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The above list includes those who have actually bought bonds and those who have pledged themselves to buy. C. W. Kennedy, local chairman, requests us to urge all who have pledged to buy bonds to apply to either of the banks in Grapeland and arrange for their bonds at the earliest possible moment.

One good feature about the above list is that it represents every section of the surrounding country. The rural communities are answering, "Here" in no uncertain terms.

Best Grade of Corn Meal for - \$1.85
5 pounds of best roasted coffee for - \$1.00
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5 bars of white soap for - - - 25c
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See our new line of Oil Stoves, Kitchen Cabinets, Refrigerators, Lineolium, Art Squares, Porch Swings.

Call to see us. We will be glad to show you.

KEELAND BROS.
 "THE PRICE IS THE THING"

Every Patriotic Citizen

of the entire country should realize that it is their duty to practice economy in purchasing the necessities of life, in order that they may have a surplus to invest in Liberty Bonds and War Stamps. In these serious times every nickel counts in helping put the Kaiser under bonds.

We fully realize that if we can sell YOU merchandise at a saving in price and quality, that we have indirectly aided you to have a SURPLUS left which will afford you the opportunity of helping the world and supporting our boys who are now in the midst of battle.

Spring Goods

We are receiving our Spring lines of merchandise daily and will be pleased to show you the wonderful values we are offering. In some instances we are fortunate in purchasing our spring lines and we are going to give you the benefit of these little SAVINGS. Will you give us a chance to serve you?

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 Dependable Merchants

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We are Going to Make a Special Price on Some of Our Goods Next

Saturday

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We have just unloaded some of the **MOWERS** you have been looking for, the **McCORMICK**. It has been proven to be **THE MOST COMPLETE MOWER** ever built. We will be glad to show you one.

Remember we carry a complete line of everything needed on the farm and in your home

We will Pay you the **HIGHEST PRICE** for your **PRODUCE**

W. H. Long & Co.
 The Store for the People

EAT A POTATO FOR FRANCE



In 1848 millions of men, women and children immigrated from Ireland to America because of the famine, caused by a failure of the potato crop and unfortunate economic conditions in the Green Isle.

We have in Texas today 2,000,000 pounds, or fifty carloads, of potatoes that are rotting, when Belgians starve.

The French speak of the potato as "The Apple of the Earth," and the French hold a view toward their fruit trees and their garden plants which should be the proper relationship between man and the fine things which nature has blessed him with. A potato is not something to be cast aside because it is abundant; but a fine, splendid, God-given ration, and always regarded as such.

We have in Texas today 2,000,000 pounds, or fifty carloads, of potatoes that are rotting, when French women and children starve.

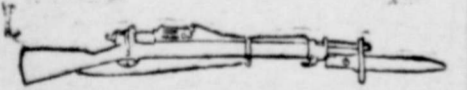
"We don't like to think of the Kaiser setting the pace," says Administrator Peden, "but after the Byng drive against Cambrai he found time to issue a medal commemorating the bringing of the potato from America to Europe.

"I want the jobber to play up his potatoes; I want the retailer to make potatoes his lead for the next month. I want the hotels and restaurants to put the potato on their menus at the smallest margin of profit, and I want every patriotic household to make a potato serve where formerly a slice of bread was used. We must not waste our abundance. It would be unpardonable when France, England, Italy and Belgium are in need."

"We have in Texas today 2,000,000 pounds, or fifty carloads, of potatoes that are rotting, when England, Italy, Belgium and France are even cutting down their ration of bread for the men who stand between America and despotism."

I will welcome letters from every man, woman and child in Texas who will promise to eat hereafter a potato instead of a slice of bread; and the citizen who will do this in the name of Freedom need no honor roll—their name is already there inscribed.

E. A. PEDEN, Federal Food Administrator for Texas.



You can keep your stomach strong, bowels regular and kidneys active by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a necessary condition to maintain health of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle, Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

We have the most complete line of MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERALLS in the county. They are here in all ages and sizes in blue and express stripes. Prices are very reasonable.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Another thing hard to understand is why so many fishermen brag on the size of the fish they caught and so few boast of the length of the worms they dug.

ALLIES DEMAND MORE CEREALS

American Meat Restrictions Relaxed to Effect Greater Wheat Savings.

ARGENTINE ARRIVALS SHORT.

Meat Supply Here Considerably Enlarged — Food Administration, However, Warns Against Waste.

The allies have made further and increased demands for breadstuffs, these enlarged demands being caused to some degree by shortage in arrivals from the Argentine. It is, therefore, necessary for the U. S. Food Administration to urge a still further reduction in the consumption of bread and breadstuffs generally if we are to meet our export necessities. The Food Administration has issued a statement explaining the situation in detail, particularly the reasons which lead it, for the purpose of centering effort for the time being upon the cereal situation to relax temporarily the restrictions on meat consumption.

Experience shows, this statement says, that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meat. For various reasons our supplies of meat for the next two or three months are considerably enlarged, and we can supply the allies with all of the meat products which transportation facilities render possible and at the same time somewhat increase our own consumption. In these circumstances the Food Administration considers it wise to relax the voluntary restrictions on meat consumption to some extent with a view to further decreasing bread consumption.

Conservation of food must be adjusted to meet necessities from time to time, for neither production, nor allied demands are constant factors, nor can any of these factors be anticipated for long periods in advance in the disturbed conditions in which we at present live. While the world situation is not one that warrants any relaxation in the efforts to eliminate waste or to relax economy in food, the Administration desires to secure better adjustment in food balances.

So long as the present conditions continue the only special restrictions we ask are the beefless and porkless Tuesday.

The meatless meal and the porkless Saturday are no longer asked.

The farmers of the United States are responding to the national call to increase hog production. Their increase, to all appearances, is being attained more rapidly. Of more immediate importance, however, are several complex factors which have effected an immediate increase in meat supplies.

The transportation shortage before the government took over the railroads, the bad weather in January and early in February, the large percentage of immature corn in the last harvest and the necessity of feeding this corn as rapidly as possible to save it from decay, have not only resulted in backing up the animals—particularly hogs—on the farms for a longer period of feeding, but have resulted in a great increase in their average weight and will result, with improved transportation conditions, which already appear, in larger than normal arrivals at market for the next two or three months. The weight of hogs coming to the market for the past two weeks indicates an increase in weight of from an average of 203 pounds last year to the almost unprecedented average of 232 pounds, or a net increase in their meat value of over 15 per cent. This is a distinct addition to the nation's meat supply. It therefore now seems certain that we have such enlarged supplies for at least some months to come, that we can not only increase our exports to the allies to the full extent of their transportation facilities, but at the same time can properly increase our domestic consumption.

The response of the public to our requests for reduced consumption of meat during the past few months has been most gratifying, and this service alone has enabled the government during this period to provide such supplies as transportation to the allies permitted.

The Administration also suggests that in those parts of the country where the old fashioned home preservation of pork is still the custom, this practice should be extended at the present time, as it will relieve the burden upon transportation to and from the packing houses and is economically sound as saving the cost of packing operations and at the same time will provide home supplies of pork to last

over the months of decreased supplies.

The Food Administration desires to repeat that it does not want to give the impression that these are times when simplicity and moderation of living are not critically necessary, but that its sole desire is to secure an adjustment between our different food supplies and meet changing conditions from time to time and to keep the public fully and frankly advised of its position with the full confidence and reliance that whenever it becomes necessary renewed appeals for saving will meet the same loyal response as in the past.

