Big General Rain

One of the best general rains that has fallen over this section of the Plains came last Saturday morning and put all the Slaton fields in fine shape. The precip itation amounted to from one to three-inches in different localiities, and the lakes are brim full all over the country. Right in Slaton the rainfall was light, not being over half an inch, but from north, south, east and west our farmers all report a fine season. The rainfall at Lubbock amounted to only a sprinkle. Many farm ers say it is the best rain they have had for two years, and it was better than the big rain at Slaton on June 5th for that was just a local rain.

The optimistic appearance on the faces of our farmers is good to see; the crops gathered will be far in excees of even the fondest anticipations thirty days ago. Reports on the rainfall are that the South Plains.

The district meeting of the after the work in Slaton are: Woman's Missionary Society of the Lubbock and Sweetwater win, chairman; Mrs. Lee Green, District of the Northwest Texas Mrs. Ralph McCarty, Mrs. S. H. Conference, M. E. Church, will Adams, H. W. Ragsdale, Joe H. be held at Lubbock September 3 Teague Sr., Allan W. Payne, S. S. and 4, 1918. A very interesting Forrest and R. J. Murray. program has been published, and Judgment committee, A. B. ley are continuing this week and on the program appear the Robertson, J. S. Edwards and R. large audiences are attending names of the talented members J. Murray.

ally and all ladies are in Loomis. Merritt of Colorado, conference chasing bonds.

officers, will be in attendance and Holcomb Won With take an active part in the meet Over Slaton Farms ing. The ladies anticipate a most excellent and profitable ses-

> R. L. Harkleroad, who recent y took the position of night foreman of the roundhouse in Slaton, moved his family down from Lubbock last week and they are now at home in the Mike Hanley residence. Mr. Harkleroad was yard foreman and night watchman at Lubbock while the Brownfield road was under construction. He succeeded Harry Egbert in Slaton as night fore man when Mr. Egbert was promoted to division foreman.

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Fourth Liberty Loan

The county Council of Defense making arrangements to handle the Fourth Liberty Loan it reached over a large part of Drive, which begins on Sept. 28th and closes on Oct. 19th, and the committees appointed to look

Sales committee, R. A. Bald-

district. All members Dow, John F. Turner and L. P. blows on the entrenchments of

ttend the session which The judgment committee is n in Lubbock Tuesday af created for the purpose of seeing and continue over that that those who have the means night, Wednesday morning, Wed and the money purchase their nesday afternoon and Wednesday quota of the bonds of the Fourth over a moving picture. evening. Mrs. J. P. Posy and Liberty Loan. The man with Mrs. S. H. Adams are the dele- money will have to lift some of ernment and which the Govern- us. 'These people don't seem to gates from Slaton, and the Young the burden off of the poor man. Ladies Society is also entitled to The committee has the power to delegates. Mrs. N. G. Rollins call any man before them and possible. of Asperment and Mrs. J. G. inquire into his activities in pur-

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Majority of 100 Votes

The interest taken in the second primary last Saturday was ntense in Lubbock County, due to the activities of the supporters of the candidates for sheriff.

The unofficial count from the total of all the boxes in the county gave Holcomb a majority of 100 votes over Penney. There were about 1,900 votes cast. Slaton box went for Holcomb by a vote of 240 to 112. The four Lubbock boxes with 1,234 votes gave Pen ney a majority of 41.

The other returns at Slaton For lieutenant governor, John

son 208, Davidson 83. For attorney general, Cureton

190, Woods 110. For Comptroller, Terrell 168.

Mayfield 122.

For county treasurer, Mrs. Mary F. Hinton 337.

Returns from over the state indicate the election of Cureton for attorney general and Terrell for comptroller. Davidson had withdrawn for lieutenant gover

Baptist Revival Meeting

The revival services at the First Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor F. A. White each service. Bro. Whiteley is the Missionary Society over Publicity committee, Jas. L. delivering some sledge hammer sin and its cohorts.

Pershing's Crusaders for Lubbock

Guard to see the picture.

ple see the picture was realized.

It is called PERSHING'S CRUSADERS, and it shows Pershing's men as the "actors."

that this picture will be shown Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Lyric Theater in Lubbock, Texas, arrangements having already er here is just fine, isn't hot, been made to book at this date.

Two young men registered at Slaton Saturday for possible future service with Uncle Sam's fighting units in France. They are John Jay Harlan and Otto Walter Robert Bachman.

Many towns and cities will hold primaries in December for the election of city officials, so that the women may participate with out being required to hold a poll tax receipt. After January 1st the women cannot vote unless they pay \$1.75 poll tax. The women of Slaton are going to ask the council to call a primary in December so they may participate in the selection of the next set of city officers for

Your subscription is a little thing to you but not to UncleSam.

