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### Commercial Club Organized

Monday night, May 14, a representative body of Hansford citizens met at the court house for the purpose of organizing a commercial club. The house was called to order by G. L. Roland, who stated the object of the meeting and also made a few general remarks about the good which can be accomplished for the town and community by such an organization. Temporary organization was perfected by the election of A. F. Barkley as chairman and G. L. Roland, secretary. The books were then opened for members and the final count gave the club a charter membership of thirty-two. The membership is not confined to business men alone. The banker, the baker, candlestick maker, farmer, stockman—everybody who is willing to work for the good of Hansford county is invited to become a member of this club, and the thirty-two men who put their names down as members Monday night are each and every one, individually and collectively, a committee to solicit new members. C. D. Works, A. L. Townsend and Phil Weaver were appointed by the chairman as a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the club and will report at the next meeting or as soon thereafter as is possible. The committee desires to communicate with the chamber of commerce and commercial club, at Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Dalhart and other wide-awake towns about their mode of procedure before submitting their final report, so it may not be possible to have the constitution ready to be acted upon by next meeting. However, the committee is composed of men who are willing to work and sacrifice a little time and money if necessary, and when their work is finished it will not likely need but little, if any, alterations.

This meeting Monday night was harmonious and enthusiastic throughout. Many interesting talks were made about what had been done by similar organizations in other towns. The general opinion seemed to prevail that by organization and concerted action much and lasting good can be accomplished, while the "every fellow for himself" way of doing business is a g.

The club will meet again Monday night, May 21. In the meantime, get your name on the dotted line.

### Mother's Day

Last Sunday was Mother's Day. The day was fittingly observed in

Hansford by a splendid sermon at the Methodist church by Rev. Franklin. The white carnations, which are always so much in evidence on Mother's Day, could not be procured but the service at the church was not lacking in interest. The mothers present were given front pews and in other ways shown more than ordinary courtesy and consideration. It is planned to hold a Father's Day service in the near future.

### Base Ball

A second attempt to organize a ball team and begin preparations for the big games scheduled for the summer months will be made by Hansford fans on Saturday, May 18. The effort along this line last Saturday came to naught on account of the near-zero weather. A few innings were played at Sid's barber shop and other places of business where a fire was kept burning, but there was none of the real, no close decisions on second or infield work that causes you to hit a rank stranger on the back and yell like a Comanche Indian. Nothing of this sort occurred last Saturday, but if the weather will permit we will have some of it next Saturday, for there is a bunch of fine fans around Hansford and they are anxious to get in the game. As previously stated, the Headlight believes the business men of Hansford will support a good ball team. All we need is organization and practice, and it now looks like spring has arrived. Play ball.

### Two Good Ones

C. A. Nash and S. D. Safranko came down from Guymon Monday and spent the night in Hansford in order to be on hand early Tuesday morning at the Spearman lot sale. Mr. Nash is with the Big Jo Lumber Company and with Mr. Roberts of the same company, who was also present, bought lots and will establish a yard in Spearman. In fact, they already have lumber on the ground. Mr. Safranko is proprietor of the Model store at Guymon. He also purchased excellent business lots and the odds are 100 to 1 that before Santa Claus comes again there will be a Model store at Spearman. S. D. is a prince of dry goods merchant should he establish a store at Spearman will draw trade for many miles. The Headlight would like to see many more just such business men as Messrs. Nash and Safranko locate in Spearman. They are the kind who make a good town better.

### Old Settler's Reunion

The building of the North Texas & Santa Fe Railroad in and through Ochiltree county is destined to change the map of this section of the country to a great extent. Ochiltree county has amongst its citizenship families who have been living here for more than a quarter of a century. They came at a time when great determination and perseverance were required to meet and master the conditions, which were almost intolerable. They came as men and women endowed with courage, honesty and integrity and therefore they have succeeded and have established a community of which they might justly be proud.

But new settlers are coming in. Diversified farming is gradually taking the place of the great ranches that have so many years been used as cattle ranges. Within the next six months or a year the population of this county will no doubt treble itself. The laws of evolution are taking place; the old order is changing, yielding place to the new. Soon the old settler will be lost in the maize of a new population. Therefore the News not only suggests but is pleased to publish statements made by many of the old settlers that they long for a reunion before other changes are instituted. They welcome the new comer in their midst with a brotherly love that will be a guarantee that a happy co-ordination between the old and new shall exist. However, the old settlers want one final rally, and the News enthusiastically approves of the plan whereby all of the old settlers of this county and the neighboring counties will meet for a real old settler's picnic in the latter part of June. The publisher of the News feels justified in calling himself an old settler also, as he made his first advent here during the summer of 1876, forty-one years ago. And the News wishes to have the privilege of assisting the committee that is about to be organized for the purpose of promoting this gathering and rendering such help as is possible and proper. A meeting for that purpose will be called within a few days and a committee appointed to arrange all of the details regarding the reunion. The object in view is to have an old-fashioned picnic where old friends can exchange reminiscences, and new friends may be met and received. A barbecue will probably be a feature; speaking will be given by old settlers, some of whom are the best orators in the Panhandle; games, such as a matched game of baseball, tug o' war and other amusements of similar character will add to the pleasure of the occasion. Let us all join in and cooperate heartily in making this a grand day long to be remembered in the Panhandle.—Ochiltree News.

The Headlight sincerely hopes this old timer's picnic will be held and at a place convenient for Hansford county old-timers to attend. Conditions are the same in Hansford county as in Ochiltree, and for this reason the above article is published. Boost the Old Timer's Picnic.

### Spearman Lot Sale

The sale of business and residence lots in the new town of Spearman took place as advertised on Tuesday, May 15. About 750 people were there and almost every man present was a purchaser or interested in purchases. The recent heavy rains kept many visitors away but almost the entire townsite was sold. Additional lots will doubtless be surveyed and platted and the selling continued as long as it is justified by the demand. Business men from Hutchinson to Amarillo are now directly interested in upbuilding of Spearman and that it will make one of the best towns on the plains is a foregone conclusion. It is an ideal location for a town and is surrounded by a country rich in undeveloped resources of various kinds, but especially adapted to stock-farming. When the Santa Fe finally reaches there, which certainly will be in the present year, another splendid little city will be built, and it will always grow and prosper because of its being located in such a rich and prosperous country.

The lunch served by the Ladies' Aid of the Hansford church was entirely satisfactory. Everybody had plenty to eat and a good time generally. Col. Hereley and his able assistants conducted the sale in a fair and impartial manner and to the satisfaction of all concerned. There was no favoritism, but a square deal was accorded one and all.

Spearman is now on the map; the D-C-D highway runs along one of her principal streets and the Santa Fe railroad is building towards her at a rapid rate

### The Newest Democracy

Russia is the newest democracy and yet the World Outlook furnishes the information that three-fourths of the 164,000,000 of the inhabitants of the Slavic republic are engaged in agriculture; that the bulk of the nation is peasant, bred to the soil, and for the most part illiterate. Even when they migrate to the cities they change but little.

A Russian peasant of today plows with the same implements used by his remote ancestors. Only in newer districts that are being opened to agriculture is American farm machinery used.

Siberia for instance is called the Russian America. The go-ahead peasants migrate to Asia and electric-lighted towns are growing up there in true American fashion.

Siberia is twenty-four times the size of Germany. Russia is said to be the richest of all countries in undeveloped resources. After the war millions of Europeans who are not Russians, it is predicted, will migrate to this new republic.

Russia is rich in forests, rich in mineral wealth, rich in productive soil, as there are many millions of acres untouched by plow or the hand of man.

All the timbered and mineral lands are crown lands. Before the revolution they were held by the Romanoff tribe. Today they are the possessions of the Russian people.

Russia has more than 9,000,000 Jews. Russia persecuted the Jews for four centuries. Now these people of an ancient faith enjoy civil and religious

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Capital Stock, \$10,000.00

HANSFORD, TEXAS

liberty. In the years to come they will assist in the development of the Russia that is to be. They will not come to the United States.

Russia free should be an earthly paradise; Russia, governed by the czars was an earthly hell. War made Russia a democracy. War has its blessings as well as its miseries.—Fort Worth Record.

### Just Anger

E. Terborg, perhaps the only native of Holland in Hansford county, was in town last Saturday. Mr. Terborg, who lives eight miles southwest of Hansford, recently left his home for a short time and on his return found that some thief had pried open a window and stolen a ham from his larder. The honest old Dutchman's only comment was, "Mine Got but I vas Mat"

### Old Timers Met

At the sale of Spearman, in the First National Bank building of Hansford, last Tuesday, Mr. J. E. Cator, who lives in the Palo Duro valley, and Mr. Hereley, who were friends forty-one years ago, within a gunshot of the First National bank building, after all these years, met for the first time. And with broad smiles and happy greetings they renewed their old acquaintance. Mr. Cator is, so far as is possible to state at this time, the only survivor of 1876, who was a resident of this county at that time. They were boys then, but time works changes perceptible.—Ochiltree News.

### Stop Bad Egg Traffic

An associated press dispatch from Washington, D. C., dated May 12, says: "A number of egg shippers in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and the panhandle section of Texas have been cited to appear before the bureau of chemistry, U. S. department of agriculture, to show cause why they are not guilty of violating the food and drugs act by shipping in interstate commerce, cases of eggs containing large numbers of rots and spots. The food and drug act prohibits the interstate shipment of bad eggs, which are held to be adulterated food."

Nat Cox, all-round auto man and perhaps the best Texas county affords on auto electrical appliances, came down from Guymon Tuesday and attended the Spearman lot sale.

### Transmission Hints

Poor telephone service is due in many cases to the way we talk into the transmitter and this advice is offered. "The best results are obtained with the lips very close to the transmitter, just so they don't touch it. Removing the lips from the transmitter has the same effect as lengthening the line in use as follows: One inch lengthens the line 57 miles. Two inches lengthens the line 128 miles.

Three inches lengthens the line 179 miles. Four inches lengthens the line 218 miles.

The telephone is now so common that it is naturally supposed that nearly everybody knows how to use it correctly, yet many people will step to one side, often as much as a foot away from the transmitter, and expect to get good service. In such cases the fault is not with the phone but with the individual doing the talking. A little care in such matters will add to your pleasure and satisfaction.

### Reach the Million Mark

For the first time in history the official bank calls have caught Dalhart banks with over a million dollars in deposits, the exact figures being \$1,010,242.32. After the last call, in March, The Texan commented upon the fact that the bank deposits had reached the sum of \$840,988.36, then the largest in her history, and now, in less than two months, the deposits have increased in round numbers \$170,000.

A letter from the State's Attorney General to Attorney B. N. Richards upholds the contention that the prohibition forces lost in the recent election and that another election cannot be held for two years. This, of course, refers to Dallam county as a whole and has no bearing on any election that might be called in a subdivision or combination of subdivisions.—Dalhart Texan

### Everything Lovely

T. L. Hobbs was a Hansford visitor Saturday. Tom recently purchased 50 head of cows from J. C. Scruggs which increased his herd to such an extent that feeding even the poorest ones was a considerable proposition, but since the glorious rains have brought out the grass and weeds, he is pushing a smile around that refuses to wear away.

## Largest and Best List of Farm and Ranch LANDS In Hansford County Texas

I have for sale a large list of Farm and Ranch Lands in Hansford county, at prices that will meet the approval of the purchaser. See me at once if you want choice lands near Spearman.

**MONEY TO LOAN:---** I have an unlimited amount of money to loan on Farm and Ranch Lands. Best terms and lowest rate of interest.

Information Gladly Furnished Phone or Write.

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HANSFORD, TEXAS

**Men and Women**

Women as well as men are made miserable by kidney and bladder trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney medicine, is highly recommended by thousands.

Swamp-Root stands the highest for the reason that so many people say it has proved to be just the remedy needed in thousands of even the most distressing cases.

At druggists in 50c and \$1.00 sizes. You may receive a sample size bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post, also a pamphlet telling you about it. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents, also mention this paper.

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This is the year to plant heavily. Write us for probable price and information about marketing.

