

# THE SLATON SLATONITE

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## Big General Rain Over Slaton Farms

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 precipitation amounted to from one to three-inches in different localities, 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 farmers 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 excess of even the fondest anticipations thirty days ago. Reports on the rainfall are that it reached over a large part of the South Plains.

The district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Lubbock and Sweetwater District of the Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, will be held at Lubbock September 3 and 4, 1918. A very interesting program has been published, and on the program appear the names of the talented members of the Missionary Society over the district. All members, men and all ladies are invited to attend the session which will be held in Lubbock Tuesday afternoon and continue over that night, Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. P. Posy and Mrs. S. H. Adams are the delegates from Slaton, and the Young Ladies Society is also entitled to delegates. Mrs. N. G. Rollins of Aspermont and Mrs. J. G. Merritt of Colorado, conference

officers, will be in attendance and take an active part in the meeting. The ladies anticipate a most excellent and profitable session.

R. L. Harkleroad, who recently 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 foreman when Mr. Egbert was promoted to division foreman.

Pay your Slatonite subscription before we send you a bill.

## Fourth Liberty Loan

The county Council of Defense is making arrangements to handle the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive, which begins on Sept. 28th and closes on Oct. 19th, and the committees appointed to look after the work in Slaton are:

Sales committee, R. A. Baldwin, chairman; Mrs. Lee Green, Mrs. Ralph McCarty, Mrs. S. H. Adams, H. W. Ragsdale, Joe H. Teague Sr., Allan W. Payne, S. S. Forrest and R. J. Murray. Judgment committee, A. B. Robertson, J. S. Edwards and R. J. Murray.

Publicity committee, Jas. L. Dow, John F. Turner and L. P. Loomis.

The judgment committee is created for the purpose of seeing that those who have the means and the money purchase their quota of the bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan. The man with money will have to lift some of the burden off of the poor man. The committee has the power to call any man before them and inquire into his activities in purchasing bonds.

## Holcomb Won With Majority of 100 Votes

The interest taken in the second primary last Saturday was intense 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 Penney a majority of 41.

The other returns at Slaton were:

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 governor.

## Baptist Revival Meeting

The revival services at the First Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor F. A. Whiteley are continuing this week and large audiences are attending each service. Bro. Whiteley is delivering some sledge hammer blows on the entrenchments of sin and its cohorts.

## Pershing's Crusaders for Lubbock

Patriotic feeling has been stirred to the depths at Dallas over a moving picture.

It is a film owned by the Government and which the Government has urged be shown in every theater in the country, if possible.

A Dallas afternoon paper challenged E. F. Hulsey, a big motion picture man there, to give free admission to the Dallas Home Guard to see the picture.

The challenge was accepted, and as a result interest was aroused so that the Government's desire that a majority of the people see the picture was realized.

It is called PERSHING'S CRUSADERS, and it shows many interesting scenes on the battle front in France, with Gen. Pershing's men as the "actors."

It may be interesting to the people of Lubbock County and the South Plains Country to know that this picture will be shown Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Lyric Theater in Lubbock, Texas, arrangements having already 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 without 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 Slaton.

Your subscription is a little thing to you but not to Uncle Sam.

## 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 finds you all the same way.

I had a very nice trip all the way here. Not much excitement, 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 though there were others aboard the ship that were pale behind the gills.

I don't know how long we will stay at this camp but it is a very beautiful place. If Joe or Ora could see the sights I'm seeing they could write a book. The French people seem glad to see us. These people don't seem to be in such bad circumstances; all are happy but look sad. They wear the made stuff, all same fashion plate show. They cultivate every little spot of ground they can stick a plow into, and some places that are not large enough for a plow. The crops look fine and they are raising vegetables by the carload. I wish I could cut loose and write everything as I want to, as it is so interesting.

My K. P. across the Atlantic was a stunt that will go down in history, as I never missed a meal. The feed we have been getting is all right. The K. P. that is on now says we are going to have some supper, and I guess so as I saw them cutting up beef and carrying over armfuls of fresh bread.

Now Dad, we have the best officers in the army. The weather here is just fine, isn't hot, neither 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 o. k.

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

## School Days ARE NEARLY HERE

Have you thought of the wants of the little folks in the way of SCHOOL SHOES? Shoes that wear well are the ones to be considered—such SHOES as BUSTER BROWN and SCUPPER.

Then next is HOSE for the Boy or Girl, and you want the best Hose such as BLACK CAT and ELK SKIN. We have them, and new, fresh stock.

