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To Our Subscribers

When the new management took charge of the Headlight, we found the subscription list not so well kept as it might have been. It is our purpose to adjust matters in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. With this idea in view it would please us to have all subscribers call at their pleasure for the purpose of adjusting subscription accounts, then perhaps you will want to renew and possibly send the paper to your friends; and you may rest assured that the Headlight will improve to the extent that it will eventually rank as one of the best weekly papers in the north Panhandle. The best evidence that a paper is appreciated is in the renewal by old subscribers and the addition of many new names to the same list. It is our purpose to make the Headlight come up to your expectations and publish a paper that is worth every cent you pay for it. We don't want a subscriber or an advertisement that is tendered with the idea that this paper is to be supported by charity, for the Headlight expects to give value received for every dollar that comes our way. The new management expects, in due time, to have practically every home in the county represented on the subscription list, and make it an appreciated visitor each week and as time goes on the man or merchant who desires to reach the people of Hansford county will find it a most important medium for that purpose.

The D-C-D to Guymon

The Guymon Good Roads Club is devising plans for perfecting that part of the D-C-D Highway from Guymon to the Coldwater crossing and to the Hansford county line. A bridge has been put in across the Coldwater and a lane opened up through the Hitch holdings, and there will be no gates between Guymon and the Texas line. Naturally there should be cooperation in these matters and the burden is not all upon our Oklahoma neighbors; also, road work does not end when the markers are placed along the highway. Organized effort is necessary on the part of Hansford county and the formation of the Hansford Good Roads Club is a step in the right direction. The Club should now locate the highway definitely from Hansford to the north line of the county, then the Guymon Good Roads Club and the Hansford Good Roads Club can consolidate their interests and work out matters

to the mutual benefit of both counties. There has been, up to this time, apparent lack of interest on the part of Hansford county, but matters have reached a point when activities should begin and well-defined plans for the perfection of the highway to Texas county should be worked out. If Hansford county people become active in this matter we may expect and have been assured by the Guymon Good Roads Club that the D-C-D highway from Guymon to a connection with the Hansford county end of the trail will be brought up to the required standard.

Doing Some Trading

Along the latter part of February P. M. Woodring, who has been one of Hansford county's most successful farmer-stockmen, sold his ranch lands and all appurtenances thereunto belonging. About a month ago he sold his cows and calves and springers at \$75 around, and at the same time sold his yearlings at \$40 and coming two-year-olds at \$55. These were all good sales, and Mr. Woodring and the purchasers are well pleased. But the story is not ended. The trading habit has grown on Woody to such an extent that it is impossible for him to control it, and his last move was to trade his wheat crop for an automobile. Mr. Woodring will not leave Hansford county, but instead, intends to make some investments in Spearman and take life easy for awhile at least.

D-C-D Offers \$100 Reward

Canadian, Texas, April 26:—The D-C-D Highway Association will pay \$100 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person, firm or corporation who shall willfully injure, deface or destroy any official marker placed along the D-C-D highway. Any information obtained should be communicated at once to the undersigned.
W. A. PALMER,
Secretary-Promoter.

Prominent Banker Here

Dr. L. G. Blackmer of Hooker, banker and member of the firm of Scott & Blackmer, farm loan men, was in Hansford Tuesday on business. W. S. McNabb will represent the firm of Scott & Blackmer in Hansford and Sherman counties, with headquarters in Hansford.

Going to Church Will a Hypocrite

One of the reasons given by some people for refusing to go to church is that there are "too many hypocrites" going to church today.

Perhaps it is true that there are some hypocrites in church on Sunday. But these people cannot deceive the Almighty. They can only deceive men. Besides, there always is a chance that even a hypocrite will see a light. If he is constant in his attendance at church the hypocrisy is bound to disappear. Sincerity surely will follow.

Many a man has started to go to church just for the sake of making a good impression and eventually he has become a God fearing, upright citizen. No man can listen to a sermon every Sunday and be deaf to the word of God as expressed by the clergyman. He is bound to be a Christian in time.

It is true that many sinners go to church. The church is the place for sinners. It is there that they will be cleansed of their sins. The church also is a place for the Godly. It gives them strength to persevere in their Godliness. It gives them the solace of religion. Some people never go to church until they are stricken with some great sorrow. Then they ask God to help them bear their suffering. They find the consolation in church that they cannot find anywhere else. It is not fair to God to neglect him and His church until the hour of sorrow and misfortune.

The Go to Church movement is one that can not be denied. It is the most splendid thing that was ever undertaken in this country. The cities are the better for it. The country is the better for it.

Is there the slightest reason why you should not go to church every evening this week and next Sunday?
GO, GO EVERY SUNDAY.

BETTER ROADS IS THE SLOGAN

Farmers and Business Men Met at the Court House in Hansford Saturday Afternoon and Begun a Campaign for Improvement of the Highways.

Saturday, April 28, was a red letter day for Hansford on account of the importance of the fact that a body of citizens decided that the time was at hand for Hansford county to declare herself in favor of better roads, and then and there organized a good roads association. That indefatigable good roads booster, G. L. Roland was elected president, and F. L. Carson, secretary and treasurer. About forty of our progressive citizens enrolled as members of the association. The membership books are still open and all citizens who believe in better roads are invited to become members. We have a great highway passing through our county and the first duty is to get it in good shape, then other roads will be given attention. All members of the association are expected to pay a small membership fee and also it is being urged that all members of the association and all other good citizens donate one day's work each month to road work.

Some of our enthusiastic good roads advocates are in favor of bonding the county immediately for road purposes, but the general opinion seems to be that, as we have the finest natural roads in the world, it is better at this time to put them in shape by private subscription and labor rather than vote a large bond issue, as most of our neighboring counties have had to do. While it is admitted that a bond issue is the only equitable way to distribute the cost of good roads, thereby making the non-resident land owner pay his portion for the benefit he receives from the increased value of his land, but the county is only sparsely settled and the actual burden would fall more heavily on a few, rather than the present method of each citizen donating a small amount. Should this method fail, owing to a lack of interest on the part of the people, then, it is possible, a strong movement will be started for a bond issue, and judging from the remarks we hear on the streets in regard to the matter, if the present method fails, it will carry with practically no opposition.

Big Sale Advertised

Lon Seymour is advertising a big auction sale of live stock and personal effects to be held at his place 13 miles southeast of Guymon on Tuesday, May 8, 1917. He is advertising some splendid stock, as well as a large amount of household goods and farm implements. Col. C. K. Wilmoth will conduct the sale and B. V. Andrews of the Hansford County Bank will act as clerk. If you are in the market for anything it will pay you to attend this sale.

Displaying the Flag

It is said that many women are now wearing flags embroidered on their stockings. That's no place for a flag.

A Salt Mine Strike

Word comes from Kanopolis, Kansas, that the salt miners there have struck for higher wages. The proper way to handle that kind of a strike, with the nation at war, would be for a sufficient force to fall upon Kanopolis and pickle the strikers in brine of their own making. This is no time for strikes.

Fish and Toothpicks

Secretary Redfield is urging a greater use of fish to help out the food shortage. He might urge, too, the further economical fact that fish is the only food that contains its own toothpicks.—Kansas City Star.

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ronage will be app

COME IN AND

Capital Stock, \$10,000

HANSFORD, TEXAS

Ball Dope

The 1917 baseball season was officially opened in Hansford on Saturday, April 28, when the Lucerne and Grand Plains boys met and played an interesting 5-inning game on the local grounds. The high wind interfered with the playing, but the boys did well for a try-out game. There is good material in both teams and they are sure to make a good showing before the end of the season.

Since this game the baseball spirit has taken hold of the local fans and they are now arranging to have Hansford represented by a crack ball team during the coming season. A practice game will be played Saturday afternoon, May 5, after which the club will be organized and a captain and manager elected. A schedule will be arranged later and all arrangements made for furnishing Hansford county some real baseball during the coming summer. There is abundant material in Hansford for a crack ball team. All the boys need is organization and practice. The Headlight feels sure the business men of Hansford will lend substantial support to a good ball team, and do so willingly. Let's play ball.

Building Communities

As a sane, sensible program in the building of communities, we suggest that the first, the principal, and almost the only problem to be solved is the building of 365-day-in-the-year roads, and then the rest of the questions will very quickly solve themselves and the word "rural" will disappear from the English language in that particular section.

Let us have better communities; let us have properly organized and developed communities; but let us begin that work with the foundation and thus make possible the building of a complete, permanent structure rather than to try and put a sleeping-porch, a bathroom and a sun-parlor together on a foundation of mud.

Once we get down to elemental problems of community building and do those things which must necessarily be completed before the others can be permanent or satisfactory, we will have solved the whole problem. There is nothing that can make a real community possible without a satisfactory system of communication and this means all-the-year-round roads.—The Road Maker.

S. F. Powers is a new subscriber to the Headlight.

Wheeden P. Smith

Wheeden Smith, of Guymon, has enrolled in the U. S. army, to serve during the war. All honor to Wheeden for his splendid decision. The Headlight editor has known Wheeden for a number of years and we know that we reflect the opinion, not alone of Guymon, but of all who know him, in saying that he is one of the splendid, dependable young men of the country, neither immoral or profane. His example in enlisting in the army is worthy of emulation by a multitude of young men in the surrounding country and his general conduct as a dependable citizen, uncontaminated by many of the modern vices is an example that could be followed with profit by all young men who do not join the army. There are many old heads in the southwest who scattered wild oats when the scattering was good, but have settled down to the more conservative way of living. It is these men, more than those who have always been good, who see the folly of the prodigal or the error in the methods of those inclined to be sporty, and naturally when they see a young man like Wheeden Smith, intelligent, possessed of all the vigor of stalwart manhood, turning abruptly away from the usual methods of the average young man, he attracts their attention, and while the older men, "who have been there" may not be demonstrative, nevertheless they will admire a man like Wheeden and many a man in the southwest will listen eagerly for reports concerning him, to rejoice at his successes and bow in profound grief and sorrow should misfortune overtake him. We pay this tribute to Wheeden Smith as a personal friend because we believe he is worthy.

