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### Devil's River News.

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Stockman's Paradise.

Sonora, Texas, - March 29, 1919.

### WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club will meet hereafter in the Woodman's Hall.

### MORE RED CROSS SEWING.

Our Red Cross sewing is here and it is the duty of each and every woman to do her part. So make an effort to sew at least one afternoon in each week and let's get it finished by the first of April as it is needed very badly.

Mrs. J. W. Trainer,  
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### RED CROSS MEETS.

The Executive Committee of the Sonora Chapter of the Red Cross meets on the first Monday in every month.

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### NO TRESPASS.

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T. L. BENSON,  
Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1918.

### HONOR DUE AMERICAN HEN

Well and Nobly Did Domestic Bird Play Its Part in the Fateful Year, 1918.

When the story of the war is written there should be a page reserved for the achievements of the American hen in the fateful year, 1918.

The hens set up a producing record that wipes all earlier marks off the slate. There were 1,921,000,000 dozens of eggs laid during the year which, reduced to figures that are understandable, shows that the hens produced every day between five and six eggs for every man, woman and child in the country.

The egg crop was 147,000,000 dozens larger than in 1914 and 226,000,000 dozen larger than the average for the five-year period prior to the war.

Toasts will be drunk to the American eagle, the praises of our heroes will be sung, and everything from posters down to corn that helped win the war will be given just credit. At such a time the great American hen should not be forgotten.

The annual report of Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture shows what the hens did in the war year. They had a fearful responsibility put upon them and did nobly. There were few slacker hens in 1918.

### GOT THEIR WELCOME MIXED

If Authorities of British Town Became Somewhat Peevish, There Was a Good Excuse.

Great preparations were made in a northern town of Great Britain some days ago to welcome a batch of returned prisoners of war. A train pulled in at the station, the khaki-clad occupants were overwhelmed with greetings and a procession of them was formed, headed by the band which was to play them through the principal thoroughfare. But one by one they seemed to find friends among the crowd and dropped out to seek refreshment.

The promoters of the scheme of welcome were rather annoyed when the band arrived at the town hall almost unaccompanied. They were still more annoyed when they found they had been a little previous, and the train with the real prisoners came in unwelcomed a few minutes after the band had marched triumphantly away with what proved to be just a party of men who had been discharged in another locality and were somewhat surprised at the warmth of their reception!

If the Algerian farmers come thoroughly acquainted with American farm methods and machinery and if the manufacturers of American farm machinery, and particularly of farm wagons, plows, disk harrows, grain drills, tractors and thrashing machines, would study the needs of the Algerian farmers and would supply those needs at reasonable prices, a very profitable trade could be established between America and Algeria and Algerian agriculture would be greatly benefited thereby.

### MALLARD DUCKS PROFITABLE.

Raising mallard ducks is an industry which should be developed as extensively as possible in order to supplement the decreasing national supply of game. The ease with which the mallard can be bred makes it the best species for wild-duck farming, and its beauty, popularity, hardiness, adaptability and fecundity fit it no other duck is fitted to be the game duck of the future.

### NATURAL QUERY.

The Old-Timer—Yes, sir; we had two ice crops this winter.  
The Newcomer to the Country—That speaks pretty well for this section. I'm glad we moved out here. What kind of water do you plant?—Woman's Home Companion.

### RELATIVE POSITIONS.

"Never say anything unkind about a person behind his back."  
"But," protested the soldier, "that's the only way to talk to a Boche when you get him on the run."

### CHANGED A BIT.

"Do you speak German?"  
"No, but I understand it's a guttural language."  
"Yes. You might say German is still throaty, but not so chesty as it was."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 18.

A resolution to amend Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas as follows: Strike out the words "Four Thousand," found in the third line of Section 5, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Ten Thousand," and adding after the word "furniture" the words, "and this clause shall be self-enacting," and making an appropriation to pay necessary expenses hereof.

Be it Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section No. 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 5. ARTICLE IV. GOVERNOR'S SALARY AND MANSION.

He shall at stated times receive as compensation for his service an annual salary of ten thousand dollars, and no more, and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's Mansion, fixtures and furniture, and this clause shall be self-enacting.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in May, A. D. 1919, same being the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1919, and the Governor of this State is hereby directed to make the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same duly published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the general election laws of the State and the official ballot shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the words, "OFFICIAL BALLOT," and also the words, "For the amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," and also the words, "Against the amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas."

All voters favoring such amendment shall erase, by making a mark through the words "Against the amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," and all voters opposing such amendment shall erase by making a mark through the words "For the amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas." If a majority of votes cast shall be "For the amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes cast shall be "Against the amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," said amendment shall be lost and shall be so declared.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover the necessary expenses attached to the proclamation and publication of this amendment, and the Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation and cause the same to be duly published.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,  
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### MUSEUM GETS RARE STATUE

Unusual Example of Early Ming Art Presented to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

There has been added to the oriental collection of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts an unusual example of early Ming sculpture in the form of a life-size bronze statue of one of those immediate disciples of Buddha distinguished by the Chinese as "Lohans," and called by the Japanese "Arhats" or "Rakans." This work comes as a gift from John R. Van Derlip, president of the board of trustees. It dates probably from the end of the fourteenth or the beginning of the fifteenth century. It came to America via Japan, whither it was brought after the close of the Boxer uprising in 1899. Up to that time it had stood near the entrance of the Temple of Tien Ning Su, in the city of Peking. The figure and lotus pedestal are cast in one piece. The figure is 57 inches in height, and with the pedestal 67 inches. The Lohan wears a Buddhist robe with characteristic ornamentation, which was elaborately colored, much of the color still remaining visible. The head and face are admirably modeled and the statue presents a personage of great dignity.