**COYNE BROS.,** 160 W. So. Water Street, CHICAGO

**Fortunes in Oil**

Oratory Rendered Difficult.

"What you ought to do is to deliver one of those old-fashioned ringing speeches."

"No," answered Senator Sorghum, "times have changed. A man can't get up and make a speech now without creating a suspicion that maybe he's going to filibuster."

IMITATION IS SINCERE FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Crole" Hair Dressing. It's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Free \$1.00.—Adv.

Limit to Space.

"Move up in front, there, please," shouted the conductor of one of the 5-to-6 a. m. Illinois street cars.

"Can't do it; door's shut," answered a stentorian voice in that direction.—Indianapolis News.

**ANY CORN LIFTS OUT, DOESN'T HURT A BIT!**

No foolishness! Lift your corns and calluses off with fingers—It's like magic!

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn, can harmlessly be lifted right out with the fingers if you apply upon the corn a few drops of freezeone, says a Cincinnati authority.

For little cost one can get a small bottle of freezeone at any drug store, which will positively rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain.

This simple drug dries the moment it is applied and does not even irritate the surrounding skin while applying it or afterwards.

This announcement will interest many of our readers. If your druggist hasn't any freezeone tell him to surely get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.—adv.

Changed.

"Crimson Gulch doesn't seem like the same town since it went dry."

"That's right," replied Broncho Bob. "It has changed both in joy and grief. The boys don't have neither so many frolics nor as many funerals."

**CUTICURA STOPS ITCHING**

Instantly in Most Cases—Write for a Free Sample.

Cuticura is wonderfully effective. The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal all forms of itching, burning skin and scalp affections. Besides these super-creamy emollients if used daily prevent little skin troubles becoming serious.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Seeking an Emancipator.

"Would you welcome a food director?"

"I would, if he had the nerve to step into our culinary department and compel the cook to listen respectfully to instructions."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of *W. H. Wood*  
In Use for Over 30 Years.  
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

A Wearisome Lecturer.

"Bilgins is always lecturing on patriotism."

"Yes, Sometimes I think he is an alien enemy and is trying to make patriotism unpopular."

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chili Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Balked.

Hubby—You think you're deep, but to me you are an open book.

Wife—But you can't shut me up.

He who offends another cannot remember it long, his mind being occupied with offenses against himself.

**Sore Eyes**

Granulated Eyelids  
Eyes inflamed  
sure to Sun,  
quickly relieved  
Eye Salve in  
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**WAR TARIFF BILL  
MAKES EVERYBODY  
PAY HIS SHARE**

**\$1,800,000,000 To Be Raised in Year by Measure Reported to House.**

**BOOST DUTIES; NO FREE LIST**

Limit on Incomes Reduced to \$3,000 for Single Men and \$2,000 for Married Men—Taxes for Heirs Are Increased—Tariff Raised 10 Per Cent and Articles on Free List Are Taxed 10 Per Cent.

Washington.—A war revenue bill designed to raise \$1,800,000,000 by taxation during the coming year was approved finally in the house ways and means committee Tuesday by unanimous vote and reported to the house Wednesday.

In the meantime the senate finance committee is holding public hearings on the bill, with a view to being ready to report soon after the house acts.

To bring the amount to be raised up to the desired total, the house committee wrote into the bill a flat increase of 10 per cent in all existing tariff duties and 10 per cent duties on all articles now admitted free, all estimated to bring in \$240,000,000, this more than doubling the present tariff revenues.

In addition it was decided to make all income-tax increases retroactive, beginning with the present calendar year. Other taxes provided for would become effective upon the signing of the bill.

The income-tax increases, applying to both personal and corporation incomes, are designed to produce \$533,000,000 more than the present income-tax receipts.

Income and Profits.

Most of the new revenue will come from the income, excess profits, and inheritance taxes and additional tariff duties, but the levies of the bill would reach into many other sources.

Letter mail rates would be increased from two to three cents an ounce, and postal cards from one to two cents, while \$19,000,000 would be added to charges against newspapers under a new system based upon the present parcel-post zones.

Internal-revenue taxes upon liquor and tobacco would be materially increased, and there would be taxes on amusements, and stamp taxes of wide scope.

Increase in Supertaxes.

The war income tax section would double the present normal tax of 2 per cent on individuals and 3 per cent on corporations. It would lower the exemption of individual incomes from \$4,000 to \$2,000 in the case of married persons and from \$3,000 to \$1,000 for the unmarried.

In addition, beginning with incomes of \$5,000, graduated supertaxes would be imposed, in addition to the normal 4 per cent, ranging up to 33 per cent on all incomes over \$500,000 a year.

The surtax schedule follows:

Income.	Tax.
From \$5,000 to \$7,500.....	1 per cent
From \$7,500 to \$10,000.....	2 per cent
From \$10,000 to \$12,500.....	3 per cent
From \$12,500 to \$15,000.....	4 per cent
From \$15,000 to \$20,000.....	5 per cent
From \$20,000 to \$40,000.....	6 per cent
From \$40,000 to \$60,000.....	8 per cent
From \$60,000 to \$80,000.....	11 per cent
From \$80,000 to \$100,000.....	14 per cent

**HOW INCOME TAX WORKS OUT**

This table is based on an exemption of \$2,000 for heads of families. For persons unmarried and not heads of families the exemption is \$1,000.

Income.	Tax Under Original Law	Tax Under Law Sept. 1915	Tax Under Proposed Revision
\$ 3,000.....	0	0	0
4,000.....	0	0	0
5,000.....	10	20	60
10,000.....	60	120	180
15,000.....	110	220	330
20,000.....	160	320	540
25,000.....	210	420	750
30,000.....	260	520	960
35,000.....	310	620	1,170
40,000.....	360	720	1,380
45,000.....	410	820	1,590
50,000.....	460	920	1,800
55,000.....	510	1,020	2,010
60,000.....	560	1,120	2,220
65,000.....	610	1,220	2,430
70,000.....	660	1,320	2,640
75,000.....	710	1,420	2,850
80,000.....	760	1,520	3,060
85,000.....	810	1,620	3,270
90,000.....	860	1,720	3,480
95,000.....	910	1,820	3,690
100,000.....	960	1,920	3,900
110,000.....	1,110	2,220	4,590
120,000.....	1,260	2,520	5,280
130,000.....	1,410	2,820	5,970
140,000.....	1,560	3,120	6,660
150,000.....	1,710	3,420	7,350
175,000.....	2,260	4,420	9,960
200,000.....	2,810	5,420	12,570
225,000.....	3,360	6,420	15,180
250,000.....	3,910	7,420	17,790
275,000.....	4,460	8,420	20,400
300,000.....	5,010	9,420	23,010
325,000.....	5,560	10,420	25,620
350,000.....	6,110	11,420	28,230
375,000.....	6,660	12,420	30,840
400,000.....	7,210	13,420	33,450
425,000.....	7,760	14,420	36,060
450,000.....	8,310	15,420	38,670
475,000.....	8,860	16,420	41,280
500,000.....	9,410	17,420	43,890
525,000.....	9,960	18,420	46,500
550,000.....	10,510	19,420	49,110
575,000.....	11,060	20,420	51,720
600,000.....	11,610	21,420	54,330
625,000.....	12,160	22,420	56,940
650,000.....	12,710	23,420	59,550
675,000.....	13,260	24,420	62,160
700,000.....	13,810	25,420	64,770
725,000.....	14,360	26,420	67,380
750,000.....	14,910	27,420	70,000
775,000.....	15,460	28,420	72,610
800,000.....	16,010	29,420	75,220
825,000.....	16,560	30,420	77,830
850,000.....	17,110	31,420	80,440
875,000.....	17,660	32,420	83,050
900,000.....	18,210	33,420	85,660
925,000.....	18,760	34,420	88,270
950,000.....	19,310	35,420	90,880
975,000.....	19,860	36,420	93,490
1,000,000.....	20,410	37,420	96,100
1,025,000.....	20,960	38,420	98,710
1,050,000.....	21,510	39,420	101,320
1,075,000.....	22,060	40,420	103,930
1,100,000.....	22,610	41,420	106,540
1,125,000.....	23,160	42,420	109,150
1,150,000.....	23,710	43,420	111,760
1,175,000.....	24,260	44,420	114,370
1,200,000.....	24,810	45,420	116,980
1,225,000.....	25,360	46,420	119,590
1,250,000.....	25,910	47,420	122,200
1,275,000.....	26,460	48,420	124,810
1,300,000.....	27,010	49,420	127,420
1,325,000.....	27,560	50,420	130,030
1,350,000.....	28,110	51,420	132,640
1,375,000.....	28,660	52,420	135,250
1,400,000.....	29,210	53,420	137,860
1,425,000.....	29,760	54,420	140,470
1,450,000.....	30,310	55,420	143,080
1,475,000.....	30,860	56,420	145,690
1,500,000.....	31,410	57,420	148,300
1,525,000.....	31,960	58,420	150,910
1,550,000.....	32,510	59,420	153,520
1,575,000.....	33,060	60,420	156,130
1,600,000.....	33,610	61,420	158,740
1,625,000.....	34,160	62,420	161,350
1,650,000.....	34,710	63,420	163,960
1,675,000.....	35,260	64,420	166,570
1,700,000.....	35,810	65,420	169,180
1,725,000.....	36,360	66,420	171,790
1,750,000.....	36,910	67,420	174,400
1,775,000.....	37,460	68,420	177,010
1,800,000.....	38,010	69,420	179,620
1,825,000.....	38,560	70,420	182,230
1,850,000.....	39,110	71,420	184,840
1,875,000.....	39,660	72,420	187,450
1,900,000.....	40,210	73,420	190,060
1,925,000.....	40,760	74,420	192,670
1,950,000.....	41,310	75,420	195,280
1,975,000.....	41,860	76,420	197,890
2,000,000.....	42,410	77,420	200,500

**NEW AND ADDITIONAL TAXES PROPOSED  
IN \$1,800,000,000 WAR REVENUE BILL**

These figures are those of the house bill. When the measure goes to the senate it will be subject to amendment and doubtless in many cases there will be revision. The senate finance committee will hold hearings at which arguments and objections may be presented.

