

THE WEATHER
West Texas—Tonight fair and warmer in south unsettled in north, colder in Panhandle; Friday cloudy, colder except southwest; cold wave and livestock warnings in north, temperature will be 10 to 20 degrees.

Ranger Times

DO YOU KNOW THAT
These are the days when father finds his old level—dead broke. Who said the world wasn't flat?

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NEW WELL MAKING 2,200 BARRELS DAILY

DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGE WILL BE LOCATED AT EASTLAND

Oklahoma Governor Triumphs In Big Political Fight

ERECT THREE BUILDINGS WITHIN YEAR

Location On Bankhead Highway West Of City Limits

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce Eastland has been selected as the site for a new college or university to be established by the Church of God around which the church extension and development work in the Southwest is to center.

The above announcement was made by J. T. Wilson of Dallas, who has charge of the extension work of the Church in the Southwest, at a meeting of the members of his church at Eastland Wednesday night. Wilson's announcement was confirmed this morning by Geo. W. Briggs, secretary of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

The new college, which will more than likely be known as the Warner Memorial University, as it is the intention of its founders to build it into a class A college and then into a university just as rapidly as possible. To do this, however, necessarily requires time.

The school to be located in Eastland will be one of four colleges owned and maintained by the Church of God in the United States, and will be the only one west of the Mississippi, or in four states.

The contract which the trustees for the church have signed with the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, calls for the erection by the church of three buildings next year and the opening of the school next fall. One of the buildings, the administration building, will be a fire proof structure while the other two, dormitories will be only temporary buildings, which will be replaced by more substantial buildings later.

It is the purpose of the church, according to Mr. Wilson, to spend eventually upward of a \$1,000,000 on the school, which will draw its support from the entire Southwest.

The Church of God, one of the growing denominations in the United States, has 1824 ministers, owns one of the largest publishing houses in the United States and publishes its own publications which includes a number of magazines, newspapers, etc.

In 1926 the church put out more than 5,500,000 pieces of literature published in the publishing house which is located at Anderson, Ind. More than \$800,000 is invested in the immense publishing plant, and the church owns besides this, more than \$3,000,000 in property such as church buildings, parsonages, colleges, etc.

J. T. Wilson, one of the leading educators of the Nation and for the past seven or more years actively engaged in the work of his church, especially the extension work of the denomination, will likely be president of the new college to be established at Eastland.

In order to secure the school, the Eastland chamber of commerce, donated a site of 60 acres of land just outside the city limits on the Bankhead highway to the west. It is a high, rolling tract admirably suited for the school and the athletic field, which the church board stated would be used and a full and complete athletic program put on.

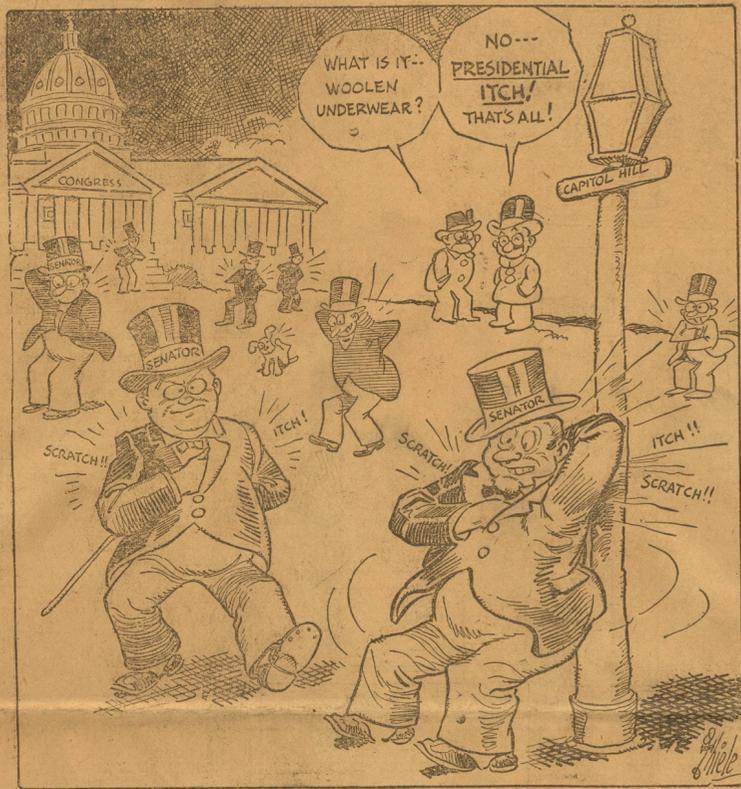
Prominent members of the Church of God, who have been in Eastland working on the new project, state that the new college will open this fall with not less than 250 students from outside of Eastland to say nothing of the number who may be enrolled from Eastland.

A faculty of at least twelve members many of whom will have families will be employed by the school. A number of other families will also come to Eastland for the benefit of the school it is stated.

The charter for the new school is now being drawn up and is being made sufficiently broad as to permit of the rapid growth that is expected in the school within the next few years.

The Church of God maintains state encampment grounds at Gorman, where it has several thousands of dollars invested and where thousands of people gather once each summer to attend the services held there. There is also a strong congregation in Eastland. Rev. Mr. Shell is pastor of the Eastland church.

Four Out of Five Have It



SENATE VOTE CLEANS UP TANGLED MESS

Adjournment Comes After Morning Of Debate

By United Press. OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 29.—Governor Henry S. Johnston triumphed today over an insurgent legislature and brought collapse to his threatened impeachment.

Refusing to consider a vote upon an order for Johnston's suspension, the senate voted after a morning of debate to adjourn and go home, declaring that as a court of impeachment there was nothing before it. The vote was 22 to 16.

The adjournment definitely repudiated legality of articles of impeachment drawn against the governor, Chief Justice Branson of the state supreme court and President Harry B. Cordell of the state agricultural board.

Popular Ranger Couple Married Early Thursday

A wedding of more than usual interest was that which took place in Ranger early Thursday morning, when Mrs. Rena B. Campbell became the wife of Mr. A. B. Conway. The wedding was performed at 6 o'clock by Father Collins of St. Rita's Catholic Church.

The wedding guests were limited and included, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Conway of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bates of Eastland. Mr. W. D. Conway is a brother of the groom and Mrs. Bates is the daughter of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony the entire wedding party motored to Eastland where they were breakfasted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bates.

From Eastland Mr. and Mrs. Conway left on an automobile tour of south Texas which will take them to San Antonio, Austin and probably some of the larger Gulf Coast cities. The complete itinerary of their honeymoon trip was not made public, but it was hinted they might visit California before returning to Ranger where they will make their home.

Both the bride and groom are well known in Ranger and over Eastland county, each having lived here for a number of years. Mrs. Campbell was for several years connected with the Ranger Daily Times as society editor and is one of the city's leading society and club women. Her position brought her in close touch with the business as well as the social life of Ranger and Eastland county and she was quick to make and retain the friendship of all with whom she came in contact.

Mr. Conway has made Ranger his home for several years where he has been engaged in the oil business with his brother W. D. Conway. Their operations have been marked with unusual success and they have extensive properties throughout this section of the Mid-Texas oil belt.

The good wishes of the people of Ranger go with Mr. and Mrs. Conway.

Lindbergh Will Not Visit South American Cities

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh definitely has decided to return to the United States by way of Havana after completing his Central America tour instead of accepting South American invitations, state department advisers from Guatemala City said today.

Lindbergh will leave Guatemala Friday morning for Belize, British Honduras where he will land in the field if in suitable condition, according to the department reports.

RANGER BANKER SEES GOOD YEAR FOR BUSINESS

Has Hopes of Better Oil Prices—Warns Merchants To Be Careful About Credit.

W. W. Housewright, president of the Citizens State Bank, Ranger, thinks that 1928 will be a good year, taken from the financial and business standpoint.

