

# The O'Donnell Index

## M. E. Church to Help Raise Fund

Rev. Joseph E. Eldridge, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of O'Donnell, has accepted \$1265.06 as a minimum quota to raise, within five years for the cause of the Superannuated Endowment of that denomination. The goal for the entire Church of this movement is \$10,000,000, the income from which is to be used for the support of the aged and infirm ministers, widows and orphans of ministers.

The campaign for the fund is being directed by the Board of Finance of the Southern Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., Bishop W. F. McMurry, chairman, and Dr. Luther E. Todd, secretary. The latter has issued and sent to all pastors a booklet, "The Call of the Forgotten Men," which tells the pathetic story of the great need, asks the church to remember him with substantial giving and outlines plans for raising the sum sought.

According to reports received by the board, over 2,000 pastoral charges have up to this time accepted minimum quotas asked of them and many of them have voluntarily increased the amounts. Several large individual gifts have already been announced and others are accepted.

There are 900 of the old preachers, many of them pioneer circuit riders who rode through storm and sunshine, winter and summer, day and night, to serve humanity and the church, 1,300 widows and 600 orphans, many of whom are living in little better than poverty. They never

## State Engineers Start Work on County Highway

Work on the Lynn county highways under the supervision of the State Highway Department was started this week, the first work being done on the road south of Tahoka leading to O'Donnell. This work consisted of leveling off the surface of the road, and for the present the county machinery is being used. Emmette Busby has position with crew and L. L. Busby will probably accept a position soon.

The state engineer in charge of Lynn county, will also have charge of maintaining the highways in Dawson county.

## Build Lumber Yard

Work on the Cicero Smith lumber yard is progressing rapidly, several cars of building material now being on the property recently purchased on the south side of the square. The site of the yard will occupy seven lots fronting the square and will extend two blocks south.

M. A. Brown has charge of the carpenter work in constructing the buildings and will remain as the local manager for the company. He will build a cottage for his home as soon as the yard buildings are completed.

forgot duty and the church for a single moment and there is now evidence on all sides that the church is at last thoroughly awake to its belated duty to its forgotten servants.

## Chamber of Commerce Meets with Electric Manager

L. S. Greer of Sweetwater, manager of the Texas Power & Electric Company, was here Saturday and met with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the extension of an electric light and power line from Lamesa to this point. Mr. Greer made a straight-from-the-shoulder talk to those present, emphasizing the fact that there was nothing worth while that did not cost something and to make a town grow the citizens must expend both energy and money. He asked that the city take 25 street lights in case his company decided to construct the line. To this Mayor Sanderson explained the present tax rate would not take care of the lights. Secretary Ben T. Brown made a motion that the cost of the lights be taken care of by private subscription, which when left to a vote, carried unanimously.

Mr. Greer complimented those present for agreeing to take care of the cost of the street lights and stated that continued work in this direction would lift the town from the village class to that of a city.

The matter of constructing the line will be laid before the board of directors of his company, Mr. Greer said and their reply would be given by March 1st.

After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Greer was taken for a drive over town to view the great amount of building going on.

## Three-Inch Snow Puts Season in Soil; Farmers Jubilant

Everything is "sittin' pretty" on the South Plains. Just when some of the farmers were wont to complain of the earth's crust being too dry for easy breaking, the sky opened its storage vault Sunday and sprinkled the land with about three inches of snow, and as a result the moisture has again met and the preparing of the land for the greatest crop ever known on the Plains goes merrily on.

As a result of the snow, everything seems to have taken on new life. The pessimist says we may have a good crop year yet, and the optimist says I told you all the time that we are in for a great year. Improvements are going on in every direction. Yes we are "sitting pretty."

Come to the South Plains.

## New Store Opened

J. H. Rose, Jr., returned Wednesday from a business trip to Breckenridge. Mr. Rose and his father, J. H. Sr., are the proprietors of the new Variety Store recently opened on the north side of the square. They are carrying a splendid stock of goods in their line and are adding new goods every day. If you have not visited this store, do so at once and see their stock.

## Pays \$600 Cash for Corner Lot

E. E. Taff, of O'Brien, was here this week and was so impressed with the prosperous appearance of O'Donnell that he purchased the corner lot opposite the O'Donnell Hotel for \$600 cash and will at once begin the construction of a storage building to be used as a filling station and automobile supply house.