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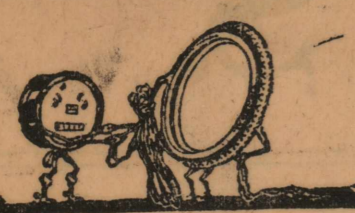
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PERMANENT WEEKLY.  
MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.  
STEVE MURPHY, Publisher.

Not read at the Postoffice at Sonora as second-class matter.

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Sonora, Texas, - March 29, 1919.

### EDDIE DeBOER RETURNS

First Sonora Boy of National Army to go Overseas is Home

Wounded at Verdun but in Fighting at Chateau Thierry, On the Marne and at St. Mihiel

Edward C DeBoer, Company I 103 Infantry, 26th Division, returned home Tuesday from a years service in France. Eddie DeBoer left Sonora on October 5th, 1917 for Camp Travis and with 16 companions from that Camp sailed for France February 27th, 1918 and landed at Brest March 10. For a few months he was in training in the Toul sector and saw active service after June the 6th with the 28th Division. This division was made up largely of men from the New England States, Maine and Massachusetts and was the first full division to arrive in France. He was in the Chateau Thierry fight from June 16th and on the Marne from July 4 to 30th. They were also in the St. Mihiel American action from September 12th to 15 and on September 20th while holding a corner of the trenches on the Verdun front, operating an automatic gun a shell fell within five feet of them, and one of his five companions was killed and the other four including himself wounded. From that date until Christmas eye he was in a hospital. The last hospital being at Vichy which he says was the prettiest place he saw in France. He is not noticeably disabled but the x-ray shows a fragment of shell in his body close to his bladder. He will take a course in concrete engineering probably at the A & M during which time he will receive \$65 per month and tuition. He says the closest place he was to was at Mount Sac when the Germans laid a box barrage around them and 600 of the enemy under a smoke screen got behind them. One of his happiest moments was when walking into a pool hall in New York the night he landed there. De Boer stepped up to the bar and said "howdy, I know the back of your head" Sure glad to be home and lucky to be as sound as I am. The army has good doctors and the Red Cross nurses are entitled to all praise.

Mrs. B. K. James, the young soldier's mother is receiving the congratulations of friends on his safe return.

### STOCK NEWS.

S. E. McKnight of Sonora bought from B. N. Aycock & Sons of Midland, a yearling Hereford bull for \$1000

A. F. Clarkson was in Sonora Monday. He says his fall clip of wool was sold about a month ago at 49 cents.

J. W. Wilson who ranches 18 miles south of Sonora has received word that his fall clip brought 60 cents per pound.

Bryan Hunt shipped his wool via San Angelo and W. E. Hodges shipped his via Del Rio. The Government valuation was the same, both clips bringing 53 1/2.

Sol Kelley who ranches 16 miles south of Sonora enjoyed his visit to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. He found out why the Jersey cows that were not in the show sheds were on the grounds.

The best Mat Karnes saw at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, were red roan Durhams and the white Durhams were next. However Mr. Karnes uses Herefords on the ranch.

Bruce Drake of Ozona, sold to Spillers and Hodges of Kimble county, two herds of ewes at \$13 per head. The sheep will be driven to the J. N. Hodges ranch in Kimble county and separated.

S. E. McKnight of Sonora, was re-elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Cattle Raisers Association at the meeting at Dallas, W. W. Turney of El Paso was elected president and Houston selected as the place for holding the next annual convention.

W. C. Bryson of Sonora bought at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Roy Fairfax a registered Hereford bull, 16 months old for \$500 from Goerbauer & Eidsen of Midland, Texas. Richard Fairfax a five year old Hereford bull sold last week at Chicago to Ferguson Bros. of Canby, Minn., for \$60,000. If there is anything in the name Mr. Bryson's calf has rich relations.

Reports on the classification and values of the Sonora country fall wool clip is being received from the Government. No classification was made at the concentration points in Texas on the fall clip, the wools being shipped to Bos on where the valuation was made. The clips are valued at from 45 to 61 cents. It is understood the Government will hold their wools off the market until November in order not to interfere with the spring clip that will soon be on the market.

Beware of small expenses. Stop them with War Saving Stamps.

### VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN. Program Fifth Sunday Meeting

Dallas, Texas, March 17 1919  
Editor Devil's River News,  
Sonora, Texas.

Dear Sir:—There seems some slight doubt in the minds of some people as to the exact nature and urgency of The Victory Liberty Loan

Will you allow me to place the facts very briefly before your readers?

The Government spent all of the Fourth Loan money before the last installment was due from the public. It has been borrowing billions of dollars from the banks during the last few months to pay our war debts, and the time has arrived when the money must be paid back to the banks.

The money which we are now asked to lend is to pay for those vast stores of equipment and munition, which saved the Germans stiff and made them realize they were beaten. We are asked to pay for the preparations that saved thousands of American lives; for if the Government had not run up this bill our boys would be fighting and dying in the trenches today.

This loan should be considered in terms of human lives, not percentages or any other considerations, for it will constitute the real test of Americanism.

It is a Loan of thanksgiving to Almighty God, to the men who suffered and died for us, and to a sane and enlightened government that kept us out of war as long as possible, and then being in it brought us out in a manner that will live for all time as a monument of courage and efficiency. It is a Loan of Thanksgiving for the preservation of our national life, our business, our fortunes, our homes, all of which were threatened.

Why should I write more? Such considerations inevitably must appeal to the heart and mind of every true man and woman.

