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The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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ATTRACTIVE PRICES

IN OUR READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

We are offering Mens', Boys and Ladies Ready-to-Wears at very attractive prices. See our line before buying. We are sure you will be pleased. See extra special prices on Millinery

Mens' Hats and Caps

If the hat question is up, Mr. Man, just bring your trouble to Boydston's Store, where you'll find the right hat at moderate prices. See our new line of Stetson Hats in the new blocks in shades of Gray, Army, Tobacco Brown

Price: \$4.00 to \$8.50
Double Star Hats in all the new colors and shapes
Price: \$3.00 to \$3.50

Big showing of Caps in Plain and Plaids, Dark and Light shades. With or without pull downs 35c to \$2.00

Woman's Wool Sweaters

All wanted styles in assorted colors. Price \$5.00 to \$5.50
Knitted Wool Skating Sets, Cap and Scarf to match in big variety of colors
Price \$1.25

MILLINERY SALE

Half Original Price. This sale should receive the greatest response of any Millinery Offering ever made

\$10.00 Hats for \$5.00 \$7.50 Hats for \$5.00
\$5.00 Hats for \$2.50



BUSTER BROWN
SHOES FOR SCHOOL
WEAR
NONE BETTER



Boy's Pants

We have this week received a complete line of Boy's Pants in Serges and Corduroys, suitable for Dress and School wear.
Price: 75c to \$2.75

Overcoats, Mackinaws, Etc.

Remember we carry a complete line of Overcoats, Mackinaws and Raincoats for men and boys

Overcoats \$8.50 to \$22.50
Mackinaws 3.50 to 10.00
Raincoats 2.50 to 8.00

B. L. BOYDSTUN

The Place Where Most People Trade

Stores at Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Denton

BAIRD, TEXAS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, Nov. 25, 1917.

Baptist Sunday School	
Number present	160
Collection	\$ 3.94
Methodist Sunday School.	
Number present	146
Collection	\$ 5.27
Presbyterian Sunday School	
Number present	106
Collection	\$3.31
Total Attendance	412
Total Collection	\$15.52

New shipment of silks in plaids and stripes, silk poplins, all colors.
52.2t-adv B. L. Boydston.

WANTED—A TRUNK

If you have a trunk with a good lock and key that you are not using, would you lend it to the Red Cross Chapter of Baird? It is needed to keep the materials in that are being made by this Chapter. Phone Mrs. F. S. Bell.

FARMERS INSTITUTE

The fifth session of the Central West Texas District Farmer's Institute will be held at Big Springs on December 5 and 6th. All local and county institutes are urged to send large delegations to the meeting, which promises to be an interesting one.

John Coats, one of the old timers, was in town this week.

BEAUTIFUL MACHINE

See J. H. Terrell's new corn popper and peanut roaster just installed. This is a beautiful machine, all enclosed in a large glass case and is the most expensive machine of the kind ever installed in Baird. The cost of the machine including freight was about seven hundred dollars. The engine that runs the machinery is propelled by steam and works like a charm. Go and see it and try some of the Butter-Kist pop corn.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Union Thanksgiving services were held at the Methodist Church. The sermon was by Dr. John Collier, veteran educator, and minister of the Presbyterian Church. There was a good crowd present and an interesting service to all who attended.

RAIN AT LAST

Callahan county got a light rain Tuesday night, which was the first rain sufficient to lay the dust in Baird for two months. In that respect the rain was a great blessing to the town because the dust had become almost unbearable, during high winds. Whether or not the rain was sufficient to bring up wheat that has been sown is not known.

Your portrait for that boy in the Christmas package, it's photos from come that keeps the boys in camp happy. Do not forget that J. D. Dallas, Baird, Texas, can make the best. 51-adv.

Mrs. H. C. Grantham of Tecumseh spent Wednesday in Baird enroute home from Dallas, where she has been attending the Baptist Convention. 51-adv.

MARRIED

Mr. Lester E. Parks, of Company C., 111th Engineers, Camp Bowie and Miss Myrtle Anderson of Moran were married in Baird Saturday, Nov. 24, 1917, at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. H. M. Peebles officiating. Misses Parrish and Parks and Mr. W. D. Anderson, of Moran accompanied them. THE STAR extends the usual congratulations.

Misses Jeffie and Jean Lambert returned Monday morning from Strawn where they have been visiting their brother, Jack Lambert and wife.

HOUSE FOR RENT—3 rooms, piped for gas heat and lights, 2 good cisterns, 20 acres land, 3 good fields and pasture. See Everette Driskill at Home National Bank. 51-2t

MILCH COW WANTED

Wanted a good milch cow with young calf, jersey preferred.
W. R. Hickman, Baird, Texas.
52 tf-adv Phone, 20 2 LS.

A. G. Webb, of Abilene was in town this week and renewed his subscription to THE STAR for 1918. This makes 31 years Al has paid for THE STAR, and always in advance. If all our subscribers had done as well we would today own a fifteen thousand dollar farm and not have the high cost of living worrying the gizzard out of us. Most of our old subscribers in fact we might say all of them pay in advance because these old fellows know that even a newspaper cannot run on "hot air," alone.

THE TIFFANY OF WEST TEXAS

The largest and most complete stock of Solid Gold and Gold Filled Jewelry, Cut Glass, Silver and French Ivory West of Fort Worth

JUST A FEW OF OUR CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Beautiful Birthstone Rings, a stone for every month in the year	\$2.50 and up
Solid Gold Rings for the Baby—plain or with sets	1.00 each
Solid Gold Rings, Ruby in center, encircled with genuine Pearls	3.50 and up
Dinner Rings in Garnet, Topaz, Amethyste, etc.	5.00 and up
Signet Rings, Solid Gold, nicely engraved	2.50 and up
A new line of Gentlemen's Emblem Rings, Solid Gold, Colored Enamel	4.50 and up
Solid Gold Cuff Links, Diamond set, plain or fancy	2.50 and up
Solid Gold and Gold filled Emblem Charms	1.50 and up
Solid Gold Tie Clasps, Diamond set, plain or engraved	1.25 and up
Cameo Scarf Pins, Solid Gold mountings	1.50 and up
Solid Gold or Gold filled Pocket Knives, with or without Waldemar Chains,	3.50 and up
Sterling Silver Belt Buckels, Plain, Engraved or Enamelled	2.50 and up
Solid Gold Necklace for Children	1.50 and up

A beautiful Knife Edge Bar Pen set with 3 White Perfect Diamonds, Rose Setting	45.00
Large or small Cameos, Hand Carved, set in Solid Gold Brooches encircled with Genuine Pearls	4.50 and up
Solid Gold and Gold Filled Watch Fobs	1.50 and up
Some Solid Gold Brooches, just one mass of Pearl, center set with Diamonds	10.00 and up
Cameo Lavalliers Diamond set in Cameo with Ring to match	25.00
Bracelet Watches, a large assortment of Gold and Gold Filled, in plush box	16.00 and up
Elgin or Waltham Gold Filled Watches 12 size	15.00
Sterling Silver Tea Spoons	7.50 set
Silver Knives, Forks, Tea and Table Spoons, Sugar Shells, Sugar Tongs, Souvenir Spoons, Oyster Forks and many other Silver Pieces that space won't let us mention. Hawkes Cut Glass Water Sets, Bowls, Celery Trays, Cream and Sugar Nappys, Puff Boxes, Picture Frames, etc	
Call and select your Gifts and we will gladly set them away for you.	

J. H. TERRELL

JEWELER-OPTICIAN-DRUGGIST

Diamond Setting

Engraving

COULD SCARCELY WALK AT ALL

For One and One-Half Years. Confined to Bed Most of This Time. Suffered Intense Pain.

Sheffield, Ala.—"About four years ago," says Mrs. J. T. Stonecipher, of this town, "I got in very bad health . . . became irregular, and I was pretty bad off for a year and a half . . . had difficulty and pain in walking—could scarcely walk at all. I got awfully thin and was confined to my bed most of the time for 1 1/2 years—could scarcely ever do any work. I suffered dreadfully, and I suffered intense pain in the right side. We had in attendance first Dr. —, of —, who pronounced my trouble . . . and he wanted me to have an operation performed, but I could not bear the thought of submitting to such a thing. . . . He gave me medicine which did me no good. I then had Dr. —, of —, who gave me medicine which gave me no permanent relief.

My neighbors said how bad off I was and advised me to take Cardul. . . . My husband was so worried about me that he went and called in Dr. —, of —. . . . On his second call I told him . . . I had taken about a bottle of Cardul, which had been improving me a great deal. . . . He said: 'Well, leave off my medicine and take the Cardul, it's a good medicine'. After the use of the second bottle I was cured and the cure was permanent."

Cardul should help you, too. Try it. —Adv.

What She Wanted.

"John, dear," said Mrs. Youngbride, "I wish you'd bring home a chest protector."

"A chest protector? What for?"

"Someone has been robbing our ice chest," she said with perfect innocence.

WOMEN SUFFERERS MAY NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it.

Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble.

Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

Get a medium or large size bottle immediately from any drug store.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

Outmatched.

"Do you think the widow is setting her cap at him?"

"No; she tells me he is clever but impossible."

"Mercy! If the widow finds him impossible, he must be clever."

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY

is her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

The Answer.

Father—I cannot imagine what is the matter with my watch; I think it must need cleaning.

Child—Oh, no, father; I don't think it needs cleaning, because baby was washing it in the basin for ever so long this morning.

"YES, I THINK SO."

Most any good soap will do, but Red Cross Ball Blue is the only blue. Makes the greatest difference. My clothes are a dream—snowy white. I can't use liquid blue. No, not me. Give me Red Cross Ball Blue and I'll show you some beautiful clothes.—Adv.

Wants Schoolless Days.

Bobby had often heard his parents talking of whentless days. Having been to a party with them the other night, and having arrived home late, he was pretty tired. In the morning when his mother called to him to get up and get ready for school, he said: "Aw, gee, ma, when is schoolless day?"

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of *W. D. Fletcherson* In Use for 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

About Three Months.

"Have you been married long?" "Only ten weeks"—Boston Evening Transcript.

To Drive Out Malaria

And Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 60 cents.

The Other End.

"That fellow is like a tack." "Sharp, eh?" "No; get a blunt head."—Answers.

Presents That Will Please

BEDROOM FINERY.

Every Christmas is greeted with dainty new boudoir caps and jackets, sometimes designed for wear only in the bedroom and sometimes meeting the requirements of the breakfast table. Here is a pretty jacket made of



wide pink ribbon and lace which may be slipped on over the nightdress or petticoat, for bedroom wear. The cap is merely a band of wide ribbon with frill of lace at each edge headed by a fancy braid.

HOMEMADE CHARACTER DOLLS.

Carl and Pat along with Gretchen and Hortense, are making eyes at us this Christmas, inviting us to inquire into their merits. They belong to a new order of the beloved rag dolls that have always held the warmest corner of little folks' hearts.

These dolls are made of discarded socks or stockings and stuffed with



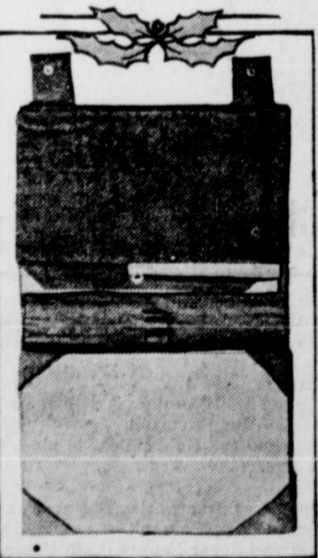
cotton. White socks are used for the heads and colored ones for the bodies. Fancy stitching with heavy mercerized cotton or yarns, outlines the jackets, makes ties and garters and represents buttons. The eyes, nose and mouth are outlined also in black and red.

Two-toned silk socks, usually in a bright color on the wrong side are much sought after by the makers of these jolly looking character dolls.

