$1095, Sedan with Wire Wheels \$1195. F. O. B. Detroit.

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Announcements

All candidates announcing in this column, do so subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 27th, pledging themselves, as Democrats, to abide the party's decrees in all things.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: W. E. BRADFORD SAM PRESTON

For County and District Clerk: NEWNIE W. ELLIS

BRADFORD FOR RE-ELECTION

Sheriff Bradford started interest in local politics this week, by authorizing us to announce his candidacy for re-election, authorizing it subject to action of the Democratic primary in July.

SAM PRESTON FOR SHERIFF

It will come as a pleasing surprise to many of his friends this week that we have authority to announce our esteemed citizen, Sam Preston, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector for Midland County.

RED CROSS STORIES FOR THE CHILDREN

"Red Cross Stories for the Children" is the title of a book which has just been published, the profit for the sale of which goes to the Red Cross.

I am glad to say a word of approval of them, and to commend them to all schools throughout the land, not as authentic history, but as a means of teaching children the Red Cross ideals of service.

DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR M. & N. W.

The regular meeting for the stockholders of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, was held in the office of the company yesterday and the following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: T. J. O'Donnell, D. Fasken, Robert Fasken, L. B. Milam, B. C. Girdley, A. Fasken and J. H. Black, of Toronto, Ont.

On adjournment of the stockholders meeting the board of directors immediately held a meeting and elected the following officers: T. J. O'Donnell, president. J. H. Black, first vice president. Robert Fasken, second vice president.

D. Fasken, treasurer and chairman of board of directors. B. C. Girdley, secretary.

The affairs of the company were found to be in good condition, and the president was instructed to vigorously push the obtaining of the steel to complete the line from Florey to Seminole at the earliest date possible.

On account of the government having taken over the railways and the uncertain attitude that government may take with regard to short lines of railway leaves the question of getting steel an uncertain problem, but you can rest assured that if there is any possible way of procuring the steel it will be procured.

D. Fasken, treasurer of the company, leaves tonight for Toronto Ont., where he goes on a short business trip.

L. B. Milam and O. O. Touchstone, of Thomas, Milam & Touchstone, general attorneys for the M. & N. W., attended the stockholders' meeting.

It would be well for shippers to take notice of the new ruling made through the director general's department of the American railway, concerning demurrage. After the 21st of this month shippers will not be allowed four days to unload cars who live more than five miles from the railway, but will have to have their car unloaded inside of two days.

EQUIPMENT FOR MEN FIGHTING IN FRANCE

It is estimated that 50,000 different articles are needed in modern warfare. The clothing equipment of but one infantryman for service in France includes the following:

Bedsack, three wool blankets, waist belt, two pairs wool breeches, three wool service coats, hat cord, three pairs summer drawers, three pairs winter drawers, pair wool gloves, service hat, extra shoe laces, two pairs canvas leggings, two flannel shirts, two pairs of shoes, five pairs wool stockings, four identification tags, summer undershirts, four winter undershirts, overcoat, five shelter tent pins shelter tent pole, poncho, shelter tent.

Listed as "eating utensils" the infantryman receives food to be carried in his haversack during field service, canteen and canteen cover, cup, knife, fork, spoon, meat can, haversack, pack carrier, first aid kit and pouch.

His "fighting equipment" consists of rifle, bayonet, bayonet scabbard, cartridge belt and 100 cartridges, steel helmet, gas mask, and trench tool.

On last Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leaverton again became the happy parents of a little girl. The Reporter offers congratulations and very best wishes.

L. B. Milam and O. O. Touchstone, attorneys for Dallas and members of the firm of Thomas, Milam & Touchstone, attorneys for the M. & N. W. Ry, were here this week to attend a directors meeting of this road.

The name of Newnie W. Ellis appears in our announcement column. He is a candidate for county and district clerk. Next week we shall make the customary comment upon his political aspirations.

An increase in our Racine tire sales in December of thirty per cent is proof that car owners are learning the real value of Racines. W. H. Spaulding. adv 15-ft

J. H. Heard, of Pecos, was here a few days this week and reports light losses in live stock during the recent blizzard.

T. W. Price and J. H. Hawkins, cowmen from the Seminole country, were here this week and report a good snow. Mr. Price ordered The Reporter.

Jno. Barron is able to be out on crutches after being confined to his bed for the past four weeks with a broken leg.

HOW FOOD ADMINISTRATOR GOES ABOUT GETTING FAIR PRICE LIST

Committee Represent Wholesale, Jobbing, Retail and Consumer Interests and Lists Are Guide for Buying

Shortly after the Federal Food Administration of Texas was organized Administrator Peden began selecting his price interpreting committees for the principal trade centers of Texas.

The purpose of these committees is to bring to either the wholesaler, the retailer, the jobber and the consumer. When these meetings are held, it is the wish of the administrator that prices be informally discussed and that concessions be made wherever possible so as to bring food within the reach of every purse.

The first price interpreting committee appointed in Texas was in Houston. Wm. D. Cleveland, Jr., head of one of the oldest wholesale grocery houses in Texas, was named as chairman of this committee.

The committee served as a precedent for other committees of like character in the State. As soon as its first two fair price lists were published, the idea was passed on to Austin and San Antonio, where committees were appointed by Administrator Peden.

Cities now having price interpreting committees are Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Beaumont. Other cities to have price interpreting committees will be El Paso, Amarillo, Paris, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Navasota, Waco, San Angelo and Lufkin.

These cities are headquarters for the Federal Food Administration activities of Texas have been divided.

The quotations appearing in the fair price list are intended as a guide for the wholesaler, retailer and consumer in the boundaries of the district.

The committees select three products for their first list: these are usually sugar, flour and fats. The next publication carries additional items and so on until eventually the list shows the twenty-nine fundamental staples.