Next is the DRESS for the Girl and a SUIT for the Boy. Buy the Dresses now or come and buy the Gingham if you wish to make the Dresses. Our stock is new and complete. The price ALWAYS is right—the lowest for dependable merchandise.

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time is the letter I received from you a few weeks ago.

This is indeed a beautiful country, and I wish I might spend the summer sightseeing, for it is truly worth seeing. But some day when I have made my pile I am going to take a day off and come back and see it all. It was from this country and Scotland my grandparents came from, and that makes it all the more interesting to me.

The spirit everywhere is optimistic. All one can see is bright, 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 getting along, and see what the old town is doing these days. I am sure she has changed quite a little in the past year—it is almost that now since I left. I suppose Slaton will be quite a little city

when I get back. I know she has the stuff to build on.

There is but little I can write, and I have very little time, so I will have to stop. Tell all the Slaton friends hello, and that we are all in fine health, the best of spirits, and "rearing" to go.

Yours truly,

Ed. L. Nowels.

Robt. Sledge, who recently joined the marines and was sent

to San Diego, was discharged from service and sent home last week on account of illness. 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 discharged from service. They said the discharge of a large cannon would break his eardrums.

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The Government says you should buy now for these reasons:

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- 3rd. Supply.** The supply for private consumption is ample now, because of favorable weather conditions. The supply will NOT BE AMPLE next fall. Buy while the supply is here.

Coal is hard to get now so you know what to expect in the winter!

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The bank is the place for it. Bank with the

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J. S. EDWARDS, President J. H. BREWER, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Advertising Rates among the locals 10c per line each issue.

Mrs. S. Bowman, nurse. Telephone No. 32.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cockcroft on Aug. 19th.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dillard on Aug. 17th.

The Slaton Drug Store desires to please you in every way. Try our service.

A second one of the triplet girls born to Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Pittman died Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Minor are rejoicing over a daughter that came to their home Tuesday, Aug. 20th.

Mrs. Mollie Hill went to Waco Monday to visit her son who is in Camp McArthur and who will soon leave for France.

Mrs. J. P. Reynolds music class opened on Aug. 12 for the fall term. Two lessons per week. Fifty cents per lesson.

W. C. Sledge sold his farm of seventy acres just northwest of Slaton to S. S. Forrest this week and moved to Grand Saline, Tex.

I. N. Dillard of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Odum of Crosbyton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Posey in Slaton.

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

Diseased gums, SORE, LOOSE, or ROTTEN teeth, ALLWAYS cause FOUL BREATH, and breed more trouble than most folks imagine. Ask your family physician, if you doubt it. See Dr. Ferguson at Singleton Hotel for treatment.

The best cantaloupes we have had this year are the varieties we call the Mesilla Valley melon and the Western Giant, the seed which we secured from Capt. Paul P. Murray. We have had other good ones but none with the genuine Rocky Ford flavor that these had.

Slaton Branch Chapter of Red Cross is still behind on their quota of garments. There is not much interest being taken. The needs are great and we must get behind our boys with Red Cross work. There is need and opportunity for Canteen service here. Will those that will serve in Canteen work report such desire to the chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Talley started last week on a visit, expecting to go to Arkansas before they return. H. D. in writing back home from Mineral Wells says: "We people of Slaton don't know anything about dry times. From Post to the Wells they haven't a thing. All farm houses are vacant and one can hardly travel for the wagons hunting work. The road is lined with rabbit skins. Tell those who want work not to come this way. There are ten thousand to every job."

Dr. Ferguson, Dentist, at the Singleton Hotel. See him for first class dental work. Treats Pyorrhea. Filling, crowning, bridging, extracting or plate work.

We don't need a second primary to tell you that the best confectionery service on the South Plains is accorded the patrons of the Teague Confectionery. Call on us.

The Rev. F. A. Whiteley is conducting a revival service at the Baptist Church, having started the meeting Sunday. Bro. Whiteley is a strong and earnest preacher and his revival services always attract large audiences.

The State Fair at Dallas for 1918 has been cancelled due to war activities, and will not be resumed until the war changes. All things must become subservient to winning the war, and we must be glad that such sacrifices can be made.

Mrs. H. H. Robinson received word from her son, Roe, last week that he had arrived safely in France. Roe has been in the army for over four years, and is a machine gun man. You know what that means for the objects in front of his gun. Mrs. Robinson also received word from her son, Jesse, that he is in the army at Camp Humphrey, Va., and that he has been made corporal.

WANT ADS

Wanted, For Sale, Lost, Found, Etc.

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WANTED, WOMAN TO DO laundry work at the home. Phone 81.

FOR RENT, FURNISHED house of two rooms, near Baptist Church. Ask at Slatonite Office.