WE WON'T WIN IF WE WASTE

Tested Wartime Recipes for Use in Texas.

For the month of April the Food Administrator urges potatoes in place of bread, and recommends these Potato Recipes.

EARNST CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

POTATO BISCUIT NO. 1.
1 cup mashed potato 1 teaspoon salt
1 cup flour 2 tablespoons fat
4 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 cup water or milk (about)

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; work in fat with fork or knife; add potato and mix thoroughly; then add enough liquid to make a soft dough; roll the dough lightly to about 1/4 inch in thickness; cut in biscuits and bake 12 to 15 minutes in hot oven.

POTATO BISCUIT NO. 2.
Boil and mash six or eight potatoes; while warm lay on a floured pastry board and run the rolling pin over and over them until they are free from lumps; turn into a bowl, wet with a cup of sweet milk and add a teaspoon of melted fat; when well mixed work in half a cup of salted flour, or just enough to make a soft dough; roll on the board; roll out quickly and lightly into a thin sheet, and cut into round cakes; bake in a quick oven; butter as soon as they are done, laying one on top of the other in a pile. Eat before they fall.

The excellence of potato biscuit depends very greatly upon the softness of the dough, light handling and quick baking. If properly made, they will be found extremely nice.

COLCANNON.
Mix one cup of mashed potatoes and one cup of chopped greens to a smooth paste; add a tablespoon of fat, salt and paprika to taste; place in baking pan, cover with mashed potato, brown in the oven and serve very hot.

POTATO CHOWDER.
6 potatoes 1 tablespoon flour
1 slice of salt pork 1 tablespoon dripping
1 onion 1/2 cup milk
1 pint milk 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Cut potatoes into dice and pork into small pieces; fry pork and onion in a pan until brown, put potatoes, onions and meat into a pot, add a pint of water with seasonings; simmer half an hour; make a white sauce of the milk, flour and drippings; add to the cooked potatoes. Let all boil a few minutes and serve hot.

POTATO PANCAKES, NO. 1.
6 raw potatoes 1 tablespoon milk (large) 1 egg beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt 1 egg

Mix the above ingredients, beat thoroughly and cook on hot greased griddle.

POTATO PANCAKES, NO. 2.
1 cup sliced potatoes 1 egg beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon flour
1/4 cup milk

Mix the above ingredients in the order given, beat thoroughly and bake on hot greased griddle.

POTATO MUFFINS.
4 tablespoons fat 2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar 2 teaspoons baking powder
1 egg 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup mashed potato 1/2 cup milk

Cream the fat and sugar; add the egg well beaten, then the potato and mix thoroughly; sift flour, baking powder, and salt; add milk and flour alternately; bake in greased muffin tins 25 to 30 minutes.

POTATO SOUFFLE.
4 cups hot mashed potato 2 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon melted fat Yolks of 2 eggs
Whites of two eggs beaten stiff

Mix all but the whites of the eggs in the order given; beat thoroughly, fold in the stiffly beaten whites, pile in a baking dish and cook until the mixtures puff and is brown on the top.

SURPRISE BALLS.
Form mashed potatoes into balls and with a teaspoon make a depression in the top of each; mix one cup of grated cheese with salt, celery salt, and butter substitute, and put one teaspoon in the hollow of each potato ball; mold the ball so the stuffing is concealed and brown in the oven or frying pan.

IRISH POTATO CUSTARDS.
2 cups sliced potato 1/3 cup fat
1/4 cup thin cream
4 eggs beaten slightly or top milk
1/2 cup sugar Juice and rind one lemon

Mix in the order given; beat hard for 5 minutes; pour into baking dish. Bake in hot oven 20 or 30 minutes, or until custard is set.

POTATO IN CAKE.
In the usual cake recipe, substitute one cup of mashed potatoes for one-half cup of milk and one-half cup of flour; mash the potatoes and beat up with milk until very light. Potato cake does not dry out so quickly as all-flour cake.

A person habitually constipated is a shining mark for disease, because his system is full of impurities on which disease germs thrive. Get rid of the habit quickly by taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is both stimulating and purgative. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Bring in your old Panama hats and have them cleaned and re-blocked. They look as good as new. Have winter hat re-blocked before you lay it away.

6-11 M. L. Clewis.



Kill the Kaiser's Wolf

Only by the Aid of Famine does the Kaiser hope to win. His Submarine is turning loose this Gaunt Beast of Hell upon the World. Want is with us. Famine is on the way.

Who will kill him? The eyes of the Allied Millions are looking to the American Farmer.

The American Farmer must get that Wolf. He must do it to protect his own Home as well as Civilization.

The Wolf can't be killed except with Maximum Crops. Every reliable means for increasing yields—Good Preparation, Heavy Fertilization, Good Seed, Thorough Cultivation—all must be utilized.

Fertilizers make possible an increase of crops without increase of labor. Therefore, a liberal use of Plant Food may be the one thing that will get the Wolf.

President Wilson—"The toil, the intelligence, the energy, the foresight, the self-sacrifice and devotion of the Farmers of America will, I believe, bring to a triumphant conclusion this great war."

Secretary of Agriculture Houston—"There must be no break down of the farm—no failure of food stuffs and clothing."

Texas Food and Feed Production Campaign-1918

CONDUCTED BY THE CO-ORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS OF TEXAS

Great Wheat Stocks Isolated.

It's the shortage in ships that is putting the Allies and the United States on wheat rations. Great stocks of wheat are isolated in India, and Australia. At great sacrifice in ship space and use the Allies are forced to secure some wheat from Argentina.

On January 1, Australia had stored 100,000,000 bushels of wheat that was ready for export—but there were no ships. Then came the new crop with an exportable surplus of 80,000,000 bushels. Now Australia has approximately 180,000,000 bushels waiting for ships.

India, at the same time, had 70,000,000 bushels of wheat stored for export. During April 50,000,000 bushels more out of the new crop will be added to the pile.

Argentina closed the last shipping season with 11,000,000 bushels of wheat left in the stock available for export. The new crop will add 135,000,000 to the left over.

It is not a problem that the wheat does not exist in the world—it is entirely a problem of shipping, which has thrown on America the obligation of dividing our stock with the Allies.

Nervous fluttering or palpitation of the heart does not indicate heart disease, generally it means disorder in the stomach and digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters is an efficient remedy in such cases. It cleanses, strengthens and regulates the stomach, liver and bowels, removes the

ALLIED FOOD SHIPMENTS REACH LARGE TOTAL

A general idea of the quantity of food sent to European allies by the United States from July 1, 1914, to January 1, 1918, is given by figures just announced by the U. S. Food Administration. In that period the United States has furnished complete yearly rations for 57,100,933 people. In addition there was enough extra protein to supply this portion of the diet for 22,194,570 additional men.

The total export of wheat and wheat flour to the three principal allies is equivalent to about 384,000,000 bushels. Pork exports for the 3 1/2 years amounted to almost 2,000,000,000 pounds. Exports of fresh beef totaled 448,484,400 pounds. The amount of food exported to Russia is negligible compared with that sent to the western allies.