The purpose of the list is not to fix an exact price for every store, but to state the fair price under average conditions and show when the price is excessive. Within stated limits dealers are free to compete as heretofore, except:

The food administration has prohibited sales of food products in combination of any kind except corn meal and sugar.

The food administration has prohibited unfair competition.

The retail prices are intended to guide the housewife in intelligent buying and protect her from overcharges; the wholesale prices to inform the retailer upon market conditions. Taken together, these prices show the margin of profit, and should therefore act as a check upon dealers whose margins are unreasonable.

The prices quoted are the prices for purchases under average conditions. Where the articles are paid for in cash and carried home by the purchaser, the prices should be lower. Where the purchaser asks unusual service, such as long credits, and delivery at a long distance for small parcels, this extra service must be paid for.

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Food Facts Fearslessly Faced by the Housewives of Tom Green County.

San Angelo, Tex.—Housewives of this county have evolved a plan for co-operating with the United States Food Administration which is believed to be new. Under the direction of Mrs. Sam Crowther, county chairman of the Food Conservation Campaign, cottage meetings are being held in various sections of San Angelo and throughout Tom Green County.

Housewives attend these meetings with their crocheting, tatting and knitting and informally discuss what they are doing to save wheat, meat, fats and sugar.

It is interesting to note that at one meeting recently every housewife present said that she was observing the meatless day each week but very few of them were observing wheatless days.

They determined to follow the program of the Food Administration and serve meat on Tuesdays, no wheat on Wednesdays, and have one wheatless meal and one meatless meal each day.

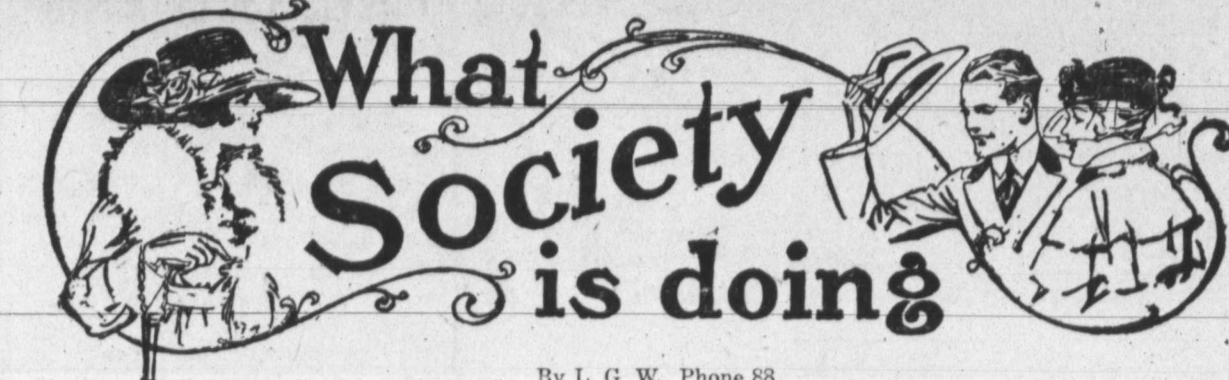
It is planned to have one such meeting within three blocks of every home in San Angelo.

Mrs. Crowther has also held informal meetings of the restaurant proprietors and their co-operation with the Food Administration is assured.

WHY NOT SEND CORN TO EUROPE?

We can not send them corn because they have not enough mills to grind it and are not familiar with its use as food. Even if they knew how to use corn meal, it is not suitable for shipment because it is so liable to spoiling. The oats, rye, barley, etc., that we send them will not support them unless mixed with wheat.

WE MUST SEND THEM MORE WHEAT and to do this WE MUST EAT LESS WHEAT BREAD.



Woman Give us that grand word "woman" once again, And let's have done with "lady," one's a term Full of fine force, strong, beautiful and firm, Fit for noblest use of tongue or pen; And one's a word for lackeys. One suggests The mother, wife and sister. One Whose costly robe, mayhap, gives her the name. One word upon its own strength leans and rests, The other minces tip-toe. Who would be The perfect woman must grow brave of heart And proud of soul to play her troubled part Well in life's drama. While each day we see The "perfect" lady skilled in what to do And what to say, grace in every tone and act ('Tis taught in schools, but needs some notice tact.) Yet narrow in her mind as in her shoe. Give the first place, then, to the noble phrase, And leave the lesser word for lesser praise.

Society has seemingly been dormant during the past week. We suppose that this is the natural lethargy however, after the holiday festivities, during which people were danced, dined, "partied," visited and chatted almost to extermination. The clubs are still meeting—doing Red Cross work and small parties of congenial friends get together and knit—so good fellowship seems to still be very much in evidence. It is true that this common interest, that is paramount in all our hearts just now is breaking down all sham barriers and petty pretense and we are really finding in our hearts that we are our brother's keeper. Let us keep the home fires burning in full support by helping in some way, or some how, in this scheme of war relief.

Tuesday in the Red Cross rooms, ten pajama suits were cut out and two finished. Also one convalescent robe made. Wednesday two convalescent robes were made, and 3 1-2 pajama suits. You women who can sew drop in at the Red Cross rooms and lend your services, then with the conscientiousness of duty performed, shake your joy-bells to the melody of "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Cowden—Trotter

Anything pertaining to our khaki clad boys is of more than passing interest to the home hearts and friends, so much concern has been manifested in the marriage of Mr. Rorie Emmett Cowden, who on account of his youth may be termed the "khaki kid," to Miss Esther Trotter, of Albuquerque, N. M. The marriage, which was solemnized Jan. 12th in San Diego, Cal., was the culmination of a pretty romance commenced last June, the month of roses, lovers and love. Emmett, as he is more familiarly known in Midland, was one of our first boys to enlist under Old Glory, and is the first to enlist under Cupid's banner. Mr. Cowden was not even in the draft age when war was declared and almost before we had adjusted ourselves to the idea that this great world disaster also included us, he, with some boy friends, offered their young lives to their country's call. He enlisted in Albuquerque, N. M. and later his regiment was sent to San Diego, Cal. His present address is 115 Headquarters Mounted Police, New Mexico Infantry Camp, Kearney, Cal. Emmett is connected with the band and is also doing clerical work. He belongs to one of the old well established families of the west and many friends join The Reporter in hoping that when right has ultimately triumphed over might, Emmett and his fair girlish bride may enjoy a long uninterrupted honeymoon and a life richly laden with Heaven's choicest blessings.