For, unluckily, the Government intends to make the offering bear a very fair rate of interest. If it bore no interest at all there would still be enough red blooded Americans in this part of the world to oversubscribe it. As it is, The Victory Liberty Loan is going over, and going over BIG.

Yours for The Victory Liberty Loan  
FRANK M. SMITH,  
Federal District Director.

### GOOD ROADS PAY.

B. B. Hail, president of the West Texas Lumber Company, was looking after business in Sonora Wednesday. In a recent issue of the San Angelo Standard Mr. Hail was quoted as favoring good roads as follows: Why does a man not do all his traveling and hauling on the public roads with the old time ox wagons? Or, to make an extreme illustration, why does he not do all his hauling with a goat cart? Everyone knows the answer to these questions; the goat cart could haul only a handful; the ox wagon could carry a pretty good load, but it would carry it very slowly; the light wagon and small team can draw only a small load; the big team and heavy wagon can pull a big load and do it quickly.

A good road increases the pulling capacity of a team fully as rapidly as the increase in size and cost of the team does. A little team on a hard surfaced road can pull a bigger load than the best of teams on the great majority of our Tom Green county roads. The farmer is willing to pay for the hauling ability by buying a good team and wagon. Why should he not be willing to pay for hauling ability by buying a good road? The one has the same effect as the other. And, should he already own a big team and a big wagon, a hard surfaced road will enable them to double their efficiency.

It frequently costs the user of a road more money to have a bad road than it does to have a good road (in fact this is practically always a fact.) When a man starts out with a load over a bad road, he is liable to break a single tree or a trace-chain, or smash a wheel, or meet with any other one of a hundred different accidents by reason of the mud holes or rough places in the road. Every time he pays a repair bill for such causes, he is paying a bad road tax.

Your City Tax for 1918 is past due and unpaid. A penalty of 10 per cent will be added after April 30th.

MRS. J. A. COPE,  
City Tax Collector.

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Recleaned Dwarf  
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### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

D. B. CUSENBARY,  
56-4f  
Sonora, Texas.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas

### SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ENTERTAINED.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, March 27, from 6 to 11:15 p. m., the returned soldiers and sailors of Sutton with the ladies of their choice were entertained in a lively and delightful manner. Invitations to the event were sent to Uncle Sam's Service men, and they read as follows:

"A second call to the Colors true!  
Don't be worried.  
Don't be anxious.  
'Tis only a barbecue.

Only two things we ask of you—  
We trust they'll please,  
Come in uniform,  
And bring your best girlie too."

A small stamp flag at the top of the invitations gave them the patriotic touch. The decorations at the scene of the entertainment were exclusively in the National Colors.

The barbecue was partaken of in the waning light of a beautiful spring day, and it was just such a sun-set as West Texas is famous for; and the kind of an evening that the men longed for more than once while in the Service. Rev. S. C. Dunn gave the blessing and immediately the repast began. The goat had been prepared to a log-cabin brown and the pickles and lettuce set it off to an Epicure's taste. Light bread and coffee and pie in ample quantity filled the menu.

After the feast all repaired to the interior of the home and partners were rechosen in the following manner: Each boy was given a word common to the Service and the girl who had the definition for it became his new partner. They entered a contest; each couple being provided with paper and pencil, named and located as many army camps as they could, and for each camp thus located they were each paid a frijole. So beans became the medium of exchange, and everybody was hustling after beans.

As a continuation of the bean industry, if a person failed to salute when some one said "Army", "Navy", "Uncle Sam" or "United States" they paid a bean to the speaker for their negligence. The talking that ensued as a result of this bean business was immensely amusing.

Writing a sort of blind history of a girl and boy proved an absorbing affair. But the most laughable thing was the auction sale. All articles were bought with beans. An Irish potato enclosed in a shoe box sold for a life preserver; A bird when brought forth proved to be a Blue Jay corn plaster; two linen sheets for a couple contemplating house keeping turned out to be two sheets of writing paper, and one article guaranteed to be the exact likeness of the purchaser was a nut, etc.

All in all, it was indeed an evening to be remembered by the following happy participants: Merton Shurley, Vernon Hamilton, Hayne Davis, Tom Davis, Henry Mittel, Fred Grimland, Clayton Puckett, Heber Wyatt, John Mittel, Prof. White, Mr. Pruitt, Mr. Carpenter, Christian Myers, Birdwell Davis, Bill Davis, Grady Lowrey, Jonathan Nix and Mr. Terry.

Rev. S. C. Dunn and family, Mrs. Harold Saunders, Mrs. Pruitt

Misses Mattie Strickland, of Ozona, Pearl Lee House, Nell Talley, Ray Davis, Sybil Eaton, Rita Ross, Deff Dial, of Menard, Winnie Puckett, Marie Doty, of Eldorado, Willie May Winn, Iva Borum, Mary Miles, Elma Evans, Joana Stokes, and Nell Davis.

John Hurst was in from his ranch west of Sonora Thursday. Mr. Hurst was for many years one of the Sonora country's most successful well drillers. He says the deepest well he drilled was on the Whitehead ranch where they went over 700 feet. They struck what before then was called sea mud but he says it was a joint gravelly clay that puddled. He went about 200 feet in it in the Whitehead well but says it could have been gone through if it had been cased. In his drilling experience the most oil he struck was on the old Twin Hill ranch in Southeastern Crockett county.

James Melvin Lewis, Company E, 360th Infantry, 90th division, was in Sonora Wednesday, from Eldorado. Mr. Lewis has recently been returned from France where he was incapacitated by pneumonia early in September. He was among the casuals on the ship stranded off the shores of New York and had to be brought ashore on a tug. He went into the service from Schleicher county but formerly worked for W. B. Adams on the North Llano.