"Summing up the future outlook for Ranger merchants, we predict 1928 to be a good year," Mr. Housewright said, "provided their credits are given the attention they should have and 'overhead' reduced to the minimum. If these be done, all of us should show a good profit at the end of the year whether the price of crude advances or not."

In speaking of the oil situation, or rather the prevailing price being paid for crude production, Mr. Housewright said that fully 85 per cent of the business transacted in our city is derived, directly or indirectly, from oil.

"While most of the agricultural sections of our nation have suffered either from lack of production or low prices, Ranger has continued to enjoy good business practically every day in the year," Mr. Housewright continued.

"Our chief concern, locally, should be and is naturally with regard to outlook (1) Ranger and vicinity and (2) Mid-Continent oil fields, as well as the whole state of Texas from an agricultural standpoint. With the decline of production in the Seminole pool, the ever increasing consumption of petroleum products, it is believed we will see an increase in the price of high grade crude oil by early spring. Such an increase in price naturally depends upon the bringing in, or not bringing in of another large pool."

"We doubt if there has been a business failure in Ranger during the past four years but what was brought about by poor management or slack credits. Credit is a great thing when applied properly, and one of the dangerous elements of risks when not safely guarded. We know good honest business men in Ranger who do a voluminous business but at the end of the year wake up to a realization all their year's profits."

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ACCOMPLICE OF HICKMAN IS ARRESTED

Partner of "Fox" in Crime But Had No Hand in Kidnapping or Murder of Girl

By United Press. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—William Edward Hickman, kidnaper and murderer of Marion Parker confessed to officers early this morning that he probably was guilty of another murder.

He implicated Wilby Hunt as his companion in a score of holdups throughout this country and in a particular holdup Christmas eve, 1926 in which Izy Thoms, druggist was killed.

Hickman or Hunt was responsible for Thoms' death, Hickman confessed to police. Hunt was arrested this morning and brought to headquarters.

No charge was placed against Hunt and officers were still grilling him several hours after his arrest.

In the murder Christmas eve, 1926 two bandits were trapped by officers James Oliver in the Rose Hill farm, Los Angeles and shot their way out. Thoms, proprietor of the drug store who was holding his hands above his head was struck in the chest by a stray bullet.

Officer Oliver was wounded in the right arm.

Mrs. Thoms, wife of the dead druggist, early today identified Hickman and Hunt as the men who had robbed the drug store.

Hunt, who said he was 16 years old, told police he came to Los Angeles from Kansas City with Hickman. He was employed at a bank where Perry Parker father of Marion, was an executive.

When questioned by police Hunt denied that he knew Hickman or was in any way connected with any robberies. Later however he broke down and confessed that he was a partner in crime with "The Fox," although he had no part in the kidnaping and murder of Marion Parker.

ONE OF BEST IN COUNTY IN MANY MONTHS

Ranger And Fort Worth Operators Get Big New Producer

Christmas week brought Eastland county a present in the form of an oil gusher.

It is the No. 1 Blackwell of McLester Oil company, Ed V. Parsons of Fort Worth and others, in the Sibley district near Staff. The well was drilled a few feet deeper Thursday morning and now at a total depth of eight feet in the sand is flowing at the rate of 2,200 barrels daily and making between 3,000,000 and 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

The flow of 2,200 barrels is the most conservative estimate on the output of the new gusher. Other estimates run all the way between 2,000 and 3,000 barrels daily.

In addition to being one of the best producers in the county for several months, the new well extends the producing area in that pool a distance of approximately a quarter of a mile to the east, it being that distance east of the No. 1 Duffer of Barkley and Gholson which until the bringing in of the Blackwell was the eastern outpost of production in the pool.

The well is something like a half mile to three-quarters south and east of the original production of the Mook-Texas oil company on the Sibley ranch which created considerable enthusiasm in that district during the past summer. However, the Sibley wells proved to be short lived.

Operators are optimistic over the showing in the Blackwell. They declare it is performing much more like consistent well than did the Sibley wells when they were drilled in, and also that it has a large volume of sand which it is hoped will make for more permanent production.

Owners of the well were busy Thursday trying to get pipe line connections made to the new gusher.

The new well will be watched very closely by operators who own leases in that territory. If it comes up to expectations, it is expected to stimulate drilling in that area during the first few months of the new year. It gives promise of being the most consistent producer as well as one of the largest ever drilled anywhere in that district.

Five Persons Are Injured In Blast At Pauls Valley

By United Press. PAULS VALLEY, Okla., Dec. 29. Five persons were injured, none seriously, in an explosion here today at noon which demolished three business buildings.

The injured were Albert Plaster, broken leg; John Moore, M. G. Cox, a man named Elliott and another who went home before his name was learned.

LINDBERGH RECEIVED AT GUALTEMALA CITY

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 29.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was received today like monarch by the president of the Republic of Guatemala.

A reception was held in his honor at the presidential home which was attended by leading members of the government and the diplomatic corps.

MRS. LINDBERGH LEAVES MUSKOGEE FOR DETROIT

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh hopped off from Muskogee this morning at 11:34 o'clock resuming her journey from Mexico City to Detroit. The stop at Muskogee was made to refuel the plane in which Mrs. Lindbergh is traveling.

Bandits Surrounded In Canyon

Officers Believe The Capture of Two Is Only Matter of Few Hours.

By FRANK JONES.

Late reports from the scene of the man hunt near Graham in which the two remaining bandits who are believed to have robbed the First National bank of Cisco last Friday, are that the bandits are believed to be surrounded. They are thought to be surrounded in a deep canyon about 12 or 15 miles southeast of Graham and that their capture now is only a matter of a few hours.

Reports said the officers confidently believed they would capture the bandits before night. The man hunters are ready for the gun battle which they believe inevitable when they close in on the bandits.

Marshal Ratliff identified as one of the bandits was brought to Eastland Wednesday night and is now being held in the Eastland county jail.

Seriously Wounded Wounded in the face, legs and arm, Ratliff appears almost lifeless, and will make no statement whatever. District Attorney J. Frank Sparks and Assistant District Attorney Sterling Holloway, with a number of officers, detectives and newspaper men, grilled Ratliff for sometime as he lay on a cot in the jail this morning, but he would make no replies to questions.

It was stated at 1:30 this afternoon that X-ray pictures would be made of Ratliff's wounds today in an effort to determine the extent of his injuries.

Chester Duffield, 24, son of Mrs. Fox of near Moran, and nephew of Louis Davis, the bandit who was shot down in the Cisco fight and who later died at Fort Worth where he had been taken for safe keeping, is being held by the officers. He was arrested in Wichita Falls where he had come to take his mother, a sister of Louis Davis, to attend Davis' funeral which took place in that city Monday.

Duffield, who works in Olney and Graham, told District Attorney Frank Sparks and Assistant District Attorney Holloway in the presence of detectives and newspaper men here today that he was in Cisco on the morning of the bank robbery; that he arrived there on Thursday and re-

mained over until Friday to go to Moran, where he was to meet his mother and go out to her home for Christmas. Duffield's wife was with him.

Duffield said he was at his mother's home Sunday morning when Henry Helm, Marshall Ratliff and another man, whom he did not know, came there after the bank robbery. Mrs. Fox, Duffield's mother, Duffield said, had already been told by Mac Gilbert, who lived near the Fox home, that Louis Davis was one of the Cisco bandits and had been killed. His mother fainted, at this news, Duffield said.

At Fox Home Duffield said that Helm, Ratliff and their partner drove up to the Fox home late at night. They drove into the front yard and stopped their car within a few feet of the front door. They said they were hungry and wanted something to eat. Mrs. Fox quickly placed some food into a

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Highwaymen Rob Man of Gasoline North of Ranger

A man giving his name as Curley Hager, was held up Wednesday night on the Caddo highway, about six miles from Ranger, by two men traveling in a Chrysler coupe, and robbed of all his gasoline and a small amount of money.