Potatoes and the Flag

An exchange remarks that "a potato patch in the backyard in times like these spells more patriotism than a flag flying on the front porch." Displaying a flag is commendable, but right at this time the man who goes about quietly developing the agricultural possibilities of the community and works diligently to do his part toward supply the nation with food, is a better patriot than the fellow who merely displays a flag and does nothing more. The fellow who shouts and never shoots will cut no ice with Uncle Samuel.

Largest and Best List of Farm and Ranch LANDS In Hansford County Texas

I have for sale a large list of Farm and Ranch Lands in Hansford county, at prices that will meet the approval of the purchaser. See me at once if you want choice lands near Spearman.

MONEY TO LOAN: I have an unlimited amount of money to loan on Farm and Ranch Lands. Best terms and lowest rate of interest.

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J. R. COLLAR

HANSFORD
TEXAS

begun to mellow and
Here's to your boiled
toasted.
"Stand-up collar and
It's sure a high-toned celebra-
ter wear 'em careful. You'll
mail 'em a hundred miles to the
est Chinaman when they get d
"Cheaper to throw them aw
send a mail order to Chicago
ones," put in Vandervyn. He
he adjusted the fashionable
was hardly in keeping with h
flannel shirt; "But you'll so
to the local styles."
Marie again appeared in the
way. She bowed to the guests w
pressive formality.
"If you will enter, gentlemen,"
Hardy went in between Vand
and Dupont. He avoided the
proud gaze by looking about
dining room. It was as dignified
parlor and no less tasteful. The



"If You Will Enter, Gentlemen"

oval table was spread with a clo
snowy French damask. The s
was real antique ware. The unsm
honor bowed Hardy to the sea
hostess.
"This here layout is Marie's,"
pained Dupont. "She was bound
turn herself loose to even up on
happened at the river yester
Needn't figure on us dishing up
same rations regular."
"I have yet to learn whether I a
have the pleasure of boarding
Miss Dupont," remarked Hardy.
"You sure have, if you're read
shell out for it. Grub comes
here."
"And Marie is a real chef," a
Vandervyn.

Hardy waited until the Indian
had served the soup. At last he
ceeded in fixing the cool gaze of
hostess. "Please do not consider
hospitality requires you to do me
favor, Miss Dupont," he said. "I
not wish to intrude, highly as I s
appreciate."
The deference of his manner soo
the girl's wounded pride. She sm
and combined a friendly response
a side thrust at her father:
"Indeed, we shall be delighted
have you Captain Hardy—I, becau
your company, and Pere because of
cash."

"By Gar, he won't git no better
in no hotel," vowed Dupont.
"I can foresee that," agreed Har
His faith was justified by each
cessive course. Though all the v
tables had come out of cans, they
prepared with consummate skill.
trout were fresh from the creek;
grouse and beef had been hung exact
the right length of time in the dugon
icehouse; the champagne was trapp
Between the girl's vivid beauty, th
good cheer, and the cordiality of
companions, his usually half-sad a
wholly severe expression had giv
place to genial animation.

Upon the return of the hostess fr
one of her visits to the kitchen
spoke to her in a tone that drew
stare of open resentment from Va
dervyn: "You are wonderful, Miss D
pont, wonderful! One day in an In
dian attack, followed by a fifty-mil
drive; the next, fifty miles back, an
such a dinner as this!"
"First the great-granddaughter
Sitting Bull, then la bonne cuisini
Francaise," flashed back the gr
"Where is the wonder? Two streak
of heredity, plus childhood in the sa
dle and a course in domestic science
"Yet you must be fatigued."
"When I have done what I set out
do, then I permit myself to consid
whether I need rest. There was
time when my red ancestors had
horses. They ran down their gam
afoot."

"You will always ride—or drive
bantered Vandervyn.
"By Gar, she won't never be driven
declared Dupont with conviction.
Vandervyn smiled over his chat
pagne glass. He did not notice th
Marie was looking at him. But Har
was watching her. He saw her pro
face soften and her brilliant eyes
with tender passion. His own f
became grave. A moment later she
rallying him for his seriousness,
her animation soon compelled him
forget what he had seen. Vande
had not been mistaken in his asse
that she could act the lady to pe
tion when she chose. Though the
proved to be Havanas, they
brought in much sooner than
Hardy.

"Do you believe that Mar
Captain Hardy will, beco
ly good friends? Will
her influence for his pu
dealing with the dissatis
dians?"

...gentlemanly man-
...the cool rejoinder.
...reddened face went
...the veins of his forehead
...swell. But with a strong effort
...repressed his anger and forced a
...smile. "You went me one better, Hardy.
...I throw down."
The officer responded with instant
sympathy:
"I see no reason why we should not
become friends and work together for
the good of the tribe."
"It's a go," agreed Vandervyn, and as
if cleared of all ill temper by his out-
burst, he began a lively conversation
on official society in the national capital.

The party topped the rise between
the river and Sioux creek, and rode
down the winding road that skirted its
willow-fringed bank to the crossing of
the stream. As they rounded the spur
ridge on the far side, Redbear rode up
on Hardy's right, and pointed to a
small cabin among the quaking aspens
in the mile-wide curve of the stream to
the left.
"See my house, sir," he said.
"Looks well built," remarked Hardy,
his fieldglasses at his eyes. "Quite
new, I see. You have still to put dirt
on this corner of the roof."
"And to put a squaw inside," added
Vandervyn.

The halfbreed's jaw muscles
twitched, but he did not look away
from Hardy. "I got a letter from my
sister Oinna. She says she can't stay
at school. She says she will die if they
make her stay at school. I want her
to come and cook for me till I get mar-
ried."
"How old is she?"
"More than seventeen. She is sick to
come. She says she will die."
"Very well. But you must take good
care of her until she is married."
"Yes, sir. I've got a lot of money,"
replied the halfbreed, with the pronen-
ess of a weak nature to boast. "I've
got almost—"
"Almost enough to buy you two
squaws," cut in Vandervyn.

Redbear started to speak, caught the
other's eye, and reined in his pony.
Hardy did not notice this. They had
rounded the toe of the spur ridge, and
he was gazing up the green valley that
lay outstretched in a circle of hills
larger and far more picturesque than
the Catskills. Sioux creek swirled out
of a canyon at the far end, to meander
down a winding channel fringed with
bushes and aspens and other small
trees.

On a natural terrace, or "bench," two
miles up, the glasses showed the log
buildings at the agency. Midway down
to Redbear's cabin but across the creek
was a large post-and-rail corral. Vande-
rvyn had resumed with zest his talk
about the social gaieties of which he
had been deprived for half a year.
Hardy said little, but his eye was busy
taking in the natural features of the
beautiful valley.

When they came to the slope of the
bench, or terrace, Vandervyn noticed
the intent look of his companion, and
inquired: "Well, what do you think
of it? Talk about Siberian exile! That
is the Dupont place over here."
Hardy glanced at the large double
cabin a hundred yards off to the right
of the road. The broad front porch
gave it a homelike appearance. The
two cabins before him were very small.
Beyond them stood the big agency
warehouse. Its overhanging upper
story showed that it had been built for
use as a blockhouse, but the many
windows had rendered it less defens-
ible than one of the cabins. The only
persons in sight were the two Indian
police who had been left in charge by
Redbear.

"Well?" repeated Vandervyn.
"Not an easy place to defend," said
Hardy. "Where is the office and the
guardhouse?"
"The office is in the near front
corner of the warehouse. The police
quarters are in the other end. You see
the white tepees over there across
the creek? Most of the relations of the
police camp near the agency. This
first cabin is Nogen's—yours, I should
say. The second is mine."
"Your quarters? May I ask you for
a bite of lunch as soon as I have
rubbed down my mare?"
"I board with the Duponts, but I can
scare up a cold lunch," said Vandervyn.
As they dismounted, Redbear came
up and successfully curried favor with
the new agent by offering to curry his
mare. He led her away to the low
brush stable beyond the warehouse.