- All tariff duties.....Increase 10 per cent
- All articles now admitted free.....Tax 10 per cent
- Letter postage.....From 2 cents to 3 cents
- Postal cards.....From 1 cent to 2 cents
- Excess profits tax.....From 8 to 16 per cent
- Corporation tax.....From 2 to 4 per cent
- Stock exchange transactions—On each sale future delivery for each \$100, 2 cents; each additional \$100 or fraction.....2 cents
- Capital stock on each original issue of \$100, 5 cents; on transfers on each \$100 face value.....2 cents
- Bonds, debentures, etc., each \$100 face value.....5 cents
- Indemnity bonds, 50 cents; where premium is in excess of \$100.....1 per cent of premium charge
- Drafts, checks, notes (and for each renewal or extension not exceeding \$100), 2 cents; for each \$100.....2 cents
- Deeds, conveying lands or realty, for first \$100 to \$500, 50 cents; for each \$500 or additional or fraction, 50 cents.
- Proxy (except religious, charitable or literary societies or public ceremonies).....10 cents
- Power of attorney.....25 cents
- Life insurance policies (except industrial or weekly).....8 cents on each \$100
- Marine, international and fire.....1 cent on each \$1 of premium
- Casualty policies.....1 cent on each \$1 of premium
- Freight bills.....3 per cent
- Passenger tickets.....10 per cent on tickets above 25c except initial commutation
- Steamboat tickets for foreign port, up to \$10, no tax; from \$10 to \$30, \$1; from \$30 to \$60, \$3; exceeding \$60, \$5.
- Seats, berths or staterooms, rail and water.....10 per cent
- Express rates.....10 per cent
- Automobiles and motorcycles.....5 per cent on wholesale price
- Automobile and bicycle tires.....5 per cent
- Electric power.....5 per cent on bills
- Telephone and telegraph.....5 per cent on bills
- Telephone (long distance).....5 cents on each toll message over 15c
- Musical instruments.....5 per cent on those costing over \$10
- Talking machines.....5 per cent on those costing over \$10
- Jewelry.....5 per cent of selling price
- Cosmetics and proprietary medicines.....5 per cent on wholesale price
- Amusement tickets (theaters, baseball, etc.) except where maximum admission is 5 cents.....Tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents charged
- Moving picture film (not exposed), sold by manufacturer or importer.....½ cent per linear foot
- Moving picture film (ready for projection), sold or leased by manufacturer, producer or importer.....1c per linear foot
- Chewing gum or substitute therefor, imported.....5 per cent of selling price
- Distilled spirits.....Doubled
- Beer, ale.....\$1.20 for every barrel
- Still and sparkling wines and cordials.....Tax doubled
- Grape brandy, product of fruit distilled.....Tax doubled
- Soda fountain and similar syrups, grape juice, mineral water, ginger ale and all soft drinks, carbonated water.....2 cents per gallon
- Natural mineral or table water (bottled).....10 cents per gallon
- Carbonic acid gas.....8 cents per pound
- Tabacco tax.....Doubled
- Cigars.....Increased from 50 cents to \$1.00 per 1,000
- Cigarettes (light weight).....Increase \$1.25 per 1,000
- Cigarettes (heavy weight).....Increase \$3.60 per 1,000
- Cigarette papers.....¼ cent for each 25 papers
- Tennis rackets, golf clubs, baseball bats, lacrosse sticks, balls of all kinds, including baseballs, footballs, tennis, golf, lacrosse, billiard and pool balls.....5 per cent
- Fishing rods, reels and lines.....5 per cent
- Billiard and pool tables.....5 per cent
- Chess and checkerboards and pieces, dice, games and parts of games.....5 per cent
- Playing cards: Upon every pack (in addition to present tax).....8 cents
- Yachts, pleasure boats, motorboats.....5 per cent of price
- Club memberships.....10 per cent of dues and membership fees
- Oil pipe lines.....5 per cent on charges
- Postal rates (newspaper and magazines)—
- First zone.....2 cents
- Second to third zone.....3 cents
- Fourth or fifth zone.....4 cents
- Sixth or seventh zone.....5 cents
- Eighth zone.....8 cents
- Religious and educational papers.....½ cents a pound
- Advertising.....5 per cent of total

From \$100,000 to \$150,000 .17 per cent

From \$150,000 to \$200,000 .20 per cent

From \$200,000 to \$250,000 .24 per cent

From \$250,000 to \$300,000 .27 per cent

From \$300,000 to \$500,000 .30 per cent

On all exceeding \$500,000 .33 per cent

The provisions requiring the normal tax of individuals to be deducted and withheld at the source of income would not apply to the new normal tax prescribed in this bill until after January 1, 1915, and thereafter only to incomes exceeding \$3,000.

**Tax on Inheritance.**

In addition to the inheritance tax now in force, the bill imposes a tax equal to the following percentages of its value upon the transfer of each net estate:

- \$50,000.....One-half of 1 per cent
- \$50,000 to \$150,000.....1 per cent
- \$150,000 to \$250,000.....1½ per cent
- \$250,000 to \$450,000.....2 per cent
- \$450,000 to \$1,000,000.....2½ per cent
- \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.....3 per cent
- \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.....3½ per cent
- \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.....4 per cent
- \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.....4½ per cent
- \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.....5 per cent
- \$8,000,000 to \$11,000,000.....7 per cent
- \$11,000,000 to \$15,000,000.....10 per cent
- \$15,000,000 and over.....15 per cent

The exemption is lowered from \$50,000 to \$25,000 and a new tax of 1 per cent levied on estates between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

The bill proposes to bring in \$200,000,000 by doubling the present 8 per cent tax on excess profits.

On distilled spirits the present tax of \$1.10 per gallon is doubled; to the rectifiers' tax 15 cents a gallon is added, and fermented liquors are assessed \$2.75 per barrel instead of \$1.50.

**Tabacco Tax Doubled.**

The tobacco tax is doubled, except as to cigars, which are graduated from 50 cents to \$10 a thousand, according to retail value. Cigarettes, made in or imported into the United States, would be taxed an additional \$1.25 per 1,000 if weighing less than

three pounds per 1,000, and \$3.60 per 1,000 if more than three pounds.

Newspapers would be required to pay 5 per cent on all advertising collections.

The second-class postage section says:

"After June 1 next the zone system applicable to parcel post shall apply to second-class mail matter, with rates of postage two cents a pound or fraction when for delivery within the first or second zones, four cents within fourth or fifth, five cents within sixth or seventh, and six cents for delivery within the eighth zone."

"It is provided, however, that postage on daily newspapers when deposited in a letter carrier office for delivery by its carriers shall be the same as at present; copies now entitled to free circulation in the mails within the county of publication shall retain that privilege, and the postmaster general may require publishers to separate for zones in mailing."

"Newspapers mailed to subscribers from an office other than that of publication shall pay the same rate as if mailed from its office."

"Religious, educational, agricultural, labor or fraternal publications, issued without profit, shall pay 1½ cents per pound irrespective of zones."

**Theaters and Clubs.**

The amusement tax is one cent for each ten cents or fraction paid for admission, applying to charges remitted in the cases of persons admitted free except bona-fide employees. Places where the maximum charge for admission is five cents or where the proceeds of the place admitted to are for religious or charitable purposes are exempt.

Clubs would be taxed 10 per cent of dues or membership fees (except initiation fees), the members individually to pay

## Self-Protection

is a matter that should concern everyone subject to spells of

**HEARTBURN INDIGESTION BILIOUSNESS OR MALARIA**

You can help yourself very materially with the assistance of

**HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters**

**Practical Peace Plans.**  
 "Aren't you for peace?" asked Mr. Rafferty.  
 "I am," replied Mr. Dolan. "That's why I want to get in as soon as possible and finish up the fighting."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong, sick women well, no alcohol. Sold in tablets or liquid.—Adv.

**Suspicious.**  
 Poet—The editor has taken six of my poems. That guy must be nutty enough to write poetry himself.

If people would reflect more they would be brighter, and if they were brighter they would reflect more.

**BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP**

Panacea of the Home the World Over.

Why will you allow a cold to advance in your system and thus encourage more serious maladies, such as pneumonia or lung trouble, when by the timely use of a few doses of Boschee's German Syrup you can get relief. This medicine has stood the test of fifty years. It induces a good night's sleep with easy expectoration in the morning. For sale by druggists in all parts of the civilized world in 25 and 75 cent bottles.—Adv.

Be friendly with a fool in private and he will slap you on the back in public.

An ounce of seeing it yourself is better than a pound of hearing others tell it.

**WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY** is her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Marriage merely gives one woman the exclusive right to find fault with a man.

A medicine dropper that also serves as a bottle stopper has been invented.

This is a beautiful world to the girl with a new hat.



**Government Issues Warning Against Fly Poisons**

Following is an extract from "The Transmission of Disease by Flies," Supplement No. 29 to the Public Health Reports, April, 1916.

"Of other fly poisons mentioned, mention should be made, merely for a purpose of condemnation, of those composed of arsenic. Fatal cases of poisoning of children through the use of such compounds are far too frequent, and owing to the resemblance of arsenical poisonings to summer diarrhea and cholera infantum, it is believed that the cases reported do not, by any means, comprise the total. Arsenical fly-destroring devices must be noted as extremely dangerous, and should never be used, even if other measures are not at hand."

106 fly poisoning cases have been reported by the press within the last three years. As stated above this number is but a fraction of the real number. Protect your children by using the safe, efficient, non-poisonous fly catcher

**TANGLEFOOT**

**IN ALL LANDS CONCISE REVIEW OF WEEK'S NEWS**

**War News.**

France is praying that its most revered religious edifice, the Reims Cathedral, soon will be safe from the ravages of German shell fire. They are confident that the Teutons will be driven beyond range before the cathedral can be destroyed utterly. The French are continuing doggedly their attacks northwest of the city, where they are driving a wedge into the German lines.

Russian troops on the Rumanian front northwest of Senne recently broke through the Teuton positions and advanced toward Jenawe, says an official statement issued by the Russian war department.

The Germans in the neighborhood of Fresnoy succeeded, after heavy counter attacks, in gaining a foothold in the British trenches northeast of the village. Later, however, the British, in a counter attack, regained the lost ground. Still later in the morning east of Fresnoy the Germans returned to the attack with two fresh divisions. The British stubbornly resisted, but finally were compelled to withdraw from Fresnoy village and wood.

The Germans recently desperately stormed the positions captured by the French to the south of Berry-au-Bac, but they made no impression. What was left of the strong attacking waves was forced to retire, leaving behind many dead and 120 prisoners in the hands of the French.

The British have pushed their way well within the town of Bullecourt. Hand-to-hand fighting has developed there. The British who had been holding positions south and east of the village, where they had been violently attacked during the last four days, moved forward just before dawn in a general attack upon the village itself.

"In the region of the village of Potchni, on the Beresina river, the Russian artillery dispersed a German attempt to approach their trenches," says an official Russian statement.

The British are successfully maintaining themselves in the breach they have made in the Hindenburg line near Bullecourt. The Germans delivered a determined attack at this point at night, which entirely failed and were balked again in the morning in a similar effort.

**Washington.**

The \$2,000,000,000 issue of liberty loan bonds, Secretary McAdoo announced tonight, will be in denominations of from \$50 to \$100,000, will mature in thirty years and may be redeemed by the government in fifteen; will be subject to payment in four installments and will carry the privilege of conversion into any bonds which may be issued later during the war at a higher rate of interest.

Leaders of the great steel, oil, lumber, rubber and other industries, including such men as Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel and A. C. Bedford, head of the Standard Oil, have been called by the government to superintend the production of raw materials for the war.

Abandoned winter wheat area, on account of adverse weather, mainly drought during the winter, amounted to 12,447,000 acres, far exceeding the loss in any previous year, according to the May crop report of the Department of Agriculture. On the remaining area, 27,653,000 acres, and the forecast of the yield is 366,116,000 bushels.

Members of the French mission to the United States were severely shaken up, but otherwise uninjured, when the special train aboard which they were returning East from their Middle Western tour was derailed one and one-half miles from Arcola, Ill.

Although Herbert C. Hoover's place in the government's food control program has not been determined, finally, there were indications that he would be given direction of food exports and later of price fixing measures, if Congress passes the administration's food bills.

Members of the British war commission will tour the Middle West before returning home. The probable date for their departure has been changed to about May 20.

**Domestic.**

High praise for the conduct of America's foreign born citizens is given by Attorney General Gregory in a statement revealing that since the United States entered the war only 125 alien enemies have been arrested under the President's proclamation.

Marshal Joffre, ex-Premier Viviani and each member of the French war commission kissed the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, the other day. Not a word or a cheer shattered the simple impressiveness of the scene.

Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, paid tribute to the memory of Lincoln at the emancipator's tomb at Springfield, Ill., and with the other of the commission received an entree to the Lincoln Memorial.

Charles E. Vawter, former professor of physics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been declared not guilty of the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., a wealthy young society man and sportsman, whom he shot to death in the Vawter home early on the morning of March 13.

An American hospital contingent of twenty-six surgeons, sixty-five women nurses and 153 enlisted men, sailed for Europe from a United States port recently. It was the first corps to go abroad with regular United States army surgeons in its personnel.

The program evolved by the shipping board contemplates the diversion to government uses of the products of every steel mill in the country, cancellation of existing contracts between those mills and private consumers and, where necessary, payment of damages by the government to persons whose contracts are cancelled.

Persistent rumors of German submarines in the South Atlantic received additional color, when it was disclosed that government investigating agencies are running down a story that freighters of the American Trans-Atlantic Company, flying the American flag, have carried supplies to U-boats.

Facing a labor scarcity and realizing conscription will further deplete their force, the North Branch Transit Company, operating electric lines in Pennsylvania, is advertising for women to be used as extra conductors.

**Southwest.**

On orders received by the Southern department of the army, eighty-six additional regular army officers were assigned to reserve officers' training camps for other departments in the United States.

Egg dealers in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas have been ordered to appear before the Department of Agriculture to answer charges of shipping spoiled eggs in interstate commerce.

