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Frank C. Lumm, who for the past 15 or 16 years has been traveling for John Orr Wholesale Grocery Company of Llano, died on Tuesday of last week at Llano. Mr. Lumm was well acquainted in this county and his many friends will regret to learn of his death. It is said he had been in bad health for some time and for the past several months had been confined to his bed. He was 46 years old and is survived by a widow and both parents.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Judge M. D. Slaton was here last Thursday from Llano. He states that his cattle are doing splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neill and Messrs Ed. Howard and Wes Smith went to San Antonio last Friday to be away a few days on business.

THRESHING NOTICE.

We will run two threshing machines this season. Parties having anything for us to thresh will please notify us at an early date. a172 F. W. Winkle and Chas. Leslie

A. W. Koock sold his sheep to Dee Gibbs one day last week. The News did not learn the figures.

If you want seed phone 42.

Do you want any crockery ware, such as churns, milk pans, jugs or 5 gallon jars? We have a nice assortment.

City Grocery Co.

Chas. Martin was in last week from his Hedwigs Hill ranch and informed us that the drilling at his Los Moras ranch in Menard county had been delayed due to a casing being hung in the well. Mr. Martin says that he nor any one else knows just how deep the drillers have gone down, but it is a safe estimate to say that the well is some 600 feet deep.

SEE US FOR AUTO SEAT COVERS.

McCOLLUM AUTO CO.

Messrs Irv and Louis Ellis were here a short time last week from Menard on business matters.

INKS--MOSS

After successfully evading the inquires of interested friends as to the day and hour, and after having put to route the guesses of such as perchance tried to select the day, Mr. Roy Banford Inks and Miss Myrtle Moss were Wednesday morning at an early hour joined in holy wedlock.

The parents of the bride and probably two or three others were present at the Episcopal Church in Llano when Rev. A. B. Perry, of Lampasas, spoke the words which made them man and wife.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Inks left by automobile and on reaching Burnet they took the train for other parts for a short honeymoon, after which they will return to Llano and take up their residence in the cottage of Mrs. A. C. Barber on Bridge Street, which for some days past has been elegantly furnished awaiting the coming of the newly-weds.

Mr. and Mrs. Inks are well known to all our people. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moss and was reared in our midst. Mr. Inks is the local manager for the wholesale house of Nelson Davis & Son in Llano, and like his bride has lived in Llano practically all of his life.

This paper would add its congratulations and well wishes to that of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Inks for a long happy and prosperous wedded life.—Llano News.

Why not dye that straw hat? We have a complete assortment of colors.—Mason Drug Co.

Mr. Tom Garner is reported quite seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lou Boston. Mr. Garner and his wife recently returned from a stay of several months with his daughter, Mrs. B. M. Seder, who resides in Kansas. He has been confined to his bed ever since they reached Mason.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. a10 J. J. Johnson.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, April 22, 1904:

Manks King sold his market to Geo. Leslie and Bob Keller and left Monday for El Paso to prospect for a location.

Chas. Bernhard left Monday for El Paso after spending several days visiting his mother.

Walter Sands and Sterling King went to San Antonio Monday to attend the Lattie of Flowers.

Max Reichenau broke his leg just above the ankle last Thursday when he fell from a scaffold upon which he was working at the E. W. Kothmann residence.

Seth Baze celebrated his birthday anniversary last Wednesday with a party.

A. W. Koock made a business trip to Brady this week. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Ed Todd and children for a visit.

Quite a number of young folks enjoyed a pleasant social Friday evening at the home of Will Lemburg.

Virgil Boston came in last Tuesday from Menardville.

Major G. W. Littlefield of Austin was here several days the past week looking after his large ranch interests in this section.

NEW MARKET

I have opened a meat market in the York building and will keep the best meats on hand at all times. I buy butter, eggs, chickens and other country produce. Also pay top prices for green and dry cow hides.

Phone No. 27.
Your patronage will be appreciated.
Lee Smart.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, April 27, 1894:

J. S. Garner and J. H. Jones have opened up the City Livery Stable.

Mrs. E. B. Taylor, of San Angelo is here visiting Mrs. C. Crosby.

C. T. Brockman was in town Tuesday rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at his house on the 16th.

Rev. D. Krienke will begin the teaching of a German School at the Lutheran church on April 30.

The Mason High School closes next week with appropriate exercises.

Miss Vic McGinnis is visiting relatives at Austin.

Jim Wilson returned Wednesday from the Territory, where he has been with cattle.

The engagement of Miss Minnie Gimble of San Antonio, a former resident of Mason, and Mr. Henry Schmidt of Kerrville, brother of the Schmidts here, is announced.

W. A. Mohl says the ice factory will be in operation next week.

Mrs. J. W. White went to Llano Monday to meet Mr. White, who has been shipping cattle to the Territory.

The young folks "tripped the light fantastic" at the hall in the Rank Building last Friday evening.

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me.

Elgin O. Kothmann.

Mr. Stacy, a representative of the Houston Branch of the Ford Motor Company, was in Mason a few days the past week on business matters with our local Ford dealer, L. F. Eckert. Mr. Stacy incidentally passed some very pleasing compliments on the local agency.

The News is prepared to take care of all kinds of job printing and can handle the big jobs as well as the smaller ones in a manner which is unsurpassed.

Albert Bierschwale is sporting a new Buick Six roadster which he recently purchased of the McCollum Auto Co.

I have a nice line of guaranteed rubber garden hose and they will not kink. If you want hose call on me.

F. Lange.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd and children came up last Saturday from Llano and remained until Monday visiting with relatives.

MASON LOSES TO BRADY

Last Monday the Mason High School Base Ball team went over to Brady and crossed bats with the Brady School team. The game resulted in a victory for the Brady boys with the score 7 to 3. From the information the News has gotten hold of the game was a good one and was pretty closely matched even though the score does not indicate such. The first four innings were played without either side getting a score and after that both teams made frequent errors which accounted for the scoring and it seemed that our boys made their errors when they were more costly and counted for runs.

Ed Smith has recently purchased the lot just west of the new Mason National Bank building from Messrs A. J. & A. C. Lemburg at a consideration of \$5,000.

The Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a basket picnic at Centennial Springs last Monday.

We have a nice line of City Grocery Co.

Last Sunday was the 57th birthday anniversary of A. J. Lindsay and relatives and friends helped him to enjoy the day by barbecuing a couple of goats and having a little get-together picnic up in Mr. Lindsay's pasture.

We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.

J. W. White is buying about 2,000 head of steers which he intends to put on grass at the Mill Creek ranch. We are informed that he has already purchased something like 1,500 head for which he has paid from 50 to 65 dollars a head.

Last Sunday very appropriate Easter services were held at the M. E. Church, South. Specially prepared music and songs featured the services.

OLD HATS MADE NEW

We are prepared to clean and re-block hats in a first class manner and prices are very reasonable. d-5 Manuel Lopez

Mrs. Will Ellbracht left last Sunday for her home in San Antonio after spending a couple weeks here with relatives and friends.

Rudolph Martin came in last Monday from Camp Travis, having been given his discharge. He has been stationed at Camp Travis ever since he was inducted into the army and has served practically all of his time on the Military Police Force.

Mrs. Mollie Hayes and daughter, Miss Inez, came up a couple weeks ago from San Antonio and are guests of Mrs. Hayes' mother, Mrs. Miller, and other relatives.

Tell the News the news

Pete Jordan, Banks Reynolds, Bennie Grote and Erv King went to San Antonio last Sunday afternoon for a short stay, returning home Monday evening. Dad Williams of the Mason Drug Company informs the News that the boys went down to have some washing done. The Newsman is on the fence as to why they would have to go so far from home to get washing done, but we promise to tell it all to our readers as soon as we learn all the particulars.

KILL the BLUE BUGS by feeding

Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the Mason Drug Company.

J. F. Schaege returned the latter part of last week from San Antonio, where he spent several months under treatment by a specialist, and his many friends are pleased to know that the nervous affection of his eyes has been greatly improved.—Brady Standard

KELLY BOOTS

I carry a full stock of the famous hand-made Kelly boots. Take orders where I can't fit you from stock.

Herbert Hofmann

MASS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday afternoon, May 1, a Mass Meeting will be held at the court house at 2 o'clock.

The purpose of this meeting will be to reorganize the Gooch Cemetery Association preparatory to taking charge of the new addition to the cemetery which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White.

It is urgently requested that every person who has a lot at the Gooch Cemetery to be present at this meeting, as a board of directors is to be elected and other important matters pertaining to the organization is to be attended to. Every lot owner is to have a vote in electing these directors. The public is invited to attend and take an interest in this organization.

O. A. Hensch and Edwin Lowgren left last Sunday for San Antonio. Hensch went as a delegate to the convention of War Veterans and Edwin went along to keep him company. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Saunders and Mrs. Henry Saunders and children spent Easter Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller at Brady.

ATTEND DISTRICT

MEET

Professor Horton reports the District Athletic and Delegation contests at Brownwood last Saturday well attended by contestants from various schools throughout the district. He says that Brownwood certainly did her part in entertaining and taking care of the visitors.

This was the first district meet that the schools of Mason County have been represented and Prof. Horton expressed himself very much pleased with the showing made by our representatives. We won no first places but won a few second and several third places at the meet.

Those attending the meet from this county include Professor Horton, Misses Annie Mogford and Sadie Westbrook, who acted as escorts. The contestants were: Roy McCollum, Alfred Mogford, Andrew Schreiber, Leonard Wood, Willard Larimore, L. D. Foster, Miss Sarah Thaxton, Miss Mary Wood, all of the Mason school, a Hanson boy of Streeter and Harold Herring of Double Knobs.

NO NEVER

Is a Deere or McCormick mower guaranteed to run true when you use IMITATION repairs. a24 Larimore & Grote.