Soldier Boys Letters

From Bill Kuykendall

Somewhere in France, Aug. 9.

Dear Parents:

Have arrived at a place like the ones you see in the papers and am well and o. k. Hope this tinds you all the same way.

I had a very nice trip all the way here. Not much excitemsnt, except once when Kaiser Bill got into a game with us two days before we landed, to his sorrow. He lost the game, the score standing all to the bad for him. I was not excited a bit tho there were others aboard the ship that were pale behind the

I don't know how long we will stay at this camp but it is a very Patriotic feeling has been be utiful place. If Joe or Ora stirred to the depths at Dallas could see the sights I'm seeing esting to me. they could write a book. The It is a film owned by the Gov French people seem glad to see ment has urged be shown in be in such bad circumstances; all every theater in the country, if are happy but look sad. They wear the made stuff, all same A Dallas afternoon paper chal fashion plate show. They cultilenged E. F. Hulsey, a big motion vate every little spot of ground picture man there, to give free they can stick a plow into, and admission to the Dallas Home some places that are not large enough for a plow. The crops The challenge was accepted, look fine and they are raising veg. sure she has changed quite a little in the past year—it is almost charged from service. They and as a result interest was etables by the carload. I wish I that now since I left. I suppose said the discharge of a large can aroused so that the Government's could cut loose and write every. Slaton will be quite a little city non would break his eardrums. desire that a majority of the peo thing as I want to, as it is so interesting.

My K. P. across the Atlantic was a stunt that will go down in many interesting scenes on the history, as I never missed a battle front in France, with Gen. meal. The feed we have been getting is all right. The K. P. It may be interesting to the that is on now says we are going people of Lubbock County and to have some supper, and I guess the South PlainsCountry to know so as I saw them cutting up beef and carrying over armfulls of frech bread.

> Now Dad, we have the best officers in the army. The weathneither cold, just cool. I haven't found anyone here yet that I knew in the States.

Will close with lots of love to all of you. You need not be uneasy about me as I will make it all to the good and come back all

> Your son and brother. Wm. I. Kuykendall.

From Ed Nowels

Somewhere in England, Sunday, July 21, 1918. Dear Mr. Loomis:

Sunday afternoon is about the only time I find an opportunity to write any more, so I will take this opportunity to send you a few words. I am feeling fine, seeing some wonderful things, and enjoying every bit of it.

I haven't seen a Slatonite since the first week in June, so I guess next time I get my mail I will have a bunch of them piled up, for me. And it will be good to get news from home again. The only news I have had in all that

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you a few weeks ago.

This is indeed a beautiful coun. There is but little I can write, am going to take a day off and spirits, and 'rearing" to go. come back and see it all. It was from this country and Scotland my grandparents came from, and that makes it all the more inter-

The spirit everywhere is optimistic. All one can see is bright, from service and sent home last confident faces and cheery smiles. The American soldier is received everywhere with a glad hand and a ready welcome. So we feel quite at home over here.

I would like to drop in and see how all of the Slatonites are get ting along, and see what the old town is doing these days. I am sure she has changed quite a

time is the letter I received from when I get back. I know she has the stuff to build on.

try, and I wish I might spend and I have very little time, so I the summer sightseeing, for it is will have to stop. Tell all the truly worth seeing. But some Slaton friends hello, and that we day when I have made my pile I are all in fine health, the best of Yours truly,

Ed. L. Nowels.

Robt. Sledge, who recently joined the marines and was sent to San Diego, was discharged Robert was one of those who were attacked severely with the ear trouble that was epidemic in Slaton two years ago but his ears had healed up. After getting into the army the old trouble developed again, and he was sent to the hospital and later dis-

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rejoicing over a daughter that audiences. came to their home Tuesday, Aug. 20th.

soon leave for France,

opened on Aug. 12 for the fall can be made. term. Two lessons per week. Fifty cents per lesson.

seventy acres just northwest of Slaton to S. S. Forrest this week and moved to Grand Saline, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Odom of what that means for the objects I. N. Dillard of Lockney and Crosbyton spent Sunday at the in front of his gun. Mrs. Robin dence in Slaton and his family home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. son also received word from her Posey in Slaton.

Dr. Ferguson, Dentist, is now he has been made corporal. making his fourth visit to Slaton, and announces that he has estab tished his headquarters at the Singleton Hotel in Slaton.

