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COUNTY BUYS ANOTHER TRACTOR AND GRADER

WILL BE USED ON PUBLIC COUNTY ROADS—COST IS \$3,975

The commissioners' court at its session this week bought a Rumley 20-40 hp. tractor and an Austin mammoth grader, with 10 ft. blade, to be used in making and improving the public roads of the county. The cost of the tractor is \$3,000, payable \$475 cash, \$1,262.50 Nov. 1st next, and \$1,262.50 Nov. 1st, 1920. The cost of the grader is \$975.

The county already has one tractor and grader, but it was decided to purchase and operate a second one. The tractors and outfits will be used time about by the four commissioners' precincts.

Soldiers Are Coming Home

Caswell Franklin, who has been at Camp Travis for a year or more, has returned to Plainview, and has his former position with the Magnolia Oil Co.

Lieut. Ernest Fowler came in Sunday, having received his discharge from the army. He was graduated from the officers' training school at Leon Springs, and was sent to Camp Kearney, near San Diego, Calif., where he has been ever since.

Roy Formway and N. H. Smelzer, who have been stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., are home, having received their discharges.

Every train brings discharged soldiers. Relatives and friends will kindly phone the News of such arrivals, or write the item out and mail it to us, as we are anxious to tell of "When the Boys Come Home."

Bain McCarroll and Allen Duckwall have been discharged from the army and have returned home. They have been at Camp Sheridan, Ala.

Walter Tyler, who has been stationed at Camp Sheridan, Ala., has returned home, having received his discharge.

Hale County at Canyon Normal

Miss Esther W. Mayfield of Plainview, has been appointed class representative for the sixth-year class in the publication of the annual magazine of the West Texas State Normal College, the "Le Mirage."

Miss Thelma McLean, of Plainview, has been selected as annual representative of the "Le Mirage" for the Y. W. C. A. of the West Texas State Normal College.

Miss Ivan Luce, who is attending the West Texas State Normal College from Hale county, has been appointed annual representative for the sessions 1918-1919 of the Sesame society.

Hale County Soldiers Heroes

In this issue of the News we publish several letters written by Hale county boys who took part in the fighting in France. They are interesting, in fact thrilling, and everyone should read them.

Hale county boys did their part of the fighting. They helped whip the enemy. They took part in some of the hardest fighting of the war. They offered themselves bravely and heroically on the nation's altar. Some were killed, others wounded. Many will come home decorated with crosses and other regalia attesting their heroism. All honor to Hale county's soldier boys.

Hoopers Open Auto Shop

J. C. Hooper and son, Alva, have opened an auto salesroom and repair shop in the Brown Motor Co. Building, with Alva as manager. They will handle Hudson cars and also Essex cars, which are made by the Hudson people.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Eggs, per dozen	33c	
Butter, per lb.	40c	
Butter fat, per lb.	36c	
Hens, per pound	20c	
Fryers, per pound	20c	
Turkeys, per pound	23c	
Hogs, per pound	15c	
Hides, green	18c; dry	26c
Alfalfa, per ton	\$35.00	
Maize and Kaffir heads, ton	\$38.00	
Threshed Maize, per cwt.	\$2.15	

There is little demand for baled or bundle feed, and prices vary as to the kind it is.

This is St. Valentine's day.

LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. ROY STEWART KILLED

Was Run Over by Auto Truck in Streets of Los Angeles California

Joe, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, was recently run over by an auto truck in a street in Los Angeles, Calif., and instantly killed.

Friends in Plainview have received a Los Angeles newspaper giving an account of the tragedy.

Mrs. Stewart had gone to a hospital to visit a girl friend, and as they sat on the front gallery, the boy asked and was permitted to cross the street to a school yard and play in a swing. Presently a man came with the dead boy in his arms. It seems he had attempted to come back across the street and was run down by a truck. The man said the accident was unavoidable as the child ran in front of his car.

The father and mother of the child for many years prior to their marriage, about five years ago, lived in Plainview. She was Miss Gwendolyn Hanby, daughter of Dr. J. D. Hanby, who now lives in Southern California. He was an employe of the First National Bank here. He is now teller in the First National Bank of Los Angeles, having recently been discharged from an army camp. They have many friends here, who deplore the sad loss of their only child.

District Court Proceedings

McAdams Lumber Co. vs. Drs. Nichols & Guest et al, jury verdict under advisement of judge.

Joe Lee Ferguson vs. R. M. Eller, suit on note, judgment for plaintiff.

Joe Lee Ferguson vs. R. L. Satterwhite, et al, agreed judgment for plaintiff.

The following is the jury for next week, which will be the last jury week of the court, as it will adjourn March 1: J. T. Terrell, I. C. James, J. M. Sears, R. J. Frye, Oscar Moore, C. B. Reeves, W. B. Seaman, C. M. Abbott, Joe Kelleher, W. A. Lowe, G. M. Phelps, J. M. Buchanan, Jesse Neil, W. E. Stanford, J. A. Line, W. H. Hand, John A. Bell, E. C. Reagan, John Hegi, E. H. Curtis, J. F. Baird, J. W. Montgomery, G. F. Stagner, N. M. Sell, Harry L. Pryor, Fielding Helm, F. H. Springer, E. T. Campbell, Hans Black, J. L. Jetton, G. W. Struve, W. O. Bellah, L. Fitzgerald, J. K. Yates, T. R. Galt, W. A. Jones.

First Dust Storm of Season

The first dust storm of the spring season raged Wednesday, and it was grievous, too. As there is lots of moisture in the ground it is not expected that the dust storms will be so numerous this spring as last. However, we have seen dust storms in Central Texas just as bad as any we have seen during our eight years on the Plains.

People going over the Plains in autos this week say driving is very dangerous, on account of the lanes being infested with loose barbed wire. The thistles have blown up against fences, and the presurf from the heavy wind of Wednesday caused the wires to break or pull loose, and get into the roads. Several report getting their cars badly damaged by the wires.

Jacobs Store is Very Pretty

Jacobs Bros. Co. is putting the finishing touches on the remodeling of its store, having expanded and taken in the room to the east, also put in double-decking. When complete it will be one of the prettiest stores on the Plains.

Guest Buys Risser Home

Dr. J. L. Guest has bought the handsome two-story stucco home of W. E. Risser, on Denver street, and occupies same with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Risser have moved to their farm near town.

B. C. Holle and little daughter left yesterday for Santa Anna, where he will establish an office and look after the affairs of the Santa Anna Oil & Gas Ass'n., which is owned by Plainview citizens, he being general manager. The company owns a lease on 600 acres of oil lands six miles south of Santa Anna, and will begin drilling two wells at an early date. Major Otley, prominent geologist, who is connected with the company will be here in a few days, to confer with the members of the company.

BUYERS HAVE RETURNED

and

NEW SPRING MODES

are arriving daily

Authentic Modes In Millinery

Suits, Dresses, Cloaks,

Capes, Dollmans, Waists,

etc., personally selected

in New York and Chicago,

await your inspection

Richards Bros. Collier

CLINT YOUNG, 14, GETS AN ARM SHOT OFF

GUN ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED—WAS IN AUTO TRUCK OVER IN FLOYD COUNTY

Clint Young, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Young, owners of the Young boarding house, lost his right arm by the accidental discharge of a 10-gauge shotgun, loaded with No. 2 shot, Tuesday morning.

He and his brother, Jim, had left Plainview in an auto truck for a trip over in Floyd county, taking the gun along with them to shoot rabbits. When over near Lockney about 11:30 o'clock the gun jolted in some way and was discharged. The load plowed through Clint's right arm, between the elbow and shoulder. A doctor was secured from Floydada by 2 o'clock, and the wounded boy was brought to the sanitarium in Plainview at 4 o'clock, and the arm was amputated. Part of the flesh and blood from the arm was blown against the top of the truck. At this time the boy is resting well.

Secretary at Copenhagen

Miss Stella Bryant, a former Plainview girl, well known here, has been made secretary to the American minister at Copenhagen, Denmark. Several years ago she went to Washington and took a government position and her work was so efficient she was rapidly promoted, until now she has the above important post. She is a sister of Oscar Bryant.

Visits of the Stork

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams, Plainview, Feb. 12, girl; named Danese. Hollis Scarborough, Plainview, Feb. 7, girl; named Cora Marcella. Father is with American army in France. J. A. Green, near Mickey, Feb. 10, boy; named Ernest.

Prohibition Law is Held Valid

Austin, Feb. 12.—The constitutionality of the statewide prohibition law was sustained today by the Third Court of Civil Appeals when it granted an injunction in the case of the state against John Ford, appealed from Travis county.

J. M. Adams will leave tomorrow for Eureka Springs, Ark., where Mrs. Adams has been since Christmas, with her daughter, who is in a college. He will spend a few days in Eureka Springs, and then he and Mrs. Adams will go down in Central Texas, as he to visit relatives in Corsicana, and to visit his mother at Dublin and his sister at Tolar.

NEWS IS ADDING MANY NEW SUBSCRIBERS

IS ESSENTIALLY THE FAVORITE NEWSPAPER FOR HALE COUNTY PEOPLE

The News is adding lots of new subscribers these days. Most of them are Plainview and Hale county people. The number of new subscribers that are adding their names to our list these days is so large as to be really surprising to the editor.

The News is essentially the local newspaper of Hale county. It publishes much more local news than any other paper published. It publishes the news in a way the people seem to appreciate.

The News has an editorial policy that is fearless for the right, and it is not afraid to "speak out in meeting."

The News has decidedly the largest subscription list in Hale county. The News has more subscribers in Plainview than any other paper published.

The News has twice as many subscribers on the rural mail routes of Hale county as any other newspaper.

The News has many more subscribers at the smaller postoffices of the county than any other paper published.

There are communities in Hale county where the people no other local newspaper than the News.

To reach the people of Hale county, business men must needs advertise in the Plainview News.

Lawrence Gray Sees President

Lawrence Gray, a Plainview boy in France, writes to his father here that he is now near Verdun, recovering from his wounds. He has seen President Wilson a couple of times. He says the French people around there are very rich and have butlers and maids to meet you at the doorway, and they entertain in drawing rooms. He hopes to be back soon.

President Wilson Coming Home

President Wilson will sail from Brest, France, Sunday. He is coming home to sign bills adopted by congress before it adjourns March 4, and attend to other important matters. He will return to France to attend the peace conference about March 15.

County's Quota is \$1,500

The people of Hale county are expected to raise \$1,500 in the campaign for the relief of the cotton growers of the state, which is to be conducted from Feb. 17 to 24, and thirty million dollars is the goal set for the United States.

FRENCH WOULD STRIP GERMANS OF ALL POWER

Armistice Commission Discusses More Drastic Terms for Germans to Meet

Paris, Feb. 10.—The supreme war council, in which Marshal Foch and other military commanders sit with the council of the great powers, continued today the discussion of the terms for the renewal of the German armistice, without reaching a decision. At the same time the league of nations commission virtually completed the final draft of that project, assuring its presentation at a plenary session the latter part of the week.

The discussion of the armistice took a wide range, including the failure to execute some of the clauses of the previous armistice, the blockade and the use of enemy merchant shipping. But the main issue turned on a series of proposals of a rather drastic nature, designed to place the enemy beyond the possibility of rearming and renewing the conflict.

From the French standpoint the menace of such a renewal is not past and it is urged as a matter of foresight that suitable safeguards be established. It is generally understood these safeguards include the limitation of production of field and heavy guns and an exact accounting of heavy guns now on hand; also some limitation of the military organization which is to be of police service.

While some of the military commanders take the view that radical measures are needed to assure the allies, particularly France, against a possibility of renewed peril, yet other views tend to place reliance on economic measures as the best means of averting any renewal of enemy activity.

Anarchists are Deported

New York, Feb. 11.—Fifty-four radical-alien born anarchists, Industrial Workers of the World and other—arrived at Hoboken today on a train from the West, en route to the Ellis Island immigration station, where they are to be detained until arrangements can be completed for their deportation. As a group of men was led from the train to the boat on which transfer was to be made to Ellis Island, three cheers for the Bolsheviks were given, and three more for the I. W. W.

A classification of the charges under which their deportation has been ordered shows that twenty-four are "members of an organization which advocates the unlawful destruction of property," unofficially described as the Industrial Workers of the World; nine are anarchists, four are ex-convicts either in this country or Europe; two are diseased, three have been convicted of the violation of the white slave laws, and twelve were likely to become public charges at the time of their entry into this country.

The nationalities of the aliens as given out by A. D. H. Jackson, chief of the Seattle Immigration Board, who had charge of the party, are as follows:

English 9, Russian 7, Swede 7, Fins 6, Norwegians 4, Germans 3, Italians 3, Spanish, Irish, Danes, Scotch, Austrians, 2 each; one Greek, one Hollander and three unknown. Of this number 42 were brought from Seattle, six from Chicago, five from Spokane and one from Denver. A number of those from Seattle lived in smaller cities in the Northwest.