A. J. Lemburg left Wednesday for Dallas on business in connection with the store the A. J. & A. C. Lemburg firm is to open in that city. He will probably remain there and have Mrs. Lemburg and children follow as soon as school is out. A. C. Lemburg will remain in Mason and conduct the local business until about the first of January, by which time they will have decided whether it best to try to conduct both stores or to devote their entire capital and efforts to their Dallas business.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

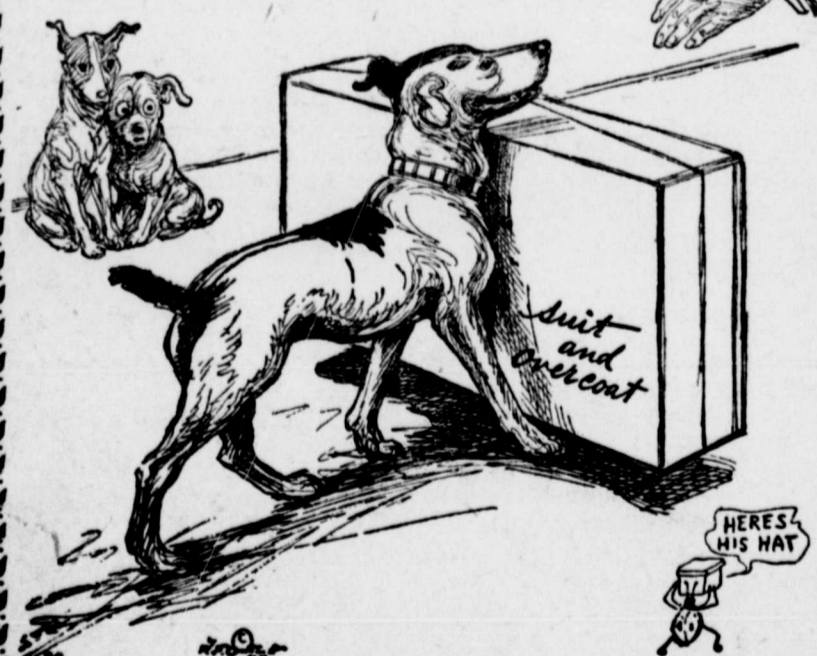
Lee Smart is ordering the News sent to Jim Farmer at Mountainair, New Mexico.

John Hase returned Saturday from Fort Worth where he had been on cattle business.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. 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, 928 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

Don't you need a new Suit of clothes?



Come in and order that new Spring or Summer suit now. We've got all the new samples for you to select from. We give the best materials and tailor the style into your garment. Our prices will suit.

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ALL WORK CASH. NO CREDIT.
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WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



NEVER was such right-handed-two-fisted smokejoy as you puff out of a jimmy pipe packed with Prince Albert! That's because P. A. has the quality!

You can't fool your taste apparatus any more than you can get five peas out of a family deck! So, when you hit Prince Albert, coming and going, and get up half an hour earlier just to start stoking your pipe or rolling cigarettes, you know you've got the big prize on the end of your line!

Prince Albert's quality alone puts it in a class of its own, but when you figure that P. A. is made by our exclusive patented process that cuts out bite and parch—well—you feel like getting a flock of dictionaries to find enough words to express your happy days sentiments!

Teeny red berry, big red line, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that easy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moisture top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

MAY BE GREATEST MARITIME POWER

Shipbuilding Facilities Now Put U. S. in Lead.

MERCHANT MARINE TO STAY

Hurley Is Convinced America Can Outstrip All Other Nations in Replacing Lost Tonnage—United States Will Require Fleet of 7,500,000 Tons to Carry Commerce Estimated for 1920.

Shipbuilding facilities acquired during the war have made the United States the greatest potential maritime power of the world, asserts Chairman E. N. Hurley of the shipping board, and will enable it to outdistance all other nations in the race toward replacing a shortage of 10,225,000 gross tons of shipping lost as the result of unrestricted German submarine warfare and of the failure of normal increase by new production. Mr. Hurley made this assertion in a report of his trip to Europe, where for three months he was in close touch with the shipping interests of foreign nations. The report will be used in working out a policy of ownership and operation of the American merchant marine.

Mr. Hurley estimated that in July, 1914, the seagoing steam bottoms of the world totaled 41,225,000 gross tons, which was reduced by war to 37,000,000 gross tons, a net loss of 4,225,000 gross tons. In addition, he stated, there was a loss of 12,000,000 gross tons which would have been constructed if war had not stopped the normal increase in production, making a total loss of 16,225,000 gross tons. The allies and neutrals suffered a total loss by enemy action, marine risk, and capture of 15,218,000 gross tons, Mr. Hurley said, and gained by new construction and seizure of enemy ships 14,249,000 gross tons, leaving a net loss of 969,000 gross tons. The net loss to the central powers was even greater, since they lost 3,016,000 gross tons and gained only 740,000, a difference of 2,276,000 gross tons.

United States Takes Lead.

Only two countries, the United States and Japan, have a larger amount of tonnage now than when the war began. Japan showed a net

gain of 25 per cent, Mr. Hurley reported, while the United States jumped far in the lead with a net gain of 125 per cent.

"The United States forged ahead as rapidly as Germany fell behind," said the report. "In August, 1914, the United States seagoing merchant marine, 500 gross tons and over, included 624 steamers of 1,758,465 gross tons, and 879 sailing vessels and schooner barges of 947,852 gross tons, making a grand total of 1,494 seagoing merchant vessels of 2,706,317 gross tons. On November 11, 1918, at the end of the war, the steaming merchant marine had increased to 1,369 vessels of 4,085,263 gross tons and the sailing vessels and schooner barges had decreased to 747 vessels of 829,917 gross tons, making a grand total of 2,113 seagoing merchant vessels of 5,515,180 gross tons. This does not include the seized enemy vessels, which at the end of the war aggregated 88 vessels of 562,005 gross tons, of which number 81 of 546,210 gross tons were steamers and seven of 15,795 gross tons were sailing vessels.

"The total construction in the United States added to the merchant marine during the war amounted to 875 vessels of 2,941,845 gross tons. The purchase from aliens of 233 vessels of 833,854 gross tons, the movement from the great lakes to the ocean of 66 steamers of 139,499 gross tons, and miscellaneous acquisitions amounting to 31 vessels of 39,210 gross tons are other sources of acquisition. The loss of 114 vessels of 322,214 gross tons by enemy action, of 278 vessels of 405,490 gross tons by marine risk, of 130 vessels of 268,149 gross tons by sale to aliens, and of 64 vessels of 119,271 gross tons through the sale to the United States government, abandonment and other causes, accounts for the decreases. Losses of fifteen German and requisitioned ships amounting to 112,248 gross tons are not included.

"Today we are potentially the greatest maritime power of the earth, for the reason that we possess the greatest shipbuilding instrumentalities."

All Try to Come Back.

Mr. Hurley stated that Great Britain suffered a net loss in the war of 3,443,000 gross tons, amounting to 18 per cent of her entire tonnage. Other nations which suffered heavy losses include Norway, which lost 1,178,335 gross tons; France, 907,168 gross tons; Italy, 852,124 gross tons; Greece, 337,545 gross tons; Denmark, 239,922 gross tons, and Sweden, 201,733. Every effort is being made by each of these nations, Mr. Hurley asserted, to regain its former maritime standing.

"The study of the shipping board experts revealed a teeming ambition

among other powers to achieve a higher maritime standing," said the report. "In almost every country the desire exists not only to replace war losses but to add new totals to be used in the work of reconstruction and in developing new foreign trade. Even Switzerland has not escaped this desire to acquire a merchant marine. Ships will be acquired as soon as capital improvements are made on the Rhine."

The chief interest now centers on the question of whether the United States can henceforth maintain her new place upon the seas, or whether she must now disband the energies that brought her merchant fleet into being.

"There is every reason," Mr. Hurley continued, "for believing that America has come back upon the ocean—to stay. My observations compel optimism. The war has brought us into a high place as a maritime power. I find the peoples of the world aroused to an intense interest and concern as to the use we are to make of this power. In America, you have heard much of British competition. In Great Britain I heard a great deal more about American competition. The truth is that our friends across the water are for the first time entering upon a period of actual competition."

Mr. Hurley said prior to August, 1914, both the foreign trade and the shipping of the United States were dominated to a great extent by British, because American traders and ship operators who wished to do business could do so most conveniently through British agencies. In 1915, he recalled, only one-seventh of the foreign trade of the United States was carried in American bottoms.

"The total exports and imports of the United States for the year 1915 were approximately 50,000,000 long tons," said the report. "With average shipping efficiency the movement of these goods would have required about 9,000,000 gross tons of ships. Assuming an annual increase in the foreign trade of the United States equal to the average increase for the five years preceding August, 1914, our foreign trade in 1920 would require a greatly increased merchant tonnage if it all were to be carried in American bottoms."

Should Carry 50 Per Cent of Trade.

Mr. Hurley declared it was an accepted principle that a strong maritime power should carry in its own ships at least 50 per cent of the aggregate of its exports and imports, and in addition some of the trade between countries not yet in the shipping business.

"Assuming a total export and import business in 1920 of 70,000,000

long tons," he added, "it would require a fleet of about 7,500,000 gross tons to transport 60 per cent in our own ships."

One of the types of ships most desirable for the new merchant marine, according to Mr. Hurley, is a speedy, effective combination cargo and passenger liner of from 15,000 to 25,000 deadweight tons, which could be operated efficiently in the transportation of high-class merchandise, passenger, and mail.

Mr. Hurley said three factors militated most strongly against the natural and desirable expansion of the foreign trade of the United States. First, the necessity for developing men, thoroughly American in every way, to handle foreign trade; second, the recruiting of an American personnel for the operation of the ships and the handling of the work at the ports; and third, the extension of banking facilities. The idea that too high wages are being paid American seamen for this country to compete with other countries successfully was ridiculed by Mr. Hurley.

"It is time for the public mind to be disabused of this conception," he stated. "The facts will dismay those who are agitating for a lower wage scale of American ships. We are paying our seamen \$75 a month. England, during the war, paid her seamen \$72 a month. The French and Dutch are paying high wages. In Sweden the seamen's scale is even higher than in the United States.

The retention of high wages was important, he added, because men who had labored under great strain yielded their attention more readily to the agitator. The success of any nation in shipbuilding and ship operating, he said, will be determined by the manner in which the labor situation is handled.

COUGH RELEASES BONE

It Had Been in a Man's Throat for a Year.