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- * ONLY AMERICA CAN HELP. *
- * "On your side are boundless supplies of men, food, and material; on this side a boundless demand for their help. *
- * "Our men are war-weary and their nerves have been strained by more than three years of hard, relentless toil. *
- * "Our position is critical, particularly until the next harvest, but the United States can save us. *
- * "You Americans have the men, the skill, and the material to save the allied cause." *
- * SIR JOSEPH MACLAY, *
- * British Shipping Controller. *
- *****

cause of the heart symptoms and builds up a strong and vigorous body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

If you can't wear khaki, then at least wear a War Savings Society button.

A Cold in the Chest clogs the lungs and air passages and becomes serious if neglected; besides it makes you feel bad. To get rid of the misery, take

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It is a Fine Relieving Remedy

It is good for colds settled in the lungs, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, Soreness in the Bronchial tubes, Hard Coughs, Congestion in the Lungs. It is soothing and healing and very comforting to the sufferer.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle

Buy the \$1.00 size. You get five times as much as the 25c size, and you get free with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

SPRING STYLES

YOUR Home Tailor knows the styles and he takes a delight in making his customers look like they have just stepped off of Broadway. And the customers who have patronized the shop in the past are the strongest friends we have right now. Tell us what you want in the way of clothing, and we will give you quick service, correct information and a square deal. Your old clothing will be made to look new if you will bring it to this shop. Let us serve you.

CLEWIS

THE TAILOR

John Spence
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Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

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Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Effective on and after April 18, the freight office will close for receiving freight in less than car lots at 4:30 o'clock each afternoon. For delivering freight the office will close at 5 o'clock each afternoon. Those interested will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

J. O. EDINGTON, Agent.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting:—You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for at least twenty days in some newspaper printed in your county, if there be one, if not then by posting copies of this notice, one at the court house door of said county and at two other public places in said county not in the same town or city, for at least twenty days before the return day hereof, to wit:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all creditors, heirs, devisees, legatees and to all other persons interested in the estate of J. B. Luker, deceased:

You are hereby notified that in the matter of the estate of J. B. Luker, deceased, No. 1419 on the Probate docket, pending in the county court of Houston county, Texas, A. H. Luker, administrator of such estate, has on this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918, filed in said court his account and exhibit, under oath as required by law, for final settlement of the said estate, and that said account and final exhibit will be examined and heard by the judge of said court at the next regular term hereof at the court house of said Houston county in Crockett, Texas, beginning on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1918, the same being the 6th day of May, A. D. 1918, when the same will be approved by the court if found correct, and all interested persons are hereby notified to appear at said time, and contest the said account and exhibit if they see proper to do so.

Witness: A. E. Owens, clerk of the county court of Houston county, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Crockett, Texas, this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918.

[Seal] A. E. OWENS,
Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas.

By W.D. Collins, Deputy. 6-13

A NEGRO'S LETTER

Grapeland, Texas, April 6.—Have just noticed that seventy "blacks" have been called to the colors from Houston county to train for Uncle Sam. I deem it just and fitting that someone have a word to say for the well being of all concerned. (By the way, I think we are all concerned without distinctive creed or color.) I hope that the boys will show now, as in the past, that they are brave and of the lineage and stock of the immortal Crispus Attucks of colonial days, who trying to protect his master's right lost his own life. Therefore, who has greater love than he that will lay down his life for another.

Likewise I feel that we are going seventy or eighty thousand strong into this conflict, more in the defense of our paler brother than ourselves. Nevertheless, I feel there will be no slackers, traitors or anarchists among us. And if you guarantee to us that hereafter we are safe and secure from mob violence and that the administrators of the law will know no color, I believe we can and will reduce crime among ourselves, and prove to be real heroes in this struggle. I admit that we are guilty of committing some very bad and lamentable crimes, but considering our standing as to enlightenment, etc., I think that Drysburg and Estill Springs, Tenn., burnings has it all knocked into a cocked hat. Hence, I call upon the officials and citizenship of

America and the world to do everything possible to prevent the repetition of such acts, and teach us by example that racial ties, nor color of skin shall promote or demote a man's rights here in our beloved land, where the stars and bars declare the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Then the twelve million negroes can and will feel the same interest in this fight as you do.

Hoping this will help to mould a sentiment for a reformation in the U. S. A. that I love so well, I am for true and safe democracy,

H. W. L. Shepherd.

IMPOSITIONS IN WAR RISK INSURANCE

To the public generally: The undersigned, composing the Legal Advisory Board of Houston county, beg to state that we are advised by Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and the American Bar Association, that unscrupulous claim agents and pension attorneys, and others, are notifying those interested in "war insurance" on the lives of our soldiers in the present war, or in the matter of allotments by them, that they must employ counsel or assistance of some kind in order to be sure of obtaining payments from the government on these claims.

We wish to advise all parents and others who are or may be interested in these claims, that there is no use for them to employ attorneys or anyone else in the collection of these claims, and to assure them that these activities on the part of those seeking employment of this character are in direct violation of the spirit of the War Risk Insurance Act, and are in the highest degree reprehensible and unpatriotic.

Furthermore, the assistance of these parties is not necessary, and we beg to request all persons interested in the collection of these claims to report their wishes to us and we will take pleasure in aiding them without charge, either in person or through other attorneys of the Crockett bar, who are loyal and cheerfully aiding us in service of this kind.

The procedure required in making these collections is exceedingly simple, and the patriotic lawyers of the whole country are more than willing to render all the assistance that the beneficiaries under this law may need, either in the preparation or the collection of such claims, and in giving advice with reference thereto, all free of charge. We hope no one will be deceived by those who are so unscrupulous as to seek service of this kind at the expense of the beneficiaries on the plea that such service is necessary to success in regard to such claims, for this is not true, either in whole or in part.

J. W. Madden,
D. A. Nunn Jr.,
B. F. Dent,
Legal Advisory Board.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The date of the memorial service at Evergreen cemetery has been changed from April 26 to May 3, on account of the closing exercises of the Percilla school on the former date.

Jim Sullivan marketed a yearling last week to Daniels & Sullivan, which holds the record, so Mr. Sullivan says. Its gross weight was 525 pounds and it dressed out 268. pounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.
County Offices-----\$6 00
Precinct Offices-----\$3 00
District Offices-----\$12 00
Congress-----\$20 00

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

- For Representative:
E. Winfree.
- For County Judge:
Nat Patton.
S. A. Denny.
- For Sheriff:
Preston Lively.
E. B. (Bud) Hale.
R. J. (Bob) Spence.
- For Tax Assessor:
Will McLean.
John H. Ellis. (Re-election)
- For County Road Superintendent:
G. R. Murchison.
F H Bayne
- For County Treasurer:
Willie Robison.
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)
Mike McCarty.
- For Tax Collector:
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)
- For County Attorney:
Earle Porter Adams
- For District Clerk:
B V (Barker) Tunstall
John D Morgan (Re-election)
- For County Clerk:
A E Owens (Re-election)
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
J. S. Long.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
R. T. Murchison.
(Re-election)
- For County Supt. Public Schools:
J. N. Snell.
- Constable Precinct No. 2:
Will Brumley.

TEXAS IS WHEATLESS

The eagle has screamed in Texas and its echo can be heard clear across the ocean to the trenches in France. Beginning April 15 and continuing until June 1, and longer if necessary, Texas has voluntarily gone on a wheatless program. Every day in the week will be wheatless when consumers use their present supply, and dealers will conserve their stock for babies, invalids and sick people.