Other deportations are to be made from time to time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Brashear have a letter from their son, Olin, stating that he is able to wear his uniform again, the second time he has had it on since October 7th. He stated he was able to walk to the river, and that Everett Woolverton, of Plainview, who is stationed at a near by camp, came and took him for a drive. He thinks that he will get his discharge in a short while and come home.

To Reduce Cotton Acreage

A state meeting of bankers, business men and farmers was held in Dallas this week, and a movement started to get farmers to pledge themselves to reduce their cotton acreage voluntarily. The movement is being pushed by the state bankers.

Homer Miller, a well known ranchman of Scurry and Garza counties is dead at Post City. A gun was found near his body.

GERMANY HAS FORMERLY A REPUBLIC WITH PRESIDENT

PEALING OF CHURCH BELLS AND CHEERS GREET FIRST PRESIDENT OF GERMANY

Weimar, Tuesday, Feb. 11.—Pealing church bells announced to the people of Weimar at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon that the German folk, for the first time in history, had chosen the head of their own state.

Friederick Ebert, former saddler and socialist leader, appeared before the theatre twenty minutes later and received as president of Germany those plaudits formerly marking the appearance of the monarch who once stigmatized the party to which President Ebert belongs as being made up of men "unworthy to bear the name of Germans."

Despite the certainty of Herr Ebert's election, the theater was crowded this afternoon beyond any previous session since the opening of the national assembly. The gallery resembled the reichstag tribune in old days, with men and women in gala attire jammed with every available inch of space. Floors and balconies were all crowded.

A voting by ballot caused confusion as the delegates struggled along the narrow aisles. Great crowds massed outside during the session waiting patiently in the cold air for a chance to see the new president when he left the building, which he did immediately after a very brief speech of acceptance. He smilingly acknowledged the ovation given him.

The vote against him probably came from the solid conservative block and a few of the old national liberals, while the independent socialists and some others signified a lesser degree of disapproval by casting blank ballots. Announcement of the solitary vote for Matthias Erzberger brought a laugh from the entire house, which also laughed in the second day of the session, when he was proposed for the presidency. The lone vote for Philipp Scheidemann likewise caused mirth.

The national assembly adjourned until Thursday. Tomorrow will be spent in preparing a program and definitely constituting a new cabinet. Today's meeting was opened as usual with the reading of telegrams from all parts of Germany and Austria, each of which brought cheers. The joining of Germany and Austria, when mentioned, received shouts of acquiescence while the armistice conditions and the blockade were denounced. There was unanimous approval when a message from Wurttemberg legislators was read, protesting against the armistice conditions and predicting future wars if peace is signed on their basis.

HALE CENTER

Feb. 13.—F. W. Severs of Ranningwater transacted business here Tuesday and went over to the county seat in the afternoon.

Miss Blanche Maggard of Plainview visited her brother, Silas, and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson and C. Shepard and family took dinner with Rev. J. H. Bone Monday. Bro. Bone says he was 40(?) years old on that day.

H. C. McMillan was up from Alley Tuesday transacting business.

W. F. Cunningham of the Sunshine district was a business caller here Wednesday.

J. L. Ferguson, J. F. Cagle and J. W. Sears were among the Plainview visitors this week.

Guy Bailey and Leon Cooper returned from camp this week.

G. B. Airhart left Thursday morning for East Texas where it is hoped he may soon regain his usual health.

Mrs. Lela Lemond and children of Corpus Christi spent the week here in the R. W. Lemond home.

Rain Needed on Wheat

The farmers of the Plainview country would like to have a good rain on their wheat. A thick crust has formed on the ground, and the wheat is not doing well. Moisture is needed to eliminate the crust. Some farmers are breaking the crust with harrows.

The southbound trains have been late the past two days on account of heavy snow through Kansas.

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From present prospects, it is going to take several thousand big freight cars to take Hale county's agricultural products to market this year.

One of the newest local papers that comes to the News' desk is the Clarendon News. Miss Leta Warren is the local editor and she is filling the position in a most capable manner.

We regret to report that the million dollars we are to get from our interests down in the oil regions hasn't arrived yet. Guess it has gotten sidetracked somewhere along the railroad.

The legislature has passed a bill which will make it impossible for anyone ineligible for office to get his name on the election ticket, or to secure a certificate of election. This law makes it impossible for Jim Ferguson to ever again be a candidate for office.

Don't trade your liberty bonds for oil and other speculative stocks. Don't give your liberty bonds to preachers, churches or colleges. Don't sell your liberty bonds unless it is an absolute case of necessity. Hold onto your liberty bonds, for they are the best security in the world.

One publicist announces that the Belgians are so happy they don't want to work. Wonder if this is the reason why the bunch on the northwest corner of the square forego working. If so, they should be the happiest fellows in the world, for they have not for many moons done any work.

We understand Ben Smith of the Lockney Beacon will probably not attend the Panhandle Press association meeting at Vernon April 11 and 12, as it is announced that every member who attends will be expected to take a bath in the country club lake near Vernon. Ben says he is afraid if he should take a bath that early in the season he might contract pneumonia or tuberculosis.

It now develops that the Swift Packing company was a contributor to Colquitt's campaign fund when he was nominated for governor in 1910. From time to time matters leak out in investigations which show that practically every special interest contributed money to his campaign. It is quite patent that he gave them to understand that if he was elected their interests would be properly looked after by him. We trust that the day has passed in Texas when such corruption is practiced.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to require all autos to come to a full stop when crossing any railroad. It should become a law, for so many auto drivers are so careless and reckless. Here on the Plains, where a train can be seen for miles, quite often autos drive right into trains at crossings. Quite a number of fatal accidents have occurred during the past year or two. Of course, the driver of an auto who crosses a railroad track without first having fully satisfied himself of there being no approaching train, does not deserve much sympathy if he gets smashed up in an accident.

The movement for the restoration of Palestine and the restoration of the Jewish nationality is growing in this country. Jonas A. Rosenfield of Dallas, a director of the Palestine restoration fund, says there are more than 300,000 adult Jews in America that are pledged to help in the restoration, and thousands are being added to the list each week. He says Palestine is to be restored, and made capable of supporting several million Jews (it can be made to support eleven million people), and they will have their farms, factories, mercantile establishments, flocks, schools, universities, temple and synagogue worship, and become an independent nation of the world. For the present the country would be under the protection of Great Britain, but answerable to the league of nations. A great fund is being raised by the Jews of this country and the world, and the restoration will undoubtedly be made. This will give all those orthodox Jews and others who wish to make their homes in the Holy Land an opportunity to do so—and thus fulfill certain prophecy contained in the Bible.

A number of the members of the lower house have banded themselves together to oppose extravagance in this legislature. May their tribe increase, is doubtless the wish of most taxpayers. Never before was their breater need of congress, legislatures, commissioners' courts and city councils foregoing extravagance. The nation has just fought a most expensive war, and has piled up a national debt that will soon aggregate twenty billion dollars. This means that national taxes must remain high for many years, in order to pay the interest on and retire this great war burden. Hence, legislatures and other more local bodies should reduce their appropriations to the smallest dimensions possible. All departments, bureaus and offices that are not absolutely necessary should be lopped off, and the treasury thus relieved of the expense. Let economy be the watchword.

OIL INJURING HALE COUNTY

We trust that every Hale county person who invests money in oil wells, stocks or leases may realize handsome returns from same. A number of local men, so we are told, have already made good money in oil, and that a number of others have holdings that can hardly fail to give them rich returns.

It is safe to say that more than a third of a million dollars in real cash has gone from Hale county to invest in oil. We saw one bank draft a few days ago for about \$25,000 that was being sent down in the state to pay for an oil lease.

This more than a third of a million dollars was and is needed in Hale county to circulate in local business channels, to help stockmen hold and keep their stock, farmers to plant and cultivate their crops, various industries to keep moving, enterprises to employ labor, and merchants to do business with.

Every dollar that leaves the county to a certain extent hurts every citizen and business interest and avocation to that extent. To take a third or half million dollars out of a county is a serious affliction, and injures the county in many ways. The taking of a third of a million dollars out of local circulation is right now seriously hurting the community, by making a greater scarcity of money, causing bad collections and a lesser volume of business. In an indirect way it is possibly hurting the community more than the community will ever be benefitted by oil profits that may come back.

The trouble with oil speculation, like all other such speculation, is that few persons ever know when to stop. The man who makes money in oil, usually keeps piking at it until he goes busted. The man who makes a few hundred dollars in the game usually turns right around and puts it back into oil; and he keeps this up, betting all he has each time, until he loses everything.

If a person has some money and it will not be a hardship for him to lose it, he has an excuse to so invest it. But the fellow who needs his money, or has to borrow, or leaves debts unpaid has no business dabbling in the game, and should not do so.

And, above all things, a man should not lose his head over oil—for if he does, then he is almost sure to lose all he has in the final wind up.

The federal government through its immigration department has made a rule that is calculated to go a long way toward breaking up I. W. Wism in America. All foreign persons, who are not naturalized citizens, found agitating I. W. Wism are being deported under alien laws. Forty-one foreign I. W. Ws. were taken from Seattle, Wash., the past week to New York, where they will be sent back to the countries where they belong, most of them being Russians and Fins. If this policy is continued it will soon clean out the I. W. W. and similar criminal and revolutionary organizations, as most of them, and especially their leaders, are foreigners who came here opposed to the American system of government.

The editor of this paper wishes to announce that he will not be a member of the party that is soon to start on a trip across the Atlantic ocean in airplanes. We understand that when a man is completely drowned he usually stays dead a long time.

The next meeting of the Panhandle Press association should inquire into the reason why its president, Representative Lee Satterwhite, editor of the Panhandle Herald, registered as a farmer at Austin. Many years ago Lee tried to farm, but the sun was so hot and the rows so weedy that he cast heads and tails whether he would go to preaching or buy a newspaper, and the latter won.

The Dallas state fair has been set for Oct. 6 to 19, and \$130,000 has been appropriated for premiums and attractions, this being the largest sum ever set apart for this purpose.

A bill is pending in the legislature at Austin to pension public school teachers after they have taught in schools so many years. The News is constitutionally opposed to pensions. School teachers should be paid proper salaries, which will enable them to live and if thrifty save something for old age, just like people of other avocations are compelled to do, but it is not right to tax the people to pay them pensions.

A NEW JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The house committee on judiciary has favorably reported the judiciary amendment proposed by the Texas Bar association. The Journal of the American Judicature Society in a recent issue declares the proposed system should give the most rapid administration of justice known to the English speaking people, as the measure "is the most thorough and most modern that has ever reached the stage of actual submission to a legislature." It further says that it should prove a great saving of time and money to both the litigant and the taxpayer.

The Dallas News says: "Its most conspicuous features of excellence are that it would make the judicial system self-functioning, the supreme court being empowered to make the rules of procedure, pleading and practice, and to assign judges where they are needed and when needed, and second, that it would empower the supreme court to do away with technicalities. If the supreme court should become overloaded with work, it would call in district judges to help it; if a district judge should be overloaded, the supreme court would assign some judge from a light docket to help. We should no longer have the spectacle of justice delayed in certain courts while other courts were idle. Nor should we have justice defeated because some lawyer had made out his papers wrong, for this amendment provides that in such case opportunity for correction would be given."

If the new system will do all this, it should be adopted and set to work. The present judicial system of Texas is anything but efficient and admirable. We have nearly a hundred district courts, some badly overworked and others with but very little work to do; we have nine courts of civil appeals, practically no better able to pass on cases than district courts; we have a supreme court and a court of criminal appeals, each being the final tribunal in its particular species of cases, and ever now and then run athwart of each other in their holdings. The system is expensive, slow as cold molasses, and inefficient.

It seems to us that any new system of judiciary would be an improvement on the present one in this state, but the fact remains that in the past nearly every time the reformation of the system has been tackled it has been made worse rather than improved.

The defeat of the woman's suffrage amendment in the senate this week very probably means that the republicans will win an overwhelming victory in the presidential and congressional elections next year. Certain Southern democratic senators are responsible for the defeat of the resolution. When the new congress, which will be republican, comes in it will adopt the amendment, and take all credit for it. In the states where women now vote they will vote against the democrats, and will put the republicans back into power from president down. Woman's suffrage is sure to come, within a short time at that. So the action of the Southern democratic senators who voted against the resolution is treason to the party. Both Texas senators voted for the resolution.

Italy owed a national debt of \$2,750,000,000 when she entered the war. Now Italy owes \$12,500,000,000 and when pensions, government bills to manufacturers and other necessary expenses have been paid the national debt of Italy will total \$16,000,000,000. Italy has a population of 33,000,000 men, women and children. It is easy for a mathematician to figure per capita the debt of this war ridden country. Arduous toil faces the people of the nations of Europe and poverty for years and years is to be the portion of millions and millions of the bread winners of the allied nations, as well as the former central empires.