A. K. Williams, sixty-three years old, a miller of Ijamsville, Frederick county, Maryland, a few days ago during a violent spasm of coughing dislodged a piece of beef bone, three-quarters inch long, one-quarter inch wide and one-eighth inch thick, that he had swallowed a year ago, and which had given him much trouble.

After swallowing the bone he lost weight steadily, falling from 180 to 120 pounds. He frequently was seized with violent paroxysms of coughing.

X-ray photographs were taken, but no bone could be found in his throat. He was then treated for tuberculosis. He is rapidly improving.

Sells Old Postcards.

Mrs. Edwin Curd, widow of a former tobacco company official at Fulton, Mo., has found it a profitable bit of work to sell back to the government some postcards she happened to find in her husband's effects. The cards were of the issue of 1885, and the government paid her \$38.00 to redeem them.

Sharks Piled Up Like Cordwood.

Seven thousand sharks, split in half, dried and piled up like cordwood, filled the hold of the Gryme, which arrived at San Diego, Cal., from Guadalupe Island and Ensenada, Lower California. The cargo will be used for fertilizer and for soaps and cosmetics.

Use MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER.

It kills worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company.

Air Insurance Is Profitable.

It was officially stated to a questioner in the British house of commons that the excess of premiums over payments under the government aircraft insurance scheme which provided payment of damages through loss from air raids, amounts to more than \$50,000,000.

Sick of Germany.

"Les terribles" Thirty-second division complain of growing ennui because they are terribly sick of Germany, reported E. W. Dickerson, returned correspondent for a Grand Rapids (Mich.) newspaper.

Weekly Health Talks

The Many Mysteries of Nature

BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.

You can take an onion seed and a pansy seed, and plant them side by side in the same spot of ground. In one case, you get an onion, with its peculiarly strong odor, and in the other you get a flower of rare beauty. You can plant a poppy seed and get opium (a dangerous, habit-forming drug), or you can plant a rhubarb seed and get something that helps constipation. No scientist, living or dead, can explain these mysteries of Nature. Behind the invisible life germ in each seed is hidden the deep secret that nobody understands. Everything growing out of the ground seems intended for some use in establishing natural conditions. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., long since found out what is naturally best for women's diseases. He learned it all through treating thousands of cases. The result of his studies was a medicine called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine is made of vegetable growths that nature surely intended for backache, headache, weakening drains, bearing-down pains, periodical irregularities, pelvic inflammations, and for the many disorders common to women in all ages of life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is made of lady's slipper root, black cohosh root, unicorn root, blue cohosh root and Oregon grape root. Women who take this standard remedy know that in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription they are getting a safe woman's tonic so good that druggists everywhere sell it.

Favorite Prescription should have the full confidence of every woman in America because it contains no alcohol and no narcotic. Dr. Pierce knew, when he first made this standard medicine, that whiskey and morphine are injurious, and so he has always kept them out of his remedies. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. for trial pkg. Tablets.

PUPILS CONTROL IN

ALL RUSSIAN SCHOOLS

Boys of 16 Who Are Unable to Read Are Admitted to the Universities.

Pupils, instead of teachers, control the schools of Russia under the bolshevik regime, according to two Englishmen, one of them an experienced schoolmaster, who have just returned from Russia.

Boys and girls are herded indiscriminately and there is no discipline, say the Englishmen. Pupils control the teachers. In a Kolnna school a youth of eighteen was appointed commissioner of the institution and was in charge of all teachers. On one occasion he closed the school for a week, as a protest against the action of the master, who had reprimanded a pupil.

Each class has its own committee and usually the most popular boy represents the others at the masters' council. These committees not only direct the masters, but control the distribution of food which is provided for the midday meal, and which is the chief cause for any school attendance at all.

Pupils do exactly as they please, walking into the classroom and leaving it while a lesson is in progress. No punishment of any kind is inflicted on the pupil, as each pupil is his own mentor as to right and wrong.

No home work is set, the pupil doing all his school work during the hours set apart for each session.

Attendance is not compulsory, or even regulated by rule, each one attending classes or staying away, as he sees fit. No marks for good work are allowed, and consequently none for the sluggard who makes no attempt at scholastic attainment.

The same chaotic conditions were observed by the Englishmen in the universities and other seats of higher education. Any boy of sixteen may enter without qualification, though he may be unable to read.

Two thoughts on a Spring day. 1st. Let's go fishing.

2nd. Let's buy our fishing tackle in Mason from

Mason Drug Co.

CRYING NEED For PAINT

There is a crying need for paint on thousands of houses throughout Texas—GOOD paint thaa will beautify and satisfy. If you want the best use MASURY.

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R. GROSSE - MASON



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Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue
Display rates made known on application.
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WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:

- August Kothmann\$25.00
- Mason Clean Town Club \$10.00
- Mason County News \$10.00
- Calvin Thaxton \$10.00
- Woman's Missionary Society.....\$10.00
- W. G. Keyser\$5.00
- German Ladies Aid Society\$8.00

If you are willing to subscribe phone the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

At the April term of the Commissioners Court, that body granted the Alamo Construction Company an extension of thirty days in which to file their bond, which it is necessary for them to give before beginning work on the highway from Mason to the Gallegos county line. The extension was necessitated by an error which was found in the contract.

Our farmers and stockmen are evidently still very busy if we are to judge by the non-crowded conditions of the Mason streets. Business is quite dull at present with all the business firms but it is hoped that the quietness now is a fore-runner to an enormous business a little later on.

Mr. Reader when you are in the market for anything it will always pay you to buy advertised goods. Patronize merchants who advertise. They know their goods will stand the closest inspection for they make it a point to buy goods that can be boosted as being "the best" to be had for the money, and it is always a pleasure to them to be able to back up an advertised statement. The next time you need something drop in to the store of an advertiser and question them along this line and see if what we have said is not a fact. Another thing about the advertiser you probably have not thought of is that the advertising man disposes of more goods than does the non-advertiser, consequently he has to restock oftener and every time he restocks he gets in new and fresh goods. This gives you more assurance as to the freshness and quality of his goods.

Used Inferior Leather in Army Shoes
Secret indictments, charging bribery of federal shoe inspectors and conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the manufacture of army shoes, have been returned by the federal grand jury against officers of two companies. It was alleged that inferior leather had been used in the making of the shoes at one of the plants.

Rural Carriers Kick.
Sangamon county (Illinois) rural mail carriers, docked a day's pay for celebrating the armistice last November, threaten to go before congress and stage an extra act in the war drama.

Never Ill; Dies at 115.
Agapito Madrid of Luz Canyon, N. M., died recently at the age of one hundred and fifteen years. His only ailment he had never been ill.

I have a lot of Cotton-Seed Oil Cake, which I can make you at a bargain. F. Lange, at O. K. Wagon Yard.

HUN OFFICIALS ARE GIVEN JOLT

Yankee Colonel Gives Foe Lesson to Respect U. S.

NOW WORKING IN HARMONY

Burgomaster and Province President, Sent for by American Army Officer, Send Secretaries in Their Place—Come Themselves on the Jump When Colonel Makes Things Plain—Reprimand Brings Co-operation.

The Prussian provincial and city authorities at Coblenz got an unpleasant surprise when they tried to equivocate with the American officers in charge of civil affairs. Now they are working in harmony and evidently with a wholesome respect for the straight-from-the-shoulder methods of the Americans.

After taking charge of the civil affairs end of the occupation Col. L. L. Hunt sent for the president of the province and the burgomaster for a conference. At the appointed hour the secretary of each of the dignitaries showed up at the conference room to represent these officials. Colonel Hunt immediately sent them back with a message that the president and the burgomaster should present themselves in person at his office within a half-hour. In about ten minutes the indignant officials appeared, protesting that their secretaries were empowered to speak for them.

Teaches Them Respect.
"When your secretaries have any business over here, they are at liberty to see my secretary," Colonel Hunt told them, "but when I send for you I want you." Then he gave the ruffled officials a bit of advice. In the midst of his talk the president arose and announced that he was forced to leave to keep an important appointment.

"What is this important appointment?" Colonel Hunt asked. The Prussian declared that it was a very important conference with a "man from Bonn."

"Sit down!" Hunt ordered. "There is only one more important appointment that you can have, and that is with General Dickman, commanding this army."

The uneasy official sat down and listened with attention to the remainder of Colonel Hunt's speech.

Reprimand Brings Co-operation.
"You fellows needn't presume because we treat you decently that it is a sign of weakness on our part. It is merely an indication of our patience. Our patience is not endless. Your government presumed upon our patience once too often in times past, and it lost you the war."

With these words ringing in their ears the two officials departed. Since that time they have co-operated with the American officers to the best of their ability.

IT USUALLY HAPPENS

Forced Into a Dice Game and Was a Winner.

Patrick O'Brien, just emerging from army service as a private, failed to impress automobile salesmen at Atlanta, when he looked the machines over until he dragged forth a roll a trifle larger than an inflated inner tube. After selecting a car to his liking, Patrick noted the attention his funds attracted, and explained, as follows:

"Some of the boys pushed me into a

dice game here against my wishes. They made some miscalculation, and while they were dragging out the dead and wounded my original \$11.50 had increased to \$3,100; oh, yes, and 10 cents. I just naturally beat it while the beatin' was good. And—there's the car and here's the money. I'm off for home down in Jacksonville."

OX IS COMING BACK

Slings Used by Blacksmiths Twenty Years Ago Make Reappearance.

The ox as a beast of burden is coming into his own again in the farming communities of Maine and the ox sling, an apparatus used by blacksmiths in shoeing the animals, long ago thrown into the discard, is in use again.

The sling consists of a rude frame of timber into which the animal is fastened by a pillory. Straps are then drawn under the body, the ends being made fast to upper timbers of the frame.

In blacksmith shops twenty years ago the slings were common.

Oxen are less expensive to feed than horses and are equally as useful on small farms, and the rising value of feed is having much to do with the comeback of the ox as a work animal.

The "Flivver Plane."

Introducing the "aerofliver," Capt. Ugo d'Annunzio's 20-foot airship, with a cruising period of two and one-half hours at 50 miles per, needs a name. Unofficially it is called the "flivver plane."

Took Town's Shoes.

Any old shoes today? New footwear for the whole town dropped out of a speeding automobile passing through Litchfield, Ill. Freight car thieves, police believe.