SOLDIER'S PORTFOLIO.

A small, neat portfolio to carry stationery, pen and pencil for the soldier is one of the gifts that can be made for him at home. It is a simple affair, of substantial brown denim, and requires nothing else but thread and snap fasteners, to make a very complete and handy writing case.

As shown in the picture, the case is about ten inches wide and sixteen inches long. One side of it holds three blotters that make a good support for the writing tablet in cramped quarters



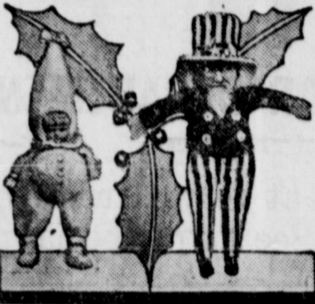
where there is no table. On the other side are compartments for paper, envelopes, post cards and stamps. A narrow strap of the denim, is sewed down at the center to carry pen and pencil. Ink can be carried in solid form now. It comes in small sticks that dissolve in water. The case fastens with strong snap fasteners as indicated in the picture.

It is a good idea to embroider the initials on belongings made for the boys in the service because so many kits and portfolios are alike in all de-

tails. Besides it is another evidence of thoughtfulness on the part of the donor.

REMEMBER THE BABY.

Even the baby is to have a patriotic bent given to his affections, by means of toys this year. Uncle Sam appears among the clever, home-made Christmas dolls, that reveal a rubber ball somewhere in their anatomy. They have limp bodies, stuffed with a little cotton and are dressed in cotton fa-



brics, as cotton flannel, elderdown or percale.

In the Uncle Sam doll the ball is used for the head—but in the other one it makes the body. This doll is dressed in blue elderdown and has a row of the tiniest pearl buttons down its round tummy. When the ball is punched the doll squeals—much to the surprise and delight of his babyship.

WISHBONE THIMBLE CASE.

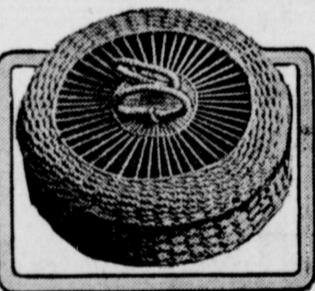
A pretty thimble case, made of a wishbone saved from the wreck of the Thanksgiving turkey, is something new. Heavy silk or mercerized cotton is used for crochet lace to make a wide border about the wishbone. It



is crocheted with a beading to carry baby ribbon that is run through it and made into three little bows as shown in the picture. A tiny bag, to hold the thimble, is suspended between the ends of the bone and the pretty gift is suspended by ribbon hangers.

WORK BASKET OF PAPER ROPE.

No gifts are quite so much appreciated as those which show the painstaking work of the giver. The pretty work basket, pictured above, is such a token of warm friendship as every



woman might wish to give to someone near and dear to her.

It is made of paper rope in gray and lined with rose-colored silk. It is an achievement to be proud of and a gift to cherish. Little pockets, set about the lining of the basket at the sides will carry all the tools for sewing. They are made of the rose-colored silk.

NOVEL COAT HANGER.

Another of those pretty novelties made of painted wood appears in the coat hanger shown above. These hangers are shown in the stores, painted white with the figure outlined on them



in black, ready to paint in any colors one may choose. This one pictures a girl in smart riding hat and black collar with white stock. The face and arms of the hanger are to be painted according to individual fancy.

BEST METHODS TO PREVENT HOG CHOLERA



HOG CHOLERA THRIVES UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hog cholera killed enough animals last year to have fed 1,000,000 soldiers a meat ration for 5 1/2 months. This loss is unnecessary, for hog cholera can be prevented to a large extent, as has been demonstrated by county agents working through the United States department of agriculture and state agricultural colleges, in the northern and western states.

Hog cholera prevention and control are possible through vaccination, disinfection and the quarantine of infected herds. The local conditions largely determine the methods of procedure by the agents. They work with groups of farmers, teaching them how to vaccinate their hogs, confine and quarantine their herds, and disinfect their premises. The most effective campaigns, perhaps, have followed the uniting of the farmers into organizations by the county agents. Frequently these are farm bureaus with committees under each community. This is pronounced an ideal organization to promote educational work relative to cholera. Cholera control clubs are very effective when first organized and at work, but when cholera disappears from the county the organization tends to disintegrate. On the other hand, the farm bureau is constantly engaged on other lines and is ever ready to handle cholera when it appears.

Lend Instruments to Farmers.

The work of the county agents is often supplemented by the services of specialists from agricultural colleges and the United States department of agriculture. In a number of states farm bureaus and cholera control clubs have purchased instruments to lend to the farmers and have stored supplies of serum to have it immediately available when needed and to lessen the cost of vaccination.

Reports to the department of agriculture show approximately 2,959,322 hogs killed by cholera for the year ending March 31, 1917. These hogs would have made approximately 295,932,200 pounds of pork which would have furnished a meat ration for an army of a million men for 169 days. Reports of the agents also show that in counties and communities where campaigns were undertaken and the suggested program followed, the loss from hog cholera was very materially reduced. County agents in nine of the northern and western states report a saving of \$92,547 in 1916, brought about by the vaccination of 10,527 hogs. From reports of 146 agents, showing a vaccination of 210,337 hogs, it is estimated that there was a saving

of \$1,848,862 as compared with the deaths that would have been probable without vaccination. This saving does not include thousands of hogs that have escaped the disease by preventive measures adopted on the recommendations of county agents.

Personal Instruction Given.

In many counties the agents instruct the farmers personally how to vaccinate hogs, quarantine herds, and clean up and disinfect their premises. For instance, in Scott county, Missouri, the agent loans the farm bureau's instruments to individual farmers. He vaccinates several hogs for the farmer and then has the farmer vaccinate a number under his direction. The farmer vaccinates the other hogs himself and returns the instruments to the farm bureau office. Serum is sold by the bureau to the farmers at cost. In this county 85 per cent of the 1,737 hogs vaccinated under the direction of the agents were saved. Before county agent work was undertaken there, hog vaccination for cholera was practically unknown.

In Seward county, Nebraska, the farm bureau also lends instruments for vaccination to farmers and sells serum at cost. In Allen county, Indiana, thorough publicity is given the presence of hog cholera in a neighborhood in order to stimulate interest in a public meeting called immediately in the community. The county agent gives an illustrated talk on the nature, prevention and eradication of cholera, presenting it as a community problem and perfecting an organization which in every instance has prevented spread from the first outbreak.

Spread of Disease Prevented.

The special value of such organizations is that the disease is caught in the beginning and eliminated before it has had time to infect all hogs in a herd or spread to neighboring herds. The agent in Kingsbury county, South Dakota, reports that last year 15 different outbreaks occurred, with a loss of 154 head, whereas in 1915 1,080 head were lost from cholera. In this county the community organization plan was followed. In Johnson county, Indiana, where community meetings were held, the result has far exceeded the county agent's expectations, according to his report. Farmers co-operated heartily in preventing the spread of the disease, farms were thoroughly disinfected, hogs were vaccinated early, neighbors were notified of outbreaks in order that they might protect their own herds, and in consequence there have been less than 30 cases of cholera in the county this year, and in no instance has the disease gotten beyond control.

COUNTRY BUTTER IS IMPROPERLY WORKED

Most Common Faults Are Dirty Milking and Handling of Milk —Utensils Not Clean.

Country butter can and ought to be better than creamery butter, in the opinion of A. S. Neale, dairy specialist, division of extension, Kansas State Agricultural college. The farmer is able to control the production of the cream while the creamery cannot do this.

"The most common faults in making country butter," said Mr. Neale, "are dirty milking and handling of milk, improper sterilization of separators and other milk utensils, mixing of fresh warm cream with cold, partly ripened cream, storing cream in a warm place, allowing the cream to stand too long before ripening, improper ripening, churning at too high a temperature, and inadequate washing and working of the butter after churning.

"While saving cream in order to get enough for a churning, store it at a temperature at least as low as that of cold well water. New cream when added should always be cooled and thoroughly mixed to insure evenness of ripening.

"The cream should be kept cool until

a few hours before churning, when the temperature should be raised and maintained at 70 to 75 degrees until just before churning. In maintaining this ripening temperature the principle of the fireless cooker may be used to advantage. Have an ordinary round can large enough to hold the cream. Get the tinner to make a galvanized iron jacket half an inch greater in diameter and one inch higher than the storage can. Make a square box three inches higher than the can and six inches wider than the diameter of the can. Pack one and one-half inches of excelsior, prairie hay, or some other good heat insulator, in the bottom of the box, place it in the jacket and pack it on all sides with the same material. A pad should be cut to fit around the top of the jacket and cover the packing. Raise the cream to the desired temperature and place it in the can.

"Every buttermaker should have a dairy thermometer. Two churnings will pay for one through the increase in the quality of the butter. The churning temperature is 60 degrees. The higher the per cent of fat in the cream, the lower the temperature may be. The temperature should be low enough to require from 20 to 25 minutes for churning. Churn until the butter granules are a little larger than wheat kernels.

"Wash out the buttermilk and after salting it to taste, work the butter just enough to mix the salt thoroughly. Put the butter up in one-pound prints wrapped in paraffined paper."

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FIERY RED PIMPLES

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It needs but a single hot bath with Cuticura Soap followed by a gentle application of Cuticura Ointment to the most distressing, disfiguring eczemas, itchings and burnings to prove their wonderful properties. They are also ideal for every-day toilet use.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Know Her Bible.

Governess—Dorothy, won't you give your little brother part of your apple? Little Dorothy—No, Eve did that, and has been criticized ever since!—Judge.

DEATH LURKS IN A WEAK HEART, so on first symptoms use "Renovine" and be cured. Delay and pay the awful penalty. "Renovine" is the heart's remedy. Price \$1.00 and 50c.—Adv.

Something to Talk About.

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To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

Opportunity for All.

The reason a lot of people don't succeed is not because they don't get the chance, but because they never take a chance.

You never can know how superior to other preparations Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" is until you have tried it once. A single dose cleans out Worms or Tapeworm. Adv.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. B. B. SUTCLIFFE, Extension Department Moody Bible Institute. (Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2

NEHEMIAH BUILDS THE WALL OF JERUSALEM.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 4:7-21. GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is my Helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—Hebrews 13:6.

The lesson of November 18 spoke of Nehemiah journeying to Jerusalem. After his arrival he spent three days in looking over the work; then he told the priests and other leaders his plans. Enthusiasm was awakened, all classes were aroused, the work of the building of the wall of the city was apportioned among the people, and soon half of the wall was completed "for the people had a mind to work."

I. The Wrath of the Enemy, vv. 7-9. The progress of the work kept up the anger of Sanballat the Horonite and his friends who formed an alliance to hinder the wall being built (vv. 7, 8). When God begins to work through his people, Satan is aroused and tries to interfere. It is no sign that a Christian is out of the will of God when opposition is felt. The enemy will always be on hand to try to hinder whenever a real work for God is going forward. Dead formal Christianity runs smoothly and with dandy monotony and Satan lets it alone, but as soon as some results of real work are seen, opposition is at once felt. Thus it was when God sent his Son into the world, and so it has been in every movement for God in the church, and so it will be in the individual Christian life. From the next verse (9) we would almost think that Nehemiah had heard our Lord's injunction to "watch and pray." Many do much watching and fall; many do much praying and fall; but none ever turns to watching and praying without finding victory. Prayer alone means sloth; watching alone means pride; but watching and praying victory.

