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Thanks to Reg Brown for rescuing and saving this paper, and to Earle Johnson for recovering it from Reg. It recalls a time when the West was, post-war, full of optimism and anticipation of growth. The Kaiser had been defeated and the "Boys" would be returning home. Miracle cures for everything from diphtheria, "nerves", liver and kidney disfunction and a myriad of other ailments, real or imagined were apparently widely available and ready to publish articles, crafted in the advertising departments of the patent medicine companies were available to fill the columns and save the editor from the task of finding enough news to fill the eight pages. Many of the businesses we grew up with were already established.

The paper, being 98 years old has suffered the ravages of time with the newsprint being yellowed and extremely brittle. The size limitations imposed by my scanner required that I scan each page in quarters then blend the scans to form complete pages. To do this I required two sheets of Plexiglass which becomes highly charged with static electricity and while this is controllable with certain screen cleaning mixtures, the process is quite painstaking. I attempted to avoid or mitigate the places where there were large voids or severe cracking but was not always successful. Nevertheless, the majority of the text remains readable although you will probably have to use the zoom capability of your computer. Enjoy!