FOR SALE—14 GEO. B. FARIS white full blood Leghorn roosters. 264 egg strain, four and five months old. Price \$1 to \$3 each. 4 o. k. for service. J. N. Schones, Slaton, Texas.

CRANK FOR BRISCOE CAR lost in or near Slaton. Finder please return to Slatonite office and receive reward.—W. R. Hampton.

FOR SALE, SEVERAL PIECES nice furniture; see Zuma Jenkins.

FOR RENT, THE DOOLIN residence property in West Slaton. Has fine garden, well, and lots, and plenty land for stock. See J. G. Harper at the old Twaddle grocery.

FOR RENT, HOUSE FURNISHED. See Mrs. Mollie Hill at the Baptist Parsonage.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR light keeping at the Cannon Rooming House.

BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE lots (12) in Slaton will be sold in one or more sales. Easy terms if desired.—Hugo Seaberg, Raton, N. M.

The Rev. A. C. Faust of Hastings, Okla., will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday at five o'clock p. m. Everybody invited to come.

R. C. Dyer sold the Red Cross garage to Lee Green & Co. of the Slaton Garage the first of the week. Mr. Dyer has not said yet just what he will do since disposing of his garage business here.

The old gentleman Farley was taken seriously ill Saturday with kidney trouble and as he was here without any relatives at this time he was taken to Lubbock to be looked after by the county officials.

The Rev. Joseph Reisdorff left Slaton Wednesday for his old home at Jefferson City, Mo., where he will visit for some time. He will also visit at Oklahoma City and other places before returning to Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dabney of Alford, Texas, are in Slaton this week visiting Mrs. Champion, an old neighbor of theirs. Mr. Dabney states that the best crops he has seen on the route he is taking for a summer touring trip are in the Slaton country.

The Rev. A. C. Faust of Hastings, Okla., has rented a residence in Slaton and his family will join him soon in their new home here. Mr. Faust is in 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 increasing 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 an essential measure and should be given the widest publicity through all country newspapers. Fall hatched chickens can be raised at a good profit, because they can pick up a large amount of feed, in the way of grain that was shattered off in harvesting, etc., that would otherwise be left to waste. Fall hatched chickens are an economical necessity on every farm and back lot. A flock of fall hatched chickens is a sure indication of true patriotism, as much as is the possession of War Saving Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

Our Government is making a special campaign to encourage the raising of 5,000,000 fall hatched chickens in Texas. These fall hatched chickens will, as we have said, pick up much waste grain about the place, and will destroy weed seeds and harmful insects. A good time for hatching fall chickens in this section is August and September so that the young chickens will be feathered before cold weather.

Lubbock County is asked to raise 5,000 fall hatched chickens. If your Agricultural and Home Demonstration Agents can report the pledge of more than your quota, so much the better.

PLEDGE CARD.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of fall chickens I promise to raise \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of poultry kept \_\_\_\_\_  
Please fill out the above pledge card and return to your County Agricultural Agent, your home Demonstration Agent, or the secretary of your local Council of Defense, who will forward all pledges to the Poultry Division, Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas.

For free poultry bulletins, and circulars, address, or see any of the above agencies. We have twenty five poultry bulletins for free distribution.

Yours very truly,  
F. W. Kazimer.  
C. F. Weisman.  
Lillian Hazle.

SLATON A SOUTH PLAINS DIVISION TOWN

Founded and Owned by the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway Co.



LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

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3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 30 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 700 residences under construction and completed.

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R. J. Murray & Company  
Local Townsite Agent, Slaton, Texas

Harry T. McGee  
Local Townsite Agent, Slaton

Pay Red Cross Pledges at Once

Those who gave pledges for Red Cross donations should pay the same at once to R. A. Baldwin. We are receiving criticism for being behind with our pledges, and want to urge that you pay your pledge before the list of delinquents is published.

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 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 kokaded the merry party.

It would be a peculiar thing for the people to elect a set of pro officials and enact pro laws and then elect an anti attorney general to enforce them. Vote for Cureton and know that you are voting right.

Dr. Ferguson, Dentist, at the Singleton Hotel. See him for first class dental work. Treats Pyorrhea. Filling, bridging, crowning, extracting or plate work.

Fresh candies, pure ice cream, correctly mixed cold drinks and choice cigars and tobaccos at Teague's Confectionery. A parlor for the ladies and children.

Prescriptions carefully compounded from pure drugs at the Slaton Drug Store.

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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 has dried up and blown away and the people will all leave there and come back to a civilized country. The Plains is good for nothing but long horns, prairie dogs and coyotes. People will know better than to try again to make a farming country out there."