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES FROM ANDREWS

The Andrews State Bank, in its statement of condition on December 31st, showed deposits of \$66,016.91 with cash on hand and due from reserve agents \$38,000. This is a most excellent showing for this season of the year when nothing is moving.

In reference to the item in last week's paper regarding the increases in the salaries of the county officials, your correspondent was misinformed as to the increases. All the officers who receive ex-officio salaries were granted increases as follows: County judge, \$85 to \$105; county clerk, \$90 to \$80; sheriff, \$30 to \$50, which in-

What Society is doing By L. G. W., Phone 88

Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Cowden have been in from the ranch this week. Miss Willie Sanders, of Big Spring, spent Sunday in Midland the guest of Miss Susie Magruder.

Miss Minnie Carter, of Hillsboro, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heard.

Mrs. W. D. Ellis is visiting relatives and friends in El Paso.

Mrs. Bell C. Richardson returned last Monday from a holiday visit to relatives in Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Elma Graves has been ill this week but is now able to be up.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church The following is the order of services for the week: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Senior League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

Christian Church Usual services by the regular minister. The subject at 7:30 p. m. will be a lecture on "John Calvin," being the second in a series. Junior and Intermediate meet at 3 p. m. and Seniors at 6:45. Miss Viola Reynolds, leader. J. T. McKissick, Minister.

Presbyterian Church "No man has ever worked his way in a dead calm. Adversity is the prosperity of the great." Kites rise against, not with, the wind. Not ease but effort; not facility, but difficulty; it is that makes men." Dr. Lyman Abbott quotes some lines appropriate to the man who believes that God rules the universe; and that because God his Father rules, heaven and earth are on his side: "If the day looks kinder gloomy, And your chances kinder slim, If the situation's puzzlin' And the prospect's awful grim, And perplexities keep pressin' Till all hope is nearly gone, Just bristle up and grit your teeth, And keep on keeping on." The usual services will be conducted at this church on next Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Mr. J. H. Ramsay, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "The Sure sign of Christianity." Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. All our friends and any strangers in the city are cordially invited to any of these services. Wm. H. Foster, Pastor.

Christian Endeavor Leader—Viola Reynolds. Subject—"Young Christians Reaching Outward." (Gal. 6:11-10.) Song No. 579. Prayer—Vida Shaw. Gal. 6:1-10 from memory—Mitye Ingram and Bessie Hendrickson. Talk, "In What Ways Can We Reach the Needy."—Virgil Shaw. Talk, "What are Some of the Steps of Reaching Outward?"—Florence McKissick. Song No. 444. Talk, "Idleness"—Annie Mae Ingram. Clippings, business and benediction.

creases were allowed at the last regular term of the commissioners court.

J. S. Means returned to Ft. Worth after a few days visit in Andrews.

J. A. Bennett, of Fasken, is here this week.

J. L. Barnes made a freighting trip to Midland this week.

Mrs. Lee Maddox and son, Robert Lee, arrived from Ballinger to spend the winter with her father, J. H. Routh.

I. C. Bell and son, Theron, of Midland, spent the week here, looking after his ranching interests.

J. H. Bryant, of Shafter Lake, was here Sunday.

George Gates, of Shafter Lake, was a visitor in Andrews this week.

Fisher Pollard, of Shafter Lake, is reported sick from exposure while feeding his cattle.

The thermometer registered 4 degrees below zero during the cent blizzard.

The mail cars have been unable to make their daily trips on account of the heavy snow.

Coy Patton and family, who have been occupying the Yarbrough residence, moved to Seminole this week.

M. I. Phillips received a telegram yesterday stating the death of his father. Mr. Phillips has the sympathy of his many friends.

Postmaster Johnson, of Shafter Lake, visited Andrews last week on official business.

Will Wesson, of Shafter Lake, formerly manager of the Geo. D. Elliott place, was here this week. Mr. Wesson has bought a ranch north of Shafter Lake, where he will engage in business for himself.

Very few cattle losses have been reported on account of the cold weather or prevailing the past week.

Mrs. M. E. Sims has been appointed county chairman of the Woman's Committee War Savings for Andrews County. The following have been appointed precinct chairmen: Mrs. O. D. Cook, Florey; Mrs. Hunter Irvin, Shafter Lake; Miss Guinn, Cobb; and Mrs. G. W. Hendrick, Fasken.

Connor Carson, of Eunice, N. M., en route to Midland in his truck, was snow bound here for several days.

Mrs. W. V. Gates and daughter, Miss Cecil, left this morning for El Paso, where we understand Miss Cecil will enter a business college.

The attendance in school has been small on account of cold weather.

B. L. Nance, field secretary of the Northwest Texas conference, will conduct a Sunday School institute here on the 21st and 22nd of this month at the M. E. church. The sessions will be held at 10 a. m., the afternoon and in the evening. All are requested to be present regardless of denominations.

S. W. Scott, of Lazon, was here this week looking over his ranch four miles southwest of Andrews.

Little Dorsey Pinnell has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Miles, of Jal. N. M., were visitors in Andrews last Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith Poole passed through Andrews Monday en route to her ranch west of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Tar Dillard, accompanied by Dr. Alhman and Mr. Geo. Gates, went to Midland Monday where Mr. Dillard was operated on for appendicitis. It is reported that he is doing nicely.