State food administrator Peden sent the following wire to Mr. Hoover Saturday:

"Based upon unsolicited voluntary resolutions unanimously adopted in numerous counties and at various meetings, and assurances received from wholesale and retail grocers, I feel safe in assuring you that the great state of Texas, effective April 15, goes on a wheatless basis until June 1, and longer if necessary. Please consider this as Texas' contribution toward helping win the war and winning it speedily. Retail stocks on hand will be carefully conserved for babies, young children and invalids during the abstinence period. Please cable Gen. Pershing, whom I knew when in Texas, of the State's action in giving up flour for the American soldiers."

Texas is the first state in the union to take such a step.

Another big advance in men's clothes is announced for fall. This is all the better reason why you should investigate STYLE-PLUS CLOTHES at Darsey & Co's. They are the only clothes sold at a known price in America.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR-----\$1.50
6 MONTHS--- .75
3 MONTHS--- .40

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1918



--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war-----

IF WE FAIL

"It is almost uncalculable," says Lord Reading, British High Commissioner to the United States, "what the result would be if we should lose the war. We cannot lose it, but if we did humanity would stagger and be crushed."

Neither does any citizen of intelligent thinking and possessing a patriotic heart believe that we will falter. Despite heavy blows and occasional disasters, the big factors that are sure to prove decisive sooner or later are to our advantage.

But it is a good thing for every thinking man and woman to sit down quietly for a few minutes now and then and think out as clearly as possible, what the success of Germany would actually mean.

Picture the overthrow of everything we hold true and good and beautiful. Picture the destruction of the finest ideals of civilization. Picture a world wide reign of force, brutality, cruelty and oppression. Picture a world divided into two armed camps. Picture the overthrow of morality and vice enthroned where virtue ruled supreme.

Sit down in your own home the first opportunity you have and think all this out as far as possible and as clearly as possible. Just imagine for a little while that it might all happen. Then turn again to the task of winning the war, not in fear and trembling, but in a calm, determined way, to make sure that no such fate shall overwhelm the human race.

We are glad to report that the Messenger is 100 per cent on Liberty Bonds.

The man who minds his own business may be a good citizen; but the man just now who is minding his country's business first is a better one.

There are some men in this community, who, when their conscience keep them awake at night, pretend that it was something they ate for supper.

The automobile has, according to one of the country's biggest advertisers, passed the experimental stage. Yes, but some of the drivers we see around GrapeLand occasionally, haven't.

We call attention this week—and every other week—to our advertising columns. It will pay you to go over them carefully. This much must be admitted in favor of the advertiser: He wants your business; he comes into the open to bid for it;

he gives you his name and you will find him at the door to welcome you. The generous advertiser is invariably the generous fellow. He bubbles over with enthusiasm, and when you meet him you feel like you had come in contact with an invigorating breeze right from the sea.

For our part we want it understood that we do not favor standing a German spy before a firing squad. We would much prefer having each one of them boiled in oil.

It is also to be hoped that Mr. Hoover will so regulate the sugar supply this summer that every kitchen in the GrapeLand community can be turned into a canning factory.

The boys on the battlefield are making the supreme sacrifice—they are giving their lives in a righteous cause. What is the government calling upon us to do? To give our money? No! We are asked to lend our money at a good rate of interest. That is the least anyone can do.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The campaign to raise Houston County's quota of the Third Liberty Loan was launched in Crockett Sunday afternoon, when that city was visited by the train bearing war relics from the battle fields of France. Branching out from Crockett, Liberty Loan rallies were held Sunday night at different points in the county.

At the auditorium in GrapeLand, a large crowd greeted the speakers. Mr. Grossman, a soldier and native Texan, was one of the speakers. He is accompanying the war relic train on its tour through the state, and was brought from Crockett here to address our people. His speech was full of "pep" and enthusiasm, and he made an eloquent appeal to the people to support the government, not only in the matter of buying bonds, but in every other way possible. He was followed by Mr. Dent, of Crockett, who also very eloquently urged the people to do their duty.

After the speaking subscriptions were solicited, and \$9,000.00 was subscribed. An incident which drew a long applause was when a thousand-dollar subscription was recorded and W. S. Walter changed his subscription from \$500.00 to \$1000, saying that he would not permit anyone to "throw more rocks at the Kaiser" than he would himself.

Meetings have been held at Augusta, Percilla, Weches, Waneta, Lockout, Livelyville, Rock Hill and Daly's.

Following is the schedule for the balance of the week:

Thursday night at 8:30—Reynard and Hays Spring.

Friday night at 8:30,—New Prospect and Union.

Mrs. Pardee, (looking up from newspaper)—Here's an account of an English woman who has sent four husbands to the front and lost them all.

Pardee—Does the account say the lady has resumed recruiting?—Tit Bits.

Miss Lura May Owens, who is attending school in Sherman, is at home this week visiting her parents and to be with her brother, who is at home on furlough from Jacksonville, Fla., where he is in training.

This Is Styleplus Week



A principle that builds quality at least possible cost

It is the principle of specialization. Specialization on the production of two or three grades of clothing which are sold at definitely known prices.

This principle of producing clothes by the most efficient and economical method enables us to offer you our genuinely famous values.

Styleplus Clothes
\$21 AND \$25

Each grade the same price the nation over

America's Only Known Priced Clothes

For Spring '18 Styleplus Clothes are made in two grades—\$21 (green label) \$25 (red label). Look for the Styleplus label in the coat. We have a large assortment of each grade. You know the price before you go into the store.

The Only Styleplus Store in Town

We are the local distributors and cordially invite you to come and look over these famous clothes.

You, with countless other men have heard of STYLEPLUS CLOTHES, and think you will try them **sometime**. This week is a national display week of Styleplus Clothes and we especially urge you to come and see the splendid fabrics styles and tailorings offered in Styleplus at such moderate prices.

LIBERTY BONDS OR GERMAN BONDAGE?

IF you want to help win the war--**IF** you want to bring your boy home **IF** you want to halt the Hun--**IF** you want to do your part to make the world a decent place to live in **BUY LIBERTY BONDS**. **Lend** your money to your government; its the **least** thing you can do.

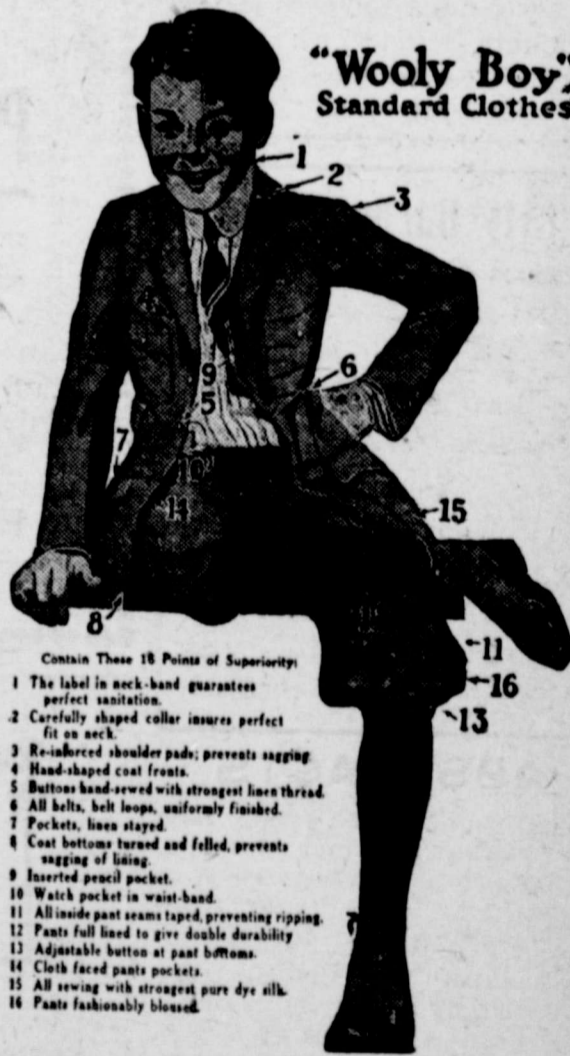
Mothers are Simply Delighted

Wooly Boy Suits, with their ten points of superior merit are the **only** boys' clothes in GrapeLand that really stand the rough-and-tumble wear of growing boys. They are reinforced throughout and are made in bright snappy styles. Every Wooly Boy or Wooly Boy Standard Suit, absolutely guaranteed. See them here in serges, fancy woolens, tropic cloths, etc, in all sizes. . . . **\$5.00 to \$12.50**