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had this year are the varieties house of two rooms, near Baptist and the Western Giant, the seed FOR SALE_14 GEO. B. FAR through al muntry newspapers. Paul P. Murray. We have had that these had.

quota of garments. There is get behind our boys with Red Cross work. There is need and FOR SALE, SEVERAL PIECES much as is the possession of War opportunity for Canteen service nice furniture; see Zuma Jenkins. bere. Will those that will serve! in Canteen work report such de. FOR RENT, THE DOOLIN sire to the chairman.

pecting to go to Arkansas before Twaddle grocery. they return. H. D. in writing back home from Mineral Wells FOR RENT, HOUSE FURNISHdon't know anything about dry Baptist Parsonage. times. From Post to the Wells FURNISHED ROOMS FOR houses are vacant and one can Rooming House. bardly travel for the wagons every job."

Dr. Ferguson, Dentist, at the The Rev. A. C. Faust of Hast bridging, extracting or plate to come.

confecionery service on the South week. Mr. Dyer has not said Plains is accorded the patrons of yet just what he will do since dis

conducting a revival service at taken seriously ill Saturday with started the meeting Sunday. here without any relatives at this Bro. Whiteley is a strong and time he was taken to Lubbock to earnest preacher and his revival be looked after by the county Mr. and Mrs. Percy Minor are services always attract large officials.

Mrs. Mollie Hill went to Waco war activities, and will not be where he will visit for some time. Monday to visit her son who is resumed until the war changes. He will also visit at Oklahoma in Camp McArthur and who will All things must become subser City and other places before vient to winning the war, and we returning to Slaton. Mrs.J. P. Reynolds music class must be glad that such sacrifices

> in France. Roe has been in the army for over four years, and is the Slaton country. a machine gun man. You know

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"We people of Slaton ed. See Mrs. Mollie Hill at the

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The Rev. F. A. Whiteley is The old gentleman Farley was the Baptist Church, having kidney trouble and as he was

The Rev. Joseph Reisdorff left. The State Fair at Dallas for Slaton Wednesday for his old 1918 has been cancelled due to home at Jefferson City, Mo.,

Mr. and Mrs. John Dabney of Alvord, Texas, are in Slaton this Mrs. H. H. Robinson received week visiting Mrs. Champion, an word from her son, Roe, last old neighbor of theirs. Mr. Dab W. C. Sledge sold his farm of week that he had arrived safely ney states that the best crops be has seen on the route he is taking for a summer touring trip are in

The Rev. A. C. Faust of Hastings, Okta., has rented a resi will join him soon in their new son, Jesse, that he is in the army home here. Mr. Faust is in at Camp Humphrey, Va., and that charge of the Presbyterian work here and at Littlefield, and the Slaton church has called him for one half time.

Fall Hatching as a War Measure.

Every person so situated as to make it possible is asked by the Government to assist in increas ing the meat supply by raising a number of fall hatched chickens. This is a war measure and should receive the united support of all local Council of Defense and other war activity committees. It is we call the Mesilla Valley melon Church. Ask at Slatonite Office. an essential measure and should be given the widest publicity

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One of the most delightful occasions of the season was the August picnic of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Forrest Monday afternoon, At four o'clock the guests began said, pick up much waste grain to arrive in cars, bearing baskets and boxes of sandwiches and other picnic dainties. An interesting program was rendered and twenty five members and visitors responded to roll call, reporting 58 visits to the sick during the month. After the devotional meeting the party repaired to the vine-shaded lawn where the picnic luncheon was spread. Miss Ella Forrest assisted her mother in serving ice cream and wafers, and later kodaked the merry party.

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Confessions of a German Deserter

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Hardly had we entered the town when the German crown prince, accompanied by several officers and a large pack of hunting dogs rode by.

"Good morning, pioneers!" he called

Then he inspected our unit closely. He spoke to our captain, after which one of the officers of his staff took us to a Red Cross establishment where we were banqueted and given wine.

The headquarters of the Hohenzollern heir were located at Dun-sur-Meuse. The ladies of the Red Cross treated us cordially. We asked them if all passing troops were as well treated as we had been,

"Oh, yes," a young woman answered, "but only a few come here. The crown prince, however, has an especial attachment for the ploneers."

We were quartered over night. Soldiers told us that Dun-sur-Meuse was the headquarters of the Fifth army. There were gay times in the town, with an open-air concert every day. The officers often received women visitors from Germany.

After a hard march we arrived at the front positions. In a veritable labyrinth of trenches, filled with water. we had the utmost difficulty finding our way about. Finally we arrived at the very front. The French were only ten meters away and before we had been there two days we took part in a hand grenade encounter.

Some distance back we established a ploneer depot. Twenty-five of our men did nothing but assemble hand grenades. We were soon settled and ready for an emergency.