Earl Dinn and Luther Ham returned Saturday night from Loraine with a new Maxwell truck. This was the first car out from Midland to Andrews after the blizzard.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Home National Bank

At Stanton in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1917

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Description of resources and Amount. Includes items like Loans and discounts, U.S. Bonds, Liberty Loan Bonds, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Description of liabilities and Amount. Includes items like Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Martin. I, J. R. VANCE, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BIG SPRING MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

Big Spring, Texas M. G. CATTER, Proprietor Manufacturer of High Grade Monuments Headstones, Curbing, Markers, Etc.

We are Now Selling the Brownwood Cake Flour

Its the Best we can get. Fine time to buy your Fall Stock.

SMITH BROTHERS

Phone No. 3 Midland, Texas

"DRAFT 258" SHOWS

THE TOWER OF BABEL

The "Tower of Babel" will be shown in a mammoth reproduction in "Draft 258," Metro's special production of deluxe which will be shown at the Unique Theatre on Jan. 28, under the auspices of the local Red Cross.

of the old world were secured for these large scenes, and when the time came for the showing of the "confounding of tongues," where all were supposed to speak different languages many of the players unconsciously began to speak their native tongues, adding to the realism of the spectacular scenes.

Bob Preston came in from his ranch Tuesday and reports stock doing very well and no losses.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Stanton in the State of Texas at the close of business on December 31st, 1917

RESOURCES

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LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Description of liabilities and Amount. Includes items like Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Martin. I, Paul Konz, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Rates, five cents per line each insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance is required of those not having a regular account with this paper.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—640 acres mile and a half from Amland. To sacrifice account of illness for only \$150 bonus.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fine piano. Will trade for whiteface heifer.

HORSE AND WAGON FOR SALE—A good delivery outfit. See Walker-Smith Company.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—The sweetest toned player-piano we have ever seen; in perfect condition.

WOOD—See W. L. Clark or phone 285 for wood.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS—By feeding "Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens.

FOR SALE—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain.

FURNISHED ROOMS

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Saturday, Nov. 24th, between Odessa and Warfield, a 25-high-powered Savage gun.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

FOR SALE—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain.

BUSINESS NOTICES

PASTURAGE—Can pasture 500 head of cattle to May 1st at my ranch 27 miles southwest of Midland.

BANK STOCK—at book value to trade for cattle.

WANT TO RENT—Some rooms or small residence already furnished.

REGISTERED BOAR—A Duroc-Jersey, a fine individual. You will like him.

REWARD—For recovery and delivery to Dunn Reiser, near Andrews, I will pay \$10 per head reward for two cows.

ON HAND—Two cars of rice straw and a car of prairie hay.

Large Cattle Ranches

I have for sale two ranches. The best buys in New Mexico. Both bargains, and have grass and water and are too good to remain long on the market.

William Fleenor, one of our Midland soldier boys is a home on a fur-loughlough.

Bank stock at book value to trade for cattle.

Buy your oil in barrel lots and save money.

Chas Dublin was in from Gaines County Wednesday where he has a large bunch of cows on grass and reports no losses.

Oron Edwards is in from Edwards Bros. ranch near Monahans, and reports no losses.

THE MAN WHO DIRECTS THE FOOD FORCES



E. A. PEDEN Federal Food Administrator for Texas

The Food Administrator of Texas is a man who is of interest to every individual in the State.

The Federal Food Administrator for Texas is E. A. Peden. 'E' and 'A' both stand for names.

An interesting thing about Administrator Peden is that he never sought a public office; that he has always been content to be one of the stabilizing business influences of the city of Houston.

The administrator was hesitant about accepting, saying frankly that his life work had been in handling inorganic materials rather than organic materials.

Yet he would discredit this idea. He is always discrediting ideas. Always resorting to science and a desire to assist rather than antagonize.

Personally, he is a most likeable man. His voice is pleasant and congenial and his smile one of the pleasantest in the world.

For the period of three months in which he has been engaged as Federal Food Administrator, so many problems have come up to his desk requiring immediate consideration and decisions that would in no way disturb normal business operations that it has been necessary for him to literally give day and night to Federal work.

Report of Condition of the Midland National Bank

At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Description of resources and Amount. Includes items like Loans and discounts, U.S. Bonds, Liberty Loan Bonds, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Description of liabilities and Amount. Includes items like Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss: I, B. C. Girdley, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ENDORSED AT HOME

Such Proof as this Should Convince any Midland Citizen

The public endorsement of a local citizen is the best proof that can be produced. None better, none stronger can be had.

When you buy a Racine tire you buy service, not replacements.

Geo. P. Gates was in from his ranch near Shafter Lake this week and reports the coldest spell in twenty years, but says he had very few losses.

Bank stock at book value to trade for cattle.

J. W. Richenson, trapper, was in this week and reports that he has caught 87 coyotes and 56 skunks.

S. W. Scott, from Stonewall County, was here Wednesday on his way to Andrews County to look over his land interest.

H. N. Garrett lost a valuable milk cow during our recent blizzard, but reports no other losses.

Report of Condition of the First National Bank

At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Description of resources and Amount. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Customers' liability account, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Description of liabilities and Amount. Includes items like Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss: I, W. R. Chancellor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Gary & Burns Building.

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Lawyer
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Call on Me for
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MISS LYDIE G. WATSON
who has been a Piano Student
of the most eminent instructors
of Galloway, Searcy, Ark.,
Landon Conservatory, Dallas,
and American Conservatory, of
Chicago, Ill., now has her Stud-
io open for the term 1917-18.
The highest standards main-
tained. Thoroughness the slogan. Study with definite aim

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champion strain—prize winners in all
the big shows—the chicken of the
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1st. Book orders now. Read display
ad elsewhere in this issue. See B. 1.
Harrison at Reporter office, or ad-
dress Box 191, Midland, Texas. 8-14

METEMPSYCHOSIS OR SOUL TRANSMIGRATION

Below we give a clipping taken from the Border (Ariz.) Vidette of Dec. 9th, which in turn was clipped from a Republican paper published at Concordia, Kansas, by an old federal soldier who lost a leg during the civil war. It makes fine reading since he is referring to the slacker:

"There is a doctrine of philosophy called metempsychosis, or transmigration of the soul—the souls of men after death, in that philosophy, return to earth in other bodies, whether brutes or human. If that be true, and I have a choice in the next cycle, as between two types, I should prefer to return in the form of a lazy, leprous, lousy, yellow cur, sore eyed and mangy, belong to a demented, drunken Arkansas nigger, pass the drowsy, dreary days away under the back stoop of my master's cabin, fighting fleas and sneaking, snooping about, killing sheep at eventide, than to come back in semblance and stature of a man with instincts of a copperhead snarling and backbiting the government, while the Huns have their atrocious and bloody fingers at the throat of my country."