II. Internal Opposition, vv. 10-14. Sanballat and his friends were, not the only ones Nehemiah had to contend with. Among those that worked on the wall were some shirkers and grumblers. They had become discouraged in the work and began to say they could never complete it (v. 10). If Satan fails to hinder the work from the outside, he will attempt to create dissatisfaction on the inside. Internal confusion of the church is more to be dreaded than open opposition from a known enemy. Dissension and confusion in the church can usually be traced to workers becoming discouraged. The plot of the enemy to make a surprise attack was discovered by the Jews who lived outside the city. They reported it not once, but ten times, with the suggestion that the work on the wall be stopped, and safety sought by leaving the city altogether (vv. 11, 12). When the enemy's open opposition fails and discouragement has been tried, an attempt is made to bring fear upon the workers. But the Bible is full of exhortations for Christians to "fear not." Could these workers on the walls of Jerusalem have seen the unseen, it would have made little differences to them whether the enemies were numbered by tens or thousands, and could Christians today realize that God is for them, all opposition would be as nothing. (I Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:31; Phil. 4:13). Nehemiah at once proceeded to allay the fears (13, 14). Armed forces were arranged about the walls to guard against the reported surprise attack. The warriors were placed so that in the event of battle they would be protecting their own particular families. Then Nehemiah made a short speech of encouragement to the people, the heart of which was "Remember the Lord which is great and terrible." Remembering him would drive the fear away. They who are on the Lord's side are already victors even before the battle has begun. Someone said to a great general before a certain battle began: "I hope the Lord is on our side." The reply was: "I trust we are on the Lord's side." When this is true, there need be no fear whether the enemies be few or many. Nehemiah then exhorted them to fight for their families and their homes. This two-fold secret of the victory is presented to us over and over in this book of Nehemiah, and nowhere is so prominent as in this lesson. Victory for the Christian depends on two things: We must trust in the Lord as though all depended on him, and we must work and fight as though all depended on us. This is the secret of the success of Nehemiah.

III. The Progress of the Work, (vv. 15-21). The speech of Nehemiah having quieted the fears of the people and the enemy having heard that their plans were known and that God had brought their counsel to nought, all the people returned to the work with renewed enthusiasm and purpose (15). There was a rearrangement of forces (16-21). Half of the people worked; half, full armed, stood guard. A trumpeter was beside Nehemiah, so that at the first alarm from outside all the workers and warriors could be called to the threatened spot. Then they went ahead with building of the wall.

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State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

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(By L. W. Bower, M. D.)

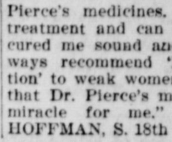
Backache of any kind is often caused by kidney disorder, which means that the kidneys are not working properly. Poisonous matter and uric acid accumulate within the body in great abundance, overworking the sick kidneys; hence the congestion of blood causes backache in the same manner as a similar congestion in the head causes headache. You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish, irritable, have spots appearing before the eyes, bags under the lids, and lack ambition to do things.

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If the federal government does not do something to hold the price of bacon near the earth the hog will become King of the Country

What has become of Edwin Markham's woe-begone, delapidated farmers that he published such a sad refrain about some years ago?

Russia's breakdown is directly responsible for the defeat of the Italian army and the two combined makes Americas task the greater. We must grin and endure it. We cannot afford to let Germany win now

One thing we have to be thankful for is that it is not as dry in Callahan county as in some western counties where some counties did not make anything, while lots of farmers here have made good crops.

Wonder why the United States does not declare war against Germany's vassals, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria? All these nations are aiding Germans. We are at war with Germany, why should it's vassal states be exempted? These questions will probably be answered when congress convenes.

We do not believe in exempting any class from the draft law, but do believe that where it can be shown that an occupation of a registrant is worth more at home than in the military service they ought to be exempted. The entente allies need food more than they need men and to draft the farmers into the army is a short sighted policy. Possibly the new regulations will correct this.

The Russian revolution is beginning to take much the same course as the French revolution with this difference: In Russia men of far less ability than the French seem to be running things under Lenin, the socialist protge of Germany. These incompetent-visionary schemers do not seem to realize that in demanding a separate peace and withdrawing Russian troops from the front that they are pursuing a course that means civil war that will likely make a good portion of Russia merely a vassal province of Germany, and will mean everything else but peace for the crack-brained visionist of the Bolshevik party, who are running things into the ground in Russia. German spies and German gold has done for Russia what the German army failed to do—demoralized a great people. We have in Russia a fair sample of what socialism leads to in the end. When all power is placed in the hands of incompetent committees, anarchy nearly always follow. Kerensky's lack of firmness has made the last counter revolution possible.

One thing certain the immigration laws of this country must undergo a radical change after the war. Too many foreigners who really dislike our form of government and people have been permitted to become citizens of the United States. There is going to be a radical change after the war if republican institutions are to endure here. Immigration must be restricted if not entirely forbidden for half a century from all nations hostile to our nation at this time. This is not said because of any personal animosity towards the Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians and Turks, but to call attention to the danger that will threaten our country. This war has laid bare Germany's intrigue and rascally dealings not only with other nations but our own years before this war started. The American people will be the biggest set of fools on earth if they ever again permit a German reservist to land on our soil. To the honest German immigrant, who really wants to get rid of Kaiserism there can be

no valid objection, but we want to be dead sure that no German plotters or spies get in.

THE BOND ELECTION.

The road bond election for Pre. No. One, Baird, Clyde and Putnam, is of more importance to Baird and the two other towns than any measure that has come before the people. It is next in importance to Baird that the issue for our public school building that was recured only after long weary years of hard work in which we met many disappointments and reverses, but persistence in the right way won. We do not suppose there is a single voter in Baird that would now vote to undo what we finally succeeded in doing for a school; and it will be the same way with good roads when we get them, which we are bound to secure if Baird and Callahan county are to keep progress with the times.

The only objection we have heard against the bonds is that it is war times and times generally are hard and people cannot afford to pay the tax. That is about the strongest objection that can be made we admit so lets consider this briefly: Practically all the money will be spent for labor for our people at a time when so many need work. The money will be spent at home and go back to the people. That alone would be no excuse for voting the bonds, but listen: If we build our part of the Fort Worth—El Paso Highway we are practically sure of securing this road. If we do not build it the Albany route will be designated and Callahan and Eastland counties will lose the route. This road will be worth far more to the people in the district than it will cost. It will bring vast numbers of tourists through our town and county, it will give Baird, Clyde and Putnam each an east and west road and possibly two short north and south lateral roads. If we build the road we will receive both state and federal aid to the amount of several thousand dollars. If we don't build this or some other road we do not get a cent. What is any town worth without good roads? Very little. Baird's only salvation is to build good roads, will we do it? In proportion Clyde and Putnam will receive as much benefit as Baird, but both of these towns have more farming county to draw from than Baird. We do not own an auto and probably never will, but we will vote for the bonds if we knew we would live thirty years longer and never ride a mile over the roads if built.

Why do we do say this? Because it is a business proposition with us. Every dollar's worth of property we own, not very much however, is located in Baird. We want to see the town and county grow and prosper and we know this can only come fully with good roads. Our every interest is here and here we expect to remain to the end, but if we desired to sell out we would be more in favor of the tax than ever, if possible, because it is easier to sell property in a town that has energy and push enough to build good schools, good roads and good church buildings. It is the same way in the country, men who have money to not hunt dead towns or a county where the people do not want good roads.

So far as working a hardship in paying taxes it will hit us as hard as anyone. It is like taking bread and meat away from our table to do this but it has to be done, if we have laws to protect us, and schools to educate our children and good roads to let trade come to town, we consider that the amount of tax we will have to pay as the best investment we can make at this or any other time. This time for this road is the only time. Don't forget that, because if the bonds are defeated the road goes the northern route and we lose it for good. If every property owner could be made to realize the great value of this road to their farms and town property there would not be a vote against the bonds in the district. We feel a great interest in the measure because we feel that it is the turning point for better or for worse for the town. For 30 years we have preached good schools, and good roads in Callahan county and we hope to live to see this county lead every county in west Texas in both.

MARRIED AT FORT WORTH

Robert Lee Estes and Miss Manche Gilliland were married at Fort Worth on November 24, 1917, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Caylor, Mrs. Caylor being an aunt of the groom Rev. C. L. Altfather, Pastor of the College Avenue Presbyterian Church performed the marriage ceremony.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes, of Baird and is a private in Co. C. 111th Engineers now stationed at Camp Bowie. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland, of Baird. Both the bride and groom were born and reared within a block of each other and ought to be well acquainted with each other. We wish the young people a long life and a happy union when this unholy war is over.

Mrs. Lee Estes, mother of the groom, Miss Eliza Gilliland and Mrs. Larmer Henry, sisters of the bride, went to Fort Worth to attend the wedding, which was to take place on Sunday evening, but Mr. Estes could not secure a permit to leave the camp at that hour, so they were married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

PYTHIAN ROLL CALL.

On Thursday night, December 6th will be the annual roll call for K. of P. Lodge No. 47, K. of P. Hall at 7:30 p. m. and the following program will be given:

- Opening song, "America." Invocation.—Rev. H. M. Peebles. "Welcome"—Mayor H. Schwartz, Master of Ceremonies. Roll Call.—Lee Estes, Keeper of Records and Seals. Music—Miss Stella Mitchell. Our Absent Brothers—Judge W. R. Ely. Duet—Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Holmes. Our Patriotic Duty—Judge B. L. Russell. Music, Solo—Mrs. King. Pythian Sisters—Mrs. Geo. Scott. Some things accomplished by Lodge No. 47.—H. Schwartz. Good of the Order.

NEW MEAT MARKET

We have opened a Meat Market in connection with our Grocery Department, where we will carry all kinds of fresh meats. Mr. C. E. Gann, an experienced meat cutter, who will have charge of this department, and will take pleasure in serving the best.

Will C. Franklin, of Camp Travis came home this week, having been discharged on final medical examination. Will shows the effects of ill health, but we hope to see him recover his health again soon.

ADVISORY BOARD

The following lawyers have been appointed members of the Advisory Board of this county, why will free of charge to registrants, aid them in compiling their answers to the new registration cards sent out, viz: F. S. Bell, Otis Bowyer, L. L. Blackburn.

TURKEYS FOR SALE.—Pure bred Bourbon Red Turkeys for sale, Hens \$2.00, Toms \$3.00. Phone 20—2 L. S. Mrs. W. R. Hickman, 52-14-adv. Baird, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jackson have moved to Baird. Mr. Gann will have charge of the new meat market that B. L. Boydston has opened in connection with the grocery department of his store.

Mrs. Press Morris, of Coleman and Mrs. W. R. Ely returned Monday morning from Fort Worth where they have been visiting their sister, Mrs. H. H. Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gann, of Winters, have moved to Baird. Mr. Gann will have charge of the new meat market that B. L. Boydston has opened in connection with the grocery department of his store.

Charley Likens and family of Winters spent yesterday with Mrs. Liken's uncle, Henry Lambert and family. They were enroute to Fort Worth where Charley is working in one of the army camps and they will make their home in Fort Worth for awhile.

Baby's friends and your friends can buy any thing you can give them except your photograph. Make the appointment early. J. D. Dallas, Special Portrait Photographer, Baird Texas. At Before-the-war prices.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

On this the 15th day of November A. D. 1917, This Court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of J. H. Bailey and more than Fifty others, qualified property tax-paying voters, resident citizens of Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, praying that bonds be issued by said Road District in the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, bearing Five per cent interest per annum, maturing Forty Years from date, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating Macadamized graveled and paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof.

And it appearing to the Court that the said petition is signed by more than Fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Road District No. One, Callahan County, Texas, and that the amount of said Bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. One, Callahan County, Texas on the 21st day of December A. D. 1917, which is not less than 30 days from the date of this order to determine whether or not the bonds of said District No. One of Callahan County Texas shall be issued in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from date thereof, and maturing Forty years from date of said bonds, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said District No. One, Callahan County Texas, subject to Taxation for the purpose of paying the interests on said Bonds and provide a sinking fund for the purpose of the redemption thereof at maturity.