Promise that the federal government would give financial aid to the immediate rehabilitation of river transportation was given to the river conference at St. Louis by Brigadier General William Black, chief of engineers of the United States army.

S. C. Dodge, 70 years old, Katy agent at Nalagony, Ok., eighteen miles west of Bartlesville, who was held up and shot by two highwaymen, is still alive and has a chance of recovery.

Ana Lemon and George Baker of the American Glycerin Company were killed through an explosion of nitroglycerin while crossing a bridge near Okmulgee, Ok. The men were driving a truck loaded with 80 quarts of the explosive.

D. R. Cowles, state representative of the Niemyer Lumber Company, in a recent statement, said the United States government had contracted for more than two billion feet of southern pine, the cost to be between 35 and 40 million dollars.

Kansas City gave a remarkable welcome to the French mission headed by Marshal Joffre and M. Viviani on their recent visit there. Twenty thousand people squeezed into Convention hall and as many more were turned away. The visitors left at noon for St. Louis.

E. E. Shock of St. Louis, president of the Indianola Refining Company, has purchased from B. A. Simpson and H. C. Dings the controlling interest in the Gales Oil Company in the Healdton district.

**Foreign.**

A Budapest dispatch says the forthcoming Hungarian loan will be issued at 96, bearing 6 per cent interest, and that it will not be redeemable before 1922.

Twenty-four British vessels of more than sixteen hundred tons each were sunk during the last week, it was officially announced in London. Twenty-two vessels of less than sixteen hundred tons and sixteen fishing vessels also were sunk.

George Dock of St. Louis, Mo., has received the French war cross and a citation in army orders for difficult and dangerous work in removing wounded soldiers under heavy bombardment while engaged in the American ambulance field service.

A hostile airplane dropped four bombs on the northeastern outskirts of London recently, killing one person and injuring two, according to a statement issued by Lord French, commander-in-chief of the home defense forces.

The Norwegian foreign office reports the Norwegian steamers Tolksa, Vale and Tromp sunk by German submarines, says a Central News dispatch from Christiania. Three men were lost from the Vale.

The Allies' concerted effort to stamp out the German submarine menace is being planned with an American naval officer, Admiral W. S. Sims, in the conference. On authority of a high British official attending the conference it is announced that the American navy will play a great part in

**TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS**

By agreement 40 men, representing all lines of business, are wearing blue shirts and overalls, the suit costing \$1.75 at Venus.

Thirty applications to join the United States navy were filed at the Sherman recruiting station in two days last week.

The charter of the Brazos-Wichita Copper company, capital stock \$80,000 and headquarters at San Antonio filed in the office of the secretary of state.

An election has been called at Sherman for May 31 to decide whether or not bonds of \$80,000 shall be issued with which to complete and equip the new high school building.

R. J. McBride of Beaumont was awarded a \$1,000,000 contract by the government for construction of wooden ships, and has gone to obtain needed expert help.

The Wichita county commissioners have received an offer from a bonding house for the purchase of the \$750,000 road bond issue to be voted on May 24.

There is a large increase in acreage of foodstuffs this year over any previous year, according to information from farmers in the Denison community.

The railroad commission has named W. B. Wortham of Austin to be pipe line expert under an act of the recent regular session of the legislature. The salary is \$3,500 per year.

State Senator Scott Woodward of Brownwood is doing his bit toward feeding the allied armies. He has planted 500 acres in Erath county in black-eyed peas and expects to produce at least 10,000 bushels.

The entire plant and equipment of the Armstrong Packing company of Dallas has been offered to the United States government for the production and distribution of foods during the war.

Orders to buy 30,000 tin cans (a carload) at the earliest possible moment and store them for the benefit of Tarrant county farmers, who will be allowed to purchase them at cost price when the preserving season approaches, were issued by the Fort Worth clearing house association.

Propaganda issued by the Fort Worth chamber of commerce for the formation of a state food and feed conference with all commercial organizations and county judges in Texas participating, with the object of thoroughly organizing the state for food production, has met with a very favorable reply.

According to the rumors on the floor of the Senate at Austin the proponents of the \$1,000,000 military appropriation bill are going to meet hard sledding with that bill when it is considered. There are two amendments pending, one to reduce the appropriation to \$500,000 and the other to \$100,000.

Dallas will be called upon to contribute \$10,000 to a fund of \$3,000,000 to be raised for the maintenance of a Young Men's Christian association tent, together with five secretaries, for every group of 5,000 men in the proposed armies of the United States soon to be assembled. Texas has been asked to raise \$50,000 for the work.

A total of 1,911 recruits for the United States army, navy and marine corps were enlisted in north Texas during April. The navy enlisted 1,100 men, the army 770 and the marine corps 41.

Postmaster A. H. Buie of Ennis, president of the Texas postmasters' association, has issued notice that the annual convention of the Texas postmasters, which was to have been held at Mineral Wells May 23, 24 and 25, had been postponed indefinitely.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the bathroom and sanitarium of the Grogan wells and Boon institute of massage at Sweetwater, entailing a loss estimated at \$10,000, with \$5,000 insurance.

Dallas stood third among the cities from which naval recruits were received at the Great Lakes training station, near Chicago, during April. The four leading cities were: Kansas City 1,062, Minneapolis 1,001, Dallas 938 and Chicago 863.

Dallas banks had \$50,651,741.24 on deposit at the close of business on April 30, statements issued in accordance with an official call from Washington show. This was a decrease from the previous call.

The farmers of Mexican blood, but of American citizenship, living in El Paso valley, held a war-crop meeting at San Elizario, at which they pledged their services to increase food production. About 200 of the farmers attended.



**Is Your Back Stiff, Lame and Achy? Do Weak Kidneys Keep You Sick, Tired and All Worn Out?**

**IF YOU** have a constant, dull ache, or sharp pains whenever you bend or twist your back, and the kidney secretions seem disordered, too, don't waste time plastering or rubbing the back. It's likely that the cause is kidney weakness, and delay in treating the kidneys may invite uric acid poisoning, gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease.

Get Doan's Kidney Pills, a special remedy for weak kidneys, used around the world and publicly recommended by 50,000 people in the U. S. A.

**Personal Reports of Real Cases**

<p><b>CURE HAS LASTED.</b></p> <p>Mrs. J. W. Randolph, 512 E. Broadway, Enid, Okla., says: "For years I suffered from gravel and was treated by the best doctors and used all kinds of remedies without success. Once I was laid up for several weeks, and the misery and pain I endured was awful. A friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and I used them. The gravel was dissolved and passed off in the kidney secretions. The pain was terrible but after the gravel was removed I got back my health. That cure was made some years ago and I am glad to say that it has been permanent."</p>	<p><b>HASN'T SUFFERED SINCE.</b></p> <p>C. N. Pratt, painter, 314 Osage St., Manhattan, Kan., says: "The action of my kidney was irregular. The kidney secretions were filled with sediment and often scanty and painful in passage. I also had bad pains in my back, just over my kidneys. My head ached and it was a common thing for me to have dizzy and nervous spells. Doan's Kidney Pills drove away all the pains and regulated my kidneys. Since then my kidneys have been in a healthy condition and have caused me no trouble whatever. Doan's Kidney Pills deserve the credit."</p>
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**DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS**

50c a Box at All Stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., Mfg. Chemists

**English, and Its Limitations.**

A Washington woman who has heard nothing but war is in Eldorado this week visiting her parents, who have heard nothing but oil. They were out riding the other afternoon, the Republican says, when the mother observed: "I hear that Mrs. Binford has given half a block of ground for drilling."

"How nice," said the daughter from Washington. "Do you know what company will drill in it?"

"No. Some young men, I heard."

"Well, is it militia or home guards?" persisted the daughter.

"What are you talking about?" demanded mother in disgust. "I am talking about oil."

**Pop Needs Eye Crutches.**

Little Elsie—Mom can see a lot better'n pop. Mrs. Gadabout.

Mrs. Gadabout—What makes you think so, my child?

Little Elsie—Why, I heard pop say, "I can't see ten dollars in that hat," and mom says, "Well, I can."

It is surprising how ignorant girls can be at times. They should all know what a kiss means, but they often insist on having it repeated.

People who talk too much think too little.

**COCKROACHES** are easily killed by using **Stearns' Electric Paste**

Full directions in 15 languages Sold everywhere—25c and \$1.00

**U.S. Government Buys It**

**Broom Corn Seed**

Dealers in the best Dwarf broom corn seed in the World. Pure, clean and treated for smut. Get the best, its cheapest in the end. Correspondence solicited.

W. M. & T. R. Peck, Dealers, Sterling, Kans.

**THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.**

You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

**Changing Tastes.**

"We soon weary of the things we once desired."

"Of course. You can't expect a small boy to be as enthusiastic over his sled and skates in April as he was in December."

**"YES, I THINK SO."**

Most any good soap will do, but Red Cross Ball Blue is the only blue. Makes the greatest difference. My clothes are a dream—snowy white. I can't use liquid blue. No, not me. Give me Red Cross Ball Blue and I'll show you some beautiful clothes.—Adv.

**Not the Right Kind.**

"I have an option on some town lots—"

"I hope it isn't local option."

Iron can be made rust resisting by heating it red hot and brushing it with linseed oil.

It is not always the man who trains the vine who gets the grapes.

Kodak Films Developed Free!

Prints 3 Cents Each—Any Size

Write for circular and samples.

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**PATENTS** Watson M. Coleman, Washington, D. C. Books free. Highest references. Best results.

W. N. U., WICHITA, NO. 19-1917.

**Your Liver Is the Best Beauty Doctor**

A dull, yellow, lifeless skin, or pimples and eruptions, are twin brothers to constipation. Bile, nature's own laxative, is getting into your blood instead of passing out of your system as it should. This is the treatment, in successful use for 50 years—one pill daily (more only when necessary).

**Carter's Little Liver Pills For Constipation**

Genuine Bears Puts You Right Over Night

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF  
The First National Bank  
of Hansford**

at Hansford, in the state of Texas, at the close of business on May 1, 1917.

RESOURCES		
Loans and discounts	\$191,472.53	
Total loans	\$191,472.53	
Notes and bills rediscounted	8,750.00	182,722.53
Overdrafts, unsecured		646.41
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		900.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	5,007.30	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	45,911.54	50,918.84
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in above items)		203.94
Outside checks and other cash items	47.90	
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	25.61	83.51
Notes of other national banks		600.00
Federal Reserve Bank notes		300.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		17,022.27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$253,397.50</b>
LIABILITIES		
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00	
Surplus fund	5,000.00	
Undivided profits	7,703.39	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	2,046.62	5,656.77
Individual deposits subject to check		157,950.58
Cashier's checks outstanding		36,845.86
Other demand deposits		11,744.29
Total demand deposits	206,040.73	
Certificates of deposit		11,700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$253,397.50</b>
Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank 8,750.00		
State of Texas, County of Hansford, ss:		
I, F. L. Carson, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
F. L. CARSON, Cashier.		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1917.		
(Seal) A. F. BARKLEY, Notary Public.		
Correct—Attest:		
M. B. WRIGHT, F. W. BRANDT, JAMES H. CATOR, Directors.		

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When Freedom from her mountain height  
Unfurled her standard to the air,  
She tore the azure robe of night,  
And set the stars of glory there.  
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes  
The milky baldric of the skies.  
And striped its pure, celestial white  
With streakings of the morning light.  
—Joseph Rodman Drake.

**For Thoughtful Consideration**

Next to a railroad the most important thing for Hansford county is good roads. Another very important matter to consider is the fact that if you expect to develop the county, the large holdings will have to be subdivided, for it takes people to make a country. Hansford county has the available acres to support 3,000 to 3,500 families, not including the population of the towns within the county and the progress and development of the county rests with its people. Towns will not come up to expectations unless the county is populated and Hansford county can only be brought up to the full measure of its capacity by making good roads and subdividing the larger holdings into small stock farms. This kind of a suggestion, particularly with reference to subdividing the larger ranch, may not be popular, but facts are not always popular and the idea is advanced by the Headlight for the thoughtful consideration of all the people. The prediction is made that before many months the lines will be closely drawn in Hansford county between those who want the larger holdings sub-divided and those who will be determined by the element 'n't, and that all public questions strong enough to poll the most votes. Naturally the conclusion is reached that with many new people coming in who are unaccustomed to large holdings, they will be strong enough to control the situation and it is safe to conclude that many progressive movements will be suggested and consummated.