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### NOTICE.

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Fares from San Angelo to Eldorado \$4.00  
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Phone 51, San Angelo, Texas.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE.

This is to give notice that all owners of dogs must secure license for them before April 1st. After that date all dogs running loose without license will be taken up.

80-4 S. I. Merck, City Marshal.

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

We have installed a Long Distance booth and Pay Station at T. L. Benson's office for public use.  
San Angelo Telephone Co.

### FOR SALE.

About 2000 cedar posts for sale. Seven feet, 30 cents. See  
37 J. E. Grimland, Sonora.

### Notice To The Public.

From April 1st the price of milk will be 7 1/2 cents a pint 15 cents a quart. Families taking two or more quarts a day a liberal discount will be made:

80-4 G. W. Puckett.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,  
54  
Sonora, Texas.

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### INDIANS STRICKEN BY "FLU"

Navajos Reported to Have Suffered Terribly During the Recent Strange Epidemic.

A pitiful account of the sufferings of the Navajo Indians in the recent epidemic has just reached the Cambridge branch of the Massachusetts Indian association in a letter from Mrs. Eldredge, who for so many years lived among these people in the Fisk house, which was supported by the branch. She writes:

"Our poor Navajos! It would make your heart ache to know of their troubles. Many families have perished. One family of 15 has all died and their sheep are wandering without any care. That is only one instance of hundreds similar.

"Many Navajo young men were working on the highway between Durango and Silverton when the 'flu' first broke, and when the sickness reached them they started for home. As they were not allowed on the train, they started to walk from Durango to Farmington, and many died by the roadside. They were, of course, buried by the white people and now their friends are inquiring for them and will never know what became of them. It is very, very sad."

### BLEW HIS PILE



Jiggs—They say that there was not much money in circulation this Christmas.

Jiggs—Well, all mine was.

### WAR BREAD OF THE ROMANS.

Suetonius, a Roman historian, in his "Life of Julius Caesar," describes the war bread of the Roman soldiers in 48 B. C. as follows: "When Caesar began the civil war proposed to supply from his own allowance, and all the soldiers offered their services without pay and without rations, the richer assuming the care of the poorer. Throughout the long struggle not one deserted, and many who were captured refused to accept their lives when offered them on the condition of serving against Caesar. They bore hunger and other hardships, both when in a state of siege and when besieging others, with such fortitude that when Pompey saw in the works at Dyrrachium a kind of bread of herbs, on which they were living, he said that he was fighting wild beasts, and he gave orders that it be put out of sight quickly and shown to none of his men, for fear that the endurance and resolution of the foe would break their spirit."

### PLEASED HER.

"Our chauffeur wants to marry me, papa," said the daughter of the rich man.

"Marry you! Well, I like his nerve!" exclaimed the incensed parent.

"Oh, I'm glad of that, papa. I was so afraid you wouldn't."

### HIS INSPIRATION.

"What made you a multimillionaire?"

"My wife."

"Ah, her tactful help—"

"Nothing like that. I was simply curious to know if there was any income she couldn't live beyond."

### WHAT YOU DON'T SEE, ETC.

June was commenting on some mischief she likes to be up to. And said I, "I'll bet your mother doesn't like you to do that." She came back with, "Oh, she don't care when she don't know I do it."—Exchange.

### A DEFINITION.

"Say, pa," called little Willie, "what is a flight of fancy?"

"Well, my boy, one of the most beautiful while it lasts is Santa Claus' whirlwind tour on Christmas eve."

### NEWTON HOTEL

OVER MASSIE FURNITURE CO  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.  
Nice Rooms, Clean Beds. 60c.  
MRS. LENA MEHWETTER,  
New Proprietor.

# ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

THERE IS A PESTILENCE RAGING IN EUROPE which is a menace to our financial and national health. It is called "Bolshevism". It has Russia by the throat. Anarchy sits on the throne with a bloody sword in one hand and a flaming torch in the other. This disease is also working westward. Already it is knocking at our doors. No quarantine will keep it out. Our best remedy is the Liberty Bond.

Let us vaccinate the whole nation with Thrift. It is fundamental that no man will seek to overthrow the Government that owes him money. Let's keep our own bonds and spread the gospel of Thrift.

Your Liberty Bond is:  
Your memento of the war  
Your pledge of patriotism  
Your Service Stripe

## STICK TO IT

If in Need of Funds we will Assist You Hold Your Bonds  
**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

OF SONORA, TEXAS.



## REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS

I have for sale 25 Registered Hereford Bulls, Seven months to Two years old.

See, Write or Phone me at my Gunzer ranch,

**J. M. STEWART,**

Phone 90 SL Sonora, Texas.

### Devil's River News.

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Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.

Sonora, Texas, - March 29, 1919.

### CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 7th.

The City Council met Friday morning and in conformity with the request of the County Health Officer Dr. C. R. Carver, and the Womens Club, ordered that all trash, garbage, etc., be hauled off or put in boxes, sacks or other receptacles and placed convenient for loading on a truck or wagon for removal on April 7th.

This date is set and action taken to encourage all the City to become sanitary from that date and is in the form of an order of the City Council. If not observed the County Health Officer and the City Administration will adopt forcible measures. Sonora must keep clean and sanitary.

### RED CROSS.

There is coming an Instructor in Home Nursing and Hygiene for further information see Mrs. Geo. J. Trainer, Mrs. H. Eastland, Mrs. W. C. Bryson.