But the anvil chorus is sadly out of tune. The chances are about nineteen out of twenty that the place where the knocking is going on could not begin to compete this year with the Slaton country on crops; also that the folks down east are hauling branch water for household purposes, or at the best are drinking tepid, germ laden water from shallow wells, while we have a super abundance of pure, sparkling well water.

But the people on the Plains know all this and they are not misled by the anvil chorus "back yonder." There are none of them abandoning their property. Some have gone to the wheat fields to work during harvest, and the more they see of the rest of the world, the better they like to rely on the Slaton Plains section 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 following newspaper article from another state shows that the drouth is not a local nor sectional matter but is general, viz:

"The present drouth is said to be the most widespread and serious in the history of the Middle West. It extends from the Dakotas to Texas and from the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains. Corn is practically killed in the greater part of Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

"All feed crops are badly damaged in this vast section. Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky report a fair corn prospect, while Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas report feed crops burning up. The cotton growing sections of three states report not better than half a crop.

"Feed cannot help but be scarce and high next winter and

unless we get wheat pasture the feeding of the livestock is going to be a serious problem."

**TO OUR EXCHANGES.**

In order to meet the requirements of the Government in conserving the supply of paper and in order to comply with the necessary cut of 15 per cent in the Slatonite's circulation, we will have to discontinue all exchanges that are not valuable to us in a news way. This will mean that many papers that we have become attached to thru years of exchange but which have no news value to Slaton will have to go. All papers hesitate to say this, but somebody has to start the thing, so here goes, and good luck to you! We hope to retain all South Plains exchanges, of course, as we need them for their news value to our subscribers. If the Slatonite is on any list where the editor feels that he should not retain it, we trust that you will cut us off. We will not consider it unprofessional or discourteous if you do.

We have enjoyed your acquaintance, but the best of friends must sometimes part. Many of the beautiful things of life, often time the rewards we receive for a worthy effort, come to us as an heritage from memory's banking house; and as they appear to us ever and anon in reminiscence, and we steal away from the unstable ruff raff of the present for a quiet hour in sesame, conjuring up the happinesses of by gone days with the friends who may never come our way again, the heart is gripped with the sacredness of the eternal truths of life which are not ours to under stand. So we hesitate to cross the Rubicon, to sever the silver cords of weekly visits, but Mars knows no sentiment, and Mars says it must be done.

If this article is marked, it is our good bye, unless personally requested to continue the exchange. Put 'er there, old scout! Let's help to win the war for decency and humanity.

There are two words that just will not keep themselves straight with us, and we unconsciously use one oftentimes when we are thinking of the other. So when we told last week about peaches nine inches in diameter, we meant of course nine inches in circumference. That was some peach story, anyway. It isn't the first time we have let those 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.

We think that it has been dry in this country, but how would you like to live in a country where the wells have gone dry and drinking water is shipped in over the railroad? That is the condition down in the so called West Texas country some distance below the Cap Rock. Drouth or no drouth, the Plains always has an inexhaustible supply of pure, sparkling well water any place where a well is dug. That is one of the things that make it the best place on earth.

Of all the perverse creatures on earth, the editor of the Colorado Record truly holds the record. It has been so dry around Colorado City for three years that the lakes have dried up, the creeks are running up hill and the grasshoppers are spittin' cotton, yet the said editor Whipkey can whip up a rattling good fish story any time when the linotype runs out of copy. We hope he knows a land terrapin when he sees it.

Speaking about interest in an election, we guess Slaton jumped into the sheriff's race with both feet. The Penney men are good losers. They say: "Well, both candidates were good men, and Holcomb can be my sheriff just as well as he can be yours. I fought for my man, got whipped, and am satisfied."

**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 each publisher to put his paper on a paid in advance basis. The order is made so that all wasteful practices will be stopped and an average reduction of 15 per cent will be effected in the tonnage of news print stock required for the publication of the weekly newspapers. Something had to be done to conserve the rapidly diminishing supply of paper.

Questionnaires will go to all publishers, and they must be filled out and sworn to. The order covers these points:

An increase in the subscription price of the paper, especially where the price is less than \$2.00 a year.

The discontinuance of all subscriptions that are not renewed and paid in advance at the time the subscription expires.

The elimination of any free copies.

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

**Tacking Towards Home  
Thru Deserts of Colorado  
and New Mexico**

Somewhere in the Utah Desert.  
Friday, August 18th.