The man was going to work at 11:30 last night when the two men hailed him and threw guns in his face. The robbers left the man enough gasoline to get to the rig where he was working.

According to the report called in to police headquarters, the men were dressed in overalls and wore grey caps.

NEW MEXICO PUBLISHER APPOINTED TO SENATE

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 29.—Col. Bronson Cutting, publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican, was appointed by Governor Dillon to succeed the late United States Senator A. A. Jones today.

Cutting has been a democrat for year but served as Governor Dillon's personal adviser in his last campaign.

RANGER WOMAN KNOCKED DOWN BY BURGLAR

Prowler Enters Home of Mrs. Perry Fox, Believed To Be Hunting Diamonds.

A lone robber, whom Mrs. Perry Fox found rummaging in her room at her home at 202 Brown street, Ranger, knocked Mrs. Fox down with his fist after she had been warned to remain silent.

Mrs. Fox awoke about 12:15 Tuesday night and found the burglar standing in her room. She immediately began screaming and the robber came to where she was standing and told her that if she remained silent he would not bother her. Mrs. Fox continued screaming and the burglar struck her just below the right eye with his fist and fled through the front door.

Mrs. Fox still bears a black bruised place, where the robber struck her just below the eye.

Mrs. L. Lewis, employe of the Rose Beauty parlor, with her niece, Miss Vaughn, were in the house at the time of the robbery and it is thought that the robber was attempting to rob Mrs. Lewis is some valuable diamonds that she has in her possession.

Mrs. Lewis had just moved to the residence of Mrs. Fox and was spending the first night at her new abode.

Mrs. Lewis was unable to state whether or not the robber had been in her room but it is not thought that he had, as nothing was disturbed. The telephone had been put out of commission and Mrs. Fox was unable to call Ranger police headquarters from her home. The telephone had been used by Mrs. Fox just before she retired and she feels sure that the robber tampered with the phone before entering her room. Night Policeman Hammett and Ricker went immediately to Mrs. Fox's home when the robbery was phoned to the desk sergeant, but could find no trace of the robber.

Nothing in the house was disturbed or taken away and the occupants of the home feel certain that the diamonds were the only items that the robber was after.

Mrs. Fox did not think that she would be able to identify the prowler.

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For Afternoon



Would you say that Hollywood is following the long-dress vogue Paris is trying to establish? This new afternoon frock, worn by Martha Sleeper of the movie colony, doesn't seem to reply affirmatively.

SOCIETY

ANOTHER NEW RANGER GIRL.
Miss Margaret E. M. Jennings of 348 Marshbanks avenue, are proud to announce that an eight-pound baby girl arrived at her home Monday. The baby has not yet been christened.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY PARTY.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee McDonell was hostess to a group of young people at her home Wednesday night with a bridge party.

Those present were Misses Charlotte Ratliff, Alayne Stroud, Mary Ruth McDonnell, Ruth Shirley, Marguerite Adamson, Belva Dixon, Mary Edlow Davenport and Olga Mitchell, and Messrs. Bobby Sanderford, Jack Sanderford, Henry Dreinhof, Jack Galloway, Dennis Hollands, Marvin Wagner and Joe McDonnell.

PERSONALS.
Judge and Mrs. A. E. Firmin spent Christmas at the home of their son, Phil M. Firmin of Fort Worth. They were met there by another son, Bert Firmin, and family, of Dallas.

SECRETARY MELLON SAYS HE IS NOT CANDIDATE
By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said today he is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination and knows nothing of a boom started for him.

NO TRACE OF MISSING FLYERS IS REPORTED
By United Press.
BOSTON, Dec. 29.—No trace of the missing airplane of Mrs. Frances W. Grayson had been found as the search of the waters near Sable Island was completed, the destroyer Sturdevant radioed to the Charleston navy yard today.

Your state of life isn't so bad after all. Think of the man who was talked into sending his wife wolen underwear as a Christmas gift by a salesman who said it certainly would tickle her.

Arthur Brisbane says that our air ambassador, Col. Charles Lindbergh, should be required to fly in a three-motored plane. He warns that the young man is too valuable a person to be permitted to take chances on long flights in a single-motored plane. Maybe so, but personally we are willing to leave the matter to Lindbergh's own judgment. It seems he knew pretty well what he was doing when he built the Spirit of St. Louis and has proven since that he knows how to fly it. And we imagine that Lindbergh will have no trouble getting any kind of plane he wants.

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NOT SO BAD.
In this day of what we are pleased to call "fast living" when far too many people spend their evenings and early mornings too at night clubs and dances instead of at home we are apt to conclude that the good old days are gone forever.

But every once in a while we run up against something that convinces us our conclusions are all wrong. We had just about decided that the old-time observance of the Sabbath was just about a thing of the past, with Sunday sports and things of that and when all of a sudden we read about a prominent New York lawyer who refuses to even ride a train on Sunday. He refused to travel on Sunday even when it appeared necessary for him to be present at an important meeting of a board of directors. But the best part of it was that the directors postponed the early week meeting and congratulated the attorney for his stand. They also went a bit further and passed a ruling that no man should be allowed to work for them on Sunday.

In this connection we also learned recently that the big store of Marshall Field of Chicago not only observes the Sabbath strictly but that it discourages window shopping on Sunday. When the big store is closed on Saturday night, down comes the curtain in every show window in the building and they stay down until Monday morning. Of course many people knew that this has been a custom of the store for many years. When appealed to to leave their beautiful show windows exposed on Sunday they in authority courteously refused, intimating that Sunday was not meant for window shopping.

We sometimes wonder how many families still adhere to others of the old-time Sabbath observance customs. We wonder how many families still observe the custom of family prayer at night, realizing that it would be a mighty hard matter to heard in a flock of these modern day youngsters for an occasion of that kind.

In this day and time it's a pretty difficult matter to even draw a mental picture of the family life of a few years back, when the only Sunday work indulged in was feeding the horses and milking the cows. Even the Sunday shoes were polished, or rather "blacked" on Saturday night.

But after all this old world is not so bad today. There are still lots of people who go to church on Sunday. And there are a lot more who will go next Sunday and maybe the next Sunday before they forget their New Year's resolutions.

But even at that it's better to make the resolution even though it is not carried out to the letter. Even though we go to church only a dozen times during the year it is better than not to have gone at all.

Olden Oil Companies
HAVE COPPER WIRE STOLEN

The Magnolia Petroleum company of Olden reported to Ranger police today that thieves had stolen 1,000 feet of copper wire from the company and 500 feet of the same brand of wire from the Texas company, from a lease just west of Olden.

The wire is number 8 in size and cut away from two spools of the wire that was left on the lease.

The wire was stolen this morning, according to the report of the oil com-

Then there's another old boy down the street that we wouldn't think of trading jobs with. That's the crossing watchman at the T. & P. Auto drivers are mostly egotists. They generally think they are smarter than anybody else, even other drivers. They generally think they can beat any train across any crossing, but frequently the race is a tie and it's "good night isam" for the driver.

Gripings

By GUS

Now comes a guy who signs himself "A Lover of Ranger" and wants a little private griping done. We appreciate the opportunity, but he'll have to come again and put his own name on. We are with him as far as he goes, but he lacked just that much of going far enough.

If you want to see an interesting sight sometimes, drop in and ask to use the phone at some cafe with a lunch counter. From this point of vantage you can watch the wiggling up and down of the Adam's apples, and you can see guys eating with their knife and left-handed coffee drinkers. How do you suppose a waiter maintains his sanity after having to watch that procedure three times a day?

It's a gruesome sight to see how close some guy will come to cutting his own throat as he juggles a knife-load of peas mouthward, and nobody but a nervous person ever cools their coffee in the saucer. . . then watch him flop his lip over the saucer and try to call it home.