After lunch, though still weary from
his long ride, Hardy put in the rest of
the day inspecting the agency property
and examining the accounts of the two
clerks. With the exception of two or
three small items on Redbear's books,
everything checked accurately.
Vandervyn brought bacon, coffee,
crackers and canned food, and the new
agent cooked supper with the skill of
an old campaigner. After they had
eaten, the chief clerk produced cigars
in anticipation of a social evening. But
Hardy was so drowsy that he asked to
be excused. The moment he was alone,
he hid his rifle and automatic pistol
under the bunk, blew out the candle, and
fell in on his blankets, without

peached. I got this instead of Lon-
don."
"Best thing for you."
"You think so?" said Vandervyn, his
wide-open eyelids drooping. "I've been
six months in this God-forsaken jump-
ing-off place. I wouldn't have stayed
six days if it hadn't been for Marie."
"Miss Dupont seems to be a very
spirited young woman," dryly com-
mented Hardy.
"Wait till you see her put on dog.
She was three or four years at a con-
vent in Ottawa. They must have
farmed her out as a parlor-maid in
some select British family. She can
give a perfect imitation of a real lady
—when she chooses."
"Yes?" said Hardy.
"You'd take it for the sure-nuff ar-
ticle," went on Vandervyn. "And that's
not all. She can cook like an angel.
Says she took a course in domestic
science. But it must be hereditary. I'll
give odds, one of her paternal ances-
tors was a French chef. French, that's
the word. The way she has with men!
Even this halfbreed Redbear thinks
he is in the running. Nogen was
mad over her. He even would have
married her. But he was not a man of
family or culture. Fancy Jake Dupont

"Soldiers?" queried the halfbreed.
"No, he's alone—our new agent," ex-
plained Vandervyn as his pony brought
him alongside Hardy at the edge of the
stream. "Captain, this is Charlie Red-
bear, our issue clerk and interpreter."
"Interpreter?" repeated Hardy. "Red-
bear do any of the police understand
English?"
"No, sir, only a few words," mumbled
the halfbreed.
"Tell them I am a captain of the
horse soldiers—the Longknives. I have
been sent here to be the agent."
Redbear interpreted in musical La-
kotah, accompanying his words with
swift signs. The swarthy policemen
grunted approvingly, and their leader
rolled out a sonorous reply. The half-
breed interpreted mechanically: "He
says your eye is straight. He says
they are ready to trail and fight the In-
dians whose hearts are bad."

"They are not to pursue the party,"
ordered Hardy, "I shall call a coun-
cil of the chiefs, and ascertain the
cause of the tribal unrest. Tell them."
Redbear hesitated, and looked uncer-
tainly at Vandervyn. The chief clerk
spoke to him in sharp reproof: "Do as
you're told, Charlie. Captain Hardy is
now in command of the reservation."
The halfbreed stared in astonish-
ment, but hastened to interpret. At
once the faces of the policemen be-
came stolid. They cast covert glances
at Vandervyn. Without seeming to
notice their sudden change of manner,
Hardy selected four to act as escort to
the Indian trader and his daughter.
The rest of the party followed him
back up the gully.

From the first the mare walked out
in the lead. She would soon have left
behind even Vandervyn's quick-step-
ping plinto had not her rider happened
to glance about and catch the troubled
expression on the younger man's face.
Hardy waited for him to come along-
side, and gravely remarked: "I wish
to express my regret, Mr. Vandervyn,
that my detail here has deprived you
of your expected promotion."
Vandervyn's small mouth curved
with a cynical smile, but softened to a
more agreeable expression as he met
the other's gaze. "You admit it?" he
muttered.

"Having accepted the detail, I cannot
now ask to be relieved," said Hardy.
"But the extra pay was not one of the
inducements. Permit me to suggest
that arrangements can be made to di-
vert to your salary the amount in ex-
cess of my regular compensation as an
officer."
The offer was as unexpected as it
was generous. Vandervyn flushed, bit
his lip, and replied half inaudibly:
"You needn't think just because—No,
that's not quite—You may mean well,
but that's no excuse—"
"My fault, sir. Pardon me," apolo-
gized Hardy.

Vandervyn looked ahead at the
mountains, considered, and turned to
his companion with what seemed a
cordial smile. "I am not used to being
patronized, captain; but as you did
not mean it that way—"
"Not at all."
Vandervyn nodded. "You now un-
derstand that I'm not one of the com-
mon run of Indian service employees.
I was slated for attaché to our em-
bassy at the Court of Saint James—
celebrated the coming event with some
friends, and wound up by heaving a
hoop through a window of the White
House. Uncle shipped me out here un-
der a name I should blow over."
Hardy, who have recalled the hazings
of the only had shared at West Point,
went was: "You were
to have an appointment."
"I don't carelessly replied
had set wake the presi-
an sent of my wad left.
some in some in

"Perhaps I don't want it just now.
You forget Marie."
The gravity of the officer's face hard-
ened to sternness. "Mr. Vandervyn,
kindly bear in mind that, as agent of
this reservation, I am in charge of the
moral as well as the material welfare
of every member of the tribe."
Vandervyn quivered like a thorough-
bred flecked with the lash. He had
shook with passion:
"Damn your impudence!
You understand you're
one of your rough
and
his rifle and automatic pistol
bunk, blew out the candle, and
fell in on his blankets, without

"I'm Not Used to Being Patronized,
Captain."



"I'm Not Used to Being Patronized,
Captain."

troubling to close either the door or
the one small window.
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The next morning Hardy and Van-
dervyn were seated in the agency of-
fice when Redbear came in and started
to shuffle around to his desk, on the
other side of the office partition.
"Wait!" said Hardy. "I wish the
chiefs and headmen of the tribe sum-
moned to meet me in council as soon
as possible."
"It is a day's ride to the camps
farthest back in the mountains," re-
marked Vandervyn.
Hardy considered, and looked up at
Redbear.
"Does not this tribe use smoke sig-
nals?"
"Not for a long time, not since I was
a boy, sir. I never learned how to do
it."
"That old sergeant of police will
know," predicted Hardy. "Come!"
Vandervyn lingered behind the oth-
ers, and followed them only to the
rear corner of the warehouse. When
he had seen them ride off across Sioux
creek towards the highest of the moun-
tains that encircled the valley, he went
back into the office, opened the safe,
and carefully sorted over its con-
tents. All letters addressed to the late
agent and to himself he took out and
locked in his desk.

Meantime Hardy and Redbear with
the police sergeant passed through the
camp of the families of the police,
where they added two old bucks to
their party. A pony trail led up through
the pines on the mountainside to the
bare granite crag of the summit. Mid-
afternoon found the Indians standing
around a greenwood fire, alternately
covering it with a blanket and permit-
ting puffs of the dense smoke to rise
in the still air.

In less than half an hour Hardy's
glasses showed him an answering
smoke on a peak fifteen or twenty
miles distant. When he called attention
to it, the police sergeant pointed out
still another smoke signal off to the
left of the first and several miles far-
ther away. The old bucks turned from
the trail and started down to where the
mare and ponies had been left.
"The chiefs will come tomorrow,"
Redbear interpreted their answer to
Hardy's inquiry.

The jaded buckboard ponies were
tugging their load up the slope of the
terrace when Hardy came down the
line of agency buildings at a gallop.
Marie Dupont was driving; but on the
seat beside her was a brown-eyed,
olive-skinned girl, who averted her
handsome face with childish shyness
as Hardy wheeled his mare and reined
up alongside.

Marie flushed under the officer's di-
rect gaze, though, unlike her compan-
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1918 CROPS OF THE UNITED STATES MUST BE INCREASED TO THE LIMIT

Secretary of Agriculture Houston Urges Farmers to Increase Their Acreage of All Grains and Vegetables—War Demands and World Food Shortage Should Be Met by Farmers of United States.

Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston recently issued a statement emphasizing the importance to the nation of a generously adequate food supply for the coming year in view of the economic problems which may arise as a result of the entrance of the United States into the war. "Many millions of people across the seas, as well as our own people," says the secretary, "must rely in large part upon the products of our fields and ranges. This situation will continue to exist even though hostilities should end unexpectedly soon, since European production cannot be restored immediately to its normal basis. Recognition of the fact that the world at large, as well as our own consumers, must rely more strongly on American farmers this year than ever before should encourage them to strive to the utmost to meet these urgent needs."

Enlarged production of our staple food crops is the most important service required of our agriculture, according to the secretary. He says:

No Chance of Over-Production.
"Because of the shortage of such crops practically throughout the world there is no risk in the near future of excessive production such as sometimes has resulted in unremunerative prices to producers. This is particularly true of the cereals and of peas, beans, cowpeas, soy beans and buckwheat. In view of the world scarcity of food, there is hardly a possibility that the production of these crops by the farmers of the United States can be too great this year, and there is abundant reason to expect generous price returns for all available surplus."

"The most effective step that may be taken to increase the production of these crops is to enlarge the acreage devoted to them in the regions where they are grown habitually. This expansion of acreage should be to the limit permitted by available good seed, labor, and equipment."

"Taking the winter-wheat territory as a whole, winterkilling has occurred to an extent very much greater than usual. This, obviously, if not compensated for in some way, will mean a material reduction in the supplies of our most important bread cereal. Where winter wheat has been damaged sufficiently to justify the abandonment of fields, it should by all means be replaced by spring-planted food crops, preferably small grains or corn. The condition of the winter wheat crop, as shown by the department in its last report, is more than 25 per cent below the average condition April 1 for the past ten years. This condition forecasts a production this year nearly 52,000,000 bushels less than that of 1918 and 248,000,000 bushels less than the crop of 1915."

Value of Oats and Barley.
"Climatic requirements of spring wheat during the last few weeks of its growth render it a more risky crop than others to plant outside the areas in which its production has been proved to be successful, so that it is not recommended for regions where oats or corn will be more certain to produce satisfactory yields."

"If land intended for spring wheat cannot be put into good condition early enough for seeding, oats or barley can be substituted to good advantage in the sections where these crops are known to do well. The ease with which barley may be substituted di-

rectly for wheat in human food and its usefulness to replace wheat milling by-products as food in the production of the milk supply, renders its abundant production important."

"The place of rye under present conditions is an important one. The crop this year should be harvested and utilized with more than the usual care. The high food value of rice, in the opinion of the secretary, warrants a large increase in planting in the states where this cereal can be grown. Increased acreage of grains sorghums is also strongly recommended."