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Spearman—3,000—1919.

Be a Booster; be worth something to the town and community in which you reside.

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News reached Hansford yesterday of the death of Mrs. A. L. Heibert, wife of Editor Heibert of the *Tyrone Observer*. The Headlight extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Heibert in this sad hour.

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A man who is a slacker when the interests of his town and community are at stake, will be a slacker when his country needs his aid. Of course when the band plays Dixie and Old Glory beckons, he may stir up a momentary enthusiasm, but it is liable to fade away at a rapid rate in the pinches. What is needed in these strenuous times is pep and more of it. If you can't be a bell cow, follow on behind. Be always ready to help any good move.

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Nathan Straus of New York is known as "the grand old man" of American Jews. When Palestine is declared a Jewish republic, every Jew in the United States who wants to settle there will get free passage back to the holy land. Their "grand old man" has promised to pay the way of every Jew who will go with him back to the land of their fathers. This is certainly a history-making epoch.—Fort Worth Record.

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Subscribe for the Headlight; only \$1.50 per year.

**Commissioners' Court**

The Commissioners' Court of Hansford county met in regular session on Monday, May 15, all members being present, Judge Brown presiding. Sitting as a board of equalization the board agreed that Hansford county lands should be assessed for taxation at \$2.50 per acre. An order was passed calling an election to be held July 7, 1917, to determine whether or not the commissioners would be authorized to levy an additional road tax of not to exceed 15 cents on the \$100 valuation. An order was passed removing the bounty on coyote and rabbit scalps for a period of three months. C. D. Works was appointed County Attorney of Hansford county and his official bond was approved. The report of a jury of view appointed to lay out a road through the Oslo settlement was approved. Official bond of W. W. Yancy as constable of precinct No. 1, was approved. An order was passed transferring \$1000 from the road and bridge fund to the general fund. Quarterly report of county treasurer, county clerk and county depository of school funds were approved. Numerous bills were allowed, principally for coyote and rabbit scalps. The court adjourned on Tuesday afternoon to meet again as a board of equalization on Monday, June 11. C. C. Tipton from six miles up the creek was trading in Hansford Saturday.

**Three Sets of Twins Upset N. Y. Family**

New York.—If you were the father of three sets of twins, and kept them going, and your wife wouldn't live with you and the twins—would you send your wife money, courts or no courts?

Most probably not. So decided Jacob Colan. And the court of domestic relations, despite affronted dignity and contempt of its order, agreed with his view.

Some months ago the courts decided that Mr. Colan was to send \$3 a week to his wife and some weeks ago Mr. Colan decided that he would not.

"Why," asked the court, "do you fail to pay \$3 as directed?"

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Our Uncle's got his dander up,  
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And ready now for war.  
He studied long, he studied well,  
He did not want to fight,  
But when he has to do a thing  
He always does it right.

Our Uncle's got his dander up—  
The good old patient man,  
And we, the horny handed set,  
Must help him all we can:

We may not sail his battle ships  
Or man his submarines,  
But we can help him out a lot  
By raising pork and beans.

Our Uncle's got his dander up,  
His flags are in the breeze,  
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And if we can not join his ranks—  
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Our good old Uncle Sam.  
—Whitney Montgomery.

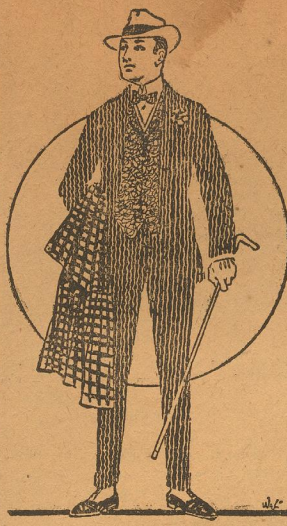
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Gott, dear Gott, attentions please,  
Your bardner Wilhelms here,  
Unt has a verd or doo to say,  
Into your private ear.  
So dunn away all udders now,  
Unt listen vell to me,  
For vat I say concerns me much,  
Meinself unt Shermany.

You know dear Gott, I vas your frient  
Unt vrom mein hour of birth,  
I quitlet let you run der heffen,  
Vile I rules over der earth,  
Unt ven I toldt mein soldiers  
Of by gone battle days,  
I gladly split der glory  
Unt gave you half der praise.

In every way I dried to prove,  
Mein hertz to you vas true,  
Unt only glaimed my honest share  
In great deeds dat ve do.  
You couldnt not haf a better frient,  
In sky, on land or sea,  
Den Kaiser Wilhelm number two,  
Der lord of Shermany.

So vat I say dear Gott is dis,  
Dat ve shouldt still oe frients,  
Unt you shouldt help to send my foos  
To meet der bitter ends.  
If you dear Gott will dis me do,  
I'll nodings ask again,  
Unt you unt I will bardners be,  
Forevermore—Amen.

But listen Gott, it must be kvik,  
Your help to me you send,  
Or else I haf to stop atteck,  
Unt only blay defend.  
So four unt twenty hours I gif  
To make der allies run,  
nt put me safe into mein place—  
Der middle of der sun.

If you do dis, I'll do mein bart,  
I'll tell der world der fact,  
But if you don't, den I must tink  
It is an hostile act.  
Den var at vonce I vill declare,  
Unt in mein anger rise  
Unt send mein Zeppelins to vage  
A fight up in der skies.

Dis ultimatum now dear Gott,  
Is von of many more,  
Mein mind is settled up to klean  
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Because you vas mein bardner, Gott,  
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J. E. Womble is sending the Headlight to his brother, N. D., at Nemo, Texas.

Dr. Jarvis, the dentist, has an ad in this issue. The doctor's next visit to Hansford will be Tuesday, June 12.

Rev. Franklin went out to Grand Plains Sunday afternoon to preach for the good people of that community, but owing to the rain no services were held.

C. R. Mallory of Charleston, Okla., was at Spearman Tuesday. Mr. Mallory owns land near the new town-site which he intends to move to and improve immediately after harvest.

R. B. Quinn saved the day at Spearman Tuesday by bringing in 750 buns, 200 tin cups and a like amount of spoons and paper plates for the free lunch served. Parties expected to bring the above failed to deliver so E. B. hitched up his Moon and brought them down.

Dr. Dee Roach and son Wedington, were in from the ranch twenty miles northeast of Hansford Monday looking after business matters. Dr. Roach reports a splendid rain and everything looking prosperous.

R. H. Stone, of the White House Lumber Co., Canadian, and other members of the firm were at Spearman Tuesday and invested in business lots. This company is of the live wire kind and will whoop 'er up for business when they locate in Spearman. They subscribed for the Headlight, in order to keep posted as to developments.

Will Harris and wife and Muncie Barkley, wife and children were shopping in Hansford Monday morning.

Horace Hays, wife and son Horace, Jr., and little—very little—Miss Hays were in town Monday trading and visiting relatives.

John N. Stump was a visitor to Spearman Tuesday. He invested in business and residence lots and subscribed for the Headlight.

F. L. Carson, cashier of the First National Bank, went to Ashland, Kansas, Friday of last week on a visit to his old home, returning Monday.

Attorney John S. Harris of Guymon was at the Spearman lot sale, and stopped in Hansford en route home long enough to say hello to a few friends.

J. R. and J. A. Butler, proprietors of the Butler Oil Co., have an ad in the Headlight. These gentlemen carry the best to be had in their line, and will appreciate a share of your patronage.

John R. Collard and family went over to Amarillo Friday to visit and look after business matters, returning Sunday in the rain. Mr. Collard reports a small sized flood in the Dumas country, and a good rain all the way to Amarillo.

Attorney C. D. Words is now located permanently in Hansford, having been appointed county attorney by the commissioner's court at their recent session. Mr. Works has opened an office in the court house, and will continue to look after his practice, as usual, as well as the county's legal affairs.

See the line of Kodaks at Hales Drug Store. You need a Kodak now.

Mrs. T. L. Coble is reported very sick at her home at the Turkey Track ranch.

B. V. Andrews of the Hansford County Bank went over to Ochiltree Thursday on business.

J. I. Steele was in from the ranch Saturday and reports everything lovely since the big rains.

V. W. Caldwell and family are here from Lieb this week, visiting and looking after business matters.

J. C. Scruggs, farmer-stockman from eight miles north of town, was in Saturday looking after business matters.

Dr. G. A. Vawter from Canon City, Colorado, and Mr. McKnight of Dalhart spent a couple of days in Hansford this week.

Postmaster L. B. Sneed and Worth Woodward of the Pierce Oil Company were in Hansford Wednesday night on business.

Dr. J. C. Jones writes the Headlight from Kansas City that he is coming home soon on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. W. Jones.

I. L. Ennis, booster and wide-awake real estate man of Guymon, was an appreciated visitor at this office Tuesday. Mr. Ennis made some investments in Spearman city property.

Willingham & Zahlten, house movers, were here from Amarillo Sunday and Monday, interviewing Hansford property owners in regard to moving to Spearman. The gentlemen went from here to Texhoma.

Chas. Summers, perhaps the best known merchant in the southwest, particularly among the old timers, came down from Liberal and attended the town lot sale at Spearman. Mr. Summers was accompanied by his son and business associate, Ralph, and the two made some rather handsome investments in Spearman business lots. This may mean that the firm of Chas. Summers & Sons will own and operate a dry goods and clothing store at Spearman. The Headlight sincerely hopes such is the case.

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#### Bitten By Rattlesnake

J. B. Dulin, a well known farmer living 7 miles northwest of Hansford was bitten on the hand by a large rattlesnake Wednesday at 1 o'clock and at this time (Friday morning) is in a very critical condition. Dr. Haney was called but did not reach the patient until almost six hours after he was bitten. The doctor says Mr. Dulin's physical condition was fairly good at 6 o'clock Thursday evening but that the hand and arm were badly swollen. Mr. Dulin had gone out in his field to do some planting and while removing the covering from some seed, the rattler, brought to life by the warm sunshine, the first of the season, thrust its poisonous fangs into his fingers.

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# The Quarterbreed

An Indian Reservation Tale by ROBERT AMES BENNET

The three preceding installments described the rescue of a quarterbreed girl and two men from an Indian attack at the edge of Lakotah Indian reservation by Capt. Floyd Hardy, U. S. A., the new Indian agent. The rescued ones are Reginald Vandervyn, nephew of United States Senator Clemmer and agency clerk, Jacques Dupont, post trader, and his daughter, Marie. Vandervyn tells Hardy of disaffection among the Indians, of the murder of Nogen, the last agent, and of his having been promised the agency. Hardy calls a council of head tribesmen. Redbear, the halfbreed interpreter, brings his pretty sister, Oinna, to the valley. The new agent learns that the Indians have been cheated and has reason to suspect Dupont and Vandervyn of crookedness. He plans to square matters with the tribesmen. How Captain Hardy is thwarted in his purpose, how his life is endangered, how Vandervyn shows his true character, is told in very absorbing style in this installment.

CHAPTER VI—Continued.

Unseen by his superior, Vandervyn nodded encouragingly to Redbear and smiled at the Indians. Hardy had not turned his steady gaze from Ti-owa-konza.

"The chief is not angry," he said. "We shall soon be friends. Tell him that I come in peace, with a good heart toward all the tribe. I do not blame the killing of Mr. Nogen on the tribe. If white men have done any wrong to the tribe, I shall stop the wrongdoing. If there are any members of the tribe who are doing wrong, the chiefs should help me make all do right."

This time Redbear did not hesitate. He faced the assembly and rolled out a flood of Lakotah with desperate rapidity. Almost immediately Ti-owa-konza rose to reply, his face ablaze with indignation, his voice impassioned. When he had spoken, he remained standing.

"He says he is angry," began Redbear.