Cotton may continue to be king in Texas, but just now oil is the high cockalorum.

Lots of Feed in Hale County
 B. C. Taylor went to Plainview the first part of last week and bought 2 carloads of kaffir corn feed which he sold out to the farmers here. He says there is lots of feed down there.—Canyon News.

Read R. C. Ware Oil Co's. adv. on another page. Its a fine investment.—Adv.

The people of Texas have certainly gone wild over oil. Oil is almost the sole topic of conversation. No longer does a man greet another with some remark about the weather—it's about oil. Practically every county in the state is either making a test to see if there is oil under the surface of the ground, or is arranging to make a test. It is quite evident that many of these tests will prove successful and the wealth of the state increased greatly thereby. However, there is going to be great losses to many people who are dabbling in oil—especially those who are investing in stocks without proper investigation.

BIG STRIKE PLAYS OUT

The great sympathetic strike in Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., proved a failure. Over 55,000 men, representing all trades of organized labor, struck in sympathy for some shipbuilders that had been on a strike for several weeks. The street cars, newspapers, stores, factories, schools, etc., were brought to a standstill. But Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle brought the strike to a close, by announcing that the city proposed to run the street cars and protect any other industry that wished to resume business, and bringing in the federal troops he said that any striker or other person attempting to interfere with any person who wished to work or bothered anybody else's property would be shot down. He made his words stick, as none of the strikers seemed to want to be converted into angels, and the backbone of the strike was thus broken.

That is the doctrine the News has been preaching for many years—that any person has an inalienable right to strike or quit work, for just cause or no cause, but that he has no right to in any way interfere with any other person who wishes to take the job he has laid down, and that the person who takes the job should be protected in same in the entire armed force of the state and nation is necessary to do so. Any striker who attempts to destroy property or intimidate or assault persons who have taken their places should be shot down, if necessary to stop them. This is a free country, and no person has a right to in any way bother another person who wishes to work.

Every city should have a mayor with the same grit that Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle has. Every state should have a governor who will promptly put down any lawlessness by strikers and their sympathizers. If every mayor would do as Hanson has done there would be less I. W. W. and Bolshevism in this country, and there would be no lawlessness and anarchy resorted to during strikes.

Oil Company Sells for \$3,500,000
 Wichita Falls, Feb. 8.—The biggest deal that has ever been consummated in local oil circles is the sale announced today of the holdings of the Marine Oil Company to Gilliland & Richards of Tulsa, the consideration being \$3,500,000. The company's original capital was \$200,000, giving the stockholders by the sale 1,750 per cent return on their investment. The holdings consist of less than 200 acres at Burk Burnett in the Vanderveer tract to the east and the Hardin tract, Dubose survey, on the west. The company was organized and stock offered for sale, on Aug. 14, 1918. In less than six months' time the developments on the company's property have been such as to make possible the sale at this enormous figure, which surpasses any other deal in local oil property, though \$500,000 deals are common.

Demobilization is Rapid Now
 The war department announces that to Friday 1,100,850 soldiers had been discharged from service, and that 1,442,000 had been ordered home. To January 31 236,824 men had been returned from France, and it is estimated that 160,000 will come home during February.

Henry Ford's new weekly, the Dearborn Independent, started business with a second-hand printing press. Mr. Ford is doing his utmost to be like a regular weekly editor.

Cash paid for eggs.—Gibbs' Cash Grocery, phone 337.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Oh, world of sunset-colored skies
 And mystic nights and singing trees,
 My heart's so full of love for you—
 Excuse this mawkish outburst, please



R. McCann

Marlin Oil Lease And Drilling Company

Marlin, Texas

2500 Acres Leases, \$85,000.00 Capital
\$10.00 Par Value

We know we have the oil, the people there believe we have oil; all the oil men that have come there believe we have oil, and we will give any honest man \$100.00 if he will investigate it if he does not believe the same.

OUR PROPOSITION

We give the stockholder an interest in the well and an interest in the 2500 acres and we, as trustees for the company reserve the right if we deem it best for the stockholders' interest to sell off up to one-half of the 2500 acres to reimburse the stockholders; if we get oil as above stated a \$10.00 share in this big acreage will be worth more than any one hundred dollars ever invested in a one well proposition in the Burk Burnett field.

A fellow tried to get some of his friends to buy stock in his 240 acre tract; they turned him down; when it sold for twenty thousand dollars for one share they said "I had a chance to buy that;" another said "Why did I not have judgment to buy that?"

You will say the same about this, but do not do that. Every man and woman in this country that can spare only ten dollars should buy this stock. You should not wait to be solicited, but come at once and let W. R. Hall tell you more about it, do it today.

J. H. HALL, President & Treasurer.
R. S. GARRETT, Vice President.
W. B. TOLLESON, Secretary.
J. D. MCGOWN, General Manager.

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OF PLAINVIEW

CAPITAL \$100,000.00
 SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$150,000.00

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT

Give us a trial and we will care for your business in a conservative business like manner.

J. H. Slaton, President. Guy Jacob, V-Pres. and Cashier

CLUBBING RATES

Then Plainview News one year	and the Dallas Semi-Weekly News one year	\$2.25
The Plainview News one year	and the Amarillo Daily News one year	\$2.25
Plainview News one year	and the Kansas City Star one year	\$1.85

C. L. BARNES
DENTIST

Hale Center, Texas

Railroad fare refunded to patients coming from Plainview.

LOCKNEY

Feb.—The Lockney Beacon says that considerable building and improving is in progress in and around that town. W. W. Allen has just completed a new residence on his place north of town, purchased last fall from J. A. Carruth. E. C. Cox, northeast of town, is completing a nice home. J. R. Jones is improving a place in town. Mrs. G. J. Stapleton has completed a residence on her farm eight miles southeast of Lockney. G. B. Johnson has finished a residence nine miles north of Lockney.

C. F. SJOGREN
Auctioneer

KRESS, TEXAS.

Phone or write me for dates or dates can be made at News office.

Locke Bros., from Miami, have bought the mercantile store of D. P. Carter, and will continue the business.

A poultry organization was organized in Lockney Saturday, to encourage the growing of more and better poultry.

J. S. Baldwin has returned from Wichita Falls, and reports that a pickpocket touched him for his pocket book while he was in the oil fields.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McAvoy of Meteor community, January 30, boy.

Lee's Egg Maker

Makes Hens lay, or bust a rivet. America's largest egg farms use it by the car load at Petaluma, California. 25 years a proven success—No experiment. Invest cents in it—and you reap dollars. To build up an extensive poultry supply business we must handle only proven goods. Don't gamble with the hens when eggs are a nickel each. If it's for poultry we have it.

C. E. WHITE SEED CO., Plainview.

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CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER

Office Woolridge Lumber Yard

Phone 33

Ford Hospital

JOHNNY, THE DOCTOR

WORK GUARANTEED AND APPRECIATED

Next to News Office

Patton House

Opposite Overall's Barn

Meals 35c Beds 25c and 50c

C. H. PATTON, Prop.

Drive right up with your wagon or car. We can load you in a hurry.—Gibbs' Cash Grocery, phone 337.

Prices of Coal Reduced

We are now offering the very best grade of Colorado Nut Coal at **\$9.50** per ton at yards.

We will also have in a few days, the very best grade of Colorado Lump to offer at **\$10.00** per ton at yards.

Allen & Bonner

Phone 162

CENTENARY OIL COMPANY

There is Nothing That Pays Dividends as Quickly as an Oil Well

The Centenary Oil Co., is located on Block No. 62, in the Burk Burnett field, and is putting on ten acres on the eastside of the southwest quarter of that block.

This is no Wild Cat scheme, but handled by bankers and business men of Northwest Texas, some of them, that are no doubt known to you.

The company is capitalized at \$60,000, divided in twelve hundred shares of the par value of \$50 each, non-assessable.

There is absolutely no cinch, that any well will produce oil until it has been drilled in, but from the surrounding field we are sure of a good production, as one could be.

The Humble well just southeast of

our tract produced 1,000 barrels in 11 hours. The Fisk well is already in. The Mystery well is in, these wells are on blocks 57 and 58, just south-east of our land.

North and northeast of us are the wells on block 82, producing 1,400 barrels per day, and the well on block 84, which is spouting gas and oil all over the hill.

The Clara well is still west of us, which with the others put us in proven territory.

The officers and directors of the company are J. B. McCarley, president, Wheeler, Texas; D. E. Holt, secretary-treasurer, banker, Wheeler, Texas; F. G. Ford, oil operator, Burk Burnett, Texas; J. S. Means, capitalist, Fort Worth, Texas; Geo. C. Bishop, abstractor, Abilene, Texas; Ocie Spear, general council, Fort Worth, Texas.

If you are interested, send in for as many shares as you want, for we

guarantee you a square deal.

CENTENARY OIL COMPANY, Home office; Wheeler, Texas.

Richards Bros. & Collier know the standing of some of these men connected with this proposition, and you may ask them.

About People You Know

Robert Bailey, pioneer cattleman, formerly of San Angelo and Eldorado, died at his home in Fort Worth, last week, age 71 years. He was well known in Plainview, as he formerly visited here occasionally, to look after a large tract of land he owned on the Castro county line west of Tulla. The editor of the News knew Mr. Bailey for thirty years or more, the families living close together at Dublin.

Mr. Luther Keith and Miss May Maples of Ralls were recently married in Floydada.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS ACROSS SEAS

BOB FLETCHER OPTIMISTIC IN LOSS OF LEGS

He Lay Three Days on No Man's Land; Was Given Up To Die

Lieut. Bob Fletcher, a former Plainview boy, who got both his legs shot off in action in France, writes to friends here from a base hospital in France, Dec. 15, that "this finds me alright, fine and dandy, though I am a little shy of legs at the present, as the square headed Dutchmen dropped a big shell under me, and I laid in No Man's Land for three days and nights. Finally they shipped me back to the base hospital, and gangreen was so bad they had to chop off both my legs. Sure made a dandy cotton-picker out of me, as I could get the lowest bolls without bending my back. But the gangreen didn't stop with my legs, but went on up, so the doctors split my left stump up to my stomach, and cut a hole or two in my side, back and stomach, trying to stop gangreen, but still it went on up clear to my arm pits. The doctors had done everything in their power to ease me, so they gave me up and moved me off into a private room to die. For two days they didn't even dress me, thinking I would croak any minute, and could not stand the dressing of my stumps. But I put one over them, and just wouldn't croak, and I finally came around alright, and now I am getting fat and my muscles are strengthening up again. I am now out of all danger and am almost well.

"The doctors and everybody here think that I am a wonderful hero, for they say that nothing but bull dog grit and my determination to live pulled me through; so they think I am the nerviest guy in the world, but I don't see why they should make such a fuss over a fellow for wanting to live. Any nut would want to do that. But, anyway, it is pretty nice to be a pet.

"I am fat again, and never felt better in my life. In another month or so my stumps will be well, but it will be six months or more before they will be tough enough for me to walk on my wooden legs. But I think I can get a leave and come home for a month or so.

"Gee, I sure would like to have some good old cracklin corn bread and butter milk, for I sure and getting burned out on this army chow, but I am getting fat on it.

"I sure get tired lying on my back. I have been here two months yesterday. I am always as healthy as can be, nor have any bed sores or anything. But my head looks like a little babe's, for I have worn all the hair off the back of it and have a cute little bald spot back there.

"Tom, my brother, was down to see me for two or three days last week. My, but he is a big husky chap. He has gained twenty pounds since he joined the army. I guess he and the division will probably go home before so very long. We will all be home by spring, I hope."

He says he does not want his mother to grieve over the loss of his legs, as it is his contribution to the great cause of liberty for the world, for which fifty thousand of our boys laid down their lives and five million of the allies died. He is grateful his life has been spared, even if he is maimed. He says the government will pay him \$100 a month as pension, and he is sending this money to his mother.

His optimism under such circumstances is indeed refreshing and inspiring to anyone who reads his letter. Bob Fletcher is indeed a hero, whom Plainview people should delight to honor when he returns home.

NOLAN BROWN TELLS OF THRILLING TRIP ACROSS

Ships Were Attacked Twice by Subs—Experiences in France—Saw Battlefields

Nolan Brown, of the 327th Field Remount Squadron, has written a letter from Gieveres, France, dated Dec. 18, to his mother, Mrs. J. O. Brown of this city, in which he tells how glad he was to get the Christmas package from her which came that day. He also writes the following interesting account of his trip across and his experiences in France:

We sailed from Newport News, Va., Sept. 17, 1918, and landed in Brest, France, Sept. 21, 1918, taking us 14 days to cross the Atlantic ocean, about 3,500 miles. They sailed on a zig zag course, going in one direction about seven or eight miles and then all ships took another course, there were nine convoys of soldiers of us. When we left Newport News there were only three convoys and we were joined by other convoys until there were nine in all. One

chasers were with us which were very much needed. About ten days out we were attacked about nine o'clock in the morning by a sub, they fired on it but only the periscope was out of the water. The battle ship and chasers went back where it was but they could not find anything more of it.