Large Acreage of Corn Urged.
The vital importance of a large acreage of corn is pointed out by Secretary Houston. He says this crop "is the leading food and feed crop of the United States in geographic range of production, acreage and quantity of production. Because of the prices obtained for the last crop and the world demand for this grain, its profitability to the American farmer during the approaching season is clear. Conditions now warrant the planting of the largest acreage of this crop which it is possible to handle effectively."

"Although fall is the proper time for breaking sod for corn, there are many unproductive and foul meadows and indifferent pastures in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and the Middle Atlantic and Northeastern States that, under existing conditions can be broken now to advantage and planted to corn. The resulting reduction of hay and pasture would be more than replaced by the corn stover, ensilage, and grain produced."

"Earliness of maturity, other factors being equal, is advantageous in the case of practically all grain crops. Relatively early maturing varieties should be selected where possible, and the planting should be done at the earliest suitable date. With the small grains an advance of three or four days in stage of maturity frequently saves a crop from serious damage by rusts. With corn a similar advantage is obtained by early maturity when severe droughts are encountered and when killing frosts occur toward the end of the season."

Hay and Forage.
"A deficiency of hay and forage for the next winter would jeopardize the future meat and dairy supplies of the country and result in a shortage of roughage for military draft and saddle animals. In regions where dairying dominates, the full acreage of clover, alfalfa, and the grasses that is in productive condition should be maintained. Under the conditions prevailing in most dairying sections these crops can be carried with less man power than that required for tilled crops. The older, thinner and less productive grass lands, however, frequently can be made to produce much larger yields of feed in corn than if left as they are in unproductive grass."

"Seed potatoes should be conserved by planting on the best lands available for them and planning for thorough tillage and protection of the crop against disease and insect pests. Potatoes can be grown most advantageously near the centers of population in the Northern States where transportation cost may be reduced to a minimum. This crop is capable of quick and large increase of production when conditions are favorable."

"Such vegetable crops as carrots, rutabaga, turnips, onions, and cab-

bage produce a more intensive culture on densely populated country."

"The high prices for poultry have prevailed during the past few months have stimulated interest in increase of home supplies of vegetables, poultry, and dairy products on farms."

"Through increased attention to poultry on farms it is possible to add quickly and materially to the food supply. When conditions render it feasible small flocks of poultry should be kept by families in villages, towns, and especially in the suburbs of large cities. The need for this extension of poultry raising is particularly great where consumption exceeds production, as in the Northeastern states."

"Consumers living in villages and in the suburbs of cities do not appreciate sufficiently the possibility of adding materially to their food supply by utilizing suitable idle soil in yards, vacant lots, and unused outlying fields. The total contribution to the food supply of families and communities which can be brought about through such activities is great. Gardening is particularly an activity in which the family and the community may share with resultant mutual helpfulness and benefit."

"The duty of the individual farmer at this time is to increase his production, particularly of food crops. If he has control of tillable land not in use, or money lying idle, or labor unemployed—he should extend his operations so as to employ those resources to the fullest extent. This does not mean that he should rob his land, waste his capital, or expend his labor fruitlessly, but that by wise planning and earnest effort he should turn out a greater quantity of food crops than ever before. He will not lose by it; and he will perform an important service in supporting his country in the task that lies before it. The agricultural sufficiency of a nation is not attained unless as the units which compose it are efficient. Those agricultural workers who produce, conserve, and market wisely will help toward the achievement of national agricultural sufficiency, and thus will perform valuable service for the nation."

NATURAL EXERCISE IS URGED

Head of Boston Health School Gives Advice as to Proper Way to Walk.

Boston.—"Don't keep your hands in your pockets. Keep swinging them as you walk."

This advice is given by Dr. Charles E. Page of the Boston Health school, who has been studying people walking on Boston streets and finds that only one in five knows what to do with his hands when he walks.

"Don't simply walk on your hind legs when you walk, but keep all four in some sort of motion, just as nature intended that you should do," he advises.

"If the average persons would use their hands more while in the motion of walking, he would get more essential exercise."

"Never mind how it looks. You need to keep all your members, both hands and feet, in motion if you are to get any real benefit from walking," says the doctor.

Wanted to Marry for 50 Years.
Scranton, Pa.—"This is the woman I've wanted to marry for 50 years," proudly declared Evan R. Jones, seventy-two, recently when he called on the marriage license clerk with Mary Ann Deacon, seventy. Both are residents of this city. They were married by Rev. W. R. Edwards of the Tabernacle Congregational church.

The electric railways of the United States are valued at the enormous sum of \$730,000,000.

DOG BRAVED FIRE FOR PUPS

When Firemen Rescued Them Mother Left Basement of Burning House.

Minneapolis.—With a mother's devotion, Fidelia, a St. Bernard dog, blinded by smoke and flying embers, crouched in protection over her two recently born pups in the basement of a house destroyed by fire.

Firemen and Mrs. Maude Adams, owner of the house and of Fidelia, called in vain for the giant St. Bernard to escape. Paul W. Dwyer, a fireman, finally crawled into the furnace-like basement and rescued the pups. Fidelia, seeing that her offspring was in safety, attached herself as protection to Dwyer in the fight against the fire.

Mrs. Adams, her young son and the St. Bernards are being cared for by friends.

Hamilton, Ohio, has celebrated its one-hundred-and-twenty-fifth birthday. Flaked potatoes are used for human food and cattle fodder.

SEND THEIR JOINT SAVINGS

Little Twin Girls Forward \$1.20 to President Wilson to Help Their Country.

Washington.—Sending all their postal savings and offering their father to the service of the country if necessary, two little girls of Penn Yan, N. Y., have written the following letter to President Wilson:

"Dear Mr. President: My papa told me that we are soon going to have war and you will need money and men."

"Me and my twin sister, Louise, have one dollar and twenty cents in postal stamps and you can have them. My papa is going to war when you need him. God bless you."

"VIRGINIA MURRAY.
"P. S.—I am eight years old."

Inclosed in the letter were two of the regulation postal savings bank deposit cards bearing stamp receipts amounting to \$1.20.

The stamps were returned to the little ones, with a letter of appreciation from Secretary Tumulty.

* Produce Your Own Food.

Make your farm produce food for yourself and your stock and you will prosper.

Sore Shoulders on Horse.
If the horse has sore shoulders, it is a pretty sure sign that his collar does not fit.

Incubating Eggs.

Geese.
If new geese are to be raised, they should be

Women Learn to Shoot.

New York.—"All women should learn to shoot," says Mrs. June Haughton, the expert rifle shot, who has organized the American Defense Rifle club, with club rooms and a range here. Mrs. Haughton hopes to form rifle clubs for women all over the country.

Hunger May Cause Insomnia.

If you are suffering from insomnia, it may be that you have not eaten enough, says a medical authority. A moderate bite before retiring means that the blood will be driven from the brain to the stomach, and that makes for sleep. What you have heard about sleepless nights following Welsh rabbit must not drive you to the other extreme and impel you to bed with an empty stomach.

Royalty's Tolling Bell.

Great Tom, the chief bell of St. Paul's cathedral, London, England, is only tolled on the death and the funeral of any of the royal family, of the bishop of London, the dean of St. Paul's, or the lord mayor.

Substitute for Meat.

From the standpoint of profit skim milk is a good substitute for meat in the food of laying hens.

Artificial Heat Is Costly.
The most wasteful way of keeping a hen warm is by using artificial heat in the quarters.

Brings Quick Returns.

Of the various branches of the animal industry poultry keeping brings returns in the shortest time.

Feeding Leghorn Pullet.

The cost of feeding an average Leghorn pullet during one year is slightly more than \$1.

Pet Your Hens.

If you can't pet your hens, it's better not to have any. Little hens are poor pets.

Investigation

Dr. F. Wood Peckham, a biologist at the University of Chicago, in his new book, "Arboreal Man," says that the human body is no such finished product of evolution as we have fondly imagined. It has points of decided inferiority to the physical frames of mammals upon which we look with disdain as less finely formed than ourselves.

Some of the lower animals are more capable of exquisite adaptations than are we ourselves. Their bodies are more splendid instruments than ours are, more complex, indicative of a higher stage of evolution on the physical plane. The upright attitude of man has been employed as an argument in favor of his superiority to the four-footed beast physiologically, although the evidence makes such an argument ridiculous. It would tend the other way, says a review in the London Lancet.

If we compare man's body with the body of so-called "lower organisms" we are astonished to find that his points of resemblance are with the lowest in the scale of conscious being. Man is oddly unlike the noble beasts of the jungle; but he is amazingly like the creatures of a primitive type that infest the bog, the pond and the swamp. His relatives are not the lords of the forest, nor the kings of the jungle, nor the mighty eagle, but the creatures of the slime.

How is it that the various elements of the remote ancestral limb have been preserved in human limbs? Professor Jones' answer is that the primates broke away from the early land-dwelling mammalian stock while the primitive bones and muscles were still preserved in that stock. These primitive elements proved useful and were preserved in that particular form which adopted an arboreal life and used the hand and foot to grasp with. The primitive plan on which the hands of man are built can be accounted for only by supposing that man's ancestry spent a long pilgrimage in the trees. It was during man's arboreal phase of existence that the vast majority of those anatomical characters which we regard as adaptations to man's upright posture were evolved. These anatomical traits indicate how low we are.—Current Opinion.

Dirty Windows and Poor Eyes.