That is the sentiment of every true, red-blooded American. We are for our country, body and soul if we are patriots, or we are for the Germans body and soul if we are a slacker. But we would suggest that this Kansas editor has done serious injury to the dog he speaks of by comparing him in even a remote way with the yellow cur who has enjoyed every American right and privilege and then is too cowardly to stand for the stars and stripes boldly and above board. The dog kills sheep in order to sustain life, the Huns either kill or mutilate human beings simply to express their frightfulness. The dog is a brute by creation and is excusable for having brutish instincts and ways, but the atrocious Hun is a brute through the influence of his debased and diabolical philosophy that might makes right. As between the filthy vermin-covered nigger dog spoken of by the Kansas editor and the shameless misfit of a kaiser that boasts of his brutality we are inclined to regard the nigger dog as vastly the superior of the two, and the kaiser as vastly inferior to the slacker in America who interferes in any way with the war plans of our country.

MARK A GUARANTEE
Have you ever stopped to consider the real significance TO YOU of the trade mark on a can of pork and beans package or label of the article you buy at the store?
Have you ever stopped to think that the presence of an advertised trade mark on a can of pork and beans for example, is a guarantee that these beans are of good quality?

This must be true else the advertisement would defeat its own purpose. The trade mark, being a mark of identification, is as much a means of rejection as of selection.
That is, if the article so identified proves unsatisfactory, you are enabled by the trade mark to avoid it a second time.

Manifestly, a manufacturer could not afford to put a brand name or trade mark on an unsatisfactory product. People would not buy a second time and he would run himself out of business almost immediately.

A manufacturer backs a branded product by his reputation. Therefore, he cannot afford to stake his reputation on any product that is not good.

It is only when he puts on the market a satisfactory product, one which people will like and call for a second time that he can afford to put the mark of identification upon it.

But when he has such a product, he wants people to know that it is his. Every package he sells then helps to build a reputation for him and his goods.

Advertised, trade marked goods then are most apt to be GOOD GOODS.

The advertised trade mark is your guarantee of quality.

BOY SHOT BY BROTHER DIED IN ODESSA

Two weeks ago The Reporter copied from the Odessa Herald an account of a shooting that occurred southeast of Odessa. The following is also taken from the last issue of the Herald:

A previous issue of The Herald gave a detailed account of the accidental shooting of little eleven year old Jim Edgar Collins by his seven year old brother, Pat, at the Collins ranch, 35 miles southeast of Odessa, December 26th. After being brought to Odessa the following day, the little fellow lingered between life and death until six o'clock Monday afternoon when the little pain-racked body found lasting rest in the long sleep which comes to all.

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN RELIEF.

Home Service—By the language of its charter and also by proclamation of President Wilson the American Red Cross has been made responsible for the welfare of the soldiers' and sailors' families. Each Chapter is responsible for the families living within its jurisdiction. Each Red Cross Chapter has organized a HOME SERVICE SECTION usually composed of not to exceed seven people and made up of men and women. It is the duty of these Home Service Sections to see that no soldier's or sailor's family suffers because the man is at the front. They give them assistance in many ways, as follows:

- 1. Aiding the wife to secure an allotment from her husband and the separation allowance from the government.
2. Looking after the family when some of its members become ill.
3. Acting as big brother or big sister to disobedient boys and girls.
4. Securing positions for members of the family.
5. Aiding in legal, business and insurance matters.
6. Protecting families from dishonest agents and sharks.
7. Following up grants or loans when the family is in distress and when the amount given by the soldier and the government is not sufficient to provide for the family.
8. It will not be long before all Red Cross chapters will have this important service, for they see that the nation which

finally gets the most out of this war is the one that takes the best care of its women and children while the men are away.
At present Home Service Sections are giving great assistance to the families by explaining the features of the war insurance bill. They have organized an information service at chapter headquarters and are now prepared to tell each family how to secure an allotment from the man in service, how to secure the government separation allowance and how much it will amount to; what benefits come from the law if their soldier is injured or killed. They are also giving definite and accurate information about the cheap government insurance which this bill provides. ALFRED FAIRBANK, Director of Civilian Relief, Southwestern Division A. R. C., 1511 Railway Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.

16,000,000 JOINED RED CROSS IN BIG CHRISTMAS DRIVE

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION LED OTHER 12 IN UNITED STATES IN NUMBER OBTAINED.

GRAND TOTAL NOW 22,000,000

Fifth of Entire Population of This Country Belongs to the Great "Army Behind the Army."

One-fifth of the entire population of the United States belongs to the American Red Cross.

Twenty-two million persons constitute the Army Behind the Army.

Sixteen million new members were added as a result of the Christmas membership campaign. Six million officers of the United States already were members.

Ten million new members was the goal set for the Christmas campaign. Six million more than the required number were obtained, 2,200,000 of these coming from the Southwestern division, which was made up by the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Southwestern division led the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross both as to the number of members obtained and from a percentage basis. Wonderful Achievement.

The wonderful achievement of enrolling one-fifth of the entire population of the United States as members of the Red Cross is less a triumph than it is a call to greater service, according to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, who pointed out that greater service and sacrifice must be the watch word of the 22,000,000 members of the world's greatest organization of its kind.