### FOR EDUCATION.

I wish to urge the parents to promptly furnish the school census takers with the names of the children within the scholastic age of 7 to 17 years. Our schools need all the money we are entitled to and it is our duty to do this. The census must be made before April 1st. Please assist, W. E. Hodges, County Judge and Ex. Office Superintendent of Public Schools.

### District Court at Ozona.

District court at Ozona after a busy week presided over by Judge James Cornell, adjourned Saturday. The jury in the Henry Wilson case failed to agree and the case will be tried again at Rock-spring on April 14th.

The State granted a continuance in the Buck Gardner case and the hearing set for May 12 at Ozona.

The Sim Glascock case was continued for the term. Several night sessions were held in the trial of the Wilson case and the proceedings were listened to by many ladies and children.

The witnesses were at an expense of about \$2 per day and received but \$1 per day and three cents a mile.

Eugene McCoy a Kerr county ranchman was in Sonora Saturday. Mrs. Sterling Baker was in from the ranch 25 miles east of Sonora Saturday visiting.

Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas, office with F. L. Benson Agency.

It is not what you spend but what you save that counts.

The Right Reverend W. T. Capers, D. D., the Episcopal Bishop of West Texas, will conduct service at the Episcopal church on Tuesday April 1st. The public invited.

Dr. J. A. McDonald, the Del Rio dentist, will be in Sonora April 15 and remain for a few days. Those in need of his services should be prompt to make appointments.

### DENTAL NOTICE.

I expect to make Sonora every other month and spend a week or more. I will be in Sonora April 15. Dr. J. A. McDonald, Del Rio, Texas.

### RAIN ON INSTALLMENT PLAN.

It has been some years since the News could make report of Spring rains. The snow and rain for January occurred on the 14, 16, 21 and 27th and amounted to nearly 2 inches; that of February on 4, 12, 17 and 19th amounted to one and one half inches and the March precipitation in three installments on the 8, 15 and 22 to 24th amounted to one and a fourth inches. This rainfall of nearly 5 inches spread over three months has produced a wonderful revival of range conditions in the Sonora country.

### MARRIED.

Mrs. Lottie Moore of Sonora and Jack Hill of Camp Travis, were married in San Antonio on Monday March 10. The groom joined the Army from Sutton county in the first contingent in 1917. His duties have kept him at Camp Travis but he is looking for an early discharge. Mrs. Hill and children leave for San Antonio this week to be near him until his discharge.

### Ira Wheat Martin

Born in San Angelo to Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell Martin of Sonora, Wednesday March 26 a son. The infant died the following morning and the remains brought to Sonora for interment. He was named Ira Wheat Martin in honor of his maternal grand father. The burial services were conducted by Rev. S. C. Dunn. Many beautiful floral offerings from friends in San Angelo and Sonora covered the little grave.

### NOTICE.

We are just in receipt of a copy of the new Tariff Law effective April 1st 1919, in which the war tax of 5 cents will apply as in the past on all messages up to and including 50 cents, but on all calls of 51 cents and over the war tax will be 10 cents. The amount of war tax to be collected is based on the actual amount charged for the call. SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE CO.

### HAVING A GOOD TIME.

U. S. S. C. 4, Submarine Base, O Z March 9 1919

Mr and Mrs F. H. Huebner, Sonora, Texas.

Dear Mother and Father:—I received your letter a few days ago and sure was glad to hear from you. We have been having a fine time since I wrote to you last. Panama City was open for fourteen days, but it is closed now. The sailors were allowed to go in but the soldiers were not. We have an Admiral over us and the army have a General over them. He is the fellow that closed the town up, but that was before the Admiral came down here. They are going to hold some kind of investigation, and until that is over we are not allowed in town.

They had the annual carnival while we were in town, it lasted three days. They have a queen, who is supposed to be the best looking girl in town. All of the people wear all kind of pretty costumes. There sure was some good looking girls in the parade. They were high class Spaniards but they sure do treat you right. There were a lot of things to see that was very interesting to all of us. We had all the— we wanted to drink and good dances to go to. That was the best time that I have had since I have been down here. The sailors all had a good time. I felt sorry for the soldiers because they couldn't go in. I think we will all be allowed in before long.

Well I am glad that every body is well. I don't know when I will go to the States. We are still waiting to hear about the new boat I want to go up before it gets cold again, I guess it is getting warm up there now. There are just four men with the boat now, all the others have gone to Coco Solo.

I was over to C. C. Solo the other day and found Mr. Bryson's nephew Reed. He was transferred over there. He is a storeroom-keeper. He said he was hunting for me. Mr. Bryson told him I was on C-5. He sure is a nice fellow. I like him fine, he knows a lot of people there. It was just like meeting some one from home. Tell Mr. Bryson that I found him.

Well I guess I will close for this time. I have several more letters to write. Lots of love from Your sailor boy, Herman Huebner U. S. N.

Artie Joy of Company F. 340 Motor Transport Corps, has received his discharge from Camp Travis and arrived home Tuesday. Artie Joy was sent from Sutton county to the Mechanics school at Austin.

Fred Grimland who got into the Army service at San Antonio about six months ago and was in the Quarter Masters department, has been discharged and arrived home Tuesday.

Sam L. Merck received a wire Wednesday from New York, announcing the arrival from France of his son Mechanic Sam O. Merck of the 141st Infantry, 36th division. There was an intimation in his wire as to his condition excepting that he is still under the care of surgeons.

Mrs. Joste McDonald of the Commercial hotel west to Del Rio Wednesday on a visit to her son Dr. J. A. McDonald and on business looking to the bringing home from France with the 36th division, her son Geo. M. McDonald now with the Second Division, to which he transferred while he was in France.