Then there's another old boy down the street that we wouldn't think of trading jobs with. That's the crossing watchman at the T. & P. Auto drivers are mostly egotists. They generally think they are smarter than anybody else, even other drivers. They generally think they can beat any train across any crossing, but frequently the race is a tie and it's "good night isam" for the driver.

Then it's natural for them to think they are a lot smarter than a crossing watchman and, consequently, they do him dirty lots of times. Not 10 per cent of the people ever stop to think that whenever he steps out and signals them to stop that it's their own life he is thinking of. They just think, "Well, there's that old crab again."

There's not 10 people in town that have any realization of the pride that the watchman takes in his job. How many people you know of who have lost their lives on the Main street crossing in Ranger?

Next time you go over that crossing you might give it a thought that here is a man that braves all kinds of weather and doges thousands of cars a day and takes pride in keeping his crossing free from accidents.

A lot of people think it's a good joke to run by his signal and beat a train by a split second and then turn around and wave back at him.

However, all he can do is signal you. He can't carry a shotgun to stop you with, and if you do run by him and meet one of the big chooches, it's your funeral. Just remember that when he signals you to stop, he thinks you ought to stop and he is in a better position to know than you are.

Sure nuff, now—whoever sent us in that note about the Eastland hill road. Come out of the inognito and we'll say a few words but we gotta know who's behind us. We don't enjoy being left out on a limb.

RANGER BANKER SEES GOOD YEAR FOR BUSINESS

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Doubtfully, there is a man in Ranger who does not receive his salary from once to four times each month, yet there is more credit extended here than in any other city we know.

"A survey of the 48 states," Mr. Housewright continued, "during the month of November disclosed only 5 per cent of the entire district to be in good condition; 88 per cent fair and 7 per cent in poor circumstances. Of 125 leading industries, reports show a decline in profits of 12.8 in comparison with 1926, yet statistics show their earnings to be 5 per cent above an ordinary year."

In conclusion, Mr. Housewright said, "From the information we have been able to gather, it would appear 1928 bids fair to be at least a normal year, even though our presidential elections will be held. The Federal Reserve Banks, have, through the elastic currency system, stabilized credits to such an extent that national elections do not have much bearing upon the financial condition of the country. We still contend that Ranger is "The Best Town on Earth" and if any one doubts this statement, we suggest he investigate for himself."

IMPORTANT MEETING OF RANGER LEGION TONIGHT

The Carl Barnes Post, No. 69, of the American Legion will serve doughnuts and hot coffee at the regular meeting tonight as a special inducement to have everyone present. The post has a very important meeting scheduled for tonight and the post commander urges that everyone be present if possible.

SHOWS DRUNKENNESS IS INCREASING IN U. S.

WASHINGTON.—Drunkenness is increasing in the "dry" United States and arrests for that misdemeanor have reached the 1914 level, according to the Moderation League which announces its aim as the restoration of temperance in the United States. Statistics presented by the League as having been obtained from police authorities in 403 communities showed 513,574 arrests for drunkenness in 1914. In 1920, the first year of United States prohibition, the arrests are stated to have numbered 237,101. From that figure the number steadily has increased, the League said, as follows:

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| 1921 | 321,195 |
| 1922 | 429,886 |
| 1923 | 506,104 |
| 1924 | 521,474 |
| 1925 | 540,151 |
| 1926 | 559,074 |

In considering these figures, it must be remembered that they are not official in the sense that they have been tabulated by a Government organization, and further that the Anti-Saloon League would offer equally convincing arguments as to this country's comparative dryness.

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Palo Pinto Men In Ranger On Pugh Death Case

G. L. Creighton, county attorney of Palo Pinto county, C. W. Leird and George C. Hensley, deputy sheriffs of that county, were in Ranger Thursday afternoon and had a secret conference with Police Chief Jim Ingram regarding the Pugh murder, which occurred Christmas night at Grant Town, near Mingus.

The nature of the conference was not made public and Mr. Creighton had nothing to give out regarding the progress that is being made.

Although the Palo Pinto county officers carried bonds that were made out to witnesses in the case, the attorney would not say whether they would be served or not. The bonds were merely to insure the presence of the witnesses at the grand jury session which convenes the first of March.

Mr. Creighton denied that any warrants had been issued for two men who are suspected of being mixed up with the murder and who have not returned to their home near Mingus. He said that no charges of murder had been filed against anyone.

"I am sorry that I have nothing to give out," County Attorney Creighton said, "but as a matter of fact, I don't know a thing to give out regarding the Pugh case."

In speaking of the bonds that have already been made by Johnnie Reeves and his wife, Bertha Reeves, Creighton said they were solely as appearance bonds, and that they were made only because the couple were leaving the state with Pugh's body.

Mr. Creighton indicated that the case bore some mysterious points but would go no further than that regarding his views of the case.

Port Arthur Has Assurance Now Of Water Supply

By United Press.
PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Dec. 29. Danger of a water famine which threatened Port Arthur yesterday afternoon when the city was left without a water supply for more than three hours had passed today.

Hundreds of workmen laboring in the water and mud throughout the night succeeded in putting into operation two of the six motors at the city water purification plant.

The plant was flooded with five feet of water yesterday following a five-inch rain. Pumps failed to function, permitting water to flow into the plant. The two pumps now in operation will tide the city over until the plant is repaired, according to Mayor Logan.

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Upper Green River Valley Is Flooded When Dam Breaks

By United Press.
ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Dec. 29.—A wall of water burst down the Upper Green river valley today doing damage to ranches and threatening to exterminate large herds of cattle, following the collapse of an irrigation dam near here.

The dam burst early today with a terrific roar which was heard for miles. Accumulated ice was blamed for the collapse.

HILL'S ATTORNEYS DELAY SELECTION OF JURY

By United Press.
OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 29.—Attorneys for Harry Hill, 22, charged with matricide, today continued their apparent campaign to delay selection of jurors to hear the murder trial.

It was believed the lawyers were fighting for time. The Illinois law is that prosecutors must bring a defendant to trial within four months of the time he is arrested. Hill's four months will expire Jan. 3.

ATTORNEY FOR HICKMAN REACHES LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Jerome Walsh, young Kansas City attorney retained by the mother of William Edward Hickman to defend him against charges of murdering Marion Parker, reached Los Angeles today.

Walsh would make no comment on the case until he had conferred with Hickman in the county jail.

MAY DELAY ACCEPTANCE THOMPSON'S RESIGNATION

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Resignation of state highway engineer, R. A. Thompson may not be accepted until Feb. 1, it was learned today. He has been asked by the Highway commission to remain through January.

It is generally reported that he will be succeeded by Gib Gilchrist, Dallas engineer.

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Policeman Hammett now starts work at 12 o'clock p. m. and works until 12 a. m. and Policeman Vire, relieves him at 12 a. m. and works until 12 p. m.

Policeman Hunt works from 11 a. m. to 11 o'clock p. m. Policeman Ricker is still in possession of his old beat, working from 6 p. m. until 6 a. m.

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BY ERNEST LYNN

THE STORY THUS FAR:
 Tony Harrison, 13, is orphaned when his father is shot in a poker game in Caldwell, Kan. He is befriended by Gordon W. Lillie, a restaurant waiter, by Joe Craig, foreman of the Bar K ranch, who takes Tony to the Bar K to live and by Titus Moore, owner of the ranch, which is in the Cherokee Strip.

There the shy little boy meets Rita, tomboy daughter of Titus Moore. The year is 1880, and Gordon Lillie is thinking of joining David Payne, who is agitating for the opening of the Indian territory lands, when he gets an offer of a teaching post in the Indian school in Pawnee.

There he lets his hair grow long

and becomes known as Pawnee Bill. After a fight with the school superintendent he is charged with attempted murder and flees the territory.

He and Craig are in Caldwell some time later when Craig decides to go after a saloon owner named Shafer, former marshal of Caldwell, who Craig thinks is crooked and possessor of a knowledge of the whereabouts of Tom Benton, murdered of Jeff Harrison. He conspires with John Blake, editor of the Caldwell paper, to declare war on Shafer in an editorial.