The filling station will angle to the Southwest to permit of a two way drive in. Mr. Taff will carry a complete line of automobile accessories.

## Last Run for Hardberger Gins

With the toot of the whistle at the Hardberger Bros., gin today the ginning season for last year's crop will be closed in O'Donnell.

The last season has been the best in the history of the South Plains and as their share of the crop the Hardbergers have ginned approximately 4800 bales.

Preparation for the 1924 crop will begin at once at these gins and nothing will be left undone in the way of repairs and improvements to give service and satisfaction when the season opens in the fall.

J. D. Betenbough of Wheeler county, is here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Betenbough, and other relatives.

## R. M. HARKEY VETERINARIAN

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## Cotton Season Closes Today with 7637 Bales Ginned

The last bale of cotton produced in the O'Donnell territory for the past season will be ginned today, the ginners announcing that they will not fire up again until the new crop comes in.

The total number of bales ginned to date, not including the final run today, is 7637. This is the greatest amount ever ginned here in one season.

The 1922-23 crop amounted to approximately 3600 bales. In 1921-22, 1900 bales were ginned.

Thus it is shown that the crop has doubled each year. It is safe to estimate that the coming season will produce 20,000 bales for the O'Donnell territory.

Come to O'Donnell, the Cotton Town of the Plains.

About the time it was expected that the great influx of prospective farmers and men would cease, the country has just coming to Mr. Brown, the O'Donnell territory, that the week his the W

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# USE TROOPS TO MAKE NATION DRY--NEFF

DELIVERS STIRRING SPEECH BEFORE CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE IN DENVER.

## WOULD PUNISH THE SLAYERS

Says "Some City and County Officials Working in Harmony With Bootleggers."

Denver, Colo.—Pat M. Neff, Governor of Texas, speaking before a capacity audience in the Central Presbyterian Church at the final mass meeting of the two-day citizenship conference, declared in most emphatic terms that the Army and Navy should be pressed into service if the United States is to enforce successfully the prohibition law.

"Give me the aid of the American soldiers stationed in Texas and I'll use them in conjunction with the rangers, so that there will be at least one dry State in the Union. Despite the fact that there are 20,000 soldiers in Texas camps, narcotic and liquor smugglers ply their trade at will over the Mexican border and I see no reason in the world why these soldiers can not be used to protect the boundary line."

The Governor predicted that "those who drink hair tonic and other poisonous concoctions would soon be dead."

Delivering a broadside at the rum traffic on the Eastern coast, he declared that "our forefathers had the courage to throw some tea into Boston harbor to uphold the honor of their land and it appears as if the day were not far off when the descendants of our worthy ancestors will be forced to throw rum into the same harbor, that American law may be respected."

He insisted that American ships, wherever they sail, should be kept dry and that no foreign ship with liquor aboard should be permitted to land at an American seaport, declaring he "would make it hot for the latter."

"Never in the history of the United States was there such disrespect for law as now," he asserted. "Crime has become organized and commercialized. The prohibition law isn't worth anything to the country unless it is enforced, and the only way to enforce it is to punish those who violate it. No man should rise so high that the arm of the law can not reach him and he is a spineless and unworthy citizen whoever questions the right on enforcement of the law."

There is a bigger percentage of casualties among the dry officers than there was among the soldiers in the late war. The greatest difficulty lies in punishing those murderers."

He pointed out that a number of prohibition agents had been killed in Texas and "not one of the slayers had been sent to the penitentiary."

Some county and city officials, he said, worked in harmony with the bootleggers and men sent into the various counties "to run down the murderers were given no assistance."

# DAWES ADMITS RUHR OCCUPATION A HELP

Attitude for Both

## Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

### THE THOROUGH MAN

WE WHO by habit are inclined to fritter away our time should give close attention to the thorough man and strive to emulate his worthy efforts. Give heed to him as he confronts his task in the morning, whether it be at the anvil, behind the counter, at the desk or at the head of a great industry.

Observe the decisive directness with which he makes his approach, equipped mentally and physically to drive ahead at a gait that is maintained until the close of the day.

He knows what he wants to do and does it without hesitation.

He is every inch a thorough man. He knows it and those about him know it. He untangles obstinate skeins, settles disputes and goes through stone walls without bluster. He per-

mits nothing to annoy or disconcert him. His "yes" and "no" cut to the core, but they never exhibit anger.