Said Road District No. One being described as follows: Beginning on the W. boundary line of Callahan county, at the S. W. Cor. of the Anthony Bates Sur. No. 9 (Abst. No. 12) for the N. W. cor. of this District, Thence E. with the S. boundary line of said Anthony Bates Sur. to the most northerly N. E. cor. of Sec. No. 29, S. P. Ry. Co., land in Block No. 8, at a point on the W. boundary line of Sur. No. 80, B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands (Abst. No. 1182.) Thence S. to the S. W. cor. of said Sec. No. 80. Thence E. with the S. boundary line of said Sec. No. 80. (Abst. No. 1182) and Secs. Nos. 57, (Abst. No. 61) 56, (Abst. No. 1241) B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Surs. to the S. E. cor. of said Sec. No. 56. Thence N. with the E. boundary line of said Sec. No. 66 (Abst. No. 944) to the N. W. cor. of Sec. No. 56, (Abst. No. 944) B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. land. Thence E. with the N. boundary line of Sur. No. 56 (Abst. No. 944) the N. boundary lines of Sec. No. 57, (Abst. No. 32) Secs. 70, 71, 84, 85, 98, 99, 114 and 115 of the B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands to the N. E. cor. said Sur. No. 115, B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. land. Thence S. with the E. boundary lines of said Surs. Nos. 115 and 116 B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands to the S. E. cor. of said Sur. No. 116. Thence E. with the N. boundary lines of Sur. Nos. 138, 143, of said B. B. B. & C. Ry., Co. Survey to the N. E. of said Sur. 143. Thence E. across the J. Pointevent Sur. and Sur. No. 1, T. & N. O. Ry. Co. lands to the center of the W. B. lines of Sur. No. 63 B. O. H. lands. Thence E. with the center lines of said Surs. Nos. 63, 64, 65, B. O. H. land and the center lines of Secs. Nos. 7 and 8, D. & D. Asy. land. Thence E. with the S. lines of Sur. 133 University lands to the S. W. cor. T. E. & L. Sur. No. 2041. Thence E. with S. B. line Sur. No. 2041 to the S. E. cor. of same. Thence S. to the S. W. cor. Sur. 2972, T. E. & L. Co. land. Thence E. with the S. B. lines of said Surs. Nos. 2972 and 2299 T. E. & L. Co. lands, to the S. E. cor. of Sur. No. 2299. Thence S. with the E. B. lines of T. E. & L. Co. Sur. No. 2298 to the S. E. cor. of same. Thence E. with the S. B. lines of Surveys Nos. 2272, 2288, 2280, 3151 T. E. & L. Co. lands to the S. E. cor. of said Sur. No. 3151. Thence S. with the E. B. lines of sur. No. 3152, T. E. & L. Co. land to the S. E. cor. of same. Thence E. with the W. B. line of surveys Nos. 3158, 3166, and 3171, T. E. & Co. lands to a point on the E. boundary line of Callahan

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county. Thence S. with E. bound ary line of Callahan county, to the S. E. cor. of sur. No. 129 H. & T. C. Ry. Co. land. Thence W. with the W. B. line of sur. No. 128 H. & T. C. Ry. Co. land to the N. W. cor. of the M. Cherry sur. (Abst. No. —) Thence W. with the N. B. lines of surs. Nos. 21, 19, and 18, B. O. H. lands, and N. B. lines of surs. Nos. 21, 19 and 13 B. O. H. lands, and N. B. lines of sur. Nos. 315, 316, 317 S. P. Ry. Co. land and N. B. lines of surveys Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 39 of the D. & D. Asylum land to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 39. Thence North to the N. E. cor. of sur. No. 40 D. & D. A. land. Thence W. with the W. B. line of said sur. No. 40 to the N. W. cor of same. Thence W. to the N. E. cor. of sur. No. 148 B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Thence W. with N. B. line of surveys Nos. 148, 130 and 125 to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 125 B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands. Thence S. with the W. B. lines of said sur. No. 125 to the S. E. cor. of the Thomas Ashur sur. Thence W with S B line of said Ashur sur to the S W cor of the W Gatlin sur Thence N to the N E cor of the J D Gibbs sur Thence W with the N B line of the said Gibbs sur to the N E cor of sur No. 1 B B B & C Ry Co land, containing W with the N B lines of said surs No. 1, 4, 9, 14, 19 to N W cor of said sur No 19 B B B & C Ry Co land Thence N with the W B line of sur No 20, to the center of the W B line of sur No 21, B B B & C Ry Co lands. Thence W. with the center line of surveys Nos 22 and 31 to the W B lines of sur. No 31 B B B & C Ry Co lands. Thence N to the N W cor said Sur. No 31. Thence W across survey No 35 S P Ry land to the N E cor of survey No 13 S P Ry Co land. (Block 8) Thence W with the N B line of said sec No 13 and the N B line of surveys Nos 32 and 31 Lunatic Asylum land to the intersection of the W B line of Callahan county. Thence North with the W. boundary line of Callahan county to the place of beginning.

The establishment of said Road District being for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof, in said District.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said County and in said Road District No One of Callahan county, Texas, for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto shall be posted notices of said Election at three public places in said Road District No One, Callahan county, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door of Callahan county, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

Said election shall be held at Eula Pre No 10, Clyde Pre. No 5, Baird Pre No One and Putnam Pre No 8, of Callahan county, Texas, And the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said Election, towit:

- Henry Jones, Eula B. C. Clemer, Clyde F. S. Bell, Baird L. J. Cook, Putnam

Said Election shall be held under the Road District Act passed at the first Called session of the 31st Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said road District No One, Callahan county, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For the issuance of Bonds and levying of the tax in payment thereof" and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the issuance of Bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

The manager holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, governing General Elections.

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of Callahan County, Texas, shall serve as a proper notice of said election and the County Judge is hereby directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No One of Callahan county, Texas, in said County and State for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District No One, Callahan county, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door of said County, at Baird Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

W. R. Ely, Co. Judge, Callahan County, Texas.

Condensed Statement At Close of Business November 20, 1917. Liabilities: Capital \$50,000.00, Surplus and Profits 15,520.42, Circulation 25,000.00, Dividends Unpaid 245.00, Deposits 335,731.23, Rediscounts None, Bills Payable None, Total \$426,496.65. Resources: Loans and Discounts \$157,945.50, Stocks and other Securities 2,670.72, Banking House and Fixtures 5,900.00, U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness 47,000.00, Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 1,800.00, 5 Per Cent Fund 1,250.00, Cash due from banks and in vault 209,930.43, Total \$426,496.65. The First National Bank The Old Established Bank. Organized 1884. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. J. F. Dyer, President. W. S. Hinds, Cashier. W. A. Hinds, Henry James, Vice President. J. W. Turner, Asst. Cashier. Tom Windham, I. B. Cutbirth.

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We handle the best, and nothing less for the money. Another thing, we have nothing old, everything is fresh and new. Our store is full-to-overflowing. Come in and give us the look-over, we will greatly appreciate it. Xmas is coming and you must be on the lookout for something appropriate and practical. In which you will find such as Bath Robes, Mackinaws, Overcoats, Suits; Suit Cases, Hand Bags, Wool and Silk Shirts, Ties, Silk Socks, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs with initials, Xmas boxes, Silk Scarfs. We are expecting every day Shaving Sets and other kinds Khaki bound gifts for the soldiers

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Royal Theatre

Saturday Night

"LIBERTY"

Staring Eddie Polo, Jack Holt and Marie Walcamp

To Patrons of This Theatre

On Monday, November 5th the price of admission was be raised slightly to meet Government War Tax, which law went into effect on Nov. 1st. Admissions is now as follows:

Adults:	-	15c	Children	-	10c
War Tax		2c	War Tax		1c

A Total of 11c and 17c Admission

Pennies will be kept and correct change given at Ticket Window.

Every Difference Between Old and New Prices Goes Into the "War Chest" for Our Boys Over There

PERSONALS

L. M. Hadley spent a few days in Fort Worth the first of this week.

Mrs. Arther Johnson and little son have returned from a visit with relatives at Fort Worth.

Watch for the "Concert" circulars.

Don't fail to hear the "Fire Boys Band" Friday night, Dec. 7th at the School House.

Mr. and Mrs. Olbern Russell have returned from Oplin where they spent a few days with relatives.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Haley, Friday, Nov. 23, 1917, a girl, weight 7 pounds, whom they have named Wilma Francis Haley.

Put your portrait for your boy in the Christmas package. J. D. Dallas, Baird, Texas, makes the best photos. Come early. 51

J. J. Price returned yesterday from a business trip to Fort Worth, and a visit with the Callahan county boys at Camp Bowie.

Warm Blankets, wool asst. Plaids, 52.2t-adv. B. L. Boydston.

J. B. Moore, of Cottonwood came in this morning from Hot Springs, Ark. He reports plenty of rain east.

Mrs. Thomas H. Owen, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is visiting her father, J. O. Hall and wife, at the Bayou ranch.

The Big San An. Tobacco Brown Stetson Hat at B. L. Boydston. 52.2t-adv.

Mrs. H. O. Powell and daughter, Miss Veda, of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. A. M. Miller and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray, who have been making their home at Cross Plains past few months have returned to Baird.

Mrs. Lee Estes, Mrs. Larmer Henry and Miss Eliza Gilliland spent Sunday in Fort Worth the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Caylor.

Jno. W. Slough, of Oplin, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office this week and put his subscription a year ahead.

Accomplished readers, noted singers, and "The Band with a reputation" at the School House Friday night, Dec. 7.

We photograph men as they are. It's a business matter and there is no fuss or bother. Your family, friends and associates want your portrait. Come early. All sizes. J. D. Dallas, Baird, Texas. 51.

CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for ten days, exclusive of the day of first publication before the return day hereof in THE BAIRD STAR, a weekly newspaper, which has been regularly and consecutively published in Callahan County, Texas for at least one year, the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To all persons interested in the estate of Katie Davison deceased:

J. S. Davison has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said Katie Davison deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary, of the estate of Katie Davison deceased, said J. S. Davison being named Executor in said will, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in December, A. D. 1917, the same being the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917, at the Court House thereof in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said 1st day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at my office in Baird, Texas, this 13 day of November, A. D. 1917. Chas. Nordyke, Clerk, County Court 50-4t-adv. Callahan County, Texas.

CONDENSED STATEMENT THE HOME NATIONAL BANK

BAIRD, TEXAS
At Close of Business November 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$201,091.47
U. S. Securities	73,386.30
Real Estate, Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	20,462.96
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,800.00
Cash: With Banks and U. S.	
Treas.	\$97,261.83
In Vault	19,435.00
Cash Advance on Cotton and Wheat	21,718.89
	\$123,415.72
	\$429,156.35
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	13,074.54
Circulation	49,160.00
Bills Payable	1,605.00
Deposits	215,376.75
	\$429,156.35

See the ad of Baird Electric Light & Ice Co. in this issue.

Overcoats, Mackinaws and Raincoats at B. L. Boydston. 52.2t-adv

Pleasing others is more than sentiment, it's almost an obligation. Your sweetheart in camp wants and expects your photo, don't fail to send one. J. D. Dallas, Baird, Tex makes the prettiest photos on earth. Come early. 51adv.

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Chas. Nordyke, Clerk, County Court, 50-4t-adv. Callahan Co., Texas.

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"Our First Sale"

November 15-16-17

Was a splendid success and we sincerely thank our friends and patrons for the business given us. We will put on another sale sometime in December. Look out for dates.

"The Same Goods for Less Money"

THE COMADOT

"More Goods for Same Money"

W. D. BOYDSTUN, Mgr.

Closing Out Millinery SALE

Over 200 Hats Must Be Sold By December 22, 1917

Now is the time to get a cheap hat, hats at your own price. Come in and see for yourself. Ladies hats from \$1.00 to \$6.50 and childrens hats from 50 cts to \$1.90. Be sure that you come before the stock is picked over. I need the money and you need the hats.