Little Boys' Suits

The little fellows are not forgotten at this store. Here you can select from over a dozen styles, a suit for that little fellow. They are in a number of combinations, bright and attractive in looks. All sizes in Overalls, Rompers and Two-Piece Suits from 2 to 6 years. . . **50c to \$2.50**

Kiddy Hats, 50c



"Wooly Boy" Standard Clothes

- Contain These 10 Points of Superiority:
- 1 The label in neck-band guarantees perfect sanitation.
 - 2 Carefully shaped collar insures perfect fit on neck.
 - 3 Re-reinforced shoulder pads; prevents sagging.
 - 4 Hand-shaped coat fronts.
 - 5 Buttons hand-stamped with strongest linen thread.
 - 6 All belts, belt loops, uniformly finished.
 - 7 Pockets, lines stayed.
 - 8 Coat bottoms turned and filled, prevents sagging of lining.
 - 9 Inserted pencil pocket.
 - 10 Watch pocket in waist-band.
 - 11 All inside seam seams taped, preventing ripping.
 - 12 Pants full lined to give double durability.
 - 13 Adjustable button at pant bottoms.
 - 14 Cloth faced pants pockets.
 - 15 All sewing with strongest pure dye silk.
 - 16 Pants fashionably bloomed.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE

LOCAL NEWS

Try Wherry for dry goods. 5tf

Parts for FORDS at Darsey & Co's.

RUMY-B-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Men's and boys' extra trousers at Darsey & Co's.

Buy your next bill of shoes from Wherry. 5tf

Tennis Shoes in all popular styles at Darsey's.

J. S. Murphy visited in Houston Sunday and Monday.

E. C. Arlege, of Crockett, was here on business Friday.

Ladies' Silk Hose priced from 65c to \$2.00 per pair. McLEAN & RIALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis, of Crockett, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mexican Field Straw Hats for men, women and children at Darsey's. See our window display.

Just received this week a shipment of Men's Fancy Hose. McLEAN & RIALL.

A complete line of MAXWELL PARTS and accessories at Darsey & Co's.

Sergt. Chester Owens came in Monday and will be here until Sunday visiting his parents and numerous friends.

For oil, grease and GENUINE FORD PARTS, come to Hughes & Son's Auto Shop. Phone day and night. tf

Hansen Gloves are built for style and service. A number of work and dress designs at Darsey & Co's.

I am in the market for all your speckled peas; also will buy fresh butter in block. Highest market prices paid. 5-tf J. W. Howord.

NOTICE

On and after April 1, I will be in my office Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, until further notice. 5-t4 C.L. Cromwell, D.D.S.

Lewis Riall Yarbrough, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough, has enlisted in the signal corps of Uncle Sam's army and left Saturday for Dallas to join his company.

Grapeland and the surrounding country was well represented Sunday afternoon at Crockett the occasion being the visit of the war relic train, which is traversing the state in the interest of the Liberty Loan.

MAIZE HEADS

If you need any of this excellent feed you had better get it at once, for this is probably the last car I will have this season. Don't put it off—you might get left. 8tf J. W. HOWARD.

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 Cure, 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 Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Bring your eggs to Wherry. 5tf

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. tf

Just received a big line of Horse Collars and Leather Goods McLEAN & RIALL.

J. J. Cook has resigned his position at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, and left last Friday for Dallas.

KABO CORSETS and Brassieres combine comfort with style. A wide showing at Darsey & Co's.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Maxwell, of Latexo, spent Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Maxwell.

Young Man, Old Man! Call at McLean & Riall's and let them dress you up in a new suit, hat, shoes, etc.

W. P. Whittington has our thanks for a large sample of Griggs' peanut candy, which he is now manufacturing.

Mrs. H. A. Matney, who has been visiting relatives at Alto and Augusta, left Monday for her home in Anderson.

REMOVAL NOTICE

My tailor shop is now located on the east side of the railroad, and we have installed a Hoffman steam press. A. E. Dickey.

Grigg's famous peanut candy, is now being manufactured and offered for sale by the Grapeland Bottling Works. Try it; you will like it. 6-tf

FOR SALE

Pulleys of different sizes; one driving belt 42 feet long, 10 inch face; one 10-horse steam boiler; one new oil burner engine, 10-horse power.

T. H. Leaverton, 4-t12 Grapeland, Texas.

AUTOMOBILES

If you want to buy an automobile, see me, for I will save you money. Buy Liberty Bonds with the difference. W. E. KERR.

Lawrence Wilson, of near Palestine, and Miss Laura Parker, daughter of S. T. Parker, of the Oak Grove community, were married in Grapeland Sunday afternoon, Esq. John A. Davis officiating.

HOGS WANTED

Have you any hogs to sell? If so, let us buy them by next Saturday, as we will be out of the market after that date. Highest market price paid. See us at City Meat Market. Daniels & Sullivan.

Harold Leaverton arrived Monday night from his home in Midland and will spend the remainder of the week visiting relatives and friends.

What are you, lender or spender? War Saving Stamps are the answer. Isn't that little baby worth saving for? Then buy some baby bonds for the little fellow.

HENS WANTED

I am in the market for three or four hundred good hens. I will pay 18c per pound. Bring them in. 8tf J. W. HOWARD.

Of course you may think you need all of your money in your business, but if the war is lost you may not have any business. —Galveston News.

MORE MEN WILL MOVE TO TRAINING CAMP

The Local Board for Houston county has ordered the following white registrants to the training camps between the dates of April 26 and 29:

- Ernest Clyde Oates
- Arland S Gainey
- George T Walker
- George W Ellis
- Barker T Larue
- R B Baker
- Aaron McCullar
- Lee Arnold
- Ollie Dykes
- Earle G Ratterree
- Sam E Page
- Ben Snethen
- Ory D Heath
- Napolean Griffin
- Willie Jefferson
- Seth Yarbrough
- Raymond A Mitchel
- Ethel H Johnston
- Otis E Herod
- Joe Satcher
- George Thomas Bowden
- Carroll H Hallmark
- Norman Richards
- Lee Edgar Smith
- Thos Dewitt Nettles
- Mayron W Cook
- Willis Hogan
- Hugh Long Kirkpatrick
- Floyd N Lewis
- Jesse Bishop
- Henry Burk Justice
- Ed Brown Young
- Henry Evans
- Wright Sullivan
- Henry B Maynard
- Albert Seekings
- Thos W English

MR. BUCKALEW DEAD

S. C. Buckalew died at his home just south of town Saturday morning, death being caused by heart disease.

Mr. Buckalew was 69 years of age, and had made his home in Houston county for about sixteen years. He moved to Grapeland from Percilla in December, and purchased a small farm south of town.