About the only emotion he shows is his intensity of purpose, which in some subtle manner stirs the most phlegmatic soul within his presence to renewed activity.

He weighs his acts before he sends them out to do his bidding, having as a result no listless fear of the outcome.

Never disinclined to learn he is ever studying new ideas, getting new slants on old problems, shortening distances between starting points and the goal he visualizes in the distance.

At his first shot he may miss the mark, but he comes back with a larger quiver of arrows, a stronger bow and keeps shooting until he scores a clean hit.

He does not scold wrongdoers when they frankly repent, but rather praises the moral courage that admits the truth. This is the thorough man who knows his duty to himself and others, who achieves and attains while the irresolute look on abashed. If you ask him, he will tell you that his will-power and patience and endurance are given him by "faith in the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen."

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### THE ONE WHO WON

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

TWO there were upon a quest:

One went east, and one went west;  
One was rich, and one was poor,  
One the highroad, one the moor.

One of them (no matter which,  
Maybe poor, or maybe rich,  
One with wealth, or one with not,  
Road or moor, no matter what).

One of them, who trudged along,  
As he traveled, sang a song,  
Smiled to see the sun again,  
Played with snow, and laughed at rain.

One of them found many things  
All along to give him wings,  
Morning-glory, whippoorwill,  
Often helped him up the hill.

One of them, I'm sad to say,  
Traveled quite another way,  
Cursed the rocks, and cursed the road,  
Ev'ry labor, ev'ry load.

One of them, (no matter whom  
Man of gladness, man of gloom,  
Man of wealth, or man of naught),  
Found at last the thing he sought.

One of them (no matter which,  
On the highroad, in the ditch)  
Found the thing he sought, although  
Which it was I do not know.

One of them, I know at least,  
Found work fun, and life a feast,  
If he won, or if he lost,  
Found the journey worth the cost.

Two there were, whichever came,  
Wealth or want, or failure, fame,  
Good or bad, or right or wrong,  
One at least had had the song.

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## THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"FRANK"

WHEN we say that a person is "frank" we are understood as meaning that he is candid, open in his manner and straightforward in his dealings, a meaning which, at least, in its metaphorical sense, goes back to the powerful German tribe of the Franks, the word meaning "free" or "unconquered."

The Franks were the ruling people, honorably distinguished from the Gauls and the degenerate Romans of their time by their independence, their love of freedom and their scorn of duplicity. In short, they possessed the virtues which belong to a conquering and dominant race in the midst of an inferior and conquered one. It was for this reason that the word "frank" came by degrees to mean not merely a national but a moral distinction. A man who was frank did not necessarily belong to the Teutonic tribes bearing that name, but he was one who possessed certain moral qualities—the words "franchise" and "enfranchisement" being derived from the same root, as is the verb "to frank," meaning to send matter through the mail, free of charge.

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## SCHOOL DAYS



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## Mother's Cook Book

What a great thing common sense is—when we practice it. I'll bind myself to that which, once being right, will not be less right when I shrink from it.—Kingsley.

### THE SPRINGTIME GREENS

IT IS well to be forehanded in planning for the early spring vegetables and greens. Too often the season is before we realize how much we are missed by not serving often the crisp and greens of the way—quantum appetizing water—ground all winter on the... and green; its very tasty... with a... ighly-

ing pan with the bacon; mix well, stirring constantly until thickened. It should be about of the consistency of cream. Pour hot over the greens and serve at once.

The tender onions, the multipliers, are early, full of mineral salts and vitamins which are needed to keep the body in good health.

The poke in the South, the milkweed stalks in the North, cooked just as they first come up, are tender, nicely flavored and as tasty a dish as much of the early asparagus.

Do not and wild mustard make very good cooked greens, as well as the sheep sorrel and ragweed so common in the field. Lamb's quarters cooked with dandelion greens have flavor as well as variety.

### Asparagus With Buttered Crumbs.

Boil a bunch of asparagus. Place on a platter. In a saucepan put four tablespoons of butter, one-half cupful of bread crumbs; fry a deep golden brown; sprinkle over the asparagus, and top with minced parsley, salt, and hard-cooked eggs, and butter.

## The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says it's wonderful to think of Lady Astor, an American girl, being elected to the house of lords time after time.