He suspects that Shafer will attempt revenge and insists on spending the night with Blake. At midnight they see men moving outside.

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CHAPTER XVI

Two black shadows glided swiftly toward the rear of the Caldwell Tribune. Three men sat silently watching from a window. Then Craig's voice broke the stillness.

"You little boys had better run home and play," he drawled evenly. "You might get burned."

The shadows straightened, hesitated momentarily, and then dropped their burdens and ran back to the line of waiting horsemen.

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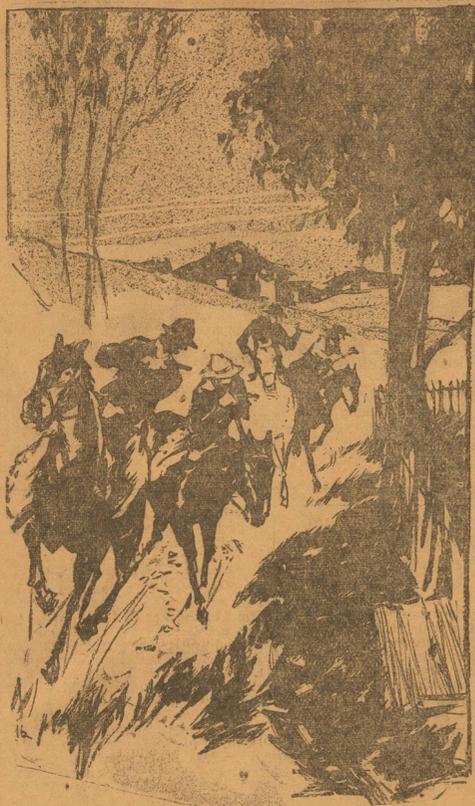
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Five minutes later the marshal of Caldwell, leading a motley assortment of men, most of whom had poured forth from the saloons at the sound of continued shooting, was listening to their story. Pawnee Bill indicated the direction taken by the raiders. "And if I were you, Marshal, I'd send a man to the Oasis to see if Shafer is hanging around. Just on an off chance."

The marshal darted him a swift look of comprehension and issued a quiet order. Craig spoke up suddenly. "I'd be obliged," he said "if one of you boys would lend me your horse. I've got a longing to ride after them just to see where they head for."

The marshal said something to one of his followers, who dismounted and came over to Craig. "Here, brother, help yourself to mine. Don't ride him too hard, though. He's a good animal and I think considerable of him."

Craig murmured his thanks and sprang into the saddle. "Come on," he cried; "We're wasting valuable time." He spoke sharply to the horse and galloped off.

Half a mile out of town they came upon a riderless horse nibbling grass beside the trail. Beside him lay the sprawled figure of a man. Craig saw it and checked his mount sharply. "Here you are," he said to the marshal, and walked over to the fallen figure and knelt down beside it.

Then he uttered an exclamation. "Cashion! Well, I'll be damned!" A queer look spread over his features. "Dead," announced the marshal. Craig appeared not to have heard him. He was staring abstractedly at his hands, his mind intent on something else. Suddenly he sprang to his feet and spoke rapidly but quietly to the marshal. "Corbett, I'm going to follow the trail a little longer."

"I'm going with you. I'll send some of the boys back with—him." He indicated the dead man with a gesture of his thumb. "Did you know I thought so," he asked, "that they let out a little yell. The others must have failed to see him fall off in the dark."

"Either that or they didn't think it would pay them to wait." He turned aside to issue a few more brief orders; then he took the horse mounted and rode off again, followed by three others. "You know who it was?" Corbett asked presently.

"Cashion? Yess. Used to be a friend of Tom Benton's. Remember him?"

"I've heard some of him. There's a murder charge against him."

They rode till daylight showed them the uselessness of pursuing any farther. "They've probably doubled back," Corbett suggested, scratching his head doubtfully. "If we had daylight to follow, the tracks they made, we'd have been different. As it is, we're ten miles into the Indian territory now and I haven't any right to be here. I'm going back."

Craig agreed to the hopelessness of a continued search. "I'm downright disappointed, Corbett," he said. "I'd sort of hoped to find something if we rounded them up."

"What do you mean?"

"I don't know if I can explain. Get this: I came into Caldwell one day, some time after the Harrison shooting, and find Cashion. Just when I'm ready to leave him hauled in, Shafer—he was marshal then—comes to his rescue and puts in a good word. Not long after that Cashion disappears. Now we find him mixing up in Shafer's quarrel. This is Shafer's doing, Corbett; you know that; you're not a fool. All right. Now, who else have been different? We might have found in that gang if we'd overhauled them?"

"I reckon you must mean Benton."

"That's exactly who I mean. Take my word for it; Shafer is mixed up in a lot of hooked work. It'll be a nice day's work when you put him behind the bars."

Corbett considered this in silence. "I find I'm agreeing with you," he said presently, "but I've got to have some evidence against the man."

"We'll see what kind of a story he's got concerning his whereabouts last night," Craig suggested. "I'm going to pay him a visit in his saloon this afternoon. Do you want to be along?"

"You'd better leave that to me, Craig. It's up to me to talk to him; I'm marshal in Ranger, Texas."

"I'm not trying to butt in. I've got what you might call a strong personal interest in this thing and I want to see it through. Why can't you deputize me temporarily to make my actions official?"

"You'll promise not to take advantage of me? I don't want Shafer potted just to satisfy a personal quarrel."

"Personally," said Craig, "we've never quarreled. I'll be defending your interests in the thing, all the way through."

"That satisfies me," Corbett told him. "You call for me when you get ready to pay your visit."

Craig rode directly to John Blake's shop. Pawnee Bill met him with the information that the man who had gone to the Oasis the night before had reported Shafer absent. "The bartender told him Shafer had left about 11 o'clock, saying he was sleepy."

Craig nodded. "Blake," he said,

"You can stay here if you want, but you can get ready to write an editorial about the retirement of Shafer as active proprietor of the Oasis. Right after noon we're going to call on him."

When he entered the Oasis a few hours later, accompanied by Corbett and Pawnee Bill, Shafer was standing behind the bar loudly proclaiming that the unfortunate occurrence of the preceding night had placed him in an embarrassing position. He paled almost imperceptibly as he caught sight of Corbett and his companions, but nodded with an attempt at cordiality.

"I was just saying, Marshal, that I wouldn't have had that happen for anything. Here Blake comes out and meets me and the same night somebody tries to burn him out. It don't look good for me, I'll admit, but I was in bed at the time."

Craig let his gaze drift carelessly about the saloon. It flickered momentarily as it encountered two men seated at a table and apparently absorbed in a quiet game of cards. They were the men he had seen in the Oasis the day before and who had followed him as he left. The rest of the crowd was made up of the usual hangers-on, augmented by a few curiosity seekers.

He turned around to face Shafer as the latter finished his speech. "It is too bad," he sympathized. "Where do you sleep, Shafer, upstairs?"

Shafer's face turned sullen. "I don't remember addressing you, Craig. I was talking to the marshal."

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paper sack and started to hand it to them, when Helm said, "We are almost frozen and are coming in to the stove." The three of them came in. Helm and his partner assisted Ratliff into his house as Ratliff was unable to walk.

While the bandits were at the Fox home, Duffield said, Helm told Mrs. Fox, "We stayed with Louis until we all came very near losing our lives and had to leave him."

The bandits, Duffield said, drank coffee at the Fox home but did not eat there, taking the food away with them.

While at the Fox home Helm dressed the wounds of Ratliff and the third man of the party. None of the bandits talked of the robbery, but Ratliff picked up a newspaper that contained a report of the robbery and looked it over.

Duffield said that his mother said that Louis Davis, her brother, had breakfast at the Fox home on Friday morning, the day of the robbery. She also stated that before that time Louis and Helms were there together.