After we were out about twelve days we were met early one morning, by thirteen submarine chasers and the battle cruiser went back.

That evening about sundown we were attacked again by six submarines and there sure was some excitement for about half an hour. They had sighted us coming, and they went under and we changed our course again and when they come up to attack us they were all right among about three convoys of us. They shot at one not over one hundred yards from our boat, right in front of us, and our boat changed its course immediately, to keep from running over it. Then the submarine chasers all went to the left of us for that was the way they all went and I never heard such firing in my life and one depth bomb after another was dropped in the water. They sound like an awful roar after lighting. I can't tell you hardly how it does sound, it can't be explained. They claim they sank two of these subs and the others came into Brest harbor and gave up after we landed; they had got orders to get us or not return.

After we were in the submarine zone we were woke up at four-thirty in the morning, for they make attacks about daybreak and dark. We were then required to wear our life preservers when we came out on deck each day; at ten-thirty we had boat drill; each man knew where his boat was, and when that call sounded each man made for his boat.

Sure was a bunch of sick ones on board about nine out of each ten that were on. About 1,500 negroes were on; I think they belonged to labor regiments.

After we landed at Brest we marched out to an old field about four miles from town and there was where we spent about eight miserable days in our pup tents, as they call them, two men in each tent and it rained nearly every day we were there. When we went to leave this place one evening, about four o'clock, we could not stop and rest, going in for there were about 10,000 more men landed that day and the road was lined with soldiers, them coming in and many companies of us going out; they were going out to that camping ground; they called it the "rest camp" but it sure was a tough place. We were taken to the railroad and there was a string of box cars there for us to ride in, twenty-four men to the car, that is the transportation of the Americans in this country. We rode two days and nights and landed here, which is claimed to be the largest camp in the world—four miles wide and seven miles long, three hundred miles of American rails in the yards here, that is track. A large aviation field in about two miles of here and before the war was over you could see from three to twenty aeroplanes most any time of day in the air.

This remount handled eleven thousand head of horses in three weeks time, there are men in every branch of service located in this camp.

We take care of horses that are shipped in here and take train loads to wherever they need them. They sent two bunches of men from here to the front while the war was going on, but I wasn't lucky enough to get on them, but got to make a trip up there. We went to Commercy, ten miles from St. Mihiel, where there was some of the hardest fighting. I was in dugouts that were thirty feet deep and trenches were everywhere, barbed wire entanglements that nothing in the world don't look like could go through. Many of the houses were torn to pieces, roofs and sides all torn and caved in. We were on some high hills and could see quite a bit of the country around. This ground was fought on from 1914 until the Germans were driven back in Sept. 1918.

We came back through Paris and saw quite a bit of it, but not quite as much as I would like to have seen.

I had another trip up to LeHavre and Roven, that it up above Paris, to get a bunch of horses. Sure was a fine trip, we were gone for fourteen days; we were sure treated fine, we were at Le Havre when the armistice was signed and you could not hear anything from eleven o'clock until twelve that night, the ships in the harbor were shooting guns and blowing whistles all day. We met thousands of women and girls that were coming from the munition factories and they sure were a glad bunch of people.

Income Tax Time Extended
Washington, Feb. 11.—The time for filing reports of income at the source probably will be extended by

High Grade Portraits.



KODAKS TO RENT. Southwest of Square.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Hale.

Whereas, E. T. Coleman, as plaintiff, did in cause No. 1660, E. T. Coleman vs. W. B. Lewis, et al, recover of said W. B. Lewis, defendant, in the District Court of Hale county, Texas, a judgment for the sum of \$10,903.64, with interest thereon from 14th day of January, 1919, at 8 per cent per annum until paid, and all costs of court, which judgment was rendered on the said 14th day of January, 1919, against W. B. Lewis as a money judgment and against R. M. Peace for a foreclosure of said vendor's lien, and, whereas, under and by virtue of an order of sale issued out of said District Court of Hale county, Texas, by the clerk of said court, and placed in my hands for execution, I, J. C. Terry, Sheriff of Hale County, Texas, did on the 6th day of February, 1919, levy on Lots, Nos. Fifteen to Twenty-Nine, inclusive, in Block No. Four of the Depot Addition to the town of Plainview, Texas, as ordered in said order of sale, and that I will, on the 4th day of March, 1919, same being the first Tuesday in said month of March, sell at the door of the Court House of Hale county, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., the above described lots fifteen to twenty-nine, inclusive, in Block No. Four in the said town of Plainview, Hale County, Texas, as the property of said W. B. Lewis and R. M. Peace, to satisfy said judgment above set forth.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of February, 1919.
J. C. TERRY, Sheriff Hale County, Texas.

CITATION

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Hale County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the Estate of Carl C. Preston, Deceased, Daniel Preston has filed in the County Court of Hale County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Carl C. Preston, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary to be issued to petitioner, Daniel Preston, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in March, A. D. 1919, the same being the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof, in Plainview, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Plainview, Texas, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1919.

JO. W. WAYLAND, Clerk County Court Hale County, Texas.
By C. R. Spencer, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Hale.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Harris County on the 31st day of December, 1918, by the clerk thereof, in the case of R. B. George versus E. T. Johnson, No. 79208, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the 15th day of Feb. 1919, before the court house door of said Hale county, in the town of Plainview, the following described property, to-wit:

One certain Twin City sixteen power oil-burning gas tractor, with equipment, extension rim, steering device, oil tank and truck, all of which is now situated on the farm of the said E. T. Johnson, in Hale county, Texas.

Levied on as the property of E. T. Johnson to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,837.89 in favor of R. B. George and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of Feb. 1919.

J. C. TERRY, Sheriff.
By W. M. Jeffus, Deputy.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper for thirty days or more beyond March 15, when they ordinarily would be due, it was said today.

PUBLIC SALE

At the P. E. Marshall Farm, seven miles north, two and one-half west of Plainview

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th.

Sale begins at Ten-Thirty o'clock

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| Horses and Mules | One 14 Disc John Deere Sulky Plow |
| 1 Roan Mare, 8 yrs. old, wt. 1300lb | One 3 Section Harrow New. |
| 1 Black Mare 6 yrs. old, wt. 1000lb | One P. & O. Wiggletail Shovel Cultivator, New. |
| 1 Light Brown Mare, 5 yrs, old, wt. 1000lb | One John Deere 16 Disc Harrow. |
| 1 Chestnut Horse, 7yrs old, wt 1100lb | One John Deere Slide Go-Devil. |
| 1 Bay Horse, 7 yrs old, wt 1300lb | One Emerson 5ft cut Mower. |
| 1 Bay Horse 9 yrs old wt. 1200lb | One John Deere Orchard Disc. |
| 1 Bay Horse 10 yrs old wt. 1200lb | One John Deere 10ft hay rake. |
| 1 Bay Horse 11 yrs old wt. 1100lb | One Mitchell 10ft grain wagon in A-1 condition. |
| 1 Mare Mule 12 yrs old wt. 1000lb | One John Deere "Texas" wagon, 12ft. 4 sets leather harness |
| 1 Horse Mule 9 yrs old wt. One Thousand lbs. | 1-2 Interest in Van Brunt Twelve Hole Drill. |

Farm Implements

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| One 8ft cut broadcast McCormack binder. | One half interest in John Deere Lister. |
| One McCormack Row binder. | Many small tools of all kinds. |
| One Emerson lister. One Chain Harness. | A few household articles. Other articles too numerous to mention. |
| One Two Disc John Deere Plow. | |

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$10.00 or under cash; all sums over \$10.00, 8 months' time will be given on bankable note bearing ten per cent interest from date of sale. Five per cent off for cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

FREE LUNCH ON THE GROUND

P. E. MARSHALL, Owner

W. A. NASH, Auctioneer

SOCIETY

"Womanless Wedding" at High School

Under the direction of Miss Cleo Richbourg, teacher of expression at Wayland college, a "Womanless Wedding" took place at the high school auditorium Friday night, in the presence of a good-sized and delighted audience.

Prior to the ceremony, Miss Mary Pritchett gave a couple of readings; Miss Aileen Boswell, a piano solo; and Misses Marguerite Willis and Ruth Lipscomb, a duet; and Miss Richbourg several readings.

Mrs. Eva L. Barnes rendered the wedding march for the bridal party, which was composed entirely of men and boys from about town, and from the high school. The bride's part was taken by Will Stockton; the groom's by J. E. Watson; the minister's by Jake Burkett; the bridesmaid was Frank Meadows; the matron of honor, Professor McDonald; ring bearer, Frederick Blockson; flower girls, Edwin McMath and Fay Sawyer; mother of bride, David Neil; father of bride, Elmer Sanson; usher Frank Truesdale. The old-maid aunt of the bride, two country cousins of the bride, and a number of other relatives of the contracting parties attended the ceremony, which was very elaborate in form.

A good sum of money was realized for the benefit of the high school athletic club.

District Federation Will Meet in Plainview

The annual meeting of the district Federation of Woman's clubs will be held in Plainview in April.

Home Economics Club

The Home Economics club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Dickinson. Mrs. Charles Spencer was leader for the program.

"The Style Shop," Plainview's new exclusive millinery store, has opened for business. Everything new and direct from the markets. The ladies of the Plainview country are urged to visit "The Style Shop," Mrs. Hattie Plemons, Proprietor.

Elks Have Hop

There was a dance at the Elks club last night.

Mrs. McComas, County President

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Hale county Federation of Woman's clubs, Mrs. Nine McComas of Halfway, was elected president. We have not learned if other officers were elected.

ELLEN

Feb. 11.—Our community has awakened from its peaceful slumbers with everyone working in perfect accord, and planning great things for the year.

The talk is a new school house for Ellen, and just watch us get it. An effort will be made to bond the district, in April, at the annual trustee election. Everyone is optimistic, and why shouldn't they be?

Sunday school was organized last Sunday, and although the weather was rather disagreeable, a goodly number was present, 38 being enrolled. It was decided to have Sunday school at 2:30 o'clock. The following officers and teachers were elected: Mrs. W. Y. Buchanan, superintendent; C. W. Richardson, assistant superintendent; Miss Amy Line, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Haddick, organist; Mrs. Garner, assistant organist; and Mr. Fuller leader of the choir; Rev. Haddick, teacher of the Bible class; Mrs. Fuller, teacher of the senior class; Miss Pearl Wright, teacher of the intermediate class; and Mrs. J. A. Line teacher of the primary class.

Miss Carrie Shields, has returned from an extended visit at Leonard, Texas.

Mrs. T. J. Vines and son, John, are visiting in Greenville.

Curtis Harland has moved to his place, on the Callahan ranch, recently purchased from A. E. Harp.

Mrs. J. A. Line and daughter, Amy were in Plainview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and daughter, Louise, were in Plainview Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Buchanan and Miss Pearl Wright were shopping in Plainview Saturday.

J. B. Elder has moved into our community, having purchased the Miller property, and it is reported that he will soon begin work on his new store, near his home.

Misses Marie, Vanita and Ora Cross and Miss Verne Eakin spent the week end with Miss Eakin's parents.

Mr. Garner and son, Marshal, were in Whitfield Saturday and Sunday.

The young folks of the community enjoyed a party at the Eakin home Saturday night.

Quite a number attended the singing at the home of J. F. McDonough

ELECTION JUDGES AND ROAD OVERSEERS FOR COUNTY

Commissioners' Court Makes These Important Appointments for Coming Two Years

The commissioners' court now in session has appointed the following road overseers:

No. 1.—C. O. Surratt, west end; Chas. Ford, middle; Mr. Duncan, east six miles.

No. 2.—J. M. Brazille.

No. 3.—W. W. Wise.

No. 4.—A. E. Tumberg.

No. 5.—J. J. Groff.

No. 6.—J. C. Poore.

No. 7.—J. P. Marlin.

No. 8.—E. H. Minor.

No. 9.—Henry Sammann.

No. 10.—W. J. Taylor.

No. 11.—W. B. Seaman.

No. 12.—Ferd Rastetter, north end; W. T. Hamilton, middle; Debs McLaughlin, south end.

No. 14.—R. M. Bochart, north end; W. Kurfees, south end.

No. 16.—H. E. Landis.

No. 17.—J. B. Long.

No. 18.—J. T. Terrell.

No. 19.—Geo. Schick.

No. 22 and 23.—Will Tilson.