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### Job for Woman Physician.

A woman physician has been selected to furnish professional services to certain United States coast guard stations in North Carolina.

You Bet!

Women are bound to have the last word even if they have to turn to the last page of the book first.

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# THE RED LOCK

## A Tale of the Flatwoods

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"Let y'u alone—after y'u bungled it the way y'u did—with fifty pistols in the air—and you drunk—h—h! This was my lay, anyhow, and a one-man job, only you and Loge had t' mess in—and now, with y'ur long tongues and squirrel whisky, y'u've jim'd it."

"Mess in!" The shadow among the gnarled roots raised a trifle. "Who hid y'u an' nursed y'u back well again after that marshal dern nigh croaked y'u last winter? Mess in—!"

The other strode a hard step nearer; apparently realized that any sort of an outbreak just there and then might prove dangerous; finally turned and stalked away up the yard.

The parlor door opened, closed. Black Bogus half rose, slipped away up the path—and the woodsman was alone with the voice of the night.

Counterfeiters—the mystery was cleared. Simon Colin—money-lender; money-hoarder—offered just the right opportunity.

Their plan was absolutely flawless—each night to slip out a number of good bills and replace them with counterfeit bills of the same denomination. And the rumpling of the spurious bills in tobacco-stained leaf mold to make them appear old and worn, so practically eliminating the chances of detection—it was a master thought.

Crouched in the shrubbery, the woodsman pondered the revelations of the night. But what to do? Proof—it was the one big word that confronted him. Since they had printed their supply of counterfeit bills before coming to the Flatwoods, there would be no outfit—nothing that fire could not destroy.

A thought of the concealed house-boat, with the shapely helprints on its dusty after deck, crossed him; and assumed a new significance. But one false move and even that would disappear—and they had their eyes on him.

But with all the caution of his wood-craft, Jack Warhope was not a man to plan and scheme. He came of other stock than that. A stroke to the core—when the ripe instant came—and devil take the chips, was his way. A bold thought took shape in his musings—but the ripe instant had not yet come. Another night would bring it, with the banker wailing and both of them on guard.

With a grim look on his face he crawled out of the shrubbery, stole back to the path winding along under the dense shadows at the base of Black Rock and slipped through the corner of the orchard to his own small cabin.

Pausing in the fallow yard under an old apple tree, just now renewing its youth in the glory of full bloom, he stood for a long time sifting the sounds of the night and frowning back toward the red-roofed cottage.

The moon stole up under the edge of the east and cast a glittering spear that broke against the face of Black Rock. A quiver seemed to thrill over the sleepy world at the bold assault. The geese in the barn-lot honked and clapped their wings, a bullfrog down in the bayou cleared his throat; a soft breeze waked, rustled the leaves of the old apple tree and snowed the man white with blossoms.

He had his hand on the latch—when suddenly there rang out upon the silence of the night, from the direction of the red-roofed cottage, a woman's wild scream, repeated again and again.

He whirled, rigid, striving to distinguish the cry—but all women scream much alike. Next moment he was dashing across the orchard toward the sound—probably the most awesome on earth—a woman's wild cry in the night.

The sound had ceased when he came out of the orchard and a candle was flitting about the sitting-room. He leaped the orchard fence and ran around to the porch. To his surprise the sitting-room door was partly open and he dashed in.

There in his big armchair in the room that served as office, half bent back over the chair arm, his grizzled head lolling down horribly, sprawled the old money-lender—dead.

Textie was crying wildly in the arms of the housekeeper. The preacher had just come from the parlor bedroom and stood stooped and trembling, peering through his huge spectacles in awed silence. But great as his haste in dressing must have been, he had found time to put on the frock coat and high neck stock—demands of custom that he had probably found impossible to deny.

Jack found the dead man still warm. He noticed that his night shirt was torn to shreds at the neck and sleeves, and that his face was scratched and streaked with blood, but there was no wound apparent that could have caused his death.

The room presented every evidence

By DAVID ANDERSON  
Author of "The Blue Moon"  
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of a struggle. A chair was overturned; the cover on a small stand had been brushed away; the rug was dragged back a foot or two from before the dead banker's writing desk, where, for an instant the woodsman bent a searching eye upon some faint markings that, in the dim candle-light, could barely be traced upon the dusty floor-boards thus laid bare.