Duffield said that he knew Helms and that Helms and Louis Davis were close friends.

When the bandits started to leave the Fox home one of them said, "We only have four gallons of gasoline," according to Duffield. No one replied to this statement.

Leaving the Fox home, Duffield stated he believed the bandits spent the rest of the night in a pasture nearby, as he and his step-father watched for a long time and once saw a car light flash one time in the pasture. He believed the bandits watched the Fox home to see if anyone left it after they did.

Officers now claim that they have positive evidence that Duffield was in Cisco last Friday at the hour the bank was robbed. They claim that he was in a Cisco hotel at the hour the holdup of the bank was being staged.

RAILROAD CAR SHORTAGE IS NOW PRACTICALLY THING OF THE PAST

AUSTIN.—Railroad car shortages are getting to be almost things of the past, according to W. R. Smith of Austin, division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific lines, in a discussion of how cars are supplied by the various railroads to move manufactured and farm products.

As a result of the carrying out of plans formulated by the car service division in cooperation with regional shippers' advisory boards, shippers in sections like the Lower Rio Grande Valley who seasonally ship large amounts of fruits, vegetables and other products are supplied with cars for moving them when needed.

This, in turn, has eliminated many of the heavy damage claims formerly made by railroads on account of their not having the necessary equipment when and where it was needed. Practically all of this adjustment has been made in the last seven years since the return of the railroads to their owners, or more specifically in the last five years, according to Mr. Smith who says:

"You will recall that for several years there has been no car shortage in this country, which was not the case in former years. Before our advent into the European War, practically all the railroads in the country were taken over and operated as a single unit by the government, and no account of the heavy movement of war material during Mr. McAdoo's administration of the railroad properties it caused considerable criticism; however, this was, we think, hardly justifiable under the circumstances, as the war material had preference of course, and there was an abnormal amount of this traffic moving to the various ports for transportation to Europe.

In the Southwest. This, to an extent, caused a shortage of equipment in the southwest, and caused considerable criticism of the railroad administration. After the railroads were returned to the owners in 1920, it was realized that it was absolutely essential that something be done to avoid this condition in the future; otherwise, it would be apparent that the owners of the properties were unable to operate them as well as the government. Therefore, in conjunction with the car service division, various shippers advisory boards were established in April, 1923, the purpose of which was to form a common meeting ground between the shippers and railroads, for the better understanding of transportation questions, and to adjust formally car difficulties which naturally would arise between the carriers and shippers, also to give the shipping public a direct voice in the activities of the car service division on all matters of mutual concern.

These advisory boards meet at intervals at various points in the territory which they serve, the first meeting of the southwest shippers advisory board having been held in Fort Worth, Texas, in the month of April, 1923, and had an attendance of only seventy-one, whereas the meeting which was held in Beaumont, Texas, five this year was attended by 175 shippers, five representatives of the western weighing and inspection bureau, six representatives of the American railway association and 269 railroad representatives, making a total attendance of four hundred and sixty-eight, showing conclusively the interest taken in this matter by the public and the value of such an organization to the country at large.

Car Supervision. The shippers advisory board in this territory comprises Texas, New Mexico, part of Oklahoma, part of Arkansas and part of Louisiana. These meetings are attended by various railroad representatives and the larger shippers and receivers. At these meetings they discuss all problems pertaining to railroad cars and the seasonable movement of various commodities. This, in conjunction, of course, with the car service division of the American railway association, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., which has district organizations in all parts of the country, including district offices at various localities, Dallas, Texas, being the headquarters for this territory. These offices are invested with power to:

provide other regulations under which such cars shall be handled; 4. Transfer cars from one railroad or territory to another when necessary to improve traffic conditions with due regard to car ownership and requirements; 5. Conduct investigations, including examination of car records as may be necessary to insure the observance of car service and per diem rules and any orders issued by the car service division; 6. Obtain carload location statements and other car performance statistics as deemed necessary; 7. Take necessary action to bring about uniformity of practices among railroads by the standardization of car distribution rules, including record and report forms.

"Since these various agencies have been organized, we have, at all times in this territory and I think this is largely done in other territories, been able to supply all the necessary equipment for moving our regular traffic, as well as seasonable traffic, such as fruits and vegetables from that district. I can remember a time, and I am sure that you can, when vegetables from the valley were thrown along the railroad right-of-way on account of the inability of the shippers, to secure the necessary equipment to handle.

This, of course, caused severe criticism, also heavy damage claims to the railroads serving that territory; however, the various railroads in the country have endeavored to cure this by increasing yearly their equipment orders until at this time we never hear of a car shortage in any territory. I might state in this connection that the addition reason for this is that the new equipment that is being supplied the various railroads has a much larger carrying capacity and, therefore, requires less cars to move the traffic of the country that was the case ten years ago. For instance, in earlier railroading the cars had a capacity of twenty to thirty thousand pounds, whereas today a large number of the cars have a capacity of as much as one hundred thousand pounds. You can, therefore, readily appreciate the economical value of this new equipment.

Perishable Goods. "In the movement of perishable commodities, such as onions, vegetables, oranges and grape-fruit, we undertake to keep in close touch with our various agencies with a view of ascertaining when these commodities are ready to move and when this information is gained which is sometime in advance of the movement, arrangements are made for the assembling of equipment to protect the movement. Railroad systems which do not own or control an adequate supply of refrigerator cars, either lease cars from private car lines or arrange through the car service division for their supply. The Southern Pacific lines are served by the Pacific Fruit Express company which is owned jointly by several railroad systems. The Pacific Fruit Express company has in service at this time 38,000 refrigerator cars which are used in the handling of perishable commodities. Other refrigerator companies serve their territories, but the Pacific Fruit Express company has practically 25 percent of all the refrigerator cars in the United States. You can, therefore, readily see the excellent position of this company when it becomes necessary to supply the necessary equipment to handle perishable products. So far as I know of the public view, we have had no complaint with reference to the movement of perishable freight.

"The Southern Pacific Lines own in all character of freight equipment 80,602 cars and operate over 15,746 miles of track which is located in Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Old Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah and Nevada. I might say further that the Southern Pacific lines also operate in conjunction with all other connecting railroads of the country.

"In order to expedite the movement of all traffic, the Southern Pacific lines have installed a telephone system for the purpose of train dispatching, car tracing and necessary conversation. This telephone system is found to be of great importance as an asset in handling trains and communicating with our various agencies along the line, thereby frequently saving money for our customers by being able to get them prompt information with reference to the movement of their traffic, diverting of cars, etc."

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Harding Bodies in New Tomb



Formal burial rites were held the other day when the bodies of President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding were removed to the new \$800,000 Harding Memorial tomb at Marion, O. The picture shows the sarcophagus containing the body of President Harding, being lowered into the crypt, its final resting place.

BILLY EVANS' SPORT TALK

Without a doubt the most humorous situation that has ever come under my observation in the majors had Dave Altizer, former big league star, but now numbered among the has-beens, playing the leading role. I enacted the part of villain.

It is baseball tradition that a player released by a major league club gets no greater delight than helping bring about the defeat of that club as a member of some other team.

Altizer had just been released by Cleveland to Chicago. The two clubs were playing at Chicago before a big Sunday crowd. The day was made to order for Altizer to do his victory stuff, thereby making the manager of the team that released him look like a sucker.

Late in the game, with one out, Altizer reached first on a clean single to right. Chicago, trailing by a couple of runs, was forced to try for a bunch of tallies.

The next batsman gave Altizer the hit and run sign. Dave was off with the hit and run sign. Dave was off with the hit and run sign. Dave was off with the hit and run sign.

healthy swing, sending a line drive directly into the hands of First Baseman Stovall of Cleveland.