No. 24.—Carrol Bird, west end; Roe Ritchie, middle; G. W. Yancy, east end.

No. 25.—Alvin Mastler.

No. 26.—J. C. Boyd.

Nos. 27 and 67.—A. W. Waddill.

No. 28.—J. W. Bradford.

No. 29.—Carrol Jay.

No. 30.—G. T. Stagner.

No. 32.—Welcome Ragland.

No. 33.—J. T. Lowery.

No. 34.—M. J. Gregory.

No. 35.—W. C. Buntin, north end; Mr. Ranston, south end.

Nos. 37 and 38.—J. M. Buchanan.

No. 39.—E. Dowden, north end; W. R. Morrison, south end.

No. 40.—Mr. Smith.

No. 42.—Chas. Howard, middle; Luck Campbell, north end; Mr. Bucks south end.

No. 43.—John Warner, south end; Will Nittler, north end.

No. 44.—Claude Fletcher.

No. 46.—Leland Mounts.

No. 47.—Walter Harp.

Nos. 48 and 49.—V. Stambaugh.

No. 50.—Rill Moody.

No. 51.—Chas. Phillips.

No. 54.—H. D. Witt.

No. 52.—Raymond Branson, west end; Roger Mayhugh, middle; Arthur Lamb, east end.

No. 57.—C. D. Hartley.

No. 59.—O. B. Jackson.

No. 60.—Jasper Ellerd.

No. 63.—Blant Ross.

No. 65.—W. A. Lowe.

No. 72.—L. G. Pierce.

No. 74.—A. H. Reed.

No. 79.—Claude Havenhill.

No. 84.—Bud Hays.

No. 99.—J. A. Line.

No. 97.—Frank Dyer.

No. 108.—John Gregory.

No. 93.—Albert Kiser, east end; D. W. Hooper, west end.

No. 94.—Frank Simonton.

No. 95.—Henry Maxey.

No. 91.—Frank Triplett.

No. 103.—Creek Brown. This road was ordered opened by this term of the court, and is near the Keliehor farm.

The court appointed the following judges of elections for the coming two years:

Plainview, No. 1, (court house)—W. J. Mitchell, W. B. Martine.

Plainview, No. 10 (city hall)—Tom Carter, E. Harlan.

Happy Union, No. 2.—W. Y. Buchanan, Dan Bayley.

Petersburg, No. 3.—Chas. Schuler, Chas. L. Jay.

Hale Center, No. 4.—Walter T. Leonard, N. M. Akeson.

Norfleet, No. 5.—J. F. Norfleet, Corley Sageser.

Runningwater, No. 6.—Fred Watson, Dan Morgan.

Westside, No. 7.—J. D. Johnson, G. G. Douthit.

Bartonsite, No. 8.—John Wilkins, Mr. Waddill.

Abernathy, No. 9.—V. Stambaugh, Mr. Richter.

Halfway, No. 11.—R. L. Hooper, E. A. Gilbert.

Lakeview, No. 12.—P. L. Wimberly, Welcome Ragland.

Ladies, you must visit Plainview's new exclusive millinery store, "The Style Shop," in the Donohoo building on the west side of the square. Everything new and the very latest in style. The opening will be tomorrow.

A letter from Hereford to a Plainview citizen says, "the snow is almost gone." Snow has been on the ground over there, and north and west, ever since about December 1st. For several weeks it was very deep and cattle and sheep losses were heavy.

Sunday night.

George Schick and family of Bellview, visited their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Buchanan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rogers have moved to their new home two and a half miles south of Ellen.

C. W. Richardson and W. Y. Buchanan have been elected trustees to fill out unexpired terms.

CHURCHES

Pastor Boynton Will Return

The editor of the News has a letter from Rev. Edwin C. Boynton, in which he says he will return to Plainview and his pastorate of the First Christian church about April 1st. He was granted a leave of absence last July, so he could join in the army Y. M. C. A. work, and he has since been on duty at San Antonio and Fort Worth, now being at Carruthers field.

First Methodist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Do you remember the location of the church, the Methodist church, and the time for Sunday school? If not, you Methodist's please phone Mr. Elmer Sanson, our superintendent, and he will take pleasure in giving you the information.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Who is loyal? Who is faithful? You can go anywhere, it seems. Why not go to church Sunday? Great themes and splendid music for both services.

League at 6 p. m. with a fine program.

A cordial invitation is extended to you to worship in the Methodist church Sunday.

Mission Study Program

The ladies of the Methodist church will meet next Monday, at 2 o'clock, at the church in a study of the last chapter of "The Path of Labor."

Leaders—Mrs. T. E. Richards and Mrs. Moore.

The subject is—"Justice and Brotherhood."

Scripture study—"The King's Business."—Mrs. E. E. Robinson.

1. "Christianity and the World's Workers."—Mrs. McClendon.

2. "The Beginning of Home Missions."—Mrs. D. Ansley.

3. "Struggles Up From Slavery."—Mrs. John Lucas.

4. "Comparison with Peonage, Contract Labor, Tenant Farming, etc."—Mrs. O. B. Jackson.

5. "Land Ownership An Uplifting Factor."—Mrs. Rucker.

6. "Home Mission Duty."—Mrs. Hal Wofford.

7. "Business Versus Health and Democracy."—Mrs. E. C. Lamb.

8. "Wages, Classes."—Mrs. Chas. Saigling.

9. "Relations to the Church—Causes of Estrangement."—Miss Rebecca Ansley.

10. "What is Done; What to Do."—Mrs. Price.

11. Discussion.

Every member of the class is urged to attend this study of the closing chapter and visitors are welcome.

Church of Christ

Bible school at 10 o'clock every Sunday. Communion at 10 o'clock.

First Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 Sunday morning, followed by communion at 10:45.

A Preacher Made Glad

The modern as contrasted with the ancient manner, of "pounding" a preacher. After preaching to the good people at Happy Union Sunday; I was led by Brother Hamilton (the Sunday school superintendent), to a side door, and when he opened the door, I did not know but that he was going to place my feet in the stocks as they did Paul and Silas, at Philippi; but thank the Lord, instead, in behalf of the congregation, he presented me with such a "pounding," as wife and I will not get over for two or three months, if then. Country hams, buckets of lard, sausage, five dozen eggs, butter, sweet and Irish potatoes, sugar and coffee, pickles, canned beans, peas, and several jars of nice fruit, two chickens, and they capped it off with the real cash.

My! everybody knows that such a procedure, will make the devil mad, and the Lord and the preacher glad. It filled Brother Sam Moore's big car. Then, soon after Brother Raper of the Prairieview community arrived with a big load of feed for my horse.

May the good Lord abundantly bless every family, and each individual member of those two communities and also of Bellview community, where I am to preach Sunday. "My meat, is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." May God so anoint his servant with the Holy Spirit, and with power that he may do the best preaching this year, that he ever did in all his life. So mote it be, Amen, and let all the people say Amen.

A. B. ROBERTS.

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hard fight and we were in about 100 yards of our objective when I fell. I lay there for 48 hours, then they picked me up and took me to the first aid station and two days later I got to Paris and was operated

A GREAT NUMBER

of automobile owners are wishing they had purchased a car they could get parts for and service; a car that some one would be interested in the amount of service that car would give.

Don't Be A Dis-satisfied Owner

Get a Hupmobile, a car that is well known, a car that has a re-selling value. A car that you can get parts for as we carry a full line of parts for all models of Hupmobiles. A car that we are interested in as to keeping the owner satisfied and the only way that will keep him satisfied is to have the car ready at all times to run.

Buy a car from a good reliable dealer that will stay in business and will be interested in you and your car. A satisfied customer will help us in selling cars. We have just unloaded a carload of the New Model Hupmobiles, and this four cylinder car will act with any six or eight on the market.

Correct in size, correct in price and correct in gasoline and tire mileage, which has won it the name of—

"THE COMFORT CAR"

Shepard Motor Co.

Hupmobile Distributor
Plainview, Texas

SPELTZ

100 Bushels to arrive Monday. Get your order in at once. The last SPELTZ we will have. C. E. White Seed Co., Plainview

beat this letter to the U. S. A., but it will be some time before I can come home.

New Santa Fe Industrial Agent
W. S. Farnsworth of Mexico City has been appointed by the Santa Fe railroad as industrial and agricultural agent for the Panhandle lines, to succeed L. L. Johnson, who resigned last summer. He has arrived at his

Dr. Norman B. Mayhugh

Osteopathic Physician
Suit 34, Grant Building
Phones: Office 428; Home 328

headquarters in Amarillo, and taken up his duties.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL

On and after the first day of February 1919 we will go on a strictly cash basis, and there positively will be no charging to no one, all will be treated alike, and for a short time only, we will allow a discount of two (2) per cent on all purchases.

Be Sure And Do Not Forget The Date, February First, 1919

Alfalfa Lumber Co.

Phone 163

LASH-GRANT REAL ESTATE COMPANY

LOANS, INSURANCE, EXCHANGES, RANCHES, RENTALS
CITY PROPERTY, ABSTRACTS
626 North Broadway PLAINVIEW, TEXAS Phone 653

We have 160 acres near Olton, Texas, west of Plainview, will exchange for property in California.

For sale, brand new residence in west part of Plainview, owner moving to the oil fields, price \$4,000, small cash payment, balance good terms.

For exchange, we have six-room house, and bath, close in, owner will exchange for some land in the Plainview district.

For rent, we have five acre tract and four room house, also have five room house and seven room house for rent, well located.

We have for sale lands in tracts from ten acres up to ten thousand and acres, from payments of five hundred cash, up, with long time on balance.

For exchange; 29 acre orange and apricot grove in California, nine acres in apricots made three thousand dollars last year, owner wants a good farm near Plainview. This grove is in the frostless belt of California, and where the altitude is about fifteen hundred feet above the sea level, and ideal home place and has a fine residence. No better place on earth to live happy the balance of your life and at the same time have a nice little income. We have personally inspected this orange and apricot grove. Come in and talk it over.

For sale; 48,000 acre ranch in New Mexico, will give good terms. If interested write for full particulars.

We want agents all over the North and East to advertise this country an ideal land here, we pay good commissions.

The R. C. Ware Oil stock is still going better, come in if you want to get in on the ground floor, we can handle Liberty bonds.

We are expecting several buyers in from the North and East; better come in and list the land if it is a bargain, price and terms must be right.

We trade everywhere in the North and East. We are in touch with agents everywhere. If you have something to trade, come in and tell us what you want. Just a few days ago we traded land in Minnesota for land here. You can often trade and get a better deal than to wait for a buyer.

Don't forget that the Plainview Abstract Company has moved its office to the Lash-Grant Real Estate Co. office, and that we write all kinds of insurance, we are writing insurance on automobiles against fire and theft, we are writing insurance on wheat against hail. Come in and let us figure with you.

LASH-GRANT REAL ESTATE COMPANY

J. J. LASH J. W. GRANT MATT A. CRAM W. A. MORTER

Cash Grocery Company

WANTED

THOUSAND DOZEN EGGS

Pay cash or trade.

Red Star Flour. Light Crust Flour.

CASH GROCERY CO.

Phone 101

PROVIDENCE

Feb. 17.—We are having a windy day, but the weather is getting warmer.

Mr. Viegell is haling fodder this week.

Our young folks had a surprise dance at the home of H. E. Sammann Saturday night, given in honor of Samuel Newman and Travis Reagan, they having just been discharged from the army. They returned home

last Wednesday.

Henry Hodel of Lockney was a visitor in our community Sunday afternoon.

Misses Durham and Jordan of Plainview were visiting at the home of Tell Nig Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tumberg and children of near Plainview, were calling at the home of H. E. Sammann Sunday.

Fred Sammann was visiting home folks Sunday.

Quite a number of young people were visiting at the home of F. Lindeman in the Whitfield community Sunday.

New goods will arrive every several days at "The Style Shop," Plainview's new exclusive millinery store, in order to keep right up to now with the latest styles.

See Cash Grocery Co's. adv. in this issue.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Hattle Plemons returned last night from Kansas City, where she had been buying goods for her new millinery store, "The Style Shop."

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nobles and son went to Amarillo this morning to spend a couple of days with his parents.

Mrs. Ed. Winn and children will leave next week for Yuma, Arizona, where they will join Mr. Winn, who has been there for some time, and will make their home.

Misses Fay and Loretta Garrison came in Wednesday from Wichita Falls, where they are employed, to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Garrison.

A. M. Lycan and family have moved to a farm near Ellen.

Miss Minnie Bryan went to Lubbock yesterday to visit an aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Finnie came in Wednesday from Fort Worth, where they have been living for a couple of years, and will again make their home in Plainview, at least until next winter. They have considerable business and residence property here. They also have many friends who are glad to have them here again.