The latest reports available indicate that the Christmas drive for 10,000,000 new members for the American Red Cross has resulted in the addition of fully 16,000,000 names to its rolls. This number, added to the more than 6,000,000 members before Christmas campaign, makes the total present enrollment fully 22,000,000.

This is a magnificent fact—an expression not alone of the patriotism but of the fine sympathy and idealism of the whole American people. The Red Cross War Council congratulates and welcomes every new member of the American Red Cross. Likewise it congratulates the officers and old members of the organization who have given unstintingly of their time and effort to make this membership campaign a success; but the wonderful achievement of enrolling one-fifth of the entire population of the United States as members of the American Red Cross is less a triumph than it is a call to greater service.

The Red Cross is not merely a humanitarian organization, separate and distinct from others, but it is the mobilized heart and spirit of the whole American people. The American Red Cross is carrying a message of love and sympathy to American soldiers and sailors and to the troops and civilian population of our allies in all parts of the world. It is seeking to lay a foundation for a more enduring peace. As we stand on the threshold of a new year in this hour of world's tragedy, there can be but one thought in the minds of the 22,000,000 members of the American Red Cross, and that is to serve and sacrifice as never before.

ARCHITECT DRAWS RED CROSS PLANS, CARRIES THEM OUT

LOUIS LABEAUME, ST. LOUIS, HELPS PUT OVER GREAT MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

HE THANKS NEWSPAPER MEN

Declares This Publication and Other Influential Papers in Southwest Made Success Possible.

The man behind the publicity behind the solicitors who got 1,244,000 new members for the Red Cross in the Southwestern division, occupying the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, is an architect, which is intended two ways. He is Louis LaBeaume of St. Louis, architect by profession, architect of the fortunes of the Red Cross in the Southwestern division and one of the most earnest and most capable of Uncle Sam's talented 34-year army.

When it became apparent that the United States government had need for men of affairs to direct the various activities of the Red Cross Mr. LaBeaume volunteered his services.

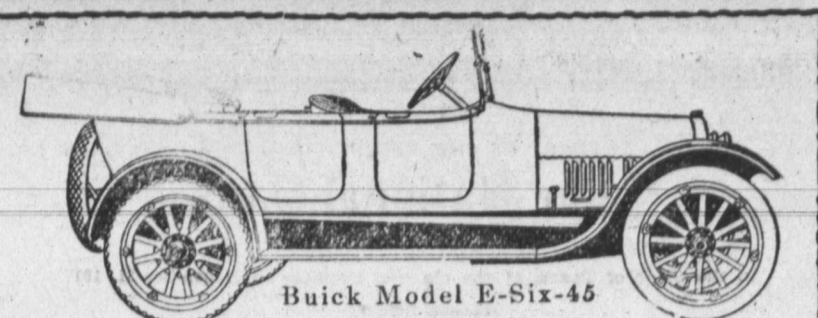
George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern division of the Red Cross, complimented Mr. LaBeaume highly upon the fact that he was a potent factor in the tremendous success of the membership campaign of the Southwestern division. Mr. LaBeaume says:

"The remarkable results achieved in the Southwestern division during the Christmas membership campaign are due in no small measure to the loyal support of the press. Newspaper proprietors and editors throughout the division have given generously of their space. The results show that chapter publicity directors have been on the jump and have kept Red Cross enthusiasm at fever heat. Every man, woman and child who took part in this campaign must feel a glow of satisfaction and pride in the consciousness of work well done. It is the continuation of this spirit which will bring victory to the cause for which we are fighting. Even though the campaign is technically over, we urge you to keep up the good work."

POWER OF THE PRESS.

The power of the press largely was responsible for the splendid showing made by the Southwestern division of the Red Cross in the big Christmas membership campaign. The Southwest was given the task of getting 1,244,000 new members. As a result of the splendid publicity campaign directed by Louis LaBeaume of St. Louis and the businesslike organization effected by John L. Johnson and George W. Simmons, chairman of the campaign and Southwestern manager of the Red Cross, respectively, this district got nearly three times its quota of members, leading all the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross in the United States.

Mr. LaBeaume very properly gives proper credit to this newspaper and other newspapers of the Southwest for the splendid results obtained in the campaign. In these times, when self-satisfaction is absolutely necessary in every walk of life, it is a pleasure to record that the newspapers of the Southwest are doing their share to help win the war. In the campaign just closed the newspapers contributed their valuable space to the cause, while Mr. Simmons, Mr. Johnson and Mr. LaBeaume contributed their services and their time.



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NOTICE

To Ford Owners:

In the future we are compelled to request all buyers of parts and accessories to pay cash. We cannot handle our large assortment on a credit basis.

We Must Have The Cash

Remember, please, our supply department will be kept full in all lines, but please do not ask us to book any more of these purchases.