Kept on Running. At the time, Stovall was but a foot or two from first base, as he had been playing the bag to keep Altizer from getting at big lead. When the line drive struck in Stovall's glove, it retired the batsman, making two out. By touching first base, he completed a double play on Altizer, retiring the side. Altizer, running wild with his head down, didn't know it.

As Altizer neared second, the Chicago coacher at third yelled, "Slide, Dave, slide." He accommodated by going into the bag feet first in the most approved style. Stovall, seeing the hoax, helped it on by throwing the ball into center field.

Getting to his feet, Altizer dashed for third. The crowd seeing the humor of the situation was in an uproar. The fans yelled for Dave to score. Joe Birmingham, playing center field for Cleveland, retrieved the ball and threw to Bill Bradley at third, who purposely allowed the ball to get away from him and roll toward the grandstand.

Even Umps Did Act. Flushed with pride at his apparent success in outwitting the opposition, Altizer continued on to the plate. Bradley's throw to Catcher "Nig" Clark had Altizer beaten a yard, but

"Nig" purposely missed touching Dave as he slid into the plate. He failed to put the ball on him by at least a foot.

At this stage I had to do my stuff and with all the pomp that I could muster majestically waved him out and called him so in my very loudest voice. After rendering the decision I tried my level best to get away from Altizer, but he was too quick on the trigger for he grabbed my protector, kicked my mask, and shoved me hither and thither while the crowd roared its approval.

He delayed the game at least five minutes before he would resume his position. Had the affair been on the square, Altizer would have been suspended for a week because of his actions.

It was not until the next inning

that he learned from his teammates that he had run wild in making the circuit after being doubled up at first. Then he apologized. That incident happened many years ago, but I still regard it as the comedy classic of my career.

In my next article I will discuss one of the most unusual batting feats I have ever witnessed.

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LOST—A brindle bulldog pup with white feet. Please call Bobby Campbell at Ranger Times.

LOST—Brown pasteboard box containing gingham quilt, dishes, silverware, picture and some clothing. This was lost Christmas day on the highway between Ranger and Mineral Wells. Liberal reward. West Texas Coaches, Ranger.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION—Ranger Masonic temple, Sunday afternoons Thursday nights; all degrees.

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LOST—American Legion hall Monday night, one ladies old rose hat and one ladies' black satin coat. Finder please return to Globe store, Ranger.

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WE will set our incubator Monday, Jan. 2, and each Monday thereafter. Let us do your hatching. Dudley Bros. Hatching, 105 S. Marston st., Ranger.

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WANTED—To rent office room and share reception room expense with dentist or physician in Ranger. Write Dr. R. O. Singleton, Mineral Wells, Texas, description and price in first letter.

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FOUND SALE—Monday, January 2, at 3 p. m. on southwest corner of Commerce and Elm Streets, Ranger, there will be sold 1 old dun mare mule about 15 hands high; 1 old black mule about 15 hands high; 2 black mare mules about 14 1/2 hands high. Jim Ingram, chief of police, Ranger.

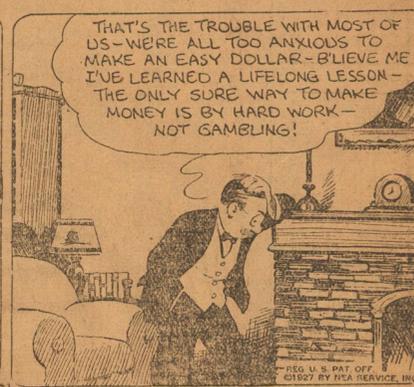
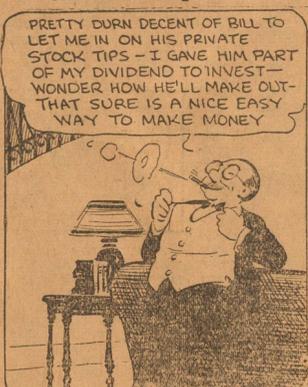
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THE SHAREHOLDERS.

Slain in Syria?

Smith, Ritchie and Reed; praises Walsh of Montana. Feb. 4—Senate kills tax reduction—46 to 33. Feb. 7—Nicholas Murray Butler predicts Coolidge won't run in 1928.

Feb. 10—Coolidge invites major nations to disarmament parley. Feb. 11—Senate passes McNary-Haugen bill—47 to 39. Feb. 15—France declines naval parley invitation. Feb. 17—House passes McNary-Haugen bill.

Feb. 25—Coolidge vetoes McNary-Haugen bill; Iowa legislature circulates petition for Lowden. March 1—Supreme court voids Doheny oil leases. March 5—Congress adjourns. March 25—Americans and British killed in China.

April 1—Soft coal strike begins. April 5—William Hale Thompson elected mayor of Chicago. April 8—Senator Borah and Nicholas Murray Butler debate prohibition. April 18—Al Smith in reply to Marshall letter explains his religious beliefs.

April 26—Coolidge outlines foreign policy at United States dinner in New York. May 11—Seymour Lowman, New York, appointed prohibition commissioner to replace Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, resigned. May 25—Coolidge decides to spend summer in Black Hills.

June 8—Coolidge announces he may call special session of congress. June 12—President leaves for Black Hills; urges more pay for unskilled workers in Hammond mld., speech. June 24—Governor General Leonard Wood confers with president in Black Hills.

July 4—President celebrates birthday donning cowboy pants. July 8—James R. Sheffield resigns as ambassador to Mexico. July 28—Coolidge backs American delegates at Geneva in refusing British disarmament proposals.

Aug. 2—Coolidge issues statement: 'I do not choose to run for president in 1928.' Aug. 5—President declines to amplify statement. Aug. 13—Coolidge sets 1928 budget at \$3,316,000,000.

Aug. 15—Judge Elbert Gary dies. Aug. 23—Sacco and Vanzetti put to death. Sept. 4—Coolidge decides not to call special session of congress. Sept. 6—Charles E. Hughes announces for Coolidge; will not enter campaign.

Sept. 12—Coolidge returns to Washington from vacation. Sept. 18—McAdoo announces he will not be a candidate. Sept. 20—Dwight Morrow named as ambassador to Mexico. Sept. 24—Conference of western democrats at Ogden, Utah, endorses Al Smith.

Oct. 1—Theodore Roosevelt assails Smith as 'Tammany menace' in Rochester speech. Oct. 6—Leaders of republican national committee decide to work for

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Eastland By virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 88th District Court of Eastland County, on the 2nd day of November, 1927, by clerk of said Court, upon a judgment in favor of City of Ranger, a municipal corporation, for the use and benefit of Thomas McCroskey and A. J. McKenzie, composing the firm of McKenzie Construction Company, for the sum of two thousand seven hundred three and No. 100 (\$2,703.00) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 10438 in said Court, styled City of Ranger versus J. C. Dysart, J. L. Lancaster and Charles L. Wallace, receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company and the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, a corporation and placed in my hands for service, I, John S. Hart, as Sheriff of Eastland County, Texas, did on the third day of December, 1927, levy on certain real estate situated in Eastland County, described as follows, to-wit:

Located and situated in the City of Ranger in Eastland County, Texas, and being Lot No. 12, in Block 43 in said City of Ranger as shown by the map or plat thereof of record in the deep records of Eastland County, Texas, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description of said property, and levied upon as the property of said defendants above mentioned and on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1928, at the courthouse door of Eastland, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., I will sell said Real Estate at public evndue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said above mentioned defendants by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Ranger Times, a newspaper published in Eastland County.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of December A. D., 1927. JOHN S. HART, Sheriff Eastland County, Texas. By C. L. Garrett, Deputy. Dec. 7-14-21-28