Friend Loomis:  
We left Ogden Monday and glided down to Salt Lake 35 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 see one of the most beautiful pictures, one never equalled by any painter's brush. Great tall poplars back the home of every farmer. A large grove indicates a town. Both sides of the road are lined with fruit trees, and many of the trees are breaking down with an overload of fruit.

After seeing all of interest in and around the city we followed the valley south for 90 miles over these good roads, among the orchards and fields of wheat, all walled in by the enormous big black mountains reaching to the very dome of the universe. One so often thinks they are big black clouds.

In these orchards are big ripe fruit of all kinds and these very hospitable people often request the tourists to help themselves. We came to the end of all this loveliness. To reach home we have to go east and south over the mountains, so I say to Nancy Lee: "We are now going home and if you will be as faithful going back as you have coming out I will buy you the finest dress in Lubbock County, Texas." She appeared to smile out of those big, bright eyes, and say: "I will do my best." So we headed for Spanish Fork Pass and the canyon, a climb of 35 miles to the top and 25 miles down on the other side. When well up the Pass, I, like Lot's wife, turned to view the garden land behind and after one long, wistful look I kissed my hand to the Sunset Clime and turned my face to the Rising Sun.

The desert of this canyon was made safe and it was as awe inspiring and imposing as one could wish for. We have now made a run of 90 miles across the desert and made camp at the forks in the road. One road leads to Denver and Colorado Springs, several hundred miles east, and the other road, a buckboard and pack horse trail, goes south thru Utah, Colorado and New Mexico deserts for hundreds of miles. The one east has nothing of interest. South

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somewhere in the desert are the noted historic ruins of the Aztec. There are times when it takes all the will power and courage to arrive at a decision. I am at this point. I have decided to go south, so loading Nancy Lee with all the gas, oil and water she is able to carry, we started early to avoid the desert heat. I am sending this to a mailing point by a mining pack team. If you never hear from us again you will know that we stood by Nancy Lee as faithfully as she has been to us, and that we all perished together on the desert sands.

G. H. Branham.  
Taos, New Mexico,  
August 21, 1918.

Friend Loomis:  
We emerged from a trip of 300 miles thru the desert and found ourselves at Cortes, Colorado, camped for the night in the fair grounds. The next morning we commenced the climb for the Mesa Verde National Park, our goal of two days travel over the desert. This park is situated in the corner of Colorado and New Mexico, a most wild and ragged mountainous country, just such a place as people seeking safety for their lives would select. It is all cut up by deep gorges and canyons, with great over hanging rocky bluffs almost inaccessible without rope or wooden ladders.

Here under these cliffs, the Cliff Dwellers had built their homes from the bottom to the very top, a hundred feet high. They also had mesa homes and farmed the land. In times of trouble they fled to their cliff fortresses, where they always stored large supplies of food, evidence of which yet remains, and from these cliff granaries we saw corn, beans, peas, corn cobs, etc., that the white man had found there. Of all of our mountain climbing, to see these Cliff Dwellers ruins took us over the most hazardous and nerve racking road of all. When near the top of one of the ten fearful climbs, at a sharp turn in the road Nancy Lee came to a stop on a ledge. The least slip and we would have been hurled three thousand feet below and would have continued rolling for ten thousand feet more. Here for the first time my better half gave way to tears, and had I not been a man I too would have wept like a child. The coming down was as dangerous as the ascent.

From Mesa Verde we passed thru Durango to Pagosa Springs, made famous by its great hot sulphur springs, of which we took advantage to wash away the alkali dirt of Utah deserts. Feeling refreshed, and being relieved of the weight of the dirt of the desert, we climbed the great divide, thru Wolf Pass, whose beauty and grandeur I am wholly

unable to describe, but suffice it to say, we made it up and down six miles from the top, and there crossed the beautiful south fork of the Rio Grande River, flowing out of the mountains, from the dizzy heights from which we had just come.

Here we camped for two days and fished and gathered wild red raspberries, which were ripe and in great abundance. We canned them and made jam. Now we are enjoying the fruits of our mountain camp, where it was freezing cold. We are now camped south of Taos ten miles on a little mountain stream, full of fish I suppose, from the number of women and men fish-

ing along its banks. We are not fish hungry any more and are now tickling our pallets with good old country ham and eggs, from the farms along our route, with plenty of apples, peaches, apricots and plums. You know all this goes to make camping out fine, coupled with ice cold water on every hand.

I saw a Mexican today dressing a fine fat deer. I tried to buy a piece but Mr. Mex. pretended he could not save altho I had made my wants so plain by signs that a pissant could have comprehended. We are now at the foot of a mountain climb we fear the most of all for its steepness.

G. H. Branham.  
Taos, N. Mex.  
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