THE FORD AGENCY

WILL MANNING Proprietor

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS Pape Strain

MOST MARVELOUS PRODUCERS OF LARGE, WHITE EGGS; MOST ATTRACTIVE IN THE SHOW ROOM; MOST PROFITABLE TO GROW; MOST ECONOMICAL TO KEEP; MOST AGREEABLE TO TEND; MOST DELICIOUS TO EAT, AND FOR MAJESTIC BEAUTY, SIZE, HEALTH, HARDINESS AND RESISTIBILITY IN ALL CLIMATES ARE UNSURPASSED BY ANY OTHER BREED. THEY ARE THRIFTY, ENERGETIC, NON-SETTERS, GOOD FORAGERS, LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE, AND BEING BLACK IN PLUMAGE, DO NOT FURNISH A READY TARGET FOR HAWKS, OWLS, WOLVES AND PREDATORY VARMINTS AS DO WHITE OR PARTI-COLORED FOWLS. MY stock is from the GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP matings of Chas. G. Page, 25 years a Minorca Specialist and one of the foremost breeders of America. They are prolific producers of LARGE, WHITE EGGS and first prize winners at the leading shows of the country, having won at Chicago Coliseum, American Royal (Kansas City), Kentucky State Fair (Louisville), Mississippi State Fair (Jackson), Triangle Poultry Show (Ft. Wayne, Ind.), Interstate Exposition (South Bend, Ind.), Tennessee State Fair (Nashville), Mid-Winter Fair (Tampa, Fla.), Texas State Fair, and many others. At the last Dallas Fair show they made almost a clean sweep in well filled classes, winning 1st, 2nd and 4th cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th pullet; 1st old and 1st young pen; 1st and 2nd old and 1st and 2nd young flocks—showing possibly unequalled by any other breeder.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—After January 1st, I will offer eggs from grand matings at \$2.00 and \$5.00 per setting of 15. Book orders now to insure getting them as the supply will be limited. Get a start of these grand birds and you will never regret it. ALL MY SPARE COCKERELS HAVE BEEN SOLD. B. P. HARRISON, Box 191, Midland, Texas

Member International S. C. Black Minorca Club.

DELINQUENT CITY C

List of Lands, Returned Delin 1912 to

(Continued)

Table listing delinquent lands with columns for lot number, acreage, and owner name. Includes entries like '1915-Unknown, 5 21, block 98', '1916-Unknown, lot 2, block 98', etc.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST CITY OF MIDLAND

List of Lands, Lots, or Parts of Lots, Returned Delinquent for the years 1912 to 1916 inclusive

(Continued from page eight)

Table listing delinquent tax items with columns for year, location, and amount. Includes entries for 1915 and 1916 across various blocks and sections.

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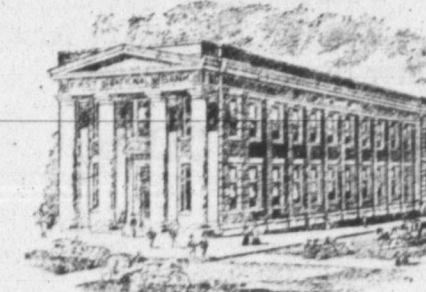
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First National Bank MIDLAND, TEXAS

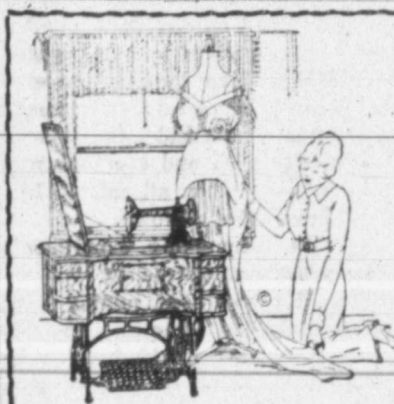


Condition on Nov. 20th, 1917

Table showing financial data: Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits \$229,832.23; Deposits \$928,639.01; Total Resources \$1,183,471.24.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time.

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Office with the Midland National Bank. W. H. Brunson, President; Will A. Martin, Vice President; B. C. Girdley, Sec.-Treas.-Mgr.

A FAMILY MEDICINE

In Her Mother's Home, Says This Georgia Lady, Regarding Black-Draught. Relief From Headache, Malaria, Chills, Etc.

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HONORED AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Two Midland girls were honored with offices when post-holiday elections were held by the literary societies of Texas Christian University. They are Miss Mary Wilhite and Miss Nellie Elkin, daughters of J. H. Wilhite and W. S. Elkin, respectively, of Midland.

Since this is the first year these young women have attended the university, their elections are signal compliments to their application to duty and popularity in the school. Miss Wilhite was made president of the Walton Literary Society, while Miss Elkin was elected vice-president of the same organization.

The literary societies, of which there are four in number, occupy an important place in the student life of the institution. Interesting programs of various kinds are given regularly by them in which practically all the students take part at one time or another. The different inter-society declamation contests and debates are always numbered among the most spirited events of the year.

Miss Beatrice Mabry,
Press Correspondent.

D. O. Bailey and M. H. Fisher, farmers from the southeast part of the county were on the streets this week and report the ground not suitable yet for plowing.

Tar Dillard was operated on for appendicitis here this week and stood the ordeal well.

WILL BE HERE A WEEK FROM TOMORROW

On Saturday, January 26th, the income tax officer, previously announced in these columns, will be in Midland and will remain until the close of January 9th. He will be here only on these inclusive dates, January 26th to 29th.

His duty will be to assist individuals in the preparation of their income tax returns. All persons should confer with this representative of the government at once and ascertain whether or not they are liable under the law for a report. It is the tax payers duty to look up this officer. HE WILL NOT CALL ON YOU. Failure to make report, if liable, subjects the persons so failing to severe penalties.

After the last date given hereon the officer will not again return to this county. You should see him while here.

The postmaster or any banker in Midland can tell you where his office is located.

Next Friday afternoon at 4:15, a matinee will be given at the Unique. "With the Stars and Stripes in France," is the feature and 15 and 25 cents will be the admission and we pay the war tax. adv

Jno. R. Wadsworth, cowman from the Barstow country was in the city this week and reports that during the late storm very few cattle died. Most of the ranchmen are feeding.

MIDLAND SHOULD CALL ON RAINMAKER

The Famous Hatfield Called to Our Attention Again by a Former Townsman

We recently had a letter from an esteemed friend and former townsman, S. H. Holloway, who lives now at Long Beach, Cal. It is pleasing to know that Mr. Holloway's sight is much improved, since an operation. For a year or so he was almost blind, and he requests that we inform his old friends of at least his partial recovery.