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR

By United Press. Jan. 1—Al Smith inaugurated governor of New York, announcing he will not seek delegates for presidential nomination; Coolidge lifts arms embargo for Nicaraguan government. Jan. 9—President attacked in both houses for Mexican and Nicaraguan policies. Jan. 10—Coolidge accuses Mexico of aiding Nicaraguan rebels. Jan. 12—Kellogg offers evidence of red plots in Nicaragua. Jan. 20—Senate refuses to seat Frank L. Smith, republican, Illinois, by 48 to 33. Jan. 21—Coolidge opposes arbitration with Mexico. Jan. 25—Senate passes resolution for arbitration with Mexico—79 to 0. Jan. 29—William G. McAdoo, in Toledo speech, assails 'corrupt wet city machines.' Feb. 2—Methodist board opposes

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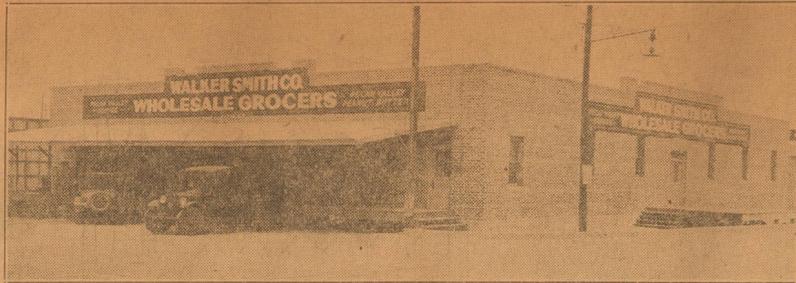
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WALKER-SMITH NOW OCCUPIES BIG NEW HOME

Moves Into New Brick Home After Occupying Old Frame Shack Since Boom Days

One of the finest brick buildings in Ranger now houses the Walker-Smith Wholesale Grocery, a concern whose first Ranger residence was an old boom day shack that was purchased from the old Ranger Wholesale Grocery.

It was back during the hectic days of the oil boom of 1919 that the wholesale grocery concern purchased the property of the Ranger Wholesale Grocery and started its operations in Eastland county. Since that time it has become a well established Ranger business firm that covers a territory that touches Eastland, Stephens and Palo Pinto county.

The building, which the company has recently moved into, was erected at a cost of \$10,000 and is complete in every detail, having a large warehouse, loading platforms and a comfortable office. The building adds materially to the appearance of the district that lies just east of the Texas and Pacific tracks.

The work started on the building September 1, 1927 when the old frame building that housed the grocery company for so many years was torn away. The building was completed November 15, 1927 and the company moved its stock into the new location soon afterwards.

The Walker-Smith company has a Ranger payroll that is conservatively placed at \$12,000 a year and has nine persons in its employ. Large trucks loaded with groceries go daily to Breckenridge, Strawn, Eastland, Mingus, Thurber and other towns within a radius of thirty miles. The company does a big wholesale business in Ranger.

Mr. J. G. Harwell is local manager for the firm, he having come here August 1, 1927.

Stolen Auto Not Stolen, Was Just Taken To Garage

N. A. Redwine, Ranger, heaved a big sigh of relief this morning when he saw his new 58 model Chrysler reposing unharmed in the storeroom of the Ranger garage.

Redwine reported to the Ranger police department Wednesday that he had just purchased the roadster, left it parked in front of the Gholson hotel, and on returning found that someone had taken it. To make matters worse, Mr. Redwine had not had time to get burglar insurance on the car. Calls to the different towns were sent out by the department and a search for the car was instituted.

It was found. A negro porter of the Gholson, on being told by the clerk that a customer wanted his car parked in the garage, took the Chrysler by mistake and stored it in the garage. It was found there Thursday morning.

Mr. Redwine immediately took out burglary insurance on his new roadster.

DRILLING REPORT

Osage Oil corporation T. L. Nixon No. 1, Brown county, intention to plug.

Independent Oil & Gas company Gardner & Maples No. 4, Coleman county, intention to plug.

Pandem Oil corporation A. L. Curry No. 1, Brown county, intention to drill.

M. L. Richards A. L. Curry No. 1, Brown county, intention to drill.

George Christie M. C. Kellar No. 1, Eastland county, intention to drill.

In The Courts

Suits filed in district courts: Central Finance company vs. Dec Miller et al.

Ruby Smith vs. Ed Smith, divorce. W. L. Parmer vs. L. V. Carroll et al.

Natalia Garcia vs. Salbadas Garcia.

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Grain Crops Of United States Reported Large

By J. PAUL WEBER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A miracle of weather saved the corn farmers of the country millions of dollars during the past year and brought prosperity to the west. All grain crops with the exception of oats were large and prices in all but corn moved in a narrow range, making for a stable market for the farmers.

While the farmers gained, the market operators were not entirely pleased with the performances in 1927. Features were lacking as prices in all but corn swung through a narrow arc. Government regulation played its part in reducing manipulation and this factor brought a reduction in volume of business.

Irregularity in corn was the one feature. Heavy selling of the cereal during the early months of the year caused a declining market which continued into April. May found the market oversold and an upturn started which did not end until August. Weather conditions, which prevented early planting and caused a gloomy outlook for the corn crop, reversed themselves in the fall and exceptionally hot weather brought out a bumper crop. Prices fell in proportion to the volume of the crop, but the farmers profited nevertheless.

Corn prices for the December delivery ranged from 80 3-4 cents a bushel to \$1.20 1-4 with a drop from the high point nearly to the low of last spring. May 1923 corn ranged from 87 1-8 cents to \$1.06 3-4. December wheat ranged between \$1.21 1-8 to \$1.50 3-4 while the May 1928 delivery since it has been on the board had only an 11 cent range, showing the narrow character of the trading.

Another season of big production in winter wheat is indicated by the seeding of a much larger acreage of winter wheat, private estimates of the increase running from 6 to nearly 10 per cent.

The end of the year finds the general situation in regard to the handling of cash grain satisfactory but with much to be desired in the speculative trade.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Instruments filed: Transfer of vendor's lien, W. G. Williamson to arm and Home Savings and Loan association, lots 1 and 2, block D, National Highway subdivision, block 49, Daugherty addition, \$883.30.

Oil and gas lease, Mrs. W. N. Brashers et al to J. E. Lewis et al, see deed records, consideration \$10.00.

Release of vendor's lien, J. L. Johnson to R. P. Crouch, lot 12, block A-3, Eastland, \$1500.00.

Warranty deed, W. S. Harbin to Cyrus B. West, lots 17 and 19, block 16, Daugherty addition to Eastland, consideration \$100.00.

Warranty deed, M. B. Gerdes et ux to Ursula Messa, part of N. B. L. Burdell survey, consideration \$5,566.00.

Deed, Perry Miller to W. C. Austin, receiver, 115 acre survey of Wm. De Moss survey.

Transfer of vendor's lien, Louis Pena to L. H. Flewellen, lot 7, block 5, Ray addition to Ranger, consideration \$235.00.

Deed, Otto Dallas McDonald et ux to A. H. Young, lots 1, 2, block 2, Cisco, consideration \$2,460.00.

Warranty deed, J. T. Bohannon et al to Mrs. Beulah Bohannon, part of section 2, cert. 113, M. E. P. & P. Ry. Co. survey.

Warranty deed, Mrs. Beulah Bohannon to J. T. Robinson et al, part of section 2, cert. 113, M. E. P. & P. Ry. Co. survey, consideration \$2,049.89.

Deed of trust, Chas. G. Norton et ux to National Bd. & Mtg. Co., lot 37, block G-3, Eastland.
Warranty deed, Kitty Simpson Adams et vir to T. R. Holmesley, part of S. E. Stone survey, consideration \$100.00.
Warranty deed, W. M. Durham to R. V. Adams, part of S. E. Stone survey, consideration \$1,000.00.
Release, Chestnut & Smith corp. to Elzo Been et ux, see vol. 271, page 139.
Release, Ind. Oil & Gas Co., to

Elzo Been et ux, see vol. 271, page 139, deed records.
Extension agreement, Conri. State Bank, Gorman to A. A. Hyatt, northwest 1-4 of section 24, D. & D. A. Lands, \$1,100.00.

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