Miss Nela Stanley

First Door West of Postoffice

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THE ELECTRIC DOLLAR IS STRONGER

We continue to sell the highest grade, "Edison Mazda Lamps" at the lowest prices

MAZDA LAMPS—PLAIN

Size of Lamp	Our Price	Regular Price
25 Watts	\$.23	\$.27
40 Watts	.23	.27
50 Watts	.23	.27
60 Watts	.31	.36

TYPE "C" LAMPS—CLEAR

75 Watts	\$.55	\$.65
100 Watts	.85	1.00
100 Watts	1.00	1.50

TYPE "C" LAMPS—FROSTED

75 Watts	\$.60	\$.70
100 Watts	.90	1.05
150 Watts	1.35	1.55

Why continue to use the old current consuming lamps, when you can get good light for so little money? We also have a stock of "Hot Point," the successful iron, that smooth out your troubles.

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PETROGRAD-BERLIN WIRELESS AT WORK

MESSAGES BEING EXCHANGED,
PROBABLY CONCERNING
ARMISTICE.

RUSSIANS SHORT OF FOOD

All Corporate Property Held by Nobles and Merchants Must Be Handed Over to State.

Washington.—Information reaching the state department was that the authorities in Petrograd were in wireless communication with Berlin. The character of the communications passing between the two capitals was unknown, but it was assumed they had to do with the Bolshevik offer of an armistice.

Ambassador Francis' report to the state department included information reaching him that the northern armies in Russia were facing a serious food shortage, giving rise to the fear that the disorders in that country might be further complicated by widespread looting. He also repeated a rumor current in Petrograd that a new government of a Socialist character was being formed.

Petrograd.—The Maximalist commissioners have proclaimed the abolition of class titles, distinctions and privileges. All persons henceforth are citizens of the Russian republic. The corporate property of nobles, merchants and bourgeois, according to the proclamation, must be handed over to the state.

Anglo-French Army on Italian Front. London.—Apparently the peril of the Italian troops guarding the Piave line and the hill country in northern Italy against the Teutonic allies is at an end. Large numbers of British and French reinforcements—in fantry and artillery—at last have arrived upon the scene, after days of anxious waiting in which the Italians have borne the brunt of terrific fighting on both fronts solely upon their own shoulders and kept back the enemy from a further invasion of the Venetian plain.

Federal Operation of Roads Possible. Washington.—Government operation of the railroads during the war looms as an increasing possibility in the minds of officials, who with the railroad heads, are trying to work out a plan for relief of the Eastern traffic situation. Apparently it is conceded that if the pooling system about to be undertaken by the railroads themselves does not solve the problem, the government will take over the operation of the roads as one system.

Trial of Alleged Negro Rioters Ends. San Antonio.—The case of the 63 enlisted men of the Twenty-fourth infantry, who are charged with participation in the Houston riot the night of August 23 last, is in the hands of the court martial. Immediately after arguments Brigadier General George K. Hunter, president of the court, requested Judge Advocate J. A. Hull to furnish the court with records of the proceedings. The first private sessions of the court was called Wednesday morning.

Engineer and Two Firemen Killed. Henrietta, Okla.—Three trainmen were killed and three passengers hurt when the Frisco express, out of St. Louis, traveling at high speed, plunged into obstructions placed on the tracks ten miles south of here. J. S. Robertson, Sapulpa, Okla., engineer, stayed with his engine when he saw the obstructions, steel bars chained to the sides of the rails. The mogul engine plowed into the trap at terrific speed, then toppled over a steep embankment and rolled 20 feet into a hollow. The engineer, a student fireman and the regular fireman were buried under the great machine.

Italians Repulse Attacks of Teutons. Rome.—Troops of the Italian first army on the Asiago plateau repulsed several furious Austro-German attacks and counter-attacks with success, the Italian war office has announced.

Gen. Maude Succumbed to Cholera. London.—General Frederick Stanley Maude, the commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, who died Nov. 18 after a brief illness, succumbed to cholera, according to reports.

\$10,000 Railroad Fire at Longview. Longview.—Fire destroyed a store-room and other property of the Santa Fe railway here. The damage is estimated at \$10,000.

Find 3 U. S. Naval Airmen at Sea. A French Port.—Suffering from cold, exhaustion and hunger, three American naval airmen were picked up by a French patrol boat after having been lost at sea for nearly 60 hours. The three men, in a huge triplane hydro-airplane, left a French base Thursday in search of four enemy submarines which were reported operating off this coast. About dusk Saturday a French patrol boat saw the missing machine drifting helplessly several miles out at sea.

SAMUEL GOMPERS



President of the American Federation of Labor, who has shown heartiest co-operation with the shipping board in trying to solve the shortage of labor.

MILLION U. S. TROOPS TO EUROPE BY SUMMER

War Department Says Movement is Measuring Up to All Expectations. May Send 4,000,000 Men.

Washington.—Plans of the war department include the dispatch of men to Europe at a rate that will mean 1,000,000 ready for the fighting lines by midsummer, all contingent, however, upon the navy and shipping board to furnish the required tonnage. As soon as this overseas movement is completed, sending of the second million will begin.

Military men have feared what has occurred in Russia, and in figuring upon the eventualities are said to be of the opinion that from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 men from the United States would be required to meet the emergency. England now has about 3,000,000 in the field.

The government's foreign program does not include the whole of military preparations. The estimates involve a program for 3,000,000 men, or about 1,000,000 more than are now under arms, and would mean two additional calls under the draft of 500,000 each. There are now in the army 2,088,000 men and officers, approximately 1,000,000 of whom are National guard. The million guardsmen are now considered to have completed their initial training to an extent that they may be taken to Europe. The National army will be the last of the present force to go.

Sugar for Russian Czar is Seized. New York.—The sugar shortage situation in New York and New England has been relieved somewhat by the seizure by the federal sugar administrator of 10,000 tons bought for the former Russian imperial government and by declaration that 25 car loads of beet sugar are on the way from the west. The sugar seized was attached in connection with a suit against former Emperor Nicholas of Russia, seeking to obtain \$2,800,000 for alleged breach of contract.

Germany Building Enormous Airfleet. Washington.—Germany is working with might and main and feverish haste to construct enormous fleets of airplanes to match the aerial work the United States intends to do in Europe next summer. Through the network of German spies in this country and their mystifying methods of transmitting all valued military information to Germany regarding the activities of her enemies, the military heads in Germany have heard every detail of schemes of the United States to place approximately 12,000 airplanes on the front in France next spring.

Los Angeles Votes to Abolish Saloons. Los Angeles, Cal.—Practically complete returns on Wednesday's election showed the city voted for the elimination of saloons and severe restrictions on the liquor traffic by a majority of nearly 20,000. Effective after March 31, 1918, the initiative ordinance will make Los Angeles the largest city in the United States without saloons, according to present records.

Serious Rioting in Streets of Berlin. London.—Serious rioting took place in Berlin last Sunday, according to dispatches received from Amsterdam. One message says that the fighting between the mob and the police was very fierce and that there was a heavy casualty list as the police used their firearms.

Reports Show Bumper Food Crops. Washington.—Bumper world crops of corn, oats, potatoes, rice, sugar beets and tobacco for this year are shown by estimates compiled by the international institute of agriculture at Rome, made public by the department of agriculture. Wheat, rye, barley and flaxseed, however, have fallen below the five-year average of production from 1911 to 1915. The production of wheat in 17 countries, not including the central powers, will be 1,868,000,000 bushels.

BRITISH IN FRANCE ADVANCE FIVE MILES

BATTLE BEGUN WITHOUT ARTILLERY PREPARATION FOR FIRST TIME IN WAR.

8,000 GERMANS CAPTURED

French Also Gain Ground, While Italians Are Holding Firm All Along Their Line.

British Wedge Going Deeper. London.—The six-mile wedge driven into the German defenses in the British offensive on the Arras-St. Quentin front is penetrating still deeper and spreading out, Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters in France telegraphs. On some stretches of the front the British troops have broken into the enemy's final defense line. All the German counter-attacks have been repulsed. All the British gains being held. The prisoners taken in the advance now number more than 9,000, the correspondent reports.

London.—The great Hindenburg defense line has been smashed. And the task apparently was an easy one. Attacking over a front of 32 miles, extending from the Scarpe river east of Arras to St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig, with his English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh troops, has made one of the most rapid and spectacular drives of the present war, catching the Germans completely by surprise in the onslaught, capturing numerous positions which were regarded as impregnable and taking in addition thousands of prisoners and numerous guns. The depth of the advance is over five miles.

The apex of the offensive is apparently centered on the important railway junction of Cambrai. Here the victorious armies at last accounts were well within the ring of Cambrai.

French Begin Offensive.

Synchronously, to the south, around St. Quentin and east of that point in the Aisne region, the French have begun an offensive. They have attacked in the region to the north of Craonne and Barry-au-Bac on a front of about two-thirds of a mile and penetrated the German positions to an average depth of about 400 yards, capturing strong defenses and taking 175 German prisoners.

The British drive was begun without the usual artillery prelude and as the tanks and infantrymen made their way through the wire entanglements the surprised enemy began sending up signal rockets calling for assistance. Whether aid was rushed up is not definitely known, but seemingly the surprised Germans fled in disorder, leaving all kinds of equipment behind, and in most cases did not even take time, as is usual, to ply the torch to villages they evacuated.

The British casualties are described as extremely light, while German dead covered the ground as the British pressed forward.

Italians Holding Line.

Meanwhile the Italians everywhere are holding the Teutonic allied invaders along the Piave river and in the hilly region from the upper reaches of the stream to Lake Garda. Nowhere has the enemy been able to gain additional ground. On the contrary, the violent attacks in the hill country have been repulsed with heavy attacks.

Still further progress has been made by the British in Palestine, the line of General Allenby now having been driven to points five miles northwest and six miles west of Jerusalem. The former position was taken at the point of the bayonet.

Two Transports Encounter U-Boats.

A French Port.—The latest American transports to reach here had an exciting trip through the submarine zone. The first night in the zone two transports collided. One was slightly damaged, while the other had a small hole torn in her bow and a few projecting guns damaged. The following night a submarine attacked the transports. The wake of a torpedo was seen off the bow of one of the vessels. The transports raced ahead and succeeded in reaching port safely.

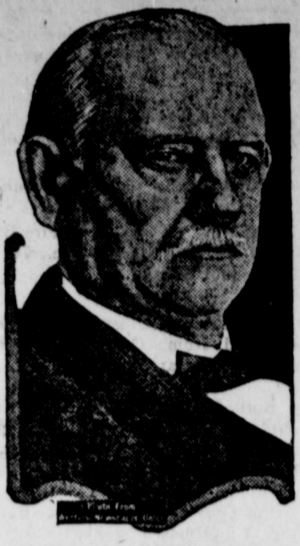
\$49,209,411 Total for Y. M. C. A. Fund

New York.—The National War Work council of the Young Men's Christian association announced that the grand total of the nation-wide war fund campaign is \$49,209,411. This exceeds by nearly \$15,000 the \$35,000,000 goal set at the beginning of the campaign on Nov. 12.

Brazil Gets Plans for Operating Subs

Rio Janeiro.—A resident of Rio Janeiro, well known in Brazilian society, has been arrested for photographing sections of the coast, especially near the German colonies. A search of his house revealed extensive plans for the operation and subsistence of submarines in Brazilian waters. The authorities are of the opinion that it is the intention to operate German submarines along the Brazilian coast, if, indeed, they have not already arrived.

THETUS W. SIMS



Thetus W. Sims, congressman from Tennessee, will succeed Adamson of Georgia as chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Mr. Sims has been a member of eleven congresses.

BROTHERHOODS AGREE NOT TO ORDER STRIKE

Suspension of Transportation Will be Avoided, They Say in Statement.

Washington.—Possibility of immediate suspension of railway transportation as a result of the four brotherhoods' proposed wage demands was removed and progress toward amicable adjustment of any wage controversy during the war was made at a conference between President Wilson, the four brotherhood heads and members of the federal mediation board.