The old man's sawed-off shotgun was lying on the floor, where it had probably been wrenched from his hand before he could use it.

Jack had only time to note these particulars when a rabble of people from the village, alarmed by Textie's screams, came running up the yard and stormed into the house. A moment later Jerry Brown, the town marshal, bustled in and took charge—and the peaceful cottage passed into the hands of the law.

The house was cleared of all but the preacher, the woodsman and two or three women, a messenger sent to the city for the coroner, and a deputy put on guard at the door pending his arrival.

Seventy years ago the coroner's office was in the saddle, the coroner, then as now, always a physician, usually of the "saddle-bags" type, a race of men staunch and true, who, next to the minister and teacher, did most to nurse the young republic to manhood.

Early the next morning the coroner arrived. After a short consultation with Jerry Brown, he entered the room where the tragedy occurred and began his inquest.

Aside from the disarranged furniture, the torn garment, the scratches on the face, there was little evidence, and no clue whatever to the person or persons with whom the old man had waged his fatal battle in the dark. Not a cent of money, or any article of value, had been taken. The safe was still locked, apparently just as it had been left the day before.

Textie testified that she had heard a struggle, and words strained and muffled and indistinct—she immediately sprang out of bed and ran into the housekeeper's room—that they lighted a candle and hurried downstairs—that there was no one else in the room except her father, and he lay back across the chair arm—Her voice choked into silence.

"Were the doors all closed?"  
"All but the door of the settin'-room—it was open a little bit."  
"Was it closed when you went to bed?"

"I s'pose so—father never failed to shut and lock it."

"Was there more than one key to the door?"

"No, only one."

"Where was it kept?"

"Hangin' b'hind the door."

"Marshal," directed the coroner, "will you see if that key is still hangin' there?"

The marshal peeped behind the door.

"Yes, it's thar yit, Y'ur Honor," he answered.

The coroner relaxed his gruff severity long enough to offer the weeping girl a word of kindly sympathy, and then dismissed her.

The housekeeper was next called. Her testimony agreed in every particular with Textie's.

And then came the preacher. In his peering, jerky way, he testified that he was a heavy sleeper—that he had heard nothing till Miss Textie screamed—that he had then hastily thrown on the few articles of dress necessary to make himself presentable before ladies—that he had opened his door and hurried across the parlor, across the sitting-room and into the office, where he was horrified to find his dear friend dead, and the room in its present disarray.

"Is it true that you carry a key to the parlor door?"

"It is. Brother Colin placed it at my disposal the evening I came."

"Where is it?"

"Here."

He drew it forth and held it toward the coroner, who waved it away.

"Did you lock the parlor door las' night?"

"I did."

"You're excused."

The coroner looked in his note-book, glanced into the corner of the room where Jack Warhope stood near Textie's chair and motioned with his hand. The woodsman approached the table.

"What do you know of this case?"

In his slow, careful way the woodsman told what he had heard and seen, from the moment of Textie's scream to the arrival of Jerry Brown.

"What was you doin' up so late?"

The question probed deep. Things would have happened had he answered it—and they would have happened

fast. Back along the wall the preacher straightened a trifle and his eyes tightened behind the huge spectacles. "I was—studyin'."

Just what the character of his "studies" had been he let fall no word, and fortunately the coroner did not ask. Back along the wall the tightened eyes behind the huge spectacles relaxed.

"Is it true that you carry, and have for some time carried, a key to the kitchen door?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where was that key—las' night?"

"In my pocket."

He drew it out and held it forth; the coroner waved it away; back along the wall the eyes behind the tinted spectacles tightened again.

"It appears from the evidence that you was the only person who could have entered this house las' night without breakin' in."

Textie slowly rose from her chair; her eyes suddenly dry—and wide.

"Your Honor—w'y—that's Jack—Father trusted him the same as he did me—"

The coroner looked toward her; waved his hand. The girl glanced helplessly at the woodsman; sank back into the chair and buried her face in her hands.

Uncle Nick had edged through the crowd and approached the table.

"Doc, Y'ur Honor, he never done it. He couldn't. Hit ain't in 'im—n'r the men 'e sprung from. W'y, I'd back the boy with my life."

The coroner looked at him; turned again to the woodsman.

"Your name's Warhope?"

"Yes, sir."

"Son of Col. David Warhope?"