Newport News, Va., March 25—Among the casuals arriving yesterday on the Kronland with the One Hundred and Twenty-second Field Artillery of the Thirty-sixth division, was Lieut. Robert Fletcher, 142nd Infantry, whose home is in Plainview, Texas. In a bloody advance Fletcher had both legs shot off. He lay on the field three days. Seven operations were necessary before he was able to stand the voyage. Surgeons say his recovery is one of the most remarkable in the annals of surgery. Fletcher was the most cheerful of the Kronland's passengers. He will be sent to Camp Bowie at Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. C. Fletcher of San Angelo is the widow of a brother of Robert Fletcher written of above. Mrs. Fletcher is a sister to T. L. Miller the Sonora jeweler. Miller and Fletcher were raised together on Lapan Flat near Mittersview.

Mrs. A. F. Bellows returned Sunday from a business visit to San Angelo.

D. J. Wyatt returned Tuesday from Dallas and a visit to his sister Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken in San Antonio.

### HOME WELCOMING DINNER.

The young men who have been away from home, serving their country in the Great War, and have returned, were honored with a "home welcoming" dinner Friday, 21st March, by Mrs. J. N. Ross and daughter Miss Rita Ross. The invitations to the event came without warning and surprised all the soldier and sailor boys, but most of them appeared at the home on time. They evidently remembered the kind of dinner that Mrs. Ross was accustomed to tendering them in the quiet and peaceful days before the bugle blast of war echoed thru the Sutton hills, and this dinner celebrating their return home was not a disappointment to their memories. The Flag of Our Country was prettily in evidence as decoration for the event.

A card at each place bore the name of one of the guests and chairs at the table were found without delay when dinner was announced. The eatables were turkey, roast meat, salmon, potatoes and fruit salads, gravy, peas, dressing, creamed carrots, jelly, light bread, coffee and fruit juice (and perhaps some other things that cannot be recalled just now). After the slowest one (not the biggest eater) had finished with the above, peaches and whipped cream with chocolate and white cake were set before the guests.

The soldiers and sailors were: Merton Hurley, Vernon Hamilton, Grady Lowrey, Haynie Davis, Delma Smith, John Mittel, Henry Mittel, Christian Myers, Clayton Puckett, W. B. Pruitt, and A. Bush. Mr. J. N. Ross and Joe Brown were present.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Newsom of Rock Springs, mother of the late hero, Lieut. Will Bourland, who died in action. Other guests were Miss Bertha Eaton, Miss Brown, Mrs. Pruitt and Miss Tankerley.

Towards the close of the occasion Mrs. J. D. Lowrey and Mrs. Geo. J. Trainer, representing the Red Cross Home Welcoming Committee had the Service men sign up individual "Home Arrival" cards.

In announcing the dinner ready, Mrs. Ross said she "hoped we would enjoy it as much as she had enjoyed preparing it." Take our word for it, Sutton people we did; and its good to be home again. A. Guest.

For dry oak stove wood—Phone J. W. Wilson's ranch. 51

Arthur Stuart the ranchman was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson returned Sunday from a visit to San Angelo.

Misses Oneta and Letta Tankersley and Misses Hill and Mullins of Eldorado were visiting in Sonora Sunday.

J. T. Evans of Edwards county accompanied by his daughter Miss Emma and son Witt were in Sonora Saturday visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word were in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Word have recently returned from a several weeks visit to Eureka Springs, Ark.

Ernest Abbott representing the Findlater Hardware Co., of San Angelo, was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Abbott says all the country is showing the blessings of the rains.

Many towns that do not do the volume of business Sonora does has spent more on sidewalks and streets than good roads advocates ask for the building of Sutton county roads. Are we slow?

D. K. McMullen and son Frank were in Sonora Sunday on their way to San Angelo from a stay at the ranch. Mr. McMullen says the range conditions thirty miles south of Sonora are better than at this time of year for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Appelt and daughter Miss Audrey and son Oscar Jr., were in Sonora Tuesday from the ranch 30 miles south of Sonora. Mrs. Appelt and children were down from San Angelo for the week end at the ranch and were delayed in their return to San Angelo by the rains.

Oscar Bayer of Fort McKavett, made the high score for marksmanship in the 90-b division in France. He is about 26 years of age and had lived on the San Sabas all his life before being called in the draft. His father has a vineyard and Oscar learned to shoot the birds with a 22 target rifle. He has come through the war without injury and having seen the world, the world may now see a new fancy shot.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF J. D. LOWREY, COUNTY CLERK IN AND FOR SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Showing the aggregate amount received and paid out of each fund, and balance to Dr. and Cr. Also the amount to the Dr. and Cr. of the several officers' mention. Also the amounts of indebtedness of the County to whom and for what due with the date of same for the year 1918.