In camp we were divided among various troops. They showed us how the warfare waged at this front required every imaginable kind of fighting. There was mining, sapping, hand grenade throwing, mine throwing and light patrol battles. This went on day after day and night after night, with 48 hours in the trench and a 12-hour rest. The shortage of men made a less strenuous schedule impossible.

CHAPTER XIV.

The entire forest of Argonne was blown to pieces when we arrived. Everywhere was artillery, which maintained a fire on the villages behind the emy's positions.

One of the many batteries which we ontly had to pass on our march the camp to the front, was in acwhen we reached it.

I asked one of the gunners what his bjective was and he replied that it was any village within range.

A substitute first lieutenant, in charge of the battery, stood nearby. One of my comrades asked him if he aid not think there might be women children in those villages.

"That would make no difference," the first lieutenant replied. "Women and children are French, so what does it matter? This breed has to be exterminated in order that this nation shall not think of war again for a cen-

This day was designated for a storming attack and we were obliged to be in our positions at seven o'clock in the morning. Promptly at 8:30 regiment No. 67 was ordered to attack. Pioneers led the way. They were supplied with hand grenades. These weekly attacks were opened half an hour before the infantry went over by a storm of artillery fire. The artillery action required very careful calculation because the distance which separated our position from the enemy's was very slight. It varied from three to one hundred meters; never any more. At the point where we attacked the distance was 20 meters.

Promptly at eight o'clock the artillery started. The first three shells struck a ditch, but the following ones hit fairly, that is, right in the French trenches. Once the artillery had the proper range whole salvos of batteries descended upon them with admirable exactness. The cries of the wounded were heard once more, a sign that many had been hit.

An artillery officer acted as observer in the foremost sense and directed the fire by phone. Promptly at 8:30 o'clock the artillery fires stopped and we attacked. The eleventh company of the Sixty-seventh regiment, of which I spoke before, came under the fire of the enemy's machine guns and 18 of its men were killed after they had only proceeded a few steps outside the

Dead and wounded men lay among the branches and the trees everywhere on the ground. Every man who was able to run sped forward to reach the enemy trench as quickly as possible. A part of the enemy defended itself des-perately in a trench filled with water and mud. A terrible hand-to-hand fight resulted. We stood in water up to our

Men, severely wounded, lay in the mud, holding their mouths and noses above the water. During the fighting they were trampled more deeply into the dirt under our feet for we could not see where we were going; we could only "roll up" the entire trench.

The section won was fortified with all possible haste. Once more we had acquired at a heavy cost in human life a few meters of the Argonne forest. This trench, which we took, had changed hands many times and even now we were preparing for the usual

Presently the "jackasses" went into

action. The "jackasses" are the guns of the French mountain artillery. They were so named because they were drawn by mules. They are guns of flat trajectory, kept from 50 to 100 meters behind the enemy lines. The shells from these cannon flew directly over our heads and cut their way through the branches at a high rate of speed. Because of the high velocity of the shell and the short distance it travels the detonation when the shot is fired and the noise of the explosion, sound almost at the same instant. These "jackasses" are greatly feared by the German soldiers because they are kept working day and night.

It was winter and very cold. The trenches had been filled with water and were now nothing except deep ditches of mud. Under these conditions, through the ice-cold nights, our routine consisted of 48 hours duty and 12 hours rest. Every week a storming attack was made, the success of which was entirely out of proportion to the enormous losses. In all of the four months I was in the Argonne forests we gained 400 meters. The following data will indicate how heavy a price was paid in lives for this little piece of France.

Each regiment had its own cemetery. There was the One Hundred and Forty-fifth infantry regulars, the Sixtyseventh, and One Hundred and Seventy-third infantry regulars and the One Hundred and Fifth Hirschberg battalion. On the day we were relieved from duty in the Argonne forests there were more dead in these cemeteries than there were survivors of the several regiments. The Sixtyseventh regiment had more than 2,000 dead. All the victims were members of that unit except a few ploneers, who had been assigned to duty with it. There was never a day without some loss of life, and on the days when the storming attacks were made, death had an extremely large harvest.

CHAPTER XV.

Each day in the Argonne levied its toll of victims, sometimes many, sometimes only a few. It is only natural that the morale of the soldiers should not be at its best under these circumstances. With the same indifference that the men had once gone to their work to support their wives and children they now went into action. This business of killing had become daily routine. Whenever we discussed our situation, the crown prince and the commander of the Sixteenth army corps. Lieutenant General von Mudra.

The troops in the Argonne forest belonged to the Sixteenth corps, the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth divisions. Neither the crown prince nor Von Mudra had ever been seen in the trenches. One of the members on the crown prince's staff was the old field marshal, Count von Haeseler, former commander of the Sixteenth corps, who, before the war, was considered a human fiend. These three called Clover Leaf by the soldiers, were far more despised by most of the men than were miserable lives.