"No," brusquely contradicted Hardy. "Look at his face. The others are angered. He is not. There is some misunderstanding. Be careful that you interpret correctly."

"He says he is angry," insisted Redbear, his sidelong glance looking past Hardy to Vandervyn, who was nodding reassuringly. "He says he is trying to keep it inside, but the others can't hold it inside. He says you have got to go away or there will be fighting."

Hardy straightened on his chair, and his look became severe. He spoke sharply: "Tell the chief it is useless to ask me to go away. I do not wish to send for the Longknives. But they will come and fight the tribe if there is any uprising."

Redbear's interpretation was followed by a hush more threatening than gestures or outcries. Vandervyn hastily beckoned to the policemen. They came along under the overhang of the warehouse until they were behind the white men. Hardy heard the soft scuffle of their moccasined feet in the dust. He looked around and frowned.

"How is this?" he demanded. "I particularly wished no demonstration of force," said Hardy.

"Well, since the police are here, hadn't you better let them stay? It will be close enough work if matters come to a scrap, and there's Marie out to see the fun."

Hardy turned around to look at the daring girl. She stood on a slight knoll midway between the assembled Indians and her father's cabin.

"Take her back to the house," he ordered.

"But would it be wise for me to leave you and Charlie just now? The police may not stay loyal if—"

"Go!"

The command was peremptory. Vandervyn started off, yet contrived to ex-



Ti-owa-konza rose to reply, his face ablaze with indignation.

change glances with Redbear. Hardy studied the semicircle of waiting Indians with a resolute gaze, and, as before, fixed his attention upon Ti-owa-konza.

"We must learn what is the cause of this ill feeling," he remarked to the halfbreed. "Ask them why they are opposed to their young men trading ore for Dupont's goods."

Redbear spoke slowly to the Indians, his manner not unlike that of a man who approaches a bar. He spoke with a lighted torch in his hand, and with unmistakable authority. "The grunts of the Indians—"

as he interpreted: "He—he says there shall be no more barter of ore. He says all over again that this is the land of his tribe, and white men have no right here, and he hates all Longknives."

"Tell him that he is mistaken. The soldiers have always been the best friends of the Indians. I find that, after next spring, no more food and goods are to be issued to the tribe. Sooner or later, white men will come and take the ore if the Indians do not dig it themselves. Another thing, I believe the tribe should agree to the dividing up of their land, so that each head of a family can have his own farm and work it after the manner of the white men. Other tribes have done this, and they are no longer poor."

Redbear hesitated, stepped more aside from Hardy, and began to pour out a torrent of Lakotah. He had spoken only a few sentences when a wave of agitation passed over the semicircle of Indians. Blankets slipped down from copper-red shoulders; fierce eyes glared menacingly at Hardy. Several of the more excitable bucks leaped up with bow and rifle in hand.

Hardy thrust out from among the police and raised his hands to Ti-owa-konza in the peace sign. The head chief called to his fellows and turned his back upon the agent with deliberate contempt. All the others faced about and followed him to the waiting ponies. The band mounted and rode off up the valley in morose silence.

CHAPTER VII.

The Common Law.

There was still more than a trace of red in Hardy's sallow cheeks when Marie, Vandervyn and Dupont came in upon him at the office. Dupont held out a congratulatory hand.

"By gar, Cap," he said, "you sure had a mighty close squeak of it that time. Guess old Ti got all-fired hot. Where's Charlie?"

"Redbear? I sent him to reassure his sister and the families of the police."

"That was very thoughtful of you, captain," said Marie.

"But it would be far more considerate if you would leave the reservation," added Vandervyn.

"How so?" queried Hardy.

"Of course, you'll fancy I am thinking of my promotion. But it's not that at all. Ask Jake."

"I got it from the piece," said Dupont. "The whole bunch was crazy to shoot you; they'd done it, too, only Charlie sings out to 'em that Mr. Van was going to be agent, and you'd go away."

"He said that?"

"Oh, captain, don't be angry at Charlie," interceded Marie. "He had to do it to save a fight."

"But why? I could not have been more friendly. Yet everything I said seemed to anger them."

"I told you they're a ornery bunch," replied Dupont. "It was for because you being an officer. The chiefs hate all soldiers like pizen. Most of the old ones was in the ghost-dance craze, and got jailed by the soldiers."

"They may cool down and be willing to listen to reason," argued Hardy.

"Cool down? They'll go back and sit and stew and stew till hell boils over. Next thing happens, they'll stir up the young bucks. Nom d'un chien! Just when I was getting enough ahead in my business to take care of my old age and give Marie a chance to be a lady—to stand to lose everything and her and my scalp to boot!"

"You are free to leave here with her whenever you wish."

"No, I ain't. I can't leave my store—all my property."

"There would be no danger if it were not for you," said Marie, her eyes flashing with indignation. "If only you had not come here! If there is an outbreak, it will be all your fault!"

"Mine?"

"Oh, I know you mean well. But if they've taken this violent dislike to you—Why ever did you come? You saw how they like Mr. Van. Had they thought you would insist on staying, nothing could have kept them from attacking you. But the promise that Mr. Van is to be their agent, that pacified them. Had you never come here, all this would not have happened. The chiefs would have come to talk with Mr. Van, and would have gone back satisfied."

"I was going around to his chair to see if he was all right. He was all right, but he was so nervous, he kept shaking. I was afraid he would fall over his chair."

vyn, twisting the tip of his blond mustache. "It is for you to decide to leave for the good of the tribe, or to stay and take the chance of an uprising."

"The way you put it—" considered Hardy. "Perhaps it might be better for all concerned if I should leave."

"You bet it would, Cap," eagerly broke in Dupont. "Tain't no joke. Them ornery cusses 'll git you like they done with Nogen, just as sure as shooting."

Vandervyn shot a furious glance at the blunderer. Marie was looking at Hardy. But she did not need to see the tightening of his lips to realize what her father had done.

"Oh, Pere!" she reproached. "Why did you say it? You should have known Captain Hardy could not leave after that."

"Quite right, Miss Dupont," said Hardy.

"You mean, you won't leave?" asked Dupont.

"How can he?" Vandervyn smoothly cut in. "You've put it up to him that it would be deserting his post under fire. He's an army officer—he wouldn't leave now even if he knew his staying here meant certain massacre for us all, followed by certain massacre of the tribe by the troops."

"I will remain until I have made at least one more effort to pacify the tribe," replied Hardy. "You are at liberty to resign whenever you please. Mr. Dupont has ample time to remove his goods and his daughter from the reservation."

"Not me," declared Marie; "I don't care what Pere and Reggie say; I know there is not one of the tribe who would harm me, even in an outbreak."

"Well, mebbe not," admitted her father.

"I gather that I am the only person who seems to be endangered," remarked Hardy. "This being so, I will wait a few days for the excitement to subside, and will then call another council."

"They won't come ag'in to meet you," predicted Dupont.

"Then I shall go to them."

"Into the mountains, captain?" exclaimed Marie, her splendid eyes widening with concern. "Surely you will not venture among the camps."

"The tribe must learn that I mean friendship."

Dupont paused to scratch the side of his head. But Vandervyn spoke without an instant's hesitancy: "You have no right to throw your life away uselessly, captain. Suppose Charlie and I make a trip to the camps, to see if we cannot quiet the tribe and talk the chiefs into giving you another hearing? If you have no objection, we could tell them that you cannot leave just now, but that you will do so as soon as you have tried to benefit them."

"And that Mr. Van'll be next agent," added Dupont.

"Will you tell them that I am here to help them and to be their friend?" queried Hardy.

"Just me to put it to them strong, captain," assured Vandervyn. "I know you'll play fair by resigning in my favor as soon as you have the tribe in hand."

"After I have done what I can do to improve conditions among them," qualified Hardy.

"I do so hope Mr. Van can persuade them to be friendly with you," said Marie. "I know he and Charlie will be perfectly safe. But it will be hard to talk them out of their strange dislike to you. When will you start, Reggie?"

"Early tomorrow morning, if the captain has no objections."

"The sooner the better," agreed Hardy.

"I'll go and remove my council costume," said Vandervyn, smiling at his irreproachable frock coat.

Marie and her father rose with him. Hardy bowed out the girl and returned to his desk. He was deep in the midst of a report on the tribe when, half an hour later, Vandervyn returned to the office in his riding togs.

"Charlie may not come back this afternoon," he remarked. "I thought I might ride down and tell him about the trip. I could fetch your mare for you."

"Very well. I shall be obliged," replied Hardy, and he returned to his study of the report.

Vandervyn rode down along the far side of the stream, keeping the thickets as much as possible between himself and the Dupont house. He did not recross the creek until he was opposite Redbear's home. He found the cabin door closed. But at a slight movement of the window curtains his

father went up to beckon with a lordly

gesture. There was a short pause. Then the door opened a scant inch.

"Hello!" he said. "Where's your brother?"

"He has—has gone to tell the police families."

"On the agent's mare," guessed Vandervyn.

"Please—he didn't mean any harm—please don't tell on him."

"That depends," replied Vandervyn.

"Do you think I care to favor him when you act as if you hate me?"

"Hate? No, no!" The door opened several inches and as suddenly closed to a narrow crack.

But Vandervyn had caught a glimpse of the girl's blushing face. His voice dropped to a caressing tone: "You're not afraid of me, are you, just because I wanted a kiss? Come out here and talk. I won't bite you."

"You promise not to—kiss me?"

"Not unless you wish me to."

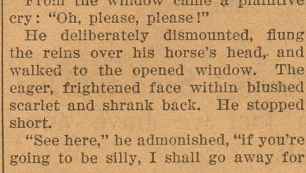
"But—but I do!" came back the naive confession.

Impulsively he started to swing off his pony. The cabin door shut with a bang. He straightened in the saddle, waited a long moment, frowned heavily, and started to ride away.

From the window came a plaintive cry: "Oh, please, please!"

He deliberately dismounted, flung the reins over his horse's head, and walked to the opened window. The eager, frightened face within blushed scarlet and shrank back. He stopped short.

"See here," he admonished, "if you're going to be silly, I shall go away for



good. You've got the door barred, and you know I shall not try to crawl in at a hole like this."

"I—I won't be," she faltered.

"That's better," he said, and he reached in to slip his arm around her trembling shoulders.

Shrinking yet yielding, with eyes timidly downcast and olive cheeks burning with blissful shame, the young girl allowed him to draw her closer. Her lips quivered, yet she raised them to meet his kiss.

"There!" he rallied. "Was it so dreadful?"

She did not answer; she could not. Her head drooped forward with the instinctive modesty of an innocent young girl. He put the forefinger of his free hand under her chin and raised her head to take a second kiss.

"One good turn deserves another, sweetheart," he said.

"You should not—not call me that," she whispered. "You are a gentleman white man; I am only a halfbreed—I'm yellow as a Chinaman."

"No—golden. You are my golden girl. Your cheeks are wild roses and honey gold. Your eyes are like a fawn's; your lips sweet as honey—Another kiss—There, that's more like it. You're learning how. Now look at me."

She raised her drooping lids with the sudden, desperate courage of one who is very shy, and gazed up at him, her tender eyes starlike with the soft glow of her love and adoration.

"You—you really like me?" she whispered.

"No, I hate you like poor Lo hates firewater. Give him a taste, and he wants it all. I want you."

"Charlie—he said I must marry a white man. I am joyed in my heart—You say you want me! But I am only a halfbreed girl, and you—"

"You're my honey-sweet girlie. Go and open the door!"

She looked up at him again full and direct, and his gaze sank before the trust in her clear eyes.

"You want me to be your engaged girl!" she murmured. "When people are engaged, they are going to be married. Charlie said I must marry a white man, a good white man. You are kind to me. It is wonderful. I have read that even army officers have married halfbreed girls. But you are grander than any officer, and you are very good to think of marrying me."

Vandervyn forced a smile, and replied to her adulation without meeting her enraptured gaze:

"What else did you think I meant when I kissed you? Of course we shall be married. As we are here on the reservation, it will be according to the custom of the tribe."

"Married? Oh, my heart sings!" cried the girl. "I will be your wife—you! I can't believe it—There comes Charlie. I must run and tell him."