Mrs. James Crie and baby of Hurley, N. M., arrived yesterday to visit her father, George Boswell.

W. B. Armstrong, who has been at Mineral Wells for a few weeks, writes to have his paper changed to Blooming Grove, Navarro county.

J. W. Bogar, a very prominent citizen of Abilene, is here today.

T. A. Baird of Slaton was here yesterday.

A. B. DeLoach has returned from Texarkana, where he went on the sad mission to bury his wife. Burial was there Saturday.

C. K. Shelton, who is now in the oil game at Fort Worth, has been here visiting his family, but left this morning for the Panther city, where the "wild cats" now make their lair.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saulsberry recently moved to Wichita Falls, where he will deal in oil stocks and leases.

Rev. M. S. Leveridge, pastor of the Methodist church at Shamrock, is here today. He was some years ago financial agent for Seth Ward college, and lived in Plainview.

C. C. Cheronnier of Crosbyton was here Wednesday.

Mr. McGregor, former manager of the Piggly Wiggly store, was here this week, visiting his family. He is now manager of the two Piggly Wiggly stores in Wichita Falls.

G. G. Carter of Post City was here yesterday on business. He was formerly manager of the Graeber-Carter grocery store here.

D. E. Mead had business in Amarillo yesterday.

George Bower is very sick at his home in this city.

Henry Bledsoe and Chas. Widmire of Muleshoe were here Monday.

Jess K. and Ernest Bailey of Dublin were here the fore part of the week visiting their brother, Ed Bailey, and wife, who live on Helen-Temple farm. Ernest has just been discharged from the army, having gotten on as far as England when the armistice was signed. They are pleased with the Plainview country.

U. S. Tabor and M. E. Cleavenger of Spring Lake were here Monday. Clay Dunlap is here from his ranch near Tucumcari, N. M.

W. A. Nash has returned from a trip down in the Burkburnett grease region.

Erwin G. Kerr writes back that he has a position with Orloff Bros., architects, at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maxey and children left Wednesday for Wichita Falls, where they will make their home at least temporarily, while Mr. Maxey operates as a contractor and builder.

If you invest your money in oil stock you want good dividends. You want and expect good returns on the investment. You should invest in a company with men you know and in whose business ability and integrity you have confidence. This is the theory on which the R. C. Ware Oil Co. is organized and is offering stock. It has fifteen acres of the best leases in the Burkburnett field—enough land to put down a number of wells. It is promoted and offered by local citizens, whom you have known for many years, and who have the business ability to make a success of this proposition, as they have their other business affairs. The capitalization of the company is very low considering the values of the leases, in fact much lower than possibly any other company in the Burkburnett field; this will insure you larger dividends on your investment, of course. The stock is selling rapidly, and not much more is to be offered, so you had better cut out the coupon in the page adv. printed on another page, fill it out, enclose your check for the amount of stock you wish to buy and mail it to the R. C. Ware Oil Co., Plainview.—Adv.

Look up Cash Grocery Co's. adv. in this issue.

We Have Moved

We have moved the Willard Service Station to the Plainview Machine & Auto Company Garage building where we will maintain Willard Service and will have room for the storage of all cars entrusted to our care.

We will also occupy office room there and will be pleased to quote you storage rates and tell you of Willard Service.

Connor-Mathes Co.

"On Auto Row" Phone 16 Plainview, Texas

WANT COLUMN

Try a want-adv. in the News. Only a word, minimum charge 15c a time.

WANTED—Green and dry hides. L. D. Rucker Produce Co.

FOR SALE—12-20 Emerson Branningham Gas Engine, good condition. For particulars see G.-C. Electric Co.

WANTED—30,000 pounds loose pumpkins.—D. F. Sansom & Son. 78-1f

We are in the market for Dry and Green Hides. Highest prices. ALLEN & BONNER, Coal and Grain Dealers.

READ THIS—Several nice little homes for sale on easy payment plan. Will take some trade. Get one before school starts and save rent.—W. B. Knight.

We are heavy as ever in the market for poultry, hides, eggs, etc.—Panhandle Produce Co., east of Alfalfa Lumber Co. 45

FOR SALE—Store fixtures, show cases, iron safe, shelving and heavy tables.—Burns & Pierce.

FOR SALE—160 acres near Halfway, terms.—R. A. Underwood. 39-1f

Best proof Cabbage Plants, \$2.50 per thousand, 500 for \$1.50 100 for 50 cents, Bermuda Onion Plants, \$1.50 per thousand 500 for \$1.00. All plants delivered and guaranteed to arrive in good condition, by Parcel Post, or express.—Milano Plant Co., Milano, Texas. —85

DWELLING for rent, also business house. Apply to Speed Oil Co. 74-1f

FOR SALE—NORTHEAST CORNER, 100 FEET, ONE BLOCK EAST HIGH SCHOOL. QUICK TURN. CHEAP.—INQUIRE OF NEWS.

FOR SALE—Baled Alfalfa, Kaffir and Straw, in ton or car lots, also peanut cake, meal and other feed-stuff.—D. F. Sansom & Son. 78-1f.

FOR SALE—Deering mower, with two cycles, complete; good as new. Take \$50 for it.—Q. C. Gaines, Plainview, Rt. B. 78-2t.

WANTED—A few setting hens at once. Must be gentle, will pay good price. A few good Partridge Wyandotte cockerels at special prices for quick sale.—J. W. Richards, at Richler store.

FOR SALE—Household goods, all kinds, am preparing to move and will sell cheap—dresser, chiffonier, beds, rockers, dining table and chairs, Riverside heater, Home Comfort range, Singer sewing machine, etc. Mrs. J. E. Penick, 205 Cedar street, Phone 217. 76

POSITION WANTED—A grocer clerk. Am all-round man, in house or on delivery, with horse or car.—Care of News.

Trade where your money goes further.—Gibbs' Cash Grocery, Phone 337. RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS, full-blood \$1 setting.—Q. C. Gaines, Plainview, Rt. B. 78-2t.

FOR SALE—Windmill, tank and tank tower.—W. Peterson. 78-c

FOR RENT—4 nicely furnished rooms for housekeeping, 314 East Elm. Phone 346. 78-1f-c.

"Light Crust" flour; phone 337, Gibbs' Cash Grocery.

FEED WANTED—Good sound maize heads, state price.—J. Ubben, Royston, Texas. 75-3t-f.

BROWN LEGHORNS, BROWN LEGHORNS—The best strain in America. Eggs \$1.50 for 15. \$7.50, 100. Mated show pen \$3.00 for 15.—Jno. E. Brown Plainview. 79-fri-2mo.

SEE A. L. LANFORD before you sell your mules. The oldest buyer in town—at O. K. Barn east of square, Phone 550.

NOTICE—I have taken off the market my 20 acre tract northwest of town and lots 15 and 16, block 30, Plainview.—C. V. Quisenberry.

FOR SALE—Extra good fresh milk cow.—Z. T. Northcutt. 79-2t.

FOR SALE—A roll-top office desk and two chairs, less than half-price.—Mrs. J. E. Penick, Phone 217. 78-1f

Mrs. L. B. Humphreys was in Kansas City recently, and saw Dr. L. V. Dawson and family, who formerly lived in Plainview. Dr. Dawson has received his discharge from the army, and has opened an office in Kansas City for the practice of medicine and surgery.

In the court of civil appeals at Amarillo Wednesday the case of S. F. Bowser & Co. vs. Cain Auto Co. from this county was affirmed. The following cases from Hale county are set for submission March 5—W. R. Simmons vs. I. Z. Smith, and Miss Fronia Johnson vs. Beech Cray.

Wisconsin has granted the women the ballot.

Still Selling 'Em Cheap

The 'Piggly Wiggly' continues to sell groceries at prices others cannot duplicate. Its in the system. For the Piggly Wiggly system of buying and selling groceries is the most successful and economical system known. It cuts out all the expensive ways, and gives the customer the advantage of the cuts. If you are not a customer, just come and see us and our stock, and investigate the prices and you will be a customer.

We have a large stock of the best seed Irish Potatoes, also garden seeds. They are the best on the market.

We are heavily stocked on soap and soap substitutes and are selling same under present market prices.

Piggly Wiggly

West Side Square Always Glad To See You

THE PRICE OF MONUMENTS

Perhaps you are hesitating about coming to us for monumental work, thinking because of the high quality of our monuments, tablets and markers, and the superior facilities we have for doing our work, that we are high-priced. Let us here assure you that we are not.

On the other hand, you will find at all times that we present exceptional offerings of worth-while memorials, and that we extend to our customers every courtesy and every price advantage.

Without fear of obligation, come in and inspect our work, and look over our new designs.

South Plains Monument Co.
Plainview, Texas

15 ACRES IN BURKBURNETT FIELD

R. C. WARE OIL CO.

\$65,000 Capital Stock \$50.00 Par Value
Non-Assessable

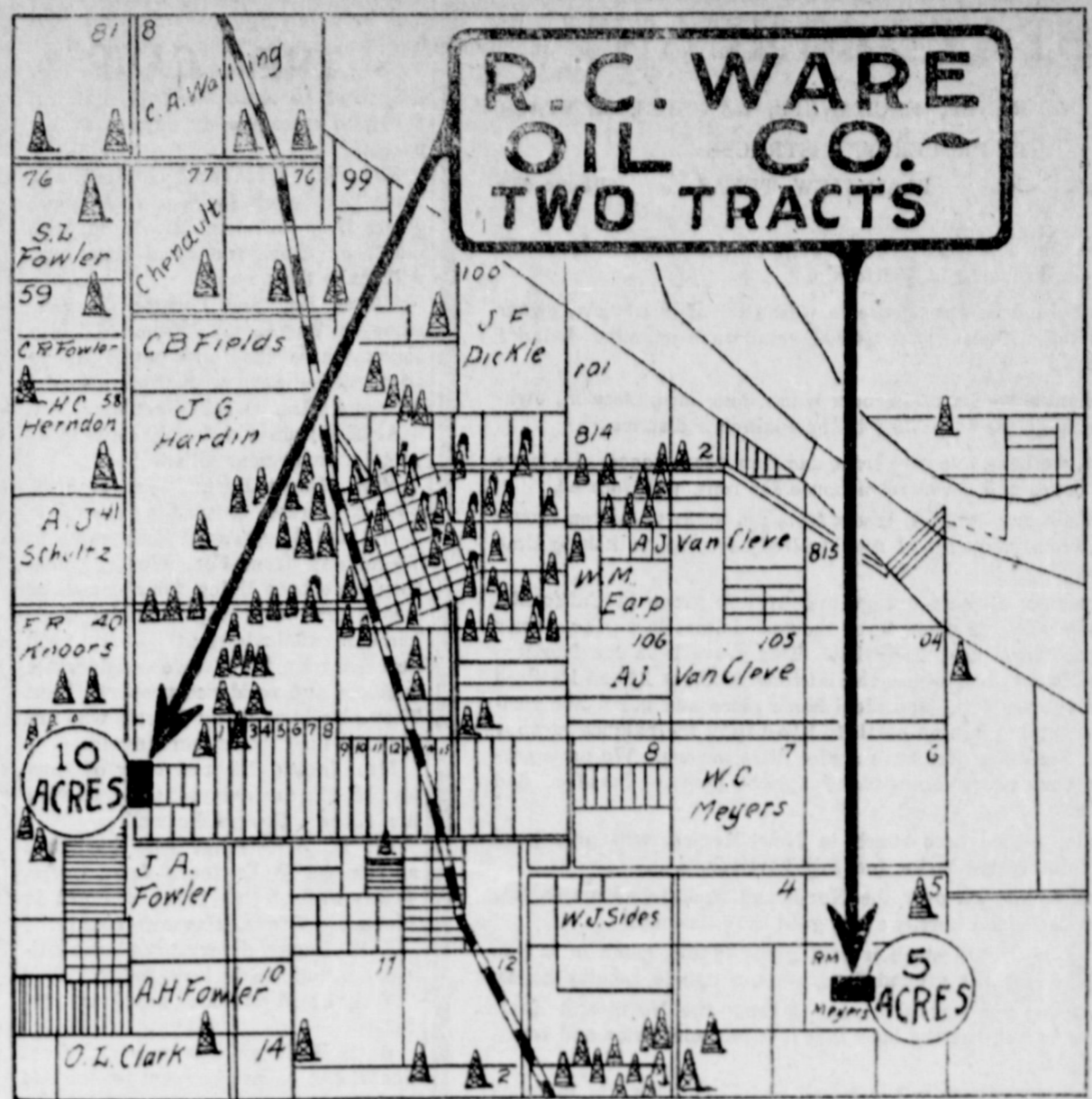
Take Your Map and Look at the Location of Our Oil Leases, in Every Direction We are Surrounded by Producing Wells.