"Yes, sir."

The coroner mused a moment, then went on.

"I knowed your father, and I don't believe it has ever been my privilege t' know a nobler man or a finer gentleman."

He turned to Uncle Nick, anxiously fumbling the coonskin cap in his fingers.

"You say you'd be willin' to answer for this boy's honesty with your life?"

"I would that."

"So would I." He turned to the woodsman: "Young man, you're excused."

Tense strung bodies relaxed; faces cleared; a murmur swept the crowd—a murmur that, only for the presence of the dead, would have swelled to a cheer.

After writing a hasty line or two in his worn note-book, the coroner rose in grim severity and rendered his verdict—to the effect that Simon Colin came to his death from an acute attack of apoplexy, precipitated by struggling with some person, or persons, unknown, who had entered the house probably with intent to rob.

Looking around over the assembled villagers, a man seriously conscious of the trust the state had committed to him, the coroner folded up his note-book, came out from behind the table—and the inquest was over.

The crowd was sent away; the woodsman helped Jerry Brown and the coroner carry the dead man into his room and lay him upon his bed.

Watching a chance when no one was looking, Jack snatched up the sawed-off shotgun and hurriedly examined the caps on the tubes. He found what he was looking for—the fulminate had been removed from the caps, rendering them absolutely neutral. No amount of hammering could have caused them to explode.

Crossing the floor, he took down the key, which the marshal had left hanging behind the door undisturbed, and studied it critically. On the shaft of it was a faint discoloration that could be nothing else but blood.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### New Kind of Plow.

Despite the development of most farm machinery, the plow has changed little in more than 3,000 years. In primitive times plows were drawn by man power or oxen, today they are efficiently operated by tractor. But the actual shape of the plow and the method of turning the furrows in the soil is much the same as in primitive times.

A unique farming tool has been invented in France which attacks the problem in a new way. The plow is replaced by a number of metal fingers which dig deep into the earth, break it up and prepare it for planting, all in one operation. The labor of plowing and cultivating is thus done quickly and efficiently. The new device seems to work equally well in hard, dry or soft ground and promises an important saving of labor for the farmer, according to accounts.

### All Volunteers.

The army of presidential candidates seems to be made up entirely of volunteers.

## MELLON SCORED BY LEGION COMMANDER

Harding Was Induced to Veto the Compensation Bill by an "Astounding Miscalculation."

Winston-Salem, N. C. — "Mellon juggles figures and big business spends a few of its hoarded war profits to fight against the passage of obligations which are pledged to us by the Republican party," John R. Quinn, national commander of the American Legion, declared here in an address to American Legion representatives from Southern States.

He was addressing the legion representatives gathered here for a get-together conference, at which it was expected agreement would be reached on measures the Southern legionaires would back.

Legion representatives from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida were present, including department commanders, adjutants, chaplains, historians and other officers.

"Every one except big business felt this was an obligation that was owing," he said. Declaring that the railroads, war-time contractors and shipyard workers received large sums and civil service employes received and still receive bonuses, the national commander declared these payments were just and the legion had no complaint, but added that "every factor except the veterans who went to the front was compensated for its economic loss and handicap." He said that President Harding was induced to veto the compensation bill by an "astounding miscalculation."

He quoted figures which he said came from a report by Representative Andrew of Massachusetts, showing that the Government paid out in the year the bill first passed \$211,000,000 more than the legal requirement on the war debt and ended with a balance of \$370,000,000 to its credit.

## URGE-ANFLO-FRENCH PACT WITH GERMANY

Such an Alliance Would Further Peace, Says Winston Churchill.

London. — Co-operation of Great Britain, France and Germany was urged by Winston Spencer Churchill, speaking as chairman of a dinner in honor of Ambassador Frank E. Kellogg by the English-Speaking Union. Upon such co-operation he declared depends their mutual safety and greater prosperity and the lasting peace of the world.

Mr. Churchill's speech, in which he chafed James Henry Thomas, Labor Secretary for Colonies, who sat on the other side of Mr. Kellogg, was not made up of Anglo-American platitudes, as is sometimes the case. He frankly informed the Ambassador that the men, women and children of Great Britain did not get down on their knees every morning and thank God for the terms of settlement of Great Britain to America.