Vandervyn hastily released her, and drew his arm out of the window as he looked around.

"Wait!" he commanded. "He's coming fast enough. Leave the door barred."

The halfbreed was racing Hardy's mare up the creek bank at a furious

gallop. He flung himself out of the saddle and advanced upon Vandervyn, his face dark with suspicion.

"What you saying to my sister?" he demanded.

The white man met his threatening look with a half-contemptuous, half-amused smile.

"I've been showing the girl what I think of her," he replied.

Redbear came to a sudden halt. The muscles of his face began to twitch.

"Oh, Charlie!" reproached Oinna.

"What makes you look at him that way? Why don't you thank him?"

She unbarred the door and stepped outside.

"For what?" questioned her brother in a harsh, strained voice.

"Because he is going to be my man—going to take me for his wife."

"Marry you? Oinna—you?" The halfbreed could not believe his ears.

Through his daze shot a flash of angry suspicion. "But you—you won't marry her!"

Vandervyn smiled in his careless manner.

"Oh, I guess yes."

"You'll marry her? You'll take her to town and marry her like white people?"

"I'll marry her as some white people marry. I'll not take her to town. Oinna and I have agreed to be married according to tribal custom."

Again Redbear's weak face darkened with suspicion and anger. "I won't have it. You're white, and Oinna is half white. White people don't marry Indian fashion."

"You know a lot about it, Charlie. Haven't you ever heard of common-law marriages? Lots of white people get married that way."

"What way?"

"You must know about it. Instead of going to a lot of fuss and bother over ministers and licenses, many people just take each other for husband and wife and go to housekeeping."

"Is—is that a real white people's marriage?" asked Oinna.

Vandervyn frowned. "You don't think I'm lying, do you? Why, you often see in the newspapers about common-law wives getting their share of their dead husbands' estates, just the same as if they had gone through all the fuss of weddings. Ask Hardy if that does not often happen."

"Well, if it's a real marriage—"

muttered Redbear.

"Of course it is, Charlie, if he says so!" cried Oinna rapturously.

Her brother's face glowed with sudden unconcealed exultance. He stammered almost incoherently: "Then you—Marie—you don't marry—don't marry Marie?"

"No," replied Vandervyn, and his voice rang clear. "I have no intention of marrying her."

"Maybe Marie'll like me now, when I tell her you are going to be my brother," sighed Redbear.

Vandervyn laid a brotherly hand on his shoulder. "Hold on, boy!" he said. "You let me manage things. You know that Marie thinks she likes me. But now Hardy is here, and he wants her. If she hears that I have thrown her over, she will run off with him."

"She don't like him."

"What if she doesn't! He's an army officer. He has money, and when he goes from here he will wear his uniform, all gilt and spangles. You know how the girls like that. No—I tell you there's not the ghost of a show for you until he is out of the way. Our little bluff didn't work. He says he is going to stay. So for a while you and Oinna must keep still about the marriage. Tomorrow morning you and I are going into the mountains to talk with the chiefs. Oinna will go with me. But it must be understood at the agency that you have sent her to—Who could you send her to?"

"Ti-owa-konza is our mother's father. Not even Mr. Dupont knows that," said Redbear. "Before he came here, she ran off with a bad white man. They went to the Blackfeet. After a time he got an arrow through his back. My mother came home. Ti-owa-konza would not see her face. She had to work for the agent till they made us go away to school. Then she died."

"Old Thunderbolt your grandfather?" remarked Vandervyn, seizing upon that one fact in the squalid tragedy. "Does he know it?"

"I told him so today. He said my face— But maybe he will come to like me. He said to bring Oinna for him to look after."

"That's great! We'll tell it to everybody. But remember, not a word about the marriage until after we get rid of Hardy and I am agent. Then things will go all right for all of us. You savvy that, Charlie? While you rub down the mare I'll go in and say good-bye until tomorrow morning."

CHAPTER VIII.

Best-Laid Schemes.

Hardy had gone to the Duponts for supper when Vandervyn returned to the agency. He made a hasty toilet and followed. Marie met him with marked coldness. This, however, melted before he had finished his report to Hardy. All agreed that the old chief probably would take a fancy to Oinna, and that, as a result, there would be a fair chance of pacifying the tribe.

When Hardy turned to the girl, he found her and Vandervyn exchanging glances and murmuring remarks. His habitual gravity softened to a smile of wistful sadness. At the first opportunity he excused himself. Midnight had passed before the light in the little cuffed parlor of the Dupont house was extinguished.

When, at sunrise, Hardy went for breakfast, Marie's eyes were very bright and her look was pensive. She ate little, and her manner toward Hardy was cold and ungracious.

After the officer left, Dupont squinted across the table at her and began to scratch his head.

"You and Mr. Van burned a lot of coal oil last night. He didn't get enough along to ask you to hit on with him, did he?"

A red blush flamed in the girl's cheeks. Without looking up, she murmured a regretful "No."

"Guess he figures he'll wait and see if Hardy is going to bust us up. Like as not he'll skip back east if Hardy gits sore and chokes off our hold on the mine."

"What do you mean? He'll send Reggie away. The stiff, solemn old fogey—I hate him!"

"Easy, easy, girl!" soothed Dupont. "No use plunging when you're hitched to the snubbing post. Just now he's got us roped. He'll have us all hogtied if we go to bucking. We've got to make him think we're gentled."

"What if we act toward him as we feel?"

"You don't savvy about that mine. Me and Nogen discovered it and paid honest for developing it, as you know. Well, we let Mr. Van in on it. Then Nogen up and gits killed. That makes it half and half between me and Mr. Van, according to all that's fair and square. But do you believe Hardy will look at it that way? Not by a considerable. He'll talk about it being the tribe's, just because it's on the reservation."

"I see!" The girl's eyes flashed, and her nostrils dilated. "He will rob you and Reggie of a fortune—yet you wish me to be nice to him!"

"You bet I do! Can't you git the point? He ain't going to be bluffed into quitting. That means we got to make friends with him or lose the mine."

"Oh! So that is it?"

"Yep. Worst of it is he's one of them there fellows what stand so straight they lean backwards. We talked to him about how it would help the tribe if he joined us in opening the mine. He was mighty offish. Guess we'll have to give him Nogen's third to get him into our camp."

"What a shame! The mine is yours and Reggie's. He hasn't done a thing toward developing it."

"I know. But he's the agent. He's got us roped. He can rob us of our mine if we don't make friends with him. Now do you savvy?"

The girl's thick black eyebrows met in a frown of vexation. "If he is a man whose friendship must be bought, I do not wish to be pleasant to him."

"It's business, Marie. There ain't no two ways about it. Mr. Van's hanging fire, a-waiting to see if we lose the mine. If we do, he can't afford to marry no poor girl off a reservation."

"Very well. I shall make myself agreeable to Captain Hardy. But wait until I am free to pay him out for it!"

"Nom d'un chien!" muttered Dupont at sight of her straightened lips.

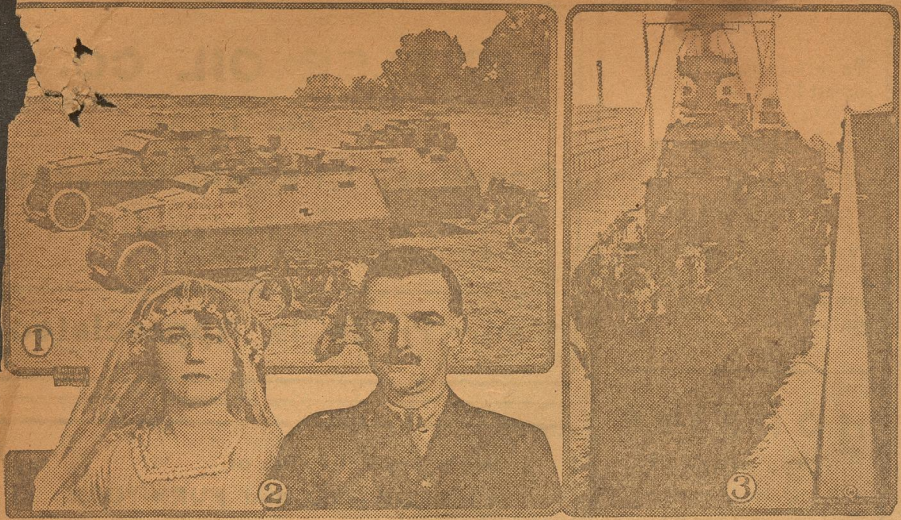
"That's the Injun in you. Don't let him see you look that way till after we git the mine cinched."

"I am not a fool, mon pere."

Dupont shook his grizzled head dubiously.

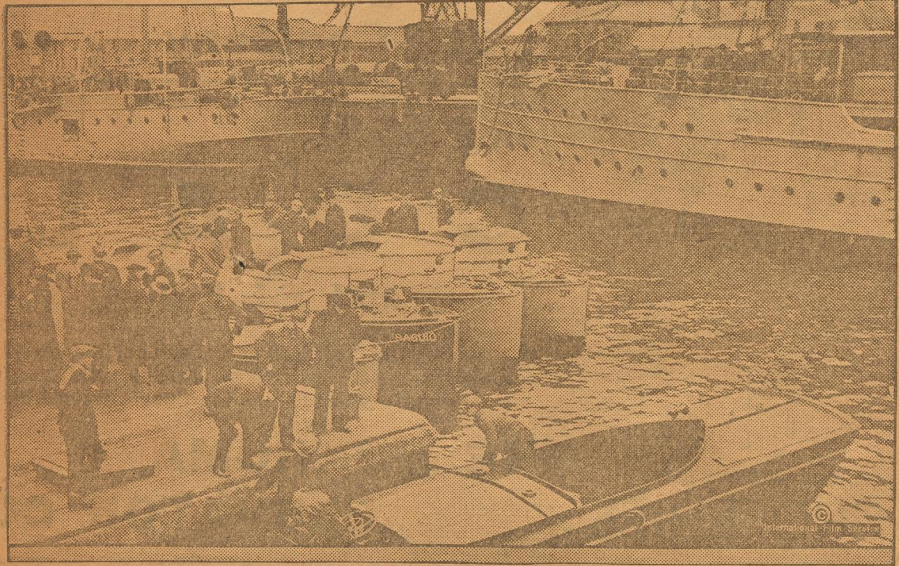
But at midday, when Hardy came over for the noon dinner, Marie received his courteous greeting with a graciousness that soon lightened the pensive severity of his look. Before the end of the meal they were chatting in a manner that brought a twinkle into Dupont's cunning eyes.

The girl proposed a ride up the valley. Hardy was greatly pleased. He had already grasped the simple details of the agency business, and now, pending the absence of Vandervyn and Redbear, had nothing to do except instruct



1—Armored motor battery of the New York National Guard in fighting formation. 2—Maj. Richard Lloyd George, eldest son of David Lloyd George, premier of Great Britain, and his bride, formerly Miss Roberta McAlpine. 3—The French cruiser Amiral Aube, one of the vessels that conveyed the French war commission and the first warship of the allies to enter an American port since the war opened.

### TESTING PATROL BOATS FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT



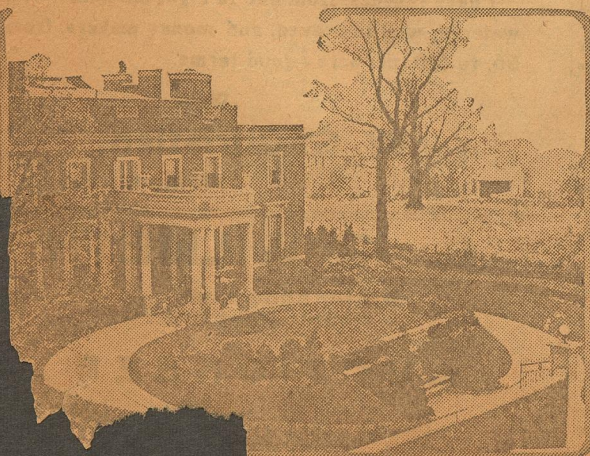
The government has been holding a series of tests for engines to be used in the submarine chaser fleet which is to be built and placed under command of Naval Constructor L. S. Adams. The four boats used in the test are shown here.