As a result of the conference the brotherhoods are left free to formally present and urge their new demands upon the carriers under a virtual agreement with the president to avoid a strike or other cause of transportation tie-up until after full discussion and consideration.

A definite issue in the wage negotiations, it was assured, could not be reached before the first of the year, as the demands will not be presented until Dec. 1. Future developments will depend, first on the carriers' disposition of the new demands, and second, in event of a deadlock, on further negotiations agreed to at the meeting at the White House.

Chauncey Rammmed By Transport.

Washington.—The American destroyer Chauncey, sunk on Monday with the loss of 21 lives, was out in two by the transport Rose, the navy department was advised by Vice Admiral Sims. The after part of the destroyer sank immediately, carrying down three officers, including the commander and 18 enlisted men, who were believed to have been asleep in their quarters. The Chauncey undoubtedly was conveying the Rose and both vessels were running through the war zone without lights.

American Ship Sunk; 21 Lives Lost.

Washington.—Sinking of the American destroyer Chauncey in collision in the war zone with a probable loss of 21 lives, was announced by the navy department. No further details were given in a brief report to the department from Vice Admiral Sims. The Chauncey was a small, old type boat of only 420 tons.

Treasury Balance is \$1,921,000,000.

Washington.—The crest of the tide of inflowing Liberty loan dollars was reached when the net balance in the United States treasury reached the new high record of \$1,921,000,000. Most officials believe this mark will not be exceeded for at least several months when the huge returns from income and excess profits' taxes and from future Liberty loans roll in, although payments on the new issue of certificates of indebtedness planned to counteract the tax returns, can not be determined until Dec. 1.

War News Advance Cotton Over \$4.

New Orleans.—Reports of the British victory on the western front caused a sudden raise in cotton and put prices to the highest levels ever recorded in this market, December advancing to 27.87c a pound. At the same time spots rose to 28.85c for middling, the highest price in half a century. The war news came when the market was depressed, trading months losing 15 to 27 points. From this level they were lifted 66 to 82 points, or more than \$4 a bale.

Reported Russia Decided to Quit War

Copenhagen.—The Berlin correspondent of the National Tidende learns that the German government has received information by an indirect route that the Russian Maximalist government has declared Russia out of the war. The correspondent ascribes his information as being reliable, indicating it was received from a military source, where he declares the belief now is held that the prospects for a "peace of conciliation" are far better than before.

FEDERAL AID SOUGHT FOR TEXAS STOCKMEN

PRESIDENT ASKED FOR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000,000.

CONFERENCE HELD AT AUSTIN

Meeting is Attended by Gov. Hobby and Other State Officials, Council of Defense and Others.

Austin.—President Wilson has been asked to make an emergency appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the relief of the drouth-stricken sections of Texas. The appeal, which was telegraphed to President Wilson, is made by Gov. W. P. Hobby, Texas Warehouse and Marketing Commissioner F. C. Weinert and other state officials; the Texas State Council of Defense, E. A. Peden, Texas food administrator; Dr. Charles McCarthy, personal representative of Food Administrator Hoover, and representatives of farming, banking and commercial organizations and industrial interests of the state.

After hard fighting, in which the troops came into hand-to-hand fighting with varying results, Field Marshal Haig's forces now are in possession of the town of Bourlon and the greater part of the Bourlon wood west of Cambrai, giving them a dominating position over the much sought for railroad center and the surrounding country.

This action was taken at a conference held in Austin Saturday at the call of Governor Hobby. At the suggestion of Governor Hobby, after the drouth-relief subject was disposed of, a movement was started whereby the state council of defense is to co-operate with the state and national food administration in securing a maximum production in Texas next season and also for the proper conservation of food and feed. Governor Hobby will issue a proclamation on the subject. The state council of defense, it was announced, would be called to meet in Austin at an early date to map out plans for a vigorous campaign. President Wilson was urged to take immediate action on the appeal for financial aid to relieve the calamity in Texas caused by the long-continued drouth.

Ranger Oil Field Drawing Attention.

Ranger.—The McCleskey No. 1, which reached the oil sand about one month ago and since that time has been making 500 barrels, has been drilled three feet and is now making better than 2,000 barrels daily. All oil experts believe it will make a 5,000-barrel well. Ranger has taken on the appearance of a city. New business houses are going up as fast as carpenters can be secured. It is estimated that more than \$1,000,000 has been paid out here for leases.

Work of Baptist Institutions Told.

Dallas.—Many phases of the work of Texas Baptists and of Baptist institutions in the state were discussed at the sessions of the Baptist General convention of Texas in the First Baptist church. The work of Baptist Sunday schools in Texas and methods for improving these schools received much attention. The following statistics were given regarding the number of Sunday schools in Texas: 2,500 schools, 25,000 officers, 250,000 pupils, 25 A1 schools, one AAI school, 1,000 churches without Sunday schools, 16,000 officers and teachers without special training.

Men in Draft Age Not for New Guard

Austin.—The adjutant general's department has announced that in order not to interfere with the plans of the federal government in selective draft work, no person subject to the selective draft will be eligible to a commission in the new Texas National guard, which is to be organized under authority of the war department. This order does not apply to enlisted men, but Adjutant General Harley said no effort would be made to enlist men within the draft age for service in the new guard.

Highway Commissions Allots Money.

Austin.—The state highway commission concluded its monthly meeting after having allotted a total of \$1,410,600 for good road building in Texas. Of this amount \$1,246,265 was federal aid and \$164,335 state aid. In the closing session \$50,000 federal aid was given Coleman county and \$20,000 federal aid and \$5,000 state aid to liberty county.

Cotton Palace Had 547,242 Attendance

Waco.—The 1917 Cotton palace closed Sunday, the exposition this year having been the most successful ever held in Waco. One of the big features was the playing of a massed band of 500 men from Camp MacArthur, the last number rendered being the national anthem. The total attendance at the Cotton palace this year was 547,242, as compared with 405,985 last year.

Industries Inside Prison Are Opposed.

Huntsville.—A continuance of the present "double-barreled" system of operating both prison farms and "inside" prison industries will not be recommended for the state penitentiary system by the joint investigating committee of the house and the senate of the Texas legislature. This was indicated by statements of Senator J. C. McNealus and Speaker F. O. Fuller of the house, in connection with examination of witnesses as to the prison industries.

GERMANS TRYING TO RETAKE LOST GROUND

BRITISH HOLDING ALL GROUND GAINED AND IN ADDITION CAPTURE OTHER POSITIONS.

ASSAULTS ON ITALIANS FAIL

Teutons Are Attempting to Break Through to Venetian Plain, but Defenders Tenaciously Hold.

British Capture Bourlon. British Army Headquarters in France.—There has been much traffic out of Cambrai southeastward during the last few days, indicating the probability that the Germans have evacuated the civilian population.

After hard fighting, in which the troops came into hand-to-hand fighting with varying results, Field Marshal Haig's forces now are in possession of the town of Bourlon and the greater part of the Bourlon wood west of Cambrai, giving them a dominating position over the much sought for railroad center and the surrounding country.

London.—While in the main the British troops in the region of Cambrai are consolidating the positions they won in the spectacular two-day battle, considerable hard fighting of a local character is taking place on numerous sectors where the Germans are endeavoring to oust the English, Scotch, Welsh and Irish contingents whose drive has placed them virtually on the threshold of Cambrai.

Especially severe has been the fighting around Creve Coeur, Moeuvres and the Bourlon wood. All the ground previously gained by the British had been held up to late Friday, and in addition west of Moeuvres an elevation dominating a large section of the canal Du Nord and the town of Moeuvres, which is in the hands of the Germans, had been captured.

The Germans are fighting bitterly to recapture lost terrain and to hold back further incursions into their lines.

Although the British are busily engaged in the Cambrai sector, Field Marshal Haig has not overlooked a chance again to stab the German line in Flanders. Southeast of Ypres the British have thrown forward their line slightly.

Between the Brenna and Piave rivers in the Italian theater the Italians and the Teutonic allies are still at deadly grips, with the enemy endeavoring to break through to the Venetian plain, but with the Italians everywhere tenaciously holding them. The enemy everywhere is throwing masses of men against the Italians and his losses in men killed, wounded or made prisoner have been extremely heavy.

44,000,000-Foot Gas Well Brought In.

Ardmore, Okla.—Phillips & Franklin drilled in a gas well on the Dougherty farm, in the Fox district. The well gauged 44,000,000 cubic feet with the drill 15 feet in the sand. The top of the sand was at 1,679 feet. The well will be connected with the line of the Lone Star Gas company.

Loss From Texas Drouth \$400,000,000.

Chicago.—Charles McCarthy, special aid to Herbert C. Hoover, who has just returned from investigating the drouth-stricken district of Texas, said it had been so severe that all cotton seed and forage in the state had been commandeered. He said the losses already had reached \$400,000,000 and that unless relief on a huge scale was rushed immediately, 2,000,000 head of cattle would die. The greatest damage has been done in the western part of Texas, in New Mexico and in Colorado.

Accidents Fatal to 2 Student Airmen.

Fort Worth.—Two members of the Royal Flying corps, in training at Taliaferro field, have been killed and two seriously injured. One of the aviators sustained injuries Friday afternoon from which he died the next morning. Two others were injured Saturday by falls while in flight.

Reduce Insurance Rate on Cargoes.

Washington.—On account of the reduction in ships torpedoed during the last few weeks, the War risk bureau has lowered the insurance rate on vessels passing through the submarine zone from 5 to 4 per cent. This is the second reduction in cargo insurance rates made by secretary McAdoo within the last two months, the rate having been lowered on Oct. 6, from 6½ to 5 per cent.

Making of Insurance Rates Explained.

Austin.—Members of the State Fire Insurance commission and employes of that office appeared before the subcommittee composed of Representatives Fairchild and Pillow and informally discussed the making of fire insurance rates. They will present brief and arguments covering a number of phases of the work of the commission. This subcommittee has practically completed examination of the banking and insurance department.

King of the Khyber Rifles

A Romance of Adventure

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KING SEES YASMINI FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN SHE COMES TO DANCE BEFORE THE THOUSANDS OF WARRIORS ASSEMBLED IN THE CAVERN

Synopsis.—At the beginning of the world war Capt. Athelstan King of the British Indian army and of its secret service, is ordered to Delhi to meet Yasmini, a dancer, and goes with her to Khinjan to meet the outlaws there who are said by spies to be preparing for a jihad or holy war. On his way to Delhi King quietly foils a plan to assassinate him and gets evidence that Yasmini is after him. He meets Rewa Gunga, Yasmini's man, who says she has already gone north, and at her town house witnesses queer dances. Ismail, an Afridi, becomes his body servant and protector. He rescues some of Yasmini's hillmen and takes them north with him, tricking the Rangar into going ahead. The Rangar deserts him at a dangerous time. He meets his brother at All Masjid fort. The disguise he assumes there fools even the sharp-eyed cutthroats composing his guard. He enters Khinjan caves, thanks to his lying guides, and at a clinic hears of an impending revolt led by Bull-With-a-Beard, and goes to a meeting in the cavern.

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"Aye! The liar says the Germans gave it to him. He swears they will send more. Who are the Germans? Who is a man who talks of a jihad that is to be, that he should have gold coin given him by unbelievers? I saw a German once, at Nukla. He ate pig-meat and washed it down with wine. Are such men sons of the Prophet? Wait and watch, say I!"

"Money?" said King. "And should no more money come?"

This was courteous conversation and received as such—many a long league removed from curiosity.

"Who am I to foretell a man's kismet? I know what I know, and I think what I think! I know thee, hakim, for a gentle fellow, who hurt me almost not at all in the drawing of a bullet out of my flesh. What knowest thou about me?"

"That I will dress the wound for thee again!"