The Hohenzollern heir did not find life hard at his headquarters several depot had been destroyed. The next was easy for him to make himself popular with his order to go shead at the cost of thousands of lives. He was though the progress was not fast

enough for them. He honored Von Mudra with the order "Pour la Merite," but of the sol-

diers he never had a thought. They had not seen a bed for months. They were never given a chance to re-

move their clothing. They received only shells and steel and were almost eaten up by vermin. They were covered with lice. There



Each Day Levied Its Toll of Victims.

was scarcely enough water for drinking purposes, to say nothing of water for washing their clothes.

Our hair and beards were long and when we were given some hours of rest the lice would not let us sleep. While we were in the trenches the bullets did not do much damage but daily men were killed by indirect fire. The thousands which whizzed through the air every minute flew over our heads.

They struck trees or branches and glanced off, striking the men in the trenches. Falling to pierce their object directly they tore terrible gaping wounds as they entered the men's bodies sideways. Whenever we heard charges concerning dum-dum bullets,

we thought of these cross-shots, although we never doubted the existence of the dum-dums.

Whether or not dum-dum bullets were made in the munitions factories I cannot say. I suspect they were. However, I did see many dum-dum bullets made by the soldiers themselves. The points were filed off from German musket shells so that the nickel covering was perforated, baring the lead filling. The bullet flattened when it struck its object. If, for instance, it entered a man's arm, the explosive charge in it would so shatter the arm as to blow it entirely off and leave it hanging by the

German soldiers were frequently seen supplying themselves with dumdum bullets in the trenches, preparing to inflict terrible wounds.

On January 5, 1915, the Germans attacked on their entire front of the Argonne forest sector and several hundred prisoners were taken. The handto-hand fight continued until six o'clock in the evening.

A fellow pioneer and myself found ourselves in a bit of trench held by eight Frenchmen. It was impossible to retire so we accepted the unequal fight. Fortunately we were well supplied with hand grenades.

We cut the fuses short so that they would explode as quickly as possible. I threw one among the eight soldiers. Before the men could get out of the way of the first, the second one followed, which exploded in their midst.

We took advantage of the confusion thus-created to hurl five more. Our enemies were now reduced to four men. We opened fire with our muskets, closing in on the four. Their bullets whizzed around our heads. One man was shot in the mouth. That left three. They turned and tried to flee.

In such moments as these one is in a great rage and forgets danger entirely. We were very close to our enemies now, right on their heels when the last man stumbled and fell.

I sprang on top of him. He defended himself with his fists. My comrade went after the other two. Bleeding at the mouth, this man fought on. After I had knocked several of his teeth out he raised his hands and surrendered. I released him from my grip and looked him over earefully. He was about thirty-five years old. He showed me his wedding ang and talked to me. I knew what he wanted, he wanted his

He gave me his canteen that I might drink some wine and wept. Perhaps he thought of his wife and children. I pressed his hand and he showed me his bleeding teeth. I called him a too' and told him he was lucky to have got ten away with the loss of only a few molars. I was glad I had not killed him. I took him back myself, in order to protect him against being misused. As I delivered him over to where the prisoners were being assembled, he pressed my hand and smiled.

CHAPTER XVI.

The next day we received orders to the French cannon, which sought our march to an unknown destination. We soon arrived at the depot of Apremont where we were obliged to wait. The kilometers behind the battle front. It station was Chatel. Both of these places are about five kilometers behind

The prisoners were assembled in very well liked among the high officers, Apremont. Several of them had come with whom he sat behind a stove al- from that town. Their families were still in their homes and many prisoners | CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE asked permission to visit them. I had occasion to witness such a visit in Apremont. Two reserves led one of the prisoners to the house, which he had pointed out as his. The prisoner's young wife was in the kitchen with her three children. We followed them into

The woman turned pale as she suddenly saw her husband. They embraced. We went outside for we felt out of place there.

The woman had not had a letter from her husband for five months because the Germans were between her and her husband's army. He had been in the trenches for a month, realizing how nearby his wife and children were, yet unable to reach them and with no way of knowing whether they were alive or dead.

How he must have felt as the French shells flew over his head on their way to Apremont!

There was no way of knowing whether the glow in the sky caused by the burning of a house was furnished by his home or not. Everything became a torturing uncertainty and all of life was a hell.

Home again for a few hours; then away, a prisoner! At least he would be able to get word to his wife by letter through the field posts.