There is not another proposition on the market as close in and in the right direction that is offering as much as the R. C. Ware Oil Co., in fact we are giving you from three to six hundred per cent more acreage in the proven field than any other company. Don't you think our capitalization, \$65,000, very low compared with any other company now operating at Burkburnett? We could sell our two leases alone for the full amount of the capitalization. We want to be candid with you, and can honestly say that we can make more money for ourselves and stockholders by covering these leases with producing wells. We have a splendid proposition and we know it, and we want to be in on it ourselves.

If we sold our leases, we couldn't take the money and put it in something else just as good, because there is nothing else near as good for anything like the same money. In organizing a company and drilling, we expect to retain considerable of this stock and this stock will make us much more money than the profit on the lease would amount to, and our stockholders will profit with us in just such proportion as they contribute to the drilling and the other expenses of providing the wells. And we feel so sure of getting oil that we have put a large sum of our own money, besides

You Are Going To Get Dividends

It will always be our purpose and policy to pay dividends as soon as they are earned—we will have to, in fact, because we will need the money as badly as any other stockholder, and it is the only right thing to do, anyway. We expect to buy our own drilling outfit and engage the service of the best driller to be found, putting us in position to drill as we wish, and as we expect to cover our leases with six wells, we esti-



lots of time and hard work in this proposition; we believe that in all the wonderful Burkburnett field there is not a lease that offers better prospects for oil, and that too in such quantities as will make our stock as high or higher than any on the market.

The Burkburnett field is an opportunity of a life-time. There probably never will be another such a chance for a man of limited means to get in on an oil deal that will give him the tremendous returns that this field is now offering and the man who does not take advantage of it is overlooking an opportunity he will never have again. People are coming from every section of the country to buy into these various companies and harvest the profits. Don't let them get it all. Get yours now.

Experienced oil men claim that by reason of the fact that most of the wells in the Burkburnett townsite are actually stronger now than when first brought in, they must be fed from some large pool that has not yet been discovered, and this large pool must be west or southwest. Every other direction has been tested out. The Humble well, just a little over a mile north of our 10-acre tract, is reported making 2,400 barrels per day.

mate that we can bore six wells, own our own drilling rig and save the company 50,000 on the six wells. Worth saving, isn't it?

Our headquarters will be with the Lash-Grant Real Estate Company. We are going to take this stock off the market just as soon as we sell enough stock to pay for our drilling machinery and part of the lease money and any absolutely necessary expense in putting down our first well.

COUPON

R. C. WARE OIL COMPANY,
Plainview, Texas,

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find \$..... for..... shares of stock in R. C. WARE OIL COMPANY, at \$50 par value per share, fully paid and non-assessable.

Name.....

Address.....

If stock is oversubscribed we reserve the right to refund your money.

R. C. WARE OIL CO.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

HANDS, ARMS, LIMBS ASLEEP

And Was Run-Down, Weak and Nervous, Says Florida Lady. Five Bottles of Cardui Made Her Well.

Kathleen, Fla.—Mrs. Dallas Prine, of this place, says: "After the birth of my last child... I got very much run-down and weakened, so much that I could hardly do anything at all. I was so awfully nervous that I could scarcely endure the least noise. My condition was getting worse all the time..."

I knew I must have some relief or I would soon be in the bed and in a serious condition for I felt so badly and was so nervous and weak I could hardly live. My husband asked Dr. Cardui, about my taking Cardui. He said, "It's a good medicine, and good for that trouble," so he got me 5 bottles... After about the second bottle I felt greatly improved... before taking it my limbs and hands and arms would go to sleep. After taking it, however, this poor circulation disappeared. My strength came back to me and I was soon on the road to health. After the use of about 5 bottles, I could do all my house-work and attend to my six children besides."

You can feel safe in giving Cardui a thorough trial for your troubles. It contains no harmful or habit-forming drugs, but is composed of mild, vegetable, medicinal ingredients with no bad after-effects. Thousands of women have voluntarily written, telling of the good Cardui has done them. Should help you, too. Try it.

Successful Incubators and Brooders

Easy to operate, moderate in cost. Lasts a lifetime and give satisfaction. Come in and investigate for yourself. See the best Incubator on earth, and a Brooder that is a real Brooder. We have all sizes in stock and at prices from \$11.00 up to \$23.50.

C. E. WHITE SEED CO., Plainview.

PLAIN QUESTIONS TO PLAINVIEW PEOPLE

Every Plainview Reader Will Admit the Soundness of the Logic

Would Plainview people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as they do if the medicine were not reliable? Would they confirm their statements after years have elapsed if their experiences did not show the remedy to be deserving of it? Statements like the following must carry conviction to the mind of every reader:

Dr. V. C. Canon, retired physician, W. California Ave., Plainview, says: "I suffered from lumbago and other signs of kidney complaint. I also had trouble with my bladder and sharp twinges shot through my loins I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Long's Drug Store. They relieved me."

LATER TESTIMONY
Over three years later Dr. Canon said: "I don't have near as much trouble with my kidneys now as I used to, but when I do, I use Doan's Kidney Pills and always with the same good results."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Dr. Canon had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Texas Wonder
The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and regularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

The grand lodge of Texas Odd Fellows will hold its annual convention in Dallas March 24-27. Seven thousand delegates and visitors are expected to attend.

How's This?

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

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. It acts through the blood, on the mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Help Your Digestion
When acid-distressed, relieve the indigestion with
KI-MOIDS
Dissolve easily on tongue—as pleasant to take as candy. Keep your stomach sweet, try KI-moids.
MADE BY SCOTT & BOWNE
MAKERS OF SCOTT'S EMULSION

NEW FALSE TEETH; LOTS OF TRAVEL

Excitement and Noise in Ranger Too Much for the "First Lady of the Town"

Ranger, Texas, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Cordie McClesky, in whose chicken yard the first Ranger oil well made a poor family rich in one night in October, 1917, has sold her "town" house in Ranger and is going elsewhere "because the excitement and noise have become too much for her."

She has sold her one-story frame house immediately behind the McClesky building—Ranger's biggest—for a picture show and received \$10,000 for the old building and lot.

Many other newly rich oil owners are moving out because of the sudden influx of people and the consequent crowding.

They have been used to west Texas ranges.

"So much rain has fallen now, I know gardening and farming will be fine," explains the widow of the first oil magnate of the plains, and I am going back to the country.

Mrs. McClesky made this statement in her home the other afternoon during an interview of what she intends to do with her sudden wealth, where she will spend it and how it all happened.

For two years ago, she was milking her cows and washing her clothes on a little drouth-stricken farm in Eastland county.

Then the oil well blew in one fine day and everything changed for the McCleskys.

It is estimated that the family wealth is now \$7,000,000 and it is getting bigger every minute and hour the well flows.

Besides that, four other wells are ready to come in on the farm whenever storage can be obtained.

In other words, the McClesky fortune has a chance to grow into \$27,000,000, when two years ago it was not hardly \$2.

"What do I desire most and what will I do?" Mrs. McClesky repeated the question.

"First, I am going to Fort Worth and get a new set of false teeth.

"Then I am going to travel.

"You know I have never had a chance to travel until now.

"But I am going all over Texas and Oklahoma.

"An agent has already persuaded me to go to San Antonio and I am going to take my sister with me."

McClesky herself is dead—he died last fall.

An eastern magazine writer said he died because he insisted on carrying a hod for \$3 a day while his hotel was being built—you see he had the money bug.

But Mrs. McClesky denies this.

"It isn't so," Mrs. McClesky declares.

"Mr. McClesky was very fond of fruit, especially peaches.

"So when he got this money and moved into town, he began to buy lots of peaches and simply killed himself eating peaches."

Mrs. McClesky pays tribute to the shrewdness of her husband in this way.

"You know Mr. McClesky was very shrewd in business.

"Why once a sent a can of sardines back to the store when the price was advanced from 15 to 25 cents."

The last check Mrs. McClesky received from the company which brought in the well on the farm was almost \$6500 and represented the royalty for a few weeks.

The McClesky family fortune is only one of many such instances in the new west Texas oil fields and will probably be duplicated many times in the near future.

Mrs. McClesky has a little niece who is kept in school in Fort Worth, and a young nephew who sells papers in Ranger.

A young man in Little Rock was arrested and placed under \$500 bond for buying and wearing a soldier's overcoat, and the federal authorities are looking for the soldier who sold the coat. We print this as a caution to returned soldiers not to dispose of their uniforms. They still belong to the government and while it is alright for one to wear them who is entitled to do so, it is also against the federal law for a civilian to wear a soldier's uniform in time of war.—Mammoth Springs Monitor.

Getting Rid of Colds

The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use, however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed until he fully recovers. It is better to stay in bed three days at the start than three weeks later on.

More than one-half of the cotton crop of 1918 grew in Texas, Georgia, and South Carolina.

AFTER SICKNESS THEY GAVE HER VINOL

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New Castle, Ind.—"The measles left me run down, no appetite, could not rest at night, and I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs, so I was unable to keep about my house-work. My doctor advised me to take Vinol, and six bottles restored my health so I do all my housework, including washing. Vinol is the best medicine I ever used."—Alice Record, 437 So. 11th St., New Castle, Ind.

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When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

Tilson Against Single Tax

Representative Tilson took an active part in the fight to submit a proposition looking to single tax in Texas, when it came up for discussion in the legislature last Tuesday. The following is taken from the Austin American:

Mr. Tilson said he wanted to know if the purpose of this bill was to secure revenue for the state, or the confiscation of the land by the state, declaring there was no doubt but that this was socialism.

This proposition in California was advocated by Upton Sinclair and leaders of socialism, to secure the confiscation of land.

The socialist claims, Mr. Tilson asserted, that man did not make the land and therefore has no right to it, but that man didn't make cows, either, and so should have no right to the cow without paying a tax for her use, under the same argument.

Mr. Tilson invited the members of the house who say they live in sections where land is so high it is prohibitive to "come to God's country" where there was plenty of land for all at reasonable prices.

Mr. Tilson declared he could see no necessity for such legislation today, as the government has millions and millions of acres people are being urged to settle, and that these men, howling about not having an opportunity to get homes, are living in the densely populated cities, and haven't got the grit and determination to go and face the stern realities and hardships incumbent upon getting a home in the country.

Jess Willard, the champion pugilist of the world, and Jack Dempsey have signed an agreement to fight. Willard is to get \$100,000 and Dempsey \$27,500, and each is to have a third in the moving picture rights.

ROBUSTNESS

Nature has not been prodigal with everybody in the matter of robustness. Many, all through life, must stand guard and combat colds, coughs, bronchitis or perhaps more serious pulmonary ailments. For nearly five decades

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has been helping to turn weakness into strength. For those who are delicate, with tender lungs, weak throats and a proneness to debility and anemia, the definite nourishing and tonic qualities of Scott's are of special value.

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Educational Value of Bible Study

This subject, like many others of vital interest to us, is not new, but as we so often say, "old as the hills," or to choose a figure more appropriate for our great Panhandle country, ancient as the prairies or the canyons. The literary value of Bible study—how seriously do we take it in our daily lives? So many feel that to perfect oneself in the use of the mother tongue it is necessary for one to go to college, and if this does not seem possible, he feels that opportunity has barred her door against him. Do you realize that, on the shelf in the dining room or on the table in the living room, too seldom opened, is the means, not only to spiritual growth, but also to cultural development?

If one doubts this, let him turn to the pages of the great English writers. They are filled with references to the Bible—allusions to the Psalms or the parables, references to the experiences of the children of Israel, to David and Saul, and to the beautiful life of the Man of Galilee. Shakespeare is full of such references. Frederick Warde, in a lecture on our great dramatist, has told an interesting incident. A prisoner in a state prison, becoming interested in the study of Shakespeare, began to notice how frequently he used Biblical language. Denied the use of writing material, he devised the following scheme. He read every one of Shakespeare's plays, and every time he found a reference, he punched a pinhole in a scrap of old newspaper. When he finished, he had more than eight hundred pin-pricks. The example of Bunyan is too well known to need mention. What chance had a mender of pots and pans at an education? But the twelve years of unjust imprisonment in Bedford jail were not lost, and those days devoted to the eager searching of the Scriptures bore fruit in the noble and stately prose of Pilgrim's Progress.

The lack of knowledge of the Bible displayed by many students in college English classes would be amusing if it were not almost tragic. One bright student thought that the story of Jason and the golden fleece belonged somewhere in the Bible, though she couldn't give chapter and verse. Another hunted diligently in the Old Testament for the book of Hebrews, while still another sought in vain through Proverbs for the quotation "God tempests the wind to the shorn lamb." What is the trouble? Are the Sunday school teachers to blame? No, I should say not, but rather the superficial way the Sunday school lesson is too often studied. All too often its preparation consists of a hurried perusal, after Saturday night's picture show, of the few verses making up the mere text of the lesson.