When he touched on such topics as the Washington arms conference and the Irish settlement as a means of bringing about untarnished friendship across the Atlantic he did it in an original way. He intimated he had found from his experience as First Lord of the Admiralty that when nations compete in arms, one building bigger guns, the next retaliating with heavier armaments to stop the bigger guns built, mutual suspicion and rivalry were inevitable.

### 6,500 Burn to Death in Year.

New York.—Six thousand and four hundred persons have been burned to death in the United States during the last twelve months, according to statistics made public by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The company's investigations have also proven the generally supposed fact that fatalities are greater among men than among women in all instances of violent death except burns.

Annexation of Fiume March 2. Rome.—The annexation of Fiume to Italy, under the terms of the Italo-Jugo-Slav treaty, will be formally proclaimed here on March 2 in the presence of the King and the Cabinet. Premier Mussolini made this announcement at a Cabinet meeting recently.

Medals for Pig Raisers McKinney, Texas.—County Agent Roy Saunders has received a number of gold medals which he is distributing to five or six farmers who raised ton litters of pigs at the age of 6 months in the recent ton-litter contest by the Texas Swine Breed-

## ALL WOMEN WHO WORK

Should Know how this Worker was Made Strong and Well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Zahl, N. Dakota. — "I was nervous and weak and was not regular. I also had pains frequently. I was sickly for seven years and finally had a nervous breakdown following an operation. I am a dressmaker and milliner, and a lady I work for told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I am taking it and it has made me well and able to do my work again. I have even helped take care of a sick neighbor recently, so you can see how fit I am. I highly praise your medicine and you may use my letter as you see fit. I hope it will help some other woman."—Mrs. OLE NORD-LEIN, Box 23, Zahl, North Dakota.

Over 121,000 women have so far replied to our question. "Have you received benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?" 98 per cent. of these replies answer "Yes." This means that 98 out of every 100 women taking this medicine for ailments for which it is recommended are benefited by it. For sale by all druggists.

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**What People Want**  
That novel "Babbitt" pointed out the barrenness of city life, but what people want is a novel to show them how to better enjoy it.

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Don't treat sore, inflamed, smarting eyes with powerful drugs "dropped" in by hand. A soothing, effective, safe remedy is best 25 cents—all druggists.  
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FOR children who are weak and thin Gude's Pepto-Mangan is the ideal tonic. It contains the iron they need for pure blood, bodily energy, and firm, solid flesh. At this season every child will benefit by taking it. At your druggist's, in liquid and tablet form.

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## LOCALS

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See us for oats, corn, corn chops, barley chops, wheat bran and shorts. — O'Donnell Mercantile Co.

Wanted—Man to do listing for one week, possibly steady job.—B. O. Mc Gonagill.

J. S. Neeley, of Winters, Texas, has been on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Baker, returned home last Saturday.

J. E. Baker has purchased a new 3 ton International truck.

## C. E. RAY, Tailor

We wish to announce  
 We have just installed a new Hoff-Man Steam Pressing Machine



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his business having increased to the extent that another truck was necessary to handle the Magnolia products for which he is agent.

We have some good horses and mules, to sell. Terms, payment down and balance payable next fall. — J. W. Boyle & Son, O'Donnell, Texas.

Mrs. Will Brunson broke her arm Saturday evening when cranking her Ford.

See C. E. Ray for that Spring suit.

Good progress is being made on the new home being constructed by C. M. Cox, proprietor of the Corner Drug Store and Mr. and Mrs. Cox expect to soon be living in a cozy home of their own.

**FOR SALE** Maize at \$25.00 per ton. See B. C. King or W. P. Eason. Located 2-1-2 miles East of Lamesa on Gail road.

Go to the Corner Drug Store for your reading matter. All the latest Magazine at popular prices.

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### Card of Thanks

We desire to express to all our friends and neighbors our deep and lasting thanks for their many deeds of kindness during the short life of our darling baby. You have helped us bear the burden of these dark hours of bereavement. Language is not adequate to express our thanks to you, the best people in the world. God's blessing be with you.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibbs,  
 Mrs. R. H. Schreier,  
 Miss Willie Schreier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mansello Rochester, spent last week here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mansell. Mr. Mansello is a member of the firm of Mansell Bros., hardware and furniture merchants, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the rapid growth of the business. He said that he never saw a town make such a rapid growth as has O'Donnell since establishing the store here early last fall.