Artless statements are as useful in their way as artless questions. Let the guile lie deep, that is all.

"Nay, nay! For she said nay! Shall I fall foul of her, for the sake of a new bandage?"

The temptation was terrific to ask why she had given that order, but King resisted it; and presently it occurred to the Pathan that his own theories on the subject might be of interest.

"She will use thee for a reward," he said. "He who shall win and keep her



A Wretched-Looking Beluchi Was Thrust Forward at a Run, with Arms Lashed to His Sides.

favor may have his hurts dressed and his belly dosed. Her enemies may rot.

"Does she call the mullah Muhammad Anim enemy?" King asked him.

"Nay, she never mentions him by name."

CHAPTER XIII.

The dance went on for fifteen minutes yet, but then—quite unexpectedly—all the arena guards together fired a volley at the roof, and the dance stopped as if every dancer had been hit. Panting—foaming at the mouth, some of them—the dancers ran to their seats and set the crowd surging again, leaving the arena empty of all but the guards.

Now a man stood up near the edge of the crowd whom King recognized; and recognition brought no joy with it. The mullah without hair or eyelashes, who had admitted him and his party through the mosque into the caves, strode out to the middle of the arena all alone, strutting and swaggering. He recalled the man's last words and drew no consolation from them, either.

"Many have entered! Some went out by a different road!"

Cold chills went down his back. All at once Ismail's manner became encouraging. He ceased to make a fuss over the dancer and began to eye King sidewise, until at last he seemed unable to contain the malice that would well forth.

"At the gate there were only words!"

he whispered. "Here in this cavern men wait for proof!"

He licked his teeth suggestively, as a wolf does when he contemplates a meal. Then, as an afterthought, as though ashamed, "I love thee! Thou art a man after my own heart! But I am her man! Wait and see!"

The mullah in the arena, blinking with his lashed eyes, held both arms up for silence in the attitude of a Christian priest blessing a congregation. The great cavern grew still, and only the river could be heard sucking hungrily between the smooth stone banks.

"God is great!" the mullah howled. The crowd thundered in echo to him; and then the vault took up the echoes.

"And Muhammad is his prophet!" howled the mullah. Instantly they answered him again. "His prophet—is his prophet—is his prophet!" said the stalwartes, in loud barks—then in murmurs—then in awe-struck whispers.

That seemed to be all the religious ritual Khinjan remembered or could tolerate. Considering that the mullah, too, must have killed his man in cold blood before earning the right to be there, perhaps it was enough—too much. There were men not far from King who shuddered.

"There are strangers!" announced the mullah, as a man might say, "I smell a rat!" But he did not look at anybody in particular; he blinked at the crowd.

"Bring them!" he shouted, and King suppressed a shudder—for what proof had he of right to be there, beyond Ismail's verbal corroboration of a lie? Would Ismail lie for him again? he wondered. And if so, would the lie be any use?

Not far from where King sat there was an immediate disturbance in the crowd, and a wretched-looking Beluchi was thrust forward at a run, with arms lashed to his sides and a pitiful look of terror on his face. Two more Beluchis were hustled along after him, protesting a little, but looking almost as hopeless.

Once in the arena, the guards took charge of all three of them and lined them up facing the mullah, clubbing them with their rifle-butts to get quicker obedience. The crowd began to be noisy again, but the mullah signed for silence.

"These are traitors!" he howled, and his voice was like a wolf's at hunting time. "Hear, and be warned!"

The crowd grew very still, but King saw that some men licked their lips, as if they well knew what was coming.

"These three men came, and one was a new man!" the mullah howled. "The other two were his witnesses! All three swore that the first man came from slaying an unbeliever in the teeth of written law. They said he ran from the law. So, as the custom is, I let all three enter!"

"Good!" said the crowd. "Good!" They might have been five thousand judges, judging in equity, so grave they were. Yet they licked their lips.

"But later, word came to me saying they are liars. So—again as the custom is—I ordered them bound and held! Does any speak for them?"

"Speak for them?" said the roof.

There was silence. Then there was a murmur of astonishment. Over opposite to where King sat the mullah stood up, who the Pathan had said was "Bull-with-a-beard"—Muhammad Anim.

"The men are mine!" he growled. His voice was like a bear's at bay; it was low, but it carried strangely. And as he spoke he swung his great head between his shoulders, like a bear that means to charge. "The proof they brought has been stolen! They had good proof! I speak for them! The men are mine!"

The Pathan nudged King in the ribs with an elbow like a club and tickled his ear with hot breath.

"Bull-with-a-beard speaks truth!" he grinned. "Truth and a lie together! Good may it do him and them! They die, they three Baluchis!"

"Proof!" howled the mullah who had no hair or eyelashes.

"Proof! Show us proof!" yelled the crowd.

The Pathan next King leaned over to whisper to him again, but stifled in

the act. There was a great gasp the same instant, as the whole crowd caught its breath all together. The mullah in the middle froze into immobility. Bull-with-a-beard stood mumbling, swaying his great head from side to side, no longer suggestive of a bear about to charge, but of one who hesitates.

The crowd was staring at the end of the bridge. King stared, too, and caught his own breath. For Yasmini stood there, smiling on them all as the new moon smiles down on the Khyber! She had come among them like a spirit, all unheralded.

So much more beautiful than the one likeness King had seen of her that for a second he doubted who she was, she stood there, human and warm and real, who had begun to seem a myth, clad in gauzy silk transparent stuff that made no secret of sylphlike shapeliness and looking nearly light enough to blow away. Her feet—and they were the most marvelously molded things he had ever seen—were naked and played restlessly on the naked stone. Not one part of her was still for a fraction of a second; yet the whole effect was of insensibly lazy ease.

Her eyes blazed brighter than the little jewels stitched to her gossamer dress, and when a man once looked at them he did not find it easy to look away again. Even mullah Muhammad Anim seemed transfixed, like a great foolish animal.

But King was staring very hard indeed at something else—mentally cursing the plain glass spectacles he wore, that had begun to film over and dim his vision. There were two bracelets on her arm, both barbaric things of solid gold. The smaller of the two was on her wrist and the larger on her upper arm, but they were so alike, except for size, and so exactly like the one Rewa Gunga had given him in her name and that had been stolen from him in the night, that he ran the risk of removing the glasses a moment to stare with unimpeded eyes. Even then the distance was too great. He could not quite see.

But her eyes began to search the crowd in his direction, and then he knew two things absolutely. He was sitting where she had ordered Ismail to place him; for she picked him out almost instantly, and laughed as if somebody had struck a silver bell. And one of those bracelets was the one that he had worn; for she flaunted it at him, moving her arm so that the light should make the gold glitter.

Then, perhaps because the crowd had begun to whisper, and she wanted all attention, she raised both arms to toss back the golden hair that came cascading nearly to her knees. And as if the crowd knew that symptom well, it drew its breath in sharply and grew very still.

"Muhammad Anim!" she said, and she might have been wooing him. "That was a devil's trick!"

It was rather an astounding statement, coming from lovely lips in such a setting. It was rather suggestive of a driver's whiplash, flicked through the air for a beginning. Muhammad Anim continued glaring and did not answer her, so in her own good time, when she had tossed her golden hair back once or twice again, she developed her meaning.

"We who are free of Khinjan caves do not send men out to bring recruits. We know better than to bid our men tell lies for others at the gate. Nor, seeking proof for our new recruit, do we send men to hunt a head for him—not even those of us who have a lashkar that we call our own, mullah Muhammad Anim! Each of us earns his own way in!"

The mullah Muhammad Anim began to stroke his beard, but he made no answer.

"And—mullah Muhammad Anim, thou wandering man of God—when that lashkar has foolishly been sent and has failed, is it written in the Kalamullah saying we should pretend there was a head, and that the head was stolen? A lie is a lie, Muhammad Anim! Wandering perhaps is good, if in search of the way. Is it good to lose the way, and to lie, thou true follower of the Prophet?"

She smiled, tossing her hair back. Her eyes challenged, her lips mocked him and her chin scorned. The crowd breathed hard and watched. The mullah muttered something in his beard, and sat down, and the crowd began to roar applause at her. But she checked it with a regal gesture, and a glance of contempt at the mullah that was alone worth a journey across the "Hills" to see.

"Guards!" she said quietly. And the crowd's sigh then was like the night wind in a forest.

"Away with those three of Muhammad Anim's men!"

Twelve of the arena guards threw down their shields with a sudden clatter and seized the prisoners, four to each. The crowd shivered with delicious anticipation. The doomed men neither struggled nor cried, for fatalism is an anodyne as well as an explosive. King set his teeth. Yasmini, with both hands behind her head, continued to smile down on them all as sweetly as the stars shine on a battlefield.

She nodded once; and then all was over in a minute. With a ringing "Ho!" and a run, the guards lifted their victims shoulder high and bore them forward. At the river bank they paused for a second to swing them. Then, with another "Ho!" they threw them like dead rubbish into the swift black water.

There was only one wild scream that went echoing and re-echoing to the roof. There was scarcely a splash, and no extra ripple at all. No heads came up again to gasp. No fingers clutched at the surface. The fearful speed of the river sucked them under, to grind and churn and pound them through long caverns underground and hurl them at last over the great cataract toward the middle of the world.

"Ah-h-h-h-h!" sighed the crowd in ecstasy.

"Is there no other stranger?" asked Yasmini, searching for King again with her amazing eyes. The skin all down his back turned there and then into gooseflesh. And as her eyes met his she laughed like a bell at him. She knew! She knew who he was, how he had entered, and how he felt. Not a doubt of it!

CHAPTER XIV.

"Kurram Khan!" the lashed mullah howled, like a lone wolf in the moonlight, and King stood up. In that grim minute he managed to seem about as much at ease as a native hakim ought to feel at such an initiation.

"Come forward!" the mullah howled, and he obeyed, treading gingerly between men who were at no pains to let him by, and silently blessing them, because he was not really in any hurry at all. Yasmini looked lovely from a distance, and life was sweet.

"Who are his witnesses?"

"I!" shouted Ismail, jumping up.

"I!" cracked the roof. "I!" So that for a second King almost believed he had a crowd of men to swear for him and did not hear Darya Khan at all, who rose from a place not very far behind where he had sat.

Ismail followed him in a hurry, like a man wading a river with loose clothes gathered in one arm and the other arm ready in case of falling. Darya Khan did not go so fast. As he forced his way forward a man passed him up the wooden box that King had used to stand on; and he seized it in both hands with a grin and a jest and went to stand behind King and Ismail, in line with the lashed mullah, facing Yasmini. Yasmini smiled at them all as if they were actors in her comedy, and she well pleased with them.

"Look ye!" howled the mullah.

"Look ye and look well, for this is to be one of us!"

King felt ten thousand eyes burn holes in his back, but the one pair of eyes that mocked him from the bridge was more disconcerting.

"Turn, Kurram Khan! Turn that all may see!"

Feeling like a man on a spit, he revolved slowly. By the time he had turned once completely around he had decided that Yasmini meant he should be frightened, but not much hurt just yet. So he ceased altogether to feel frightened and took care to look more scared than ever.

"Speak, Kurram Khan!" Yasmini purred, smiling her loveliest. "Tell them whom you slew."

King turned and faced the crowd, raising himself on the balls of his feet to shout, like a man facing thousands of troops on parade. He nearly gave himself away, for habit had him un-awares. A native hakim, given the stoutest lungs in all India, would not have shouted in that way.

"Capptin Attleystan King!" he roared. And he nearly jumped out of his skin when his own voice came rattling back at him from the roof overhead.

Yasmini chuckled as a little rill will sometimes chuckle among ferns. It was devilish. It seemed to say there were traps not far ahead.

"Where was he slain?" asked the mullah.

"In the Khyber pass," said King.

"Now give proof!" said the mullah.

"Words at the gate—proof in the cavern! Without good proof, there is only one way out of here!"

"Proof!" the crowd thundered.