Finally he said good-by. His wife had nothing to give him, no laundry, Everything had been lost and she

lived on the soldiers' bounty. She gave him her last money and he refused to take it. She accepted the money back. It consisted of a few 5 and 10 pfennig pieces and some coppers, all she

Unable to endure this we took a collection among ourselves. We made up more than 10 marks, which we gave to the young woman. She refused it at first, then looking at her husband, she

took it and tried to kiss our hands. When we refused to let her do this she ran to a store nearby and returned with cigars, tobacco, matches and sausage, which she gave to her husband.

in a long while. one child on each arm and his wife carried the third.

With the greatest happiness the dy Store.

family walked along between the two armed soldiers. When the moment of parting came all began to cry.

This was the fate of thousands of poor French and Belgian men and women, quaftered near their homes yet unable to know who was dead or

While we stood at the depot ten German soldiers arrived with fixed bayonets. Between them were three French citizens in civilian clothing, whom they escorted. All were elderly men. We asked an old Frenchman what this was about and he said:

"We receive our food from the German military officials but it is not sufficient to live on. The people have nothing left. All stock and food had been seized. These three men refused to work any longer for the German military officials because they could not live on what they received.

"They were arrested and are being sent to Germany. No one knows what their fate would be there. The men were being taken away by the Germans and interned in Germany."

We received orders to march to Varennes and left the next morning. As we reached the heights of Varennes about noon we saw the wide country before us and the city nestling in the valley. Farther up on the heights was Vauquois. Nothing could be seen of any houses but through our field glasses we could make out an enormous ash heap. Shells fell there continuously and we were frightened at the pros-



This Village Had Changed Hands More Than Fifteen Times.

Scarcely had we crossed the heights when some shells burst behind us. The French artillery even singled out individuals. While Vauquois was in their possession they could co-ordinate the entire neighborhood. We understood now why this ash heap had been conested for so bitterly.

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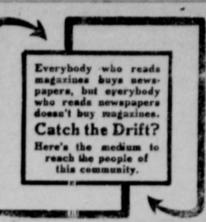
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And it appearing to this board that said petition is signed by more than twenty property tax paying voters of this district and that the election petitioned for should be ordered:

It is, therefore, ordered by the board of trustees of the Slaton the secretary of this board shall Independent School District that serve as proper notice of said an election be held at the office election, and the president shall of R. J. Murray & Co., in the cause notice of said election to be Town of Slaton, in said Slaton given in accordance with law. Independent School District, on the 3rd day of September, A. D. A. D. 1918. 1918, to determine whether the board of trustees of said district shall have power annually to levy and collect a tax upon all taxablproperty which was said district by the of Texas at a called the 35th Legislatur

support and maintenance of pub lic free schools in said Slaton Independent School District, of and at the rate of not exceeding fifty cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in such por tion of said district, such tax, if voted, to be levied and collected for the year 1918 and annually thereafter, unless it be discon tinued as provided by law.

W. S. Adams has been up pointed manager of said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in folding the same, which election shall be held as nearly as may be possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state.

None but property tax payers, who are qualified voters in said Slaton Independent School Dis trict, shall vote at said election.

Those in favor of the levy and collection of such tax shall write or print on the ballots "For The Tax', and those against the levy and collection of such tax shall write or print on their ballots "Against The Tax".

A copy of this order signed by the president and attested by

Done this the 31st day of July,

S. H. Adams, f Trustees. School



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DROUTH IS GENERAL

OVER ENTIRE WEST.

Those who may think that the drouth of 1918 is prevalent over the Plains country only are badly misjudging this section, for the Slaton South Plains crops are much better than many sections are producing this year. It seems to be a mania with many folks-bankers, editors, business men and farmers alike-who live in East Texas, to watch for an unseasonable year on the Plains and then start an anvil chorus about like this:

"Well, it's come just as we told you it would. The Plains bas dried up and blown away and the people will all leave there and The Plains is good for nothing but long horns, prairie dogs and coyotes. People will know better ing country out there."

the place where the knocking is and we steal away from the un going on could not begin to com folks down east are hauling branch water for household pur

misled by the anvil chorus "back yonder." There are none of of the world, the better they like decency and humanity. to rely on the Slaton Plains sec tion in a dry year. They learn by travel that the Plains is no more susceptible to drouth than is any other part of Texas; and truly there are very few sections of Texas where the rainfall is more dependable year after year than it is on the Slaton Plains.

Our leading farmers are here to stay, develop the country, and make money. They have been experimenting while learning the seasons and will be prepared for another dry series, should one come to the Southwest. They will not overstock, they will put in underground silos and save all the feed that grows, and they will put in small irrigation plants to hold up the orchard, the garden and a few acres of cotton, grain, alfalfa, etc., thru any probable dry period.