His remains were carried to Denson Springs Sunday for interment.

The deceased is survived by his wife and eight children, four boys and four girls. Six of them were with him when the end came, the other two, living in another section of the state, could not get here.

AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. James Todd Jr. of Forth Worth will fill his appointment at the Christian church next Sunday. A large attendance is especially desired. After the observance of the Lord's supper Rev. Todd will preach on the "Imperative Need of Heeding the Gospel." At 8:30 p. m. his subject will be "Why God does not destroy the world." He is preaching this sermon in view of some recent claims of science.

AN AMERICAN PEACE

There can be no peace with honor or safety to ourselves or to posterity, except a just peace, and there can and will be no other peace. Work for peace accomplishes nothing but the hampering of our effort, the delay of the real peace, and a greater toll of death of America's fighting men. Our duty is to war for a just and righteous peace; to work or speak for any other peace is aid and comfort to Germany—injury and disloyalty to our boys in France.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLAUSES

EDISON'S DIAMOND AMBEROLA

You should have some musical instrument in your home to fill your musical desires. Why not an EDISON?

Mr. Edison's very latest Diamond Amberola will supply this need completely. All models have a genuine Diamond Reproducer, which means real music through a real diamond, and no needles ever to change.

You may hunt the markets far and near, but you can never find an instrument that will give you and your family the pleasure you will find in an EDISON DIAMOND AMBEROLA.

Call at Once and Get Terms

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

—WADE L. SMITH—

O. K. Everything About TAYLOR Tailoring is O. K.

The Prices, the Values, the Quality, the Workmanship, the Styles, and the Service are all as they should be--O. K. from first to last.

Men in need of a NEW SUIT will be well suited here.

A. E. DICKEY, TAILOR
Our Cleaning and Pressing is also O. K.

Let Us Build While We Fight

Americans have a habit of quitting work and crowding around when an accident occurs. The case in point is the world's accident in Europe—we are in danger of losing our heads and stopping work while the conflict is on. This would be a serious happening but the only thing necessary to prevent it is for everyone to go quietly on in attending to their own business.

Let useful building construction, both public and private, proceed. The country is prosperous. Building investors should not hesitate to go ahead with their plans. The production and handling of building materials are fundamental industries of the country.

It is a mistake to think that money should be hoarded because of the war. It is the money that is spent not the money that is hoarded, that is going to make prosperity in this land and that is going to win the war.

Keep business normal. If business should cease, none of us would make any money to help support the government and we would lose the war. Think optimism, prosperity, victory, normal business and happiness, if you want to help Uncle Sam win the war.

Let us build while we fight. Buy War Saving Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

SCREEN DOORS AND SCREEN WIRE in large quantities and can supply your needs. Now is the time to guard against that deadly pest--the fly. See us and get prices on screening your home.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Company

SHOE POLISH in all forms and colors at Darsey & Co's. We have in stock, now, colors which are hard to get, as follows: Liquid Polish and Cleaner for Colored Kid Leathers, 25c. Colors: white, champagne, ivory, dark gray. Shinola! 10c, red, brown, black, tan and white. Quick White Jr., 10c. for all canvas shoes.

Bob Parker and son, Leonard, and Ed Musick and his mother were called to Alto last Friday on account of the death of J. A. Smith, a prominent citizen of that community and a brother of Mrs. Musick.

Mrs. D. B. McGee, of Cameron is here on a visit to relatives.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

A cyclone of considerable force hit North Texas Sunday and did considerable damage to property in Wise and Denton counties. No loss of life was reported.

J. R. Moore, of Palestine has announced as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Moore has filled various offices, the last of which was representative from Anderson county to the legislature.

The Shipping Board plans construction of three launching ways for three 3,500-ton concrete vessels. This type of vessel is still in an experimental stage, and if successful the board may build 7,500-ton concrete ships.

The order prohibiting the sale of flour in lots of less than twelve pounds has been suspended. Licensed dealers have been advised that they may market several sizes of packages weighing less than twelve pounds, with a two-pound minimum.

East Texas lumber mills report plenty of cars now available for transporting ship timbers to yards at Beaumont, Orange and other coast ports where governmentships are being constructed. The output of the mills is being moved quickly and the shipyards are being kept supplied.

Another draft for 49,843 men has been called for by Provost Marshal General Crowder. The men will be mobilized at the various camps between May 1st and 10th. The whole program of the army has been speeded up to meet the emergency on the battle line in France.

All airplanes manufactured in the United States for the army and navy will bear a red, white and blue bull's-eye of three concentric circles, similar to the insignia of allied planes, on the wings, and vertical red, white

and blue stripes on the rudders. These markings were adopted by the joint Army and Navy Technical Aircraft Board and approved by the Secretary of War and the secretary of the Navy.

Throughout England 102 daily newspapers have been forced to increase their prices and 676 weekly papers have followed suit. The monthly magazines, selling before the war at 9 cents are now 15 to 18 cents. The cost of novels and books has largely increased, even the popular and widely sold classes having risen from 50 to 100 per cent.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury and Director General of the railroads, spoke in Houston Monday night in the interest of the third Liberty Loan. "Let us not stop when we reach our quota. Let us go forward and make our quota three or four times as great," said Mr. McAdoo.

Senator Wm. J. Stone, of Missouri, died in Washington Sunday as the result of a paralytic stroke several days ago. Senator Stone was chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, and attracted a great deal of attention when he so vigorously opposed a declaration of war against Germany. Again only a few weeks ago he, he stepped into the limelight by his scathing denunciation of the administration for not more vigorously prosecuting the war.

The Germans will face at least one new form of attack when the Americans get on the battle line in force, and that will be the rebel yell. About the Southern training camps may be found gray-haired, gray-clad gentlemen, veterans of the armies of Lee, who are teaching the present generation of American soldiers the famous battle cry. Boys from Northern and Southern states alike are now being schooled in this high cry, which rises to a falsetto crescendo. It may be that it will shake the nerves of the Germans even as it shook the nerves of the men in blue when they first heard it.

SWAT THE KAISER!

Buy Liberty Bonds

WE ARE IN THE FIGHT TO A FINISH to carry Houston county, and Grapeland especially, OVER THE TOP in the Liberty Loan Drive.

WE WILL ASSIST our many friends and customers in securing Bonds by making an extremely low rate of interest to those who are not in a position to pay cash for the bonds.

BUY BONDS
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Farmers & Merchants State Bank

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

WANETA

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

We had another nice rain Monday. Gardens are very good and nearly everyone is about through thinning corn.

Last Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hendrick and took from it Richard Aaron, aged 9 months. Interment took place at Evergreen cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Miss Mary Lively was the guest of Mrs. Ruth Barnes Saturday.

Bob Rich and daughter, Rosa, were the the guests of C. H. Scoggins and family Sunday.

Bob Dickey made a business trip to Crockett last week.

J. S. Sheffield and father and Jim Rich and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrington Sunday.

Our community was saddened Saturday by the death of Sim Buckalew, of Grapeland. He formerly lived in this community and leaves a host of friends to mourn his death.

Carlton Lively was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Allie Cliburn, of Denson Springs, Thursday night.

Ollie Harrington went to Liveville Saturday.

The young people enjoyed an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lively Friday night.