TREASURER'S REPORT.		
<b>JURY FUND 1st Class</b>		
Bala on hand, Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr.
To amount received since said date	743 71	
By amount disbursed since said date	1053 19	
By amount to balance		1416 00
Total	1823 50	1823 50
To balance in fund		412 00
<b>ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 2nd Class</b>		
Balace on hand Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr
To amount received since said date	2130 13	
By amount distributed since said date	1055 25	
By amount due by Treasurer		141 09
By amount to balance		5 07
Total	2455 18	2455 48
To balance in fund		33,0 43
<b>GENERAL FUND 3rd Class</b>		
Balace on hand Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr
To amount received since said date	13029 09	
By amount disbursed since said date	10283 06	
By amount to balance		10992 27
Total	23822 15	22 24 25
To balance in fund		15023 75
<b>COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND 4th Class</b>		
Balace on hand Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr
To amount received since said date	1382 83	
By amount disbursed since said date	1805 87	
By amount to balance		1076 65
Total	3268 10	3283 70
To balance in fund		2139 45
<b>ROAD FUND 5th Class</b>		
Balace on hand Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr
To amount received since said date	2292 92	
By amount disbursed since said date	8829 25	
By amount to balance		6590 25
Total	15127 1	18138 21
To balance in fund		11581 36
<b>TICK FUND [Special] 6th Class</b>		
Balace on hand Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr
To amount received since said date	4039 21	
By amount disbursed since said date	4024 51	
By amount to balance		4366 70
Total	8063 12	8055 19
To balance in fund		3788 43
<b>HIGHWAY FUND 7th Class</b>		
Balace on hand Feb. 14, 1918	Dr	Cr
To amount received since said date	278 41	
By amount disbursed since said date	1922 30	
By amount to balance		48 29
Total	3392 61	2302 61
To balance in fund		254 33

The following balances appear to the debit and credit of the several officers of the County at the close of the year ending February 14th, 1919:

E. W. Hutcherson, Tax Collector		
County Adv. loren	Dr	Cr
County Special	245 25	
County Poll	347 58	
District school No. 1	1 57 51	
District school No. 5	148 25	
County Occupation	615 75	
Jury Fund	415 90	
Road & Bridge Fund	3340 43	
General Fund	12823 73	
Court House & Jail	2189 45	
Road Fund	11581 36	
Tick Fund	3788 43	
Highway Fund	2254 29	

10 Sonora Independent School District Bonds \$500.00 \$500.00

The bonded indebtedness of the County, I find to be as follows:		
Road and Bridge Bonds	Dr	Cr
Court House and Jail Bonds	3000 00	
Total	20000 00	

The State of Texas, County of Sutton:—I, J. D. Lowrey, County Clerk in and for Sutton County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report for the year, A. D. 1917, as required by Article 935A, General Laws of the State of Texas, approved May 11th, 1893. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 27th day of March, A. D. 1919.

## COME ON PATRIOTS

KNOW THE JOY OF SAYING HERE'S HOW

Let's finish the job.  
Let's pay our debts. The Government has spent billions of dollars to save us from rain and disgrace. We must pay the bill.  
Ever know the joy of saving? It's the grandest feeling!  
Save now and later be able to buy that "something" you have always longed for.  
Carry out your savings pledge if you made one; or make one right now.  
Buy of your War Savings Society, or bank, postoffice, store.  
Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

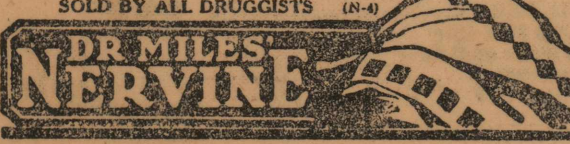
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# "Nervous Breakdown!"

When your nerves fail your whole body suffers—headaches, stomach disorders, sleepless nights, make you miserable indeed. The experience of Mrs. H. G. Redman, of New Haven, Conn., is an example. Read what she says.

"For months I suffered from extreme nervousness. My nerves were completely unstrung and I suffered distressing pains across stomach and chest. Doing light housework left me completely fatigued, and loss of sleep made nights long and tiresome. I began taking DR. MILES' NERVINE and the first night slept soundly. I continued using the medicine and soon all the unpleasant symptoms were gone."

Thousands of sufferers from nervous disorders have found relief in DR. MILES' NERVINE. This wonderful nerve soother is non-alcoholic and contains no harmful or habit-forming drug. Your druggist can tell you of its merits and effectiveness. Keep a bottle always on hand.



SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS

## CANARD REPUTÉ

The story that Canada is not hospitable to American visitors persists. It is altogether without foundation, declares Christian Science Monitor. Even in the days when the United States was holding aloof from the great conflict into which Canada was throwing its all visitors from the United States were courteously and graciously received in every part of the dominion. All Canada desires to know is that the visitor is a genuine American citizen. Satisfied on that point, he can consider himself quite as much at home on the northern as on the southern side of the border. Canada must necessarily look out for the fraudulent American, as the United States looks out for the fraudulent Canadian. The "real articles" in both cases are all right.

## STILL SAVING.

"You are no longer interested in daylight saving?"  
"Yes, I am," said Farmer Corn-toss. "The only way to save daylight now is to work hard while it lasts."

## REALLY IN SMART SET.

Mrs. Newly Rich—Are you quite certain I've had the very latest form of influenza?  
Doctor—Quite, madam. You coughed exactly like the countess of Wessax.—London Punch.

## WAR AND POLITICS.

"It has been a whirlwind campaign."  
"Worse than that," rejoined Senator Sorghum. "Some of the boys have been inclined to complicate the cyclonic features with poison gas."

## UNMUSICAL BUT SINCERE.

"Did you sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner?'"  
"There's a family disagreement about that. Some of the folks say I only sang it in spots, but I did my best."

## IN ROTTEN ROW.

Mark Sullivan, the New York editor, said at a luncheon at the Fitz in London:  
"The British government has brought me over here to show me the war work the British have done. What I've beheld astonishes me. I had no idea you'd done so much. But, then, the British are always so modest about themselves."  
"I feel among you like the Chicago girl who said in Hyde park: 'You Britishers seem to take a delight in running down your own things. I can't see anything rotten about this row.'"

## THE RESEMBLANCE.

"Why is an old beau like a man giving the finishing touches to his costume?"  
"Why, indeed?"  
"Because he is always buttonholing the buds."