The factors largely responsible for poor illumination are small, narrow windows, low power artificial lights placed too far from the work.

Too Many Operations

The Right Medicine in Many Cases Does Better than the Surgeon's Knife. Tribute to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Doctor Said Operation or Death—But Medicine



Des Moines, Iowa.—"My husband has been in my grave today had Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered from a serious female trouble and said I could not live one year more. My husband objected to the operation. I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and soon commenced to get better. I was able to do my own housework and able to do my own housework. I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman as a wonderful medicine. BLANCHE JEFFERSON, 703 1/2

Another Operation

Richmond, Ind.—"For two years I suffered from female troubles that when going up the stairs, then sitting down, I would faint. My doctor said he thought I should have an operation. I thought I would not live to move. I asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it with good results. I gained in strength, moved into my own work, and raised hundreds of dollars in praise of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. M. O. JOHNSTON, Route D, B. 10

Of course there are many surgical operations which will cure this, but the above testimonies amply prove that medicine in many cases does better than the surgeon's knife.

If you want special advice, write to the Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) and answer will be sent.

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Begin now to make preparations for hot weather. We have a nice line of Oil Stoves, Screen Wire and other summer time necessities.

Make our store your headquarters when in Hansford, and let us show you our new stock of Goods.

Truax HARDWARE Company

HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS,
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HANSFORD,

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Ace Powers went to Guymon, Wednesday.

Irv Steele and wife were Hansford visitors Wednesday.

L. D. Pierce, from eight miles southwest, was in Hansford Saturday on business.

S. B. Archer and family and C. O. Archer from the Jeffry community were trading in town Saturday.

There is much joy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hays over the arrival last Friday of a fine daughter at their home.

C. A. Eldreg is a new subscriber to the Headlight. Mr. Eldreg recently made a trip to Canadian and makes uncomplimentary remarks about the road from here to that city.

Hon. Walter Allen, county attorney of Clay county and one of the well known attorneys of the panhandle, recently sent in his check for the Headlight, for which he will please accept our thanks.

L. J. Johnson, O. Torkelson, John Wallen and C. H. Haug, four good and substantial farmers from the Oslo community were trading and looking after business matters. They called at the Headlight office and are now regular paid in advance subscribers.

Dr. Collier and John L. Hays accompanied A. W. Callahan to Liberal Monday, where the latter will receive treatment at a Sanitarium in that city. Mr. Callahan has been slightly indisposed for several days and intends to stay at the sanitarium until he recuperates.

Joe and Billy Spivey were in from Lucerna Tuesday.

Hear the New Edison at Hale's drug store. Latest in music.

R. W. Huffstetter was a business visitor in Hansford Saturday.

You need a New Edison in your home. The latest and best. Hear it.

J. C. Sanders from the southeast corner of the county, was trading and looking after business matters in Hansford Saturday.

Commissioner Frank Andrews and family were in from the ranch ten miles east of town Tuesday, trading and visiting with friends.

W. B. Hart and daughter Miss Nellie came in from their farm ten miles east of town Tuesday to do some trading and look after business matters.

Ray McComas and Joe Hobbs were pleasant callers at the Headlight office Monday. Ray has about recovered from an unpleasant experience with wild greens and threatens to "clean up on" his friend Joe if the latter does not quit mentioning the matter in public.

Cap Bernstein was in from his ranch fifteen miles north of town Saturday and was a pleasant caller at this office. Mr. Bernstein, before coming west, was a sailor and has sailed under both the English Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and owing to his large acquaintance with the people and their customs, can keep track of the great war more easily than the average fellow. Cap can see but one outcome to the world war and that is, "we must win."

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We extend credit for thirty days only. It is impossible for us to carry accounts longer than thirty days, until business matters are more settled. If your account is thirty days old it is due and you are urged to call and settle same and save further trouble and expense. We need the money.

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18-42 Hansford, Texas.

Byron Cain, of Tyrone, Okla., has enlisted in the navy.

D. C. Jones added his name to our subscription list this week.

W. B. LaMaster, of Ochiltree, was a business visitor Wednesday.

C. D. Works, of Ochiltree, made the Headlight office an appreciated visit Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wilson are happy over the arrival of a fine girl at their home, on Tuesday, May 1.

Dave Hester, L. M. and E. C. Womble were up from Hutchinson county Saturday, trading and taking in the farmers' and good roads meetings.

Prof. Davis, of the Guymon public school has tendered his resignation and will join the army. Rev. Kephart of Guymon will enroll as a chaplain.

Joe Jones and daughter Miss Gwenifred motored over from the ranch Monday and spent a few hours with friends in town.

Manuel Brazil and wife and Mrs. Champ Traylor were up from near Plemons the first of the week, trading and visiting friends.

Dr. S. R. Carlton motored over from Panhandle City Tuesday to take a look at Spearman and Hansford and learn the late railroad news. The doctor is looking around a little for a new location.

Mrs. Joe Ownbey, who was taken to the Dalhart sanitarium from their home 13 miles south of Hansford several days ago, is rapidly improving and is able to return to her home.

Important Meeting

About 200 farmers and business men met at the court house Saturday to discuss ways and means for the development of agricultural interests and a greater production of crops during the coming season. Owing to a lack of information on plans, etc., the meeting adjourned after directing Judge Brown to investigate and report on the best methods to pursue in handling such organizations.

School Trustees.

Owing to the extremely bad weather on the date set in April for the regular annual election of school district trustees, but few of the elections were held. Judge Brown authorizes the Headlight to suggest that, without delay, the trustees of the various districts should set new dates, call elections and select new officials.

Ochiltree Patriotic.

One of the most patriotic meetings ever held in the Panhandle took place in Ochiltree, Wednesday afternoon in honor of the boys who enlisted in the army. The stores closed, the school children marched and addresses were made by representative citizens. Ochiltree is alive to Uncle Sam's needs and is sending some of the best young men of the community to the front. The following young men of Ochiltree county enlisted: John North, Rodger Tandy, Rupert and Jack Allen, Roy Hoagland, Tom Reagan, L. D. Wentz, and five other worthy boys whose names the Headlight failed to get.

Goodnight, Mr. Warner

According to the Higgins News Lon Warner, a citizen of that town, skipped recently owing people of Higgins and vicinity something in the neighborhood of \$11,000, mortgaged some land that he did not own and gave a few bad checks. Mr. Warner had not been apprehended at last accounts, although anxious inquiry had been made concerning him and officers were not upon his trail.

Col. H. E. Hoover, of Canadian, was in Hansford Wednesday, on professional business. Col Hoover is also a booster for good roads.

The series of meetings being conducted in this county, closed last night.

Friday, May 11, Lyceum

The committee has secured the famous count, Col. John Sobieski, soldier, statesman, orator and traveler, for a lecture in Hansford on the above date. Born in Poland in 1842; now 75 years old this wonderful man is the direct descendant of the great warrior King John Sobieski, who with an army of less than 70,000 men defeated the 400,000 Mohammedans who besieged Vienna.

The Count himself served in the war of the rebellion and was chief of staff against Maximilian in Mexico.

This is a great attraction and will repay all who hear him.

Remember the date, Friday, May 11, 1917.

Board of Equalization

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Hansford county, Texas, will sit as a Board of Equalization on the second Monday in May, 1917, being the 14th day of said month, as required by Article 7564 of the Civil Statutes.

R. L. McCLELLAN,
County Clerk.

FOR SALE:---Thirty head of nice Shorthorn heifer yearlings. Good ages. IRA DAVIDSON, Goodwell, Okla.

FOR SALE:---Good baled cane, free from rot or damage, except some thistle. \$18 per ton. 25 miles north of Hansford. H. S. TIMMONS.

FOR SALE OR TRADE:---Four cylinder Reo automobile, in excellent condition. B. V. ANDREWS, Hansford.

ALFALFA SEED FOR SALE

I have about 300 bushels of re-cleaned Alfalfa seed for sale. See sample at Hansford County Bank. L. R. McCOMAS, Star Route, Guymon.

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BAGBY ASSERTS OBJECT IS NOT ONE FOR MORE BREAD, BUT FOR LESS LIQUOR.

COLLEGE BUDGETS ARE CUT

C. I. A. Suffers Most at Hands of Those Leading Movement for Retrenchment and Economy.

Austin.—After some debate, the house adopted by a vote of 65 to 55 the resolution, urging the president to prohibit the use of grains for any but food purposes. Numerous amendments were offered and promptly defeated. Mr. Bagby addressed the house, urging that they show their true colors and do not hide behind a cloak of patriotism to achieve the object of prohibition. He said the resolution was not for more bread, but for less liquor.

Tuesday's session was given to the consideration of the eleemosynary section of the appropriation bill. The house appropriations committee proposed to eliminate duplicate extension work in the A. & M. college and the department of agriculture, also in the university.

Only \$230,480 was cut out of the A. & M. budget by the house committee, and \$23,590 taken out of the experimental station budgets. The senate committee reduced the A. & M. budget by \$818,530.

The first-year budget for the A. & M. aggregated \$1,025,555 and the senate committee cut it to \$481,805. The second-year budget was \$846,955, and it was cut to \$572,215.

The university of Texas was left practically intact at \$894,611, respectively for the two years by the senate committee.

C. I. A. Budgets Reduced. At the college of Industrial Arts the senate committee reduced the first year's budget from \$565,256 to \$244,690, and second year from \$494,490 to \$163,590. The house reduced it only \$153,625 for the two years.