Other states do not attempt to camouflage the existence of a drouth such as we have been hearing the wise ones prophesy about ever since we have been old enough to understand the English language. The follow ing newspaper article from an other state shows that the drouth is not a local nor sectione matter but is general, viz.:

Texas.

"All feed crops are badly damaged in this vast section. Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky report a fair corn prospect, while than half a crop.

scarce and high next winter and and am satisfied."

feeding of the livestock is going to be a serious problem."

TO OUR EXCHANGES

In order to meet the require ments of the Government in con serving the supply of paper and in order to comply with the nec essary cut of 15 per cent in the Slatonite's circulation, we will you! We hope to retain all South diminishing supply of paper. Plains exchanges, of course, as we need them for their news Slatonite is on any list where the order covers these points: editor feels that he should not retain it. we trust that you will it unprofessional or discourteous if you do.

We have enjoyed your acquaintcome back to a civilized country. ance, but the best of friends must sometimes part. Many of the beautiful things of life, often than to try again to make a farm. time the rewards we receive for a worthy effort, come to us as an But the anvil chorus is sadly heritage from memory's banking out of tune. The chances are house; and as they appear to us about nineteen out of twenty that ever and anon in reminiscence, stable riff raff of the present for pete this year with the Slaton a quiet hour in sesame, conjuring country on crops; also that the up the happinesses of by gone days with the friends who may never come our way again, the poses, or at the best are drinking heart is gripped with the sacred tepid, germ laden water from ness of the eternal truths of life shallow wells, while we have a which are not ours to under super abundance of pure, sparkl. stand. So we hesitate to cross the Rubicon, to sever the silver But the people on the Plains cords of weekly visits, but Mars know all this and they are not knows no sentiment, and Mars says it must be done.

If this article is marked, it is them abandoning their property, our good bye, unless personally Some have gone to the wheat requested to continue the exfields to work during harvest, change. Put 'er there, old scout! and the more they see of the rest Let's help to win the war for

> will not keep themselves straight nine inches in diameter, we meant of course nine inches in circumference. That was some words trip us, so it wasn't any surprise when subscribers began to call up the office and ask to see the peaches said to be nine inches in diameter.

in this country, but how would hospitable people often request very top, a hundred feet high. you like to live in a country the tourists to help themselves. They also had mesa homes and where the wells have gone dry We came to the end of all this farmed the land. In times of and drinking water is shipped in loveliness. To reach home we trouble they fled to their cliff fortover the railroad? That is the have to go east and south over resses, where they always stored condition down in the so called the mountains, so I say to Nancy large supplies of food, evidence West Texas country some dis. Lee: "We are now going home of which yet remains, and from tance below the Cap Rock. and if you will be as faithful go these cliff granaries we saw corn, Drouth or no drouth, the Plains ing back as you have coming out beans, peas, corn cobs, etc., that always has an inexhaustible sup I will buy you the finest dress in the white man had found there. ply of pure, sparkling well water Lubbock County, Texas." She Of all of our mountain climbing, any place where a well is dug. appeared to smile out of those to see these Cliff Dwellers ruins That is one of the things that big, bright eyes, and say: "I took us over the most hazardous make it the best place on earth.

on earth, the editor of the Colo top and 25 miles down on the turn in the road Nancy Lee came "The present drouth is said to rado Record truly holds the rec other side. When well up the to a stop on a ledge. The least be the most widespread and ser ord. It has been so dry around Pass, I, like Lot's wife, turned to slip and we would have been ious in the history of the Middle Colorado City for three years view the garden land behind and hurled three thousand feet below West. It extends from the that the lakes have dried up, the after one long, wistful look I and would have continued rolling Dakotas to Texas and from the creeks are running up hill and kissed my hand to the Sunset for ten thousand feet more. Here Mississippi river to the Rocky the grasshoppers are spittin' Clime and turned my face to the for the first time my better half mountains. Corn is practically cotton, yet the said editor Whip Rising Sun. killed in the greater part of key can whip up a rattling good The desert of this canyon was been a man I too would have Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Ne fish story any time when the lin made safe and it was as awe in wept like a child. The coming braska, Missouri, Arkansas and otype runs out of copy. We hope spiring and imposing as one down was as dangerous as the he knows a land terrapin when could wish for. We have now ascent.

election, we guess Slaton jumped leads to Denver and Colorado sulphur springs, of which we Tennessee, Georgia and the Car into the sheriff's race with both Springs, several hundred miles took advantage to wash away the olinas report feed crops burning feet. The Penney men are good east, and the other road, a buck-alkali dirt of Utah deserts. Feel-up. The cotton growing sections losers. They say: "Well, both board and pack horse trail, goes ing refreshed, and being relieved of three states report not better candidates were good men, and south thru Utah, Colorado and of the weight of the dirt of the Holcomb can be my sheriff just New Mexico deserts for hun desert, we climbed the great "Feed cannot help but be fought for my man, got whipped, dreds of miles. The one east has divide, thru Wolf Pass, whose

unless we get wheat pasture the War Board Announces Rules for Subscribers of Weekly Papers