### WATER SUPPLY IN THE TRENCHES



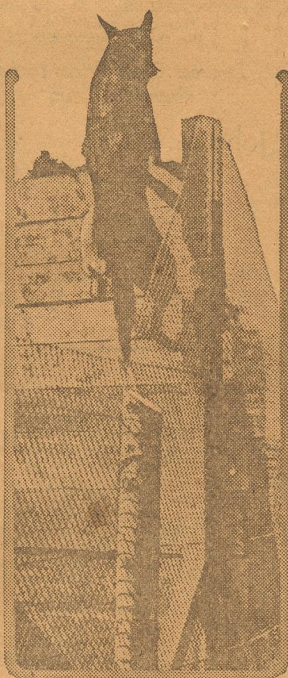
British soldiers using a pump in a front-line trench in northern France.

### WHERE FRENCH COMMISSION LIVES



Residence of Ambassador Henry White in Washington which was used by French commissioners for their occupancy during the war.

### SENTINEL DOG IN ALSACE



A sentinel watchdog. The dog has jumped to the top of the fence and is peering over the landscape for any possible prowlers. As a sentry he has few equals.

#### Where Weegee Failed.

"What's become of Umson?" said the fat plumber, "I haven't seen him for a week."

"He had been spending his evenings at home," the thin carpenter replied, "but he has started to attend the Curbstone club meetings again."

"What caused the change in his habits?"

"Someone sent the children a toy called a 'weegee board' for Christmas, and he has been playing with it."

"What is it like?"

"It answers questions of people who place the ends of their fingers on it and move it about the surface of a board."

"Answers any kind of questions?"

"Any kind at all."

"But why did he finally pass it up?"

"It got him into trouble."

"How?"

"Umson stayed out late one evening and depended on the weegee for an excuse when he got home."

"And the weegee—"

"Failed him in his greatest hour of need."—Youngstown Telegram.

## OPERATION OF NEW DRAFT LAW

### Official Instructions Concerning the Raising of Military Forces Determined On.

#### POLLING PLACES TO BE USED

All Persons Within the Age Limits Prescribed by the Law Must Present Themselves There—Governors of States at Head of Registration Work.

Washington.—With the object of stimulating publicity to the work of raising the military forces called for under the army draft law the war department has issued the following instructions, which will govern the work:

There was a time in the country's history when military enumerators, backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today, under the principle of universal liability to service, the execution of the law is put into the hands of the people.

The approval of the new national army bill and the president's proclamation thereunder have been coincident. All persons within the age limits prescribed are required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting places in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes, on a day which the president will announce.

The governor of each state is the chief of registration therein. The machinery of registration in each county is in charge of the sheriff, the county clerk, and the county physician, acting ex officio, unless a different board shall be announced by the governor. In cities containing populations of more than 30,000, the registration will be under the control of the mayor and selected boards of registration. In order that the designated county and city officials, and the people generally, can get a clear understanding of the census methods the following brief outline is given:

The sheriffs, or other designated officials, immediately upon receiving notice from the governor, shall appoint registrars for each voting precinct.

Apportionment of Registrars. The proportion of registrars shall be one for each 170 persons to be registered. Each age to be registered will comprise about 1 per cent of the population.

If, for instance, all men between nineteen and twenty-five years of age, inclusive, are to be registered, the registrar would have to enroll about 7 per cent of the precinct population.

It is desirable to accept the services of competent volunteer registrars to serve without compensation. All registrars must be sworn.

The voting place in each precinct must be prepared for registration. Full printed instructions covering every detail of registration will be in the hands of sheriffs and mayors on the fifth day after the president's proclamation.

#### Cities of Over 30,000 Population.

The mayor of a city containing more than 30,000 inhabitants, or the officials designated by the governor therein, shall, with approval of the governor, appoint for each ward or convenient minor subdivision containing about 30,000 people one registration board, and shall designate one officer of each board to perform duties similar to those imposed on the sheriff, as heretofore outlined. If the mayor desires, he may appoint a central board to coordinate the work of minor boards.

#### Duties of County Clerks, and of Clerks of Cities of Over 30,000 People.

On the fifth day after the president has issued his proclamation, clerks of counties and cities of over 30,000 must secure a supply of blanks and copies of the registration regulations from the sheriff or from the mayor. Absentees and the sick will apply to such clerks to have their registration cards filled out. In no case shall such persons be given registration certificates. They are to be instructed by the clerk that the burden is on them to see to it that the cards reach the registrars of their home precincts by registration day.

#### Absentees and the Sick.

Persons absent from their home counties may be registered by mail. If so absent, a man should go to the clerk of the county where he may be staying, on the sixth day after the date of the president's proclamation. If he is in a city of over 30,000 population, the city clerk is the official to whom to apply. The absentee will be told how to register, but he must mail his card in time to reach his precinct by registration day.

Persons too sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the issuing of the proclamation. The clerk will give instructions for registration. Colleges, Universities, Homes and Other Institutions.

Officials of educational, charitable and other institutions should apply for instructions to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of

proclamation for instructions as to a convenient method of registration.

The wardens of jails, penitentiaries, and reformatories should apply to the county or city clerk for instructions on the sixth day.

Five days after the date of the president's proclamation complete regulations will be in the hands of all sheriffs and of the officials of cities of over 30,000 population.

The president is authorized to call upon all public officers to assist in the execution of the law. The plan is, however, to rely on the people for the proper execution of the law. It is expected that patriotic citizens will offer their services free as registrars. Such services will be gratefully acknowledged. Volunteers for this service should communicate immediately with the proper official.

#### BANKS ASKED TO CO-OPERATE

Secretary Authorizes Financial Institutions to Receive Subscriptions for the Bond Offerings.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo telegraphed the entire list of 27,513 national and state banks and trust companies in the United States, authorizing them to receive subscriptions for the \$2,000,000,000 bond offering, enlisting their co-operation, and requesting them to telegraph a rough estimate of the amount of bonds each would take for itself and its patrons.

"You can render an invaluable service to your country," Mr. McAdoo told the banks, "by receiving subscriptions and co-operating with the federal reserve bank in your district."

#### Loan Subscriptions Pour In.

To all clearing house associations in the country Mr. McAdoo sent a telegram in which he said:

"The amount of the initial loan has been determined by the needs of the government and not arbitrarily. The enthusiastic and patriotic co-operation of the banks and bankers of the country will guarantee the success of the undertaking."

The result of the first announcement of the loan has been a deluge of subscriptions, aggregating many millions. Most of these came in by wire to the treasury. Virtually every large city and every state in the Union was represented.

#### Lend \$100,000,000 to Italy.

Negotiations continued today with representatives of the nations to which the United States is extending credit. Count di Cellere, the Italian ambassador, received the full amount of the first \$100,000,000 loan made by this government to Italy.

Subscriptions to the second offering of treasury certificates were received during the day by the federal reserve banks. Indications are that the secretary will call for the proceeds within a week, possibly a few days.

The \$100,000,000 loan to France will be turned over to Ambassador Jusserand, in whole or part, within a day or so.

#### MAY CENTER IN WASHINGTON

Probability That One Committee Will Purchase All Supplies Needed by the Allied Countries.

Washington.—Creation of a central purchasing committee in Washington for all supplies bought in the United States for the allied governments was forecast here by Sir Hardman Lever, financial expert of the British war mission. The committee will supplant J. P. Morgan & Co.

Discussing the world financial situation, the British expert expressed the opinion that Germany will be practically bankrupt in the credit markets after the war.

"Our enemies," he said, "for all their boasted efficiency, have never had the courage to face their financial problems, with the result that when the war is over they will be hard put to it."

The Teutonic governments having pyramided one internal loan upon another, he explained, their interest charges would be so great that he believed they would either have to repudiate a large part of their debt or face inability to buy the enormous quantities of material they would need for reconstruction.

The allies, he added, had paid their way in the war "by the straightforward and natural means, by pouring out their gold, by selling enormous masses of American securities, by raising loans." As a result, he predicted that the end of the war would find the allies in good shape financially, despite their enormous permanent debts.

#### Agree on Paying Men in Training.

Washington.—Conferees on the army bill agreed on a provision to pay \$100 a month to men in training camps seeking to qualify as members of the officers' reserve corps.

Although the full allotted quota of 40,000 men probably will be enrolled in the officers' training camps when they open May 15, there still is "plenty of room for men of the right qualities," the war department announced.

In a statement saying that each of the sixteen camps seemed assured of its full allotment of 2,500 applicants for commissions, the department appealed for further recruits among men of proved ability.

#### Chicago to Furnish Chasers.

Chicago.—This city is now mobilizing its naval resources. Acting under orders from the navy department, Capt. W. J. Moffett, commander of the Great Lakes fleet, has begun receiving orders to furnish power boats for use as "chasers."

## BROKEN DOWN IN HEALTH

### Woman Tells How \$5 Worth of Pinkham's Compound Made Her Well.

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#### In the Tea Kettle.

Cousin Elmer had a big boil on the back of his neck that was interfering seriously with his enjoyment of spring and the world in general, and the conversation at the dinner table turned from Cousin Elmer's ailment to a general discussion of boils.

When a lull came, John, age eight, who had been listening intently, spoke up:

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#### An Illustrious Precedent.

At the beginning of the war the French soldiers invariably wore mustaches. It evidently pleased the old commandant, for he remarked on several occasions about the appearance of his men.

One day a soldier appeared before the astonished commandant with no mustache. He had shaved it. The officer was exasperated. He called the man before him and demanded to know where his mustache was. He was met with the reply that the soldier had become tired of the mustache and had shaved it.

"It's an outrage," stormed the commandant. "Did you ever hear of a good French soldier without a mustache?"

"Yes, sir," replied the man in the ranks.

"Who?" demanded the commandant.

"Napoleon," came the reply.

And the commandant wilted.

#### Necessary.

"My dear, I have just learned to my sorrow that we must cut the DUBLIGHTS at once," began his wife, squaring herself around to watch the effect of her words upon his features.

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### (First published May 11, 1917) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR AND RELATING TO THE CREATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts, declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate, defining the authority of such district, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and the methods thereof; directing the issuance of the proclamation therefor, prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, and which shall read as follows:

Section 59a. The conservation and development of all of the natural resources of this State, including the control, storing, preservation and distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes; the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semi-arid and other lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its over-flowed lands, and other lands needing drainage, the conservation and development of its forests, water and hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto.

(b) There may be created within the State of Texas, or the State may be divided into, such number of conservation and reclamation districts as may be determined to be essential to the accomplishment of the purposes of this amendment to the constitution, which districts shall be governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate with such powers of government and with the authority to exercise such rights, privileges and functions concerning the subject matter of this amendment as may be conferred by law.

(c) The Legislature shall authorize all such indebtedness as may be necessary to provide all improvements and the maintenance thereof requisite to the achievement for the purpose of this amendment, and all such indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of such conservation and reclamation districts, to be issued under such regulations as may be prescribed by law and shall also, authorize the levy and collection within such districts of all such taxes, equitably distributed, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such bonds; and also for the maintenance of such districts and improvements, and such indebtedness shall be a lien upon the property assessed for the payment thereof; provided the Legislature shall not authorize the issuance of any bonds or provide for any indebtedness against any reclamation district unless such proposition shall first be submitted to the qualified property taxing voters of such district and the proposition adopted.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held for such purpose on the Third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1917, the same being the 21st day of August, A. D. 1917. At said election the vote shall be by official ballot which shall have printed or written thereon the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," and also the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation." All voters favoring proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government regulation," and those opposing it shall erase the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government regulation," which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with pencil or pen through said words. All ballots cast as above provided shall be counted as cast for or against this proposed amendment, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be for the amendment it shall be declared adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment said amendment shall be lost. All the provisions of the general election laws as amended and in force at the time said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of electors, the method of holding

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such election and in all other respects as far as such election laws can be made possible.

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the constitution and laws of this State.

Section 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

C. J. BARTLETT, Secretary of State.

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