TO THE FARMERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

I have on hand now blank applications for furloughs for farmer soldiers of Houston County.

Any former needing this labor during the harvest period will apply to me for these applications and for further information.
W. A. COLLINS.

**I WILL UNLOAD THIS WEEK
Two Cars of Buggies**

Will have the best assortment of BUGGIES in Houston county

If you contemplate buying a buggy this year it will pay you to come to Grapeland and come now. Prices will be very much higher later on. In fact, you might not be able to get one at all. The buggy people are just like all other manufacturers having a hard time getting material and labor to build them.

I have a fine stock on hand now to select from and urge you to BUY NOW and save the advance later on.

A. B. Guice

BAD TASTE IN THE MOUTH

Coated tongue, foul breath, dizziness, and a tired, lazy feeling indicates a torpid condition of the liver and impaired digestion. To get rid of this misery, take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A THOROUGH SYSTEM PURIFIER

It drives out badly digested food and bilious impurities through the bowels, tones up the stomach, strengthens digestion, regulates the bowel movements and imparts a fine feeling of health and exhilaration all through the body. Try its excellent correcting properties. It gives you full value for the price. Sold by all druggists and dealers.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

Sold by Wade L. Smith

PURE DRUGS

IF It's Drugs pure and fresh,
It's Patent Medicines of any kind,
It's a Prescription that needs careful compounding,
It's toilet Articles of popular name,
It's Rubber Goods of known quality,
YOU WANT, YOU ALWAYS WANT THE BEST TO BE HAD.

When you need Drugs and Drug Store Things buy them from us and KNOW they are right.

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

THE VICTORY OF THE AGES

Belgium saved the world while knowing that she could not be saved. She saved it by flinging herself in the path of the oncoming barbarians, by allowing herself to be trampled to death in order to give the defenders of Justice time—not to rescue her, for she was well aware that rescue could not come in time, but to collect the forces needed to save civilization from the greatest danger that had ever threatened it.

There is nothing in history approaching in grandeur such an act as this.

King Albert and his Belgians knew full well that in barring the invaders' road they were sacrificing inevitably their homes and their wives and their children.

Cardinal Mercier, one of the best loved and most high minded men in Belgium, after having seen his country ruined, her brave men lying dead by thousands, her women and children maimed, outraged and starving, her churches razed to the ground, found it in his heart to say, "God will save Belgium. Nay, rather, He is saving it. Which of us would have the heart to cancel this last page of our national history? Which of us does not exult in the glory of this shattered nation? Down within us all is something greater than personal interests, than personal kinships, than party feeling. This profound will in us is patriotism and the religion of Christ makes patriotism a positive law. There is no perfect christian who is not also a perfect patriot."

Speaking of our entrance into the war, President Wilson said, "The world must be made safe for democracy. Its peace must be planted upon the tested foundations of political liberty. We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when these rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them."

The thought of such deeds and the expression of such high sentiments seems to lift us into a world other than that in which we live our daily lives.

Yet there is a practical side to the magnificent bravery of the Belgian people and the exalted attitude of our President.

Patriotism is enlightened selfishness.

It was the unspeakable dread, the horror of living under German domination, of becoming slaves instead of free men, of having to labor and sweat thru long weary years to build up armies and huge engines of destruction to be used against their fellow men, which caused the Belgians to make the epic sacrifice of the ages and our great-shouldered President to announce to the world that the might, the treasure and the life of America should be thrown into the great struggle.

Contrast such heroic deeds and noble thoughts with the attitude of those men who, to our sorrow be it said, still remain in small numbers in this country, who say, "this is not my war;" "let someone else pay for it;"

"I cannot lend my money to the government, I might need it at any time."

The contrast between the two mental attitudes is so deep, so vast, that one wonders whether the gulf can be bridged.

It can—it must be.

Selfishness—unenlightened selfishness—is the common enemy of humanity. It was present in the hearts and minds of the Belgian people when they were attacked; it prompted them to stifle their pride, to become an accessory to the crimes of Germany, and to let the Hun go by. As the Frenchman sprang to the defense of his country, unenlightened selfishness prompted him not to court what appeared to be inevitable defeat. This same evil influence pulled at the heart-strings of the rulers of the British Empire in those tense days when Germany craved that England stand by and allow the German government to rob and murder at its unholy will. It was in our own beloved country that unenlightened selfishness made its last stand and it is here that it has received its death blow.

The civilized world has won the victory of the ages—selfishness is dead and no longer a power over the hearts and minds of the nations.

Yet, like all bad things, it has left traces and signs of its malign influence, and there are still just a few men left today who are saying, "this is not my war."

These men know in their hearts that this is "their war." They know that the war is being waged to keep the Germans from their homes, their farms, their wives, their children. They know that the German fleet would be in our harbors within a week if we failed to win this war. They know that success means the keeping open of their best markets—Europe; that failure means slavery to German masters.

These men who have made more money last year than ever before in their lives—and all on account of the war—pretend that they would see starvation facing them should they loan some of their extra profits to the government. Such excuses do not even deceive themselves, let alone their neighbors or their government.

These men must make up their minds whether they will offer to their country and our allies, a mass of excuses or a great big subscription of money with the message, "This is our war; we know it; we are behind our government; we are real Americans."

Let us all, those of us who have been thrilled by the sacrifices of our allies and our own brave boys, those of us who have been led by the hand and voice of our beloved President from the darkness of indifference to the light of understanding, band ourselves together for a double purpose.

Let us set aside every dollar we can spare, which is not actually needed for our business or our personal needs, and place that money at the disposal of our government, when it is calling upon us now to subscribe to the Liberty Loan.

Let us also make it our duty—our solemn duty and our privilege—to spread the faith which has been vouchsafed to us. As

long as we have a friend, a neighbor, a countryman, who says, "this is not my war," let us with firmness but in all charity, plead with such a man.

The road from the valley of unenlightened selfishness to the mountain heights where liberty dwells, and truth, justice and lasting happiness, has been made for us. It has been made by the feet of brave Belgians, heroic Frenchmen, liberty loving Englishmen, and last, but not least, by the firm tread of our own sons. It has been watered by the tears and blood of countless thousands and dried again by the glow of a God-given enthusiasm. We cannot but follow such a road. There is no choice. Our consciences, our fellowmen urge us forward. We must follow to the end.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

"A rose with all its sweetest petals unfolded."

Young friend! With your future before you, what will you make it—success or failure?

With youth and health you have the power within you to possess the blessing of practical knowledge, the joy of achievement, the content of success, but only through intelligent effort. If you have within you the love of higher things and better days; if you have ambition, energy and determination, we can train you in business methods—Bookkeeping, Stenography, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance, Telegraphy, etc., and secure for you a good position. You have no time to lose.

The spring and summer months should be used in securing a practical knowledge that you may accept a good paying position when the busy fall season begins. In our years of experience in teaching, we have helped many young men unfold and blossom into superior manhood, and womanhood awakened to the responsibilities of business life, and crown labor with success. What we have done for others, we can do for you. The business world is seeking everywhere for young men and women who are able to do the work the business office demands. Let us impress upon you in the language of Narado, a Hindoo sage, "study to know." Develop your judgment. Young friends, use your youth in the pursuit of knowledge. We can give you no better advice than to join our industrious band of students; they are here from many different states, and are going out daily as graduates into splendid positions secured through our free employment department.