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27. The order of the Pulp and Paper section of the War Industries Board issued to country newspapers makes it necessary for have to discontinue all exchanges each publisher to put his paper that are not valuable to us in a on a paid in advance basis. The news way. This will mean that order is made so that all wastemany papers that we have be- ful practices will be stopped and come attached to thru years of an average reduction of 15 per exchange but which have no news cent will be effected in the tonvalue to Slaton will have to go. All nage of news print stock required papers hesitate to say this, but for the publication of the weekly somebody has to start the thing, newspapers. Something had to so here goes, and good luck to be done to conserve the rapidly

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An increase in the subscription price of the paper, especially cut us off. We will not consider where the price is less than \$2.00

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> The elimination of any free

The elimination of all exchanges except where the papers received in exchange are absolutely essential to the conduct of the paper.

Thru Deserts of Colorado and New Mexico

Somewhere in the Utah Desert. Friday, August 18th. Friend Loomis:

glided down to Salt Lake 35 together on the desert sands. miles over a fine asphalt and concrete road built along the foot of the mountains 50 to 100 feet above the valley, on the east side. Looking down over the valley we Friend Loomis:

so often thinks they are big without rope or wooden ladders. black clouds.

We think that it has been dry fruit of all kinds and these very homes from the bottom to the will do my best." Se we headed and nerve racking road of all. for Spanish Fork Pass and the When near the top of one of the Of all the perverse creatures canyon, a climb of 35 miles to the ten fearful climbs, at a sharp

made a run of 90 miles across From Mesa Verde we passed the desert and made camp at the thru Durango to Pagosa Springs, Speaking about interest in an forks in the road. One road made famous by its great hot

all the gas, oil and water she is just come. avoid ,the desert heat. I am and fished and gathered wild red on every hand.

G. H. Branham.

Toas, New Mexico, August 21, 1918.

see one of the most beautifur We emerged from a trip of 300 pictures, one never equalled by miles thru the desert and found any painter's brush. Great tall ourselves at Cortes, Colorado, poplars back the home of every camped for the night in the fair farmer. A large grove indicates grounds. The next morning we with us, and we unconsciously a town. Both sides of the road commenced the climb for the use one oftentimes when we are lined with fruit trees, and Mesa Verde National Park, our thinking of the other. So when many of the trees are breaking goal of two days travel over the we told last week about peaches down with an overload of fruit. desert. This park is situated in After seeing all of interest in the corner of Colorado and New and around the city we followed Mexico, a most wild and ragged the valley south for 90 miles over mountainous country, just such peach story, anyway. It isn't these good roads, among the a place as people seeking safety the first time we have let those orchards and fields of wheat, all for their lives would select. It walled in by the enormous big is all cut up by deep gorges and black mountains reaching to the canyons, with great over hanging very dome of the universe. One rocky bluffs almost inaccessible

> Here under these cliffs, the In these orchards are big ripe Cliff Dwellers had built their gave way to tears, and had I not

nothing of interest. South beauty and grandeur I am wholly

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sending this to a mailing point raspberries, which were ripe and I saw a Mexican today dressing by a mining pack team. If you in great abundance. We canned a fine fat deer. I tried to buy a never hear from us again you will them and mode jam. Now we piece but Mr. Mex. pretended he know that we stood by Nancy are enjoying the fruits of our could not sabe altho I had made Lee as faithfully as she has been mountain camp, where it was my wants so plain by signs that We left Ogden Monday and to us, and that we all perished freezing cold. We are now a pissant could have comprehendcamped south of Taos ten miles ed. We are now at the foot of a on a little mountain stream, full mountain climb we fear the mos of fish I suppose, from the num of all for its steepness. ber of women and men fish-

somewhere in the desert are the unable to describe, but suffice it ing along its banks. We are noted historic ruins of the Aztec. to say, we made it up and down not tish hungry any more and There are times when it takes six miles from the top, and there are now tickling our pallets with all the will power and courage to crossed the beautiful south fork good old country ham and eggs, arrive at a decision. I am at this of the Rio Grande River, flowing from the farms along our route, point. I have decided to go out of the mountains, from the with plenty of apples, peaches, Tacking Towards Home south, so loading Nancy Lee with dizzy heights from which we had apricots and plums. You know all this goes to make camping out able to carry, we started early to Here we camped for two days fine, coupled with ice cold water

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