The final totals provided for an appropriation of \$2,865,905.34 for the first year and \$2,556,395.90 for the second year for the state's educational institutions.

PLAN FOR FOOD SUBSTITUTES. Other Materials for Wheat in Bread and Also for Meat to be Stressed.

Dallas.—In an all-day conference here the heads of domestic science departments of Texas colleges prepared a course of study for young women students who are to be trained during the next five weeks in canning and drying fruits and vegetables and in the preparation of breads of other materials than wheat, and in nourishing rations to substitute for meat.

The young women students will go out to counties of their residence or to other counties where they may be needed to give demonstrations in the processes of food substitution and conservation during the months of June and July. The delegates to the conference are of the opinion that they will be able to secure at least 500 volunteers, and possibly 1,000, for this service.

Would Kill Dogs to Conserve Food. Fort Worth.—T. N. Elliott, a farmer of Springtown, among the first to respond to the president's appeal for production of more foodstuffs, suggests that the economic conditions of the country would be greatly improved if the hordes of worthless dogs that are maintained were destroyed. Two or three dogs on a place, he says, consume enough food to supply the entire poultry stock or fatten a hog or two.

\$35,000 Fire at Alamo Heights. San Antonio.—The men's dormitory of the Moody sanitarium on Alamo Heights, a suburb of this city, was destroyed and the women's building and pump-house damaged by fire, which caused a loss of \$35,000. Thirty patients in the building were rescued.

Cloudburst Does Damage. Dallas.—Numerous bridges were washed out and roads badly damaged by cloudburst in the northern part of Dallas county Thursday morning, according to reports. The rainfall amounted to a waterspout in places, it was reported. A large steel bridge near Farmers branch was washed out.

Snyder to Cultivate Vacant Lots. Snyder.—A movement is being started here to enlist school children and others to cultivate food crops on the vacant lots in town as a means of increasing the food supply. Families also are giving more than usual thought to raising poultry and a pig.

Wealthy German Held at Waco. Waco.—Charged with recruiting soldiers to engage in armed hostility against the United States, John Schronk, wealthy German farmer, living near Irene, Hill county, aged 70 years, was brought here and arraigned before United States Commissioner A. P. McCormick. His bond was fixed at \$10,000. It is charged that Schronk was engaged in recruiting soldiers to engage in armed hostility against the United States.

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION

BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE ORGANIZE FOR WORK, BUT TRANSACT LITTLE BUSINESS.

Austin, Texas.—Texas' "war legislature" convened Wednesday as an extra session of the Thirty-fifth assembly. It has 30 days to run. What will be submitted besides general appropriations and textbooks, already placed of record, is problematical.

Governor Ferguson has been besieged to send in a number of subjects, but is understood to have made no promises, preferring to see what expedition characterizes the work in hand. Some of his petitioners feel encouraged and believe other topics will be given the session.

Senate is Organized. The senate convened at 10 o'clock with Lieutenant Governor Hobby in the chair. Only a brief organization session was held, after which adjournment was taken until Thursday.

During the morning the house perfected its organization, provided for the appointment of porters, pages and clerks and indulged in a wrangle over the number of house journals to be printed, which finally resulted in a decrease of the usual allotment of 1,500 copies to 1,000 copies.

WANTS A MILLION FOR MILITIA. Governor Also Proposes Forming War Council for Texas—More Rangers Wanted.

Austin.—Governor Ferguson has been informally conferring with members of the legislature regarding the "war program" for the special session. He contemplates asking for an emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the support of the militia to be formed by the state and also for the increased ranger force, which he will recommend. All money expended on units which are ultimately mustered into the federal service will be refunded by the federal government.

The proposed emergency appropriation by the state is merely to expedite the perfection of the Texas unit of the large army to be raised by the nation.

Expenditures for the increased ranger force will have to be borne out of the state treasury. The rangers will be used for the protection of the state buildings, border, etc.

It is understood that the governor proposes the formation of a war council for Texas, composed of members from large industries and prominent farmers, to the end that Texas be in as perfect a state of preparedness as possible, including every line.

35c STATE TAX SEEMS CERTAIN.

Constitutional Maximum Needed to Produce Proposed Appropriations.

Austin.—It is practically certain that the state ad valorem tax rate for the ensuing two years will go to the constitutional limit, or very close to it, unless appropriations are kept down. The maximum is 35c on each \$100 of assessed valuation. That the tax for general purposes may soar skyward was made plain in the house committee on appropriations by Representative Thomas of Denton county.

If the ad valorem tax rate is placed at 35c the total state tax rate would amount to 60c for this year, an increase of 15c over the tax rate for 1916-17 and 5c over the tax rate for 1915-16, when it was 55c. In each of these years the state school tax has been 20c, with 5c for pensions.

Ex-Gov. Sayres Urges Conscription.

Austin.—In reply to a letter from an attorney of this city, requesting his views on the selective draft of President Wilson for raising an army former Gov. Joseph D. Sayres, who served in the confederate army, emphatically indorses the plan.

Patrol Fired on by Mexican Soldiers.

El Paso.—Mexican soldiers opposite the El Paso smelter fired upon American soldiers of the Twentieth infantry on border patrol duty on the American side. The Americans promptly returned the fire.

15,000 CHILDREN IN PAGEANT.

Nearly 20,000 Dallas Persons See Exhibition By Pupils of Public Schools.

Dallas.—Fifteen thousand school children of Dallas, from wee barefoot tots in the primary department to the senior captain of the cadet corps, trained and equipped for his country's defense, were mobilized in a field festival and patriotic pageant in front of the grand stand at Fair park Friday. Singing, dancing and marching in unison and gayly bedecked with gorgeous colors in keeping with childhood and springtime the children executed one of the most successful exemplifications of group action ever undertaken in Dallas.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. L. A. Colquitt, cousin of former Governor Colquitt of Dallas, died suddenly at his home at Rio Vista last week.

The war will not affect the plans of the Katy railroad in eliminating its grade crossings in North Dallas, work on which will start within 30 days, it is announced.

As an evidence of their loyalty and support of the president's administration the negroes of Gatesville have organized a volunteer militia company.

Reports received from southeast and southwest Texas and the Rio Grande valley show that good rains have fallen throughout those sections effectually breaking the drouth in all places.

Dallas banks will take \$1,000,000 of the treasury certificates to be issued to finance the government until July 1. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the presidents of the local banks.

Preparatory to the organization of a national guard company at Gainesville fifty men began drilling under officers formerly connected with a local military company.

A rehearing was refused by the Third court of civil appeals in the case of the state of Texas vs. the Houston Oil company of Texas from Travis county. In this case the state sought to recover 80,000 acres of timber and oil land in several east Texas counties.

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Had not the Federal reserve bank system been in effect when diplomatic relations with Germany were broken off of the country would have experienced one of the worst panics in its history, Judge W. F. Ramsey, chairman of the Dallas reserve bank board said in an address before the Dallas automobile club. Judge Ramsey said the country is now in an excellent condition financially and will continue so.

Fire destroyed the Celina light and power plant and the waterworks plant. The loss of the property is estimated at \$20,000, with no insurance. The fire caught from the exhaust pipe.

The people of Dallas are waking up to the seriousness of the food situation and the necessity for conserving the supply. F. K. McGinnis, city forester, said. Mr. McGinnis stressed the importance of planting all available ground in Dallas.

All flouring mills in Sherman have advanced the pay of each man in their employ 50c per day for the period of the war. Nearly 400 men are affected.

London.—A Copenhagen dispatch says that the Danish newspapers report that Americans are buying a majority of the Norwegian ships under construction in American ship yards. In the last few days Americans are said to have purchased more than 200,000 tons of such shipping.

Mexican soldiers opposite the El Paso smelter fired upon American soldiers of the Twentieth infantry on border patrol duty on the American side. The Americans promptly returned the fire.

Port Worth.—Simple exercises marked the memorial for the Confederate dead of R. E. Lee camp. During the year just passed 30 of the veterans have passed away. The ceremony was a word read over

Do You Neglect

Your Machinery?

The machinery of the body needs to be well oiled, kept in good condition just as the automobile, steam engine or bicycle. Why should the human neglect his own machinery more than that of his horse or his engine? Yet most people do neglect themselves. To clean the system at least once a week is to practice preventive measures. You will escape many ills and clear up the coated tongue, the sallow complexion, the dull headache, the lazy liver, if you will take a pleasant laxative made up of the May-apple, juice of the leaves of aloe, root of jalap, and called Pleasant Pellets. You can obtain at almost any drug store in this country these vegetable pellets in vials for 25c—simply ask for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. There can be no counterfeits if they have the Dr. Pierce stamp. Proven good by 50 years' use.

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Canadian Government Agent

CHINESE MILITARY TACTICS

Celestials Planned to Trip Up Foes, Throw Water in Their Faces and Then Cut Off Their Heads.

At the beginning of the Chino-Japanese war, says a contributor to the Washington Star, one of our military attaches saw a Chinese regiment take the field at a review and go through a very curious performance.

The soldiers carried long bamboo poles like fishing rods, and with these they rushed at one another, yelling wildly and making very queer gestures and grimaces.

"What's the game?" asked the American.

"That regiment," a Chinese general answered, "is one of our very oldest. It is now practicing a form of assault that dates from prehistoric times. The idea is to trip the enemy up with the long wand, throw water in his face and, in the midst of his bewilderment at this extraordinary treatment, to cut off his head."—Youth's Companion.

Not the Usual Kind.

"Old Gadabout's return to his native heath doesn't match up with the usual traditions surrounding the homecoming of a globe trotter."