Mr. Holloway also calls our attention again to the famous Hatfield, the California rainmaker, by sending us a clipping from a Los Angeles paper. Readers of The Reporter, will remember that two years ago Pres. T. J. O'Donnell, of the Midland & Northwestern, had correspondence with Hatfield and that the latter was willing to guarantee his ability to produce rain here for a certain consideration, a reasonable consideration. The correspondence was published in The Reporter, and while negotiations were under way it commenced to rain and we didn't need him. The clipping from the Los Angeles paper is as follows:

Hearing that there is no one in Southern California who would be fighting mad if it rained, Charles M. Hatfield, who has alternated between rainmaking and mining for a number of years, has arrived in Los Angeles. Hatfield is just as confident as ever that he can produce rain. He's ready to offer guarantees and talk business, he said, with each and everyone who wants rain. If they all call on him he will have quite a crowd.

Hatfield's rainmaking experiments a few years ago attracted wide attention. He has been mining near Mojave lately, but came into Los Angeles last night, he said, because he realized that there is need of rain and he is ready to deliver it. Here's his statement:

"I wish to make the following proposition through the press of Los Angeles to the many sections in Southern and Central California which are now suffering from the most fearful and protracted drought which those portions of the State have ever experienced.

"That I will begin my world-famous demonstrations upon the atmosphere and will guarantee that there shall be a heavy rainfall immediately following the commencing of my tests. No time should be lost, as this is a most critical moment. The food question is paramount to all others and means should be taken at once to relieve this portion of the State of this natural handicap."

"Charles Hatfield,
"204 South Broadway."

The Reporter don't know whether or not there is virtue in high explosive in the production of rain. We know, though, from newspaper reports, that in Europe where the great fighting goes on it rains almost continuously. We know, too, that since the use of high explosives in warfare history is full of accounts of atmospheric disturbances following in the wake of great battles, rain, snow, storms, etc.; and we know, further, that nothing of such is mentioned of the battles of ancient times, when the fighting was carried on without the use of explosives.

As the matter remains so in doubt, then, we feel disposed to commission Pres. O'Donnell to again take the matter up with Hatfield, whose address is given above. A few years ago Hatfield nearly ruined the Southern portion of California, down about San Diego, with his rain-making. At least he operated and the whole country was terrifically flooded. We'd like to see him pull off something like that here. We can guarantee him against legal proceedings, no matter how much he makes it rain in the Midland Country.

PECOS COUNTY RANCH SELLS FOR \$200,000

San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 15.—Final papers in the \$200,000 sale of the S. Ross Peters ranch in Pecos County were signed at Fort Stockton this week. The property consists of 40,000 acres, located thirty-five miles south of Fort Stockton, and was purchased by George Allison and sons, G. C. and John S. Allison, of Sonora.

One thousand head of cows also changed hands in the transaction at \$65 each.

L. D. Jones was in this week from near Shafter Lake and reports several inches of snow and few losses of cattle.

Bob Allison was here Wednesday from Switcher County, where he has his cattle. Mr. Allison reports no losses.

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All men's overcoats to close 1-4 off. All men's and boys' mackinaws to close 1-3 off. All men's and boys' sweaters to close at 1-3 off.

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It is because we need the money, we are making you these prices, for everything here is priced much below their cost.

EVERYBODY'S

TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. H. E. GUMMINS

It is with sadness we deplore the loss of our dear friend and sister, Mrs. Cummins.

Our hearts go out in loving kindness to her bereaved family. May it lighten their hearts to know that the sympathies of the members of the Auxiliary go out to them in their grief and sorrow; may they find consolation in these thoughts:

"There's nothing terrible in death, 'Tis but to cast our robes away And sleep at night without a breath. To break repose, 'till dawn of day." Dear Heavenly Father, enable us to say, "Thy will be done. The Lord hath given, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We thank Thee for the hope of immortality; for the assurance in Thy Word that Christ is the resurrection and the life; "that whosoever believeth in Him shall never die." We thank Thee, our Father, for the life work of our dear sister Myrtle, who has been called from her labor to her reward. It has been truly said: "She was the poor people's friend." There cannot be too many good things said about her.

Teach us, Lord, to know our days fly swiftly by like a weaver's shuttle and number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, and at last receive us unto Thyself with all our loved ones who have gone on before; all of which we ask for Thy name's sake.

Mrs. Herrmann,
Mrs. R. Barron,
Mrs. Mims,
Committee.

Notice to Debtors

Notice is hereby given that the Western Auto Company has changed hands, K. E. Nutt, Allen Tolbert, and Chas. Kerr selling to Clayton Bros., and all persons owing the above-named, composing the old firm, are requested to pay immediately. The accounts of the outgoing parties must be closed, otherwise we will be subjected to very great inconvenience. Parties owing us will please give this matter prompt attention.

K. E. Nutt,
Allen Tolbert,
Chas. Kerr.

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THE RED CROSS AND SURGICAL DRESSING

We copy the following from a recent issue of "Important Items," published by Southwestern Division headquarters every week:

"Keep all your available space for workers constantly full. Open new work rooms to fit your growing demands. If you do not have growing demands, there is something wrong with you. We are only at the beginning of our work and there should be a constant and continuous growth. We should not be satisfied until we have every available worker for all her available time."

We are urging every one who has taken this course to come and bring a friend or two or three or more. If you can't give an entire afternoon, spend an hour with us. There is room and work for all.

The following ladies will be in charge of the workroom for the next week:

Saturday—Miss Tanner.
Monday—Mrs. Watta.
Wednesday—Mrs. Callaway.
Thursday—Mrs. White.
Tuesday and Friday afternoons and nights are for class instruction. The second box of dressings will be shipped Saturday. A card from readers acknowledged the receipt of the first box.
Supervisor of Workers.

W. H. ROHLFING IS NOW IMPROVING

It is very gratifying to report our young friend, W. H. Rohlfing, now improving, after two weeks' suffering of a general break-down. While his condition is still critical, there are now hopes that he will shortly be able to be up, but it will be some time before he will be able to attend to business as heretofore.

"With the Stars and Stripes in France" next Friday afternoon at 4:15, Unique. Come out and bring the children. Admission 15 and 25 cents, and we pay the war tax. adv

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