Our large catalogue containing the statements of young people who have traveled the road we are advising you to travel will be interesting to you. The letters from business firms with whom they are now engaged will be encouraging to you, and our low tuition rates and credit plans, together with the short time taken to complete the course will be a pleasant surprise to you. Fill in your name and address, clip and mail today for catalogue.

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We have plenty of mixed fertilizer, acid phosphate and meal. See us at once and get what you need. J. W. Howard. 5 tf

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot..."

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial. J. 71

Should Get More Pay

The poorest paid public servants in the State of Texas today are the school teachers. Just what incentive they find to teach on the salaries they receive, passes our understanding. School teaching, while the most important thing in the world, is at the same time tedious and oftentimes unpleasant, and because of its important and irksome work attached to it, better salaries and more consideration should be paid the teachers.—Matagorda Tribune.

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have.

J. W. Howard.

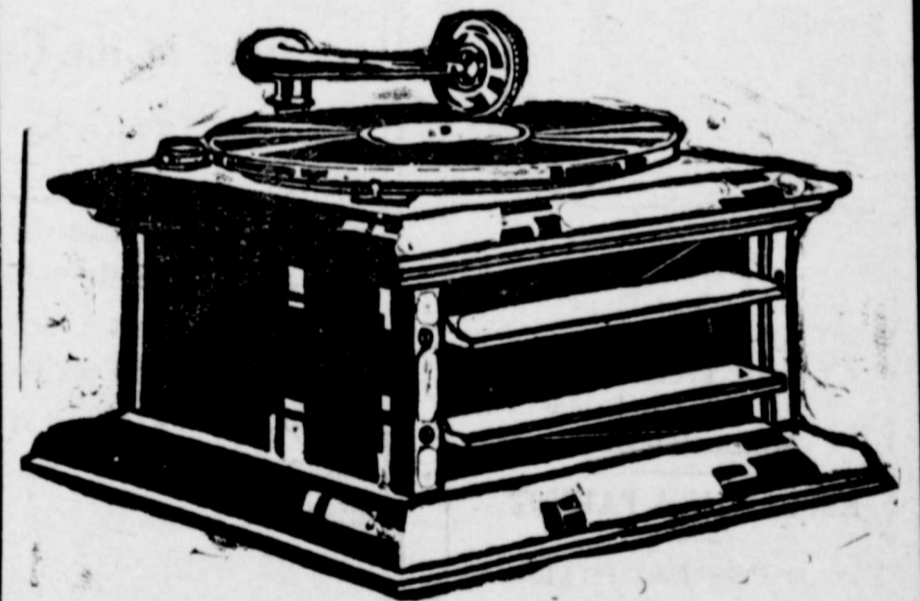
Shorten the War

The sooner the irresistible might of this great Republic is organized and put into full action the sooner the war will end. Every dollar invested in government securities works to shorten the war, to save the lives of American soldiers and sailors.

Buy Liberty bonds.—Ex.

We used to talk about starving Germany out, but after thinking the matter over, we've decided that it would be too much of an undertaking to starve out a people who can live six months on a quart of kraut and a bunghole. So we'll whip Germany out.—Honey Grove Signal.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, greeting:

C. W. Kennedy, Administrator of the estate of Steve Bolton, deceased, having filed this day in County Court his final account of the condition of said estate together with an application that same be approved, said estate closed and he and the sureties on his bond as such Administrator be discharged, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for at least twenty days in a newspaper regularly printed in the said county of Houston you are to give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to appear and contest same if they see proper, and to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the May term, A. D., 1918, of the County Court of said Houston county commencing and to be holden at the Courthouse of said Houston county in the city of Crockett on the 6th day of May, A. D., 1918, the same being the first Monday in said month of May, when said account and application will be considered and acted upon by the said court.

Witness, A. E. Owens, Clerk of the County Court of Houston county, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at my office in the city of Crockett, this 8th day of April, A. D., 1918.

[SEAL] A. E. Owens, Clerk, County Court, Houston County, Texas.

By W. D. Collins, Deputy. 73t

ROOSTERS WANTED

Will pay 15c per pound for Roosters. Now is the time to separate them from your flock and market infertile eggs. It will pay to do so. Remember—15c a pound for roosters.
J. W. Howard.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and others who were so kind to us at the time of the death of our beloved husband and father.

- Mrs. M. E. Buckalew
- Mrs. Mollie Wiswell
- M. C. Buckalew.
- I. C. Buckalew
- Mrs. Cora Tims
- Mrs. Hallie Cook
- Mrs. Trudie Hendrick
- Johnnie Buckalew
- Minzie Buckalew

MR. TAFT IS A PATRIOT

Former President Taft has refused to take part in any of the political movements having for their object the embarrassing of the present administration.

From the beginning he has taken the position that in this crisis men should forget that they are republicans or democrats and yield to those entrusted with the prosecution of the war to the fullest measurement of encouragement, sympathy and support.—Waco News.

STAND BY OUR SOLDIERS

From hundreds of thousands of American farms, in answer to the call of their country, and in obedience to the law of their country, American boys have gone and today are fighting side by side with hundreds of thousands of American boys from the cities and towns of the country, confronting danger and death.

The duty of us who remain at home in safety to afford the means to make these boys powerful and victorious is a most imperative one.

Buy Liberty Bonds.

SPRING ARRIVALS

YOU will find the very newest of everything in Dry Goods now being shown at our Dry Goods Counter. We ask that you see them and be convinced that you will find what you want at our place.

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You will find a nice selection of Gingham House Dresses on sale at our place and we ask that you see these good values and you will find what you want in House Dresses.

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We have all the newest styles in Ladies' Men's and Children's Shoes and Oxfords that are shown this season and we assure you that you can find just what you want in our Shoe Department.

Ladies' Skirts

We have a few of the latest styles in Skirts due to arrive in a few days, and we will be pleased to show them to you upon their arrival.

Men's and Boys' Hats

See the new line of hats for men and boys that we are showing this season—Felts, Straws, Panamas and Bangkoks—They are all the newest styles that the hat manufacturers are offering. See them.

Men's Nifty Neckwear

And wonderful values are being offered in our Neckwear Department. They are the very newest patterns and correct shapes. Get your next tie from us and get the newest.

Boys at the Camp

Our Boys' Service Package Towel Sets. They are just the thing that the boys want and need. Uncle Samuel approves these sets. Get one and send it to the boys at the camp. They will appreciate them. See our window for display.

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MARKET POULTRY SLOWLY

Washington, D. C., April 15.—“A rush of too many fowls to market as soon as the restriction against laying hens is removed, may result in food losses,” says the United States Department of Agriculture. “Think twice before selling a hen that is still laying. Green food is becoming more plentiful and

the demand for eggs continues. Universal marketing of fowls may react on prices as well as cause spoilage of dressed poultry.”

UNION SCHOOL TO CLOSE

The Union school will close on Friday of this week with appropriate exercises at night. In connection with the closing ex-

ercises, there will be a Liberty Loan and Thrift Stamp Rally. Mr. Gainey, teacher of the school, and the people of Union extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

C. T. Sims, Frank Leaverton, A. H. Luker and Rev. B. C. Ansley went to Augusta Friday night to attend a meeting of the War Savings Society, which

was recently organized in the school. A large crowd was present, showing that much interest is being taken in the movement. Prof Milliken, the teacher of the school, had a nice little program arranged and rendered by the school children, which was a very entertaining feature of the evening. The society is in good condition and will grow in interest.