The editor will be happy last Saturday by the arrival of Mrs. Kellis from San Angelo. The lady's services will be valuable in keeping the office force busy and otherwise assisting in the publication of the Index. Mrs. Kellis has had several years experience in newspaper work and when she becomes acclimated and learns to love the Plains country better than San Angelo, the readers of the Index will see boosting articles from her pen.

## The Coming of Spring

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Nothing adds to the beauty of the home more than pretty window drapes

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These Pens and Pencils are priced to suit any pocketbook and guaranteed—some for life

For \$8 we can sell you a pen Guaranteed for life

Come in and let us show you our large assortment

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Is now open for business and invites your patronage

All fixtures new and sanitary

Two Chairs — Quick Service — Courteous Treatment

We want your trade In the former Bank Building

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I have opened a feed and grain Store in the Wright building northeast of the square and I invite you to call on me when in the market for

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Prices Right :: I want your trade

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## Flour Is Advancing

Get your supply before we advance our price

We have just received a car of

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Also a car of

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Texas

**News Letter from  
Wells School**

This interesting letter was un-avoidably crowd out last week.

Friday certainly was a gala day for Wells community. In response to a challenge from the T Bar school, two games of basketball were played, one with the boys and one with the girls. The Wells girls defeated T Bar girls 12 to 10 and the Wells boys defeated T Bar boys 11 to 10. This makes the second time T Bar has lost to Wells.

For an ordinary community, these victories would have been sufficient, but for Wells, no. The crowning victory came when Wells defeated T Bar in a spelling match. We appreciate the cooperation of the community in these events.

Wells is a live and growing community. We have Sunday school every Sunday at 10:30 o'clock and preaching every third Sunday. The Rev. Henderson preached both morning and evening Sunday, February 15th.

Sunday evening a singing was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaurin.

Wells school has 67 pupils in actual attendance.

See me for good cedar posts and cane hay at Highway Garage. L. M. Littlepage.

Cleaning, Pressing, Altering and Dyeing, Phone 52.—O. I. Luellan West Side.

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LADIES.—I now have in a full line of Hats, am also prepared to do dress making. See me at new Variety store, west of P. O.

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News Items of Interest in T Bar Community

Mother earth is wrapped in a blanket of snow. How pretty she looks. Makes us want to grab our guns and give Mr. Rabbit a chase.

Our school is progressing nicely under our efficient teachers. Two years ago our enrollment was seventeen. This year it has reached ninety-one.

We had to postpone our literary society on account of the measles. We are anxious to get in the harness again. We have some good material to draw from and our society is sure to be a success. Older heads are lending a helping hand.

Not many attend Sunday school on account of the dreary weather.

Farming has been retarded on account of so much bad weather.

er. We don't mind bad weather if there is moisture and no sand storms.

Mr. Stokes and family of Plainview, visited their daughter, Mrs. Alma Frazier, Tuesday.

Wells seems to gloat over their victory in basket ball and spelling. They failed to mention that we out-spelled them when they came to T Bar. That's it, Wells, don't mention defeat; that's the way the world wags.

T Bar goes to South Ward to play basket ball Friday.

As the weather has been too bad for us to get out and gather news, we'll quit.

The following T Bar letter was left out last week for lack of space—Editor.

We are back on the map again. Everybody enjoying the pretty weather and the farmers are busy preparing their land for a

crop. Our school is progressing nicely under the management of efficient teachers and the enrollment has reached up into the eighties.

We had a nice crowd out to our literary last Friday night and everybody seemed to enjoy the program.

Our T Bar community is going to spell Wells Friday night. We beat Wells before and here's hoping we will beat them again.

Our next literary meeting will be held on Washington's birthday. We are planning a nice program with a patriotic play.

We are planning to buy a piano for T Bar school, hoping to have it for our next program.

Miss Hunter, one of our teachers spent the week-end with Mr. Stokes at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. John King left for their new home at Stamford, Monday.

Little Hazel Moore has recovered from measles and no more new cases are reported.

r. and Mrs. D. M. Estes are moving to O'Donnell.

Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Townzen attended the speaking at O'Donnell Wednesday. They report a good time and lots of dinner.

Mr. Townzen and family had dinner at Mr. McCarley's Sunday.

Reporter.

W. S. (Skip) TAYLOR

T. G. MARKS

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