"So? How is that?"

"Oh, he was gone long, but he came back short."

A reflector concentrates the heat at the top of a new electric cook stove.

One Too Many. Mr. Bruce Barton, editor of Every-Week, was describing the mental trepidation of a friend of his who was making his first public speech.

When he got up to speak the audience seemed to him like the result of a test a wife tried on her husband who came home early one morning from a banquet where there had been a quantity of some unknown beverage.

The wife, who found her fears had been realized, placed two chairs facing each other, sat down in one and applied the stare test, looking upon the inebriated one with a cold, fixed stare.

"I'll tell you all about it, my dear," he hiccuped, "but that woman in the other chair looks so much like you I can't tell which is which."

Why He Subscribed.

A collector of subscriptions for the brass band fund once came across a farmer who was noted for his meanness. To his surprise the farmer at once consented to subscribe fully as large a sum as any he had yet received.

"Mr. Hardist," he said, addressing the farmer, "you are surely very fond of music to give so much."

"Oh, yes," said the farmer; "they're grand for scaring the crows from ma'taties when they're practicin' an' I'm grateful."

Not Enough to Hurt Him.

"Did he learn any Latin in college?"

"Not enough to interfere with his slang."—Life.

23 THOUSANDS 23
UPON THOUSANDS OF
HEALTHY BOYS & GIRLS EAT
Grape-Nuts
AND CREAM EVERY
MORNING BECAUSE
WISE MOTHERS KNOW
"There's a Reason"

uses of... knows that... doing their work... cannot readily... to health and strength.

kidneys are neglected or... serious results are... According to health... Disease, which is really... form of kidney trouble... nearly ten thousand deaths in one... in the State of New York alone... therefore, it is particularly necessary to... more attention to the health of these... important organs.

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Admirable Precaution.

"When I eat in public I always go where there is a free lunch."

"Economy?"

"No, I haven't an ear for music. I want to eat standing up, so as to be in proper position in case somebody starts 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'"

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The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal. They usually afford immediate relief in itching, burning eczemas, pimples, dandruff and most baby skin troubles. They also tend to prevent little skin troubles becoming great if used daily.

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

Both to Be Congratulated.

Ariadne—Thank goodness, I didn't marry Percy. He's so unreliable.

Penelope—How so?

Ariadne—Why, he swore he'd pine away and die if I refused him, and now look at him!—Judge.

SOAP IS STRONGLY ALKALINE

and constant use will burn out the scalp. Cleanse the scalp by shampooing with "La Creole" Hair Dressing, and darken, in the natural way, those ugly, grizzly hairs. Price, \$1.00.—Adv.

Considering "H. C. L."

"O mamma, come here," called Maud, "a whole lot of kittens are in our cat's basket."

"Our cat has got those kittens for herself," laughed mother. "Hasn't she a nice family?"

"Well," said Maud, "it is all right to have a family, but I should think she would have them one at a time."

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In our climate, with its sudden changes of temperature, rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a single day, it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, many deaths resulting from this cause. A bottle of Boschee's German Syrup kept in the house, and a few doses taken in time, will possibly prevent a severe illness, a doctor's bill, and perhaps death. For fifty years this has been a very successful remedy for coughs, colds, throat or lung troubles. It induces a good night's sleep with easy expectation in the morning. For sale by druggists in all parts of the civilized world, 25 and 75 cent bottles.—Adv.

Took No Chances.

"Have any trouble with your car during the winter?" "No; I put it away last fall until spring."

Evident Course.

"What is the best way of determining if an ocean voyage suits one's health?" "Why, go to sea."

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

The Wise Fool.

"There is no such thing as luck," observed the Sage. "Did you ever have a set of fours beaten?" asked the Fool.

Unloading the Responsibility.

"Can you keep a secret?" "Yes," when listen while I give you one that I can't keep any longer."

By a man's failure is due to his wasted his time envying his neighbor's strenu-

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The City Man (to ninety-year-old peasant)—Tell me, what must one do to grow to be as old as you are?
Peasant—Don't drink, don't smoke, keep out in the fresh air.
City Man—My father did all those things and died at sixty.
Peasant—Yes, but he didn't do them long enough.—Fliegende Blaetter (Munich).

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LIFT YOUR CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

No humbug! Apply few drops then just lift them away with fingers.

This new drug is an ether compound discovered by a Cincinnati chemist. It is called freezone, and can now be obtained in tiny bottles as here shown at very little cost from any drug store. Just ask for freezone. Apply a drop or two directly upon a tender corn or callus and instantly the soreness disappears. Shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it off, root and all, with the fingers.
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Quite a Kidder.
Max Ritter, township assessor of Pigeon township, Evansville, tells this one:
"Have you a dog?" asked the special tax assessor of an Evansville woman.
"No, sir," was the woman's answer. Then from the kitchen came: "Bov-wow, gruff, gruff."
"That is your kitten?" asked the assessor.—Indianapolis News.

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY
is her hair. If yours is streaked with gray, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in its natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Rare Sacrifice.
"I presume you are now prepared to make any sacrifice for your country's good?"
"Yes, I think we must all get behind the president now."
"Then you are willing to give up your golf until after the war?"
"Great grief! Do you really think will come to that?"

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digestive liquid laxative, for heart and liver ailments. Comes strength with palatable, aromatic taste. Does not grip or disturb stomach. 50c.

A Rare Breed.
He gives his family everything they want.
"Yes, He's one of the few men to give the five-dollar bill they give to wives to spend doesn't look any more than the five-dollar bill they give to the bar to pay for drinks to the crowd."
The Better Wish.
"I wish I could afford to wear fine clothes." "I don't. I wish I could afford to wear any old thing."
Force of Habit.
"Why did your wife leave you?" "By force of habit, I guess. She was before I married her."

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WORLD NEWS

SEVEN DAYS AT A GLANCE

War News.
Along the front in France, the armies of both sides are resting after their terrific efforts of the last few days, no infantry actions of importance being reported. The French and British artillery, however, continues its activity, preparing the way for further fighting.

In the Trentino aircraft activity has considerably increased. Austrian airplanes attempted raids and were nearly everywhere beaten back by Italian artillery and aerial counter attacks.

The British troops fighting along the Arras battle line have made further slight advances south of the Scarpe river. There was a continuation of aerial activity in which fifteen German airplanes came to grief and six British aircraft failed to return to their base, according to an official communication just issued.

An official statement issued by the war office says that the British forces in Macedonia have advanced five hundred yards along a mile front between Dolran Lake and Doldzell, near Saloniki.

The second phase of the great Arras battle having attained its maximum intensity, the balance of power remains with the British forces, who are driving steadily on and pushing the Prussians back with terrific loss. The throwing of fourteen new divisions, more than 140,000 fresh troops, to the defense of their positions availed the Prussians nothing in staying the progress of General Haig's thunderous drive against the Hindenburg line.

The intensely bitter ground fighting of the last few days has been reflected in the air, and the British Royal Flying Corps recently established a new record by bringing down forty German machines in one day.

The battle of Arras, which had been smoldering for a week past, has burst into flaming fury again and is still raging, with some of the heaviest fighting of the war in progress.

The Turks in Mesopotamia have evacuated the Iztabat position on the right bank of the Tigris, ten miles below Samarra, the British war office announces. They are now being attacked at a point six miles nearer Samarra.

Washington.
Conferences between members of the French war mission and American government officials for exchanges of views regarding the conduct of the war against Germany began here after the leading commissioners had paid official calls upon President Wilson, Vice President Marshall and Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels.

Domination of the gasoline industry by Standard Oil interests, the Federal Trade Commission reported to the Senate the other day, has been largely responsible for high gasoline prices of the last two years.

Food conditions in several of the nations of the Entente Allies have been reported to the American government as critical and as a result President Wilson and his advisers at a recent cabinet meeting concentrated their attention upon what is being done to increase the food supply of the United States and provide additional ships to carry produce to Europe.

Twelve of the seized German merchant ships will be ready for service within ten days, the shipping board reported to the Treasury Department recently.

Complete understanding of America's attitude in the war—unreserved co-operation in the fight of democracy against the German military menace without entangling political alliances—was expressed by Foreign Minister Balfour, head of the British war commission, in a statement to Washington newspaper correspondents.

Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of State, after conferences with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, formally accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

Declaring that "we recognize as totally different premises military necessity and hypocritical cant of professional reformers," Chicago saloon keepers have gone on record as unanimously endorsing Nation-wide prohibition.

Evidence definitely confirming the explosions at the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation as the result of a plot piled up recently. The evidence was presented at the coroner's inquest at Chester, Pa. In the disaster of April 10 at least 129 men and girls perished.

Official notification that the Turkish government has broken off diplomatic relations with the United States has been received by the State Department in a dispatch from American Minister Stovall at Berne, Switzerland.

Three powder workers were killed in an explosion in the Coalburg plant of the Aetna Explosives Company, near Birmingham, Ala. The cause of the blast is not known. The victims were blown to pieces.

More than 200,000 bushels of wheat and a large wooden grain elevator, known as Elevator A of the Western Transportation Company, owned by the Great Lakes Transit Corporation, were destroyed by fire at Erie, Pa., with a loss estimated at \$600,000.

Despite the German submarine campaign American exports in March reached a value of \$551,278,000, which has been exceeded only once, last January, the best month in the country's history. Imports of \$270,484,000 set a new American record.