The News learns from Alice Reichman that his son, John, who was recently hurt in San Antonio, did not have a limb broken as was reported by the News, it afterwards being learned that his knee cap was knocked out of place instead of the leg being broken. He received some bad bruises about the face but they were not serious. The injuries were sustained when John got caught in an elevator shaft. Latest word is to the effect that he is getting along nicely.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere.

Harry Bierschwale.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap.

J. J. Johnson.

Messrs Chas. and C. W. Kothmann were here Tuesday from their ranch near Castell enroute for their ranch in Menard county. Each of them left their annual contribution with the News. Wilkes and Kennie returned home last Saturday from Oklahoma, where they had been looking after the fine steers which Mr. Chas. Kothmann had been pasturing there for some time. These steers were recently sold and delivered at \$125.00. They were four and five year olds and numbered 1200 head.

HOW TO AVOID BACKACHE AND NERVOUSNESS

Told by Mrs. Lynch From Own Experience.

Providence, R. I.—"I was all run down in health, was nervous, had headaches, my back ached all the time. I was tired and had no ambition for anything. I had taken a number of medicines which did me no good. One day I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it had done for women, so I tried it. My nervousness and backache and headaches disappeared. I gained in weight and feel fine, so I can honestly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman who is suffering as I was."



—Mrs. ADELINE B. LYNCH, 100 Plain St., Providence, R. I.
Backache and nervousness are symptoms or nature's warnings, which indicate a functional disturbance or an unhealthy condition which often develops into a more serious ailment.

Women in this condition should not continue to drag along without help, but profit by Mrs. Lynch's experience, and try this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—and for special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Commissioners Court of Mason County will sit as a Board of Equalization at the May term of court, which convenes on the second Monday of said month.

S. C. Brockman, Co. Clerk

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

THOMAS D. AMORY.
Second Lieutenant, 26th Infantry.
Lieutenant Amory (deceased) was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action near Verdun, France, October 2, 1918. Lieutenant Amory was detailed to lead a patrol on a hazardous and important mission of locating the main defense line of the enemy. Fighting his way under their heavy artillery and machine gun fire, and with no assistance from our batteries, he established his command two kilometers within the enemy territory. Although wounded and his small command badly cut to pieces and almost entirely surrounded, he refused to give up the ground he had taken, but by stubbornly resisting with his small detachment he finally succeeded in driving the enemy from this important position. His home was in Wilmington, Del.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

NELS WOLD.
Private, Co. I, 138th Infantry.
Private Wold (deceased) was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. Private Wold rendered most valiant service in aiding the advance of his company which had been held up by machine gun nests. He advanced with one other soldier and silenced the guns, bringing with him upon his return 11 prisoners. Later the same day he jumped from a trench and rescued a comrade who was about to be shot by a German officer, killing the officer during the exploit. His actions were entirely voluntary, and it was while attempting to rush a fifth machine gun nest that he was killed. The advance of his company was mainly due to his great courage and devotion to duty. His home address was Kelly Lake, Minn.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

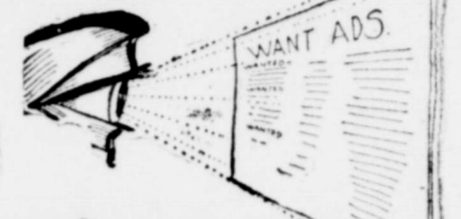
SIDNEY E. MANNING.
Corporal, Co. G, 167th Infantry.
Corporal Manning received the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry near Brevannes, France, July 28, 1918. Corporal Manning was in charge of an automatic rifle squad during an assault by his battalion on the strongly fortified heights overlooking the Ourcq river for the purpose of exploiting the successful passage of the stream. During the advance on the hill his platoon commander was killed and just as the crest was reached the platoon sergeant was wounded. Corporal Manning then assumed command of the platoon, which was near the center of the assaulting line and was meeting with desperate resistance. Though he himself was severely wounded and was the only survivor of his squad, this soldier led forward the 35 effectives remaining in the platoon against an enemy strong point which was wired, entrenched and defended by machine guns and dominated the entire Ourcq valley. He was repeatedly wounded, but he succeeded in getting a foothold at this strong point with but seven men remaining with him. While the latter consolidated their position under his direction, with the platoon on the flank, he held off a considerable number of the enemy 50 yards away by fire from his automatic rifle. He remained in this position until the entire line had been consolidated, when he crawled back to shelter, having received nine wounds. Mrs. Lizzie Manning, his mother, lives in Flomatin, Ala.

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Any woman who buys a bottle of Vinol for a weak, run-down, nervous condition and finds after giving it a fair trial it did not help her, will have her money returned.
You see, there is no guess work about Vinol. Its formula proves there is nothing like it for all weak, run-down, overworked, nervous men and women and for feeble old people and delicate children. Try it once convinced.
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THROUGH THE



WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—McCormick Harvester (mower and binder). Apply to Calvin Thaxton, Mason, Tex.

LOST—A crank to a Chevrolet car. Finder will please notify this office.

FOR SALE—Truck-Ford. Almost new and in good condition. For further particulars apply to W. C. Lehmburg, a17 Castell, Texas.

LOST—On night of March 27th at the C. C. Smith hall a diamond eck pin set in pearls. Finder notify Miss Ruby Bruce and receive reward. a17

FOR SALE—Our home in west end of town. One of the nicest places in town. See Henry Otte. a17t2

FOR SALE—Registered Merino Buck, type A. Wm. Kruse, Katemey, Tex. a10t4p

HARDY OPEN GROWN PLANTS

Now shipping leading varieties Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Post-paid, 500-\$2.00, 1000-\$3.50; Hot and Sweet Peppers, Eggplant, Beets 500-\$2.50, 1000-\$4.75; Cabbage Bermuda Onions, 500-\$1.25, 1000-\$2.00. Write or wire for Catalog and wholesale prices. Order early and notify us when to ship.
LIBERTY PLANT COMPANY, a3-4t Crystal City, Texas.

FOR SALE—My residence near the Christian church has large rooms and a hall. Have good well and windmill with water piped all over the place. Place consists of about one-half acre. Apply to Albert Priess, Mason, Texas. a3-4tp.

FURNISHED ROOMS—For rent Apply to Mrs. McDougall. m27

MY RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

Seven rooms, cellar and laundry room, good well, large underground cistern, good outbuildings, about three quarters acre of ground. Belle W. Bridges.

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me. Elgin O. Kothmann. 1131t

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have recently set their subscription figures ahead by paying the amount opposite their name, and we appreciate their remembering us very much. Many of our other readers follow their example:

- Geo. Eggenberger 1.50
- Howard Horn .75
- Chas. Kothmann 1.50
- C. W. Kothmann 1.50
- Roy B. Baird .50

DON'T BELIEVE

Anybody who tells you IMITATION mower repairs are just as good as GENUINE.
Farimore & Grote. a24

Announcement



The policy of the FORD MOTOR COMPANY to sell its cars for the lowest possible price, constant with dependable quality, is too well known to merit comment.

Therefore, because of present conditions there can be NO CHANGE in the prices of Ford cars.

Runabout	\$500
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Coupe	650
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Letters From Our Soldier Boys

From Ervin Smith

Andernach, Germany
March 22, 1919.

Dear Mason Friends:

As I have heard from a number of you both direct and indirect I will try and give you a brief story of my army life. It was August 1st, 1917 I entered the service at Fort Clark, Texas, on that beautiful border. We spent seven months there, and they were not idly spent, for we were doing some drilling, and a few hikes too. But army life really began on March the 4th, 1918 when orders came that we were part of the Third Division, and the time had come for us to leave the dear old U. S. A. Well I think every one was glad, for the Hun was what we were looking for. We reached camp Merritt N. J. March the 10th. After a weeks stay we sailed from Hoboken, N. J. Saw no subs. Sighted a floating mine early one morning which one of the gunners exploded. We landed at Bordeaux, France March 30th, there we fed up for four days then we took our Pullmans (8 horses or 40 men) for Chateaufort, France, a small village near Chaumont, at that time General Pershing's headquarters. At this place we spent two months training. It was here we were introduced to our gas masks and helmets, which we found later to be our best friends. The latter part of May we received orders to proceed to the Chateau-Thierry front.

On June the 3rd 1918 we entered active service with a French Division. It was here that we learned what the word WAR really meant. French hard bread, and Monkey meat along with bursting shells, gas and lots of mud. On July the 2nd our Captain and a corporal were killed which was quite a blow to the Company, but there was no time for mourning so on we went. On July the 12th we went in with our entire division opposing the Huns at Chateau-Thierry. After the second battle of the Marne the division was sent back for replacements, but in a week or so was ordered to St. Mihiel. Well Fritz did not amount to much here. But Oh, you Argonne! Where we spent the entire month of October. On October 16th I was forced to think Fritz had my number from the way he was hitting at me. One night the car I was driving had the rear end shot up pretty badly and the next day the lad on the seat beside me was taken off, and gas was all around. But at last

orders came for us to fall back for a few days rest, where we were when the good news came. But we were all packed and ready to start for the Metz drive when Fritz said enough.

Well on the 16th of November we took up the march for the Rhine, and on December the 10th we landed at Bacharach, where we spent several days then we proceeded down the river through Coblenz to our present location, Andernach where we expect to spend the future.

This is a very nice village on the banks of the Rhine, and a very old place too, a wall around the village and a watch tower erected between 1448 to 1452 is still in fairly good condition.

Well I will close this for fear it lands in the waste basket. With best wishes to all I remain Always a Mason boy, Ervin Smith.

From Alir d Steinmann

March 18, 1919
Abainville Meuse, France

Miss Minnie Steinmann,

I will drop you a few lines in answer to your nice letter, which was received and appreciated yesterday. As you request a few of my experiences, I am willing to tell you a few of them.

As you know I left the Dear Old U. S. A. September 1, 1918, and as it was the first time I ever crossed the ocean it was, of course, a very interesting trip. Our journey lasted 13 days which gave us a chance to see different birds and fish of the ocean. We came over on a British boat, and were fed by the British. I want to praise them for their knowledge of keeping food; I ate eggs that were older than I am. They are the opposite to the Indian. They let things spoil before they eat them, while the Indians eat them raw.