## WHAT HE WANTS.

Poet—I care not who makes a country's laws if I can make its songs.  
Jones—Naturally; you'd have a Rockefeller income if you could do that.

## TOO BRIEF.

Jonah emerged.  
"Since my sea service was only three days, I'll never be able to wear a nice gold stripe," he mourned.

## A REMINISCENCE.

"Say, what's become of all the yellow journals you used to hear about?"  
"They're not yellow any longer. They got too well read."

## TOO CONFIDENT.

"I have proof that girl would die for me."  
"Loo't be too sure. She thinks blonde hair more becoming to her."

## WILL'S RIVER NEWS

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## PHONETIC WRITING IN CHINA

System Expected to Revolutionize Elementary Education and Greatly Reduce Existing Illiteracy.

China has adopted a system of phonetic writing which is expected to revolutionize elementary education of that nation and reduce existing illiteracy, it was announced recently by Edwin C. Lobenstein, who has been in conference with a Yale-in-China home office. The system, invented by the Chinese themselves and approved of by the government board of education at Peking, consists of only 39 symbols.

Experiments made with hundreds of individuals have conclusively shown that an adult illiterate, man or woman, can learn to read by the use of a system of this kind in three or four weeks. It is now being taught in all the government higher normal schools in the country. It is pointed out that as nine-tenths of the Chinese are illiterate a republican government cannot expect to succeed until the masses are informed of events through the reading of books and newspapers.

## OLD MEMORIES



She—Isn't that that horrid Jones girl?  
He—Yes; and to think that I used to be in love with her till you shut down on it.

## GERMAN NETTLE FARMS.

At Zehlendorf, near Berlin, there is a large nettle farm, where the weeds, planted this spring, have grown to a man's height. This nettle-growing business was carried on under the auspices of the war department in Berlin, and 25,000 persons have found employment in collecting the young plants in all parts of the country.

At the present time there are in Germany about one hundred nettle fiber textile works, where the dried stalks are woven into cloth.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Prohibiting the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

House Joint Resolution No. 1. A resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas, by amending Article 16, Section 20 thereof by striking out and repealing said section and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 20, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange in the State of Texas of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes, and providing that the Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this section; providing that until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different regulations on the subject the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, for medicinal purposes shall be made only in cases of actual sickness, and then only upon prescription of a regular practicing physician, subject to certain regulations with reference to the same; providing that this amendment shall be self-operative, and until the Legislature shall provide other or different regulations on the subject of this constitutional provision shall be deemed a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary for a term of years specified, but not less than one year, and the Legislature shall have power to pass any additional prohibitory laws in aid thereof which may be deemed advisable; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment and prescribing certain rules and regulations with reference to the same; declaring that the provisions of the General Election Law shall govern in all respects as to qualification of electors and method of holding the election, and in all other respects where applicable; directing proclamation for the election and making certain provisions for the election and ballots thereof and method of voting; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State; and making an appropriation to carry out this resolution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by striking out and repealing Section 20 thereof and substituting in lieu of said Section 20 the following: Sec. 20. (a) The manufacture, sale, barter and exchange in the State of Texas of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes, are each and all hereby prohibited. The Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this section. (b) Until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different regulations on the subject, the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, for medicinal purposes shall be made only in cases of actual sickness, and then only upon the prescription of a regular practicing physician, subject to the regulations applicable to sales under prescriptions in prohibited territory by virtue of Article 538, Chapter 7, Title 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas. (c) This amendment is self-operative, and until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different penalties, any person, acting for himself or in behalf of another, or in behalf of any partnership, corporation or association of persons, who shall after the adoption of this amendment, violate any part of this constitutional provision shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall, upon conviction in a prosecution commenced, carried on and concluded in the manner prescribed by law in cases of felonies, be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of time not less than one year nor more than five years, without the benefit of any law providing for suspended sentence. And the district courts and judges thereof, under their equity powers, shall have the authority to issue, upon suit of the Attorney General, injunctions against infractions or threatened infractions of any part of this constitutional provision. (d) Without affecting the provisions herein, intoxicating liquors are declared to be subject to the general police power of the State; and the Legislature shall have the power to pass any additional prohibitory laws, or laws in aid thereof, which it may deem advisable. (e) Liability for violating any liquor laws in force at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall not be affected by this amendment, and all remedies, civil and criminal, for such violations shall be preserved.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in May, being the twenty-fourth day thereof, A. D. 1919. At said election, the vote shall be by official ballot, which shall have printed or written at the top thereon in plain letters the words "Official Ballot." Said ballot shall have also written or printed thereon the words, "For Prohibition," and the words, "Against Prohibition."

All voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words "Against Prohibition" by making a mark through the same, and those opposing it shall erase the words, "For Prohibition," by making a mark through the same.

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If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For Prohibition," said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes shall be "Against Prohibition," said amendment shall be lost, and so declared.

All the provisions of the General Election Laws as amended and in force at the time of said election shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding said election, and all other respects so far as such election laws can be made applicable.

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

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation and election.

GEO. F. HOWARD,  
Secretary of State.  
(A true copy.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, Giving the Legislature Power to Give or Lend, or to Authorize the Giving or Lending, of the Credit of the State for the Purpose of Assisting Citizens, Heads of Families, to Acquire or Improve Their Homes.

House Joint Resolution No. 19. To amend Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes; authorizing the State to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon such terms and conditions prescribed by the Legislature; authorizing the Legislature to create such agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section; providing that obligations created under this section shall never be taxed; and providing that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing any deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and that such obligations shall be secured in addition to the usual liens by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; and providing that the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into under this provision or any statute enacted hereunder.

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