The only way really to know anything about the Bible is to read it every day—not in a hurried, disjointed fashion, snatching up the book at bedtime to appease an accusing conscience and sticking down a finger wherever the volume happens to fall open—but somewhere in the vivacious wide-awake hours of the day and with at least as much regularity and interest as we give to the daily papers. In that way can parents not only improve themselves by daily contact with an acknowledged source of literary and cultural value, but also lead their children to a love of the pages that shall never lose their inspiration for the English speaking race.—Hallie D. Walker, Adjunct Professor of English.

A test well for oil will be drilled on the Word ranch in Doney county.

Indigestion
Take a few does of Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for indigestion, and you will soon forget about your stomach troubles. Try it.

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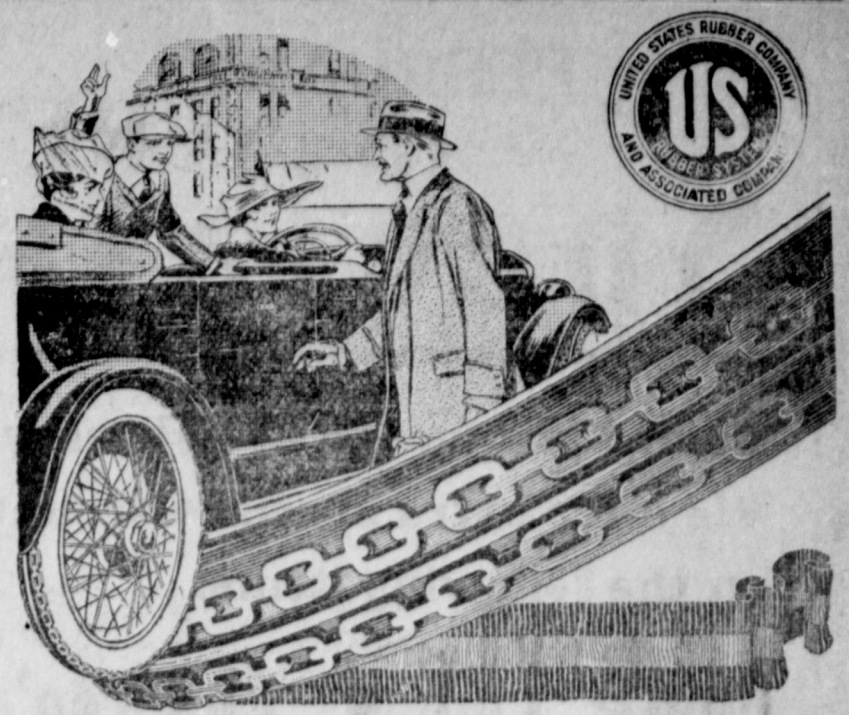
Dreadful Cough Cured

A severe cold is often followed by a rough cough for which Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven especially valuable. Mrs. F. W. Olsen, Marysville, Mo., writes: "About two years ago my little boy, Jean, caught a severe cold and coughed dreadfully for days. I tried a number of cough medicines but nothing did him any good until I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieved his cough right away and before he had finished taking one bottle he was cured. I think it is just fine for children."

William Nelson returned home the latter part of last week from France. He is probably the first Briscoe county boy to get back from France. He was there only about three months and was not on the fighting front. He was in the aerial service.—Silver-ton Star.

That Terrible Headache

Do you have periodic attacks of headache accompanied by sickness of the stomach or vomiting, a sallow skin and dull eyes? If so, you can get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for biliousness, and you may be able to avoid these attacks, if you observe the directions with each package.



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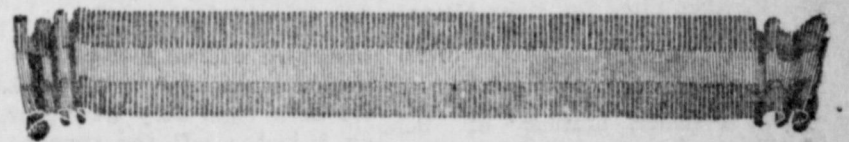
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Senator John H. Bailey has introduced in the upper house of the Texas legislature a bill requiring gasolene engines hope the bill will be prescribed the standard. The drivers of automobiles and operators of gasolene engines hope the bill will be prescribed the standard. The drivers of automobiles and operators of gasolene engines hope the bill will be prescribed the standard. The drivers of automobiles and operators of gasolene engines hope the bill will be prescribed the standard.



When You Can't Sleep

and you get up as tired as when you went to bed, it is a sure sign that your nerves are out of tune. If this continues long, a nervous breakdown and a train of ills are bound to follow.

The experience of Mrs. H. L. Redman, of New Haven, Conn., will interest you. She says:

"For several months I suffered from extreme nervousness and sleeplessness. My nerves were completely unstrung. After doing light housework, I was completely fatigued, and loss of sleep made the nights long and tiresome. I began taking DR. MILES' NERVINE and the first night I slept soundly all night. I can truthfully say DR. MILES' NERVINE completely cured me."

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night's action before he was hit. He and one of his sergeants while on a little maneuver captured 155 Germans with only their pistols and one Browning automatic.

The way he got hit was by, as he says, a little carelessness on his part. The night after they had gone "over the top" early in the morning, and gained such a brilliant victory, but with heavy losses to his whole regiment, and especially officers. He was holding positions on the right with his platoon that night when a runner came to him from the platoon on his left saying they had no officers with them and wanted one. So, after finding he was the only one left with his platoon, he went over himself only to find them being heavily shelled and with only slight fortifications, so he ordered them to fall back a short distance to some trenches and entanglements near St. Ethene, a little destroyed village there, that I remember well from several incidents that happened there, where they were out of the heaviest shellfire and had better protection. When he started back to his platoon by himself, which came near being his finish. Hearing a big shell coming he "hit the dirt" only to be thrown some twenty feet, it seems to him in the air; coming down, he tried to get up, thinking he was not hurt, but finding he could move neither leg. He then began to hallow, thinking to bring someone to him, but soon lost consciousness and there he lay unconscious for three days and nights wallowing in his own blood. It was then that I got the report of his death, only to hear a few days later that he was sent back only wounded in the leg, and I believed that to be all that was wrong until he wrote me himself, only a few days ago about losing both his legs.

He was finally found and picked up later by one of his sergeants who thought he was dead. He said he had crawled around on his elbows and wallowed in the blood until it looked like ten men had bled to death there, but he carried him on in and he was sent back to the evacuation hospital, where they refused to operate on him as gangreen had set in in both legs and gone on up into his body and they said he could only live a few more hours at best. But they put him on a train and sent him on to the base hospital. He said once in a while on the train he would gain consciousness and one of his legs that was broken was poorly splintered and the bones knocking together felt like someone pecking away with a sledge-hammer.

On arriving at Base No. 43, at Blais, France, they also refused to operate, saying he could only last a few hours and put him in a room to die, where he pulled through for two days and then they decided to operate on him, taking of both legs and inserting two tubes in his back and one in his stomach they proceeded to treat him for the gangreen, that had gotten into his body. So now, after two months, by some miracle which his doctors and nurses say was nothing less, he is out of danger and will be sent to the States immediately.

He is very cheerful and is at all time royally entertained. He said that while in that room where they left him to die that when he was conscious he would think some times how easy it would be to shut his eyes and end it all, but said he could not make up his mind to begin "pushing up daisies" "over here," when he stood a chance of going home. I spent a day in "Gay Paris" while away, but have not located Shake or Byrd yet. Scatter this for me as it has to go through a lot of red tape.

WAS WOUNDED IN THE CHATEAU-THIERRY FIGHT

Tells of Hard Fighting Against Boches in Trees With Machine Guns—Went Over Top

C. S. Bainum of this city has received the following letter from his son, Ocie J. Bainum, of the 5th regiment, 18th company, U. S. Marines, written Nov. 23, from the base hospital at Savenay, France:

I will try and tell you a little of what I have been doing since I left the U. S. A. April 22nd we boarded the U. S. S. Henderson at Philadelphia, and sailed the next morning for France, joined our convoy two days later, there were nine ships in our convoy, and the fourth night at sea a man on one of the leading ships fell overboard, his ship stopped to pick him up, and the ship behind them ran into the head ship and busted her up so they both had to turn back, but we went on on our zig zag course across, without any more trouble until May 3rd, when we entered the war zone and twelve destroyers met us. That evening as the sun went down the gunner on the aft gun saw a periscope come up in our wake less than two hundred yards away, they fired and the shell exploded and we could see nothing more. The destroyers ran in and dropped a depth charge and reported oil on the water.

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TELLS HOW BOB LOST HIS LEGS IN BATTLE

Bob Fletcher Cited for Many Decorations for Bravery and Heroism in Battle

Tom Fletcher, brother of Bob Fletcher, under date of Dec. 13, has written the following letter to a relative in Plainview:

I received your most welcome and cheerful letter today. It is indeed a treat to an A. E. F. soldier to get a letter like that at this gloomy time, when we are receiving sad news of the deaths among our friends and loved ones, who are supposed to be "safely" at home, while we are "over here" braving the dangers. But, as you say probably 'tis for the best. It is not for us to say. However, it is a good thing for us "over here" that have schooled ourselves for such things until nothing seems to shock or surprise us much that happens here, as we seem to be expecting it, and suppose the same is true "over there" of us. Still its hard to bear such things coming from "over there" where we are least expecting it. It works on our sentiment and tender emotions about the same as a flank attack on our army. And it doesn't matter what we have seen or been through, we are still human and such things hurt and hurt deep.

I have just returned from a visit to see Bob, and was more than shocked to find him in the shape I did, or rather what was left of the

boy. I will tell you of him and mail it through the Central Records office. That is the only way we can write of casualties. So you can tell all the folks there about him that mamma does not notify. He has been through a regular "living hell," but is now out of danger, cheerful as a lark, and a world hero, worshipped and idolized by nurses, doctors, both French and American, until I am afraid he will be rather badly spoiled, but guess he deserves it. Lt. Bob lot both legs, only having about 6 or 8 inches left for stumps. But they say enough for artificial limbs.

He made a wonderful record on the front to have been in action no longer than he was, and has been cited for many decorations, both French and American. The French people around Blais just idolize him. They call on him and bring him flowers, etc., all the time. He is in a room with a Colonel out of the "Rainbow Division" and an ex-senator from Missouri, who say he is the "gamest" and has more resistance than any man alive, and that he is going to see him through. The Colonel only suffered a nervous break down and three other officers in the same room only have minor injuries, so he is the pet of the ward or I might say hospital or even the city, as every one seems to know him and I found more M. P. who knew where he was than could tell me where to find the "Echo Superior" ward.

I noticed in a late paper, the publication of a D. S. C., being awarded to Bob Fletcher, address unknown. Suppose if its his; they will find him for I think he has been cited for everything by this Colonel and his doctors down there. He made a wonderful record for only one day and

All went well after that and three days later we landed at Brest, France.

There they loaded us in slide-door pullman cars, forty men in each car, and we had a two days ride to our training camp at Chatillon, south of Paris. There we staid until about the first of June, we were ordered to the front, we went part of the way on the train, then we were loaded on big trucks and taken on to the French second line, where we dug in, the French then retreated back behind us and made our line the first line. The Boche kept coming until we turned loose on them with our Springfields and forced them to beat it back until they got into the Bealeu woods, where they had massed machine guns. We had to cross an open wheat field to get to them. They turned loose on us with a deadly rain of bullets, and many a good fellow went west. We finally gained the woods and found them in tops of

trees and behind rocks; then it became Indian fighting, we were in little groups shooting them out of the trees and plugging them whenever they showed their heads, we captured the woods and dug in on the far side, then the Boche brought up his artillery and tried to blow us off the map, but we held them, five days after taking the Bealleu woods, we were relieved and went back just out of shell fire to a little town named Meary, and there what was left of my company were put into the 18th company, and back to the lines we went. We were then in and out of the first line to the third, when we were in the third line we dug trenches and built wire entanglements at night under shell fire all the time; in the first lines we sent out patrols every night and I was among those picked to go.

One night we went out and got up close to the Boche lines, then the Boche patrols got between us and

our lines. We shot them up, and then they turned loose on us from their lines, so we had to get into shell holes and stay there until the next night before we could get back to our lines.

We staid at the Chateau-Thierry until July 15th. They loaded the whole 2nd division on trucks and we went north to the Soissons sector. We were to go over the top at 4:30 a. m. July 18th and we arrived at the front line at 4:15, after an all night hike. Just as we got to the front line the artillery opened up and it sounded like all hell had turned loose at once, the zero hour came and over we went with tanks about every 50 yards, the fight was easy that morning; they surrendered as soon as we got to them. We advanced about seven miles that morning and laid down until about 4:30 or 5:00 o'clock that evening; then we got up and went again. The Boche put up a

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