We landed in England where we stayed a couple days, then we completed our journey, which ended in being stationed in the war zone, in a small village by the name of Abainville, where we still are. We are shop engineers, building and repairing cars, keeping the front supplied.

I have not been on the firing line but I have seen the heavy artillery practice. I have heard the cannons roar and saw them travel through the air.

We had lots of pleasure and quite a few hardships, we slept in day time, we slept at night, we

slept in pop-tents, we slept in barracks, and we did not sleep at all. Up until now the weather was very disagreeable, but starting to get spring now. We have sunshine once in a while, and the birds start singing and the people plowing.

Well, going through all this we remained healthy, and this is what we learned: To wash our own clothes, sew on our own buttons, cook our own meals, wash our own dishes, make our own beds, sweep our own rooms, travel without vehicles, we can carry our home on our backs, we can do everything which will be a great help to our wives in later life.

Well, Sister, my time is limited and I must close. Write me often. With love and best wishes I am your brother,

Alfred Steinmann.

From August Willmann

Marolles, France

Mr. Ernest Willmann,

Dear Brother: On your request I shall try to put a few thoughts on paper about my experience over here in France.

Our voyage across the deep blue sea was a most lucky one. First, I had the opportunity to sail on the biggest ship afloat, the "Vaterland." It had eighteen thousand soldiers on board besides her own crew, and second, we didn't get to see any German submarines. After we were on the water for eight days we came to Brest, France. Let me tell you land certainly looked good to me, after seeing nothing but water for so long a time. Here we stayed for about a week, and had my first experience with French people.

One day I thought I would buy a couple of eggs and have eggs for supper. There was a woman across the street who had some to sell. So I went there and asked her how much they would cost, and she said "cinquante centimes" and I didn't know what she said so I asked her again. Finally she made me understand that she wanted ten cents in our money or fifty centimes in French money for one egg. I bought two and paid twenty cents for them, and after investigating, found one rotten. So I had one egg for twenty cents.

When we left Brest, we had a three days ride in a cattle car, and came to Bar-Sur-Aube. Here the 36th Division Headquarters was stationed, but my organization was stationed at Ligny, about five kilos from Bar-Sur-Aube. At this place we stayed little better than a month, and took the drilling which I was in need of.

From there we went on our way, to the front, hiking, and believe me, it was hiking. The further I

hiked the heavier my pack seemed to get. After being three days on the road we came to a little town, by the name of Vraux. Here we stayed several days. The German Airplanes dropped several bombs in this town before we came and during the time we were there the enemies made several airplane raids on the town, but Uncle Sam was prepared for them and kept them back.

From Vraux we went hiking to more dangerous places which continued for four days, then we landed in the trenches. Most of this hiking was done at night. On this trip we saw the ruins of war, the barbed wire entanglements, trenches from three to eight feet deep, shell holes of all sizes, some big enough for a whole squad (eight) of soldiers to find protection from the enemy machine gun fire. We found graves of our brave comrades who fell in this Great War for their country.

When we landed in the trenches we were in reserve for one day, and the next night we took the front line trenches. Here I had my first experience with gas. A gas cloud was put over by the enemy, and everybody hollered, "Gas! Gas!" And we put on our gas masks, but it was hard to crawl through bushes and sharpnel holes with the mask on. Finally the gas ceased and we could take it off again.

The next morning at about nine-thirty o'clock the most serious command I ever heard was given and that was, "Go over the top." And we all went like one man. Some fell, others were wounded, but the Lord Almighty protected me, and had me go through this war without getting a scratch, for which I am thankful. Although the sharpnel fell close, and the machine gun bullets hit right at me, I was not hit.

After the first days advancing we came to a big field at about sundown, and we dug in and stayed all night. That night at about three o'clock my corporal came to my little dugout and told me to patrol to the right and find out what was there. I didn't hesitate the command, although I would much rather have stayed where I was. But I went where I was commanded to go. After I had gone some hundred yards in the dark and couldn't find anything I returned, reported to my corporal and went back to my little dugout home. I had just laid down in it when the bullets came right over me, hitting the ground all around me.

In the morning at day break we went over the top again. But this time the enemy was retreating, and we kept on advancing without much fighting. I think we must have frightened them too badly the day before. We kept this up for three days, advancing so fast that our rolling kitchens and grub wagons couldn't keep up with us, so we didn't get to see them for three days and nights. The third night I dug my hole again on the side of a hill. I was hungry thirsty and worn out from climbing hills and wading through mud.

The next morning we didn't advance very far, for we had already advanced too far according to the sectors to our right and left. So we only held the line for seventeen days. Here we didn't have any hand to hand fighting, but we had plenty of barrages laid over by the enemy's artillery.

After we served our time we hiked back to a rest camp, which cost us five days hiking. But I sure was glad to go back where I was out of danger. While we were

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DALLAS, TEXAS

at a rest camp the Armistice was signed, which everybody was glad to hear.

I better not write you every thing, or I won't have anything to tell you when I get home. All this happened on the Champaign front. I am now at a small town, Marolles, in the state Yonne, about twelve kilometers northwest of Tonnerre, France.

I received your letter yesterday. Was very glad to hear that you all were still well. Will close. With best regards I am your loving brother.

August Willmann.

Gives Wife Adler-i-ka

"My wife was pronounced incurable by physicians unless operated (complicated bowel trouble). I began giving Adler-i-ka and she is improving. I shall continue until she is cured." (Signed) J. H. Underwood, Marion, Ala.

Adler-i-ka empties BOTH upper and lower bowel, flushing ENTIRE alimentary canal. Removes ALL foul matter which poisons system. Often cures CONSTIPATION. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Mason Drug Company.

A. W. Koock left last Thursday for Austin and San Antonio to be away about a week.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

Use the want ads in the News.

Oscar Wartenbach and wife came in last Friday from San Antonio. Oscar has been discharged from the army about a month but has been residing in San Antonio. They will leave in a short time for Oklahoma to look after some of Mrs. Wartenbach's property there.

Cleaning, pressing and dying. Hats cleaned and reblocked. Hensch, The Tailor.

Messrs John and Frank Geistweid were here last Saturday from their ranches in the Hilda section.

VULCANIZING GUARANTEED

When your tires rim-cut, blow out, or need re-treading send them to us. We fix anything in the tire or tube line that is worth fixing. If it is not worth fixing we frankly tell you so. We make a specialty of half-soling tires and make the half-soles by hand in our own shop, and we vulcanize them on so they will not come loose or rim-cut. We do not charge any war tax because the work is all done by hand in our shop and does not carry any war tax.

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31x4 12.50	32x4 15.00
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33x4 15.00	34x4 20.85
34x4 16.00	35x4 22.50
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All Druggists

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If no certificate was issued, but both certificate, and order if both were issued, the paper bearing indorsement of final payment being required; (b) a statement of all military service since April 6, 1917, showing place and date of reporting at first military station, and (c) the address to which the check should be sent.

Inquiries concerning deliveries of Liberty bonds purchased by allotments from army pay should be addressed to the zone finance officer, Washington, D. C.

Claims for arrears of pay due a deceased officer or enlisted man at time of death should be addressed to the auditor for the war department, Washington, D. C.

All claims for insurance, unpaid family allowances and compensation for death or disability, under the war risk insurance act should be made direct to the bureau of war risk insurance, treasury department, Washington, D. C. Considerable time will be saved if all such claims are dispatched direct rather than to the war department, which does not pay such claims, but refers them to the bureau of war risk insurance, treasury department, and the mistake of addressing such claims to the war department only results in considerably delaying their settlement.

Allotments of pay when no government allowance is concerned, are paid through the army allotment system, war department, and inquiries concern-

ing such claims should be addressed to the zone finance officer, Washington, D. C.

The fact that there is no necessity to employ attorneys or other claim agents to assist in collecting claims of soldiers or their beneficiaries applies just as emphatically to war risk insurance claims as to army pay, travel pay and bonus against the war department.

Red Cross Will Assist.

The department of orphan relief, American Red Cross, through its home service sections, is glad to assist all discharged officers and soldiers, or their beneficiaries, who have claims against the government in making out any necessary papers or correspondence.

The bureau of war risk insurance urges the following points to be observed:

"In writing to the bureau of war risk insurance with reference to a claim for compensation or insurance on account of death or disability, address your letter as follows: Compensation and Claims Division, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C. In case you are writing about a death claim, give the full name, rank and organization in the service of the deceased person, and if he died in the service, the date of his death, and if he died after discharge from the service, the date of his discharge.

"If he had insurance and you know the insurance certificate number, state the insurance certificate number also in your communication. If you are a disabled man discharged from the service, or are writing on behalf of a man disabled in the service, state the full name, rank, and organization in the service and the date of discharge from the service, and in every instance give the man's correct home address and the address to which a reply should be directed by the bureau of war risk insurance."

Traced the Pantalettes.

The only description the Minneapolis police had of Dolly Ellsbury, nineteen, was that she wore green pantalettes. They found 'em on a clothes line. She confessed robbery.

John Bohonclust of the Fly Gap section lost his house and household goods by fire on Wednesday of last week. It is said that he saved practically nothing. The News failed to learn the cause of the fire.

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We can save you money on Tires. McCollum Auto Co.

Louis C. Probst for hardware and racket goods. Phone 186.

Messrs Chas. and Walter Martin and Mesdames Anna Martin and Bertha Todd spent a few days at Los Moros ranch last week returning home Friday. They report it getting very dry in that section and say that rain is being needed very much.

INDIANS SEEK UPLIFT

Those Living in One Village Would Better Themselves.

Natives of Hoonah, an Indian village near Juneau, Alaska, have recently taken such radical steps toward an advancing trend of civilization that their native villages are wondering what they will try next.

First the Hoonah tribe abolished the elder business, an apparently harmless one, but one which was said to have caused much trouble among the natives. Next the Hoonah natives declined to attend an Indian feast at Swanson Harbor, thereby hoping to discourage the giving of feasts and continuing of ancient customs.

After electing a native council Hoonah built a jail and a hospital.

Whether as a reward for these signs of progress or not, the forestry department has agreed to send an agent to survey Hoonah townsite, so that each native may receive title to a building lot.