"Proof!" the roof echoed.

There was no need for Darya Khan to whisper. King's hands were behind him, and he had seen what he had seen and guessed what he had guessed while he was turning to let the crowd look at him. His fingers closed on human hair.

"Nay, it is short!" hissed Darya Khan. "Take the two ears, or hold it by the jawbone! Hold it high in both hands!"

King obeyed, without looking at the thing, and Ismail, turning to face the crowd, rose on tiptoe and filled his lungs for the effort of his life.

"The head of Capptin Attleystan King—Infidel—kafir—British arrficer!" he howled.

"Good!" the crowd bellowed. "Good! Throw it!"

The crowd's roar and the roof's echoes combined in pandemonium.

"Throw it to them, Kurram Khan!" Yasmini purred from the bridge end, speaking as softly and as sweetly as if she coaxed a child. "It is the custom!"

"Throw it! Throw it!" the crowd thundered.

He turned the ghastly thing until it lay face-upward in his hands, and so at last he saw it. He caught his breath, and only the horn-rimmed spectacles, that he had cursed twice that night, saved him from self-betrayal. The cavern seemed to sway as he looked into the dead face of his brother Charles.

If Yasmini detected his nervousness she gave no sign.

"Throw it! Throw it! Throw it!"

The crowd was growing impatient. Many men were standing, waving their arms to draw attention to themselves. Catching Yasmini's eyes, he knew it had not entered her head that he might disobey.

He looked past her toward the river. There were no guards near enough to prevent what he intended; but he had to bear in mind that the guards had rifles, and if he acted too suddenly one of them might shoot at him unbidden. Holding the head before him with both hands, he began to walk toward the river, edging all the while a little toward the crowd as if meaning to get nearer before he threw. He reached the river and stood there.

His next move made every savage who watched him gasp because of its very unexpectedness. He held the head in both hands, threw it far out into the river and stood to watch it sink. Then, without visible emotion of any kind, he walked back stolidly to face Yasmini at the bridge end, with shoulders a little more stubborn now than they ought to be, and chin a shade too high, for there never was a man who could act quite perfectly.

"Thou fool!" Yasmini whispered through lips that did not move. She

betrayed a flash of temper like a trapped she-tiger's, but followed it instantly with her loveliest smile.

"Slay him!" yelled a lone voice, that was greeted by an approving murmur.

"This is a darbar!" Yasmini announced in a rising, ringing voice. "My darbar, for I summoned it! Did I invite any man to speak?"

There was silence, as a whipped unwilling pack is silent.

"Speak, thou Kurram Khan! Tell them why!" she said, smiling. No man could have guessed by the tone of her voice whether she was for him or against him, and the crowd, beginning again to whisper, watched to see which way the cat would jump.

He bowed low to her three times—very low indeed and very slowly, for he had to think. Then he turned his back and repeated the obeisance to the crowd.

"My brothers," he said, and his voice became that of a man whose advice has been asked, and who gives it freely. "Ye saw this night how one man entered here on the strength of an oath and a promise. All he lacked was proof. And I had proof. Ye saw! How easy would it not have been, had I thrown that head to you, for a traitor to catch it and hide it in his clothes, and make away with it! He could have used it to admit to these caves—why—even an Englishman, my brothers! If that had happened, ye would have blamed me!"

Yasmini smiled. Taking its cue from her, the crowd murmured, scarcely assent, but rather recognition of the hakim's adroitness. The game was not won; there lacked a touch to tip the scales in his favor, and Yasmini supplied it with ready genius.

"The hakim speaks the truth!" she laughed.

King turned about instantly to face her, but he salaamed so low that she could not have seen his expression had she tried.

"If ye wish it, I will order him tossed into Earth's Drink after those other three."

Muhammad Anim rose, stroking his beard and rocking where he stood.

"It is the law!" he growled, and King shuddered.

"It is the law," Yasmini answered in a voice that rang with pride and insolence, "that none interrupt me while I speak! For such ill-mannered ones Earth's Drink hungers! Will you test my authority, Muhammad Anim? Think ye! If that head had only fallen into Muhammad Anim's lap, the mullah might have smuggled in another man with it!"

A roar of laughter greeted that thrust. Many men who had not laughed at the mullah's first discomfiture joined in now. Muhammad Anim sat and fidgeted, meeting nobody's eye and answering nothing.

"So it seems to me good," Yasmini said, in a voice that did not echo any more but rang very clear and true (she seemed to know the trick of the roof, and to use the echo or not as she chose), "to let this hakim live! He shall meditate in his cave a while, and perhaps he shall be beaten, lest he dare offend again. He can no more escape from Khinjan caves than the

women who are prisoners here. He may therefore live!"

There was utter silence. Men looked at one another and at her, and her blazing eyes searched the crowd swiftly. It was plain enough that there were at least two parties there, and that none dared oppose Yasmini's will for fear of the others.

"To thy seat, Kurram Khan!" she ordered, when she had waited a full minute and no man spoke.

He wasted no time. He hurried out of the arena as fast as he could walk, with Ismail and Darya Khan close at his heels. Ismail overtook him, seized him by the shoulders, hugged him, and dragged him to the empty seat next to the Orakzal Pathan. There he hugged him until his ribs cracked.

"Ready o' wit!" he growled. "Ready o' tongue! Light o' life! Man after mine own heart! Hey, I love thee! Ready I would be thy man, but for being hers! Turned the joke on Muhammad Anim! Turned it against her enemy and raised a laugh against him from his own men! Ready o' wit! Shameless one! Lucky one! Allah was surely good to thee!"

"Have they taken All Masjid fort?" King whispered.

"Nay, how should I know? Ask her! She knows more than any man knows!"

King turned to ask the same question of his friend the Orakzal Pathan; but the Pathan would have none of his questions, he was busy listening for whispers from the crowd, watching with both eyes, and he shoved King aside.

The crowd was very far from being satisfied. An angry murmur had begun to fill the cavern as a hive is filled with the song of bees at swarming time. But even so, surmise what one might, it was not easy to persuade the eye that Yasmini's careless smile and easy poise were assumed. If she recognized indignation and feared it, she disguised her fear amazingly. Leisurely, languidly, she raised both arms until she looked like an angel poised for flight. The little jewels stitched to her gauzy dress twinkled like fireflies as she moved. The crowd gasped sharply. She had it by the heart-strings.

She called, and four guards got under one shield, bowing their heads and resting the great rim on their shoulders. They carried it beneath her and stood still. With a low delicious laugh, sweet and true, she sprang on it, and the shield scarcely trembled; she seemed lighter than the silk her dress was woven from!

They carried her so, and in the midst of the arena before they had ceased moving she began to sing, with her head thrown back and bosom swelling like a bird's.

The East would ever rather draw its own conclusions from a hint left fall than be puzzled by what the West believes are facts. And parables are not good evidence in courts of law, which is always a consideration. So her song took the form of a parable.

And to say that she took hold of them and played rhapsodies of her own making on their heartstrings would be to undervalue what she did. They were dumb while she sang, but they rose at her. Not a force in the world could have kept them down, for she was deftly touching cords that stirred other forces—subtle, mysterious, meretric, which the old East understands—which Muhammad the prophet understood when he harnessed evil in the shafts with men and wrote rules for their driving in a book. They rose in silence and stood tense.

She sang of a wolf-pack gathering from the valleys in the winter snow—a very hungry wolf-pack. Then of a stalled ox, grown very fat from being cared for. Of the "Heart of the Hills" that awoke in the worm of the "Hills," and that listened and watched.

"Now, is she the 'Heart of the Hills'?" King wondered. The rumors men had heard and told again in India, about the "Heart of the Hills" in Khinjan seemed to have foundation.

He thought of the strange knife, wrapped in a handkerchief under his shirt, with its bronze blade and gold hilt in the shape of a woman dancing. The woman dancing was astonishingly like Yasmini, standing on the shield!

She sang about the owners of the stalled ox, who were busy at bay, defending themselves and their ox from another wolf-pack in another direction "far beyond."

She urged them to wait a little while. The ox was big enough and fat enough to nourish all the wolves in the world for many seasons. Let them wait, then, until another, greater wolf-pack joined them, that they might go hunting all together, overwhelm its present owners and devour the ox! So urged the "Heart of the Hills," speaking to the mountain wolves, according to Yasmini's song.

The little cubs in the burrows know. Are ye grown wolves, who hurry so?

She paused, for effect; but they gave tongue then because they could not help it, and the cavern shook to their terrific worship.

"Allah! Allah!"

They summoned God to come and see the height and depth and weight of their allegiance to her! And because for their thunder there was no more chance of being heard, she dropped from the shield like a blossom. No sound of falling could have been heard in all that din, but one could see she made no sound. The shield bearers ran back to the bridge and stood below it, eyes agape.



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Treasurer's Quarterly Report

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT Callahan County, Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, Nov. Term, 1917.

We, The Undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Callahan County, and the Hon. W. R. Ely, County Judge of said Callahan County, Constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of W. P. Ramsey Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 14th day of Aug. A. D. 1917, and ending on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of said Treasurer belonging to Callahan County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

	JURY FUND.	DR.	CR.
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 14th day of Aug. 1917.....		314 74	
Received since said date.....		180 13	
Disbursed since said date.....			\$ 422 31
By amount to balance.....			72 56
Total.....		494 87	494 87
Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			72 56
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.			
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 14th day of Aug. 1917.....		370 10	
Received since said date.....		2784 81	
Disbursed since said date.....			2190 38
By amount to balance.....			964 53
Total.....		3154 91	3154 91
Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			964 53
GENERAL FUND.			
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 14th day of Aug. 1917.....		2953 35	
Received since said date.....		3679 96	
Disbursed since said date.....			2641 59
By amount to balance.....			3991 72
Total.....		6633 31	6633 31
Balance to credit of said General Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Nov. 1917, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			3991 72
COURT HOUSE FUND.			
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 14th day of Aug. 1917.....		442 41	
To amount received since said date.....		320 31	
By amount disbursed since said date.....			80 97
By amount to balance.....			651 75
Total.....		762 72	762 72
Balance to credit of said Court House Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Aug. A. D. 1917, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report 14th on the day of Aug. A. D. 1917, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			651 75
ESTRAY FUND.			
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 14th day of Aug. 1917.....		231 94	
To amount received since said date.....		92 60	
By amount disbursed since said date.....			7 71
By amount to balance.....			316 83
Total.....		324 54	324 54
Balance to credit of said Estray Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			316 83
POLL TAX FUND.			
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 14th day of Aug. 1917.....		248 17	
To amount received.....		67 78	
By amount to balance.....			315 95
Total.....		315 95	315 95
Balance to credit of said Poll Tax Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			315 95
SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.			
To amount received.....		924 35	
By amount to balance.....			924 35
Total.....		924 35	924 35
Balance to credit of Special Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917 and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....			924 35
RECAPITULATION.			
DATE			AMOUNT
Nov 14, 1917	Balance to credit Jury Fund this day.....		72 57
" " "	Balance to credit of Road & Bridge Fund on this day.....		964 53
" " "	Balance to credit General Fund on this day.....		3991 72
" " "	Balance to credit of Court House Fund on this day.....		651 75
" " "	Balance to credit of Estray Fund on this day.....		316 83
" " "	Balance to credit of Poll Tax Fund on this day.....		315 95
" " "	Balance to credit of Special Road & Bridge Fund.....		924 35
	Total Cash on hand belonging to Callahan County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us.....		\$7267 69

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit: 4 Callahan County Court House bonds each in the sum of \$1000.00 \$4000.00 Witness Our Hands, officially, this 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917.

W. R. ELY, County Judge.
A. E. KENDRICK, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
H. WINDHAM, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
J. S. YEAGER, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
J. M. HOUSTON, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by W. R. Ely, County Judge, and A. E. Kendrick and H. Windham J. S. Yeager and J. M. Houston, County Commissioners of said Callahan County, each respectively, on this the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1917.

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