British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour, formally presented by Secretary Lansing to President Wilson, was the guest of honor at the most notable dinner given at the White House in a generation. During the day he was presented to Vice President Marshall at the capitol, lunched with Ambassador Jusserand at the French embassy and received cards or calls from many prominent persons.

Southwest.
The Chamber of Commerce at Guthrie, Ok., has a contract with the Carter Oil Company to locate an oil refinery there, deeding a desirable site of twenty acres. A large plant will be put in and actual construction will begin within a week.

In a recent electrical storm the Collins Oil Company of Haldon, Ok., lost by fire a 55,000-barrel steel tank, some smaller tanks, two dwellings and a rig. Other fires were started on the properties of the Lawrence Gas Company and J. B. Schermerhorn. The total loss is more than \$100,000.

Mystery surrounds the taking into custody by the Dallas police of H. C. Poe, former president of the Temple State bank, and the chief witness against Governor Ferguson at the investigation conducted by the Davis house committee.

Carranza forces in command of General Eduardo Hernandez met and defeated the command of Francisco Villa at Carmen, between San Buenaventura and Moctezuma, according to the official report of the battle received from General Francisco Murguía, commander-in-chief of the division of the northeast.

In a special message to the Texas legislature Gov. Ferguson recommended that an emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 for war protection expenses be made and that the state ranger force be increased to about 600 men.

Major J. W. Downs, 79 years old, founder of the Waco Daily Examiner, the first daily newspaper in that city, was burned to death in his home recently. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

German transports have left Liban, on the Baltic south of the Gulf of Riga, for an unknown destination, according to a Central News dispatch from Petrograd.

Foreign.
According to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, Lieut. C. J. Law, second son of Andrew Bonar Law, the British chancellor of the exchequer, was captured by the Turks in the recent fighting in Palestine.

General Alvaro Obregón, minister of war, has issued a statement in which he declared that Mexico would maintain neutrality in the world war and that overt acts by foreigners to violate neutrality would be punished.

Corporal Ronald Hoskier of South Orange, N. J., one of the stars of the American flying corps, has been killed in an aerial combat in the offensive now in progress.

The Texas senate has adopted a resolution endorsing President Wilson's selective conscription policy. A resolution was also passed recommending to the President that he issue an order that until peace is assured no more foodstuffs be used in the United States for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Captain Rice of the American steamship Mongolia, which has arrived at a British port, told the Associated Press that the Mongolia had fired the first gun of the war of the United States and hit a German submarine.

At a conference of provincial and military governors of China at which the premier presided it was voted unanimously that China should enter the war against Germany. A canvass shows that Parliament is overwhelmingly in favor of China declaring war.

The Spanish government's note to Germany regarding Germany's submarine campaign contains a paragraph stating that if Germany continues in its determination to sink all vessels in order to defend its life, Spain must take a like step to defend her life.

DRAFTING ONLY A FEW DAYS OFF

REGISTRATION OF ALL YOUNG MEN IN EVERY TOWNSHIP WILL BEGIN SOON.

WHEN PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL

Sheriffs and Postmasters Will Take Names—To Attempt to Evade the Call Will Result in Heavy Penalty—To Training Camps by September.

Washington, April 28.—With enactment of the selective draft army bill apparently assured, the war department in preparing to set machinery in motion without delay to produce under the measure within two years a trained army of 2,000,000 men.

Within ten days after the bill is signed, every township in the country will be registering its young men for duty and work will have begun on the sixteen training cantonments or camps where preparation of the forces for war will start in August or September. Sites for the cantonments have been selected tentatively and all plans are made for the concentration of the troops assigned to each.

Decentralization of administrative work will be sought by the department in every movement it makes. Details will not be disclosed until the bill has passed, but it is known that registration will be carried on through sheriffs and other county officials aided by postmasters or other federal agencies where that seems desirable. Instructions and forms already have been prepared and will be sent to the state adjutant general for distribution among county officials.

Wide publicity is planned, so that no man liable for registration will have a good excuse for failing to respond. On a date to be set every citizen affected by the act will be required on pain of heavy penalty to present himself at the nearest registration place, where machinery will be provided for classifying the recruits and eliminating those exempt. Doubtful cases will be referred to higher authority.

With the rolls of those liable for service complete, the task of selecting the men to go in the first increment of 500,000 will begin. It has been suggested that this be done by means of the county jury wheel. The first man whose name is drawn would go under that plan, with the first 500,000 men to be called for training within a few months. The second drawn would go with the second increment, to be called six months later; the third with the third increment, with duty a year off; the fourth with the fourth increment, and so on.

Meanwhile the work of building the cantonments will go forward. Regular troops and national guardsmen will be assigned to them with each arm of the service so represented as to provide the frame work of a complete army division at each point. The guardsmen will be selected from the territory covered by the training district so far as practicable. Police duty at the cantonments will become part of the responsibility of each district commandant and he will make such assignment of his forces as he may deem wise. Meantime, both the regulars and guardsmen will continue recruiting to war strength.

With the new regiments assembled, a rigorous course of training will be undertaken. The officers' training camps to be established within a few days in each district will begin at the end of three months, pouring new officers into this organization and the enlisted men selected from the ranks of the regulars for commissions will be given special instructions to fit them for officers.

Flames Trap 125 Miners.
Trinidad, Colo., April 28.—There is no escape for the 125 or more men caught behind the fire in the Hastings mine of the Victor-American Fuel company near Ludlow, and it is expected that all have perished. Rescue crews reported tonight they cannot reach the entombed men because of the wreckage.

American in For Long War.
Washington, April 28.—While definite ascendancy over the German war machine has been established by the allied forces in France many months of bitter fighting are still ahead. This is the view of military experts attached to France's war commission as gathered by officers of the American general staff today during informal conversations at the war department.

STORM CAUSED GREAT DAMAGE.
Cost Northern Texas Farmers Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.
Dallas, Texas, April 28.—Southern Oklahoma and northern Texas were visited by a heavy rain, wind and electrical storm tonight and, according to early reports, the property damage in northern Texas will probably reach several hundred thousand dollars. No loss of life has been reported. Several of the smaller towns are isolated from wire communication.

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"Only Me."
Sentry—Halt! Who goes there?
Old Dame—All right, me sonny—don't e'e be afeared—it's only me.

Very True.
Fay—Of course one can't believe everything one hears.
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The Measure of Grief.
"Why is Miss Fiteigh wearing only half mourning for her brother?"
"Because he was her half brother."

Of course it is absent-mindedness when you forget, but it's gross neglect when your wife forgets.

Remember that Jonah said to the whale: "You can't keep a good man down!"

Satan is the father of lies and matrimony is the mother of excuses.

Getting Old Too Fast?
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Shortly after marrying a widow a man discovers the true meaning of the deadly parallel.

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A lie has no legs, but it never feels the need of them while on its travels.
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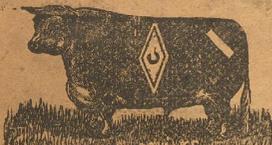
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Texas Regulates Repairs

Austin, Texas, April 20.—The legislature has passed a bill requiring the registration of all repairs and other work done on motor cars. The registration is to contain a complete description of the car, including the make, number of cylinders, model, passenger capacity and engine number, as well as the name of the owner, his county and state register number and his place of residence. The register is to be open to the public. Failure to comply with the legislation is a misdemeanor and the penalty is a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 for the first offense, and not less than \$50 or more than \$200 for each succeeding offense, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both.—Motor Age.

Such a law may have good features, but as a relief to the public it is all bosh. What the people want is a law that will require every man who is employed in a public garage to do repair work to pass an examination as to his qualifications and ability to do the work right. Generally speaking auto owners don't care anything about the penalties for the technical violations of a law like the one mentioned, if they know that when they take a car into a public garage for repairs every man employed is working under a license issued by competent authority which says that he is qualified to do such work. Under existing conditions any man can put on a pair of greasy overalls, enter a garage and engage in the villainous practice of doing cars more harm than good when they are taken to a public garage. This rule does not apply to all garages. It only hits about 75 per cent of them. The law as passed is apparently unimportant and affords no relief, merely making a lot of unnecessary work and it will be violated every day in the year in every county in the state.

Correct

Globe, Ariz., April 28.—Globe attorneys have refused to take the case of George D. Smith, president of the Globe Central Labor council and secretary of the Globe Miners' union, who is being held on a charge of assault upon a young man who attempted to place a flag on the Miners' union hall.

A continuance of 24 hours was granted Smith to obtain counsel from the outside. Local attorneys declared they would not represent him as a result of his having recently issued an unpatriotic statement denouncing President Wilson for allowing the United States to enter the world war, and of his refusal to allow an American flag on the Miners' union hall.

Friendship

There is no friend like the old friend who has shared our morning days. No greeting like his welcome, no homage like his praise: Fame is a scentless sunflower, with gaudy crown of gold. But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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The Sabbath

Some one has said: "The man who steals or lies or kills gets some kind of devilish pay for it, but he who desecrates the Sabbath serves the devil for nothing and boards himself."

Keep This in Mind

It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing kindness, or speaking a true word or making a friend.—John Ruskin.

"Buy It Made in Texas"

Governor Ferguson has set aside May 1 to 14, inclusive, as a time for the people of Texas to buy things made in Texas. The movement is to create a demand for Texas made products.

A Quotation

"No, Satan did not bring the temptation to Eve instead of Adam because woman was a weaker, and man a superior being. He brought the temptation to Eve because a woman isn't afraid of the Devil. If he had brought it to Adam he would have been running yet."

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