H. O. Brockman was in town last Saturday from his farm east of town he informs us that his son Hugh is now employed by a big Oil Company at Eastland and is running a concrete mixer at a salary of \$4.50 per day.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere. Harry Bierschwale.

Curtis McWilliam reached home last Saturday from Camp Bowie from which place he received his discharge from the U. S. Army. Curtis spent about 8 months with the Expeditionary Forces.

Dr. Le Gears Stock Powders, Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company a17

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson. a10

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

C. F. Lee was in from his farm north of town last Saturday and says that his cotton is up and doing fine. He has about 16 acres planted in cotton.

GATTLERS AND FARMERS

Why let your horses and cattle die when Salvat or Dr. LeGears Stock Powders might save them? Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company. a17

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HOW TO OBTAIN BACK ARMY PAY

War Department Warns Soldiers Lawyers Are Needless.

RED CROSS WILL ASSIST

Full Instructions Are Given Telling How Discharged Officers and Enlisted Men May Collect Arrears in Pay—Claims for Insurance and Allowances Should Be Sent to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

It has come to the attention of the war department that the claims of many discharged officers and enlisted men for arrears in pay are being forwarded to the director of finance by attorneys and other claim agents. Without questioning such procedure, it is desired to emphasize the fact that the settlement of any claims received as above is not expedited but, on the contrary, is delayed by reason of the additional filing and handling of the necessary papers of the agent or intermediary. The claim of the soldier is all that is required, and such claim should be submitted directly to the discharged officer or soldier to the war department, which will give the aforesaid claims as prompt and careful consideration as possible. Any fee paid by the soldier to an attorney or claim agent is a needless expense.

Attention is invited to the fact that claims for arrears in pay, including travel pay, should be sent to the director of finance, Washington, D. C.

How to Get \$50 Bonus.

Claims for the \$50 bonus authorized by the act of February 24, 1919, should be sent to the zone finance officer, Lemon building, Washington. The application for bonus should be accompanied by (a) the discharge certificate or order for discharge or release.

MONEY TO LEND

We represent one of the best Loan Companies in the State and are in a position to make favorable loans on Mason County Stock Farms and Ranch Lands

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ATTENTION!

We are now prepared to do your half-soleing also your tire and tube vulcanizing. We guarantee our work and work at moderate prices. Phone us your wants.

WALKER & WALKER, Mason, Texas.

BARNES IS ASKED TO HANDLE 1919 CROP

Grain Corporation Chief Urged by Wilson to Control Coming Harvest.

President Wilson, acting on a recommendation of Herbert Hoover, food administrator, has requested Julius H. Barnes, president of the grain corporation of the United States food administration, to head an organization for handling the 1919 wheat crop under the congressional guarantees.

Mr. Barnes was a leading grain exporter in the United States, but he gave up his entire business connections to join Hoover's team of volunteers at the beginning of the war.

He was chief of the cereal division of the food administration and also president of the grain corporation formed by the food administration under the Lever act to handle the wheat crops of 1917 and 1918, and also to act as the food administration's agency for the purchase and distribution of great volumes of foodstuffs for the army and navy, for the allies, for the Belgian relief commission and latterly for the American relief administration.

The corporation's capital of \$150,000,000 belongs to the government and is intact for the new purpose.

This comprises another step in the liquidation of the food group of which relief and sugar equalizations and food are the principal functions now remaining. Mr. Hoover will continue to act as chairman of the sugar board until the sugar contracts have been completed and of the grain corporation until July 1, after which Mr. Barnes will become the responsible director to the president.

Mr. Hoover, of course, will continue as director general of relief on be-

half of the allied and American governments until next summer's harvest in Europe, when it is expected the critical period in the world's food supplies will be passed and the wholesale feeding of the famine districts of Europe no longer will be necessary.

TROOPS NEED MAGAZINES

Pershing Asks That Public Continue Its Donations.

The soldiers overseas are asking for more reading matter. General Pershing has cabled the request that more magazines be sent to the Americans on duty in France and in other countries in Europe. The general says the boys need interesting reading matter as never before.

The supply of magazines has been reduced from ten to two tons a month due to misapprehension of the public that magazines could not be sent under the one cent postage ruling. Some magazines inadvertently dropped the line announcing that publications would be carried overseas under a one-cent stamp. The ruling is still in force and magazines are asked to print it again in the upper right hand corner of the first page.

In order that the shortage may be quickly overcome individuals are asked to double and triple the number of magazines they previously were accustomed to send.

CITY MEAT MARKET

Choiceest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides. W. A. Zesch, Prop.

The Mason National Bank's new building continues to go up right along and is gradually taking on the appearance of a building. Inside plastering is to be started right away and it is now thought that the building will be ready for occupancy by the first part of June.

BLINDED HEROES BEING MADE OVER

Notable Progress Made at Baltimore Institution.

DESPAIR TURNED TO HOPE

They Come to Evergreen Downhearted Weary Lads and in Short Time Become Cheerful and Hopeful—Pass Through Period of Mental Readjustment and Physical Adaptation Before They Can Weigh Plans for Future.

Every now and then one meets a young soldier on the streets of Baltimore stepping along briskly, his arm interlocked with that of a bright young woman. The overseas stripes on the soldier's left sleeve attract attention, which is intensified by one or two wound stripes on his right sleeve. His step is buoyant, and a persistent smile lights up his face. One looks again and again to be convinced that the soldier is sightless.

He is one of the boys from Evergreen, known officially as General Hospital No. 7 for Blinded Soldiers, and is out for exercise with one of the young women who are giving their efforts to bring new sight to the lads who have sacrificed their eyes for the world's safety. There are many such sightless, but all are cheerful and hopeful, in marked contrast to the downhearted, weary lads who came to Evergreen a month or so ago. These blind have been recreated at Evergreen, for they have been rendered self-dependent, efficient and hopeful.

Lauded by Sir Arthur Pearson. This is the result of the training at Evergreen, which Sir Arthur Pearson, the famous English expert, himself blind, on a recent visit here, declared to be equal to that at his own St. Dunstan's hospital in England.

Evergreen was donated to the government by Mrs. T. Harrison Garrett, daughter-in-law of the late John W. Garrett.

Mrs. J. Mayhew Wainwright, who has made her home in New York for many years, but whom Maryland considers her own, is the hostess at Evergreen. Now that the wounded are being returned to our shores the number of her guests increases daily.

During their first days they are ill at ease and uncomfortable in their surroundings, but a few days make a wonderful change in their lives. Their steps become surer and they gain confidence in themselves that is good to see.

The patients are either totally blind or have such defective vision that they are precluded from re-entrance into usual occupations, or even normal life, without some training. So completely will their lives be changed that it is necessary for them to pass through a period of mental readjustment and physical adaptation before they can thoughtfully weigh plans for the future.

The difficulties confronting the instructors can be appreciated only when it is understood that the blind have to be taught even the simplest conventions of life, such as walking with freedom, handling their food and dressing. There are courses to teach the men "how to be blind," to teach them that, though blind, they are still normal men.

The school authorities have provided courses in wage-earning occupations. Among the courses are physical training, fundamental handtraining, reading and writing of Braille, and typewriting. Physical training includes personal hygiene, swimming, bowling, outdoor sports and gymnasium exercises. There are courses in basketry, weaving, netting, chair-canning and carpentry. No trade is considered that has not economic advantages for both employer and blind employee. Efficiency is the watchword.

Business and Office Training. It appears quite probable that commercial work will have to be the most serious occupational effort, and with this idea comprehensive courses in business economics, salesmanship, office management, use of mechanical office equipment and the principles of accounting and bookkeeping, are being developed.

Agricultural courses are to be established for those who have rural homes. Not only are the men trained, but positions are found for them.

A recreational leader provides entertainment for the men during their free time. Dances, music, theatricals and musicales are important.

DO YOU KNOW.

Larimore & Grote are the only dealers in Mason who sell GENUINE Deering & McCormick repairs for mowers. a24

Tell the News the news.

TAKE FOOD ALONG ON TOUR OF BELGIUM

Bulletin to Prospective Visitors Advises Them to Carry About Everything Needed.

Interesting sidelights on present day conditions in Belgium are given in an official Belgian bulletin, containing advice to repatriates and others going to Belgium.

"The first commodity you must absolutely take with you," says the bulletin, "is patience and no small quantity either. Life is by no means easy and cannot be easy till, later, when the reconstruction of Belgium has actually begun.

"Since there is at present no wool or cotton nor garments of any kind, nor shoes except at fabulous prices, be careful to renew your wardrobe and to provide yourself with enough wool for your bedding.

"Ladies, do not forget—this is a most valuable piece of advice—to carry thread, needles and pins. Also, since paper has reached an extraordinary value in Belgium, be sure to take boxes of writing paper, pens, ink, and as much ordinary paper as your trunks will hold. You will find you have saved about 100 per cent on your stock.

"As far as food and provisions are concerned, do not hesitate to provide yourselves with as much sugar as you can get. There are some suburbs in Brussels where no sugar has been distributed for six weeks. As for butter, it has disappeared since the government brought the price down to \$1.70. The farmers prefer to sell milk rather than save it for butter, and as a consequence not a single pound is displayed in the shop windows. Margarine does not even exist any more, so bring some of each.

"Though Brazil sends us coffee it still costs a dollar a pound. There is no cocoa left at all, nor candy, nor preserves, etc. Ham is not so scarce, but very dear."

INSIGNIA STOPS BULLET

It Lodged in the Metal Service Insignia of a Soldier.

Where the chicken gets the ax a stray bullet struck First Lieut. J. S. McCune, chemical war works service. His collar insignia saved him from serious injury. The 22-caliber bullet lodged in the metal service insigniator. Lieutenant McCune, who formerly was commandant of the gas school at Camp Zachary Taylor, was walking along the Newburg road at Louisville when he stopped the leaden missile. He heard it whistle and felt it strike. He searched for the person who had fired it, but without success. Returning to his quarters he told Lieutenant Blanford of his narrow escape. "I looked for the bullet after it struck me but could not locate it," he said.

Lieutenant Blanford inspected Lieutenant McCune's collar, where he said he had been shot. He discovered the small bullet imbedded in his insignia. The force of the bullet inflicted a slight bruise on the officer's neck. He will not wear a wound stripe.

GIVE THEIR PASTOR AUTO

Congregation Didn't Like the One He Was Using.

The Rev. A. Lee Wilson, pastor of Wyoming Presbyterian church at Cincinnati, was visited by the members of the "board," all of whom wore a stern look. "We have come to tell you that you have one fault that we cannot overlook," said the spokesman.

"What is that fault?" asked the disturbed pastor.

"That you spend too much time driving a flivver. You are seen too much in your 'Lizzie,'" said the deacon.

"But I—"

"We don't want any excuses," urged the board member. "We didn't come here for excuses, but rather to er—make you a present of something we have in front of your house."

The preacher was escorted to a new high-powered automobile, the gift of his congregation.

Husband Got Shirt.

Mrs. Omar L. Robertson of English, Ind., wife of a soldier in France, several months ago made one shirt for the United States army quartermaster's department. At that time her husband was at home and he laughingly remarked he might have to wear the shirt when he joined the army. Not long ago Robertson landed in France. He drew supplies of clothing and one of the shirts issued to him was that made by his wife. He has returned to her the tag she placed upon it when sending it to the quartermaster's department.

Man Has a Farm and Reared a Family of Nine Children.

To have operated a farm and reared a family of nine children without the aid of a woman is the feat of Frank Trautloff, who has sold his farm and is retiring to a home which he recently purchased in Atchison, Kan.

The older five of the nine children are boys, and Mr. Trautloff, after the death of his wife, 15 years ago, did all their mending as well as the housework and cooking in addition to having successfully managed the farm. He has retired from the farm to send the younger children to high school.

Recluse Leaves \$4,000.

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There are two peace conferences in session now. Mitchell (S. D.) High school modern history class is conducting a fully organized duplicate of the Paris affair. Every country is represented.

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Literary Burglar.

A literary burglar who visited Hartford, Mich., one night stole 100 volumes of classical literature from the home of Miss W. B. Ottoman. The books taken included works by Chaucer, Milton, Dante and Shakespeare Jewelry and other valuables in the home were not molested.

Adolph Schultze was here last Saturday from his farm on the Llano river and paid the News a pleasant call. He informed us that a recent letter from his son, Arthur, who is with the army of occupation in Germany, stated that the Germans are now paying as high as \$500 for American Artillery horses.

Highway Engineer Haberer returned Tuesday from a business trip to Austin. He was accompanied on the trip by Alex Grose and Roscoe Runge.

Jim Brown reports having had a fire at his home last Tuesday about noon which did several dollars worth of damage to his roof before he got it extinguished. The fire started from a spark which fell from the chimney and happened to fall on a lot of dry leaves which had accumulated on the roof.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson. a19

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell and children of Menard came down last Saturday and remained over until Monday, spending Easter Sunday with Mrs. Grandstaff.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. 6-6 Mayhew Produce Co.

LITTLE GIRL'S HARD LIFE

She Has Had Influenza, Pneumonia and Abscesses on Her Lungs.

Ill luck seems to be the portion of little Marie Davis, not yet six years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, who live in the country near Fostoria, Ohio. Influenza, pneumonia, abscessed lungs, necessitating an operation, is the record of the little girl within the past two weeks.

But that is not all. Marie is known throughout this section of the country for her sad experience with burglars when she was still a baby. Burglars visited the Davis home at midnight several years ago, and the father hearing them, arose and surprised them at their work. Mr. Davis lit a lamp and a burglar shot it out.

During the interchange of shots one bullet grazed the cheek of the sleeping Marie, cutting a gash three inches long, which has left a disfiguring scar.

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If you have made a few hundred dollars in a business deal or a lucky speculation **DEPOSIT THEM IN A BANK AT ONCE.**

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Texas News

The Texas Dental Society meets in Waco this week.

Wharton County has voted \$100,000 in bonds for school buildings.

Polk County has voted \$800,000 in bonds for road improvements.

The Texas Cotton Seed Crushers Association will hold their convention in Galveston June 10-11.

The total cotton ginning for Fort Bend County during the 1918 season amounted to 57,277 bales.

There are so many oil fields in Texas just now that nearly every county in the state is reworked.

A total of 2,197,753 barrels of refinery products was shipped out of Port Arthur by water in March, according to information made public this week.

The attorney general has just approved the following bonds: \$10,000 for the Harwood Independent County Line School District; \$100,000 road bonds for Coleman County.

Mrs. Hortense Ward has notified the state industrial accident board that her resignation as secretary will become effective on May 1 instead of June 1, as originally specified.

The Dallas County good roads convention went on record as favoring a bond issue of \$6,500,000, to be used in reconstructing 332 miles of the important arteries of traffic within the next five years.

Fire insurance companies operating in Texas had their best year since 1913 in 1918. Last year the loss ratio was but 50.5 per cent. In other years it has mounted much higher. In 1913 it was 49.8 per cent.

The second annual meeting of the Rural Welfare League of Texas to be held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College June 25 to 28 will have an exceptionally strong program, and a large number of delegates are expected to be in attendance.

An opinion rendered by the attorney general's department of Texas is that the county depository is only entitled to retain the county deposits sixty days from the day the commissioners court convenes at the February term thereof next following each general election.

More than 20,000 pounds of ground pecan shells, used to adulterate coffee, has so far been recovered and destroyed by the pure food department of Texas, says Pure Food Commissioner R. H. Hoffman. These shells have been used quite extensively in adulterating coffee and the department has been trying with considerable success to break up the practice.

Probably one of the largest campaigns of education and publicity ever attempted in Texas has been perfected by the bureau of venereal diseases of the state health department acting with the United States public health service, the joint work being under the direction of Dr. H. C. Hall, as state director. In a report Dr. Hall shows that the campaign has gone to 1,128,785 persons with 1,335,800 presentations.

Commissioners courts have no authority to issue bonds to construct "dirt roads" under chapter 2, title 18, R. S. 1911, the attorney general holds in an opinion. The opinion holds that counties are authorized to take over bonded debts of road districts therein, to issue bonds to pay for district roads constructed and to further construct roads, to the end that district roads may be connected up and merged into a general county system.

The tick eradication law is being enforced in all parts of Gillespie County. Dipping commenced April 1, and up to the present 1,192 herds of cattle, numbering 20,606 head, had been dipped. In the county there are 86 concrete vats available for dipping. Fifty-two of these were built since February. There are about 6000 head yet to dip.

At this time there are five accountants at work checking the books of the state treasury since 1908. The cash and bonds have been checked. There was approximately \$500,000 in cash in the vaults and \$23,000,000 in bonds belonging to the various funds, principally the school fund.

Renewed interest in the building of good roads throughout Texas is one of the results of the war's end. The demand for good roads everywhere never was greater nor was there ever a time when the demand on good roads were as great as they are at present. Study of Texas road problems reveals the fact that the average country road was built for conditions which have been outgrown.

BANKHEAD HIGHWAY, THE ALL-TEXAS ROUTE, CHOSEN

Seventy-Five Million Bond Issue Approved—Hot Springs Gets Next Convention.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—The Bankhead National Highway Association adjourned sine die Friday. Hot Springs was chosen as the convention city for 1920.

T. S. Plowman, president; J. A. Rountree, general secretary; L. G. Jones, treasurer, and W. W. Heaton, all of Alabama were re-elected.

The closing hours were more or less turbulent over the dominating question of the route west of Memphis. This was finally decided in favor of the "all Texas" route via Texarkana, Dallas and Abilene to El Paso.

On Sunday afternoon a pathfinding party left Mineral Wells to recommend a route for the Bankhead highway from El Paso to San Diego, Cal. This party consisted of W. O. Eldridge, United States government engineer; A. G. Batchelder, executive secretary American Automobile Association; C. B. Easley, clerk to the post-office and postal road committee, United States senate; T. S. Plowman, president Bankhead Association. The party will be in charge of J. A. Rountree.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Good Roads convention:

"Whereas, The construction of good roads of permanent type is recognized as an essential factor in the industrial and economic development and material prosperity of the country, and of unequal importance in providing social advantages and in facilitating popular educational advancement among our people; and,

"Whereas, The congress of the United States has, through liberal appropriations for road construction in the States of the Union, declared a fixed national policy of federal participation in the development of state highways; and,

"Whereas, The State of Texas has, in the establishment of a state highway department, and the inauguration of a policy for the collection of funds for road construction in co-operation with the political subdivisions of the state, and in the distribution of federal funds, declared a permanent policy for the designation and construction of a system of state highways; and

"Whereas, The funds available for public highway construction from present sources is recognized as inadequate to meet the requirements of highway building in a state of the great area of Texas, and the legislature having submitted to the people an amendment to the constitution of the state authorizing the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 to be expended in aiding the construction of a system of highways of permanent character; therefore be it

"Resolved by this convention assembled, That we indorse the proposed constitutional amendment embodied in house joint resolution No. 13, providing for the issuance of bonds to aid in the construction of a state system of permanent highways and urge the people of the state to give the amendment their cordial support.

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to formulate and submit a plan for the creation of a state highway organization for the purpose of presenting to the voters of the State of Texas the merits of house joint resolution No. 13 providing for the issuance of bonds of the state in a sum not to exceed \$75,000,000 to be expended in aid of the construction of a system of state highways, and that the chairman of this convention be authorized to appoint such organization committee, composed of 15 members, whose duty shall be to submit plans for a State organization in behalf of the said constitutional amendment, such committee to report at such time and place as the majority thereof may determine."

General Blanquet Killed.

Mexico City.—General Aureliano Blanquet, war minister in President Huerta's cabinet, who recently was reported to have landed in the Vera Cruz region for the purpose of starting a revolution against the Carranza government, was killed Thursday, in a fight near Chavaxtla Village, according to press reports from Vera Cruz.

No Intervention in Russia.

London.—No intervention in Russia, no recognition of bolshevism and the fulfillment of his election promises, including those relating to indemnity from the enemy powers and punishment of the former German emperor, were the outstanding features of the report which Premier Lloyd George brought from Paris and delivered to the house of commons Wednesday.



THE SMOOTHEST SMOKING TOBACCO

"WHEN I go fishin' I want fish that bite, and tobacco that don't."

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"Bite" in tobacco comes either from poor leaf or wrong "ripening."

We use for VELVET only the finest Kentucky Burley. But we don't stop there.

We put millions of pounds of this tobacco away every year, in wooden hogsheads, for Nature to patiently ripen and mellow.

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The VELVET way makes the friendlier kind of tobacco. You can always go to it for comfort without a "come-back."

Get chummy with VELVET today.

Laggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Roll a VELVET Cigarette

VELVET'S nature-aged mildness and smoothness make it just right for cigarettes.



If you would like to have accident or health insurance, I have just the kind of a policy you need. No trouble to show and explain the different policies and quote premiums. Martin D. Loring, agent for the Maryland Assurance Corporation.

Dirigible balloons would have ended the war in a victory for the allies if it had not ended in a victory for them by arms. On the day the armistice was signed there was on the docks at New York the first shipment of helium gas destined for use in dirigibles on the battle front from the gas fields at Petrolia, Texas. This gas will neither explode nor burn. It was a war time development in the United States and its manufacture at Petrolia and Fort Worth had proceeded so far at that time that a constant supply was in sight.

BOX SUPPER

There is to be a Box Supper at the Crossville School House on next Saturday night, April 26. All girls are requested to fix boxes and the boys are requested to bring their pocket books. The public is invited to attend.

L. B. Eckert, one of our big stockmen of the Hilda section, was a business visitor in Mason last Wednesday and paid the News a pleasant call. He left us a letter for publication which was written by his son, Wesley, who is with the Expeditionary Forces in France.

LAUNDRY.

I represent the Texas Steam Laundry of San Antonio and solicit your business. All work first class. Basket leaves every Tuesday.

Hensch, The Tailor.

The News' facilities for doing first class job work is unsurpassed. Bring us your orders.

PIGS GET INTOXICATED

Fed Upon Great Quantities of Rice and Corn Mash.

Reports that a herd of pigs was acting in an unseemly manner on a hog ranch near Auburn, Wash., led to an investigation by county authorities and federal sleuths who are trawling liquor law violators. The porkers were found to be in an intoxicated condition, some of the herd being close to the stage when cerise striped zebras, azure-blue baboons and Nile green ant eaters might have caused unrest in the pens.

The condition of the herd was found to have been due to the pigs having been fed vast quantities of rice and corn liquor mash, which had been dumped from vats when an adjoining farm had been raided and Japanese were found to be operating a whisky still in a wholesale manner.

A veterinary was summoned to assist the pigs through the hangover stage.

Sperm Whale in Monterey Bay.

The first sperm whale found on the Pacific coast in 40 years was discovered in Monterey bay by rock cod fishermen, who found the carcass of Point Pinos. The fishermen reported that the whale—which was 65 feet long—had been killed by a species of dolphin called the "killer." Its tongue had been eaten out. The whale was towed in and sold to a Los Angeles fish company, and ten barrels of cast oil were obtained from its head.

BARBER NOTICE.

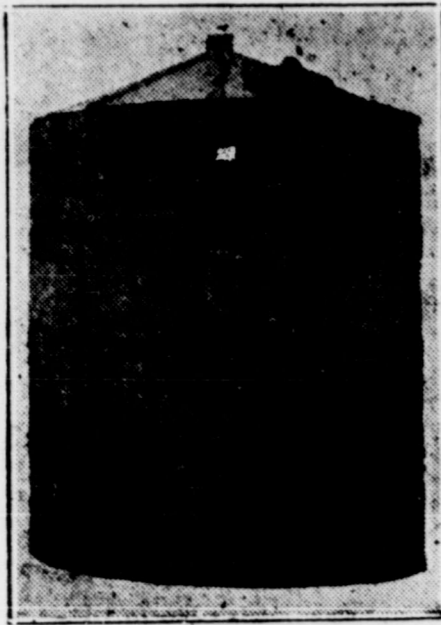
I am now owner of the Holmes King barber shop and ask a liberal share of your patronage. Give me a trial. Harry Plueneke.

AIRPLANES EXPECTED

The Mason Commercial Club is having a large tract of land in Wm. Willmann's pasture cleared in order that the land may be used as a landing place for airplanes. It is expected that two war planes will visit Mason during the present Liberty Loan Drive. The exact date the planes are to come has not yet been determined. It is likely to be one day next week however. John T. Banks, County Chairman for the Liberty Loan, will arrange to have a special rally day for the selling of bonds on the day the planes visit Mason.

Alonzo Gipson (col) is said to be in a very critical condition. The negro and Lewis Bruce became involved in a fight a few days ago and Bruce beat the negro severely with a club, partially crushing the skull and inflicting other injuries of a serious nature. The quarrel is supposed to have been started when the negro failed to pay a debt, according to the News' information.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, Etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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T. E. Matheny, one of our good farmers of the Behrens section was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday.

John Brandenberger was here last Saturday from his ranch below town. He says that rain is being needed in his section.

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are receiving the greatest attention. The comparatively few teachers in Paris who are familiar with these dances are worked overtime from one week's end to the other. Among these teachers there are said to be several French pollus who, as members of missions, visited the United States during the war and there acquired a knowledge of the American dances.

In the very exclusive set of Paris a certain well-known dancer is reported to be reaping a harvest. He teaches stately French dames with mature daughters and very young girls who have not yet been introduced to society. For such lessons he is said to receive 250 francs, or \$50.

Teach American Dances.
One of the largest revues now showing in Paris has announced the inclusion of a special dancing act in which American dances will be taught from the stage by an American couple, both well-known dancers in New York. On the famous Boulevard des Champs Elysees two salons have been opened and on several nights in the week one may see a long line of motors and taxicabs drawn up in front of these establishments waiting to carry home the Parisian business man, his wife and daughter who have been spending the evening in learning to dance.

And as in everything else which has to do with pleasure, the French people have entered into the spirit of the dance with all the joyousness of youth and are having great fun in learning the American steps. Four years was a long time to abstain from dancing, but the French faithfully observed the rule against dancing in wartime. Now that Germany has been defeated and the signing of peace not far distant they feel they are justified in resuming dancing.

London danced during the war "to forget the war." Paris now dances in an attempt to realize peace. In fact, all Europe is now dancing; dancing all the foolish, crazy steps which can be conceived, as if in a strenuous effort to make up for the pleasure lost during the world struggle.

To give an idea of the wealth of color and decoration with which the Parisian salons are surrounded, it might be interesting to look in on one place which is proving popular. It is typical in its atmosphere of the spirit of the moment. A French pollu, not yet demobilized, is its director, and he has indeed evolved a unique temple of dancing.

The motif of the salon is Chinese, I suppose. That strange, deep Chinese yellow serves as coloring for the walls, with futuristic apple blossoms painted on them. The woodwork is a dull, heavy black, nothing more. Long black curtains, striped with yellow ribbon, hang from the windows. There

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are inner curtains of gold silk. A musician's alcove is hid by gold tissue curtains.

Jazz Bands All the Rage.
The whole room rather intoxicates one and many a conservative soul would not care to dance there. But it is modern and more or less accurately reflects the mood in which Parisians are resuming the dance. The salon actually shrieks jazz, and jazz dancing, with all it implies, is certainly the vogue in Paris.

And speaking of jazz it is interesting to note that no music hall, revue or vaudeville show is quite complete in Paris unless it boasts in large letters "Complete American Jazz Band." These jazz bands—no one knows where they came from—really make our American variety seem a conservative tame affair. As one American official remarked in my hearing at one of the Paris revues the other night, "These Paris jazz bands are the jazziest things I ever heard, and I've lived in New York all my life."

But to get back to the dance. New York better step lively if she does not wish Paris to snatch away her laurels as the temple of modern dancing. By summer, judging from the present rate of speed, there should be few able bodied Parisians who do not know at least the one-step and fox trot. After these are mastered—and I might add that some difficulty is being experienced in acquiring the American steps—no doubt Parisians will not be satisfied, but will invent some new form of dance which may set the pace for the United States.

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Drink Hair Tonic.
Hair tonic is the very latest alcoholic concoction as a substitute for liquor in "dry" New Hampshire. The "thirsty" of the state have discovered that some hair tonics contain 55 per cent grain alcohol and they are drinking it. Witch hazel is the "chaser."

Tell the News the news

ENGLISH MIDDLE CLASS FORM UNION

Combine to Protect Selves From Aggressions of Capital and Labor.

Members of the great middle class of England at last have taken steps to organize to protect their own interests against the aggressions of capital on the one hand and increasing wages of workmen on the other. Leaders of the middle class declare that only by organization can they escape an unfair share of the burdens of life.

English people of education and moderate incomes have felt for some time that they were being ground between the upper and nether millstones operating in the social mill. Profits of capitalists from war contracts have increased and the wages of workmen steadily advanced. But nobody had to have the services of the professional man, the small business man or the schoolmaster.

A preliminary meeting was held under the chairmanship of Maj. J. R. Pretzman Newman, member of parliament. It was decided to call the organization the "Middle Class Union." Among the purposes of the union are: "To remove undue burdens upon the middle class, including the cost of living.

"To protect the middle class against bureaucratic and industrial tyranny.

"To combine for common protection of those members of the community who have no organization to safeguard their interests."

Letters appearing in support of the union show that many army officers and other soldiers are deeply interested in the movement. One soldier wrote:

"Unless we of the middle classes organize and combine to thwart and destroy the anarchical aggressions of certain communities in the industrial world we will sooner or later be bolsheviked out of existence."

How the middle class union will be received in the political field by the capitalists and the trade unions which now monopolize it remains to be seen.

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Jim Brandenberger and his Walter, who has recently returned from over sea, were here in Mason on Monday afternoon visiting friends and family.

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Once more the dance, the modern ball-room variety, has come into its own in Paris. Four years of suppression due to the war have brought it back in a blaze of glory and with greater zest and more adherents than ever before in its Parisian history. Within the last few weeks salons have literally sprung up all over Paris, in every kind of neighborhood, and thousands of Parisians, young and old, of both sexes, are taking lessons in order to regain the degree of efficiency they had attained before the war.

This time the modern American dances, the fox trot and the one-step,

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